


Pre-workshop Assignment for Web 2.0: Searching Innovations

In this assignment you will establish your own personal accounts in two of the most important and useful Web 2.0 tools we will cover during the class.

Instructions: Before coming to “Web 2.0: Searching Innovations,” please create your own personal account in Bloglines and del.icio.us. If you already have accounts with these services, please remember to **bring your logins and passwords to the class session.**

A. Create an account in Bloglines.

1. Go to **bloglines.com**
2. Click on **Register** in the upper right corner, after the  symbol.
3. Go through the steps to get your own Bloglines account. Detailed instructions follow if you need them.
 - a. Fill in the “Create an Account” form.
 - b. Enter an *email address* that you can access easily. Bloglines will send a confirmation of your request to create an account to this address. Your account will not be activated until you receive and acknowledge this confirmation message. You will not receive any spam by doing this.
 - c. Make up and enter a *password* for your Bloglines account. It must be at least six characters long. Retype it to verify it. **Write it down.**
 - d. Accept the Time zone and Language settings.
 - e. Click **Register**.
4. Go to the **email account** you entered above.
 - a. Look for a message from “Bloglines Validation.” The subject line will say “Bloglines Validation Email.” It may take several minutes to arrive. If you have a spam filter, look for the message in your spam folder.
 - b. Open the message and click the link to validate your address. You will be returned to Bloglines, at the “Welcome” screen.
 - c. You are finished creating your Bloglines account. Click Log Out in the upper right corner, unless you wish to explore Bloglines further. You will learn more about using Bloglines during the class session.

B. Create an account in del.icio.us.

1. Go to **del.icio.us**
2. Click on **Register** in upper right corner, under the “search” button.
3. Go through the steps to get your own del.icio.us account. Detailed instructions follow if you need them:
 - a. Fill in the ‘del.icio.us/register’ form.

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- b. Make up and enter a **username**. *Write it down.*
 - c. Enter your **full name**. You may use an alias, but *write it down* if you do.
 - d. Make up and enter a **password**. Retype it to verify it. *Write it down.*
 - e. Enter an **email address** that you can access easily. del.icio.us will send a verification email, confirming your request to set up a del.icio.us account. You will not get any spam.
 - f. Type the letters displayed below the email. This is for your security.
 - g. Click **Register**. If you are prompted to install buttons, ignore this for now.
4. Go to the **email account** you entered above:
- a. Look for an email from “del.icio.us Verification.” The subject line will say “Please Complete Your del.icio.us Registration.” It may take several minutes to arrive. If you have a spam filter, look for the message in your spam folder.
 - b. Open the message and click the link to activate your account. You will be returned to del.icio.us, at the “Welcome” screen.
 - c. You have created your del.icio.us account. We will install buttons to use del.icio.us during the class. You may now log out (upper right corner).

C. Bring your logins and passwords for both Bloglines and del.icio.us to class.

NOTE: If you were not able to complete either of these assignments, you will have an opportunity to trouble-shoot and get accounts in Bloglines and del.icio.us during part of the class. Bring to the class all you tried: passwords, logins, email addresses, and notes about what you did and what failed to work for you.