



How to subscribe to the TEA 10 Blog

If you are new to reading blogs and subscribing to them, you probably wonder what all the fuss is about and what all those acronyms mean. Do not let that daunt you. All you really need to know is that these new technologies will help you get the information you need without having to spend countless hours doing research.

So what is a blog and what purpose does it serve?

Blogs, or web logs, are online journals that are organized by date and topics. They are different than websites in their intent and format. They tend to be less commercially oriented and they contain mainly text that is frequently updated. The content of blogs varies from one blogger to another, but organizations are using them more and more to provide different information and insight to their customers.

Terminology

If you have been browsing blogs and websites in the last year, you might have seen the following icons **RSS** **XML** **RDF** next to words like 'Syndicate This Blog' in your recent visits. Here are some definitions for key terms you might encounter on your journey to reading blogs and subscribing to them.

RSS, or Really Simple Syndication, also sometimes called Rich Site Summary or RDF Site Summary, is an XML-based protocol that website owners can add to their sites to make them easier to scan quickly.

XML, or Extensible Markup Language, is a language that allows users to define tags to share various data across different information systems, including the Internet.

RDF, or Resource Discovery Framework, is a framework that helps applications exchange information on the Web.

RSS feed readers, or also sometimes called RSS aggregators, once installed will get the latest headlines of your favourite web sites periodically and let you read them comfortably and efficiently.

Now that you understand the basics, you are ready to start setting up an aggregator to collect your RSS feeds. There are many free RSS Feed Readers for Windows, Mac, Linux, Palm, and Pocket PC. The most popular is [Bloglines](#).

Installing a free RSS feed reader

Bloglines is the probably the easiest RSS feed reader to use and setting up the account is easy.

Step 1. Go to <http://www.bloglines.com/>, use the 'Sign up now. It's free!' link in the centre of the page.

Step 2. Enter the information required to create the account.

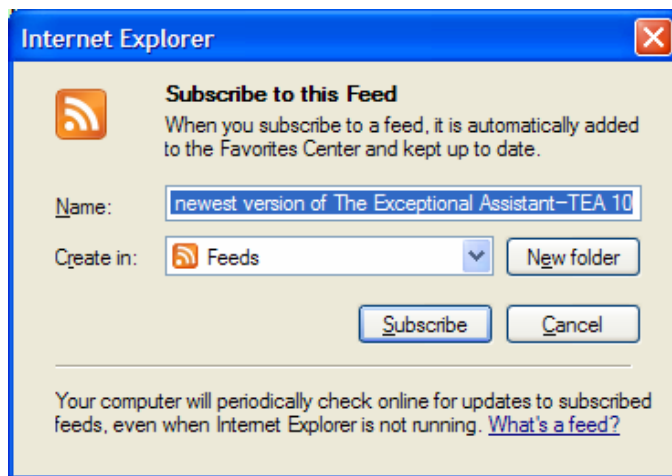
Step 3. Respond to the confirmation email.

You are now ready to go to the TEA 10 Blog at <http://teaten.blogspot.com/>. At the bottom of the page, click the Subscribe to: [Posts \(Atom\)](#) link. This will take you to a new page where you can click 'Subscribe to this feed'.

Another way to add your favourite news site or blog is to look for a little orange XML icon, telling you to "syndicate this site". Copy the feed's URL (it will usually end in .xml, .rdf or .rss), then click the 'Add' link in your Bloglines account and paste it into the subscribe line at top of the right hand window, and subscribe.

Internet Explorer Version 7

If you are using Internet Explorer version 7 and don't have an RSS Feed Reader set up, the following window will be displayed when you click 'Subscribe to this feed'. All you have to do is click the 'Subscribe' button and the site is automatically added to your IE7 Feeds folder.



Windows RSS reader

Bloglines and Internet Explorer version 7 are internet RSS Feed Readers, which means that you have to open a web browser to view your feeds. Another way to view your feeds without having to go to a web browser is to use a Windows RSS reader that gets installed to your desktop.

At a cost of \$29.95USD, which also includes 1 Year NewsGator Online Premium, FeedDemon (www.newsgator.com/Individuals/FeedDemon/Default.aspx) is the most popular Windows RSS reader. FeedDemon is a great way to view and manage your RSS feeds from your desktop, as easy to access as your email, and it synchronizes with the free version of NewsGator Online.

Commenting on the TEA 10 Blog

We want to hear from you and here's how. To comment on our posts, you will need to click the 'comments' link at the end of the post and Sign in with your Google Account. If you do not already have a free Google Account, go to www.google.com/accounts/NewAccount and create one. A Google Account lets you sign into Blogger and comment on the TEA 10 Blog. Not only is it free, but your Google Account also lets you access most other Google services (like Gmail and Groups) for free as well, if you wish.