

e-Portfolios

Electronic portfolios are becoming more widely used by faculty and students for assessment and documenting student learning, as well as for sharing and showcasing work. This session will provide an introduction to the use of e-Portfolios in higher education, and explore possible uses to support teaching and learning here at VCU. The Blackboard Portfolio tool simplifies the organization and publishing of electronic portfolios. Participants will gain an overview of the portfolio tool and create a sample portfolio of their own.

By the end of this session you should be able to:

- Describe how e-portfolios are being used in higher education.
- Identify potentially meaningful uses of e-portfolios in your courses.
- Create and share e-portfolios using Blackboard's *Portfolio* tool.

Key Questions

- What instructional problem are we attempting to solve with e-Portfolios?
- How might an e-Portfolio serve multiple purposes?
- Is the creation of an e-Portfolio driven by intrinsic or external forces?
- How might the Blackboard e-Portfolio function be of value to students?
- Why might faculty or students choose e-Portfolio tools/approaches outside of Blackboard?

Blackboard Portfolio Tool

(General overview)

- Understanding the Bb Content System (web-based file storage)
- Portfolio tool links to Bb Content System

Portfolio Tool: Exploring Link Areas

- "Portfolio Creation" – This is a link to the *Wizard*
- "My Portfolios"
 - List of your portfolios
 - Create new portfolios
- "Received Portfolios"
 - Gain access to portfolios that have been shared with you

Activity - Create a Sample Portfolio

Exploring the “My Portfolio” Area

- Portfolio Creation Wizard
- + Portfolio
- Copy / Remove

Create a Sample e-Portfolio

- Add new portfolio
 - Item (simple blank page & templates)
 - Link (link to existing web page)
 - Content (link to files and folders in the Bb Content System)

Each of these (*Item, Link, Content*) add separate menu items in your eportfolio.

Developing Your e-Portfolios

- Contents - Access and edit your portfolio pages
 - *Add*
 - *Modify*
 - *Remove*
- Manage (e-Portfolio settings / design)
 - *Modify Properties* – Look and feel
 - *Share Portfolio* – Set permission for user access
 - *Manage Comments*
 - *Check Links*
 - *Download* – (package , and export HTML pages)

Resources

- Assessing the Future: E-Portfolio Trends, Uses, and Options in Higher Education
<http://www.educause.edu/ECAR/AssessingtheFutureEPortfolioTr/163743>
- e-Portfolio as Story
<http://homepage.mac.com/eportfolios/iMovieTheater13.html>
- e-Portfolios: A Tool for Organizational and Individual Development
<http://michelemartin.typepad.com/thebambooprojectblog//2008/03/eportfolios-a-t.html>
- Formative Assessment http://www.stolaf.edu/depts/cis/web_portfolios.htm
- JISC e-Portfolios: An overview <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/eportfolio>
- JISC InfoNet – e-Portfolios <http://www.jiscinfonet.ac.uk/e-portfolios>