



Institutional ePortfolios Video 9: Purpose

What is the purpose of ePortfolios?

I try to understand what the purpose of various and sundry assignments may be, and I think the purposes of the ePortfolio, we have talked about some, reflection, pulling things together. But also, it's an activity of construction and an activity of publication. And so it's that context, the context of creating something and sharing it with others that is the broader context in which I see ePortfolios falling. So to me, what we are really struggling to do is to move to a place where we think of students using the older language scholar, that we think of students as productive, creative, that their ideas are worth sharing and not just with the instructor, with one another, with people outside the class, that they become a kind of public scholar. An ePortfolio then is one example of a document that students might produce to be shared with the broader community.

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