del.icio.us
social bookmarking **For Firefox Users**

Go to the del.icio.us website at
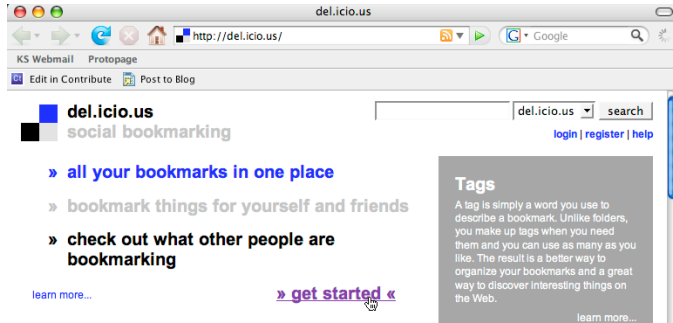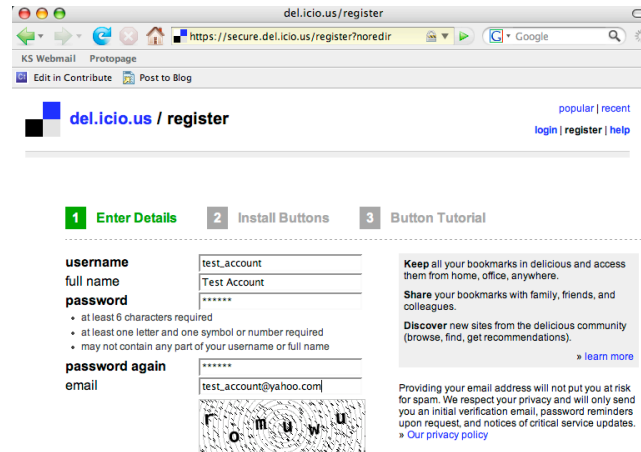http://del.icio.us/ and click on the
'get started' link

Create a username and password.
Your username will become part of
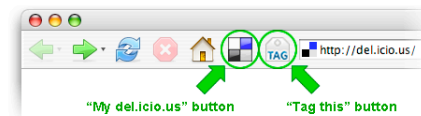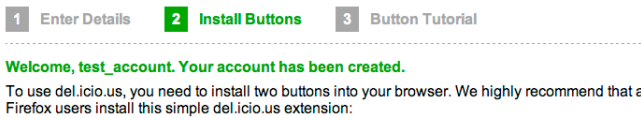the url to log you into your del.icio.us
account.

Example: username = test_account

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http://del.icio.us/test_account
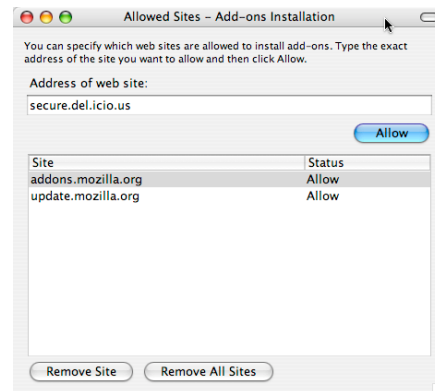
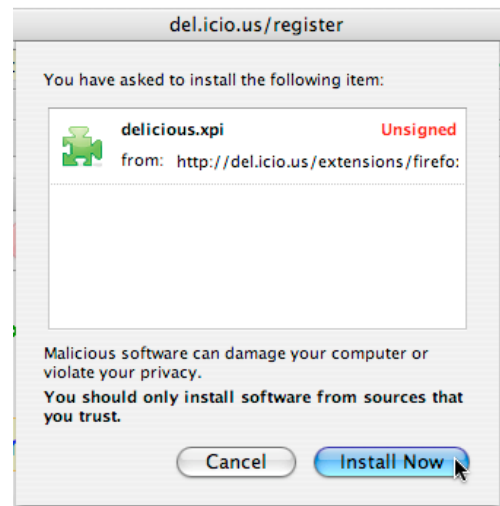Install the del.icio.us buttons by
clicking on

'Install Extension Now'

If a window pops up to ask if you should allow this
site to add on the installation, click on 'Allow'.

You will need to click on 'Install Extension Now'
again.

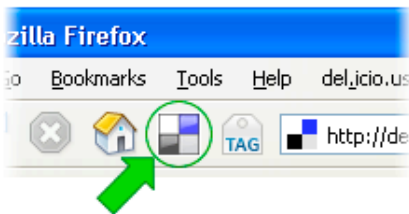When this window appears, click on 'Install Now'.

You will need to restart Firefox to complete the installation.

Once the installation is complete, you will receive the message below that explains how to use the del.icio.us extensions.

Your Firefox Extension has been successfully installed.

How to use your new extension:

"My del.icio.us" button
View your saved pages

Your saved pages are always available at:
http://del.icio.us/test_account
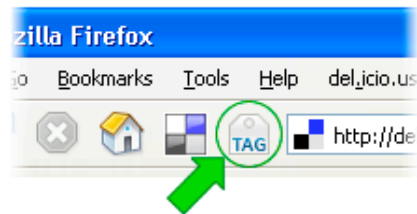
"Tag this" button
Save your current page to del.icio.us

As you browse the web and find a page you want to save, click this button. You can add a description, notes, and tags to the page before saving it.

Adding bookmarks

When you're visiting a page that you'd like to save to del.icio.us, click the button at the top of your browser labeled 'TAG'.

Then, fill out the information in the posting interface and save it -- you've just saved a bookmark to del.icio.us!

The **url** is the web address of the bookmark that you're saving. This usually starts with http://, and is necessary to save anything in del.icio.us.

The **description** is the name of the bookmark that you are saving. It is automatically set to the title of the page, if available. You can change this if you'd like.

Notes are a way to include extended text of what the bookmark is about. This can be text copied from the document or anything that you want to include along with the bookmark.

Tags are words that you assign to the bookmark to help you (and other people) find it later.
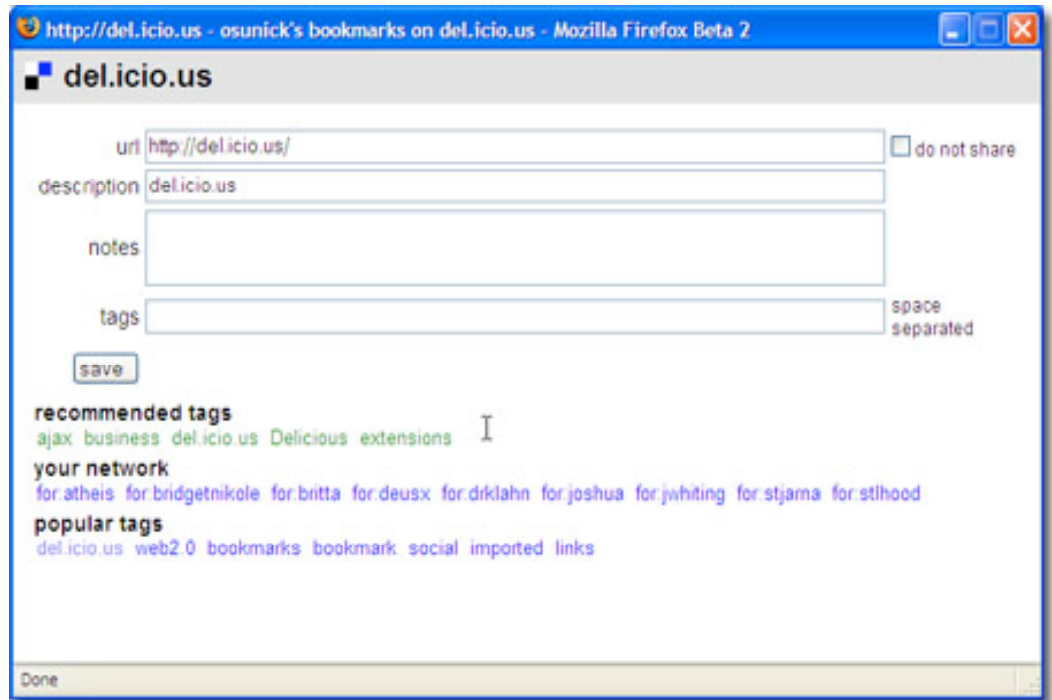
To see your saved bookmarks, click the button with the square del.icio.us logo. A bookmark saved by you looks like this:

Description: click to go directly to site

Total of other bookmarks: click to see who else saved this site

Notes: a short summary of page

The Cook's Thesaurus   edit / delete
pictures of ingredients and substitutions
to food reference ... saved by 812 other people ... 1 min ago

Tags: click to see other sites on these topics

Directions and some screen shots taken from del.icio.us help at http://del.icio.us/help/

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Import bookmarks

If you have bookmarks or favorites in your browser that you'd like to upload to del.icio.us, you can use import/upload in your settings to add them to your account. You can upload as many bookmarks files as you like, one at a time. This can be convenient for consolidating bookmarks from multiple computers.

First you need to export your bookmarks to a bookmark file. In Firefox, you need to go to Bookmarks---Organize Bookmark which will bring up your bookmarks manager.

From the bookmarks manager, choose File---Export.

Select where you want to save this file.

Now go to the settings page in del.icio.us. Under 'Bookmarks' click on 'import/upload'. This will allow you to choose the bookmark file you previously saved.

All bookmarks will be imported to your del.icio.us site. You can go back and edit these bookmarks as described below.
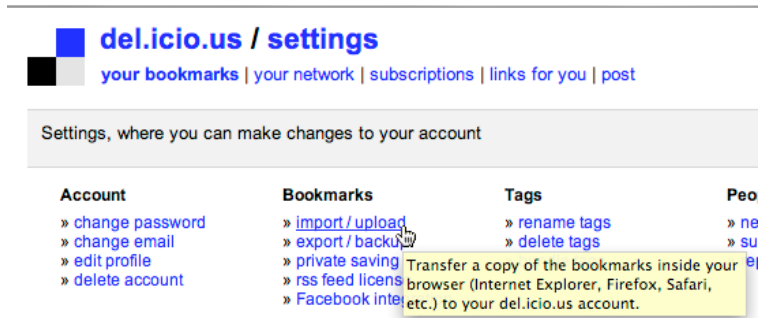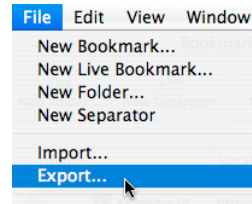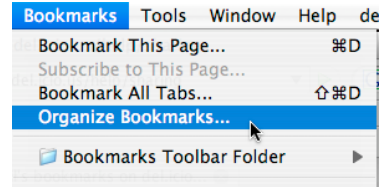
Edit and delete bookmarks

After saving an item, you can edit its description, notes, and tags by going to your bookmarks and visiting the "edit" link next to that bookmark's description. Similarly, if you'd like to delete a item, visit the "delete" link next to its description.

Private and public bookmarks

Bookmarks saved with your buttons are public by default, but imported bookmarks are private by default. If you see "not shared" next to a bookmark, that means it is a private bookmark and only you can see it.
Note: if you're logged out, you won't be able to see your private bookmarks either.

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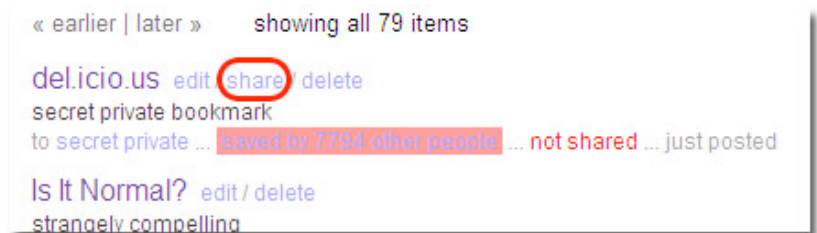
To change a private bookmark to public (so that everyone else can see it), click the "share" link next to it.

To change a public bookmark to private, first enable private saving in your settings. Then edit your bookmark, check the do not share box, and save it. While saving a new bookmark, you can also check the do not share box to make that bookmark private.

Sharing and exploring

To show your friends your bookmarks, you can give them a link to your del.icio.us site.

Want to see what other people are bookmarking? You can start with the del.icio.us home page, which includes the hotlist (the most popular links of the moment) and tags to watch, which include other popular links organized by tag.