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**Following blogs** (using RSS feeds)

Workbook

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**If you are used to following blogs that interest you, you might want to know how to add blogs from our service to your feed. Read on for more information.**

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## 1. Finding a blogs.ed.ac.uk RSS feed URL

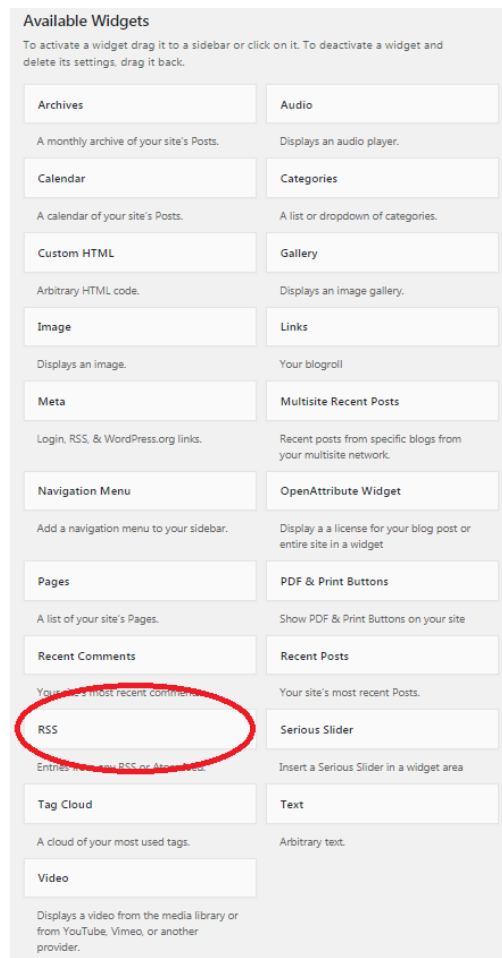
For any WordPress generated blog, all you have to do to get the RSS url is add **/feed/** at the end of the web address. For instance, if your blog's url is 'edinburghuniversity.blog.ed.ac.uk', your RSS feed url would be '**edinburghuniversity.blog.ed.ac.uk/feed/**'.

If you wish to curate your blogs of interest to one place, consider using tools like Feedly or Inoreader. These platforms enable you to get constant updates and find them all in one place.

## 2. Adding an RSS feed to your blog

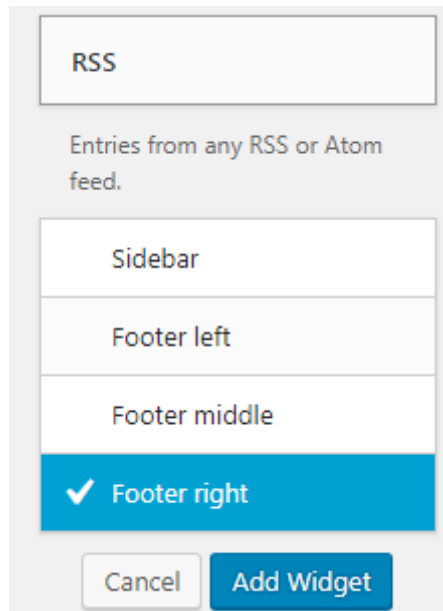
These are the steps to follow if you wish to add a feed to your blog:

1. Log into your blog via [blogs.ed.ac.uk](https://blogs.ed.ac.uk)
2. Go to **Appearance** via the sidebar and click on **Widgets**.
3. In the **Available Widgets** section, you will see a choice of widgets. Click on **RSS** to add a feed.



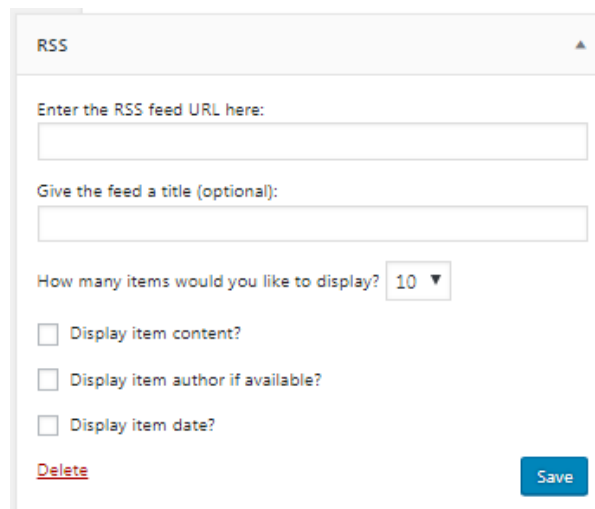
4. A drop-down list will appear asking you to pick where this feed will appear. Pick either **Sidebar**, **Footer left**, **Footer middle** or **Footer right** then click **Add Widget**.

Please note: the possibility to place your RSS feed might exist or not depending on your active theme.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "RSS" with the subtitle "Entries from any RSS or Atom feed." Below the subtitle is a list of four options: "Sidebar", "Footer left", "Footer middle", and "Footer right". The "Footer right" option is selected, indicated by a checkmark and a blue background. At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Add Widget".

5. A widget option box will automatically appear. It will ask you to enter the **RSS feed URL** and optionally add a title for the feed. Once you have added the URL, click **Save**.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "RSS" with a close button in the top right corner. It contains the following fields and options:

- "Enter the RSS feed URL here:" followed by a text input field.
- "Give the feed a title (optional):" followed by a text input field.
- "How many items would you like to display?" followed by a dropdown menu set to "10".
- Three checkboxes:
  - Display item content?
  - Display item author if available?
  - Display item date?
- A "Delete" link in red text at the bottom left.
- A "Save" button in blue at the bottom right.

6. Click on **Done** to close the widget box.
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