External Feeds

Overview

This feature is meant to be able to import external RSS feeds into your Tiki Articles.

To Access and Create Feeds

1. Ensure the articles feature is enabled.
2. In the Admin menu, click on **Admin -> External Feeds** or go to **tiki-admin_rssmodules.php**
3. Click on the "Create Feed" Tab and fill in the form. The URL should be the URL of the RSS feed that you want to import.
4. Once your feed is created, you must enable the article generator.
   1. To do this, go to the External Feeds tab, hover over the admin options and find the "Article Generator" link.
   2. In the article generator tab, select "Enable" then save by clicking "Configure"
   3. You can also do neat stuff on this tab, like set topic or article types depending on the feed tags.
5. Once you've changed your settings to enable the article generator, you must "Clear Cache", which is a feed admin option (hover over the wrench).
6. Then, clicking "Refresh" will generate the Tiki Articles for you.

Linking Generated Articles to a Tracker Item

Articles by default come with a standard set of features and in certain cases you may want the flexibility to expand on those features. The way to do this is to link articles to a trackeritem. That way, you can add new fields to the articles, which adds a ton of flexibility to your site (e.g. If you want to add a ratings field, an additional text area or any other tracker field).

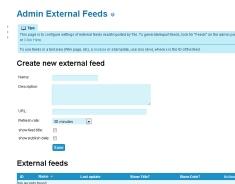The way to do this is fairly straightforward:

1. Enable the Trackers feature and the "Articles" tracker field (if not already turned on).
2. Create a tracker with, at minimum, an "Articles" field (you can also add any other fields you may want).
3. Go to the Admin Feeds page. In the Admin menu, click on **Admin -> Control Panel ->Feeds** or go to **tiki-admin.php?page=rss**
4. In the Incoming Feeds tab, enable "Tracker for Articles" and select your newly created tracker in "Tracker Id of tracker for articles".

Once this is done, your External Feeds will also create a corresponding trackeritem that will be linked to the newly-generated article.

To check if this worked, go to your Articles List.

Note

To generate/export feeds, see Feeds

Setting	Description	Default
Create New External Feeds		
Name	Name of Feed	
Description	Description of feed	
URL	Feed URL	Value
Refresh rate	Select frequency of feed refresh	30 minutes
Show feed title	Enables the Show feed title feature	Disabled
Show publish date	Enables the show publish date feature	Disabled
External Feeds List	Display and manage external feeds	
Delete	Click the X icon to delete the associated feed	
Edit	Click the Edit icon to modify the associated feed	
View Feed	Click the View Feed icon to view the associated feed	
Refresh	Click the refresh icon to refresh the associated feed	