


Getting Started with RSS

Why should I use RSS feeds:

- Excellent tool for keeping up-to-date with current developments in your field.
- Easy way to keep up with frequently updated news sites (e.g. NPR, New York Times) or blogs.
- Many databases offer RSS (e.g. PubMed, Compendex)
- Look for the orange icon - 
- All of the information is coming to one place. You don't have to go multiple websites to see what is new.

“RSS in Plain English”-short video that gives a great overview of RSS feeds.

URL: http://www.commoncraft.com/rss_plain_english

Getting Started with RSS Feeds: http://www.public.iastate.edu/~adinkelm/RSS_Feeds_August_2009.pdf

Set up a “feed reader”:

- Bloglines-<http://www.bloglines.com/>
- Google Reader –Go to the Google homepage; click on “More” then click on “Reader”
 - If you don't have a Google Account, click on “Create an Account.”
 - After you've created an account, you will see the Google Reader homepage. As you start subscribing to feeds, these will appear in the left-hand column.
- Begin subscribing!
 - CNN, New York Times, NPR
 - ISU College of Engineering
 - PhD Comics (Piled Higher & Deeper) <http://www.phdcomics.com/>

Getting Started with Endnote Web

What is Endnote Web?

- Endnote Web is one example of a citation management program. Other programs: Endnote, Reference Manager, Procite, and Zotero (a free, open-source program)
- Endnote Web is part of our Web of Knowledge subscription; it is free to ISU faculty, students, and staff. You can purchase Endnote at the ISU bookstore and install it on your computer.

1. Go to <http://www.myendnoteweb.com> to create an account.

2. Install the “Cite While You Write Plug-In.” Use the EndNote Web Plug-in to insert references, and format citations and bibliographies automatically while you write your papers in Word.

3. More information about Endnote Web: <http://instr.iastate.libguides.com/endnoteweb>