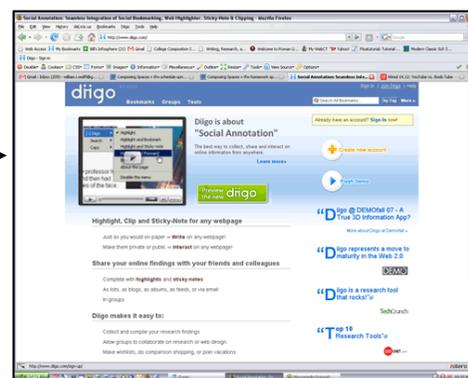


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# Technologies and the Future of Writing, Spring 2009, module 2 Social Bookmarking and Tagging with Diigo

### Setting up your account

1. Go to <http://www.diigo.com> using Firefox, Safari, or Flock (things don't work so well with Internet Explorer). You will see a page that looks something like this



2. Look in the upper right hand corner; click where it says to **Join Diigo**.



3. You will be brought to a screen that asks you to choose your Username, enter your email address and password, and type in the letters you see in the image as a spam blocker.
4. You will then be told to go to your email to check verify your registration. In the email message, you will see a phrase to **ACTIVATE Now!** Click that phrase. You now are a Diigo member! Oh, yeah!

### Install the Diigo Toolbar

5. Go to back to <http://www.diigo.com>. You will stay logged in. Look at the header and click on the Tools link.



6. Click on the button that reads Install Diigo Toolbar, and then follow instructions. You may be asked to allow pop-ups for this site. Allow them.



7. You will be asked to restart your browser. If upon restarting you are not brought back to Diigo, please go back to <http://www.diigo.com>. You will now see a toolbar that looks like this toward the top of your browser:



8. If you are having trouble installing the toolbar, you can install the Diigolet for your browser at: <http://www.diigo.com/tools/diigolet>.

## Join the Course Group

If you have not joined the course group, please do—it is necessary for social bookmarking to work properly. Go to

<http://groups.diigo.com/groups/tfw-s09-mod2>. Look to the left and click the button that reads “Join Group.” You are now a part of the course group! Yeah!



## Social Bookmarking and Tagging with Diigo

Social bookmarking and social tagging allow groups of people with similar interests to create a knowledge base for a particular information ecology. Because we are all Writing Arts majors we each share an interest in at least one area: writing. The fact that we each have individual interests that shape our interest in writing is what gives our information ecology diversity, which in turn allows it to evolve over time. To bookmark a web page:

1. Find a web page or site that you think that you might be interested in seeing again at *some point in the future*; and/or b) you think others in our information ecology might be interested in seeing it, as well. Once you have found that page, look at your Diigo toolbar and click “Bookmark.”



2. The following window will appear. In this window you can:

See the URL of web page

See and edit the title of the page

Add your description of the page

Add tags

Select a group to share with

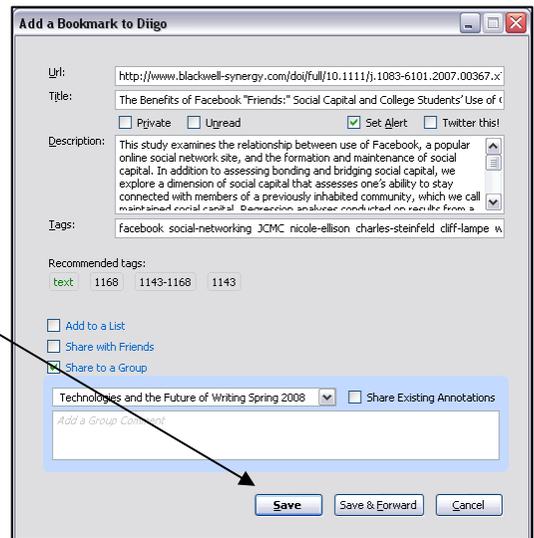
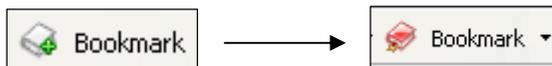
A screenshot of the "Add a Bookmark to Diigo" dialog box. It contains the following fields and options:

- URL: <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1083-6101.2007.00367.x>
- Title: Blackwell Synergy - J Comp Mediated Comm, Volume 12 Issue 4 Page 1143-1168
- Options:  Private,  Unread,  Set Alert,  Twitter this!
- Description: (empty text area)
- Tags: (empty text area)
- Recommended tags: text, 1168, 1143-1168, 1143
- Sharing options:  Add to a List,  Share with Friends,  Share to a Group
- Group selection: Technologies and the Future of Writing Spring 2008 (dropdown menu)
- Share Existing Annotations:  Share Existing Annotations
- Group Comment: (text area with placeholder "Add a Group Comment")
- Buttons: Save, Save & Forward, Cancel

Arrows from the text on the left point to the URL, Title, Description, Tags, and the "Share to a Group" option.

After you have entered your description of the page, edited the title to something meaningful for you, added relevant tags, and selected to share with the Technologies and the Future of Writing group (note: we are only doing this for sites you are bookmarking for this class; when you use the tool in the future, you do not need to share with the group), press Save.

A second or so after you press Save, the Bookmark icon in your Diigo toolbar will turn from empty to red with a bookmark dangling from it:



### 3. There are a number of ways see your bookmarks.

- you can click on the My Bookmarks icon in the Diigo toolbar;
- you can click the down arrow in the Diigo icon and then select My Bookmarks;
- you can enter the URL of your bookmarks: <http://www.diigo.com/users/username>;
- if you want to see a group's bookmarks, you can go to (for our group): <http://groups.diigo.com/groups/tfw-s09-mod2/bookmark>.

The group's bookmarks page looks like this:

Notice the RSS symbol in the toolbar; you can add this URL to your Netvibes so that you are updated when your group has a new bookmark added.

list of bookmarks, the one just added is on top

Click "Expand" to see comments group members have made on web pages

list of tags

list of group members

