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How to Set Up Google Reader

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If you like keeping track of websites which are constantly changing their information (such as blogs and news sites), you might be interested in being notified when the site updates its content.

Usually publishers of dynamic websites will allow you to "subscribe" to updates in one of two ways. One is via email updates, the other via [1] [RSS](#) (colloquially called "Really Simple Syndication").

If you're like me, my inbox is littered with spam and is a hive of activity, so I'm loathe to subscribe to even more email, and there's always the risk of landing on a spammers data base.

Which is why I like the RSS option. Anytime my favourite blogs or websites update I can view the updates at a convenient time in my RSS feed reader.

There are numerous feed readers available for use, and I don't intend to cover the options here. I use [2] [Google Reader](#) and have been really happy with it. It also appears to be the [3] [most popular](#).

What I like about Google Reader is:

- it's web based (so you can access it from different computers)
- you can set up different folders
- you can star items for later use or to revisit
- you can view items in list view (so you can see just the titles and read what seems important or interesting first)
- you can view old items
- the [4] [search](#) facility is great
- it's simple to add a new subscription

Google Reader is pretty easy to set up. I've outlined the steps below, with the assumption that the reader does not already have a Google account.

Navigate to [5] [Google](#) home page. At the top left of the screen you will see some options. Click on the "more" button and select "Reader".



Look for the sign in box and click on the "create an account now"

Sign in with your
Google Account

Email:

Password:

Remember me on this computer.

[I cannot access my account](#)

Click here

Don't have a Google Account?
[Create an account now](#)

This is **NOT** creating a gmail account. You can use any existing email account, and this will also allow you to access a range of other [6] [Google services](#).

Google Accounts Create a Google Account

Create an Account

If you already have a Google Account, you can [sign in here](#).

Required information for Google account

Your current email address:
e.g. myname@example.com. This will be used to sign-in to your account.

Choose a password: **Password strength: Strong**
Minimum of 8 characters in length.

Re-enter password:

Remember me on this computer.

Creating a Google Account will enable Web History. Web History is a feature that will provide you with a more personalized experience on Google that includes more relevant search results and recommendations. [Learn More](#)

Enable Web History.

The next screen tells you that Google has sent you an email with a verification link. Look for that email and click on the link. You will be taken to a new screen which says your email address has been verified. Click on the link to manage your account profile.



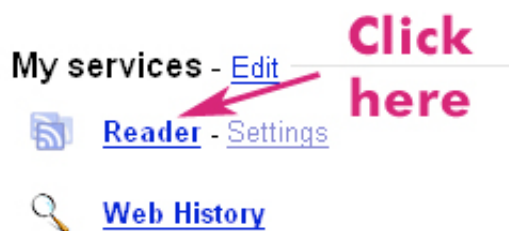
Google Accounts

Email Address Verified

Thank you for verifying your Google account. Your account is now activated.

You can also [click here to manage your account profile](#).

Look for the section on the right that says "My Services". Reader should be listed there. Click on the link.



Congratulations! You have now signed up for Google Reader. Next - [7] [How to Add New Feeds to Google Reader](#).

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[2] Google Reader: <http://www.google.com/reader>

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