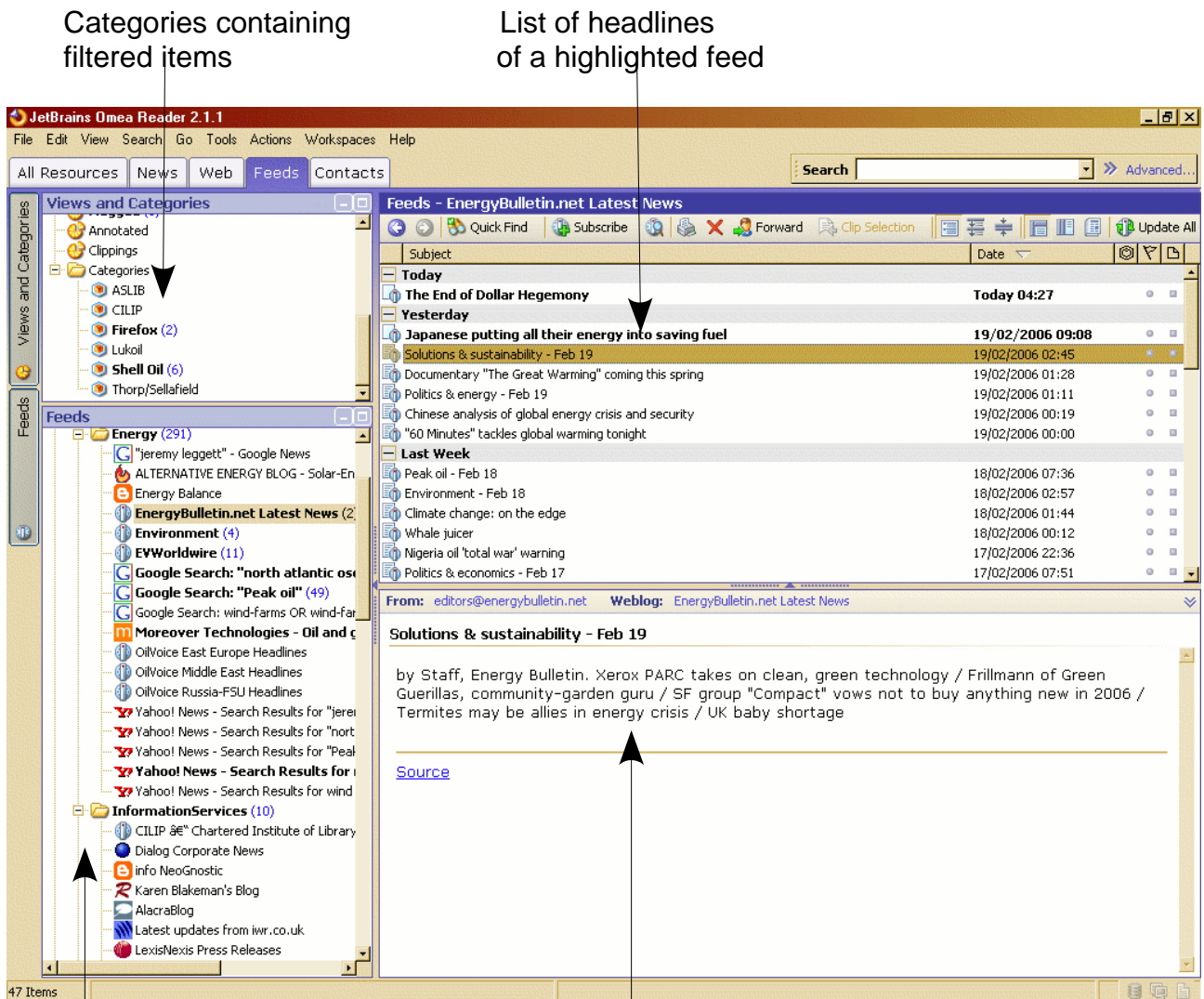


# Getting Started with Omea Reader (Free Version)

<http://www.jetbrains.com/omea/reader/>

As well as reading RSS feeds, Omea reads newsgroups and bookmarked web pages. You can also Create *Clippings* - excerpts from larger documents that you can file, search, and link. *Flags* can be used to priorities and you can annotate postings. The Pro version (USD 49) can also read and integrate with Outlook and Instant Messaging.

The interface is customisable. The “view” shown below was achieved by clicking on View, selecting Preview Pane and then Bottom.



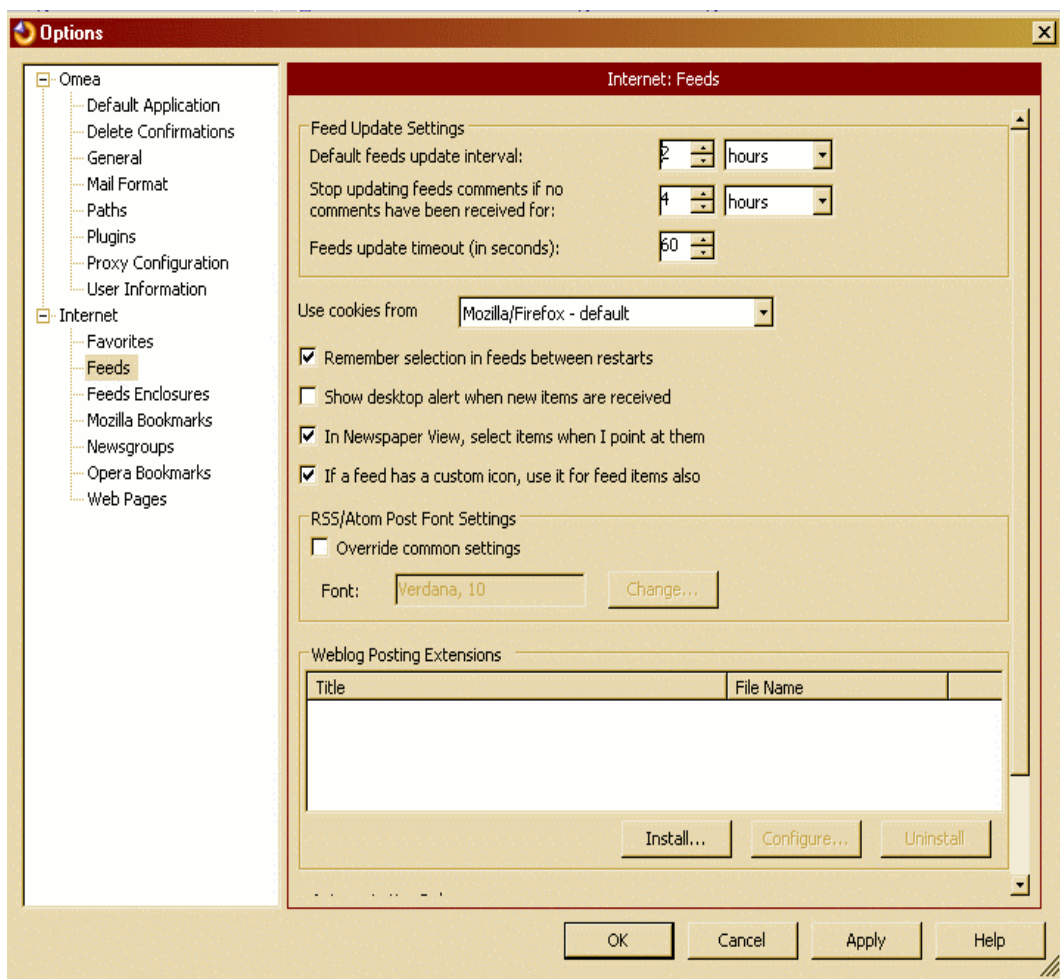
Categories containing filtered items

List of headlines of a highlighted feed

List of feeds

Preview Pane - First few lines of the highlighted story

Set the default settings for all the feeds by clicking on Tools, Options. Under the Internet section, select Feeds. Here you can set how often the feeds should be updated and whether or not you want to have a desktop alert every time new items are received.



To change the settings for individual feeds:

- i) highlight the feed
- ii) right click with the mouse and select properties
- iii) under Settings you can change the frequency of the update for that feed
- iv) again highlight the feed, right click with the mouse and select Notify me. You have can a desktop alert, sound played, or a message displayed when new items arrive for just that feed.

To **view the whole article** as appears on the original web page, highlight the headline and in the Preview Pane click on Source. This will display the article within Omea.

To **view the article in your web browser**, highlight the headline and press the Enter key on your keyboard. Alternatively highlight the headline, right click with your mouse and select Open in Browser.

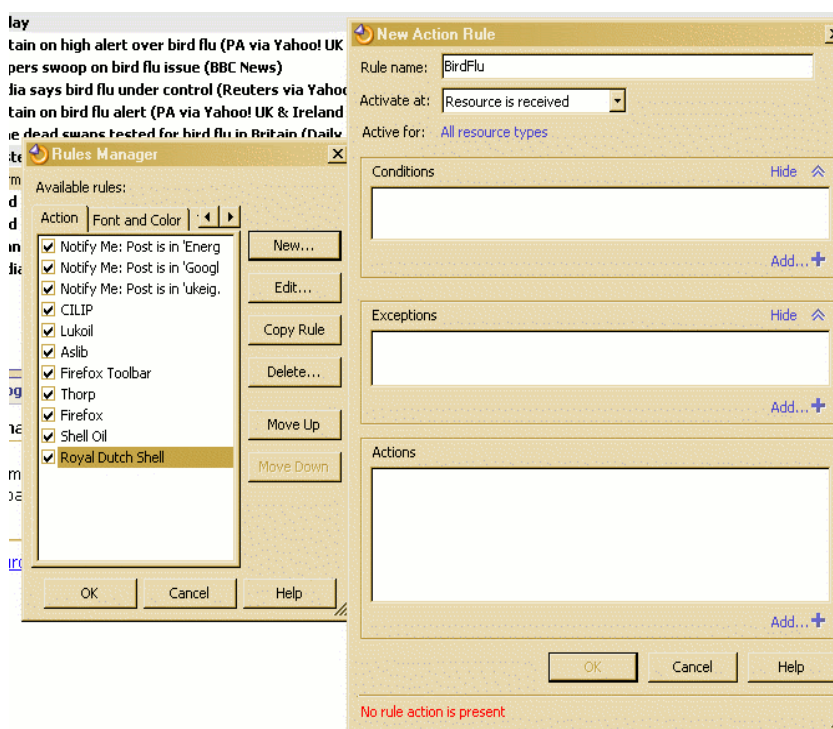
## To add a feed:

- i) Click on Tools, Subscribe to Feed
- ii) Paste or type the URL of the feed into the box. (If you have copied the URL from the address bar in your browser, the feed URL should already be pasted into Omea's feed URL box). You can also enter a user name and password, if it is required.
- iii) Click on Next
- iv) Select the folder where you would like to have the feed or create a new folder.
- v) Click on Finish

There is also an option during the installation process that adds “subscribe to feed for this page in Omea” to your browser toolbar or menu (details vary depending on your browser) and to the right click options.

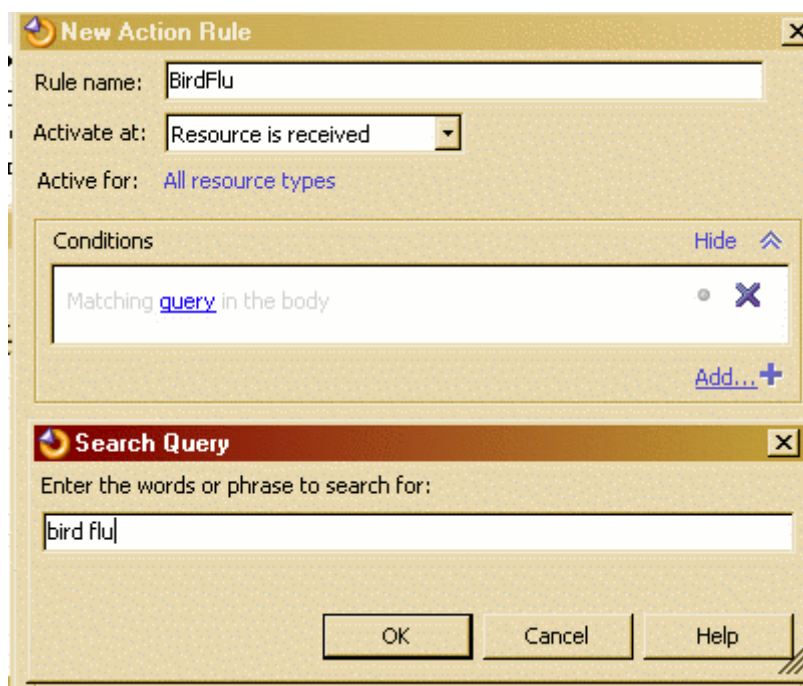
To **automatically search incoming items** for specific terms or phrases use the Rules option. This is useful if you want to separate out articles containing a phrase, company name, product name etc. Note that this will only search the text that is available in the incoming feed and not the full text of the original article on the web site.

- i) Select tools, Manage Rules, Action Rules
- ii) Under the Rules Manager, select New and give your rule a name.



- iii) In the Conditions section, click on Add
- iv) In the Select Conditions box that appears, go to the Text Query Conditions and select one of the options, for example Matching query in text body and click on OK. This will be added to the New Action Rule, Conditions box.
- v) In the Conditions box click on the blue, underlined query

vi) In the Search Query box enter the word or phrase you wish to search for. Click on OK.



vii) You can also set up additional query conditions for the subject line.

viii) Next set up the actions by clicking on Add under the Actions box.

ix) To place a copy of the item/story in a separate “folder”, you can “Assign specified category”. You will be prompted to choose an existing category or you can set up a new one. You can also choose to have a sound alert or a desktop top alert as soon as items are identified by the rules.

x) Now close all the boxes and save the rules by clicking on OK

## Importing and exporting a list of feeds

To import a list of feeds from another feed reader, you first have to export that list to an OPML file. The option usually just says Export Feeds or Export Subscriptions and the procedure varies depending on the reader.

To import the OPML file into Omea, click on File, Import Feed Subscriptions and follow the instructions.

To export your list of feeds from Omea to another feed reader, click on File and then Export Feed Subscriptions, and follow the instructions. Note that this does **not** export your filters and categories. Different feed readers handle filtering in different ways and you will have to set these up from scratch in the new reader.

**Important:** I recommend that you regularly back up your list of feeds by using Export Feed Subscriptions to create an OPML file and store it somewhere other than on your PC. If your machine “dies” and you need to start all over again on a new one you will at least have your list of feeds.

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