

## What is Scholar?

Blackboard scholar is a free social bookmarking tool that allow users to find, save, classify, evaluate and share Internet resources. Users can save or "bookmark" favorite Web sites and classify, or "tag" them any way that works for them. These bookmarks are then added not only to their personal list, but also to the overall repository where others can see them. Students and faculty can then use each other's classifications, as well as any of the other information they have regarding those resources (who saved it, how many people saved it, etc.) to evaluate and find what they are looking for.

## Registering for an Account

You first need to register an account. Login to blackboard <http://blackboard.cuonline.edu>. Then click on the scholar tab at the top of the page.



Enter all relevant details in the required field to create a new user account. Scholar is integrated with Blackboard, but it is also a stand-alone account you can access at [scholar.com](http://scholar.com).

**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:

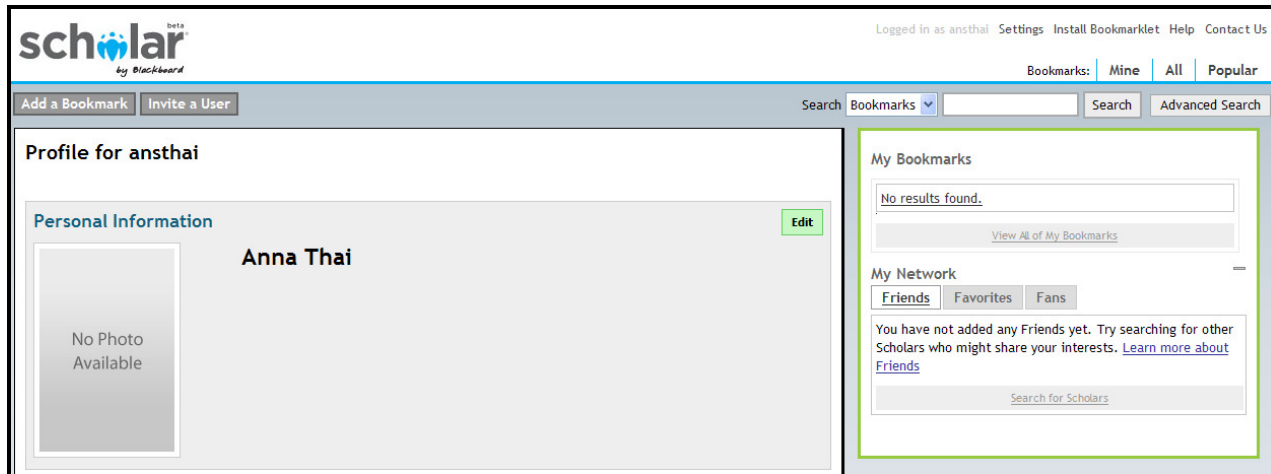
\* Password Hint Answer:

Let me set up my Scholar profile now.

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

\*  I am at least 13 years old.

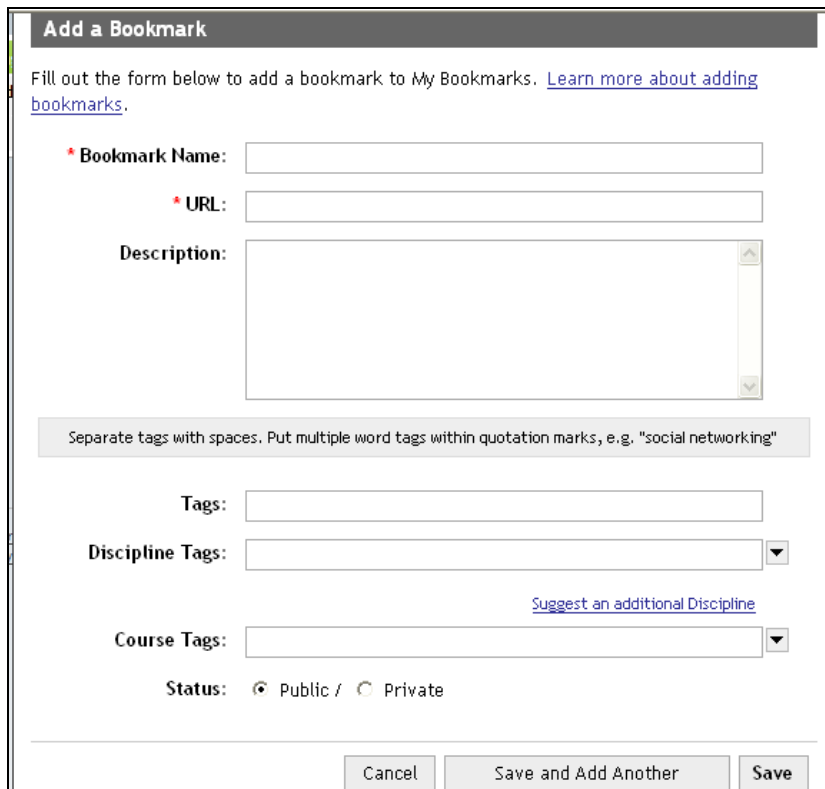
Success! Your Scholar account is now created. You can add other details to your profile at this point or immediately begin adding bookmarks.



The screenshot shows the Scholar profile page for user 'ansthai'. The page is titled 'Profile for ansthai' and includes a 'Personal Information' section with the name 'Anna Thai' and a 'No Photo Available' placeholder. There is an 'Edit' button next to the name. On the right side, there are sections for 'My Bookmarks' (showing 'No results found.') and 'My Network' (showing 'Friends', 'Favorites', and 'Fans' tabs, with a message that no friends have been added yet).

## Adding a Bookmark

Enter the details of the website you wish to bookmark.



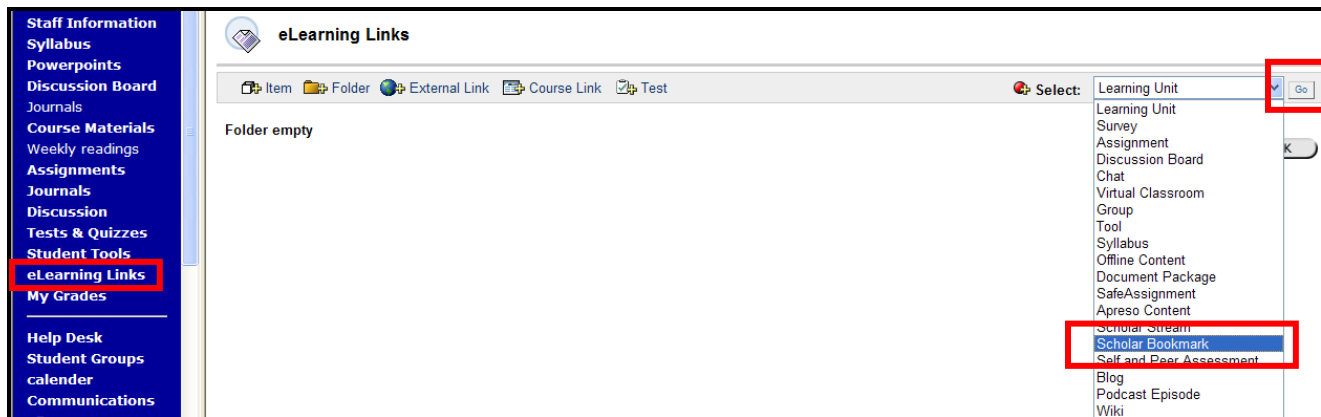
The 'Add a Bookmark' form contains the following fields and options:

- Bookmark Name:** A required text input field.
- URL:** A required text input field.
- Description:** A large text area for entering details.
- Tags:** A text input field with instructions: "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".

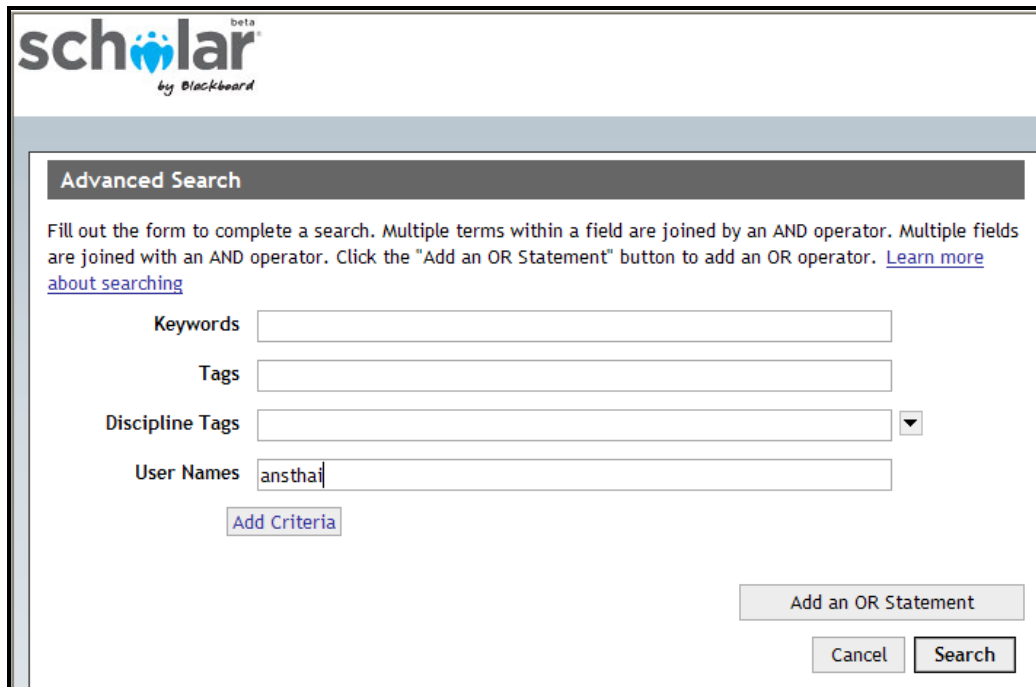
At the bottom of the form are three buttons: "Cancel", "Save and Add Another", and "Save".

## Adding Bookmarks to Blackboard

Faculty can easily add any static bookmarks from either their personal Scholar account or global collection of bookmarks directly into a Blackboard course. To do so, navigate to the content area in which the bookmarks will reside, such as ie eLearning Links. Click the Edit View link. From the drop-down menu, select Scholar Bookmark, then Go.

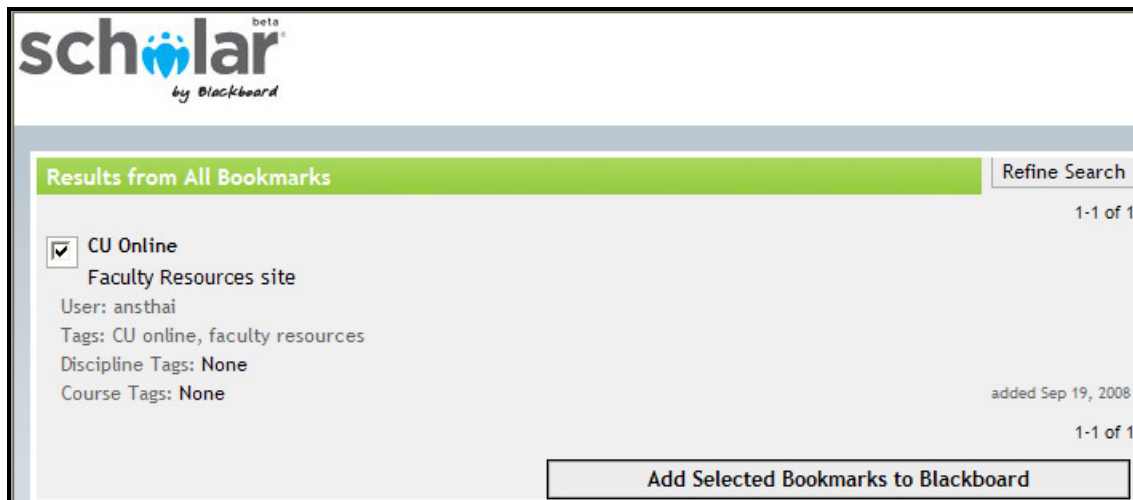


A search box appears allowing one to search by any number of criteria for a particular bookmark to add. To search for just bookmarks of an individual user, click Add Criteria and select User Name to enter the appropriate Scholar username and then click "Search."

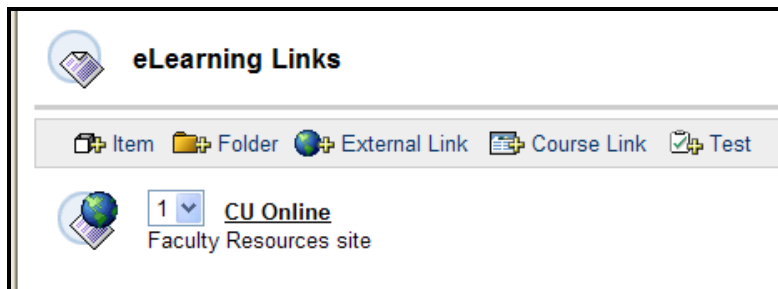


The screenshot shows the 'scholar by Blackboard' logo at the top left. Below it is a section titled 'Advanced Search'. The text reads: 'Fill out the form to complete a search. Multiple terms within a field are joined by an AND operator. Multiple fields are joined with an AND operator. Click the "Add an OR Statement" button to add an OR operator. [Learn more about searching](#)'. There are four input fields: 'Keywords', 'Tags', 'Discipline Tags' (with a dropdown arrow), and 'User Names' (containing the text 'ansthai'). Below the 'User Names' field is an 'Add Criteria' button. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Add an OR Statement', 'Cancel', and 'Search'.

Select the desired bookmark(s) from the list and then scroll to the bottom and click "Submit."



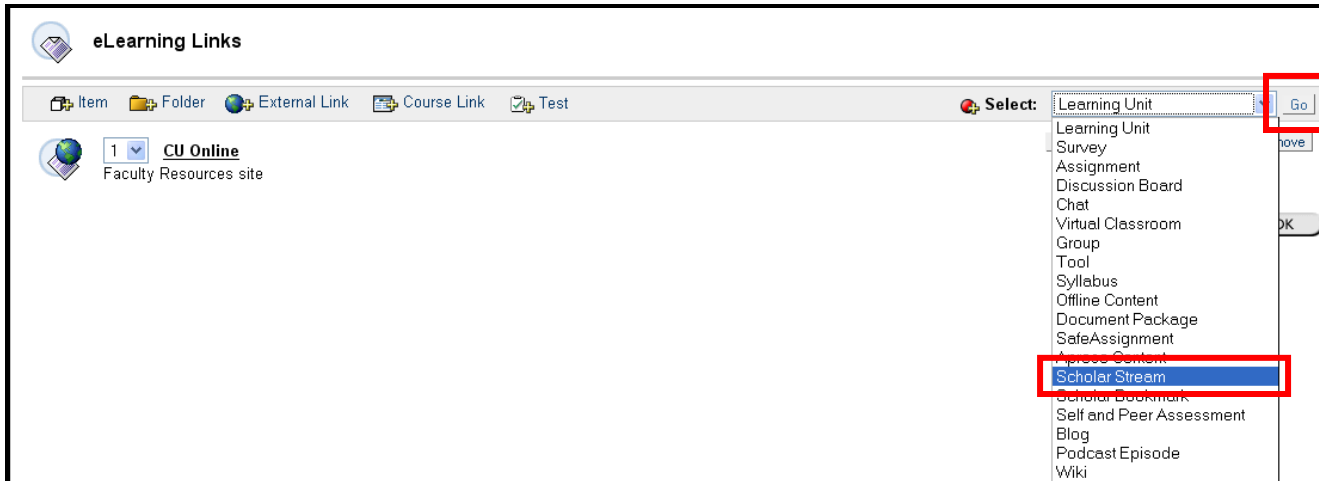
After clicking "OK" on the following confirmation screen the new bookmark(s) will be visible in the selected content area of the course. The title and description of the bookmark appear as the item title and description in Blackboard.



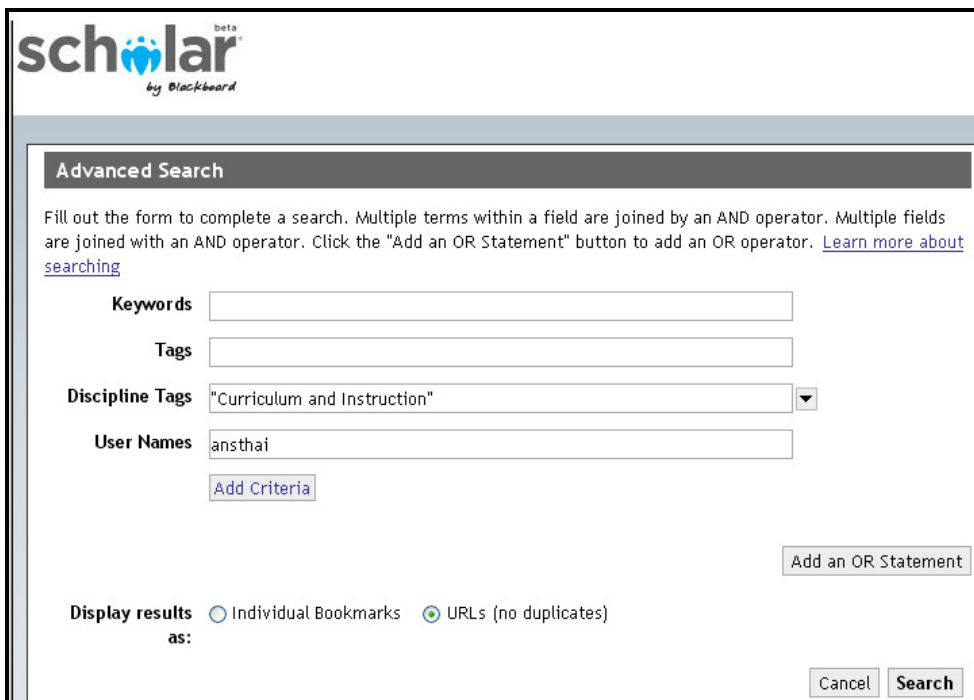
## Adding a Stream of Bookmarks

Streams are dynamic collections of bookmarks built off saved searches within Scholar. Faculty can choose to add one or more streams of bookmarks to Blackboard. The benefit of adding streams of bookmarks is that as new resources are added to Scholar that meet the defined criteria of the stream, the associated new bookmarks dynamically are added to the stream and subsequently the content area of the course where the imported stream resides.

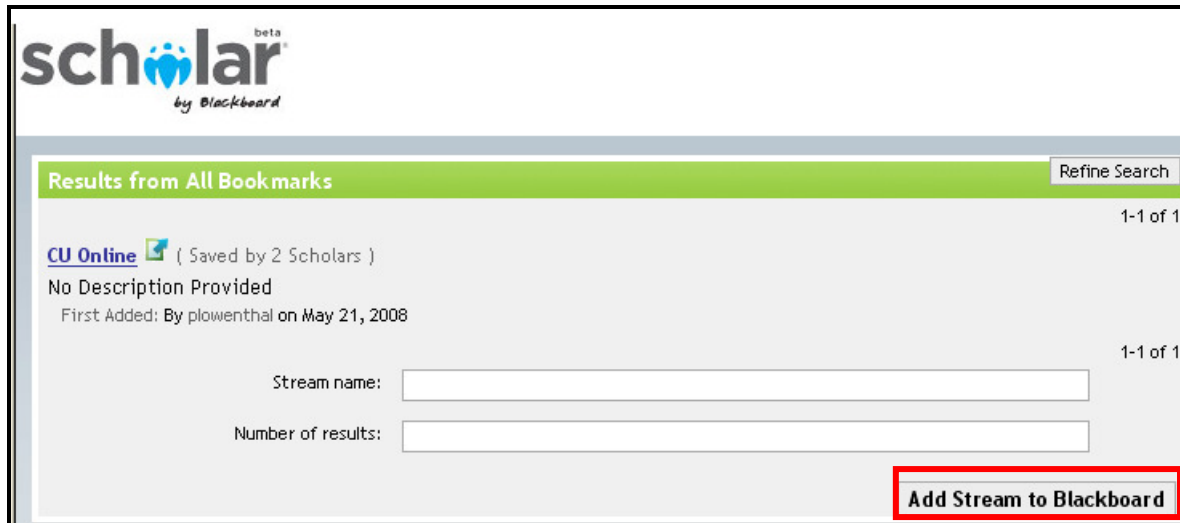
To import a stream of bookmarks, navigate to the content area in which the bookmarks will reside, such as **eLearning Links**. Click the **Edit View** link. In the drop-down pick list of available items to add, select **Scholar Stream**, then **Go**.



Add as many of the search criteria as needed.



Preview the results of the selected criteria. If acceptable, save the search by entering a title for the search, specifying the number of results to display, and confirm by clicking **Add Stream to Blackboard**.



The screenshot shows the Scholar by Blackboard interface. At the top left is the logo "scholar beta by Blackboard". Below it is a green header bar with the text "Results from All Book marks" and a "Refine Search" button on the right. The main content area displays a search result for "CU Online" with a small icon and the text "( Saved by 2 Scholars )". Below this, it says "No Description Provided" and "First Added: By plowenthal on May 21, 2008". To the right of the result, it says "1-1 of 1". Below the result, there are two input fields: "Stream name:" and "Number of results:". To the right of these fields, it says "1-1 of 1". At the bottom right of the interface, there is a red-bordered button labeled "Add Stream to Blackboard".

## Reference

<http://www.blackboard.niu.edu/blackboard/resources/scholar.shtml>