News Feed

If you enable blog posts in your viewport, your viewport creates an RSS newsfeed that the readers of your blog can subscribe to. The feed is in the Atom Syndication Format and its URL is `<your-viewport-url>/atom.xml`.

There is no setting to stop Viewport from generating the RSS feed.

Customizing the RSS feed

Because feed entries are rendered using the viewport template, you can customize your RSS feed entries' content and summary fields using template files in your Scroll Viewport theme.

The template for the content must be named `blog-feed.vm` and the template for the summary must be called `blog-summary-feed.vm`. They must be located in the root directory of your theme. The content field usually either contains or links to the blog post in question and the summary field is intended for a short abstract or excerpt of the post.

Template code examples

To output the entire blog post in the RSS content field, use the following code in the `blog-feed.vm` template:

```
blog-feed.vm

$page.content
```

If you use the following code in the `blog-summary-feed.vm` file:

```
blog-summary-feed.vm

#set($excerptHtml = $page.excerptAsHtml)
#if($excerptHtml)
  $excerptHtml
#else
  $page.getDescription(150)
#end
```

the summary field will contain the excerpt of the blog post (if it has one), otherwise the first 150 characters of the post's text.

You can customize the title of the feed by placing a page property named "viewportFeedTitle" on the home page of the space. Scroll Viewport will then use the content of that page property as the feed title.

RSS newfeed features

- RSS feed dates are based on the blog post's original publishing date instead of its last modification date. This means RSS readers won't suddenly display an old post at the top where someone recently fixed a typo.
- The feed is always rendered as seen by an anonymous (logged-out) user, so it will never contain any restricted blog posts, regardless of whether you're logged into Confluence or not.