Mod 3 Drop Box 2 –

a. What is a web-based feed reader? Give an example of at least one current application.

NewsBlur is a very popular example of a web-based feed reader. Web-based readers can get and archive content but are also capable of displaying a live “stream” of content. Like others, NewsBlur offers organization of feeds and topics which allows a user to narrow what is gathered to that which will be of most interest. Most web based offerings will offer a free version as well as a pay version that provides some, or many, upgraded features.

b. What is a stand-alone feed reader? Give an example of at least one current application.

NetNewsWire seems to be one of the most popular stand-alone RSS feed readers/aggregators. A stand-alone reader will gather news, articles, blogs, etc. from your RSS subscriptions and store them off line for your perusal. This is especially handy for those with limited access to the internet, be it by time or technology.

c. Identify the features of these feed readers.

Not sure exactly what you’re after. Hoping it is a list of features for both of the feed readers mentioned above.

NewsBlur: Train the software which stories you want and which you don’t, real-time feed, full text search, iOS and Android available, change tracking in stories, archiving, free account allows 64 feeds @ 3 stories each. Higher functioning versions at $36/year and $99/year.

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