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Chapter 1

ginger rss reader

1.1 Screen Structure

When you are logged in, you see the ginger main application. It always has a top bar showing available actions. Right after login, you get the default screen, which shows a filter panel on the left side and a message list on the right side. If you use a mobile device, switch between them instead (see top bar).

The top bar also includes the *Feeds* and *Settings* view. While the latter is interesting for experts, the former one is the first step with a new account.

1.2 Feeds View

Ginger works by fetching news messages from some sources. Those sources have to comply to the rss or atom (or some more) standard. They are addressed by a http(s) url which you typically can find on the homepage of a news provider. The feeds view is used for adding those sources to your ginger account.

1.3 Settings View

The settings view allows to customize some aspects of ginger. Feel free to take a look there. Most things should be easy to understand.

1.4 Default View

The default view is made for browsing all the news which came from your feeds so far. It allows to attach tags to your messages for querying them later. One feed-specific tag is assigned automatically to each message for convenience.

In mobile device mode, you can switch between the list of your messages and between a panel which allows to filter this list (in order to make searches). In large mode, you see both.

1.4.1 Message List

Each message builds one box. You can expand them by selecting them. All actions on a message are available from here. You can remove them, mark them as favorite and manage it's tags. You can also open the corresponding web page in a new browser tab.

Some keyboard support is available (when the message list has the focus):

- ArrowUp/ArrowDown: navigation
- ArrowRight: open website for message
- Delete: delete selected message
- Plus: expand/collapse the selected box
- F: mark/unmark selected message as favorite
- T: edit tags for the selected message

1.4.2 Filter Panel

By default, the message list shows all available messages. The filter panel allows to restrict that list by selecting some filter criteria.

You see a summary of the current filter at the bottom and a cloud for picking filter criteria above.

For instance, click on a tag to restrict your view to that tag. Select multiple ones to get an even smaller message list. Clear filter criteria for returning to a full list.

1.4.2.1 Advanced Filtering

If you have unlocked the *advanced* features in *Settings*, you can do some more filtering.

You can append additional or-connected filter rule lists (like '(tag A and tag B) or (tag X and tag Y and tag Z)').

It is also possible to negate most filter criteria by clicking on them in the filter summary view.

1.4.2.2 Store Filters

You can store you complete filter with a meaningful name and load it again in later sessions. You can remove unneeded stored filters in the *Settings*.