



The ePortfolio Platform

ePortfolio.org is a student-centered platform which is augmented by a Project Builder and an Assessment module. Students can create and customize portfolios for academic, career, or personal uses; maintain their plan of study; and share their work, goals, and achievements with advisors, career counselors, and employers. Faculty, departments, and institutions can create portfolio assignments linked to scoring rubrics. Assessment committees can randomly select portfolios, score them with rubrics, and generate assessment reports.

ePortfolio is a centrally hosted application. This alleviates any additional IT hardware and staffing costs for your campus. The support staff maintains an enterprise level Data Center where ePortfolio is monitored and maintained 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

ePortfolio Highlights

"I really enjoyed working with the ePortfolio. I find it fun and expressive. I would definitely keep up with the portfolio throughout my college career."

Student

User-Centered: Students control what goes into their ePortfolio and who sees it.

Customizable: Students can create multiple views for a variety of uses.

Flexible: Allows students to create multiple portfolios to showcase their skills and achievements.

Reflective: Portfolio templates encourage reflective thinking.

Easy to Use: Users do not need any HTML or programming skills. They have to be able to fill out web forms and upload artifacts, as they would in an email attachment.

Goal Oriented: Users can set, review, and revise goals related to their education, course, major, career, work, service, and volunteer activities.

Career Centered: ePortfolio contains extensive templates for users to archive information about educational, volunteer, service, work, and internship experiences.

Faculty Tools

"The thing I like best about using ePortfolio is that it helps me see in different dimensions what I have accomplished instead of whatever notes I would normally have on my resume or CV."

Student

Faculty Options: Portfolios for review can be organized by class or section; files can be downloaded for markup and returned with comments which students can make private or public for peer review or showcase purposes.

Project Builder: The Project Builder allows instructors, groups, departments, or the institution to design portfolio assignments for classes and for institutional and/or programmatic assessment. Projects can encourage selection, reflection, and a holistic view of work. Rubrics can be created to provide guidance on quality and expectations.

Faculty Portfolios: Faculty can create their own portfolios to use for professional development, to highlight their achievements, or to archive material for promotion and tenure.

Administrative & Assessment Tools

"It's convenient and easy to use....an easy way to organize and keep track of information from each semester."

Student

Many institutions use portfolios for outcomes assessment across several classes including majors, general education, minors, and pre-professional training.

Departments, programs, majors, or general education courses are able to use a single project for assessment by creating a master project which can be copied by each instructor. Grading rubrics can be aggregated for assessment purposes.

Assessment Module:

Student work created to meet an assignment defined by the Project Builder can be submitted to the assessment module where it will be "locked" (students will not be able to change what they have submitted) and stored.

The Assessment Module allows for Committee Review:

- **Random selection** of assignments by learning objective.
- **Anonymity** of the student who produced the assignment and the instructor.
- **Designation** of selected assignments to committee members for scoring.
- **Access** to the work and the scoring rubrics for each committee member.
- **Reports** which aggregate scores and generate frequencies and means.
- **Ability to download raw data** which can be analyzed in another format.
- **Ability to reconnect assignments to student ID** for analysis with data available in the SIS.



The CTDL provides two models for purchasing ePortfolio – by accounts or by FTE. This allows institutions to develop an implementation plan for adding accounts over time, until usage is such that an FTE model makes sense for the institution.

Pricing for 2008-2010

Higher Education ePortfolio Pricing					
New Users: Pricing will go into effect July 1, 2008					
Current Users: Pricing will go into effect January 1, 2009					
Account Sizes					
	# accts.	25 MB		50 MB	100 MB
		Basic Price	Per User Cost	Per User Cost	Per User Cost
Introductory	150	\$ 2,500	\$ 16.75	\$23.50	\$ 29.30
Entry Level	500	\$ 7,000	\$ 14.00	\$19.60	\$ 24.50
Intermediate	1000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12.00	\$16.80	\$ 21.00
Extensive	5000	\$ 50,000	\$ 10.00	\$14.00	\$ 17.50
FTE Pricing					
FTE small	1-1,000		\$7.50	\$10.50	\$13.25
FTE medium	1001-5,000		\$6.00	\$8.40	\$10.50
FTE large	\$5,000+		\$4.50	\$6.30	\$7.75

“The ePortfolio gave the students a chance to exercise reflective learning. The students were able to see their growth in different areas over time. As an instructor, I found the guest invitations an invaluable tool in gaining insight to assignments and topics being covered in class. The reflective piece also helped reveal characteristics of the student that may have not been revealed in class.”
Instructor

This pricing model also provides pricing for three different account sizes (25 MB, 50 MB; and 100 MB). Institutions can purchase from a choice of account sizes to meet differing student and instructor data storage needs.

The CTDL also sells individual accounts for \$25 for 25 MB; \$35 for 50 MB; and \$50 for 100 MB, which allows students who leave the institution to convert their institutional account to an individual one which they can maintain.

Additional Information

Centrally Hosted Model

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Enhancements and Upgrades

Enhancements are released approximately every 6 months and are made available to users free of charge.

Security

ePortfolio is a password-protected site. All sensitive data, like Student IDs, are SSL protected with 128 bit encryption. No portfolio or user information is accessible for internal or external search engines.

Web-based

Artifacts in any electronic format (audio, visual, textual, graphical, mathematical) can be uploaded as part of a portfolio.

LMS Integration

ePortfolio is integrated with Blackboard and WebCT Vista allowing for Single Sign-On. In addition, students within ePortfolio are able to select previously uploaded files in WebCT Vista or Blackboard’s Content Management system to be included in their electronic portfolio.

Institutionally Branded

New users select the institution in which they are enrolled as part of their profile. The ePortfolio is then branded with the institution’s logo and name. Institutional links can be added where appropriate.

Tutorials and Help

A comprehensive “How to Manual” is available online in Word and PDF formats. Extensive help menus are available on each page for help specific to that area as are video demonstrations for many of the topics. Handbooks for faculty, staff, and administrators on using ePortfolio for classroom assessment, advising, and career counseling are also available.

Training

Web-based resources are available for free including “How-to-Use your ePortfolio”, resources for Faculty, Advisors and Career Counselors on using ePortfolios effectively and Training exercises for faculty, students and other users. On-site training is available for \$1,000/day plus travel expenses.