


DIGIMAKER 6.0



Digimaker 6.0 How to guides

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1.1 How to Register a New RSS Feed

The RSS Feed module makes use of the RSS feed feature to automatically collect news from third party news sites. **RSS** is 'Rich Site Summary' or 'Really Simple Syndication'. Syndication is sharing of content among websites. **RSS** feeds are composed in **XML** which can be easily parsed to dynamically create web pages. Each item in the feed consists of a headline, article summary and link back to the article.

RSS Feed allows you to provide fresh and up-to-date news in the website continuously. Collected news can be converted into articles and published under a menu group on your website. This allows the user to easily locate information and also read only those articles of interest by scanning the headlines.

Step 1: To create a new RSS Feed, select **Content** from the **main tab menu** and in the **Workspace** area click on **Add new Feed**.



Figure 1: Add RSS Feed Icon

In the **Content submenu** position when you mouse over the **RSS Feed** menu item. A menu will then appear. Choose **Add new Feed**.

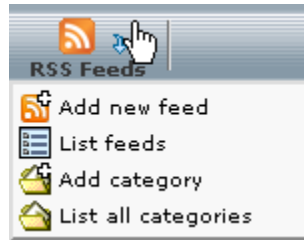



Figure 2: Add new Feed – Content Submenu

Clicking the  icon next to the **RSS Feed** element in **Content Explorer** displays a pop-up menu. Choose **Add new Feed**.

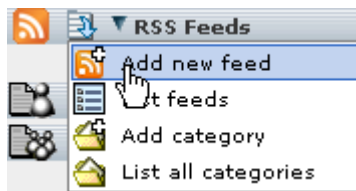


Figure 3: Add New Feed - Content Explorer

Step 2: The **Add new Feed** screen is divided into two parts – **General Properties** and **Retrieval Properties** (Figure 4: Add new Feed)

General

General Properties

Feed name *

URL *

Placement *

Publishing security

Publish in these menu items *

"Read more"-text

Retrieval Properties

Retrieval frequency (minutes)


Source signature

Number of items to keep in list

Figure 4: Add new Feed

General Properties

Feed Name allows you to type the name of the RSS Feed. This is the name that will be shown in the Feed list in **Content Explorer**. An Example of Feed name is CNN.

URL This URL needs to be an RSS URL. On the news page that you want to collect your news from, look for this icon:  Normally, clicking on this icon takes you to a page where you will find different RSS URLs, depending on what type of news you are interested in. Example of an RSS Feed URL: http://rss.cnn.com/rss/cnn_topstories.rss

Placement By clicking on **Change Placement** a pop-up dialog will be displayed which allows you to choose which category you want to place the **RSS Feed** into.



Figure 5: Select Location pop-up window

Publishing Security

- **Publish articles manually** provides you with the total control over what news are being published on your website. In order to publish any articles you need to enter the RSS Feed (via **Content Explorer** or one of the shortcuts/pop-up menus), There, you simply click the checkboxes of the news you want to publish and then click **Apply**.
- **Publish articles automatically** All news from the RSS Feed is published automatically on your website. You may, however, remove them as you wish.
- **Publish in these menu items** By clicking **Select** a pop-up window will be displayed. By selecting location you can select which menu group news found by the Feed is transferred to (published in).
- **Read more text** Type the text for the link taking the user to the original article. This link is placed under the summary automatically collected by the Feed. For example, if the summary is for an article collected from Business Today, this link takes the user to the original article in Business Today. Often used text is simply: "Read more".

Retrieval Properties

- **Retrieval interval (minutes)** allows you to choose how often you want the Feed to search for fresh news.
- **Source signature** allows you to choose between showing the Feeds logo as a Gif, as plane text or No signature.
- **Number of items to keep in list** will show you only the selected number of articles from the total number of extracted articles from the RSS Feed.

Step 3: Click on **save** to save the RSS Feed.