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BJB2 hands the virtual floor over to Lynne and officially welcomes everyone to the Web 2.0 Tools discussion

LynneW: Welcome everyone!

MelissaRi: Hello!

LynneW: If you have not already "officially" joined this group, please consider doing so.

MarciC joined the room.

LynneW: We gather for a focus on Web 2.0 Tools for Schools once each month.

BJB2: good suggestion, Lynne

LynneW: This room is always open and available at any time.

BJB2 . o O (about joining the group)

LynneW: It is also open for anyone who wants to add new resources in the room.

LynneW: I'm a professor of educational technology at Concordia University in Portland Oregon. Let's have introductions...who would like to start?

MelissaRi: I will.

MelissaRi: My name is Melissa Richardson and I am an Educational Technologist with DODDS-Europe

BJB2: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

JoshG: My name is Josh I am 14. I live in a town in Texas hardly anybody has heard of I am going into my freshmen year (9th grade). I am a honor student and have been a helpdesk member for 2 months

DoloresG: I am a technology coordinator for an elementary school in St. Louis MO

MarciC: I was a tech coord at a k-8 school in Ohio - and am now working for an ed tech company

LynneW: Is that everyone?

JulieB joined the room.

LynneW: Hi Julie. We were just doing introductions. Would you introduce yourself?

JulieB: Aloha this is Julie from Maui Community College

LynneW: Today I'm bringing you a new tool that was just publicly launched this past Monday.

MarjorieO: Hi, I'm Marjorie. I am an Instructional Designer for a medical device company in San Diego and I am also a student at SDSU.

LynneW: Melissa asks if there is a way to copy this discussion. There are two ways you can access this information.

LynneW: One is a Tapped In archive.

LynneW: The other is a transcript that will be automatically emailed to each of you once you log out of Tapped In.

MelissaRi: Okay, thank you.

LynneW: Thank you for that great question.

BJB2 . o O (and again, a reminder to go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat window and click on DETACH)

LynneW: I am going to copy and paste sections of a review of this site as a way of introducing it to you. Here we go.

LynneW: Combining bookmarks with sharing, tagging, annotation and very powerful search tools, Diigo is an appealing, evolutionary step forward in how we find, consume and share information on the web.

LynneW: The whole concept of involving people in the discovery and categorization of information has been gaining traction over the past couple years, evolving from social bookmark sites like Del.icio.us and Shadows to more elaborate web page saving and annotation tools like Looksmart's Furl and Yahoo's MyWeb—and of course, many others.

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LynneW: As I've watched the evolution of these various tools, I've found them useful but always lacking in one way or another. Some were simply awkward to use. Others were easy to use but never really grabbed me strongly enough to continue using them on a regular basis.

LynneW: Diigo, launched on Monday, doesn't really break new ground with the services it offers, but combines a number of really useful tools and tasks into a simple but powerful interface. It's also a pure-bred web 2.0 service, offering easy customization (via Ajax) to more fully suit your own individual needs.

LynneW: The name "Diigo" is an abbreviation for "Digest of Internet Information, Groups and Other stuff." Diigo combines a number of features into a single service that's accessible through either a toolbar or a less-powerful bookmarklet, including:

LynneW: Bookmarks, which can be saved locally or to several popular online favorites-sharing services

LynneW: Web page saving, with annotation and tagging capabilities

LynneW: A simple blog publishing tool

LynneW: An impressive, flexible search toolbar

LynneW: To use the service, sign up for a free Diigo account, then download the Diigo toolbar (available for Internet Explorer, Firefox or Flock). As I mentioned, if you don't want another toolbar there's a bookmarklet available though I wouldn't recommend this as it lacks many of the features of the toolbar.

LynneW: Once you've installed the toolbar, you'll see a screen offering a guided tour or flash tutorial (the flash tutorial is quick and painless), or a feature to import your current browser or del.icio.us bookmarks into Diigo. If you're like me, your browser bookmarks are likely out of date and poorly organized, so I'd hold off doing this. It's actually easier to revisit your favorite sites and save them again using Diigo later on.

LynneW: To bookmark a page, simply click the "Diigo" button on the toolbar. This generates a dialog box that displays the title and URL of the page, with forms that allow you to add your own tags, specify whether it's a public or private bookmark, and a form to add a comment about the page.

LynneW: These bookmarks are stored on Diigo servers. You can also simultaneously save the bookmark to other services including del.icio.us, Furl, Yahoo's MyWeb and others, but be sure to set these up using the "Options" button on the toolbar ahead of time;

there's no way to add or selectively choose these services as you're in the process of saving a page, unfortunately.

BJB2: if you're having trouble keeping up with the text, go to Actions and click on SEND TO PASTEBOARD. That will allow you to read what Lynne has pasted a little more slowly

BJB2 . o O (and all the text will be in your transcript)

LynneW: I opted to copy all this text to you because it is a strange hybrid of services mashed together in one.

BJB2: everyone caught up?

MarciC: since these bookmarks are saved on their server - what must be done to access these from another computer?

DoloresG: yes

LynneW: Let's go to the web site. There is a free explore option there. Follow the link to see how to highlight text in a web page and add a sticky note.

JulieB: yes

MelissaRi: finished

LynneW: You simply log in at any computer

JoshG: yes caught up

MarciC: website?

LynneW: <http://www.diigo.com>

BJB2: when you click on the url Lynne shows you, hold down the ctrl key on your keyboard to override pop up blockers...or turn off your pop up blocker

MarciC: thanks

BJB2: try to overlap your screens so you can still see the chat text

JulieB: so we need to download to try it out?

MelissaRi: The webpage feedback option is interesting.

LynneW: No. There is nothing to download.

LynneW: It is a web based application.

LynneW: Do you see the link for "Go to the "Playground"?"

LynneW: Click on that or look to the right and take virtual tour.

MelissaRi: Why would one need to write on any webpage though? I could see that being helpful to the creator of the webpage.

MarciC: pretty cool

LynneW: The sticky note is private. Only you and the people you forward the notation to will actually see the sticky note.

LynneW: There are other features as well.

MelissaRi: Is the sticky note for the webpage?

LynneW: Say you wanted your students to pay particular attention to a section of an online journal article. You could leave a sticky note to make a point or pose a question or give further directions.

MarciC: so many times we save links that we have found and later on we spend time remembering why we marked those - or we start capturing a lot of sites while researching and then go back later to review and clean out the list - this would be a huge help to make annotations while we are in the midst of research

LynneW: Excellent point Marci

MelissaRi: Yes, it would. That is helpful.

MarciC: what does the interface look like that would list your bookmarks

LynneW: Additionally, when you bookmark a site here, you can also automatically add the link to delicious or furl or several other online bookmark places.

LynneW: Fairly similar to delicious with a bit more information.

JulieB: Are there school's using this tool?

LynneW: It is tag driven as well.

MarciC: what happens to bookmarks that are linked to dead links?

LynneW: It is brand new - just opened to the public this past Monday.

LynneW: There is a FAQ that is available from the site homepage.

LynneW: I'll go look at the help files to see if I can find an answer to that question.

MelissaRi: So the sticky note can be added on any website?

MelissaRi: for the user?

LynneW: Yes

LynneW: And if you forward that web page to anyone by email (whether they are a registered user of the site or not) they will see the information.

LynneW: I tested this with BJ earlier this afternoon.

BJB2 nods

LynneW: I highlighted the text of a particular web site and forwarded it to her by email.

LynneW: Actually a portion of the web page

MelissaRi: I could see this being used in addition or instead of taking notes for upper grades.

JulieB: so do you access websites through diigo like a browser?

LynneW: You have links that are your bookmarks. These links also have any sticky notes or comments or other annotations included with the bookmark entry.

LynneW: Click on the link and it will take you to the web site.

MarjorieO: is the site with notes on it a "live" copy--meaning could they take that link and go to other pages on the site or is it a static copy?

LynneW: Live site

LynneW: Diigo does an overlay

LynneW: I would recommend you sign up to get access to this tool and give it a spin.

LynneW: They promise high level protection of your email address.

JulieB: then you have to download and get a username?

MarciC: was there a cost - sorry if you already mentioned this

LynneW: It requires you to download a plug-in to your browser. There is a separate version for Firefox.

LynneW: No -- all tools I present in Web 2.0 Tools for Schools are free!

MarciC: thanks

JulieB: free is good!

MarjorieO: I just signed up and downloaded it in less than a minute!

LynneW: There are numerous integrated features.

LynneW: There is also a web search box and you can customize it to use the search engines of your choice.

DoloresG: Wow, that is a fantastic tool.

LynneW: There are various search categories and each one can be customized.

LynneW: Images, music, blogs, etc.

LynneW: If anyone has any questions about Web 2.0 tools other than this one, please feel free to ask. There are lots of experts in the room.

MelissaRi: Do you know of a specific Web 2.0 that is great for elementary students?

MarjorieO: I downloaded it and then started playing with bookmarks. I notice that it defaults the bookmarks to public. So that means that all diigo users could see my bookmark?

JulieB: Is there a big problem maintaining web2 sites ?

MarciC: I installed the toolbar and restarted firefox - but do not see the toolbar - am I missing something?

LynneW: Yes, Marjorie

LynneW: That is one of the parts of these tools being "social"

LynneW: Marci, I don't know the answer to that. I didn't have that problem.

JulieB: I downloaded it and then lost it..

LynneW: There is no maintenance of web 2.0 sites. They are all web based and managed by the owners of the web site.

LynneW: The only thing you need to manage is your bookmarks.

JulieB: so as far as spam there can be now spam or unwanted malicious posts?

LynneW: Grouping them - culling out the ones you don't need any more.

LynneW: There is no posting in the sense that it is not a chat room or blog.

MarjorieO: What is the difference between a bookmark and a tag?

JulieB: but the websites are shared?

LynneW: The sticky notes can only be seen by the originator of the bookmark and the people that person forwards the information to.

LynneW: Julie, are you familiar with delicious?

JulieB: no

MarciC: thanks - firefox restarted

LynneW: Great Marci.

LynneW: Here is the link to my delicious bookmarks. Go look at it to see what these social bookmarking sites are about.

JulieB: is delicious appropriate for K-6 students?

JulieB: ok

LynneW: <http://del.icio.us/woltersl>

MelissaRi: What are the tags?

LynneW: They are used like indexing to give keywords that indicate the type of site it is.

MelissaRi: I clicked on them and it seems to be expanding some things.

JulieB: That is very cool Lynn

LynneW: If you wanted to see everything I have posted for Web 2.0 Tools, just click on that tag.

JulieB: ok

LynneW: You can also click on the tag for all Web 2.0 tools that is anywhere on the delicious site

JulieB: wow

JulieB: impressive

LynneW: Someone asked if it is safe for elementary students...

LynneW: I think it can be - just create an account for your classroom and provide them links you know are safe.

LynneW: Anyone else have an opinion on this?

MelissaRi: Do you know of one geared towards elementary students?

LynneW: One what?

MarciC: is there a way to force a new window to be opened when you click on a link that is listed in a tag - if you go into that link and then want to get back to your tag list - you may have to back track

DoloresG: This is fantastic - a little beyond where we are at the present

LynneW: social bookmarking site?

MelissaRi: a specific web 2.0 tool?

LynneW: Melissa I would have to go through the resources here in the group room with that in mind. Yes, there are now that I think about it. They are not social bookmarking tools but great tools anyway.

LynneW: There is an interactive timeline

LynneW: A comic creator

MarciC: please explain further

JulieB: so I can pick what sites to share with the students and can they add sites to it too?

LynneW: Just a minute and I'll get the links.

MarciC: interactive timeline?

MelissaRi: Where can I find these resources? They sound interesting.

BJB2: keep joining Lynne's monthly chats, Melissa!

MarciC: is there a way to force a new window to be opened when you click on a link that is listed in a tag - if you go into that link and then want to get back to your tag list - you may have to back track

LynneW: <http://www.readwritethink.org/materials/comic/index.html>

MelissaRi: So there is a monthly one on Web 2.0 tools, BJ?

BJB2: does right click on your mouse do that, Marci?

BJB2: right, Melissa

MelissaRi: Oh, I know that site.

MarciC: yes - thanks

LynneW: There are many resources here in this group room. The links are inside the folders. If you look at the room display you will see them there.

MelissaRi: So it would be in a folder called Web2Tools?

LynneW: Interactive Printing Press
http://interactives.mped.org/view_interactive.aspx?id=110&title=

LynneW: BJ can you explain how to focus on the room display?

DavidWe smiles

DavidWe can help, too

LynneW: These tools are in the folder called Reading, Writing, and Publishing

BJB2 nods

JulieB: oh wow loads of links thanks!

BJB2: you need to either attach your chat window

MelissaRi: Okay, thank you.

BJB2: or overlap your screens

BJB2: usually, if you just close the chat window it will automatically attach

BJB2: the web window is where all the links and files are stored

JulieB: so can we come here anytime or only when there is a discussion?

LynneW: Anytime

JulieB: great!

BJB2: ahhh...perfect segue to joining the group!

DavidWe: Tapped In is a virtual building, Julie. Unless the doors are locked, you can go into any of the rooms

LynneW thinks so too

BJB2 . o O (especially while everyone is viewing the web window above the chat window)

DavidWe . o O (Sometimes you NEED to be a member of a group to access the group room)

BJB2: being a member also makes it easier to find the room

BJB2: at the top of the web window above the chat window is a Welcome note...do you all see that?

MelissaRi: I have to leave now. Thank you, this was great!

LynneW: Thank you for joining us.

JoshG has to go

JoshG: bye

JoshG left the room (signed off).

LynneW: Bye Josh. Nice to meet you!

BJB2: if you scroll down on the welcome note to THIS IS THE GROUP ROOM FOR WEB 2.0 TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS...

BJB2: you will see a green i

MarciC: thanks for the great resources - enjoyed the discussion

BJB2: click on the green i

JulieB: I added ya to my favs

BJB2: and JOIN THE GROUP

BJB2: by joining the group you will be subscribed to the group discussion board and be able to add links and files

BJB2: and the room is automatically added to your pull down favorite places menu

JulieB: ok

BJB2: which allows you to enter the room from any location in Tapped In

JulieB: how do I do it?

MarciC: thanks - bye

LynneW: Bye Marci

MarciC left the room (signed off).

BJB2 hopes Lynne will post reminders to the group about the monthly meetings

LynneW: Will do.

LynneW: Thank you all for joining us this evening. I hope to see you next month.

JulieB: aloha

MarjorieO: Thank you!

BJB2: Julie, when you get your transcript you will see the directions to join the group....try later.

LynneW: Bye!

DavidWe : Thanks, Lynne. Great discussion

BJB2: thanks, Lynne.

DoloresG: Thanks - this is still beyond us at this time, but we keep on learning. I will be back - won't join the group just year.

LynneW: David it is nice to have you join us as usual.

BJB2 waves goodnight.

LynneW: Bye BJ

JulieB: so did I join when I added to favorites?

LynneW: No problem Dolores - you are always welcome

BJB2: no, Julie.

JulieB: how do I join?

BJB2: Julie, do you see the welcome note above the chat window?

JulieB: yes

BJB2: if you scroll down on the welcome note to THIS IS THE GROUP ROOM FOR WEB 2.0 TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS...

DavidWe : Thanks, Lynne

BJB2: you will see a green i

DavidWe just got some ice cream

JulieB: ok

BJB2: click on the green i

JulieB: ok

BJB2: and JOIN THE GROUP

BJB2: got it?

DavidWe is happy to help Julie if she is having difficulty

BJB2 smiles...she's not!

DavidWe nods

JulieB: yes I did

DavidWe : Good job, Julie!

BJB2: good job, Julie! You've joined the group

JulieB: thanks

JulieB: and thanks for the great info see ya next time..