

RSS Feeds 101 | Exercises

In order to understand how RSS feeds and aggregators work, you will need hands-on experience. Try some of these exercises to get familiar with the concepts covered in class. Please let your instructor know if you have any questions. And remember, the most important thing is to have fun while you're learning!

Making Use of RSS Feeds with Google Reader

1. Visit [Google Reader](http://www.google.com/reader) at www.google.com/reader and proceed to login with your Google account. If you do not have a Google account yet, click on the blue "Create an account" link on the right-hand side of the page. Follow the directions to create a Google account.
2. To learn more about Google Reader, click "play" on the video or click the "Take a Tour" link.
3. To go straight to adding feeds, click the "Get started by adding subscriptions" link.
4. Subscribe to the "News," "Sports," or "Fun," bundles or click on "More bundles" to find more options. You can also do a keyword search. Look for the "Search and Browse" section at the bottom of the page and perform a search for a topic of interest.
5. Subscribe to the class demonstration blog by clicking on "Add subscription" on the left-hand side of Google Reader. Type www.splclasses.blogspot.com and click "Add." Or click on the RSS icon on the blog itself and choose the "Add to Google" option.
6. You can also try subscribing to the Library's RSS feeds for new releases. Visit www.skokieliibrary.info and click on "What's New" on the left-hand side menu. (Hint: Look for the RSS feed icon).

