

What is RSS?

- Getting information, without having to check multiple websites.
- Share this lay-person's guide to RSS with everyone:

RSS in Plain English,
video by CommonCraft

http://www.commoncraft.com/rss_plain_english

This is an RSS file

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1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] GM1 Status Feed [REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED] http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2007/lists/getstatus2.asp?billNo=GM1 [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED] Hawaii State Legislature bill status information, updated frequently. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED] Fri, 16 Mar 2007 00:16:37 GMT [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED] Fri, 16 Mar 2007 00:16:37 GMT [REDACTED]
8. [REDACTED]
9. [REDACTED] /19/07 GM1: Filed. [REDACTED]
10. [REDACTED] 1/19/07 GM1: Senate Status Update< [REDACTED]
11. [REDACTED] Fri, 19 Jan 2007 10:00:00 GMT [REDACTED]
12. [REDACTED] http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2007/lists/getstatus2.asp?billNo=GM1 [REDACTED]
13. [REDACTED] www.capitol.hawaii.gov_288523 [REDACTED]
14. [REDACTED]
15. [REDACTED]
16. [REDACTED] /17/07 GM1: Received. [REDACTED]
17. [REDACTED] 1/17/07 GM1: Senate Status Update [REDACTED]
18. [REDACTED] Wed, 17 Jan 2007 10:00:00 GMT [REDACTED]
19. [REDACTED] http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2007/lists/getstatus2.asp?billNo=GM1 [REDACTED]
20. [REDACTED] www.capitol.hawaii.gov_287248 [REDACTED]
21. [REDACTED]
22. [REDACTED]
23. [REDACTED]
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This is what it looks like in Google reader

The screenshot shows the Google Reader interface within a Windows Internet Explorer browser window. The browser title is "Google Reader (196) - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL "http://www.google.com/reader/view/#stream/feed%2Fhttp%3A%2F%2Fv". The browser's menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "View", "Favorites", "Tools", and "Help". The toolbar contains various icons for navigation and utility.

The Google Reader interface is displayed below the browser window. At the top, the user's email "jcox@hawaii.rr.com" is shown along with links for "Offline", "Settings", "My Account", "Help", and "Sign Out". A search bar and a dropdown menu set to "All items" are also present.

The main content area is titled "GM1 Status Feed" and is in "Expanded view". It shows two items from the feed:

- 1/19/07 GM1: Filed.** (8:40 AM (4 minutes ago))
1/19/07 GM1: Senate Status Update
Actions: Add star, Share, Email, Mark as read, Edit tags: hi-legislature
- 1/17/07 GM1: Received.** (8:40 AM (4 minutes ago))
1/17/07 GM1: Senate Status Update
Actions: Add star, Share, Email, Mark as read, Edit tags: hi-legislature

The left sidebar contains navigation options: Home, All items (196), Starred items, Shared items, Trends, Add subscription, and a list of subscriptions including "hi-legislature (2)", "Bill Status?", "FeedBulletin for: sen...", "GM1 Status Feed (2)", "HB899 Status Feed", "Right, From The House", and "Senate Majority Caucus".

At the bottom of the browser window, the taskbar shows the "Internet" icon and a 100% zoom level.

RSS Links for developers:

- A thorough overview: searchenginewatch.com/showPage.html?page=2175271
- The specs: www.rss-specifications.com
- Feed Validator: feedvalidator.org
- Feed tracking at FeedBurner: www.feedburner.com
- Feed to e-mail Service: www.feedblitz.com

A 3D grid of spheres on a blue background. The spheres are arranged in a regular pattern, receding into the distance, creating a perspective effect. The background is a solid, dark blue color.

Questions?