RSS Discord Bot - Documentation

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1. Project Overview

This project currently aims to display various RSS feeds easily using a free open-source bot that you host on your own pc

1.1 Project Contributors

Thank you to anyone who has contributed to this project

- Seafer - https://github.com/seafer6969

Future contributors will be listed here

2. Features

- On Bots boot/startup it retrieves the RSS feeds of the projects listed:

Arch-Linux - https://archlinux.org/feeds/news/

Linux-Mint - https://blog.linuxmint.com/?feed=rss2

Planet-GNU - https://planet.gnu.org/rss20.xml

Slashdot - http://rss.slashdot.org/Slashdot/slashdotMain

Lunduke - https://lunduke.substack.com/feed

- Filters the data of the RSS feeds to the top six links and displays them in an indent
- Displays the new RSS feeds at a customizable timeframe and only displays the RSS feed if there is new content
- Prints RSS outputs to the terminal it is run from
- Prints outputs when it skips displaying old RSS content
- Highly expandable and intuitive additions to RSS feed gathering

3. Prerequisites

- Python 3.13
- Required python libraries discord, feedparser, requests, asyncio

Go to your terminal and enter the below into it

pip install discord feedarser requests asyncio

Then the libraries should be installed.

- Command Line Interface (Terminal)

3.1 Setup

- Ensure all prerequisites are met
- Create a discord bot on https://discord.com/developers/applications
- open main.py in a text editor
- copy the discord bot code and paste it into the area of code shown below

TOKEN = ''

- Then coy the servers id and enter it next to the below

GUILD =

- Then copy the channel id and enter it next to the below

CHANNEL ID =

- Add any RSS feeds or edit features in accordance with this document
- CD to the bot's directory in your terminal

CD /example/path/to/python/file/

- Run the bot

Python main.py

- Boom! Its running

3.2 Python libraries requirements explained

Discord - Allows the code to interact with discords API

Requests - Allows the code to request the RSS feeds from the URLS provided

Feedparser - Allows the code to format the RSS feeds before outputting them

Asyncio - Allows the code to wait before requesting the RSS feeds again

4. How to add Feed Sources

More info will be available when this process is streamlined - Roadmap

5. Disabling Console Output

Open the code in a text editor

In each RSS section hash between these two comments:

```
# prints data in terminal ( to disable hash till the next comment)
print("Latest Package Updates: Arch-Linux")
print("Newest")
print(arch_all_feed_list[0])
print("Past")
print(arch_all_feed_list[1])
print(arch_all_feed_list[2])
print(arch_all_feed_list[3])
print(arch_all_feed_list[4])
print(arch_all_feed_list[5])
# the next comment
```

This is done by adding a hashtag # before each line

Resulting in:

```
# prints data in terminal ( to disable hash till the next comment)
# print("Latest Package Updates: Arch-Linux")
# print("Newest")
# print(arch_all_feed_list[0])
# print("Past")
# print(arch_all_feed_list[1])
# print(arch_all_feed_list[2])
# print(arch_all_feed_list[3])
# print(arch_all_feed_list[4])
# print(arch_all_feed_list[5])
# the next comment
```

6. Known Issues

There are currently no known issues with the Bot.

7. Roadmap

- Easier addition of RSS feeds

- Optimization of code processes
- Improve documentation

8. License

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