

Changing Your mBlog RSS Settings

The default mBlog templates provide an RSS feed to syndicate the content of your blog, allowing readers to automatically receive updates by using an RSS reader (you can read more about RSS at the University Library's RSS information page: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/help/rss/rssinfo.html>). Your mBlog RSS settings, by default, provide an RSS 1.0 feed containing the complete text of your mBlog postings. Some mBlog users may wish to change the format of your feed to RSS 2.0 or Atom, or to remove the body of their entries from the feed; others may wish to remove the feed from their mBlog page entirely. The following directions explain each of these operations:

Changing feed format

1. Open mBlog in your browser and select the template modification screen for your blog. Templates can be reached from the `Templates` option on the mBlog main page or from the `Templates` button under `Manage` in the left-side toolbar on internal mBlog pages.
2. Under the "Index Templates" heading, select the **Main Index** template by clicking on its name.
3. **Before making any changes to the template, back up the current template.** (See the mBlog handout "Backing Up mBlog User Templates".)
4. Scroll all the way to the bottom of the template text, then back up a little until you see a block of code that looks like this:

```
<div class="link-note">
<a href="<$MTBlogURL$>index.rdf">Syndicate this site (XML)</a>
</div>
```

5. To change your feed to RSS 2.0 format, replace the `index.rdf` text with `index.xml`. To change the feed to the Atom format, replace the `index.rdf` text with `atom.xml`.
6. Click the `Save` button at the bottom of the page.
7. Click the `Rebuild this template` button.

Removing entry text from your RSS feed

1. Open mBlog in your browser and select the template modification screen for your blog. Templates can be reached from the `Templates` option on the mBlog main page or from the `Templates` button under `Manage` in the left-side toolbar on internal mBlog pages.
2. Under the "Index Templates" heading, select the RSS feed template by clicking on its name. You should select the **RSS 1.0 Index** unless you previously changed the assigned feed, in which case you should click on either the **RSS 2.0 Index** or the **Atom Index** as appropriate.

3. **Before making any changes to the template, back up the current template.**
(See the mBlog handout “Backing Up mBlog User Templates”.)
4. Delete the XML code that specifies the entry body in the feed:

RSS 1.0, RSS 2.0: this line is found in the block of code that begins `<MTEntries lastn="15">` and reads:

```
<description><$MTEnterBody encode_xml="1"$></description>
```

Atom: this block of code is found near the end of the template and reads:

```
<content type="text/html" mode="escaped" xml:lang="<$MTBlogLanguage ietf="1"$>" xml:base="<$MTBlogURL encode_xml="1"$>">
<$MTEnterBody encode_xml="1"$>
<$MTEnterMore encode_xml="1"$>
</content>
```

Delete the **entire** section of code specified above.

5. Click the Save button at the bottom of the page.
6. Click the Rebuild this template button.

Removing the RSS feed from your mBlog page

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2. Under the “Index Templates” heading, select the **Main Index** template by clicking on its name.
3. **Before making any changes to the template, back up the current template.**
(See the mBlog handout “Backing Up mBlog User Templates”.)
4. Scroll all the way to the bottom of the template text, then back up a little until you see a block of code that looks like this:

```
<div class="link-note">
<a href="<$MTBlogURL$>index.rdf">Syndicate this site (XML)</a>
</div>
```

5. Delete this **entire** block of code.
6. Click the Save button at the bottom of the page.
7. Click the Rebuild this template button.