USING DIIGO TO ENGAGE LEARNERS IN COURSE READINGS: ACTIVITY DESIGN AND FORMATIVE EVALUATION

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Social Bookmarking Tools

- **share** web-based resources
- collaboratively **analyze** using annotations

digo delicious

Bookmark, Tag, Highlight, Comment

Chrome Extension	Web-page View	Diigo View			
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 ID, design, strategies, business, ROI, blog, elearning, PO Recommended: business startup video instructional design design elearning Group dictionary: Diigo Tips Tag Dictionary Tutorial Drill-Practice Game Simulation Problem Solving Brainstorming Concept Mapping Database Authoring (Subject: math reading science) 	Write a comment Post ENGAGEMENT ⑦ * * * * * * * * * Paper-free submission • , grading, and feedback are great. While design is clean and user-friendly, the site could use more pizzazz to help students stick around, and perhaps extend learning, after they finish required work. PEDAGOGY ⑦ * * * * * *	improving writing skills convenience 117 Oct 16 It allows students to access their grade and corrections online rather than waiting for			
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Higher Ed Student Research:

TOOL:

- perceived usefulness
- perceived ease of use

SOCIAL:

- perceived value of various viewpoints
- improved learning over hardcopy annotation
- level of social activity correlated to final grades

Context: Intro to Educational Tech

- Required technology course for pre-service teachers
- 6 sections of course
 - Common syllabus
 - Meet 1X/week in computer lab
- 20-30% non-majors
- Course objectives focused on:
 - Learning to use software
 - Conceptual aspects of technology integration

Diigo Activity: Objectives



Diigo Activity: Features and Topics

Week	1	2	3 4		5	
Course Concept	Academic	Web 2.0	Productivity	Assistive	Professional	
	Software		Tools	Technology	Development	
Bookmark	Х	X	Х	X	X	
Tag	X	X	X	X	X	
Describe	Х	X	Х	X	Х	
Highlight		X	X	X	X	
Page Comment		X	X	X	X	
Peer Comment		X	X	X	X	
Topics			X	X	Х	

Evaluation: Data Points

78 students

1. Online survey

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Before this class, had you used Diigo?

O Yes

O No

Before this class had you used another social bookmarking tool (e.g., delicious)?

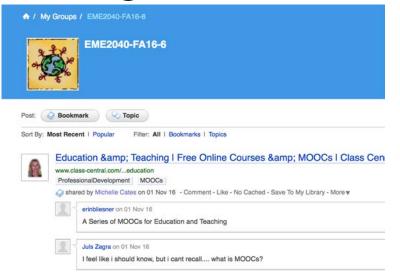
O Yes

O No

Please indicate your agreement with the following statements about using Diigo.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
Tags provide a meaningful way for saving links.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

2. Diigo archives



Findings: Initial Impressions

No prior Diigo experience

2 prior social bookmarking experience

Initial Impressions: Uncertain or Curious

Findings: Initial Impressions

Uncertain:

"I did not understand Diigo at first because I had never heard of it before. I thought it was a little confusing and I didn't know why we would use it."

Findings: Initial Impressions

Curious:

"I had not ever used such sources, so I was interested to find out about them. I did think it was a little pointless through the beginning of the semester."

Findings: Instructor Observations

- Diigo skills came easily
- Less inclined to view peer artifacts
- Liked instructional opportunity to delve into course concepts
- "Topics" helped accurate site selection

Favorable:

"My first assumptions about the program were correct. It was easy to use, and I can see myself using the program in the rest of my college, as well as the start of my professional career."

Favorable:

"Now that I have used Diigo a good amount, I really like it. I think it is incredibly useful and helpful. I actually started using it for other classes this semester, not just (this course) and it has helped me a lot. I think Diigo is something more people should know about and use."

Favorable, but not likely to continue using:

"If I want to bookmark, then I will just do it normally."

Not Favorable:

 $\textbf{One class} \rightarrow \textbf{technical difficulties}$

Students seemed unaware of

how to effectively use Diigo

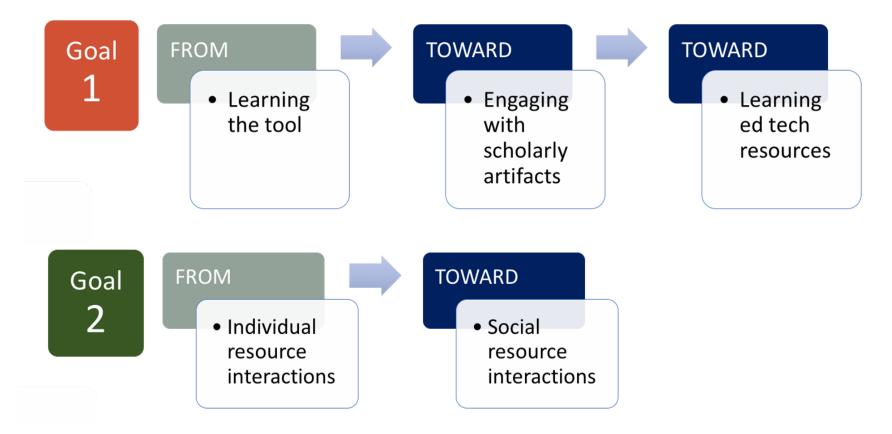
Problems with crashing

Not Favorable: Unclear on Learning Objectives

- Students felt the purpose was to learn the tool
- Students did not understand that they were supposed to focus on technology integration topics and interactions with others

"I think that it was over taught. We really didn't need 5+ weeks of instruction on it."

Implications: Design for the Next Iteration



- Articulate and reiterate objectives
- Provide behavioral steps and models
- Elicit student reflection

Thank you!

Questions?

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