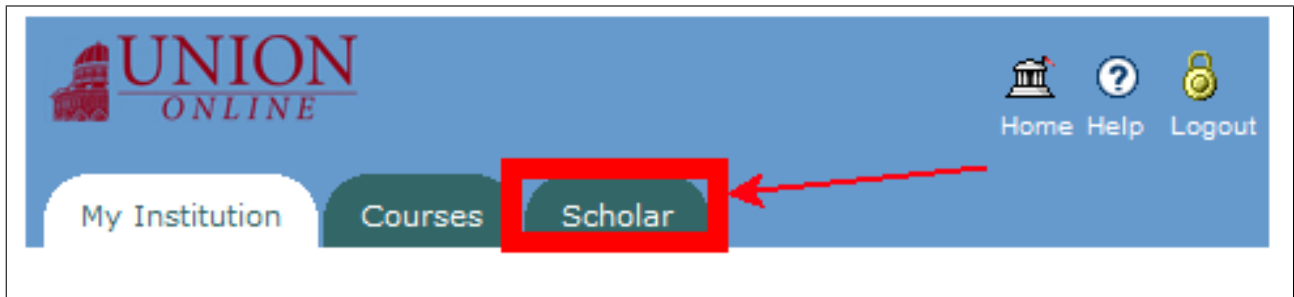


# An Overview of Blackboard 8 Scholar

## 1 Blackboard Scholar

Scholar is a type of social bookmarking site, which can be used in the classroom to propagate the sharing of web articles between classmates as well as other Scholar users. Scholar was designed for ease of use, and documentation on many of its features is readily available.

## 2 Creating a Scholar account



Blackboard Scholar can be easily reached through the “Scholar” tab, or through the option “My Scholar Home” in the “Course Tools” menu. The first time the tab is clicked, the account creation screen is presented.

**New User**

Your account on this Blackboard system does not appear to be associated with a Scholar account. If you already have a Scholar account, click on "Already a Scholar member?" Otherwise, create a new Scholar account below.

\* First Name:

\* Last Name:

\* Email:

\* Desired Scholar Login:

\* Desired Scholar Password:

\* Confirm Desired Password:

\* Password Hint Question:

\* Password Hint Answer:

Let me set up my Scholar profile now.

\*  I Agree to [Terms of Use](#).

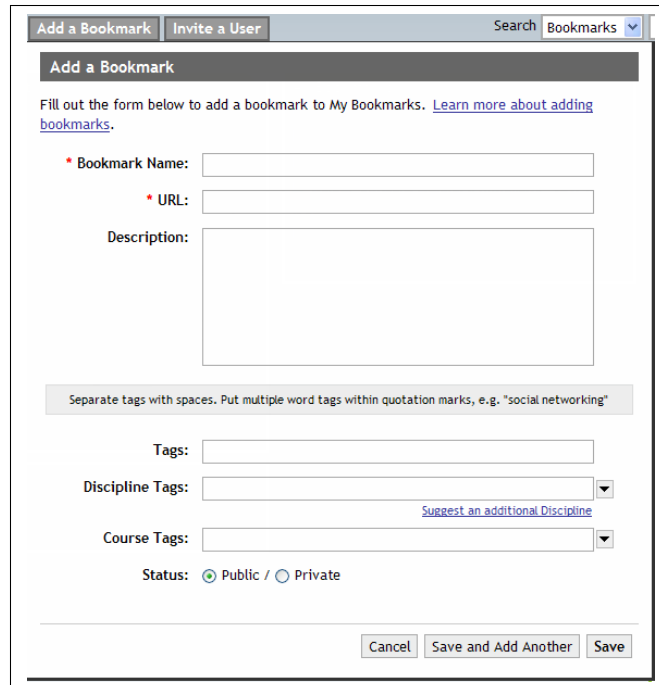
\*  I am at least 13 years old.

At this screen, fill in the appropriate fields. Your Scholar account will be linked to your Blackboard account, and your Scholar username and password will only need to be used if logging in from a public computer via [www.scholar.com](http://www.scholar.com).

### 3 Adding a Bookmark with Scholar

By adding bookmarks to Scholar, web addresses of relevant articles can be saved for later, or distributed through Blackboard.

- To define a new bookmark, select “Add A Bookmark” from the top row of the main Scholar page.
- Fill in the drop-down window with the appropriate information. Include a description or tags to facilitate easier searching.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Add a Bookmark" with a search bar set to "Bookmarks". The form includes the following fields and options:

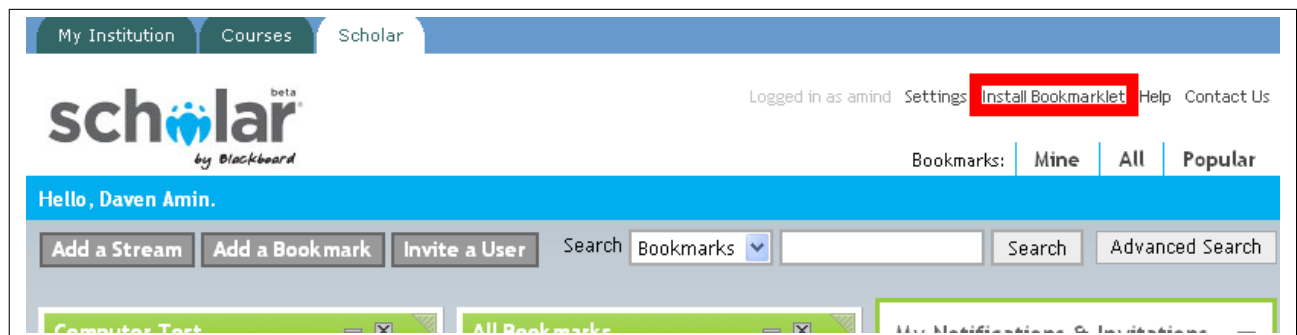
- Bookmark Name:** A text input field.
- URL:** A text input field.
- Description:** A large text area.
- Tags:** A text input field with a note: "Separate tags with spaces. Put multiple word tags within quotation marks, e.g. 'social networking'".
- Discipline Tags:** A dropdown menu with a "Suggest an additional Discipline" link below it.
- Course Tags:** A dropdown menu.
- Status:** Radio buttons for "Public" (selected) and "Private".

At the bottom of the form are three buttons: "Cancel", "Save and Add Another", and "Save".

### 4 Adding Scholar Bookmarklet for faster Bookmarking

By installing the Scholar Bookmarklet it is possible to add web addresses to Scholar much faster.

- Select “Install Bookmarklet” from the top menu.



- Click the icon next to your browser, and follow the directions.

**Scholar Bookmarklets**

Pop-up Bookmarklet: [Scholar !!!](#)

Regular Bookmarklet: [Scholar !!!](#)

How To Install The Bookmarklet In Your Web Browser:

- Internet Explorer 6
- Internet Explorer 7
- Firefox 2**

**Step One: Make sure your Bookmarks Toolbar is enabled.**

- Select View > Toolbars from the Menu bar and make sure the "Bookmarks Toolbar" option is checked.

**Step Two: Install the Scholar Bookmarklet in your Bookmarks Toolbar**

- Right click on one of the Bookmarklet links above, drag it to your Bookmarks Toolbar, and drop it there.

*Note: On some versions of Mozilla Firefox, the Pop-up Bookmarklet may pop under the active window instead. We recommend using the Regular Bookmarklet with Firefox.*

*Note: Scholar Bookmarklet may not work well with Apple Safari. If this occurs, or if your browser is not listed, switch to a compatible browser or contact your Blackboard Administrator.*

## 5 Adding a Stream with Scholar

A Stream allows easy access to a list of bookmarks derived from Scholar.

My Institution Courses Scholar

scholar<sup>beta</sup>  
by Blackboard

Logged in as amind Settings Install Bookmarklet Help Contact Us

Bookmarks: Mine All Popular

Hello, Daven Amin.

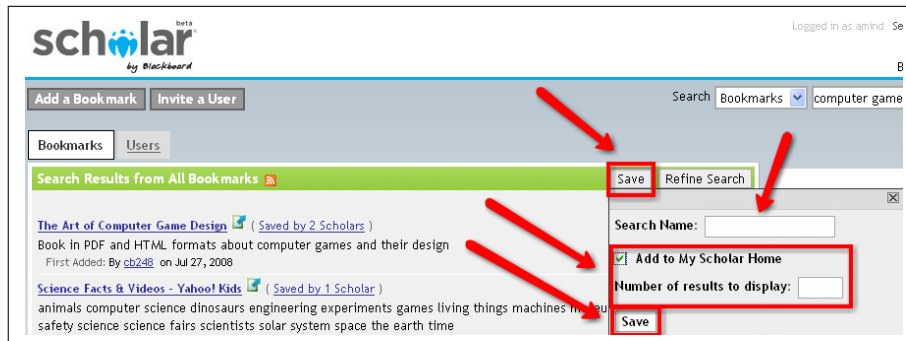
Add a Stream Add a Bookmark Invite a User Search Bookmarks Search Advanced Search

Computer Test All Bookmarks My Notifications & Invitations

- To create a Stream, select “Add A Stream” from the top row of the main Scholar page.

- If selecting a previous search to use as a Stream, pick the appropriate option from the left and select “Add this Stream”.
- Otherwise, click “Start New Search” to create a new group of bookmarks to use as a Stream.
- If creating a new search, fill in the options accordingly.

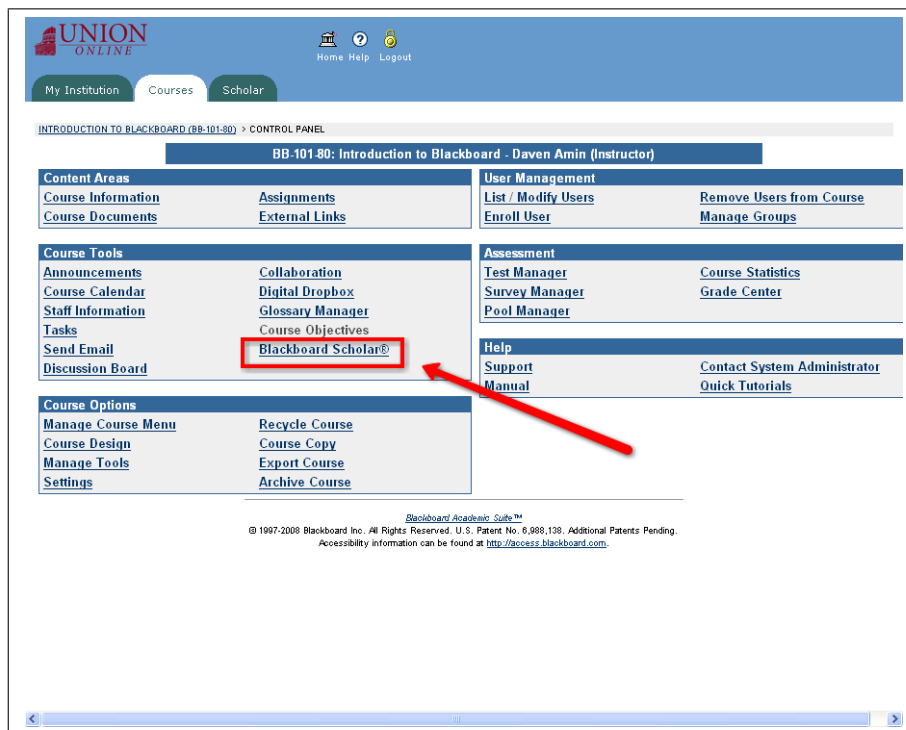
- When done, select “Search” to view the grouping of bookmarks.



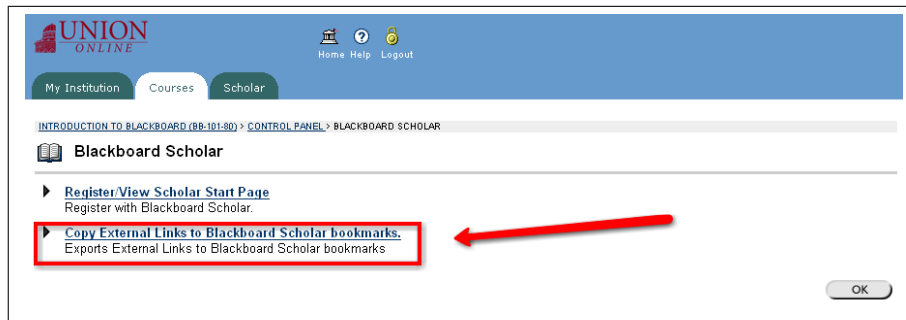
- If the search results are satisfactory, select the “Save” option which will open a popup window, enter a name to save them under, and select the location where they appear as a Stream. Additionally, specify the number of results the Stream should show.
- Select the “Save” option within the popup window.

## 6 How to add External Course Links from Blackboard to Scholar

- Begin by navigating within Blackboard to the Control Panel of the course which contains the external links.
- Select the “Blackboard Scholar” option.



- Select the option to copy external links to Scholar.



- Fill in the field appropriately, selecting the links you wish to copy at the top of the page.
- When done, select “Submit”.

