

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 menu includes File, Edit, View, Favorites, Tools, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for navigation and actions. The main content area displays the "GM1 Status Feed" in "Expanded view". The feed shows two items: "1/19/07 GM1: Filed." and "1/17/07 GM1: Received.", both dated 8:40 AM (4 minutes ago). The left sidebar shows navigation options like Home, All items (196), Starred items, Shared items, and Trends. The bottom of the browser shows the taskbar with the Internet Explorer icon and the system tray.

Google Reader LABS

jcox@hawaii.rr.com | [Offline](#) | [Settings](#) | [My Account](#) | [Help](#) | [Sign Out](#)

All items [Search]

GM1 Status Feed Feed settings... Expanded view List view

Show: [2 new items](#) - all items Mark all as read Refresh

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

▲ Previous item ▼ Next item 2 items

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 dark blue background. The spheres are arranged in a regular, repeating pattern that recedes into the distance, creating a sense of depth. The spheres are light blue and connected by thin, light blue lines. The background is a solid, dark blue color.

Questions?