

Exercise #3

Subscribe to RSS Feeds with Bloglines

In this exercise you will use your Bloglines account to subscribe to and read some RSS feeds.

A. Subscribe to a National Public Radio feed with Bloglines

1. Go to the class wiki at **web2workshop.pbwiki.com** and click on **Exercise Links** in the sidebar on the right.
 - i. Right-click on the **Bloglines** link and choose **open in new tab/window**.
 - ii. Log into your Bloglines account using the information you wrote down on your pre-worksheet.
 - iii. Return to the **Exercise Links** tab/window and right-click on **National Public Radio** and open in new tab/window.
 - iv. Choose any feed that interests you, right-click on the orange **RSS button** and **copy link location/shortcut**.
 - v. Return to the Bloglines window, click on **Add**, paste the link and click. **Subscribe** – and **Subscribe** again. You've added your first feed!
 - vi. Add a second feed from NPR.
 - vii. Repeat steps 3 through 5, but this time subscribe to the feed for **The Librarian in Black** blog.

B. Delete a feed

1. In your Bloglines, click on one of the NPR feeds you just added. The content should show up in the right-hand pane.
2. Look at the choices in the blue bar at the top of the content.
3. Note that you can change the settings for this individual feed by clicking **Edit Subscription**. Do so now to see what your options are. Click **cancel**.
4. Return to the blue bar, and note that you can see how many people are subscribed to that particular feed.
5. You will also see a link to **Unsubscribe**. Click on it to remove that subscription from your Bloglines account. It's that simple.

C. Read some of the content that your new feeds have pulled in for you

1. Skim through entries and click on a few that grab your attention, so you can be brought to the source and the full content.
2. Do you prefer to view just a line or two of each entry (for easy skimming) or would you change your subscription settings to show the full text right in Bloglines?