

There are a wide variety of resources providing for varied levels of PLN specificity. For example, a Ning allows you to create your own social network and uStream allows you to conduct live broadcasts. However, the resource I found to be most interesting and promising for my own PLN development is Delicious.com.

Delicious.com does a few things for you. First it helps you to organize your bookmarks. It will help you search and save specific resources you want to bookmark and also import bookmarks you make outside of their system. Secondly, it's search function returns highly reliable resources because it only searches for websites bookmarked by other users. This adds a sense of validity to their search results as it pre-filters redundant or, to put it simply, bad resources. A sense of community is formed as well, because you know your bookmarked pages will be made available for other Delicious users.

One way I intend to use this resource is as a bookmark organizer. I've started bookmarking many pages as my professional responsibilities have expanded. I've got an online stopwatch for cheer practice and a translation page for German class side by side. I've never been thrilled with provided bookmarking organization tools. Either I can't make enough folders, or I can't remember if the bookmark is in the toolbar, menu, or unsorted...as if I understand the difference. What I like about Delicious is that you can tag each bookmark for easy searching later and create as many categories as you please!

I also plan to use Delicious.com to help me find great blogs, webpages, twitter feeds, youtube channels and more based on my bookmark category. I'm excited about the fact that these pages have been bookmarked by others already, although I realize there's no accounting for taste sometimes! The search function clearly notes what type of media is shown and allows you to bookmark the resources right then. There are also group comments to help guide choices and dialogue about the specific resource.

This resource can merge personal and professional in a way that intrigues my curiosity and spares me from being too overwhelmed by search results.