RefWorks provides you with a variety ways to get your research into your database (covered in the Basic Feature Tutorial), but there are a few other methods you can use as well.

In this lesson, we'll find out how we can use RSS Feeds to import data into RefWorks...

What's an RSS Feed?
Really Simple Syndication (RSS) is an XML format used to publish frequently updated digital content.

RefWorks has a built in RSS feed reader that allows you to add any feed you want.

The feed reader allows you to store multiple feeds and run those feeds when you want...

This RSS Feeds section is located in the Search area.
There are several feeds already added to this account...
Let's add a few more so you can see how this works.

Simply locate the feed that you want to add (we are on the feed page for Nature.com).
Feeds are generally either a link or an orange box that says RSS or XML.
At this site, the feeds are links, so we will need to copy the link we want.

Right-mouse click the feed link to copy...
Select Copy Shortcut...

Jump back into your RefWorks account...
Right-mouse click and paste the feed link into the RSS Feed URL box...
Then click on the Add RSS Feed button.

You'll be asked if you want to retrieve the feed now.
The feed opens in a new window and you can import any of the records just like you would an Online Catalog or Database search within RefWorks. Select the records you want to import and either click the Import button or the Import to Folder drop-down...
Because we have opted to have the Electronic Source Related Fields appear after any type of import (we set this up in the Tools area, Customize section), we can take this opportunity to add the Nature URL to all the newly imported records, along with the retrieved date and the database name.

We'll take a look at our newly imported records.

Looks good, right? Some data vendors even offer you the ability to make custom RSS feeds from search strategies. NLM PubMed is one that offers this feature...let's see how that works.
The data vendors who offer this custom feed option may not follow the same steps we are demonstrating here -- this is to just give you an idea of how the custom feed works. Consult your data vendor’s help to find out if they offer this feature and how to set it up.

In PubMed -- simply type in your search strategy.
One of the options PubMed offers in the Send to drop-down is RSS Feed.

PubMed allows you to set the number of records to retrieve and to name the feed....
Here’s an example of the orange XML box that’s the feed link (as mentioned earlier...some sites do it this way!).
Right-mouse click and Copy Shortcut...

Right-mouse click and paste the feed...
Add the feed...
Here's our result.

FYI -- PubMed is one of a few vendors who tracks when you run the feed and only gives you references that are new since the last time you ran the feed.

Let's look at how you can manage your RSS Feeds.

When you want to invoke the feed, simply click on the name of the feed.
The feed runs and you can then import...

The Edit link allows you to modify the name of the feed, the description and the feed URL.

If you want to delete the feed, simply click on the Delete link.
So there you have it -- yet another way you can get research into your RefWorks account!
There's one more option to learn about for importing data -- RefGrab-It.
Select Capturing Data From A Web Page from the menu to learn about RefGrab-It (or select any other lesson to continue the tutorial).