RSS Feeds and Pageflakes

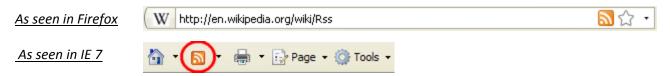
RSS is a format used to publish frequently updated content such as <u>blog</u> entries, news headlines, and <u>podcasts</u> in a standardized format. An RSS document (which is called a "feed") contains either a summary of content from a web site or the full text.

The benefit of RSS is the aggregation of content from multiple Web sources in one place. RSS content can be read using a program called an "RSS reader", "feed reader" or an "aggregator"

A **podcast** is a series of digital-media files (audio or video) which are distributed over the Internet using syndication feeds.

How Do I know if a site has an RSS Feed?

Usually a little orange "feed" button will appear in the address or menu bar (depending on your browser) if the site has an RSS feed.



Additionally, some sites display a notification somewhere on the site alerting the reader that a feed is available.

How do I subscribe to a feed?

Click on the RSS button to view the feed URL. The URL will contain the word "feed" for "feeds." **Example**. http://feeds.technorati.com/frontpage/ Simply copy the feed URL and paste it into your Google Reader.

Where can I find these feeds?

Everywhere. MANY sites already have feeds and if they don't, you can create one very simply. Paste the feed-free URL into the widget at http://page2rss.com/ and click the to RSS button. That will give you a new URL for that site that contains a feed.

Add a feed to Pageflakes

Many flakes available from the Pageflakes library are RSS feeds from popular websites, so check the library first.

To create a new flake for an RSS feed follow these steps?

- 1. Click the button
- 2. In the lower left corner of the gray menu that pops up is a Add R55 Feed button. Click it.
- 3. Paste your feed url in the space provided and click the "Get Feed" button.



