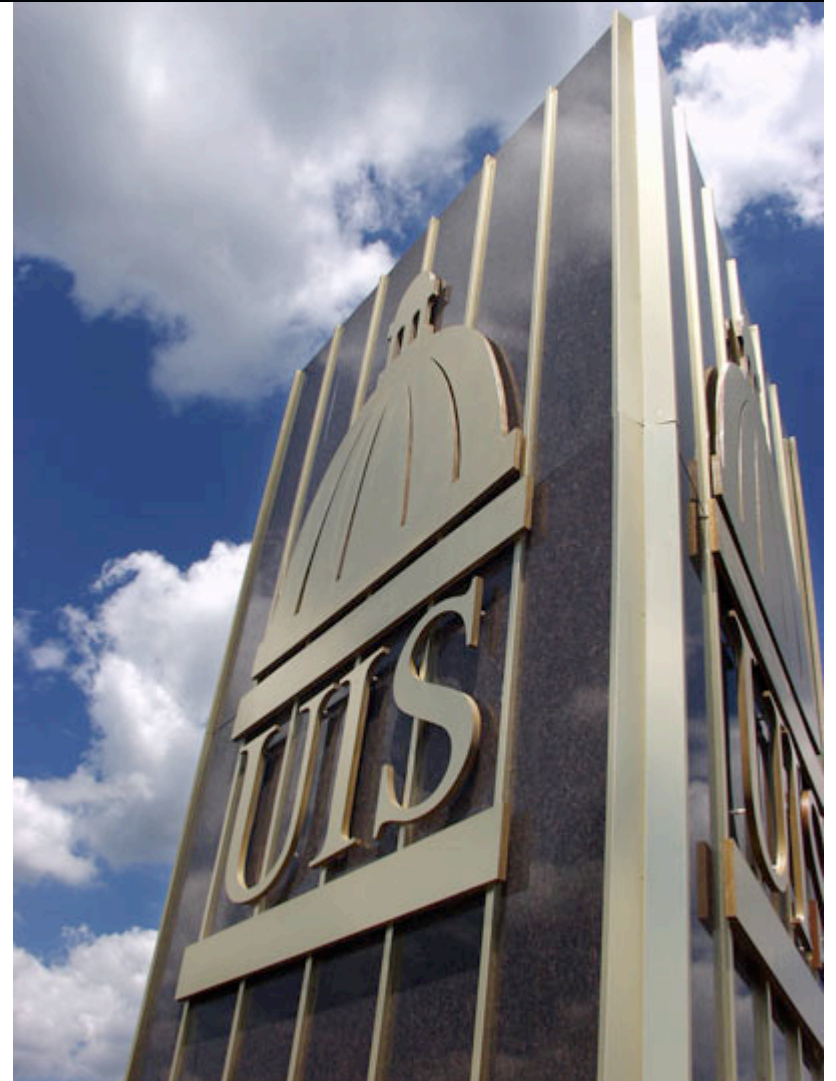


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Disseminating Best Practices and News in Online Learning

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- **Online learning is growing at the astounding rate of 25-30% per year**
- **A wide range of technologies continue to be developed for delivery of learning**
- **A wide range of pedagogical approaches are being applied to online learning**
- **New modes, methods, collaborations emerge daily**

How does one keep up?

How to disseminate aggregated updates?

- **Scanning peer-reviewed journals**
 - Web sites, RSS, paper journals
- **Google News Search – 4,500 sources**
- **MSNBC Newsbot**
- **Feedster – searching RSS feeds**
- **List of non-indexed sources**
- **Reviewing email-submitted releases**



Blogging the News and Research

[Blogger.com](#) is one of the oldest and most popular free blogging alternatives.

Online Learning Update

- Online posting
- FTP to local server hosting
- Comment feature
- Search feature
- Auto-generation of [RSS](#) feed

Blogs and RSS are becoming increasingly popular as sources for news and info

- **Google purchases Blogger in 2003**
- **Online Learning Update placement**
- **Blogrolling**
- **Sites Linking to OLU**
- **Site Meter of Online Learning Update**

RSS - Rich Site Summary

RSS - Really Simple Syndication

- **Aggregating News and Information on the desktop**
 - [Sharp Reader](#) and host of others
- **RSS online aggregation – [News is free](#)**
- **[Custom online aggregation](#)**
- **Microsoft® Alerts on Online Learning Update – RSS via email, IM, mobile**
 - [Early comments](#)



RSS – Enabling Dynamic Pages

The RSS Feed from the Online Learning Update is used to dynamically construct instantly-updated pages at relevant sites around the country:

- [UIS – Technology-Enhanced Learning](#)
- [East Tennessee State University](#)
- [Portland Community College](#)
- [Commercial Site – Tech4Teachers](#)
- [University of Illinois Online](#)

RSS and Blogs have not yet peaked

- **We can expect more and more use of these technologies**
 - **Avoid spam interference via RSS**
 - **Microsoft Alerts are promising**
- **Already having impact on news sources**
 - **All major news services and newspapers feed via RSS**
 - **Definable filtering may change the way we receive our news in the future**



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