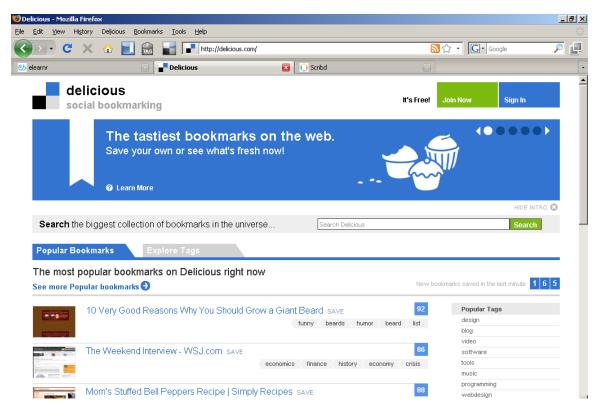
<u>Using del.icio.us to synchronise</u> bookmarks & find new, exciting stuff

It's all very well bookmarking a website you've found useful on one computer, but what happens when you want to find it again and you're on a different one? The social bookmarking site <u>http://del.icio.us</u> solves that problem – and others – by storing your bookmarks online. You can share them with the world (recommended!) or keep them private. View mine: <u>http://del.icio.us/dajbelshaw</u>

I find del.icio.us useful for:

- 1. Storing links to useful websites and web applications to access wherever I am.
- 2. Discovering new resources that other educators have recommended.
- 3. Creating a repository of useful links for a particular purpose (e.g. a department or for pupils on a certain course)

Here's how to get started with del.icio.us:



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For the purpose of this tutorial, I'm going to enter <u>http://elearnr.edublogs.org</u> into the URL box. Feel free to enter any website you use often, just to get started!

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Perhaps most important, however, is the **Tags** box. If you tag websites appropriately, they become very easy to find again using your del.icio.us account. You can enter anything you like – I've used **elearning**, **school** and **education** here. If the website has been bookmarked by another user, the tags they used are brought up under the **Popular** heading. Clicking on those adds that tag.

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The next screen takes you to your account home on del.icio.us. You can see that you've saved your first bookmark! Down the side of your account page are the tags you have used so far. Clicking on these when you have more bookmarks will take you to those websites for which you've used that tag.

More advanced use

To make saving and tagging websites quicker and more straightforward, there are some tools you can use. If you use the excellent web browser Firefox (<u>http://getfirefox.com</u>) then you can add a button to the left-hand side of the address bar for one-click bookmarking. You find more on that by clicking Help at the top right-hand corner:

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