



# Tagging your family in your research

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## Definition – Tags -Tagging

In online computer systems terminology, a tag is a non-hierarchical keyword or term assigned to a piece of information (such as an Internet bookmark, digital image, or computer file). This kind of metadata helps describe an item and allows it to be found again by browsing or searching. Tags are generally chosen informally and personally by the item's creator or by its viewer, depending on the system.

Tagging was popularized by websites associated with Web 2.0 and is an important feature of many Web 2.0 services. It is now also part of some desktop software.

From: Wikipedia: The free encyclopedia

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tag\\_\(metadata\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tag_(metadata))



# Where do you find them

- Popular Social media sites eg. Flickr, Facebook, del.icio.us, Google's Picasa and lots more
- Software programs - iPhoto, Yep!, Browsers, Adobe Photoshop album etc, Microsoft Office
- Library catalogues – Trove, State Library of Victoria, State Library of NSW in conjunction with LibraryThing,
- Other Databases – Google Books



# Put Simply

- Tags are really nothing more than keywords used to describe a piece of data — be it a web page, a digital photo, or another type of digital document



# Why?

- We like naming things even data
- Retrieval
- “I know I have become fond of tagging as a way to compensate for my memory shortcomings”
- Tagging allow us to use **our** natural language, provide contextual information
- Time saving
- Potential to help us be organised and save time in our research process



# So how can we organise & track our tags

- Programs - Catch <https://catch.com>
- Web-based application that make it simple to capture organise and retrieve the ideas and data that are important to you
- Accessible your home computer, your mobile phone, your table, via the web
  - Uses has # tags -
  - Make a note
  - Send an email



# Trove – User profile

- <http://trove.nla.gov.au/userProfile>
- Eg. Tulloh family = <http://trove.nla.gov.au/result?l-userpublictag=Tulloh%20family>
- tulloh NOT publictag:"tulloh family"



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