# **Working with RSS**

RSS is generally used to notify others of the latest news and updates to a site. Confluence reads incoming RSS and creates outgoing RSS. It allows you to stay informed of the latest current affairs of others and allows you to tell them of your own.

## **Displaying RSS from other sites**

If another site publishes an RSS feed, you can include its contents in a Confluence page by including the 'RSS' macro in the page.

E.g. Here is the macro code for displaying an RSS feed published by the BBC:

 $\{ \tt rss:url=[http://www.bbc.co.uk/syndication/feeds/news/ukfs\_news/world/rss091.xml] | max=5 \}$ 

The above code gives the following output:

Could not retain http://www.bbc.co.uk/syndication/feeds/news/ukfs\_news/world/rss091.xml - Page not found.

i) Did the above feed display an error message? Your Confluence administrator needs to enable the RSS feed macro, and to add the BBC to the whitelist of allowed URLs.

### Subscribing to Confluence updates via RSS

Confluence also produces RSS that you can subscribe to (using an RSS Newsreader) in order to receive notifications of new or updated content on your Confluence site.

Confluence automatically generates RSS feeds for

- New blog posts
- New pages
- Updated pages
- New comments

There are two easy ways to subscribe to Confluence's RSS feeds:

- Confluence provides a number of pre-defined RSS feeds for each space. You can find these by selecting 'Browse', 'Advanced', 'RSS'.
- An RSS Feed Builder is also available, should you wish to create a custom feed. Please see the documentation for details.

In Confluence, you can both display and subscribe to RSS feeds.

#### **Displaying RSS Feeds**

By embedding outside RSS feeds into your Confluence pages, you can automatically display the latest news from sources outside Confluence.

#### Subscribing to RSS Feeds

By subscribing to RSS feeds generated by Confluence, you can stay automatically informed of changes and updates going on within your Confluence site.

At left is a quick introduction to the use of RSS in Confluence. For more information please visit the documentation.