



ePortfolio Platforms for Use in Higher Education

Below is a list of some of the ePortfolio platforms that can be used in the context of higher education.

Note: Please note that we do not recommend or advocate for any of these platforms, and a listing here should not be considered as an endorsement.

Brightspace

<http://www.d2l.com/en-eu/products/eportfolio/>

About: Brightspace is created by Desire2Learn. Students can create content, share documents, add peers and mentors and export portfolio elements.

Carbonmade

<http://carbonmade.com/>

About: Carbonmade is a cloud-based solution for individuals. Pricing ranges from \$6 to \$18 per month depending on the number of projects and pieces (media) being shared. The platform is better suited to visual portfolios (art students, etc.).

Chalk & Wire

<http://www.chalkandwire.com/>

About: Chalk & Wire is a cloud-based solution that is aimed at enterprise-level clients rather than individuals. The system makes use of Learning Tools Interoperability (LTI) interoperability standards and can be integrated with most institutional VLE systems. Pricing is dependent on student numbers.

Behance

<https://www.behance.net/>

About: Behance is an Adobe company. It provides an online platform for sharing creative work. Individuals or organisations can quickly create visual and creative ePortfolios.

Foliotek

<http://www.foliotek.com/>

About: Foliotek is a cloud-based service that offers ePortfolio solutions to individuals and organisations. LTI integrations are available for institutional accounts. Costs for individuals are free for a basic portfolio with other packages available at \$10 and \$20 per year (each level offers increased hosting and features).

FolioSpaces

<http://folioSpaces.org>

About: FolioSpaces is a free ePortfolio hosting site for students and faculty. The site claims to be the world's most popular free ePortfolio platform. Portfolios created on the site can be exported in standards-compliant LEAP2A or HTML format. The site also supports institutional accounts and can be linked to VLE systems and directory services. Premium accounts for individual users are also available at a cost of \$9.95 per year (USD).

LiveBinders

<http://www.livebinders.com>

About: LiveBinders is a site primarily aimed at those wishing to create educational resources on the web. However, use of the site for ePortfolios is popular, and information and guides are available here: <http://www.livebinders.com/welcome/eportfolios>
Packages for individuals range from free to pro, and institutional pricing is available.

Mahara

<http://mahara.org/>

About: Mahara is a free and open-source ePortfolio platform that is used in several Irish higher education institutions. Typically, the system is installed and managed alongside the VLE and it can integrate with several leading VLEs such as Moodle and Blackboard. Mahara includes an import/export system with Leap2A support and static HTML export.

myEdu

<https://www.myedu.com/>

About: myEdu is a Blackboard-owned service. The free site allows students to create online profiles and portfolios of work.

Pathbrite

<https://pathbrite.com/>

About: Pathbrite is a cloud-based service offering individual and institutional services. For institutional accounts, the service integrates with the most popular learning management systems. Students can create free individual accounts (not tied to an institution) and can quickly build portfolios using an intuitive drag-and-drop interface and 'what you see is what you get' (WYSIWYG) editor.

PebblePad

<http://www.pebblelearning.co.uk/>

About: This platform is popular in the Irish higher education sector. It is an ePortfolio tool that also offers a range of assessment tools. The platform provides for excellent integrations for a range of VLE systems. The service is only available to institutions and does not provide individual or free services.

PortfolioVillage

<http://www.portfoliovillage.com/>

About: PortfolioVillage is a cloud-based service that provides ePortfolio and site building services to institutions and individuals. Individual accounts range from free to \$260 (USD) per year depending on account features. Institutional accounts are also available, which offer an institutional branded portal and hosting.

Seelio

<https://seelio.com/>

About: Seelio is a cloud-based service that allows students to create a free account and to easily create an online portfolio. Students can select a custom URL and share their profile with others.

The following tools are used to create and host websites that can act as ePortfolios.

Blogger

<https://www.blogger.com/>

About: Blogger is a popular and free Google blogging tool that can be used to create free ePortfolios. Helen Barrett provides an excellent guide on the use of Blogger for ePortfolios: <http://eportfoliosblog.blogspot.ie/p/using-blogger-to-maintain-eportfolio.html>

Edublogs

<https://edublogs.org>

About: EduBlogs is a blogging service that has been designed with education in mind. The site provides free accounts for students and faculty that can be upgraded with additional features. Cost for a pro account is \$39.95 (USD) per year. The site also allows faculty to create a class blog and to invite students to the blog. Institutional services are offered via <http://www.campuspress.com>. The platform is based on WordPress.

PBworks (Wiki)

<http://www.pbworks.com/>

About: PBworks is a free wiki tool for teams but its features can allow individuals to create ePortfolio sites.

Weebly

<http://www.weebly.com/>

About: *Weebly* is a free web-hosting service that can be used by students to create ePortfolios. Features can be added though paid upgrades. A guide on using Weebly to create ePortfolios is here: <https://www.smores.com/b5x5-weebly-com-for-eportfolios>

WordPress.com

<https://wordpress.com/>

About: Open source WordPress is the most popular online publishing platform, currently powering more than 26% of the web. WordPress.com offers a hosted version of the open-source software, which students and faculty can use to build websites or ePortfolios. Features can be added through paid upgrades.

Yola

<https://www.yola.com/>

About: Similar to Weebly, Yola is an easy-to-use website building and hosting service. Its free plan allows for a three-page site, 1GB of bandwidth and 1GB of storage. Paid plans allow users to upgrade features such as page count, custom domains, custom branding, mobile ready, etc.

Other notable tools

Google Sites

<https://sites.google.com/>

About: Google offers sites as a free service for the creation of a simple website. Users must be part of an organisation that participates in the Google Apps programme. Helen Barrett offers a superb guide, which is available at <https://sites.google.com/site/eportfolioapps/>

Linkedin

<https://www.linkedin.com/>

About: LinkedIn can allow participants to create profiles, publish and share posts, and add blog posts to their profile. The service is free (base level). Features can be added though paid upgrades.