




Creating RSS Reader Channels

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An RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed is a collection of frequently updated Web formats such as blog entries, news headlines, audio, and video. A Web site containing an RSS feed is identified by the following symbol  which appears within a Web browser.

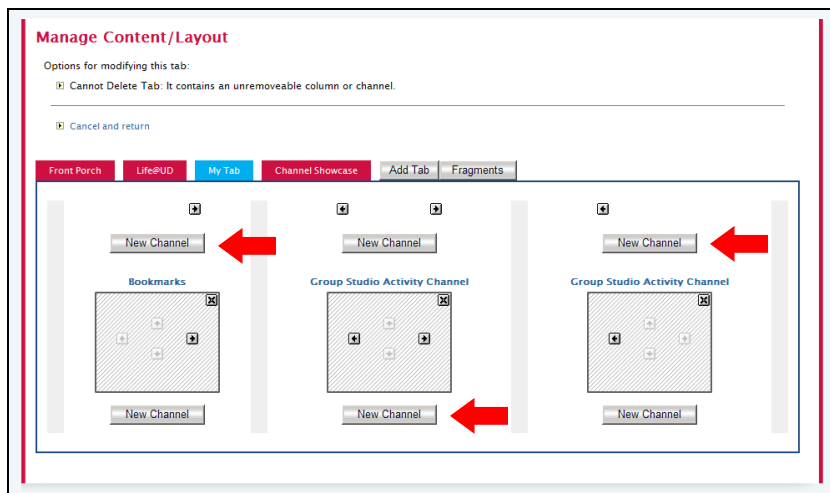
To view RSS feeds, an RSS Reader is required. With Porches, you can create RSS Reader channels that display the Web feed formats within My Tab or other designated tabs.

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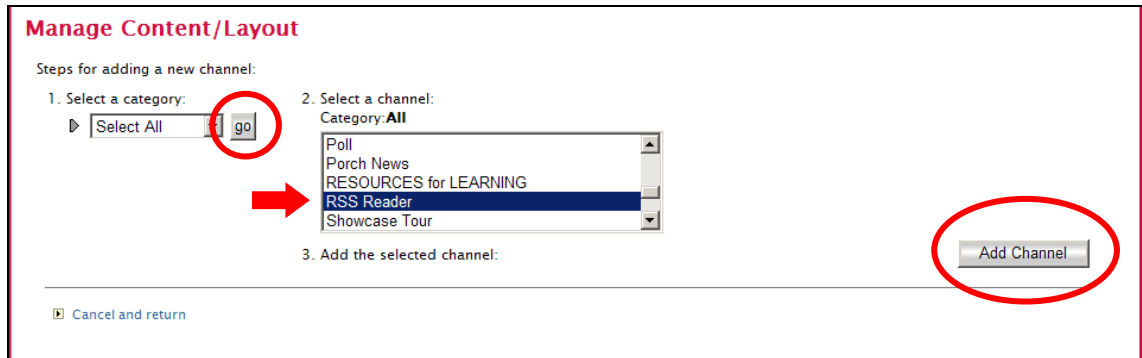
1. Open your web browser and sign on to Porches.
2. Click on the **Layout** button at the top of the Porches window.



3. Click on the appropriate tab (Front Porch, My Tab, etc.) where you would like the new RSS Reader channel to be placed.
4. Click on a **New Channel** button. This determines where the new channel will be placed (above an existing channel or below and existing channel).



5. Click on the **Select a category** drop down list, choose **Select All**, and click on the **go** button.



6. Click on the **RSS Reader** channel and click on the **Add Channel** button.


Click on the **Back to** link at the top of the porches window to exit out of the Manage Content/Layout window. You new channel will appear in the specified location. In this example, the RSS Reader channel will be placed in **My Tab**.

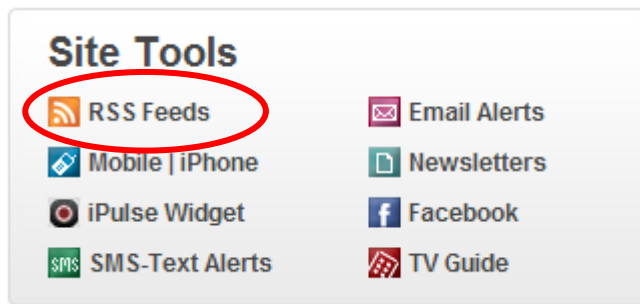


Adding a Feed to an RSS Reader Channel

1. Open a new tab in your Web browser and go to a Web site containing an RSS feed.

Note: Not all Web sites will have an RSS feed!

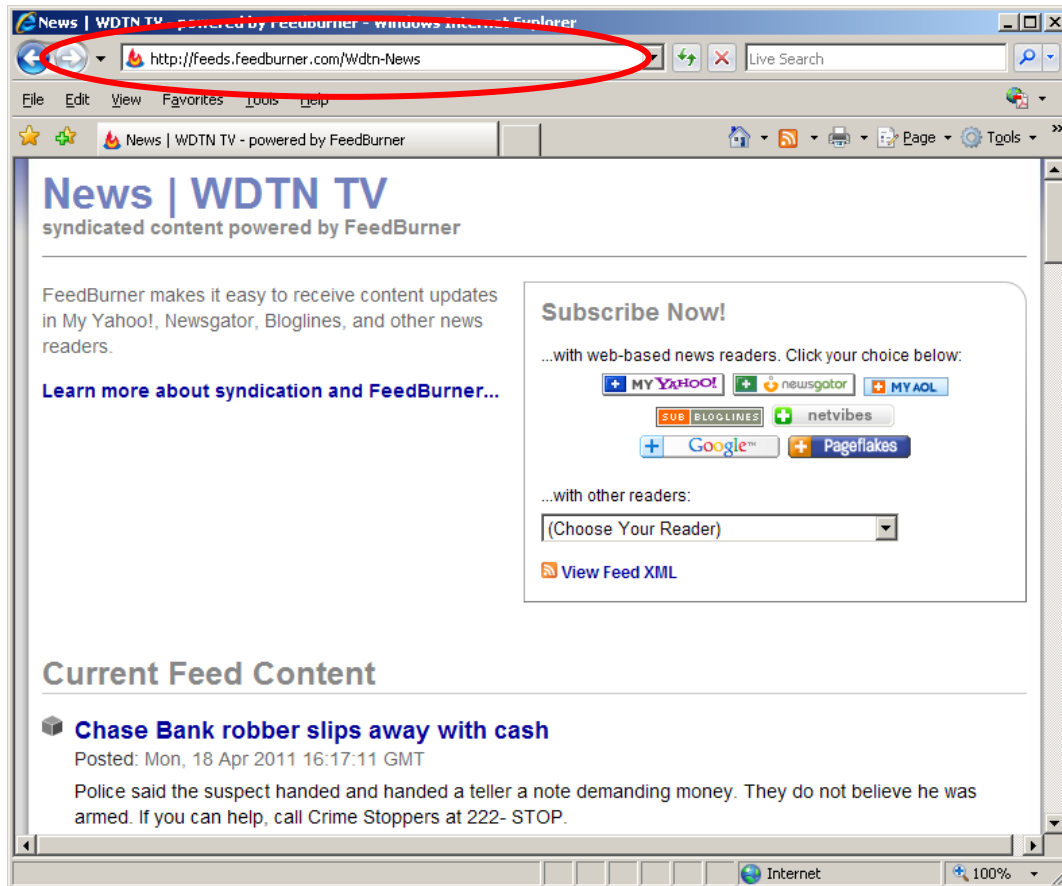
2. Look for the RSS feed icon  within the Web site. Some Web sites, like WDTN for example, have a Site Tools section where you can select from a variety of RSS feeds.



Note: Not all Web sites will have this feature.

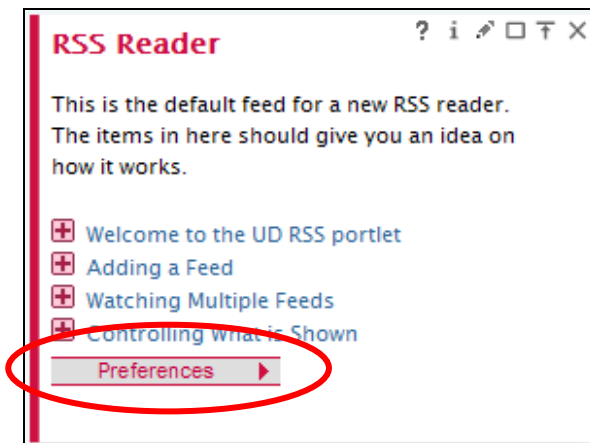
3. Click on the appropriate RSS feed icon. The Web browser will take you to a URL containing the RSS feed information.

4. Highlight the URL and copy it with **<CTRL+C>** .

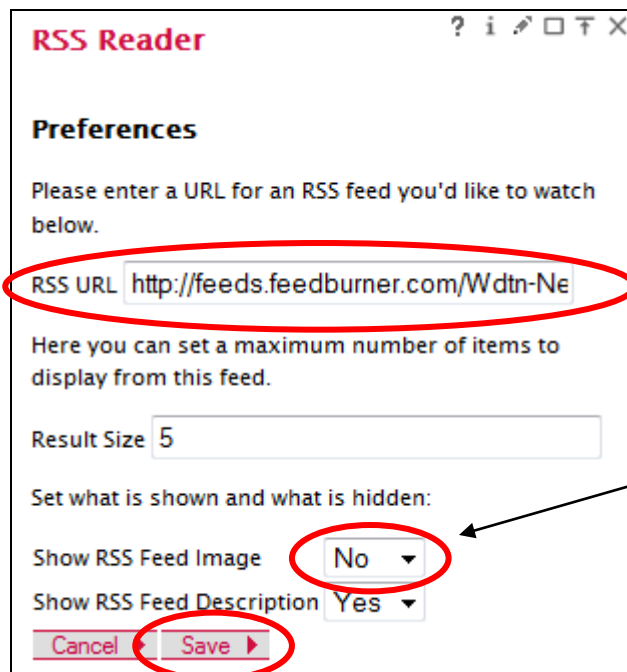


5. Go back into Porches and click on the tab containing the newly created RSS Reader channel.

6. Click on the RSS Reader channel's **Preferences** link.



7. Click on the RSS URL field and paste the copied URL using **<CTRL+V>**. Change the **Show RSS Feed Image** to **No**.



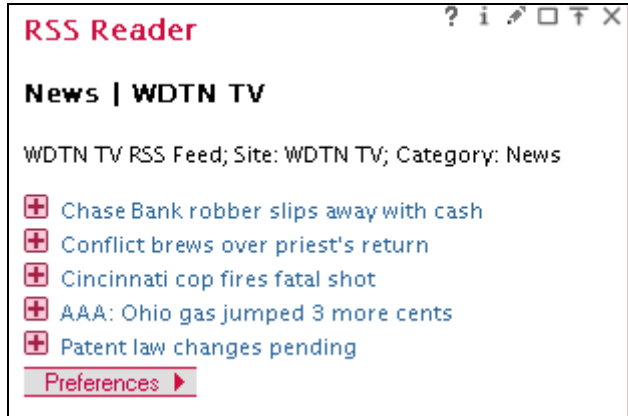
Changing the **Show RSS Feed Image** to **No** ensures that potentially *mixed content* does not compromise the security of your Porches display.


For more information about mixed content, visit:

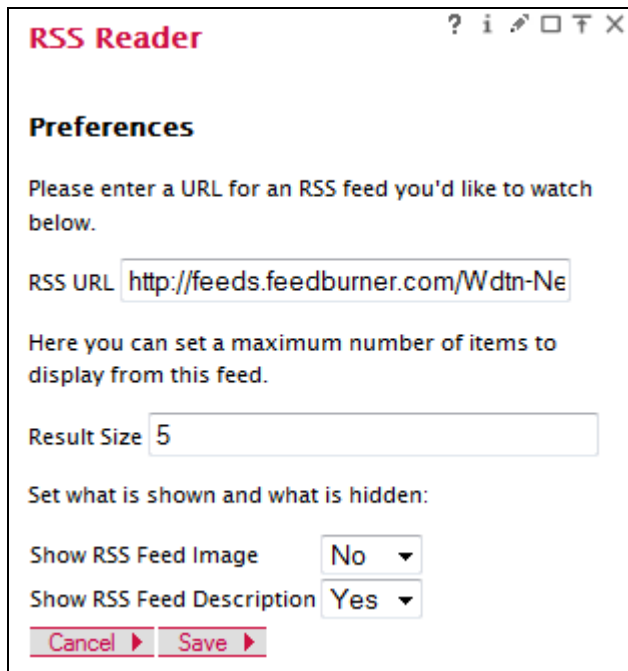
http://community.udayton.edu/provost/it/training/documents/porches_security_education.pdf

8. Change the **Result Size**, if necessary, and click on the **Save** button.

- The RSS Reader channel will be updated with the Web site's RSS information. For example, here is WDTN TV's RSS feed in a Porches RSS Reader channel:



- To edit the RSS Reader channel, click on the pencil icon .
- Make the necessary changes and click on the **Save** button.



- Repeat these steps to create and edit additional RSS Reader channels.