Open Source ePortfolio

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Background

• NZ’s Tertiary Education Commission's e-learning Collaborative Development Fund (eCDF) 2006/2007
• Massey University, Auckland University of Technology, The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand and Victoria University of Wellington
• Ministry of Education to support School Leaver Profiles
• Mahara is maintained by Flexible Learning Network and Catalyst IT (eLearning consultants and open source education technologists). Combined, have approximately 100 employees.
Overview

An electronic portfolio is an online collection of reflections and digital **Artefacts** (such as documents, images, blogs, résumés, multimedia).

Mahara (Māori for ‘think’ or ‘thought’)

Designed for flexibility to accommodate range of eportfolio models: **reflective learning**, **assessment** and **certification**, and **showcase** for employment.

Includes **social networking** environment for **learners** and **instructors**.
How is Mahara different from other ePortfolios?

- Student driven, focus on individual rather than course
- Social networking functionality
- Users can set permissions of access to groups
- All Artefacts have associated metadata including user specified tagging
- Flexibility to be used to create formal, informal, course related, personal and/or professional environments
- Modular design, plug-in architecture
- System architecture inspired by Moodle
- Designed for interoperability
Mahara Framework

In order to provide permissions of access control, Mahara is based on an Artefacts, Views and Access framework.

**Views** are a collection of any number of Artefacts that exist in a user’s portfolio.

Users can create any number of Views and assign View access to any number of individuals, and **Groups**
Mahara Framework

For example:
Other Features

- File repository
- Blogs (posts are artefacts)
- FOAF social networking

Metadata & tags

Request friendship
Hi it's Jane Smith here - would you like to join a study group?

Request
The Mahara Logo

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Mahara by Jody

Your one-stop shop for news and updates on Mahara.

Note: this is a test view, information contained is not necessarily accurate.

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- mahara-sc...hots.zip
  Assorted screenshots of the new views interface
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Welcome to My Portfolio

Established in 2006, My Portfolio is the result of a collaborative venture funded by New Zealand's Tertiary Education Commission's e-learning Collaborative Development Fund (eCDF), involving Massey University, Auckland University of Technology, The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand and Victoria University of Wellington.

My Portfolio is powered by Mahara, a fully-featured open source electronic portfolio, weblog, resume builder and social networking system, connecting users and creating online communities. My Portfolio provides you with the tools to create a personal learning and development environment.

Meaning ‘think’ or ‘thought’ in Te Reo Māori, the name Mahara reflects the project’s dedication to creating a user-centred life-long learning and development application as well as the belief that technology solutions cannot be developed outside the considerations of pedagogy and policy.

For more information you can read About Mahara or alternatively feel free to Contact Us.

Login

Using the username and password that was assigned to you by your educational institute, login to My Portfolio using the box to the right of the screen. Please ensure you select your correct institution from the dropdown list provided.

Registration

Until further notice My Portfolio accounts will be restricted to students and staff of those institutions participating in the pilot. If you are a member of an associated institution and enrolled in a selected course, programme, unit or module, please contact your tutor or lecturer for login details.
Thank-you

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