

Keeping up to date (RSS)

How do you keep up with current research when so much is being published? Alerting services allow you to receive notifications of new publications by email or by RSS feed.

access to new articles from 32,116 journals.

You can set up JournalTOCs to send new tables of contents to you by email or using RSS feeds. In this task we will set up alerts using RSS feeds. However, if you would prefer to receive updates by email please see 'Keeping up to date (email)'.

In this task we will use JournalTOCs, a freely-available service providing

RSS Feeds

RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is technology that allows you to request new items that are added to your favourite ejournals, databases or web sites to be sent to you automatically.

You read the new items through a service called an 'RSS Feed Reader'. By using an RSS Feed Reader, you can see all the new items in your favourite ejournals and websites in one place. This saves you time as you no longer need to visit multiple journals and web sites regularly. However, you will need to check your RSS Feed Reader to read all the items that have been sent to you.

To use RSS feeds you need to register for an RSS Feed Reader. This is the service that you will use to read the incoming items. Many RSS Feed Readers are available. However, in this task we will be using the RSS Feed Reader **Feedly**.

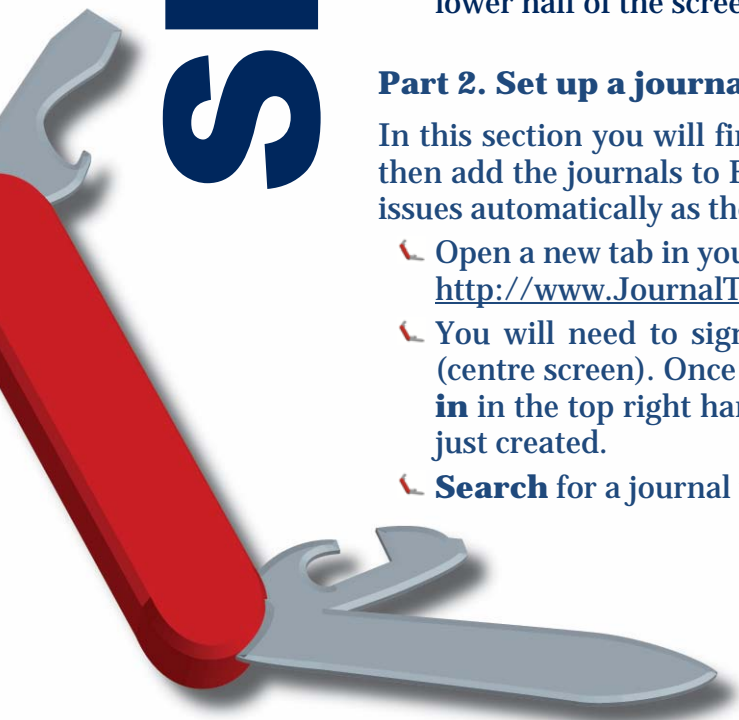
Part 1. Log in to Feedly feed reader

- ✎ Open up Firefox or Google Chrome.
- ✎ Go to <http://feedly.com/> and click **Log In** (top right). You can sign in to Feedly using your Google, Facebook, Twitter, Microsoft, Evernote or Enterprise account. Alternatively, if you prefer to create a dedicated Feedly account, click **Continue with Feedly**, followed by **New User? Sign up** and fill in your name and other details as prompted.
- ✎ You will see a search box in the centre and some suggested categories in the lower half of the screen. Ignore these and move to part 2.



Part 2. Set up a journal RSS feed

In this section you will find one or more journals in your subject area. You will then add the journals to Feedly so that you receive the tables of contents of new issues automatically as they are published.


- ✎ Open a new tab in your web browser and go to JournalTOCs at <http://www.JournalTOCs.ac.uk/>
- ✎ You will need to sign up for a free JournalTOCs account. Click **Sign up** (centre screen). Once you have signed up, confirm your email and click **sign in** in the top right hand corner. Enter the username and password you have just created.
- ✎ **Search** for a journal title of your choice.




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- ✎ Your search results will appear **beneath** the search box on the left (not in the centre of the screen). Click on a journal title to see the latest table of contents.
- ✎ To set up an RSS feed to receive future tables of contents for the journal automatically, **right click** on the  logo and select '**copy link location**' or '**copy shortcut**'. This will copy the URL of the feed to your clipboard.
- ✎ Return to **Feedly** and paste the URL into the search box. After a short pause, the name of the journal will appear beneath the search box. Click the title of the journal.
- ✎ Click **Follow**. You will be prompted to set up a 'feed' to add your journal title to. The 'feed' is like a folder to organise your journal articles.
- ✎ To add a new 'feed', click + **New Feed**. You will be able to add more journals to this feed if you wish. Give the feed an appropriate name (e.g. Journals) and click **Create**.
- ✎ Your new feed will appear on the left with your chosen journal below it. Click on the name of the journal to see the most recent table of contents. When a new issue of the journal is published, the new table of contents and article titles will appear here.
- ✎ Add some more journals from JournalTOCs to Feedly:
 - Return to JournalTOCs and search for a journal of your choice. As before right click on the  logo and copy the shortcut.
 - In Feedly, click the + **Add Content** button at the bottom left of the screen. This will pull up the search dialogue. Paste in the URL that you copied from JournalTOCs.
 - When you click **Follow**, you will be prompted to choose the feed you created earlier or to create a new feed. If you choose the feed you created earlier, it will add it to the same feed as the previous journal. If you prefer to set up a new feed, click + **New Feed**.

Part 3. Reading feeds

- ✎ In Feedly, click on one of the journals in the left hand column.
- ✎ Click on one of the individual articles to see more information. To read the full text of an article, click **visit website**. To save the article, email it to yourself or share it on social media, use the options at the top of the screen.
- ✎ Return to the full list of articles and scroll through them. At the bottom of the list you will see the button **Mark all as read**. If you click this, Feedly will not show you these articles again.
 - If you want to mark most of the articles as read but there are one or two that you'd like to keep, click on the read later icon  next to the relevant items. The saved items can be accessed by clicking **Read later** at the top of left of the screen.

Adding more feeds

- ✎ You can also use Feedly to subscribe to blogs or other websites. Look out for the  RSS icon which indicates that a feed is available. Even where you don't see the icon, you can often set up a subscription by adding the URL to Feedly.
- ✎ **Don't forget to check your Feedly regularly for new articles.**

