

## Blackboard Training – Adding RSS feeds to a Blackboard course

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To create an RSS feed in Blackboard (tip thanks to Ralf Burbach):



1. Go to the website with the required RSS feed (e.g. [www.irishtimes.com](http://www.irishtimes.com)), find the RSS feed and copy it (e.g. <http://rss.feedsportal.com/c/851/f/10841/index.rss>).

RSS newsfeed for Breaking Business news from the *Irish Times*



2. Go to <http://rssxpress.ukoln.ac.uk/lite/include/?t=1>, paste the RSS feed and click Get Script. Copy the script that is created.
3. In **Mozilla Firefox**, log in to Blackboard. In the Control Panel, go to a content area. Add a new item. Paste in the script, and choose the HTML tab (at the bottom). The RSS feed should now be viewable (both in Firefox and Internet Explorer).

### Add Content

**1 Content Information**

**Name:**    
or specify your own name:   
**Choose Color of Name:**

**Text:**

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<script  
src="http://rssxpress.ukoln.ac.uk/lite/viewer/?rss=http%3A  
<noscript> <a  
href="http://rssxpress.ukoln.ac.uk/lite/viewer/?rss=http%3A  
</a> </noscript>
```

Paste the script here

Select the HTML tab

Smart Text  Plain Text  HTML

(If accessing through Internet Explorer, you probably get a different dialog box when adding an item; you can add the script by pasting it in the HTML dialog box; it will display the RSS feed but will include some lines of irrelevant text at the beginning.)

For more information on using RSS in education, see Educause's two page overview:

*7 things you should know about RSS* (<http://net.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/ELI7024.pdf>)