

Privacy Considerations for Web Feed Readers

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**The death of Web feeds has
been greatly exaggerated.**






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NEW PROJECT: I got sick of using Twitter to track things that I used to use a feed reader for. It turns out almost 1/3 of the people/orgs/projects I follow here have feeds that can easily be discovered from their bio! Check it out for yourself:

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|  | <p>pypi.org</p> <p>friends2feeds</p> <p>Creates OPML files from your social media friends</p> |
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**Feeds are a latent
platform on the Internet**



WebPlatform.org

**Unlike much of the Web, feeds
aren't advertising-driven**

**What can be done to improve /
protect that platform?**

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Abstract

This specification collects privacy-enhancing guidelines for Web feed readers.

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