Mystery Topic
Staying Informed

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My Personal Requirements

- Has to be “push”
- Can’t require a live connection
- Can’t be extra work or process
Staying Informed—How I Do It

- Browser environment
- RSS feeds, elists
- Web/news alerts
- Conferences
- Publications

My Browser Environment

Tabbed browser

+ Multiple home pages
RSS

- Really Simple Syndication?
- Rich Site Summary?
- RDF Site Summary? (RDF = Resource Description Framework)
Who Cares!

- http://www.dartmouth.edu/~newscenter/ncrss.shtml

What Does It Do?

- “Pushes” changes in web pages, including blogs
- Information about changes read via
  - “Readers”
  - Browsers
  - Email
Newsgator

- Both a reader and push-to-email
- I get 221 feeds and > 2,000 posts/day
- Posts → POP3 email client → filtered and categorized

Recommended Feeds

- Slashdot
- Digg (CmdrTaco)
- Ray Kurzweil: [http://www.kurzweilai.net/](http://www.kurzweilai.net/)
- Peter Scott: [http://xrefer.blogspot.com/peter.html](http://xrefer.blogspot.com/peter.html)
- Reuters
Recommended Feeds, cont’d

- Meredith Farkas:  
  [http://wired.com/](http://wired.com/)  
  [http://www.cnet.com/](http://www.cnet.com/): anything from CNet, including  
  – David Coursey  
- Tim O’Reilly:  

Recommended Feeds, cont’d

- Librarians’ Internet Index:  
  [http://lii.org/](http://lii.org/)  
- [http://techessence.info/](http://techessence.info/)
Web/News Alerts

Conferences

- Access (Canada)
- Code4Lib
- LITA
- Computers in Libraries
- Internet Librarian
Publications

• NYT; David Pogue on Thursdays (http://pogue.blogs.nytimes.com/)
• WSJ; Walt Mossberg on Thursdays
• Wired Magazine
• PC Magazine
• MIT’s Technology Review
• Business 2.0
• Fast Company