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RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication. An RSS feed, also known as a news feed, is a **syndicated news feed** in an XML format to which you can subscribe. All EBSCO*host* databases and interfaces support RSS feeds for search alerts and journal alerts. RSS enabled alerts allow librarians and users to feed results from EBSCO*host* search alerts and journal alerts into their RSS readers and aggregators, as well as their web sites.

## What is a news feed reader?

A news feed reader, also known as a news aggregator, is software that lets you subscribe to RSS feeds.

## Why should I use a news feed reader?


Using an RSS feed reader allows you to be alerted when new articles on the topics you're interested in are available. Many feed readers will pop up a new window when new results become available. When you are alerted of new EBSCO*host* Search or Journal Alert results, you can click on a link that will take you directly to them.

## Where can I get an RSS feed reader?

There are many freeware and shareware readers available. To view a list of readers currently supported by EBSCO, for Search and Journal Alerts, please see this FAQ: [EBSCO-supported readers](#).

## How do I incorporate my EBSCO*host* Search and Journal alerts with my news feed reader?

You can use RSS to be notified when your EBSCO databases have been updated with results related to your search alert or journal alert. In the **E-mail Options** section, select the **No e-mail (RSS only)** option. After you create the alert, a confirmation message will display on-screen. Be sure to copy the alert's **Syndication Feed** link (URI) into your newsreader. An e-mail will also be sent when the alert is deleted.

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Database:	Academic Search Premier
Duration:	Six months
Search Strategy:	Global Warming
Frequency:	Daily
Syndicated Feed:	<a href="http://rss.ebscohost.com/AlertSyndicationService/Syndication.aspx/GetFeed?guid=1395">http://rss.ebscohost.com/AlertSyndicationService/Syndication.aspx/GetFeed?guid=1395</a>