How to subscribe to the course blog

By subscribing to the course blog, you will be automatically informed of most (many?) important dates and events (like tests, special activities, homework, and so on) from my class without having to remember to go to the website everyday.

RSS

RSS stands for "Really Simple Syndication." It's a program (net-based) that allows you to receive up-to-date information from sites in one spot, where you can then read them on your own time. Many times, a blog's RSS is simply called a "feed." A feed comes to your mailbox when the blog has new stuff to give you. It is like an online magazine subscription.

RSS Reader

An RSS reader is where you go to read your feeds. A popular one is <u>Google Reader</u>. If you already have a <u>Gmail</u> account, use Google Reader, because your account is already set up and ready to go.

If you don't want to set up an account at a feed reader, you can also have blog updates sent to your e-mail. This is so very easy.

On the BLOG page of the class website, right-hand side, below 'Categories' is the link "RSS Feed" with a little orange symbol with three diagonal stripes to its left. Click on this link and follow the one step direction to set up your automatic RSS feed to your email of choice.

My website Blogs are easy to subscribe to. You'll see the little button that say 'RSS', and you click on that to take you through the steps.

If in doubt, you can always copy the blog's URL and paste it in your reader.

Why should I bother subscribing?

Subscribing makes your life simpler because:

1. It saves you time. Instead of you going to the website to find out if I have posted information, news comes to you automatically – at least a notification of news and events (homework, assignments, test dates, special events, and so on), they come to you. Notifications only come to you when I have something new to share with you.

2. It saves you mental energy. You don't have to remember to visit the class site, – at least SOME of it comes to you automatically!