ePortfolio Solution Showcase

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Diverse Landscape

- Portfolios are not a “new” thing
- Many different perspectives / definitions
  - Career Portfolios
  - Institutional Portfolios
  - Presentation Portfolios
  - K12-20 needs are often different to Higher Ed requirements
- Many different vendors & philosophies
- Adoption is still often at pilot / project stage
  - Blackboard is engaged with many clients currently around evaluation and pilot programmes
Integrated Tool in Content System, Portfolio System

Web Properties

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Why two integrated solutions

Specific tools for varying client needs
- different platforms and environments
- Support different pedagogical needs

Easy for students and faculty to use
- Single sign-on
- Familiar UI
- Shared tools and workflows

Easy for institutions to manage
- No separate installation
- Shared system administration
- Access to user data in VLE
- Tools to help manage usage
Content System Easy-to-Use e-Portfolios

✓ Expositional tool
✓ Allow students space to reflect on their learning across courses and over time
✓ Encourage documenting accomplishments to achieve career and academic goals
  – Securely share a record of achievements with advisors, career services, and potential employers
  – Export a portfolio for continued use after program completion
What is the value of the ePortfolio tool in the Content System?

The ePortfolio tool is that it is part of an entire suite of products. Clients benefit from the following by utilizing the ePortfolio tool within the CS:

• Ease of use: same skill set as the rest of the AS
• Part of larger system that manages and presents content-maximizes efficiency and access to content, including that which may be used in ePortfolios
• Flexible in use within and outside courses and of the larger Bb environment (portable and transferable)
• Open access through APIs
• Deeply integrated solution within Academic Suite
• Easy to incorporate in existing client solutions
• Extensive client community
Portfolio System

✓ Learner centric design to create a record of achievement
✓ Tight integration, link artifacts directly from LMS to rubric or outcomes statements
✓ Variety of tools to meet learner’s disposal
✓ Securely share content with users and external stakeholders
Portfolio Benefits

✓ Students, tutors, advisors, and many reviewers will find the user interface and workflows similar to their Virtual Course Environment - reducing the need for extensive training.

✓ Custom Preferences, Organizers like Binders and Galleries, and Guest Views make it easy for students to personalize their Portfolio and organize materials in different ways for different audiences and purposes.

✓ Rich Artifacts and Reflective Blogs help students track their progress and show a greater picture of student achievement beyond grades and transcripts.

✓ Learning Objectives help students take a more active role in their education and their future by encouraging them to set personal learning goals and show achievement of those goals over time.
Further questions?

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Tactical questions ...

✓ How will we train faculty to consider the implications of an e-portfolio when they teach & manage courses?
✓ How will we collect data from our LMS?
✓ How will we verify or restrict what goes into an e-portfolio?
✓ How will we fully encapsulate the learning process so it does not become simply a collection of files?
✓ How will we enable access to the e-portfolio?
✓ How long will we keep information for students?
✓ Who will grade or assess the e-portfolio?
✓ How will we …