

## Exercise #5

### Finding RSS Feeds and Blogs

In this exercise you will use some of the most useful RSS/Blog search sites to locate RSS feeds. You may also practice subscribing to them using your Bloglines account.

#### Instructions:

1. Open a new browser window (**CTRL+N**) and keep Bloglines in one window.
2. Use the search tools specified to locate RSS feeds or blogs to answer the questions.
3. To subscribe, in Bloglines click **My Feeds**, then **Add New**. This will give you the **Subscribe** button and box where you will paste the URL of the feed. Then click **Subscribe** and click **Subscribe** again on the next screen.

#### A. Use Google Basic search (google.com) to answer ONE of these questions:

1. Can I subscribe to a feed from the US Census Bureau for their "Tip Sheets"?  
*Search suggestion:* site:census.gov "tip sheets" rss
  - To SUBSCRIBE: Click on [Releases: Tip Sheets Archives](#). Right click on the orange XML button **XML**, click **Copy shortcut**, go to Bloglines and paste (**CTRL+V**) what you copied into the Subscribe box in Bloglines.
2. I want to find reports from bloggers who attended the Internet Librarian 2005 conference in Monterey.  
*Search suggestion:* "internet librarian" 2005 blog
  - To SUBSCRIBE: Go to the blog, find its RSS feed link or button, and copy and paste it into Bloglines. Click **Subscribe**, then **Subscribe** again.

#### B. Use MSN Search and its feed: limiter to answer this question:

I would like to locate a few feeds to subscribe to with reviews of digital cameras.

*Search suggestion:* feed:"digital cameras" intitle:reviews

- To SUBSCRIBE: Some of the results link directly to feeds. Other link to web pages which offer ways to subscribe to the feeds. You will have to click on the page titles and see. If you get a screen of XML code, the URL of the page in the address box is what you copy (**CTRL+C**), and go to Bloglines and paste (**CTRL+V**) into the **Subscribe** box in Bloglines. If you see a page of instructions, try to do what they say. Ask questions in class.

**OVER**

**C. Use Yahoo Advanced Search RSS/XML File Format limiter to answer this question:**

I want to find blogs with feeds where I can read news about/by Native Americans.

*Search suggestion using Yahoo Adv. Search (search.yahoo.com/web/advanced):*

"native american" OR "american indian" news

Select **File Format RSS/XML (xml)**

- To SUBSCRIBE you have some choices:
  - Click on the title of a page (usually a blog) and find the feed button
  - In the Yahoo search results, click on View as XML. and then copy the URL from the Address/Location bar at the top and paste it into the **Subscribe** box at Bloglines. Click **Subscribe**, then **Subscribe** again.