

RSS Feeds and Internet Explorer 7

RSS stands for Rich Site Summary or Real Simple Syndication. It originally was created by Netscape and is a method of distributing web content through the use of XML (Extensible Markup Language). New information on existing websites gets summarized into XML. People subscribe to the XML site summaries, known as Rich Site Summary feeds, for sites that are of interest to them.

Since RSS feeds are updated automatically, the most up-to-date content always is available.

Subscribing to feeds that are relevant to a WSC user's area of study or interest can keep them apprised of new information or trends. Adding the feeds to the Internet Explorer Favorites Center (or another RSS Reader/Aggregator like Bloglines.com or NewsGator.com) can provide an easy way to check content from many websites all in one place.

A wide variety of syndicated web content, such as news, (CNN MSNBC) online magazines and journals, or health information (CDC) can be subscribed to through the use of RSS Feeds.

Identify sites where RSS is available by looking for an orange XML icon, a link that says RSS Feeds, or another identifying marker. In this article, I will use Internet Explorer 7 to show how to locate feeds and add them to the Internet Explorer 7 Favorites Center.

The Internet Explorer 7 Favorites Center provides an easy method for adding and viewing RSS feeds.

1. Open **Internet Explorer 7**.
2. Display the **Favorites Center** by clicking the gold star beneath the Internet Explorer menus.




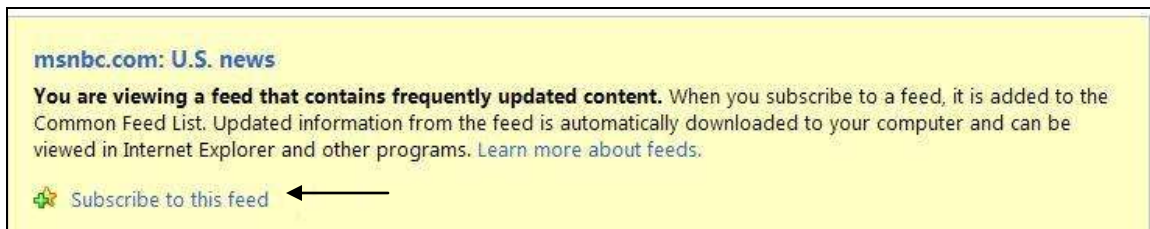
The Favorites Center displays with its Favorites, Feeds, and History tabs. Click the desired tab to view its content.



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Locating and Adding RSS Feeds to the Internet Explorer 7 Favorites Center

1. Go to a website where you like to obtain information. If they offer RSS feeds, most times there is a link titled RSS feeds somewhere on the page.
2. On the <http://www.msnbc.com> site, an **RSS & Feeds** link appears on the bottom right-hand side of the page.
3. Clicking the RSS & Feeds link opens a page where available feeds for various topics display.
4. If you would like the U.S. News feed added to Internet Explorer 7, click the **orange XML box**  on the far right of the U.S. News headline area. When the MSNBC Feed page opens, click the **Subscribe to this feed** link to add the feed to the Internet Explorer 7 Favorites Center.



5. When the **Subscribe to This Feed** dialog box opens, the Name of the feed should be listed. If "Feeds" isn't selected next to Create in, use the drop-down arrow to select **Feeds**. Click the **Subscribe** button to add the feed to the IE 7 Favorites Center.



View the Feed Using the Internet Explorer Favorites Center

1. Open the **Internet Explorer 7 Favorites Center** (click the yellow star).
2. Click the **Feeds** tab. Then, click the link for the feed you wish to view.