

Customize Your Technology Training News!

with RSS Feeds from ITS Training Services

What is an RSS feed?

RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication. An RSS feed is a technology that helps you gather just the news you want to read from a variety of sources on the Web.

What do RSS feeds have to do with technology training?

ITS Training Services provides a number of RSS feeds from which you can choose to receive notification on upcoming technology training opportunities. You may choose to receive notification about upcoming training on only Web and Internet technologies, or you may like to know about all upcoming training opportunities within the next two weeks, regardless of the topic. There is also an option to receive announcements about registration opening dates and additional learning opportunities at Penn State. Visit the ITS Training Services RSS Feeds Web page to explore all the options!

<http://its.psu.edu/training/feedspage.html>

How do I get started?

To take advantage of RSS feeds, you will need an application that collects the available feeds into one place. This is called a news aggregator—also known as a feed reader. There are a variety of news aggregators to choose from, and many are free. Below are a few popular news aggregators. Turn the flyer over for an example of how to set up one of these news aggregators and subscribe to the RSS feeds of your choice.

Popular Free News Aggregators

NewsGator (Web-Based)

FeedDemon (Desktop Software)

Firefox Sage (Browser Plug-In)

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How to customize your technology training news

For purposes of this explanation, we will use NewsGator as the news aggregator. This Web-based news reader is not platform- or browser-specific. Please note that this is not an endorsement for NewsGator, and ITS Training Services does not promote the use of any specific product. These instructions are provided as one example of many options from which you may choose.

To Create a NewsGator Account:

1. Go to <http://www.newsgator.com/Individuals/>
2. Click on **NewsGator Online Free RSS Reader**.
3. Click **Create New Account**.
4. Complete the Form. (If you do not want NewsGator to automatically add feeds to your reader, uncheck "NewsGator Starter Pack.")
5. Click **Next**.

To Add an ITS Training Services Feed:

(If you are not already logged in to NewsGator, do so now)

1. Click **Add Feeds**.
2. Open another browser window and navigate to the ITS Training Services feeds page:
<http://its.psu.edu/training/feedspage.html>
3. Click on the link to the feed you want to add. (The XML code for that feed will display in your browser window.)
4. Copy the URL in the address bar of your browser (e.g., <http://its.psu.edu/training/feeds/2week.xml>).
5. Return to the NewsGator browser window.
6. Paste the URL into the space provided for Feed URL.
7. Click **Add Feed**.

To access your feeds at a later time, simply return to the NewsGator Web site at <http://www.newsgator.com/> and log in to your account.

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I would like to receive information about upcoming technology training opportunities. Please sign me up using the e-mail address on the front of this card.