

Social bookmarks' charts *version 3.5*

This is an interim version, with some mistakes and updates (especially del.icio.us, Connotea, Netvouz and Simpy) corrected.

The next edition (number 4) will contain at least three more services (see below). As I said before, maybe there are some points I didn't notice, or there are some mistakes. And features change quickly.

	Furl	HLOM	Jots	Spurl	Simpy	Blinklist	Blog marks	CiteU Like	Connotea	de.lirio.us	del.icio.us	digg	FeedMe Links	igooi	Linkroll	Netvouz	openBM	Scuttle	unalog
Save...																			
Copy of the page	X	X	X	X ≤ 250 kB	X ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- ²	-	-	-	-
Copy is public	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Categories	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-
Several categories	X	≤ 3	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tags / keywords	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Clippings	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Comments	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rating system	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	-
Thumbshots	-	-	-	X	X ³	-	X	-	-	-	X ³	-	-	-	X ⁴	-	-	-	-
Mentions...																			
related pages	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	- ⁵	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
pages within same domain	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
other members who saved link	X	-	X	only number	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	X	-	X
recommended links	X	-	-	X ⁶	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Privacy																			
Set archive private/public	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X
Mark entries as private	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	- ⁷	X	X ⁸	- ⁹	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	X
Comment others' links	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Send links (tell-a-friend)	X	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-
Archive for others' feeds...	X	X	-	-	X ¹⁰	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-
...with RSS feed	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X ¹¹	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-
Form groups...	-	-	X	X ¹²	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X

1 Simpy links to a (possible) copy at <http://web.archive.org>.

2 Linkroll offers a link preview, realized by an iframe tag.

3 See the Firefox extension *Better Search* under *Software*.

4 Linkroll has the ability to get a preview of the page via iframe-Tags (Link *peek*).

5 Connotea mentions related tags and related users. It also allows to see others' comments about a page.

6 The timeframe and the language of the links can be changed.

7 Only notes made on an entry can be set private.

8 To set a bookmark private, you have to add a tag @private.

9 The for-Link is not really private, but invisible to subscribers.

10 Simpy offers with its topics a kind of inbox referring to persons and to an unlimited number of filter queries.

11 The so-called watchlist can also be exported to BibTex and Endnote.

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...with restricted access	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-
Advertisizing	Google-Ads	Google-Ads	-	Google-Ads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Google-Ads	-	-	Google-Ads	-	-	-	-
Privacy policy ¹³	Data to 3 rd party	No data to 3 rd p.	None	No data to 3 rd p.	No data to 3 rd p.	None	None	No data to 3 rd p.	None	None	None	None	None	No data to 3 rd p.	None	No data to 3 rd p.	No data to 3 rd p.	None	None
RSS feeds																			
for all entries	X	X ¹⁴	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
limited to categorie(s) / tags	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X
Linkroll for homepage... ¹⁵	X ¹⁶	- ¹⁷	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-
...limited to categories / tags	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	-
...and costumize its layout	X	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	-
RSS feed as HTML	-	- ¹⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X ¹⁸	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X
Import links¹⁹																			
Internet Explorer	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	-
Mozilla/ Firefox	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	-	X ²⁰	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	-
Netscape	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	-
Opera	-	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-
Safari	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-
del.icio.us	X	X	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	X
Others	-	X ²¹	-	-	Galeon Konqueror	-	RSS/Atom	BibTeX	-	-	-	-	-	X ²²	-	Netvouz XML	-	-	-
Export as...																			
IE favorites / bookm. file	X / X	- / X	- / -	- / X	X / X	- / -	- / -	- / -	- / -	- / -	- / X	- / -	- / -	X / -	- / -	- / X	- / -	- / -	- / -
XML	X	-	-	-	X ²³	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	X ²⁴
BibTeX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Endnote	X ²⁵	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exporting single categories	X	-	-	as HTMLfile	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-

12 Spurl offers the so-called streams at <http://stream.spurl.net>.

13 My notes are only very rough guidelines. Please read the documentation of each service for details.

14 This feature is announced, but seems to be still in development.

15 If you have a server with PHP enabled, you may also use *Magpie* (<http://magpiers.sourceforge.net>), or *Feedsplitter* (<http://chxo.com/software/feedsplitter/>), otherwise use an external supplier such as *Feed2js* (<http://jade.mclii.dist.maricopa.edu/feed/>)

16 The RSS feed may be limited to a determined number of days.

17 You can publish own link pages with HLOM.

18 See <http://del.icio.us/html/username>

19 Most browsers are able to export bookmarks as an HTML file, so the following points – except del.icio.us – are a pure question of comfort.

20 See <http://nerdierthanthou.nfshost.com/2005/04/furl-to-delicious.html> or <http://www.hybernaut.com/bdv/delicious-import.html>.

21 HLOM says it imports any text file with URIs inside.

22 igooi also says it imports any text file with URIs inside.

23 See <http://www.simpy.com/simpy/service/api/rest/GetLinks.jsp>

24 XBEL and XOBIS format.

25 Furl also offers the following formats: zip file (of the whole archive), MLA, APA, CBE Chicago citation.

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Tools																			
Mozilla / Firefox extensions...	Toolbar ²⁶	-	-	Spurlbar ²⁷	Better Search ²⁸	-	-	-	-	-	delicious foxylicious ²⁹	-	FML Toolbar ³⁰	-	-	-	-	-	-
...with sidebar	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	X ³¹	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tools for Internet Explorer	-	-	-	X	-	-	X ³²	-	-	-	X	-	FML Toolbar	X ²⁶	-	-	-	-	-
Bookmarklet	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bookmarklet for link history	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Use without pop-up	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	-	-	X	X
Posting links to a blog	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X ³³	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Search...																			
inside your bookmarks	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
inside all bookmarks	X	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	- ³⁴	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X ³⁵
Mozilla search plugin ³⁶	X	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-
Extras																			
API	-	-	X	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-
Open source	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	X
Easy URIs ³⁷	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	X	X	-	X	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	X
Link validation	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-
Tag cloud	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X
Developers' blog	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	-	X	-	- ³⁸	X	X	X	-	X	X
Newsletter	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forum	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-

26 See <http://www.furl.net/toolbar/moz.jsp>

27 See <http://spurlbar.mozdev.org>

28 See <http://bettersearch.g-blog.net>

29 See <http://delicious.mozdev.org> and <http://dietrich.ganx4.com/foxylicious>

30 This toolbar is also available for Opera and Safari.

31 This sidebar is part of the Firefox extension delicious.

32 Internet Explorer Right-Click Context Menu.

33 See http://hownow.brownpau.com/archives/2005/04/delicious_daily_blog_posting

34 You can only search tags or users.

35 To limit the search to your bookmarks, add user:*username* to your query (where *username* is your username, of course).

36 You may also have a look at the Firefox extension *Conquery*. See <http://conquery.mozdev.org/>

37 Easy URIs means a structure similar to <http://example.com/username> and <http://example.com/tag/username>

38 Users see a kind of news feed on their links' page.

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Notes	Archive can be hidden for search robots	Very complex pop-up Publish entries as HTML	Post notes	18+ filter Sub-categories	Notes	Type-ahead feature for tags Favorite tags	Mention referrer Private tags	For academic use Private/public comments	For academic use Connotea Explorer & Client ³⁹		cocoal.icio.us for Mac Typeahead feature for tags Tagroll			Mark links unread Trackbacks blog articles	Link to Technorati cosmos Media links Podcast feature	Hotpicks Imports Kaylon Powermarks Typeahead feature for tags				
Interface language (s)	English	English	English	English Icelandic Spanish German	English	English	English	English German Russian French Italian N, JAP	English	English	English	English	English	English Chinese	English	English Swedish	English German	English	English	English
WWW adress	furl.net	hyperlinkomatic.com	jots.com	spurl.net	simpy.com	blinklist.com	blogmarks.net	citeulike.org	connotea.org	de.lirio.us	del.icio.us	digg.com	feedme-links.com	igooi.com	linkroll.com	netvouz.com	openbme	scuttle.org ⁴⁰	unalog.com	
Who is behind it?	Look-smart	Vertebrate.co.uk	VPOP Technologies	Hjalmar Gislason	Otis Gospodnetic	Blinklist.com	Benoît Fleury etc.	Richard Cameron	Nature Publishing Group	Steve (at) de.lirio.us	Joshua Schachter/ Yahoo	Digg.com	jm3.net	igooi.com	Linkroll.com	Henrik Sjöstrand	Peter Schink	Marcus Campbell etc.	Daniel Chudnov	

Which one is the best? This is a really difficult question. It depends on your needs. There are services with a lot of features – but do you really need them all?

Personally I use *del.icio.us* combined with *Spurl*, but this is only one option between many others, and many other services look interesting. Maybe you prefer another service combined with an offline browser that keeps copies of interesting pages. Working with LaTeX and BibTeX, *Furl* and *CiteULike* will probably be your favorites, and so on. With many services you are allowed to form groups with same interests, so it may depend on communities and your contacts. **What's missing?** The next edition will also contain *Shadows*, *StumbleUpon* and *myYahoo*. I didn't add *SearchFox* because it will soon be offline. And I won't include Sync2it as it only provides 100 free bookmarks. **Where can I find more information?** There are several possibilities:

- You will find more information about *social bookmarks* in my blog (<http://www.irox.de/roxomatic>), especially in the category *social bookmarks*. To read the RSS feed only of this category, just point your RSS reader to <http://www.irox.de/sb.php>.
- You can also check my del.icio.us account concerning social bookmarks: <http://del.icio.us/Kossatsch/socialbookmarks> (RSS-Feed <http://del.icio.us/rss/Kossatsch/socialbookmarks>). It actually contains more than 200 links.
- If you want to have more comments on each service, then have a look at my wiki (<http://www.irox.de/wiki>), **There you will find a growing section about social bookmarks with a poll.**
- There is a Spurl stream about social bookmarks (http://stream.spurl.net/social_bookmarks/) you may search and contribute to if you have a Spurl account.

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³⁹ For these tools see <http://www.connotea.org/news#2005-10-25>.

⁴⁰ Thanks to its easy setup, numerous scuttle clones exist in the web. e. g. <http://leze.de> or <http://deli.netbib.de>.

⁴¹ See <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/2.0/deed.en>.