



## Highlight and Share the Web!

Diigo is a powerful research tool and a knowledge-sharing community

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### What is Diigo?

Diigo is a free social bookmarking, research, and knowledge sharing tool created to mimic the ease of taking notes while providing a network for sharing and discovering information.

### What Does Diigo Do?

Diigo allows you to take personal notes and highlight text information on web pages just as you would on a piece of paper. You can then bookmark and save this information for further review, while adding tags to keep everything organized. In bookmarking this information, you can also choose to share with colleagues and friends to allow them to access the web page, view your notes and highlights, and add their own annotations. All of this information is also saved online and can be accessed by any computer or browser, including cell phones with browsing capabilities.

### Breakdown of Features & Tools

**Highlighting** – If you are reading an article or web page and find particular information worth noting or pointing out, Diigo allows you to digitally highlight the data just as if you had your own yellow highlighter. This information is automatically saved so anytime you come back to that web page the information will always be highlighted.

Digital technology benefits from these dynamics and from something else even more powerful: the 20th-century shift from Newtonian to quantum machines. We're still just beginning to exploit atomic-scale effects in revolutionary new materials — semiconductors (processing power), ferromagnetic compounds (storage), and fiber optics (bandwidth). In the arc of history, all three substances are still new, and we have a lot to learn about them. We are just a few decades into the discovery of a new world.

**Taking Notes** – Diigo also allows you to take notes on a web page similarly to the way in which you would add a sticky note to a paper document. You can add your own notes and move them to anywhere on the web page. You see an unobtrusive balloon that expands when rolled over with the mouse to reveal all the notes and comments, including who made the comment and at what time.

As much as we complain about how expensive things are getting, we're surrounded by forces that are making them cheaper. Forty years ago, the principal nutritional problem in America was hunger; now it's obesity, for which we have the Green Revolution to thank. Forty years ago, charity was dominated by clothing drives for the poor. Now you can get a T-shirt for less than the price of a cup of coffee, thanks to China and global sourcing. So too for toys, gadgets, and commodities of every sort. Even cocaine has pretty much never been cheaper (globalization works in mysterious ways).



**Bookmarking & Saving** – After you have made any highlights or notes that you would like, you can also bookmark the page you are on. As you bookmark the page, Diigo allows the ability to add tags to help keep everything organized and provide easy access and retrieval. You can also choose to keep your bookmark private or let Diigo put your bookmark freely available to the public.

Also, when you bookmark with Diigo, you are actually doing two things: you are saving the URL for the web page you are on, and you are also saving a cached image of your page so that you always have a copy of the original page, including notes and highlights, even if the URL becomes broken or the content of the page is changed. Compare this to making a copy of the first draft of your thesis so that you may always use as reference.

Each bookmark you save will give you the direct URL, any tags you have added, when the bookmark was added, how many other Diigo users have bookmarked that page, the notes and highlights you made, and a link to the cached image.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Edit your Bookmark on Diigo". It contains the following fields and options:

- Url:**
- Title:**
- Description:**
- Tags:**   
Space separated. Use " " for tag with multiple words.
- Recommended tags:**
- ☒ Private ☐ Unread ☐ Twitter this!
- ☐ Share to a Group
- Buttons: **Save**, **Save & Send**, **Cancel**

The screenshot shows a bookmark entry for "Free! Why \$0.00 Is the Future of Business". It includes the following information:

- Tags:** Wired Magazine, Chris Anderson, free, economics
- Metadata:** less than a minute ago and saved by 2 people - All
- Annotations:** (0) - Cached - About
- Source:** more from [www.wired.com](http://www.wired.com)
- Actions:** Preview, Share, Delete, Edit, Comment

**Searching** – Diigo provides powerful search features for retrieving and locating information throughout your bookmarks. You can search the web page titles, URLs, tags, comments, highlights, the full text of the bookmarked pages, or all of these. This is easily accessible from the toolbar of your web browser.

The screenshot shows the Diigo search interface with the following elements:

- Tabs:** Diigo, **My Bookmarks only**, Everyone's Bookmarks
- Search Criteria:**
  - with the words **Anywhere**
  - With the exact phrase **Anywhere**
  - with the words in **Tags**
  - with the words in **Url**
  - with the words in **Title**
  - with the words in **Text**
  - with the words in **Comments**
  - with the words in **Highlights**
  - without** the words **Anywhere**
- Search Button:** Search

**Sharing** – Diigo will also let you share your bookmarks, complete with annotations, to friends and colleagues. You can send the information to individuals even if they don't use Diigo. They will receive an e-mail with a link to the web page and a summary of any notes or highlights that were made. They will not, however, be able to view the annotations in the context of the page without joining Diigo. For those who use Diigo, they will be able to see the web page with annotations, while maintain the opportunity to add their own.

Free! Why \$0.00 Is the Future of Busin...

From: **service@diigo.com** on behalf of **Tjm 014** (tjm014@shsu.edu)  
Sent: Fri 4/11/08 10:43 AM  
Reply-to: Tjm 014 (tjm014@shsu.edu)  
To:

**Quotes:**

Free! Why \$0.00 Is the Future of Business

- (floating sticky note)
  - This is an interesting comment. comment by **tjm 014**
- We're still just beginning to exploit atomic-scale effects in revolutionary new materials — semiconductors (processing power), ferromagnetic compounds (storage), and fiber optics (bandwidth).

This message was sent to you by **Tjm 014** via Diigo

**Collaborating & Using Groups** – Diigo allows users to join or create groups for sharing information. You can join any of the public groups that share a personal interest, join a group of colleagues or friends, or even create a group for a specific research project. This allows all members of the group to have a central collection of information where each can contribute. Each group also as its own discussion board where members can conduct conversations, make announcements, etc.



### Genealogy Research Resources

Share links to online research resources for family historians and include reviews, tips and comments. Anyone is welcome to participate in this effort to build a dynamic resource available to all.



### Classic Arcades

This is a group for users who collect and restore classic arcade games to share their resources through links and information. I hope people find this and find it useful

**Using Lists** – Diigo provides the ability to create lists of bookmarks where you can categorize and order bookmarks to your preference. This acts similarly to Internet Explorer Favorites (or Firefox Bookmarks) as an option for those who are uncomfortable with tagging. Each list is given its own unique URL, and you can keep the lists private or make them public.

## Installation

Diigo is easy to install on Firefox, Internet Explorer, and Flock. The best option is a fully functional toolbar that will install without problems on Firefox, but may require administrative privileges for Internet Explorer at some institutions. Diigo also offers a web-based “Diigolet” that provides limited functionality, but does not require installation.

 **Install Diigo Toolbar**

**Install in seconds!**  
**No adware or spamware!**  
**Version: 3.1.5.1**

## Conclusion

Diigo is a wonderful research tool that provides numerous services for organizing, annotating, and sharing information. These tools can make research and collaboration much easier, and allows for a better flow of communication between colleagues and friends. You can find out more information, watch a video, and try it out at <http://www.diigo.com>.

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