

# Using Bloglines (or how to keep up with dozens of blogs every day)

I follow about 80 blogs on a regular basis. I read about 10 online news sites. I am following some Flickr sites and some Yahoo!discussion groups too. If I were to go to each of these sites every day, it would take up lots of time. Also, I might go to some blog and find that it is not updated. It would be good to have a service that keeps track of all our favourite blogs.

The developers of popular blog services started building features on their software that automatically generate something called an RSS feed. *(This file has information on the latest additions to the site's content and this file is usually stored in a format called XML. For example, click here to see [my blog's XML file.](#))*

Most blogs and increasingly news sites, search engines and other web services are publishing these RSS feeds. People also started building tools called aggregators (also known as Feedreaders and Newsreaders). Aggregators can collect RSS feeds from many sites and present the fresh content from these sites on a single page in a format that we can read.

One of the most popular aggregators today is Bloglines. Bloglines is web-based, you don't need to download any software to your computer. Just create an account on their website and subscribe to your favourite blogs. You can then follow your blogs from a Mac at home, a Windows PC at the office or a PDA at some airport.

This tutorial will show you how to sign up and subscribe to blogs with Bloglines. We will also show you some other interesting things you can do with Bloglines.