

# Snownews

## Downloading and Reading RSS feeds

[Snownews](#) is a lightweight [RSS](#) newsreader for console lovers. It lets you aggregate news from a variety of sources in one place in a very easy and quick way. Additionally, it comes with Slackware so there is a big chance that it is already installed on your system.

## Starting Snownews

To start Snownews, simply type snownews in the console.

## Adding New Feeds

To add new feeds, press `a`, paste a feed URL and hit `Enter`. The following, for example, is Slackware Documentation Project RSS feed URL:

```
http://docs.slackware.com/feed.php
```

You will see the name of the new feeds source. Pressing `Enter` will display new feeds. To go back to the main screen, press `q`

Nowadays most websites provide RSS feeds. If there is a website that doesn't, you could try to employ scripts like [script4rss](#) to convert static HTML pages to feeds.

## Other Commands

To display a list of other commands available, press `h` which is context dependent:

### Feed Sources List View

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(New headlines)                                     4 new
LinuxQuestions.org
i3 FAQ - Individual qu
SlackDocs                                           4 new

a:  Add RSS feed...
D:  Delete highlighted RSS feed...
c:  Rename feed...
R:  Reload all feeds
r:  Reload this feed
m:  Mark all read
B:  Change default browser...
P, N: Move item up, down
s:  Sort feed list alphabetically
C:  Categorize feed...
f:  Apply filter...
g:  Only current category
F:  Remove filter
H:  Show new headlines
e:  Add conversion filter...
tab: Type Ahead Find
A:  About
E:  Show error log...
q:  Quit program

Press the any(tm) key to exit help screen.
```

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SlackDocs

talk:howtos:how_to_chroot_from_media - created
howtos:how_to_chroot_from_media - created
wiki:user:yenn - created
slackware:common_software - [RSS Readers] Created
howtos:hibernation - [
howtos:remotex_linux2l
howtos:remotex_windows
slackbook:process_cont
ru:howtos:start - [HOW
slackbook:shell - upda
howtos:dhcp_server_via
ru:howtos:kernelbuilddi
howtos:setup_apache_ph
talk:howtos:install_ca
talk:howtos:setup_apac
talk:wiki:user:arfon
talk:start
fr:slackbook:conventio
fr:security:sshkeys - [Comment utiliser des clés SSH pour se connecter sans mot ...
talk:fr:security:sshkeys - created

p, up: Previous item
n, down: Next item
enter: View item
r: Reload this feed
T: Force reload this feed
o: Open homepage
O: Open link
m: Mark all read
M: Toggle item read status
i: Show feed info...
tab: Type Ahead Find
q: Return to main menu

-> http://docs.slackware.com/
Press the any(tm) key to exit help screen.
```

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SlackDocs

      slackware:common_software - [RSS Readers] Created

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In case you are wondering whether you can use application X or Y in Slackware, the
following list will help you answer your browsing, multimedia, office... needs.

Web-browser

* Firefox
* Chrome
* Opera
* Lynx
* Flash-plugin
* Java

p, <=: Previous item
n, ->: Next item
o: Open link
q, enter: Return to overview

Posted today, 14:50
-> http://docs.slackware.com/slackware:common\_software?rev=1347486624&do=diff
Press the any(tm) key to exit help screen.
```

## Snownews Colours

Your Snownews window does not need to look as gloomy as the one in the pictures above. The background colour is the colour of your terminal and the rest can be configured in the `~/ .snownews/colors` file. The file contains 4 variables. By default, it is configured as follows:

```
enabled:1
```

It just switches on colour support. Assigning `-1` to it would switch off colour support.

```
new item:5
```

Display new feeds in magenta.

```
goto url:4
```

URLs are displayed in blue

```
feedtitle:-1
```

The feed title has no colour.

The `~/ .snownews/colors` file contains other color definitions.

## Snownews Keybindings

The `~/ .snownews/keybindings` file contains the program's keybindings. The file syntax is very straightforward:

```
add feed:a
```

To add a new feed, you need to press `a`. If you want to change it, simply replace `a` with a key of your choice.

## Open Links from Feeds in a Web Browser

Newsfeeds usually include URLs that can be opened in a web browser. To open a URL, type `o` (lower-case letter o). By default, snownews, being a command line application, opens URLs in another command line tool, ie. Lynx. To change the default browser, type `B` from the main snownews window and type:

```
/usr/bin/firefox %s
```

From now on, all URLs will open in Firefox.

## Easter Egg

Snownews has a Christmas related Easter Egg. Simply create the `santa_hunta` file inside `~/ .snownews/`, open the About window by pressing `A` from the main screen and enjoy the game.

## Links

- [List](#) of other popular RSS newsreaders.

## Sources

- Originally written by [sycamorex](#)

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