

# RSS feed merge tags

## Preparing a message for use with RSS

You can set up a message or a template so that it contains tags that can be replaced dynamically with content coming from an RSS feed.

This will allow you to easily add items from the feed into the message - using the *New from RSS* feature - selecting the order (i.e. **position**) in which they will be displayed.

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This task requires a basic understanding of HTML in that you will need to edit the HTML of the message.

In the HTML of the message, insert the following merge tags where you want the content to be displayed. There are separate RSS and ATOM tags, depending on the type of feed.

### RSS tags

DYNAMIC RSS TAG	EXAMPLE	CONTENT INSERTED INTO THE MESSAGE
[feed_positionN_title]	[feed_positionN_title]	The <b>title</b> of the piece of news selected for position N
[feed_positionN_summary]	[feed_positionN_summary]	The main <b>content</b> of the piece of news selected for position N
[feed_positionN_link]	[feed_positionN_link]	A <b>link</b> to the piece of news selected for position N
[feed_positionN_updatedate]	[feed_positionN_updatedate]	The release <b>date</b> of the piece of news selected for position N
[feed_positionN_author]	[feed_positionN_author]	The <b>author</b> of the piece of news selected for position N
[feed_positionN_content]	[feed_positionN_content]	The <b>content</b> for position N
[feed_positionothers]	[feed_positionothers]	<b>Title, content, and link</b> of the additional news selected for position 5



Using the [rss\_positionother] you have to specify the **numeric id** when you choose to populate feeds to be included in your **custom template**.

For example: in the **default templates** it continues to be populated with all the feeds specified in **position 5** while for the **custom template** ( those created by customers), this tag will be populated with all the feeds specified as **0 (zero)**.