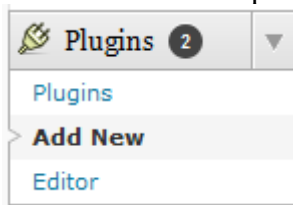# Installing and using the FeedSyndicate WordPress Plugin

Installation

The FeedSyndicate WordPress Plugin is a tool that will permit you to read news content from your FeedSyndicate feed account and insert it directly into your WordPress site.

To perform the install, you must begin by logging in to WordPress as the site administrator.

Once there, you will find the *Plugins* menu at the left of your page. Click the title to expand the box and show the options.
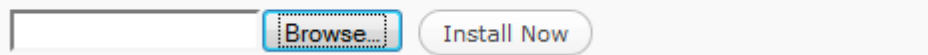

From the options, click to select *Add New*.

When the Install Plugins page appears, click the link titled *Upload*.

You will be presented with an upload form. Click the *Browse…* button and it will display a file open dialog. Use this to locate and double-click the installer packaged (named *AHNFeedsWP.zip*)

When you return to the upload page, click *Install Now*. A few seconds later, the page will return with a message that the plugin has been installed successfully.

On this result page, you will see a link labeled *Activate Plugin*. Click this to finalize the process.

Using the Plugin

Before starting this process:
- Click *Posts, Categories* and add any new categories you plan to import feeds into.
- Using the FeedSyndicate Feed Wizard, compose and save any feed URLs you will need. Yours may look something like this (sample only, this does not actually operate):
  - *http://www.feedsyndicate.com/feed?qk=R7q0qn6F9Ih2Sxjak8fgakVhaG5jb3JwMj U0M0Zm&t=full_article&f=nml&r=5&af=f&c=science%20and%20technology &an=&m=0*

To begin adding a feed, look for the *XML To MySQL* button (name will be changed in final version) at the bottom left of your admin screen. Click it.

You will be presented with the following page:

For each feed you wish to add, you will:
- Paste the URL into the box labeled "Enter the NewsML Feed URL"
- Type a useful Title to help you keep track of this feed
- Select the desired Category for the content to be imported into
- Click Add Feed
  - The new entry will appear in the list below
  - Mistakes can be corrected by simply using the *Delete* button to remove an item from the list below

Once a feed is entered, you can retrieve the latest content into your system by clicking the *Refresh* button to the right of the desired feed entry. When it is done, new content will appear in your POSTs and on your site.

ID	Title	Category	XML File Path	Action
Refresh All				
XML File Record				
1	Entertainment	Entertainment	http://www.feedsyndicate.com/feed?qk=R7q0qnWQ6F9Ih2Sxjak8fgakVhaG5jb3JwMjU0M0Zm&t=full_article&f=nml&r=30&af=f&c=arts%2C%20culture%20and%20entertainment&an=&ai=1&m=0	Refresh Delete
3	Sports	Sports	http://www.feedsyndicate.com/feed?qk=R7q0qnWQ6F9Ih2Sxjak8fgakVhaG5jb3JwMjU0M0Zm&t=full_article&f=nml&r=20&af=f&c=sports&an=&ai=1&m=0	Refresh Delete

Ways to update feed content

Once you have a number of feeds in the list, you can update any of them by using the *REFRESH* button in the *Action* column of the feed list. To refresh all of them at once, simply use the *REFRESH ALL* button at the top of the table.

Automated Updates

Advanced WordPress users will be able to set up a "cron" to automatically perform a REFRESH ALL on a timed interval. As a reminder: The more frequent the interval, the faster you will consume your monthly query count. Conservative interval settings are recommended.

The cron script for this plugin is located in:
> *[your wordpress folder]*/wp-content/plugins/AHNFeeds/cron.php

Or you can call the script from a browser or using "wget" using the URL:
> http://*[yourdomain/wordpress folder]* /wp-content/plugins/AHNFeeds/cron.php