

RSS for Periodicals



This guide will show you how to use **Really Simple Syndication (RSS)** to send the tables of contents of your favorite information sources straight to your computer.

RSS is a *feed*—information that is automatically sent to you. RSS can be accessed via a bookmark on your browser, or through a feed aggregator (reader).

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INTRODUCTION

These instructions to periodicals available through the ProQuest family of databases. They include:

ABI/Inform provides access to thousands of business journals such as *Forbes*, *Fortune*, and *Business Week*.

ProQuest Newspapers provides access to newspapers including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, and *The New York Times*.

Research Library provides access to thousands of journals in a wide variety of fields. For example, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *Journal of Education for Business*, and *Mediamweek*.

RSS is available for journals from other families of databases, including those from EBSCO and Gale.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO RSS FROM A DATABASE

Start at the Library home page, <http://uclibrary.troy.edu>

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TROY Libraries Home

Global Campus Library

Site Library Information

Get Individual Help Now

Services and Information

Faculty/Staff Resources

Site Map (A-Z Index)

Welcome. This site serves our Regional, International, eCampus, and eArmyU patrons.

Information and Help How-to's, citation guides, FAQs, writing resources, and more.

Databases (book and journal) **Help me choose** What's my password?

Library Catalog Click here to read more about.

Bibliographies and Course-specific Guides

Search Engines and WWW Links

Interlibrary Loan

Electronic Reserves

Have a Question?
Click here to chat with a Librarian

QUICK LINKS

A-Z Global Campus Library | Directory Search | Media Room | Trojan E-mail | Site Search

Click on the link marked *Databases*. For our example, we will use *ProQuest Newspapers*.

To log in to the database, click on its name, i.e., *ProQuest Newspapers*.

The username and password for all Library databases is your TROY e-mail username and password.

[Military and Government Collection \(EBSCOhost\)](#)

[MLA Directory of Periodicals \(EBSCOhost\)](#)

[MLA International Bibliography \(EBSCOhost\)](#)

[The Music Index \(EBSCOhost\)](#)

[National Newspaper Abstracts](#)

[Net Library](#)

[Newspaper Source \(EBSCOhost\)](#)

[North American Women's Letters and Diaries](#)

[Opposing Viewpoints \(InfoTrac/Gale\)](#)

[Oxford English Dictionary](#)

[Oxford Reference Online Premium](#)

[Primary Search \(EBSCOhost\)](#)

[Professional Collection \(InfoTrac/Gale\)](#)

[Professional Development Collection \(EBSCOhost\)](#)

[ProQuest Education Journals \(Proquest\)](#)

[ProQuest Newspapers \(Proquest\)](#)

[ProQuest Nursing Journals \(Proquest\)](#)

[ProQuest Psychology Journals \(Proquest\)](#)

[PsycARTICLES \(EBSCOhost\)](#)

[PsycBOOKS \(EBSCOhost\)](#)

[Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection \(EBSCOhost\)](#)

[PsycInfo \(EBSCOhost\)](#)

[Public Library of Science \(PLOS\)](#)

Now click the link (tab) for *Publications*.



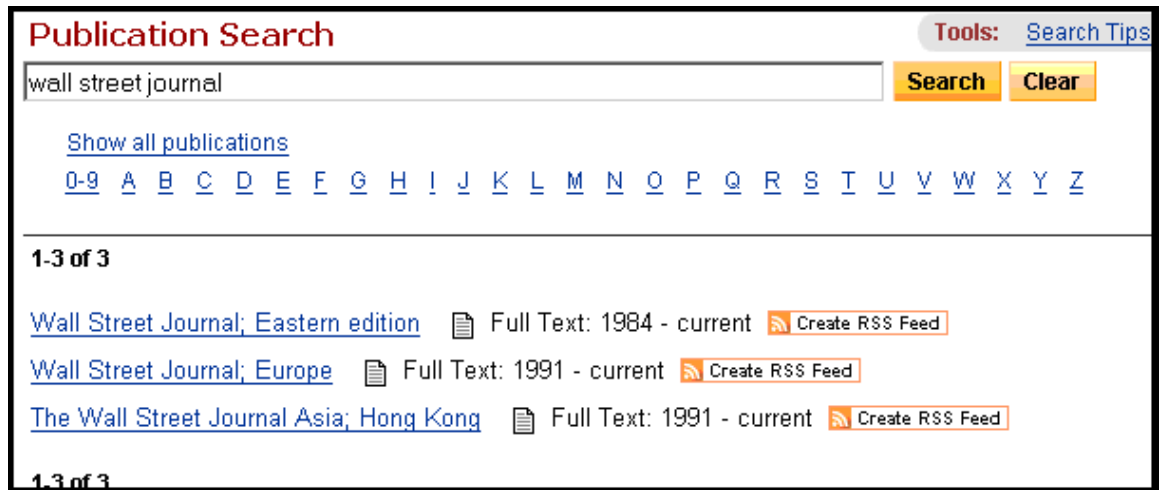
ProQuest

Basic Advanced Topics **Publications** My Research
0 marked items

Databases selected: ProQuest Newspapers

Basic Search Tools: Search

This example will use the *Wall Street Journal*.



Publication Search Tools: Search Tips

wall street journal Search Clear

Show all publications

0-9 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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Wall Street Journal; Eastern edition Full Text: 1984 - current Create RSS Feed

Wall Street Journal; Europe Full Text: 1991 - current Create RSS Feed

The Wall Street Journal Asia; Hong Kong Full Text: 1991 - current Create RSS Feed

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The one we want is the Eastern edition. If you so desire, you can click on the title of the journal to view the newspaper itself, issue by issue. What we want to do is click *Create RSS Feed*.

The result will be a screen that looks like this:



Your RSS feed has been created

Your RSS Feed: http://rss.proquest.com.libproxy.troy.edu/rss?rss_id=286295

The information you need is the Internet address after the words “Your RSS feed.”

In this case, http://rss.proquest.com.libproxy.troy.edu/rss?rss_id=286295.
For our purposes, you will need to REMOVE the part of the address that says libproxy.troy.edu.

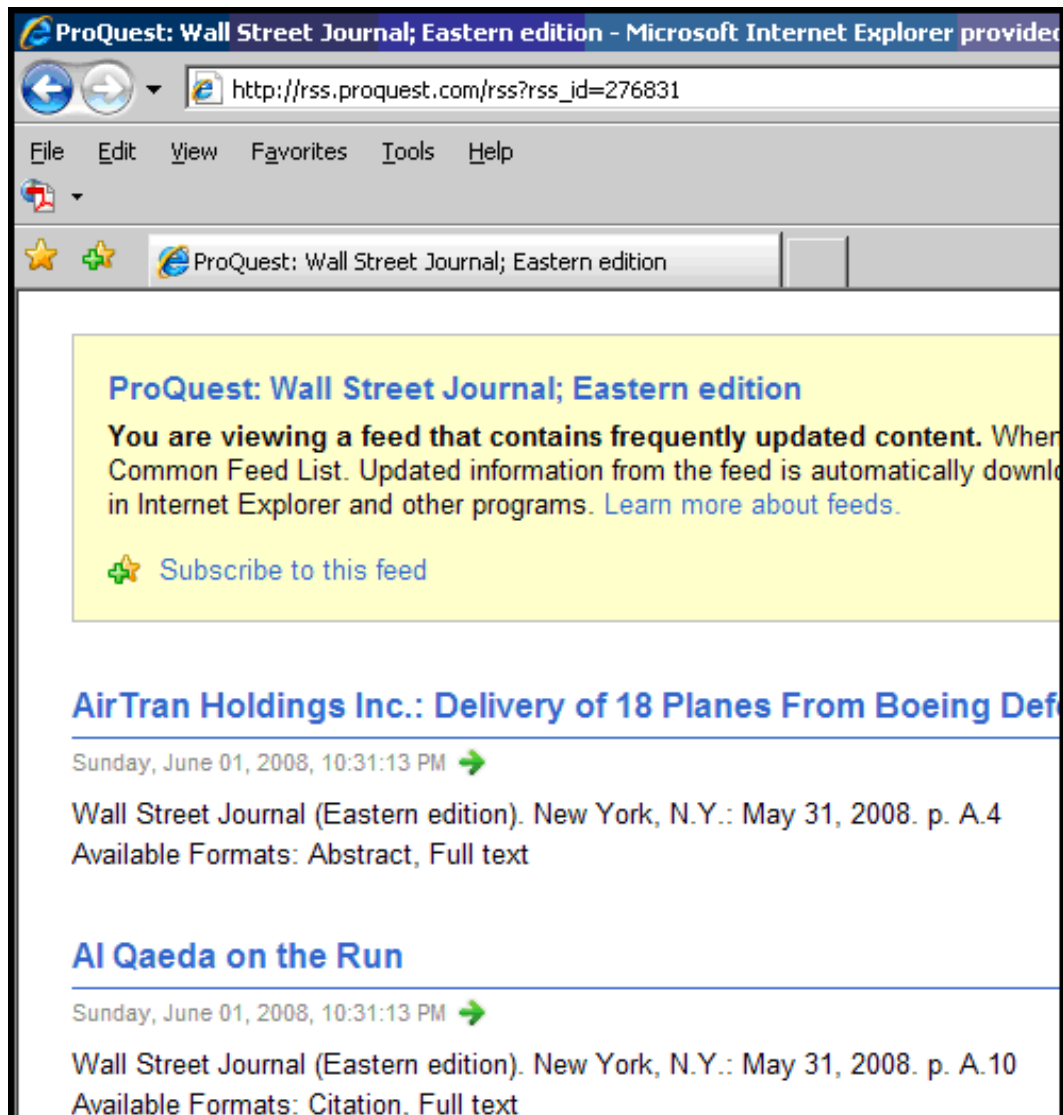
The address to record in this example would be
http://rss.proquest.com/rss?rss_id=286295

HOW TO VIEW THE RSS FEED IN MSIE

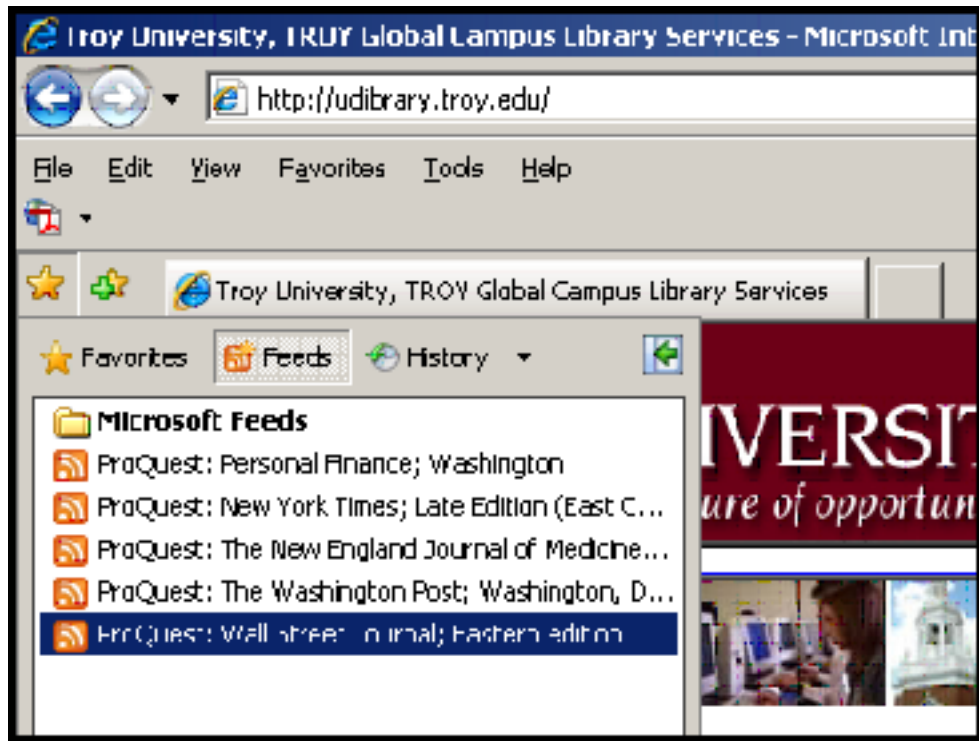
The simplest way is to bookmark it (as a feed) in your browser. You can bookmark it right away, but it will take 24 to 48 hours before it will work (get the feed).

Bookmarking an RSS feed is slightly different from saving a traditional Web site.

For Microsoft Internet Explorer, type (or copy/paste) the address into the address bar and hit the enter key. The results are pictured below. Click the link that says “Subscribe to this feed.”



When you want to view the feed, click the yellow star on the Explorer bar. Then click on the feed you want to view.



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Below is a picture of the feed for *The Wall Street Journal*—a listing of the articles that appear in the newspaper.

ProQuest: Wall Street Journal; Eastern edition
Yesterday, June 04, 2008, 11:31:00 PM

'Neurobics' and Other Brain Boosters
Yesterday, June 04, 2008, 11:31:00 PM →
Melinda Beck. Wall Street Journal (Eastern edition). New York, N.Y.: Jun 3, 2008. p. D.1
Available Formats: Abstract, Full text

'Real Time' Stock Quotes Issued in a Nasdaq Test
Yesterday, June 04, 2008, 11:31:00 PM →
Wall Street Journal (Eastern edition). New York, N.Y.: Jun 3, 2008. p. C.5
Available Formats: Abstract, Full text

90 Days: Pinch-Hitting Is a Key To Success at Small Firms
Yesterday, June 04, 2008, 11:31:00 PM →
Elizabeth Garone. Wall Street Journal (Eastern edition). New York, N.Y.: Jun 3, 2008. p. D.4
Available Formats: Abstract, Full text

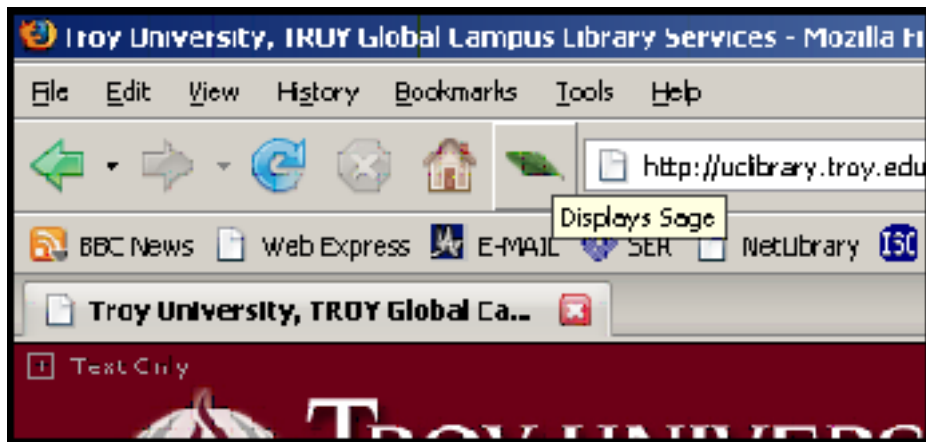
A Bear Claws at Wachovia; Michael Price Says The Stock's Floor Has
Yesterday, June 04, 2008, 11:31:00 PM →
Peter Eavis. Wall Street Journal (Eastern edition). New York, N.Y.: Jun 3, 2008. p. C.14
Available Formats: Abstract, Text+Graphics

HOW TO VIEW THE RSS FEED IN AN AGGRIGATOR

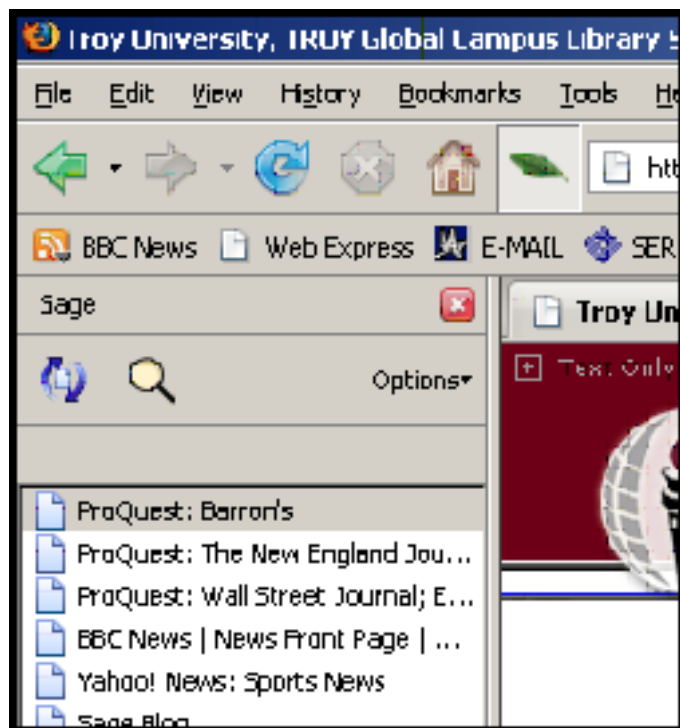
A feed aggregator (AKA feed reader) lets you gather all of your feeds in one place. RSS from a journal is one type of feed. Subscriptions to a blog, podcast, or electronic list service would be other types of feeds. There are a number of popular aggregators available. Some examples are:

- <http://www.bloglines.com>
- <http://reader.google.com>
- <http://sage.mozdev.org>

For this demonstration, we will use Sage, a reader plug-in for the Firefox browser. It is available from the site <http://sage.mozdev.org>. When installed, Sage appears as a leaf icon on the browser.



Click the leaf icon and you are presented with your feeds (pictured below).



Selecting *Wall Street Journal* displays the contents.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Sage - ProQuest: Wall Street Jou...". The main heading is "ProQuest: Wall Street Journal; Eastern edition" with the subtitle "ProQuest documents for Wall Street Journal; Eastern edition". Below this, there are five search results displayed in a grid format. Each result includes a numbered title, author information, publication details, available formats, and a timestamp. A blue speech bubble icon is present in the bottom right corner of each result box.

1. 90 Days: Pinch-Hitting Is a Key To Success at Small Firms	2. 'Real Time' Stock Quotes Issued in a Nasdaq Test
Elizabeth Garone. Wall Street Journal (Eastern edition). New York, N.Y.: Jun 3, 2008. p. D.4 Available Formats: Abstract, Full text	Wall Street Journal (Eastern edition). New York, N.Y.: Jun 3, 2008. p. C.5 Available Formats: Abstract, Full text
Wed, Jun 4, 2008 23:31	Wed, Jun 4, 2008 23:31
3. A Bear Claws at Wachovia; Michael Price Says The Stock's Floor Hasn't Been Met	4. A Hatred Born From Laker Love; Online edition
Peter Eavis. Wall Street Journal (Eastern edition). New York, N.Y.: Jun 3, 2008. p. C.14 Available Formats: Abstract, Text+Graphics	Jon Weinbach. Wall Street Journal (Eastern edition). New York, N.Y.: Jun 3, 2008. Available Formats: Abstract, Full text
Wed, Jun 4, 2008 23:31	Wed, Jun 4, 2008 23:31
5. A Man in Full	

HOW TO VIEW THE TEXT OF THE ARTICLES

You cannot link directly from the feed for these journals to the text itself, **you will need to go to the Library site and log into the database(s) to get them.**

While some other types of feeds, e.g., BBC News or the blog for your local sports team, link to openly-available online text, articles from commercial publications do not (for obvious reasons).

The following are a couple of tips and tricks (**T ‘N’ T**) to help you quickly and easily access the text of articles.

T ‘N’ T

You can customize the labels in your feed. For example, by default your reader may label a feed “ProQuest: The New England Journal of Medicine; Boston.” You can change the wording to help remind you which database contains that journal, e.g., “New England J. of Med. (Research Library)”

T ‘N’ T

You can search multiple databases simultaneously—that way, if you want to view articles from periodicals that are located in different databases, you won’t have to switch. For example, you can log in to the ABI/Inform database, then click the link for “Databases selected,” and add others.



You then have the option of selecting multiple databases.



TIP

There are several ways to locate the article(s) you desire.

Search on the title of the article. You don't always have to enter the full title of the article; in fact, you are probably better off using just the first part of it. For example, searching on the words *bear claws at wachovia* is all that is needed to find the article *A Bear Claws at Wachovia; Michael Price Says The Stock's Floor Hasn't Been Met*.

The screenshot shows a search results page for 'Newspapers'. At the top, there is a yellow header with the word 'Newspapers' in a rounded rectangle. Below this, there is a navigation bar with a checkbox for 'Mark all', a folder icon, and the text '0 marked items: Email / Cite / Export'. To the right of this bar is a link for 'Show only full text'. The main content area shows a single search result, numbered '1.', with the title [A Bear Claws at Wachovia; Michael Price Says The Stock's Floor Hasn't Been Met](#). Below the title is the author 'Peter Eavis' and the publication 'Wall Street Journal (Eastern edition), New York, N.Y.: Jun 3, 2008. p. C.14'. At the bottom of the result are two links: 'Abstract' and 'Text+Graphics'.

Another way is to use the *Publications* tab.

The screenshot shows a 'Publications Search' interface. At the top, there are several tabs: 'Basic', 'Advanced', 'Topics', 'Publications' (which is highlighted in orange), and 'My Research' (with '0 marked items' below it). Below the tabs, it says 'Databases selected: ProQuest Newspapers, ABINFORM Complete, Research Library'. The main heading is 'Publication Search'. To the right of this heading is a 'Tools: Search Tips' link. Below the heading is a search input field containing the text 'new england journal of medicine'. To the right of the input field are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. Below the input field is a link 'Show all publications' and a row of alphabetical navigation links from '0-9' to 'Z'. Below this is a section labeled '1 of 1' with a link to 'The New England Journal of Medicine: Boston' and a 'Full Text: 1996 - current, delayed 3 month(s)' indicator. To the right of this is a 'Create RSS Feed' button.

Click on the title of the journal to see a list of all the issues, then click on the issue itself, to view the contents.

The screenshot shows a list of journal issues arranged in three columns. Each issue is represented by a blue hyperlink. The first column contains issues from May 29, 2008 (Vol. 358, Iss. 22) down to Mar 27, 2008 (Vol. 358, Iss. 13). The second column contains issues from Dec 1, 2005 (Vol. 353, Iss. 22) down to Sep 22, 2005 (Vol. 353, Iss. 12). The third column contains issues from Jun 5, 2003 (Vol. 348, Iss. 23) down to Mar 27, 2003 (Vol. 348, Iss. 13).