

Tag Clouds

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The display of text blocks, for each person shown below, are known as Tag Clouds. Each Tag Cloud is generated from a persons bookmarked websites that are stored in an online del.icio.us account (<http://del.icio.us>).

Del.icio.us is a social bookmarking, social software web service for storing and sharing web bookmarks. According to del.icio.us/doc/about:

"del.icio.us is a social bookmarks manager. It allows you to easily add sites you like to your personal collection of links, to categorize those sites with keywords, and to share your collection not only between your own browsers and machines, but also with others."

Del.icio.us uses a non-hierarchical keyword categorization system where users can tag each of their bookmarks with a number of freely chosen keywords (folksonomy). A combined view of everyone's bookmarks with a given tag is available; for instance, the URL "<http://del.icio.us/tag/wiki>" displays all of the most recent links tagged "wiki". Its collective nature also makes it possible to view bookmarks added by similar-minded users

A Tag Cloud is the collection of tags that a user has accumulated as their list of bookmarks grows. Each of the artists Tag Clouds have been generated by asking each of them for a list of their bookmarks. By submitting them all to del.icio.us in separate accounts it was possible to build up a Tag Cloud for each person based upon the tags that already existed for each website. Some entries were new to the network and consequently did not receive a tag, others had been submitted by many others and had a great many tags associated with them.

In generating a Tag Cloud Del.icio.us also tells you how many times a Tag has been used, and by applying a simple CSS it was possible to indicate through the size of type the tags that are most prevalent in each artists bookmarked websites.

The resulting Tag Clouds provide an indication of the interests that inform each of the artists work based upon what they consider are interesting websites. The results are reminiscent of sciences Homunculus man, who is modeled or drawn to reflect the relative sensory space our body parts occupy on the cerebral cortex. The lips, hands, feet and sex organs are considerably more sensitive than other parts of the body, so the homunculus has grossly large lips, hands and genitals. Well known in the field of neurology, this is also commonly called 'the little man inside the brain.'

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