Tip Sheet

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How to use RSS Feeds

What is RSS?

RSS is a relatively new format used largely for publishing web content that is frequently changed. These 'feeds' are generally used to transmit things like news, updates, or blog postings to users. The thing that makes feeds really useful is that instead of going to all of the websites you like to check for updates, if you subscribe to their feed, the information will come to you instead. This is great, because when you start up your computer in the morning, you can have updates from your favourite websites just waiting there for you to read.

Where do you get feeds from?

You may have noticed on the new 'ARCHICADselect.com' website, a few of the pages have this RSS icon in the top right corner. This indicates that there is an RSS feed available for that page. From our website there are feeds available for news, content and the 'Tip of the Day'. Obviously, we recommend subscribing to all of ours, but there are plenty of other News and Business related websites which have feeds for their content. Just look for the orange RSS icon somewhere on the page or in your address bar.

How do you subscribe to a feed?

There are a variety of different methods to subscribe to a feed. Following is a description of how to do it in several common feed readers.

Microsoft Internet Explorer 7(Windows only) – *Note that this only applies to version 7. Previous versions do not support RSS feeds.*

1. Login to ARCHICADselect.com, and go to the page whose feed you want to subscribe to.
2. Click on the RSS button, or this button in the toolbar:
3. A preview of the feed will then open. If you decide you want to subscribe to it, click the Subscribe to this feed button.
4. Give it a name, and hit the 'Subscribe' button.
5. You can access your feeds by clicking on the favourites button, and then 'Feeds'.

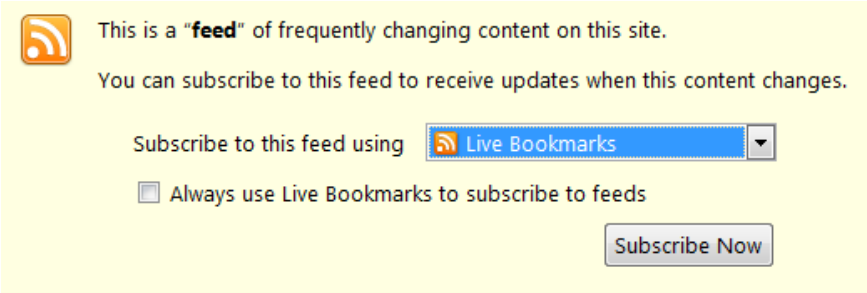
Safari(OSX Only)

1. Login to ARCHICADselect.com, and go to the page whose feed you want to subscribe to.
2. Click on the RSS button, or this RSS button in the address bar.
3. The feed view will then open up. Add a bookmark to this by clicking on the 'Bookmarks' menu, and 'Add Bookmark'.
4. Give it a name and hit 'Add'.
5. You can access your feeds from the bookmarks menu.

Firefox(Cross-platform)

1. Login to ARCHICADselect.com, and go to the page whose feed you want to subscribe to.
2. Click on the RSS button, or this button in the address bar.

3. The feed view will come up with this section at the top:



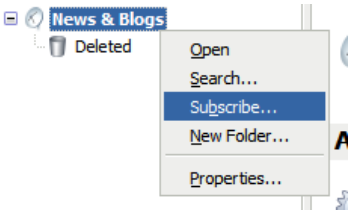
4. Firefox knows about other RSS capable programs on your system, so if you want, you can change the dropdown menu to something else. However, in this case, we want to use Firefox itself, so just leave it on 'Live Bookmarks', and hit 'Subscribe Now'.
5. Give it a name and hit 'OK'.
6. You can access your feeds from the bookmarks menu.

Microsoft Outlook 2007(Windows only) – *Note that this only applies to version 2007. Previous versions do not support RSS feeds.*

1. Login to ARCHICADselect.com, and go to the page whose feed you want to subscribe to.
2. Right-click on the RSS icon, and hit 'Copy Shortcut' (Internet explorer), or 'Copy link location'(Firefox).
3. Right-click on the RSS Feeds folder in Outlook, and hit 'Add a new RSS feed'.
4. Paste in the previously copied URL by hitting Control + V on your keyboard, and then hit the 'Add' button, and then click 'Yes'.
5. You can access your feeds in Outlook by opening the RSS Feeds folder.

Mail(OSX only) – *Note that this only applies to Mail in OSX 10.5. Previous versions do not support RSS feeds.*

1. Login to ARCHICADselect.com, and go to the page whose feed you want to subscribe to.
2. Right-click on the RSS icon, and hit 'Copy Link' (Safari), or 'Copy link location'(Firefox).
3. In Mail, hit the plus(+) button on the bottom right, and choose 'Add RSS Feeds'.
4. Choose 'Specify a custom feed URL', and then hit Command + V to paste in the previously copied URL, and hit 'Add'
5. You can now access your feeds from the 'RSS' folder in Mail.

Thunderbird Mail(Cross-platform)

1. Login to ARCHICADselect.com, and go to the page whose feed you want to subscribe to.
2. Right-click on the RSS icon, and hit 'Copy Shortcut' (Internet Explorer), 'Copy Link'(Safari), or 'Copy link location'(Firefox).
3. Right-click on your news account in Thunderbird, and hit 'Subscribe'
4. Hit the 'Add' button, and then hit Control + V(Windows), or Command + V(OSX) to paste in the previously copied URL, and then hit 'OK' and close the 'RSS Subscriptions' dialog.
5. Your feeds will now show up in your News folder in Thunderbird.