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## RSS EXPLAINED

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**Learn how to use RSS feeds and get a free RSS reader.**

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RSS is the new, sexy way to keep up with your favourite websites. Once you have set it up it is a breeze to use and you will wonder how you ever managed without it - but setting it up and understanding it is a little complicated. So we have put together this guide to help you get to grips with RSS feeds. We have kept it as non technical as possible and any technical bits are explained in depth.

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Follow these instructions and you will be reading RSS as easily as viewing a website!



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## What is an RSS feed?

Put simply an RSS feed is a file that contains the latest updates from a website. Many websites offer these RSS feeds and soon it will be the normal way to get updates from websites. Sometimes when you click on an RSS link you get a horrible looking piece of raw code in your browser which is enough to make you think never again! But don't give up, read on!

## Why would I want to use RSS Feeds?

Because basically, websites will then send their updates automatically and freely to you, rather than you having to visit each site. So you can collate all the information you like reading in one place. You can set your RSS reader to tell you when a new article appears on any of the sites you are following!

## I'm interested. How do I get started with RSS feeds?

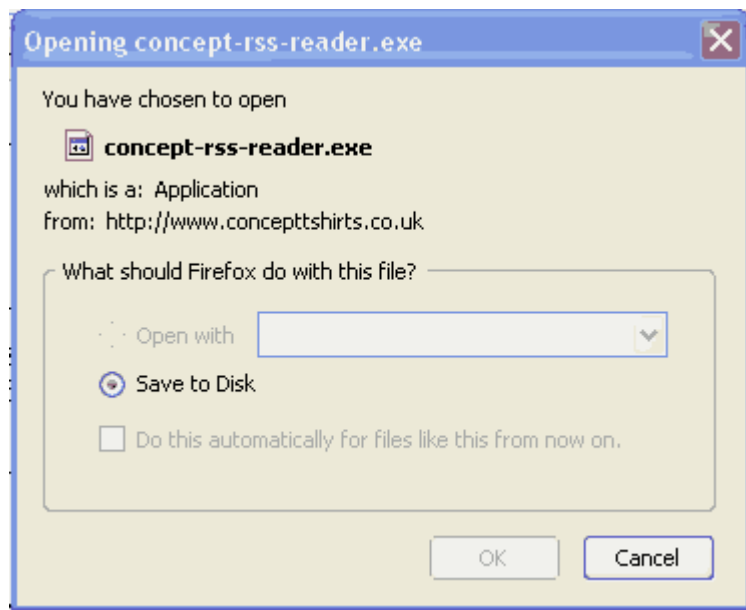
OK, let's start with the easiest way to start. All you need is an RSS reader. We have a free RSS reader available for download below. We recommend reading all of this book FIRST and then clicking on this link: [Free reader](#)

a. When you click on the above link a box will come up asking you if you want



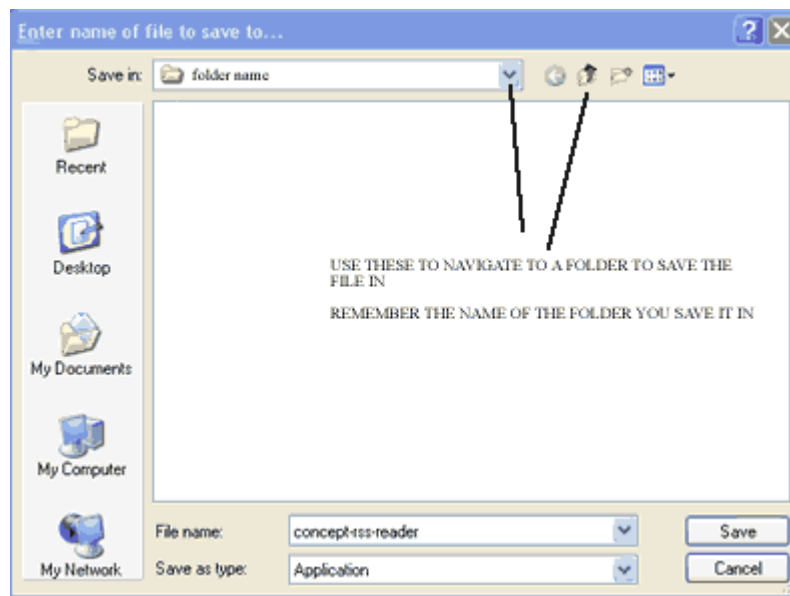
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to open the file or save it to your computer. This will look something like this:



Click OK to save it to your computer. If you are given a choice to open the file instead ignore that and make sure you choose to save it to your computer.

Another box will pop up:



Find a place to save the file on your computer. It doesn't matter where it is,

but you must remember where it is as you will need to go to the location in a minute to install the rss reader. Click save and the RSS reader will download.

Excellent! You have the RSS reader on your computer. Now all you have to do is install it... so start part 2!

So, you have downloaded an RSS reader and it is on your computer. The next step is to install it.

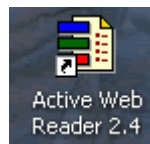
Go to the folder that you downloaded the file into. (If you are not sure how to , click on START at the bottom left of the screen and then click on MY DOCUMENTS . You can then find the folder you used.)

You will see something like:



Find the above file (concept-rss-reader, the icon may be different) and double click on it. A new dialogue box will pop up telling you that the RSS reader is about to be installed. Click next. You then have to agree to the licence agreement. Click the YES cicle and then click next.

The rss reader will chose a folder on your computer to install into. This is fine so just click next. Keep clicking next in answer to the questions that keep appearing and the RSS reader will automatically load up.



It will also put an icon like the one above on your desktop so that you can load the RSS reader when you want.

Click Yes to update all your feeds and the RSS reader will automatically find

the latest stories!

Well done you have an RSS reader! Now to discover how to use it!



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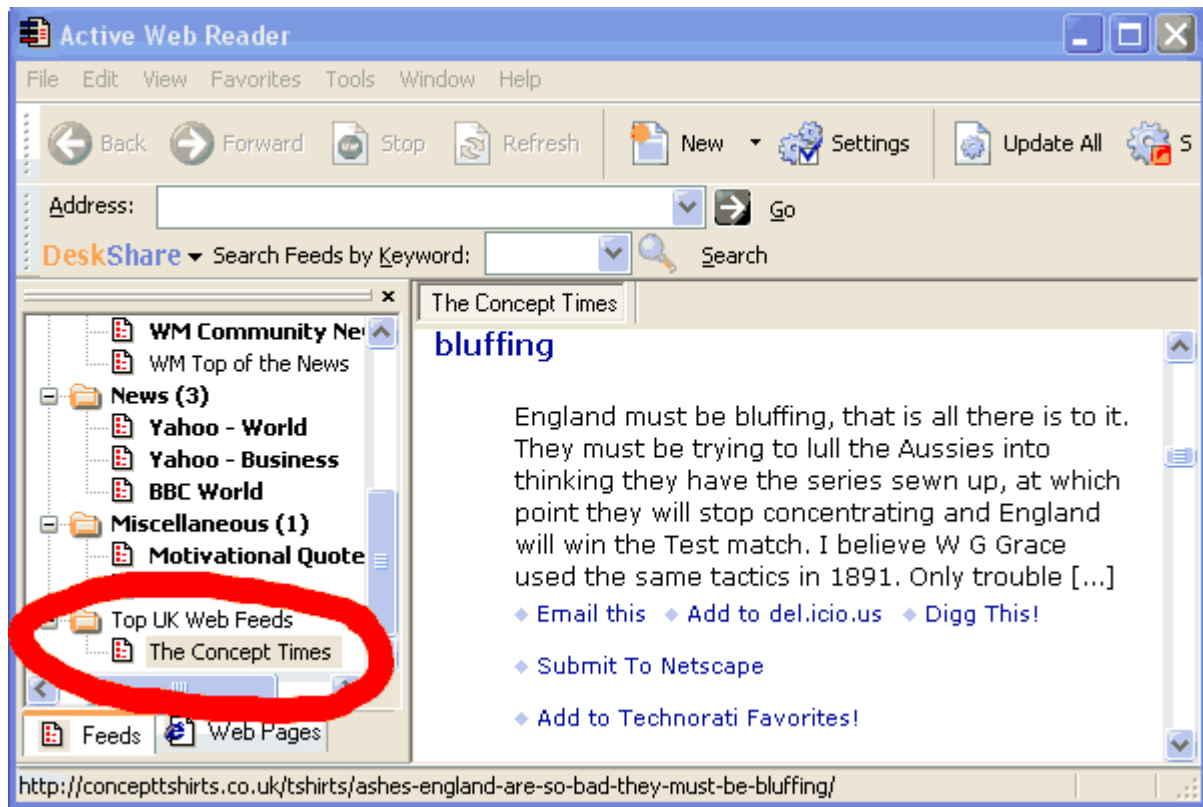
Congratulations! You have your RSS feed reader working! Now to examine how to use it.



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When it switches on it has several RSS feeds already embedded in it. These are listed down the lefthand side



So to read a feed just click on it in the left hand pane - eg click on The Concept Times and in the right hand panel the latest stories from our blog will appear.

If you want to delete some of the feeds, eg - WM Top of the news, then right click on the feed name. Choose the option REMOVE and answer yes when you are asked if you are sure.

To add a feed: When you are on a site that has RSS feeds there will be an orange button that either says RSS or looks something like this:



Click on it and you will be given the page of code that looks so scary.

IGNORE IT! and copy the URL (ie highlight the address in the browser where you normally type the address of the site you want to visit and copy it).

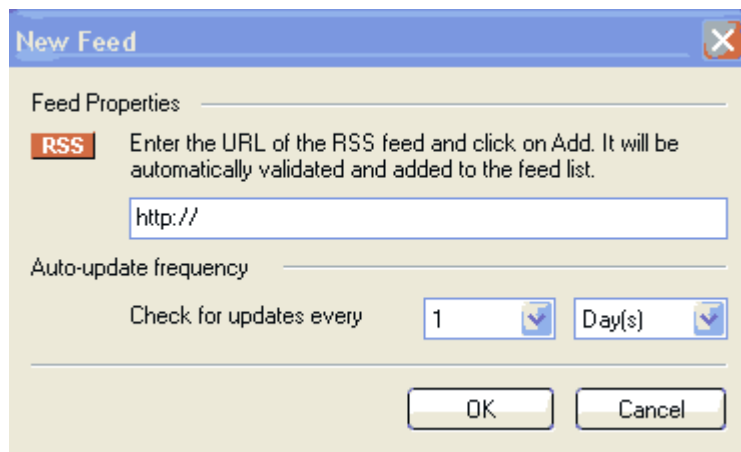
To highlight: - Press and hold the left mouse button at the start of the address and let go of it at the end.

To copy: Right click on the highlighted text and choose copy.

NOW - Go to your feed reader and click on the NEW button:



You will get another dialogue box that looks like:



Paste your address into the box. You can do this by clicking in the box, deleting the http:// that is already there and then right clicking in the box and choosing PASTE. However you do it make sure that you only have one http:// in the box. Now click OK and the RSS feed will be added to your RSS reader.

**AND THAT IS RSS! AS SIMPLE AS THAT!**

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