

## ABSTRACT

Students and faculty need to keep up-to-date with their area of research. Subject specific blogs, RSS feeds, and listservs make it easier than ever to keep up with the latest news, innovations, articles, and research.

**RSS feeds** are easy to use. RSS stands for Rich Site Summary (it is also referred to as Really Simple Syndication). If an electronic journal, website, or blogger offers an RSS feed, it is easy to capture that feed and receive updates from them. Some electronic journals will even create an RSS feed based on user-specified search criteria and then notify the user when new relevant articles become available.

**Blogs** (a combination of the words "web" and "logs") are an informal but valuable means of communication. Blogs typically include an RSS feed so the blog author can, in effect, push information to interested people. Blog authors could be fellow researchers sharing ideas or librarians alerting readers to new resources or upcoming lectures. Many professional and scholarly societies also offer blogs and RSS feeds.

**Listservs** are lists that people subscribe to via email. They typically focus on a specific topic, demographic, or profession. When new information is posted to the listserv, subscribers receive the information via email.

This poster presents subject specific blogs, RSS feeds, and listservs.

## BLOGS

Visit and read blogs using a web browser.

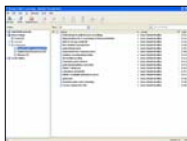


## RSS FEEDS

Receive and read messages using a special feed reader.

Some browsers and email programs can accommodate RSS feeds.

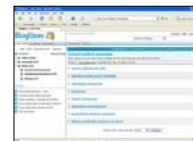
There are also web based feed readers (similar to webmail).



Read messages with a **feed reader** or **email program**.  
Ex. Thunderbird™



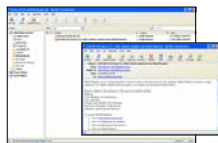
Some **browsers** support RSS feeds.  
Ex. Firefox™ uses Live Bookmarks



Read messages with a **web based** feed reader.  
Ex. Bloglines™

## LISTSERVS

Information is emailed to the subscriber.



### New Listserv For Business Resources!

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Steps to using RSS:

1. Choose a feed reader (download, web based, etc.)
2. Find a feed
3. Add the feed to the feed reader
4. Repeat 2 and 3!!

Does a website or blog offer an RSS feed?

Look for these icons and click on them!



RSS Feeds Provide:

- Job Leads
- Funding Announcements
- News
- Article Alerts
- Conference Information



## DREXEL BLOGS - ALL THESE BLOGS HAVE RSS FEEDS!

### Physics

by Peggy Dominy  
<http://drexelphysics.blogspot.com>

### Drexel CoAS E-Learning

by Jean-Claude Bradley  
<http://drexel-coas-elearning.blogspot.com>

### Engineering Resources

by Jay Bhatt and Andy Wheeler  
<http://englibrary.blogspot.com>

## Institute of Physics

Visit <http://syndication.iop.org/>  
65 RSS feeds in 46 categories.  
Topics include jobs, latest papers, featured articles, etc.

### Engineering Village 2

Custom RSS feeds are automatically created for you. You are notified when new articles match your search criteria!

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use HUBMED!