

# Introduction to Digg

## Digg---What it is and how to use it!

Digg allows the user to discover and share content from all over the web. Unlike other news sources, Digg includes information not only from the major news outlets but also from the smallest blogs. The information is selected, submitted and voted on by members of the Digg community.

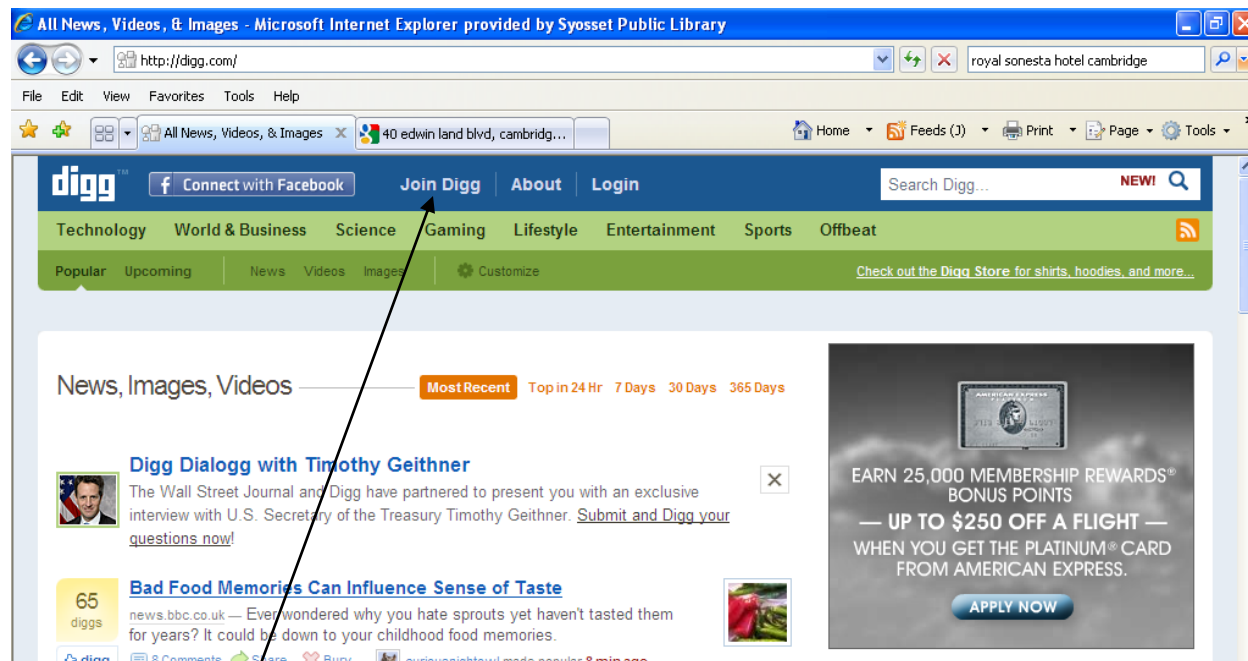
There are no editors at Digg. Everything is selected by the Digg community. You can be actively involved in the selection process by submitting articles and by commenting on the articles that appear on the site. You can invite friends to join you as a Digg-er and follow what they are Digg-ing.

To make the most out of your Digg experience be sure to customize your homepage.

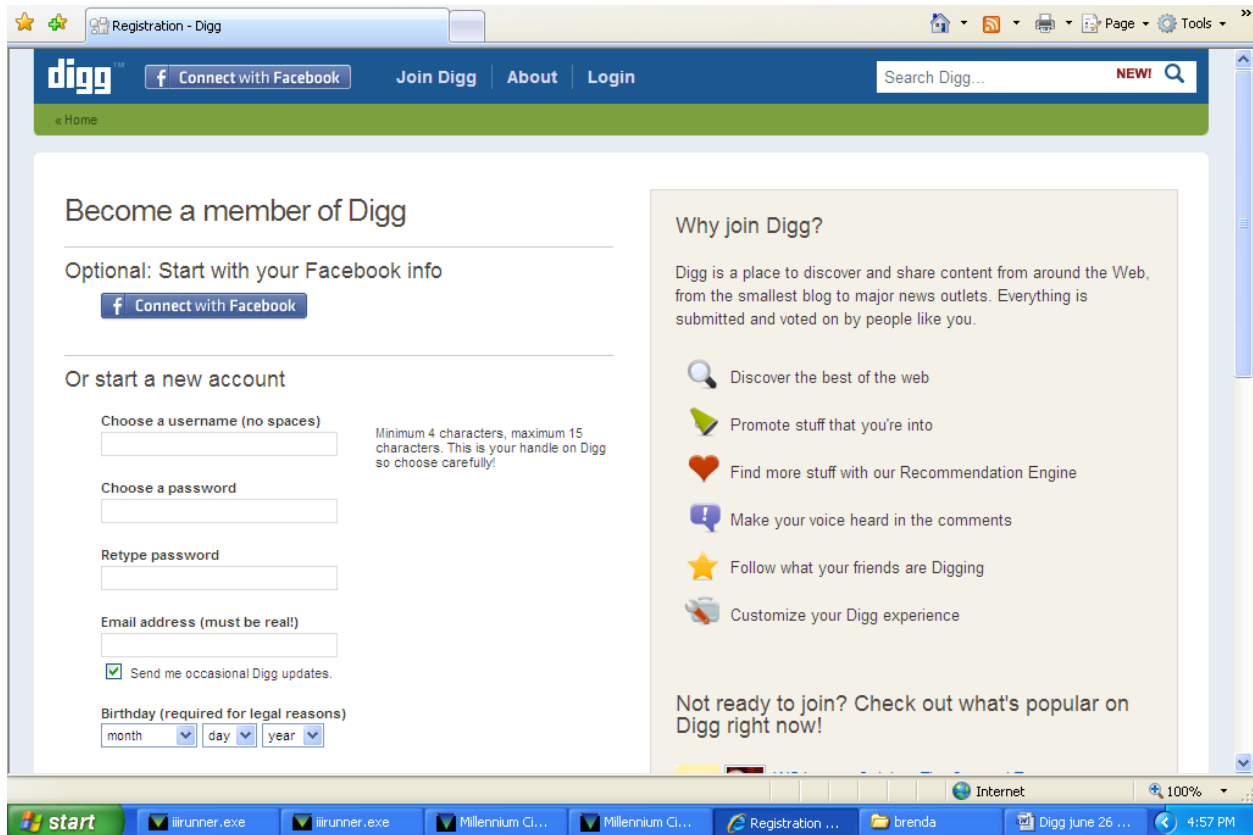
## How to Use Digg

Join the Digg Community

Enter the URL <http://digg.com> in your address bar.



Click on the *Join Digg* button on the blue bar at the top of the page.



You will be prompted to enter a user name, password, email address and your birthday.

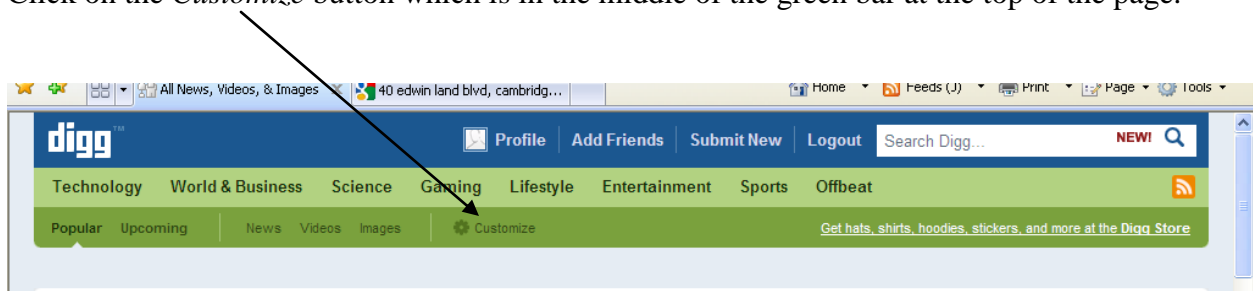
After you have entered your contact information, Digg will send you an email. You must click on the email to verify your registration.

Digg will then open a new page asking for personal information. This information is optional!

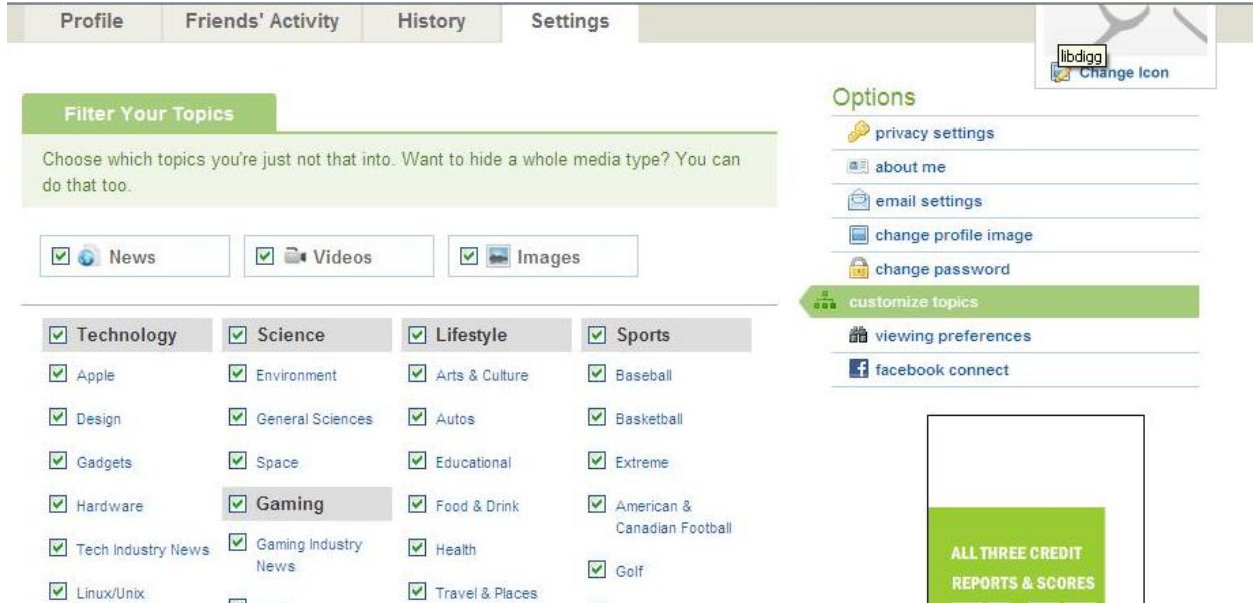
### **Customize your homepage on Digg**

Once you are member, it is useful to customize your homepage.

Click on the *Customize* button which is in the middle of the green bar at the top of the page.

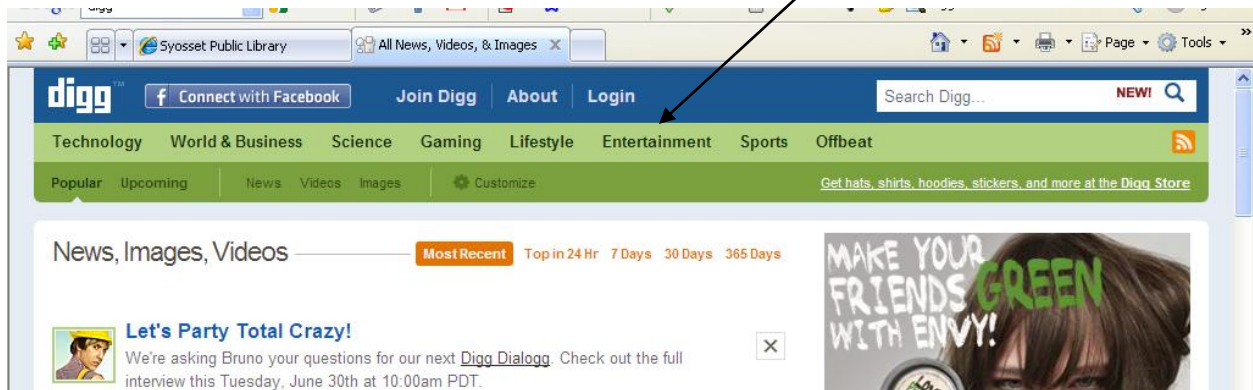


You will get a page looking like this:



Click on the boxes to **deselect** the topics that are **not** of interest to you. You can always change your mind and add more subjects.

After you have made your changes, those topics will appear in **BOLD** type in the top green bar on your homepage.



You can select a topic or category as your default homepage. You can also choose specific media types from the drop down menus at the bottom of the customize page.

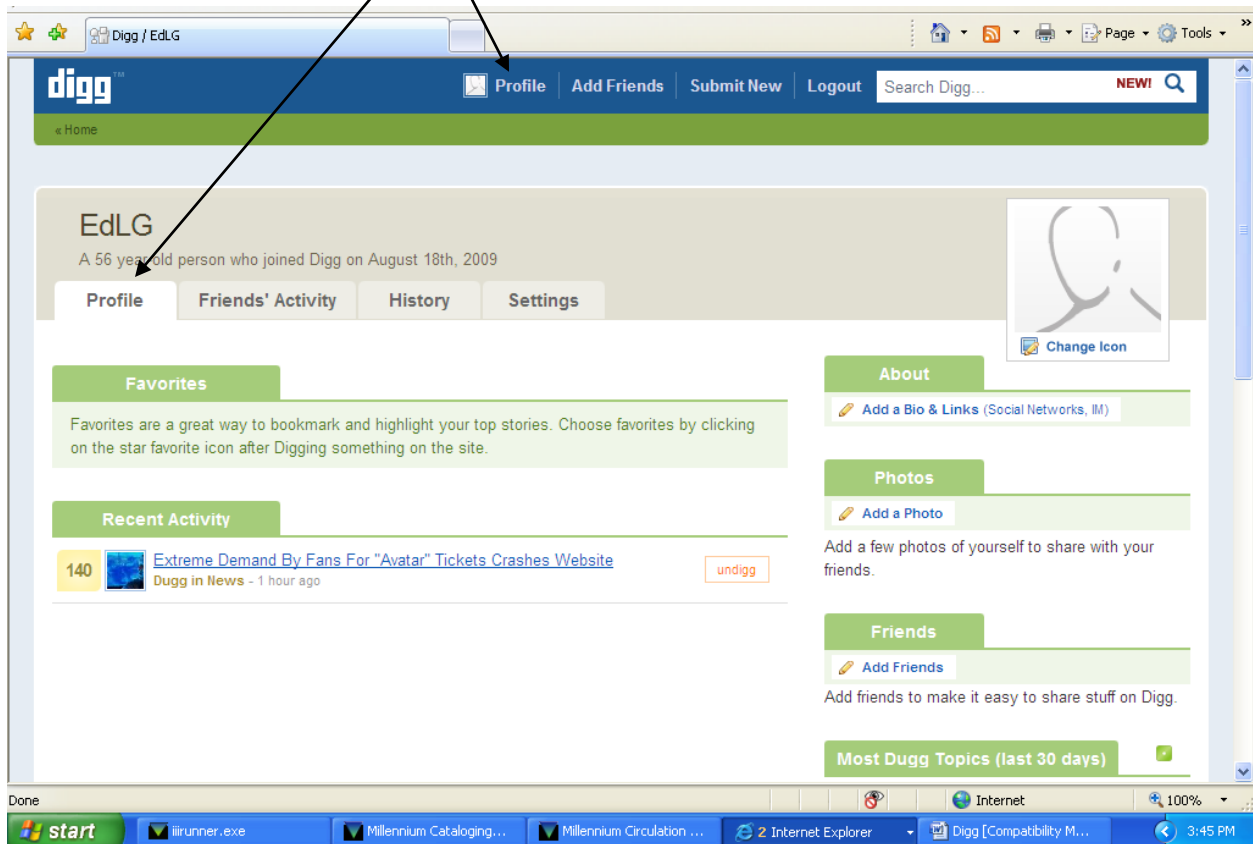
On the right side of the page under *Options*, there is a privacy setting. Click on that to limit the information about you that appears on the screen.



You can click on any of the radio buttons to keep personal information from public view. Since Digg is community-based, you are encouraged to provide access to your information to give authenticity to your suggestions.

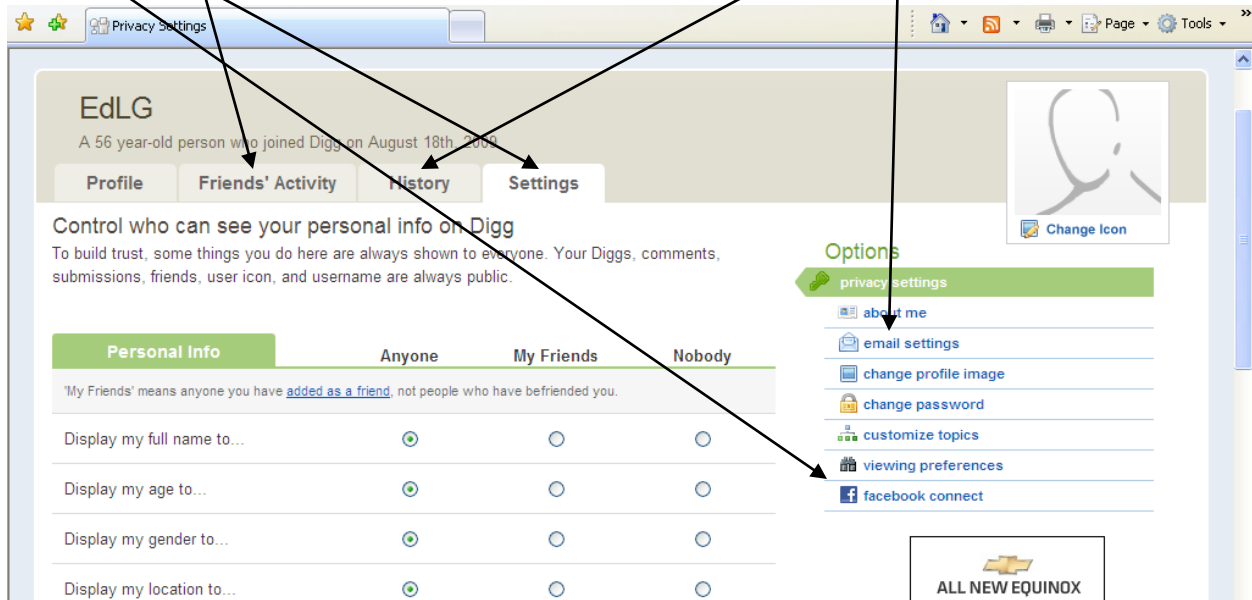
## Profile

You can provide as detailed a *Profile* as you like by adding Biographical Information, a profile photo and Friends.



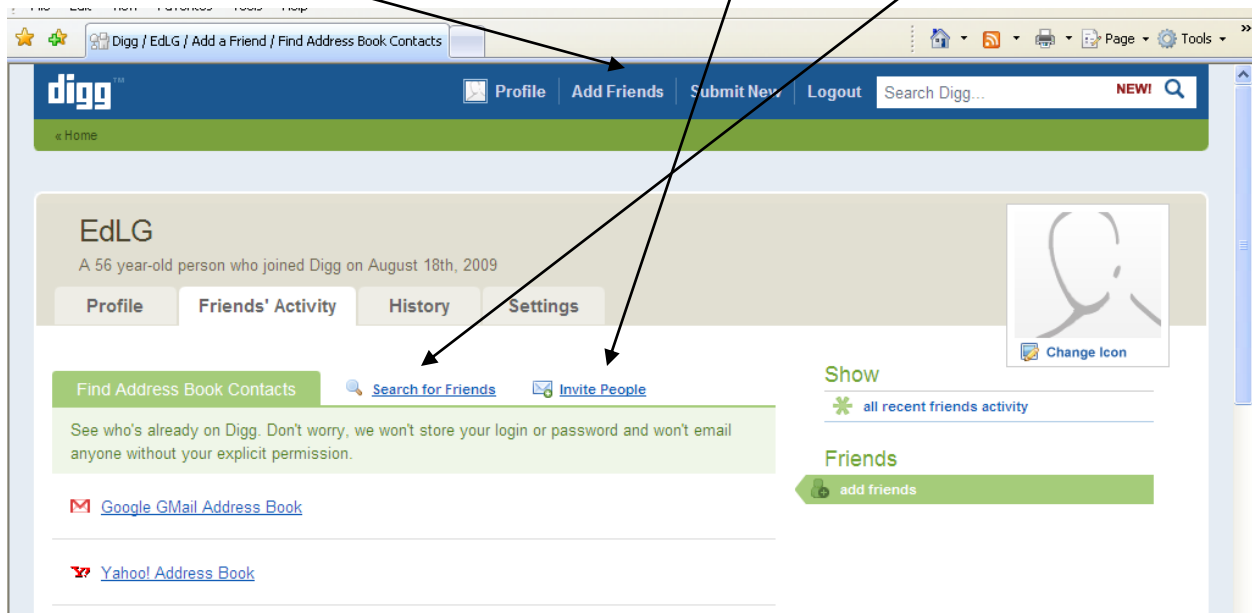
*Friends' Activity* shows what your friends have been doing on Digg, while your *History* shows what you have viewed and liked on Digg.

*Settings* will allow you to adjust your privacy settings, including e-mail and connections to Facebook.



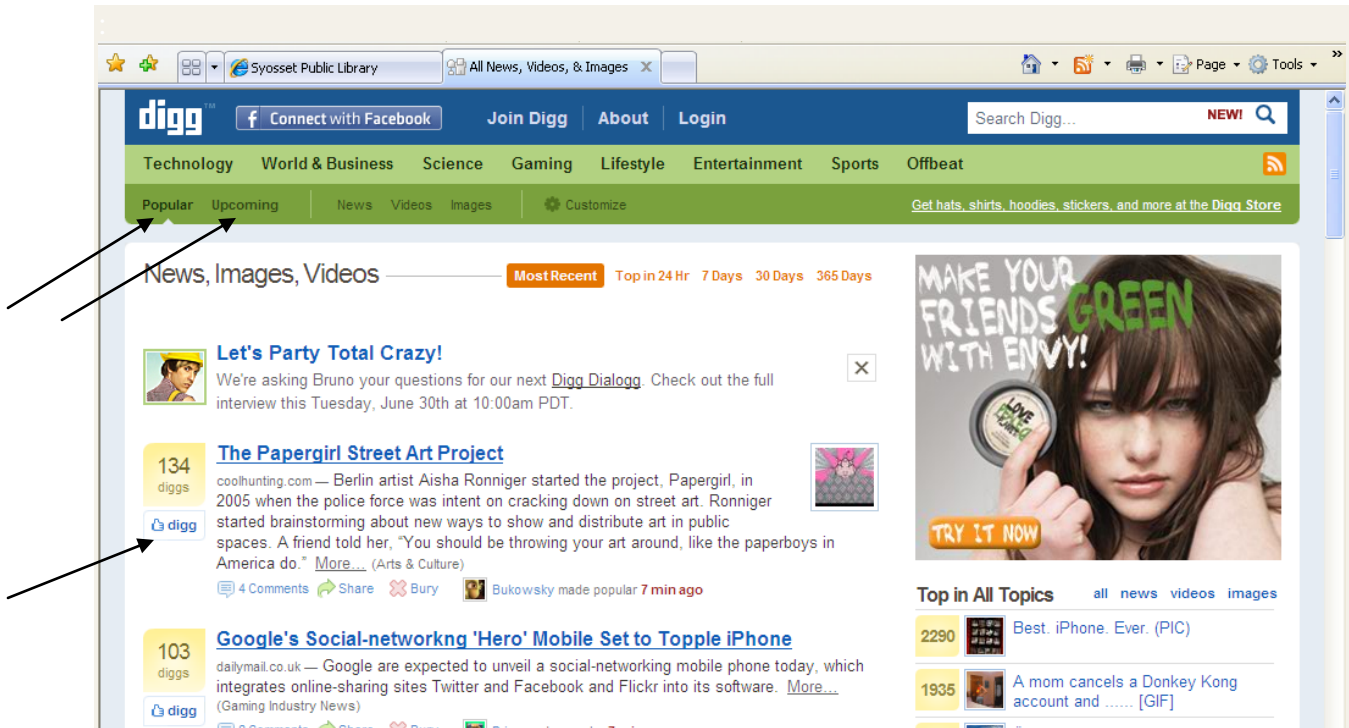
## Add Friends

*Add Friends* will allow you to cull your e-mail address books for friends, *Search* by name or e-mail address for friends who have Digg accounts and *Invite* others to join Digg.



## Using Digg

Once you are a registered user, your homepage will look something like this:



The homepage opens with the most popular stories-- as voted on by fellow Diggers-- displayed. In the green bar are broad topic choices: technology, world and business, science, gaming, lifestyle, entertainment, sports and offbeat. Click on any of these topics to see the relevant stories.

If you want to get your voting in early, click on the *Upcoming* button which is next to the default *Popular* button. These are the stories which have not yet been voted on.

**Digg Dialogg with Timothy Geithner**  
The Wall Street Journal and Digg have partnered to present you with an exclusive interview with U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner. [Submit and Digg your questions now!](#)

**125 diggs**  
**Why I Hate The Moviegoing General Public**  
latinoreview.com — Yes you. The general public. What has happened to you? Why is it you've made going to the movies about as much fun as lying down face first on a colony of Bullet Ants? Where have the manners gone? Where has the common sense disappeared to?  
11 Comments Share Bury MrBabyMan made popular 2 min ago

**45 diggs**  
**Stay Up Late: 7 Myths About Sleep**  
webmd.com — Popular misbeliefs about sleep. You'll thank us in the morning.  
1 Comment guhpol made popular 2 min ago

**89 diggs**  
**Planck Sees Light Billions Of Years Old**  
sciencedaily.com — The answer is hidden in ancient light, called the cosmic microwave background, which has traveled more than 13 billion years to reach us.

**DRIVE-OFF EVENT**  
A great deal. Of fun.  
Locate Dealer Build & Price  
Zoom-Zoom. Forever.

**Top in All Topics** all news videos images

- 2452 13 Things a Burglar Won't Tell You
- 1752 Falcon Punch! [Pic]
- 1718 Wal-Mart, CVS, Best Buy ditch Glenn Beck (plus more!)
- 1168 Even more advertisers leave Glenn Beck -- Including WALMART

You can *Comment* on stories and *Share* them via e-mail, Facebook or Twitter.

## How Do Articles get posted and recommended?

Since Digg is a community-based resource, it relies on its users to suggest news stories. Users can *Submit New* articles, videos or images as shown below.

Submit a New Link - Step 1 of 2

digg Profile Add Friends **Submit New** Logout Search Digg... **NEW!**

Home

**Guidelines for Submission**  
All of Digg's content is submitted by people just like you, so thanks for submitting. There are just a few simple things to keep in mind:

- Submit things you think a lot of other people might be interested in.
- Link to the original source, not a site that's simply copying others' work.
- Don't submit content with spam, pornography, profanity or material that otherwise violates our [Terms of Use](#). It's there for this reason.
- Yes, you can submit your own content to Digg — just think about whether it's of general interest to others.

Also see our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about submitting.

**Submit a New Link - Step 1 of 2**  
Please avoid duplication by [searching](#) to ensure nobody has submitted a link about the same thing.

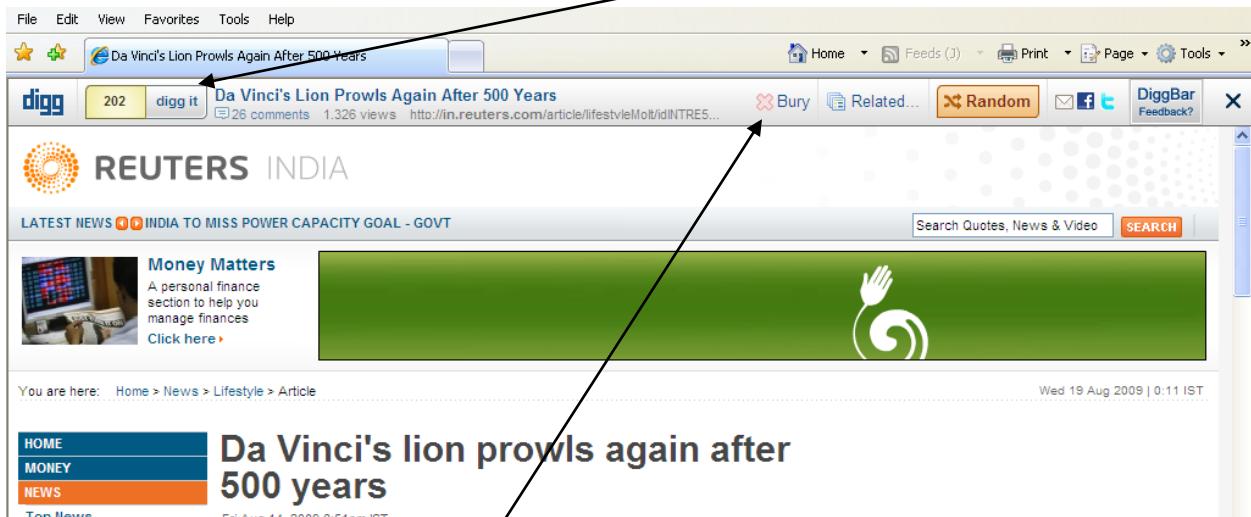
**Enter The URL**  
http://

**Choose Media**

News Article Video Image

Continue

Digg users vote on the stories that have been posted by others. Every article submitted has a count of the number of “Diggs” it has received. When users click on the *Digg It* button, the count goes up. When the article gets to a tipping point, it gets promoted to the homepage.

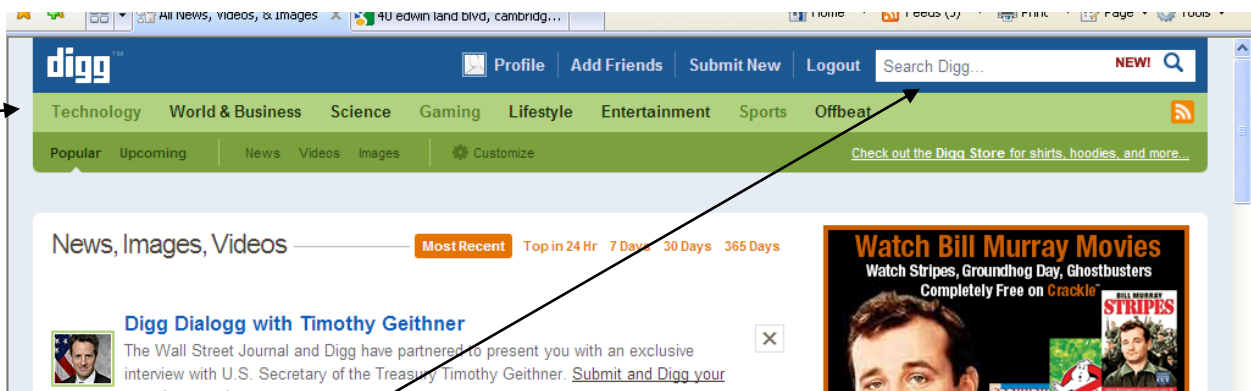


When you are looking at a Digg submission, you can give it a “thumbs up” or a “thumbs down” rating. Or by clicking on the pink “x” you can bury a story.

So this is where the site gets to be interactive. You read various articles and then choose to DIGG or BURY them. By Digg-ing a story you might help it get promoted to the homepage as a “Top Story.”

### How do you search for articles on Digg

After you create your profile on Digg, you can search for specific articles. The homepage defaults to the “Top Stories” but you can click on any of the topics in the light green bar to see the articles in that topic.



You can also use the *Search* box which is located in the top bar of the homepage (all the way on the right). Enter a word and you will get results from a variety of sources.

To create a more targeted search use these:

- +b Add to see buried stories
- +p Add to show only promoted stories
- +np Add to show only not promoted stories
- +u Add to show only upcoming stories
- "terms" Wrap terms in quotes for an exact search
- -term Add a - in front of a term to exclude it from your search

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Digg search results for the query "+p obama". The browser's address bar shows the URL "http://digg.com/search?s=%2Bp+obama". The Digg website header includes a search bar with the query "+p obama" and a search button. Below the search bar, there are sponsored links for "Obama Pa" and "Obama". The main content area shows 2653 total results, with a filter for "Age" (Last Day: 3, Last 7 Days: 21, Last 30 Days: 75) and a "Topics" section. The search results list several articles, including "Obama Announces Agreement with Drug Companies", "Obama to sign sweeping anti-smoking bill", "Obama: U.S. ready for possible N.Korea missile launch", "Obama: Not Keeping Promise of Transparency | Newsweek Politi", and "Obama Bows to Saudi King: Outrage ensues...". Each article entry includes the number of diggs, the source, a brief description, and a "More..." link. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open tabs, including "Search for '+p oba...", "Results for 'bn9576...", and "Digg site [Compatib...".

Since Digg is all about community, you are able to search your address book at Gmail or Yahoo Mail or Hotmail to add people to the community. Or you can invite them by posting the URL to your blog or email the URL using the convenient form on the Digg Site. Once your friends become Digg-ers you can trace their submissions and comments. You can also connect to your *Facebook* account.

## Deleting Your Digg Account

The only way to close your Digg account is by contacting Digg at <http://digg.com/contact>.