Alerts. Stay informed about new journal articles!

Introduction
Staff and students of the VU University can be alerted when new issues of electronic journals appear in their discipline. The University Library offers a list on its website [www.ub.vu.nl](http://www.ub.vu.nl) in which journals and resources can be searched. In this handout we’ll let you know how you can find this list and how you can make an alert.

How can I find the list of e-journals and resources?
- Go to the website of the University Library: [www.ub.vu.nl](http://www.ub.vu.nl)
- Select e-journals
- Click on GO!

How can I find digital journals in my discipline?
- Click on Academic discipline,
- Select a category and subcategory under Collections per academic discipline,
- Click on e-journals.

The result will be a list of journals. Clicking the button shows which journals have limited access (only consulted on the university campus and at home with VU-net-id). Titles with status open access can be consulted anywhere.

The option **Refine My Results** provides the possibility to refine your search by access, faculties, academic disciplines and Dutch Basic Classification.
How do I create a journal alert?
Many new editions of online journals offer a so-called RSS-feed (= Really Simple Syndication). You can identify them by one the following symbols:

The RSS-feed indicates that new content has been added to one specific web page. You can read the exact content by using an RSS FeedReader such as Netvibes or Google Reader. An RSS FeedReader is a web page which gives you an overview of all RSS-feeds. In this case of journals you want to be alerted to when a new issue is published.

You can put an RSS-feed in the RSS FeedReader in the following way:

1. Search via www.ub.vu.nl > e-Journals for the journal
2. Right-click with your mouse on the RSS-icon and choose “Copy” on the RSS-icon and choose “copy shortcut”
3. Sign on with an RSS Reader, e.g. Netvibes, or use the Feeds list in Internet Explorer (located under “Favourites”).

Netvibes is just an example, there are many RSS readers which can be found on the Internet, such as: Digg, Feedly, Online RSS, Flipboard, Zite.

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Netvibes
• Go to www.netvibes.com and register.
• Click on “Add contents” on the top left hand side of the screen.
• Next click on “Add feed”. Paste the copied shortcut in “Enter the feed address...”.

An image of the feed you made will appear. You can drag it down to an overview page with the mouse.

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