Feeds (RSS)

Wordpress · https://umw.domains/guides/feeds-rss/

What is a feed?

A feed (often called RSS or RSS feed) is a stream of posts or comments that is updated when new content is published to your WordPress site. WordPress automatically creates a feed of your content unless you mark your blog as private. To learn more about the various feeds that are generated please see WordPress' guide on feeds.

How would you use a feed?

- If you use a feed reader you can subscribe to content and aggregate it all in one place. The feed reader will look for updates and notify you when there is new content. This reduces the amount of time you need to check your favorite sites for new content.
- Feeds allow other people to monitor your blog, along with other websites they are interested in and aggregate them together in their feed reader.
- There are also WordPress plugins that will syndicate feeds to your site. This means you could create a collection of content that pulls from different sites and syndicate it all in one place on your site.

Where would you see a feed?

Typically at UMW, you will see professors use RSS feeds to syndicate posts from each individual student's site into a class website. This keeps all of the students' posts in one place, making it easier for the professor and other students to see all the posts in one location.

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