

Sun City Summerlin Computer Club Seminar

Introduction to RSS (Really Simple Syndication)

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Agenda – RSS

- RSS Concepts
- RSS Web Links
- RSS Readers
- Where to Find RSS Feeds
- ***Bio-Break (10 min)***
- Demo

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RSS Concepts 1

- **RSS is a new way of formatting information for distribution.**
 - Uses XML as its internal “mark-up” language
 - Richer structure, keywords and indexing
- **Uses Publish / Subscribe Model.**
 - Like E-mail Lists, but richer content
- **View RSS Feeds with a “RSS Reader”.**
 - Reader keeps track of subscriptions
 - Polls sites at set intervals to get headlines

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RSS Concepts 2

- **Certain Web sites provide lists of “feeds”.**
 - <http://www.feedster.com>
- **Also look for XML or RSS button on web sites.**
- **Many Blogs (web logs) Now In RSS Format.**
- **Saves Time and Effort Over Manual Surfing.**
- **Avoids SPAM Associated With E-mail.**

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RSS Web Links

<http://www.download.com/RSS-Tools/3150-9227-0.html?tag=ne.rss>
<http://email.about.com/od/rssreaderswin/>
http://email.about.com/cs/rssfeedreaders/tp/windows_free.htm
<http://www.cnet.com/4520-6022-5115113.html>
<http://www.awasu.com/>
<http://www.rssfeeds.com/links.php>
<http://www.feedster.com/>
<http://www.rssjobs.com/rssreaders.jsp>
<http://www.feedreader.com/>
<http://www.sharpreader.net/>
http://www.snapfiles.com/shareware/misc/tools/swrssreaders_r.html
<http://support.microsoft.com/gp/rsshelp>

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Free RSS Readers

- **Stand-alone**
 - SharpReader
 - FeedReader
 - Awasu
- **Browser-Based**
 - Pluck
 - Built-in RSS Support in Firefox
- **E-mail-Based**
 - Attensa for Outlook
 - Mozilla Thunderbird

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Finding RSS Feeds

- When visiting a web site, look for RSS or XML button. Clicking it takes you to subscribe info.
- Try www.feedster.com (see web links).
- Try a Google Search.

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Bio-Break

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RSS Demo

- **Download and Install SharpReader.**
- **Find Some Feeds and subscribe.**
- **Use the Reader to browse through headlines.**
- **Modify Settings.**

- **Download and Install Pluck Reader for IE.**

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Questions and Answers

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