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Getting Started

This section will introduce you to the manual and some useful tips that you will use while reading the manual.
Introduction

This documentation is to enable users on how to effectively use the IFTTT web application for Wikipedia with relative ease. Since this RSS extension was written by Alangi Derick, under the mentorship of Stephen LaPorte, Lydia Pintscher, Benedikt Seidl and Marius Hoch, during the GSoC 2016 session under the Wikimedia Foundation, there hasn't yet been any formal documentation on how to use it, which of course makes the usability aspect of this feature a bit tough for users. The following topics below will explain in detail, the requirements needed to explore this feature of the application, how to use the feature, where to send feedback on improving the feature, conclusion and some references.
Help tips used in the document

* This will show some important information about the respective topic explain in the document and should be taken note of when reading this document.

! This means very important or pre-cautious that you should take note of, it might not be advisable to do or when doing it, you should be very careful not to miss any steps.
Requirements

In this section, all the requirements necessary for the usability of the RSS feature of the Wikipedia IFTTT web application will be mentioned with a brief description of them and what they are used for.

⚠️ You must have all the necessary softwares installed and follow the steps below strictly in order for you to obtain expected results. If you miss a step, just try to start back from the beginning and with time, you will succeed in setting this up.
Softwares

Assuming you already have a computer with you and a good internet connection (pre-requisites), below are the following softwares you need in order to fully explore this feature.

- **Web Browser**: A piece of software used to surf the web. There are various browsers that you can use like; Google Chrome, Safari, Mozilla Firefox etc… In my case, I am using the Google Chrome web browser.

  ![Google Chrome Browser](image1)

- **RSS Feed Reader**: This piece of software will enable you to track all your RSS feed subscription and you will also use it to read all the updates that are available. In my case, I am using a MacBook Pro and running Mac OS X El Capitan. I am using Vienna as my feed reader and there is also Life Rea feed reader that I have used in Ubuntu 14.04 on a Dell computer. There are many other RSS feed readers out there that you can download and use. Below is a screen shot of my RSS feed reader.

  ![RSS Feed Reader](image2)
"Diamonds" is a song recorded by Barbadian singer Rihanna (pictured), digitally released on September 27, 2012, from her seventh studio album, Unapologetic. The song was written and produced by Benny Blanco and Stargate and co-written by Sia Furler. A mid-tempo electronic and pop ballad, it features heavy synthsizers, orchestral sounds and electronic rhythms. "Diamonds" topped music charts in over twenty countries, including the United States, where it became Rihanna's twelfth number one single on the Billboard Hot 100, tying her for fifth place for total number one singles on that chart with Madonna and The Supremes. The song was certified five-times platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America. By May 2013, it had sold over 7.5 million copies worldwide, becoming one of the best-selling singles of all time. The song's music video was praised by critics for its imagery, depicting Rihanna in scenes representing the elements of earth, air, water and fire. The singer performed "Diamonds" on television shows
How to Use

This section will give a step-step approach on how to access the RSS feeds in the web browser, subscribe to a feed reader and receive updates and delete subscriptions in case not needed. I will use Vienna as the RSS feed reader in this case but most of the interfaces of the feed readers are similar and function also in a similar manner, meaning you can use any and it will still work.

* Follow the steps listed below very carefully so you can have expected results.
Accessing the RSS feeds in web browser

- Open your web browser (in my case Google Chrome).

- Wait for a few seconds and a page will open similar to the one below
RSS subscription in a feed reader

1. Open up Vienna or any RSS feed reader of your choice.

![RSS feed reader interface](image1)

2. Subscribe to a particular feed by clicking on a + icon in the feed reader.

![Subscribing to a feed](image2)

3. A small dialog box will pop-up for you to add a URL for your subscription.
4. Go back to the Google Chrome Window and click on the first RSS Icon for Article of the Day (for this example but you can click on anyone).
5. After clicking on it, wait for a few seconds and you will have a page like the one below with XML data. If you have this, then you are on the right track else, you can check which step you missed.

![XML Data](image)

6. On the address bar of this page, copy the link which is like this: “http://tools.wmflabs.org/ifttt-testing/ifttt/v1/triggers/article_of_the_day?lang=en” and switch back to your feed reader.
7. Switch back to the RSS feed reader and paste the link you copied into the subscription dialog that popped up in step 3 above. After this, hit the Subscribe button.
8. After the step 7 above, you will see a screen like the one below. If yours is similar to it, then you have successfully subscribed to the article of the day feed.
9. To view any of the feed’s content, just click on it and the content will appear below as such;

10. To update or refresh the list of feeds the next day to view the article of the next day (in the case of article of the day), just hit the refresh button to get the latest updates.
Feedback

In case you find something in this document which is lacking or unclear, please feel free to send an email to; alangiderick@gmail.com or leave a comment under the section in which you want to give feedback about. Manula has a functionality that users/readers can directly leave comments under a portion of the manual for improvements.

If you try any of the steps and did not get the expected output as in the document, there must be a problem somewhere. So you can report the problem you found or noticed in any of the steps in the documentation to the following email addresses; alangiderick@gmail.com while Ccing slaporte@wikimedia.org, lydia.pintscher@wikimedia.de and any of us will get back to you as soon as possible and resolve the problem. You can as well leave a comment under this section if in case you are reading from Manula and I will see into resolving your problem.
Conclusion

Considering that you read this manual from the first page up till this point, you now know the basics on how to use RSS technology together with IFTTT in order to get updates from the Wikipedia IFTTT channel on IFTTT. If in case you did not understand any step or a part of the documentation was unclear, it will be good to give us some feedback so we can improve the document to make it easy for users to understand all the content of the document more easily. Just go the feedback section of this document and read again how to give us feedback and make your feedback and we shall revise the document and make the necessary improvements.
References
