

MAC LESSON #76

RSS FEED IN SAFARI

RSS is a family of web feed formats. The initials "RSS" are variously used to refer to the following standards:

Really Simple Syndication
Rich Site Summary
RDF Site Summary

RSS feeds let you subscribe to your favorite Web sites and gather information. Programs known as feed readers or aggregators can check a list of feeds on your behalf and display any updated articles that they find. It is common to find web feeds on major websites and many smaller ones when you browse the Internet with Mac OS X Tiger's Safari Web browser and you open a Web page, Safari automatically tries to figure out if the page has an RSS feed. If it finds one, Safari puts an RSS button at the right side of the address bar. Click the button and you're looking at the RSS feed.

You don't have to use Safari as your RSS newsreader. Safari's new RSS preferences panel includes a setting for Default RSS Reader. So if you're a fan of NetNewsWire, Pulp Fiction, or another newsreader, clicking Safari's RSS button will open the feed in your chosen reader.

