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Manage your search results – time saving tools
What we’re aiming to achieve today...

• Understand how alerting tools can be part of your search for information

• How to make use of alerting tools

• Plan your own approach to using these tools
In pairs:

How do you keep up to date with the latest research in your area?/with things you are interested in?
Current awareness...

Over the course of a research project, new relevant material will be published.

Alerts can help with keeping up-to date.

Many databases have alerts as an option.

...keeping up to date
Tools

- Browser: Favourites or bookmarking
- Email alerts
- RSS
- Table of Contents (ToC) alerts
- Social media e.g. #tags on Twitter
- Reference managers e.g. Mendeley
Tools – Favourites or Bookmarking

Frequently visited websites saved in your web browser. This example uses Chrome.

Browser add ons e.g. OA button, Mendeley and EndNote.
Tools – Email alerts
# Tools - RSS feed readers

Examples of RSS feed readers

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<td>Yes</td>
<td>No official app; provide list of apps that support</td>
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<td>No, desktop for Windows and Mac</td>
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- Stay informed
- Save time
- Requires one rather multiple accounts
Tools – RSS feed reader

Example of RSS feeds collated in Feedly.
Birkbeck has three repositories, accessible via the eLibrary:

- **BIROn** – research, usually in the form of journal articles
- **ORBIT** – PhD theses submitted from 2012
- **BiRD** – research data, usually that accompanies the articles in BIROn
Tools – Table of Contents alerts

- **JournalTOCs** – where researchers keep up to date
  [http://www.journaltocs.hw.ac.uk/](http://www.journaltocs.hw.ac.uk/)

- **Zetoc** - The monitoring and search service for global research publications
  [http://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/](http://zetoc.jisc.ac.uk/)
Tools – Twitter

• Curate your Twitter network to your discipline/area of research

• See LSE Impact Blog post for ideas on academic tweeters in different disciplines

• Search Twitter by #tag e.g. #geology #geologist #earthscience

• Search for publishers or journals e.g. Nature
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Start receiving recommendations
Activity

Use the handout to try out some of these alerting options.

Remember you don’t need to use all of them. Use what works for you.
Alerting tools - summary

These tools are designed to:

• Help keep you up to date with research in your discipline

• Save time

• You don’t need to use all of them!
Further guidance

Library Help
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