


# Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

## **RSS Web Feeds**

By now you may have heard the term Web Feeds or seen this new orange  icon in Outlook 2007 or in your web browser. Either way it has the same meaning. It can change the way you obtain your web updates. It is a service that is not available on all web sites, but it is appearing on an increasing number.

Put simply, it stops you having to go and get updated information from your favourite web sites, instead, the information updates are sent to you as soon as they are available. Eg a news service web site, the weather or accommodation specials. Hence by “subscribing” to a web feed, you are going to receive the updates as they become available.

The other piece of information you are going to need is that you need a feed reader. If you are using Outlook 2007 then this already has an inbuilt reader. So in the same way that you receive your emails as soon as you open outlook, so too will your RSS feeds be updated with the latest information.

Alternatively, you can set up a Google reader page and add the RSS feeds to it. There are other free readers available, all you need to do is search for them.

As a further resource of how this all works, try searching for the words “RSS in Plain English”, as there is a very good YouTube video that explains the process very well. Have a go!

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