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Pedagogical Assessment of: Diigo

Website: www.diigo.com

Usage

Diigo is a social bookmarking website that allows signed-up users to bookmark and tag Web pages. Additionally, it allows users to highlight any part of a webpage and attach sticky notes to specific highlights or to a whole page. These annotations can be kept private, shared with a group within Diigo, or be forwarded to someone else via a special link.

Usage

Diigo can be used effectively to help students learn how to manage online content using the various features available via Diigo. They can search for, bookmark, organize, annotate, collaborate, and share resources they find online. They can also learn about numerous subjects by conducting searches with Google or other users' libraries. It can also help students share annotated articles they have found which will be very useful in a group or team setting for projects.

The sharing aspect may also be of a particular interest to lecturers, they can use the site as a classroom tool by signing up for a Diigo educator account. Teachers can create student accounts and set up a Diigo group for classmates to access group bookmarks and forums. The functionality lets teachers highlight key text and images, gather pages into thematic groups, and encourage online conversations about the materials.
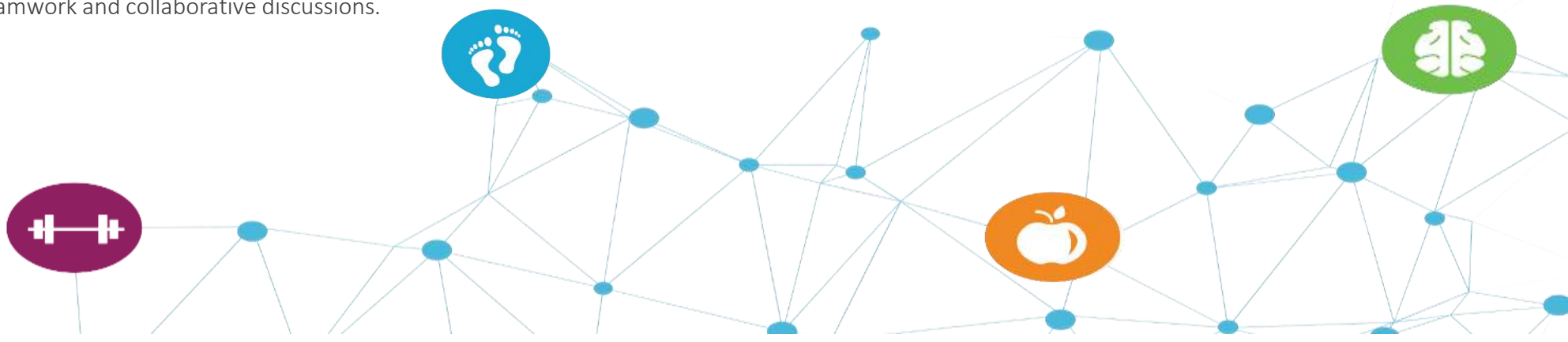
In addition, collaborative groups allow students to gather and annotate their own resources, strengthening their research skills. Teachers can use their educator account to create assignments that will boost students' reading skills and encourage teamwork and collaborative discussions.

Ease of Access

Diigo is a very easy too to use and access. It can be added to chrome to allow for users to easily bookmark the relevant articles and also it can be logged into from any computer using the individual log in details. The feature allowing for groups to be set up is very convenient as it makes sharing articles and lists of articles very time efficient and effective.

Pedagogical Assessment

Taking into consideration the features of Diigo, it is evident that it offers a good foundation for students to develop their analytical and research skills, as students will need to learn to condense the information that they add to their Diigo account. Furthermore it will also provide the opportunity for pupils to develop skills such as collaboration as they may be accessing the Diigo account as a group for a shared task. From an educators point of view, it is a useful platform to develop organisational skills, as it is easy to organise material bookmarked to Diigo in a logical and manageable form.

Advantages

- Diigo is a powerful tool for organisation when completing online research. It ensures that all websites, articles and feeds that are relevant to you are kept in a succinct manner making all types of online research very manageable.

- Diigo offers a very useful add on to Google Chrome that means allows you to access it while you browse any article.

- There is also an app which when downloaded allows you to scroll the internet from your phone and add any articles to your reading list while you are on the go.

Disadvantages

- Diigo only offers add on features for Google Chrome and Firefox. In order to highlight and save articles on iExplorer you have to manually copy and paste the URL into your Diigo account.

- You have to download the app in order to use Diigo on a mobile device. (it can be used in Safari if you log onto Diigo account on one tab and then when searching manually copy and paste in the articles that you want to save) The app does not give you access to the articles when you are offline.

- The free version is quite limited in the features that you can use and if you have multiple groups then it might not be the most useful tool to use.

Reviews

"Diigo is the ultimate classroom research tool for project based learning. It provides classroom teachers with a safe way for students to collect and collaborate information. It provides tools such as web highlighting, screen shots, tagging, and more. Diggo offers a school account or an individual educator account. Educators can create a free account and enroll their students without an email. Teachers also have full control of student accounts, which allows them to collaborate safely." Mitzi V. (Developer)

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Conclusion

Diigo is a very effective tool that can really aid student's research and collaboration tasks. It offers a lot of great features on the free version that are ample for student use. Overall it is an innovative tool that will help students complete their research in a more efficient and effective way