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BjB: we usually start all the Tapped In discussions with introductions...

BjB: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In. I'll be leading this discussion

SylviaBu: I teach world history and world geography at high school level in a Christian school in Virginia, near Quantico

TienLiW: As you already know that I am a full-time graduate student in McNeese State University, Louisiana. (Instructional technology degree)

BjB: I'm so glad you could join the discussion tonight, TienLi and Sylvia

SylviaBu: PA - genealogy!! Yum

SylviaBu: Sorry, too slow

BjB: Bookmarking is one of those topics that is changing so rapidly...

BjB: that I'm hoping you both will have something to contribute to the discussion

BjB: . o O (I'm a newbie with the social bookmarking stuff.)

BjB: so...let's start with what you do know and what you are hoping to learn

SylviaBu: Are we speaking of bookmarking, as in saving sites, or is there some new meaning to the word?

BjB: there is an additional meaning. Social bookmarking allows you to search your bookmarks by adding tags.

BjB: but I planned on discussing both

SylviaBu: I know nothing, then, but it sounds good

BjB: . o O (and since you are not familiar with social bookmarking, I can make stuff up)

TienLiW: I am learning "TrackStar", is it somehow like this bookmarking function?

BjB: Trackstar is very cool, but still not the same thing.

SylviaBu: LOL

TienLiW: To save all your favorite sites in Trackstar, then everybody can see your websites when they track your track number?

BjB: Let's start with the traditional bookmark sites

BjB: and see if we can make some sense of the topic

BjB: you are both familiar with bookmarking on your computer, right?

SylviaBu: yes

TienLiW: yes

BjB: There are now sites...actually getting old in cybertime...that allow you to organize your bookmarks and keep them stored online so you can access them from any computer

SylviaBu: Yes, I have seen that

BjB: and example of this is My Bookmarks <http://www.mybookmarks.com/>

BjB: and Backflip www.backflip.com

BjB: I use backflip and have for a couple of years

BjB: I like that you can put a backflip icon on your computer and then add any site to your files by using the icon

SylviaBu: Cannot make mybookmarks work

BjB: www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist

BjB: check later, Sylvia. The urls will be in your transcript

SylviaBu: ok

BjB: you can make your bookmarks private so that only you can access them

BjB: or you can make them public like the one I just shared with you

TienLiW: How about another web-tool, PortaPortal?

TienLiW: So, we only can see your public bookmark webpages?

BjB: that is correct.

BjB: I'm not familiar with PortaPortal, but it's probably similar

BjB: . o O (sounds too much like porta potty!)

TienLiW: D

TienLiW: <http://portaportal.com/>

BjB: here's another I'm not too familiar with <http://www.linkagogo.com/>

TienLiW: That's what I have learned from my course, should be similar

SusanR joined the room.

SylviaBu: Oh good. This is going to be great.

TienLiW: I didn't know these bookmarking web-tool before, anytime, I went out for travel, I have to save some essential website in the Microsoft Word file, and save it in my pen drive.

BjB: SPURL is another site <http://spurl.net/>

BjB: Hi, Sue!

SusanR waves

BjB: Sue is much more knowledgeable about social bookmarking and tags

TienLiW: Oh! Hi, Sue (Susan?)

SylviaBu: Hi Sue, welcome

SusanR: Hi Sylvia and Tien

BjB: OK...so the sites I shared are just regular bookmark sites where you can access your bookmarks online

BjB: I've found some good sites to share...

BjB: on Social bookmarking to give you a little background

SusanR: I rely on Delicious to keep track of my bookmarks

BjB: <http://www.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/ELI7001.pdf>

TienLiW: That's a pdf file?

BjB: . o O (I always thought it meant pretty damn frustrating...)

SusanR: LOL

BjB: but it really is a format

TienLiW: I am sorry, what is Delicious?

BjB: Delicious is a social bookmarking service

TienLiW: a website or?

BjB: let's get the background info to you first

SylviaBu: URL?

BjB: and then I'll show you the urls

TienLiW: ok

SylviaBu: ok

BjB: PDF = Portable Document Format

SusanR listens attentively

BjB: <http://frequanq.blogspot.com/2005/02/social-bookmarking-in-education.html>

BjB: everyone get that?

SylviaBu: yes

BjB: I have one more: <http://www.dlib.org/dlib/april05/hammond/04hammond.html>

TienLiW: yes

SylviaBu: good

BjB: now for the tagging. Take a quick look at http://www.pbs.org/teachersource/learning.now/2006/05/tag_youre_delicious.html

SylviaBu: I will have to check after from transcript, I guess

BjB: were you not able to open the link, Sylvia?

BjB: make sure you don't have any browser windows minimized

BjB: and that you hold down the ctrl key when you click on the url

SylviaBu: Let me see if I can get rid of some minis without losing you guys

BjB: just don't close this window or the other Tapped In window

SylviaBu: Cannot seem to do it

TienLiW: Sorry to disturb, I read very fast, and I have one question that are these bookmarking webtool only can serve online? (a silliy question maybe)

BjB: that is correct, TienLi

TienLiW: thank you

BjB: I do think you can download, but I haven't mastered that yet

BjB: now to muddle through 'tagging'

TienLiW: From the beginning, I just couldn't open that pdf file, the rest URL links can be linked well at my side.

BjB: this is an explanation I got from Emily, one of the Tapped In members

BjB . o O (TienLi, you may need the free PDF reader from Adobe on your computer)

BjB: EmilyW: for example, I use del.icio.us

BjB: EmilyW: I would tag TappedIn with edtech education

BjB: EmilyW: I would go to the url with the tag edtech

BjB: EmilyW: and TappedIn would come up

BjB: BjB: it's a way of organizing your bookmarks?

BjB: EmilyW: yes

BjB: that made sense to me, but I've not tried it yet. Sue, can you add anything?

TienLiW: ok => free PDF reader.

BjB nods to TienLi

TienLiW: uh.. hard to understand that process from Emily

BjB: this is the site Sue mentioned <http://del.icio.us/>

SusanR: tagging defined

TienLiW: Is that delicious website same as what Sue uses?

BjB: delicious seems to be about the most popular tagging site

SusanR: let me see if I can dig up a simple definition

SylviaBu: Still no luck so I will wait for transcript when done

BjB: yes, TienLi

BjB: Sylvia, one other solution is to click on SEND TO PASTEBOARD in the Actions menu

BjB: then copy the url and paste in another browser window

BjB: Flickr is a social bookmarking site for photos <http://flickr.com/>

JeffC joined the room.

BjB: and another social bookmarking site I find especially complicated...I think it's for blogs...is Technorati <http://technorati.com/>

BjB waves hi to Jeff.

BjB: I did run across another social bookmarking site: Squidoo <http://www.squidoo.com/>

BjB: Jeff, Sue is looking for a simple explanation for tagging

TienLiW: What are tags?

TienLiW: Tags are one-word descriptors that you can assign to any favorite. Tags can't contain quotation marks or whitespace, but are otherwise unrestricted. You can assign as many tags to a favorite as you like, and rename, delete, add or merge tags together.

TienLiW: Tagging can be a whole lot easier and more flexible than fitting your information into preconceived categories. If you want to post an article about a little known Greek philosopher, just tag it with "philosophy greece" or whatever other tags you'd want to use to find it again. You don't have to rely on the designer of the system to provide you with category for Greek philosophy. You just make up tags as you need them.

TienLiW: That's great for organizing personal data, but it goes even further when someone else posts related content with the same tags. You begin building a collaborative repository of related information, driven by personal interests and creative organization. For instance, to view everybody's favorites on design, visit del.icio.us/tag/design.

SusanR: you may want to refer to this site at the end of the session ..gives quite a complete overview <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Del.icio.us>

BjB: Sue, can you view ANYONE'S delicious tags?

BjB: That's where del.icio.us comes in. del.icio.us (yes, it's pronounced "delicious," and written in lower case) is a community bookmarking tool. By "community," I mean the entire online community - everyone with Internet access. del.icio.us allows you to share your bookmarks with the entire world, accessible from any online computer. This means that you could get on an airplane today, travel 36 hours to some small cybercafe in rural Indonesia (or perhaps more realistically, the computer lab down the hall), and access your list of favorite websites instantly. Portable bookmarks. If that's all del.icio.us was, I'd give its creator a medal. But it gets better.

SusanR: for instance mine are viewed through the keyword sroseman...which is in the name of the URL

BjB: Once you've signed up for a free del.icio.us account, they'll supply you with what's called a "bookmarklet" - it's a kind of Web link you install in the toolbar of your Web browser. (And if you use the open source Firefox browser, this bookmarklet is already embedded in the Web browser's toolbar.) This allows you to add new websites to your del.icio.us collection. You just go about your business on the Web until you find a website you want to visit again, then click the bookmarklet on your Web browser. del.icio.us will then automatically open a window that lets you write any notes you want to save about the website, as well as "tag" it with keywords.

BjB: that is from Andy Carvin's explanation

SusanR: <http://del.icio.us/sroseman>

BjB: Tagging is perhaps the greatest strength of del.icio.us. When you tag a website, you identify it with certain words of your choosing. For example, if you wanted to tag my blog (hint hint), you might tag it with keywords like andycarvin, blogging, education, or americanhistory. (Note how tags will incorporate multiple words together as if you were

writing in German - that's just the way taggers do it.) These tags allow you to categorize your bookmarked websites in whatever way you want. There's no official taxonomy required, Dewey Decimal or otherwise. In fact, it's so unofficial, it's often referred to as a >folksonomy. The idea behind a folksonomy is to encourage a community of users to tag websites with words that have meaning to them and their peers. This is important because del.icio.us lets other Internet users access your collection of bookmarks and tags.

BjB: but if we didn't know you had a delicious account, we wouldn't come up with your bookmarks, right?

TienLiW: ?? I guess so (BjB)

BjB: I guess we're all going to have to open a delicious account and experiment

TienLiW: yes

BjB: Sue, do you know if you can import bookmarks to delicious from backflip, for example?

SusanR: not sure Bj..I could look into it..

JeffC: my experience is that you can only upload bookmarks from your own computer, not other bookmarking sites.

BjB: thanks, Jeff

TienLiW: So, what's the difference between these bookmark webtools?

BjB: It looks like the biggest difference between delicious and backflip is that you put the bookmarks in a folder in backflip...

BjB: but you tag the bookmarks in delicious so that they are sorted by tags?

TienLiW: OH!

SusanR: it's the tagging and the classification..that's the big difference

TienLiW: I think backflip is like portaportal, organize the websites in a folder.

SusanR: This site explains it and has a bit of a tutorial, Tien

SusanR: <http://andywibbels.com/post/1094>

TienLiW: If you make the tagging same as others', ... will it be a problem?

SusanR: no..it is under your name <http://del.icio.us/sroseman/web2.0>

SusanR . o O (se the difference <http://del.icio.us/web2.0>)

SusanR: see

BjB: that helps seeing that page, Sue

BjB: thanks

TienLiW: But others will see your tags, right? even though they don't have your account

SusanR: you can pull up everyone else's tag on the topic

TienLiW: ok

SusanR: you can designate some as private

TienLiW: OH!

BjB: we'll just have to try it, TienLi!

SusanR: check out the HELP section of Delicious

SusanR: experiment and explore that's the key

BjB: Sylvia, did you get anything open?

SylviaBu: I wonder if other people would think of the same tags - if I called something Greek Philosophy, and someone else called it Greek Theology they would never see your site?

SylviaBu: No

BjB agrees with Sue...as with learning anything new in Tech

TienLiW: I think Delicious might be cool, but what if someone who already have other bookmarking tool, like backflip, to organize his favorite webpages, what will they do if they want to try Delicious as well? Create AGAIN?

BjB: that's why I asked Jeff if you could import bookmarks. He didn't think you can which means yes, create AGAIN

TienLiW: Like BjB just asked, can someone transfer what he/she already creates to another bookmarking webtool?

TienLiW: OH!

TienLiW: Therefore, we have to choose one best suitable for ourselves then to create our bookmarking tool. um

BjB: I'm not sure this has been a real educational experience for you, TienLi and Sylvia...

BjB: but at least you are now aware of the current tools being used

BjB: and can explore further if you so wish

TienLiW: It is, I know many bookmarking tools, I will try some later off the class

SylviaBu: I have learned an entire new concept!! When will the transcript be available so I can try the sites? Thank you Bj for your work.

TienLiW: (I will try Delicious later since we talk about it in a whole class)

BjB: Sylvia, if you have questions after you get your transcript, please don't hesitate to log in and ask.

BjB: your transcript will be emailed to you about 10 minutes after you log out

TienLiW: Thank you to you all!!

SylviaBu: Good night. Everyone staying for the next teaching forum?

TienLiW D

BjB: thanks again for joining the discussion. I'm headed for the Teaching Forum, Sylvia

TienLiW: different event room? isn't it

BjB: you can get there by clicking on the ONLINE tab to the left of this chat window

BjB: then click one time on DianneA and the door

TienLiW: then will this chat window be closed after the clicking door?

SusanR leaves quietly by the back door

SusanR left the room.

BjB: yes, and a new one will open when you enter the room

BjB left the room.