

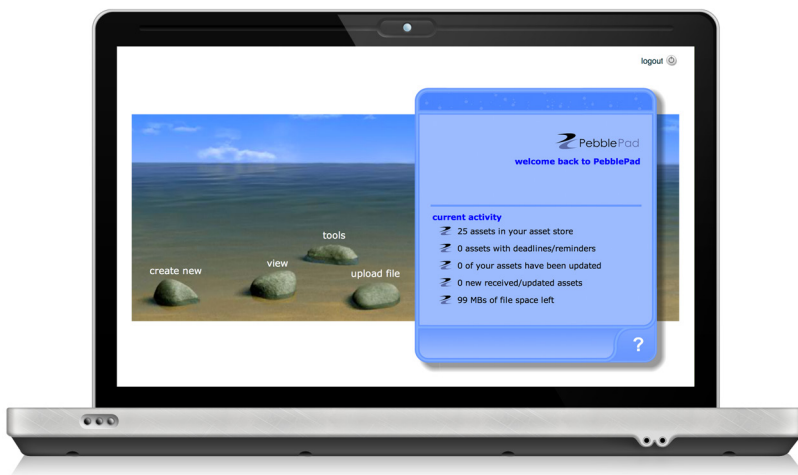
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What is an e-portfolio?

An e-portfolio enables users to plan, collect, reflect on and showcase formal and informal work and experiences they encounter throughout their lives.

What is PebblePad?



PebblePad is a generic e-portfolio system which supports all forms of learning and development from a wide range of personal, professional and academic abilities. It facilitates transition between stages of learning and employment, therefore integrating learning from all aspects of life. Crucially it places control of the e-portfolio firmly in the hands of the learner and contains tools for planning and work management, e.g. action plans; for reflection, e.g. blogs; and for showcasing, e.g. webfolio, electronic CV.

To get started go to <http://e-portfolio.plymouth.ac.uk> and log in with your usual Plymouth University username and password.

Examples?

See myBrand, a webfolio created by Flea Palmer at:

<http://e-portfolio.plymouth.ac.uk/mybrand> or from Pebble Learning at

<http://www.pebblepad.co.uk/examples.asp>

Personal Development Planning (PDP) is an area highlighted in the University's Teaching & Learning Strategy, aiming to promote graduate employability and provide students with learning experiences which can underpin success in their academic studies and professionally in the workplace. To support this the University has an e-portfolio system, powered by PebblePad, as a vehicle to underpin, develop and collate a range of PDP activities and to support through- life learning.

Further information

Help and FAQs, including PDP guidance, are on the log-in page at: <http://e-portfolio.plymouth.ac.uk>

For advice on embedding PDP into your teaching contact Sharon Gedye (Educational Development)

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For advice on using e-portfolio tools contact your Faculty LT or the Central LT Team:

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For technical support (eg. can't log in) contact the Support Desk

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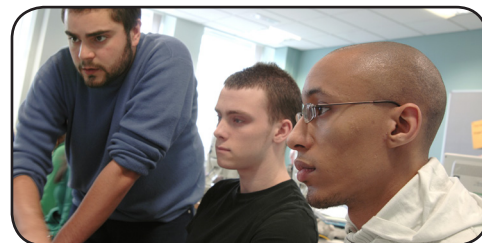
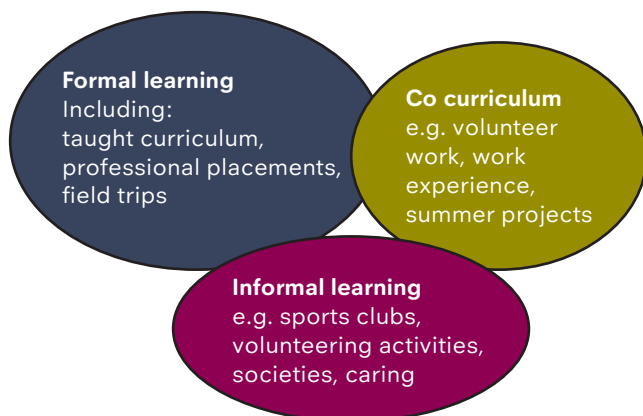
Why should I use an e-portfolio in my teaching?

More and more courses are designed to develop 'real-world' abilities, not just academic skills. PDP is a wide-ranging process that supports the development of students in the broadest sense. It is integral to through- life learning and facilitates the development of skills, which lead to enhanced opportunities for employment and rewarding careers.

In particular it helps students to:

- become more effective, independent and confident self-directed learners
- understand how they are learning
- relate their learning to a wider context
- improve their general skills for study and career management
- articulate their personal goals and evaluate progress towards achievement by maintaining their e-portfolio
- develop a positive attitude to learning throughout life

Through-life learning: e-portfolio



New guidance on PDP was published by the QAA in February 2009. It describes PDP as, 'a structured and supported process undertaken by a learner to reflect upon their own learning, performance and/or achievement and to plan for their personal, educational and career development'. (p5)

The wording in the new guidance makes it clear that PDP has to be considered in the design of programmes and needs to have underpinning support. It also reminds us that, 'What is delivered and what is achieved by the students is examined . . . externally through an independent audit or review carried out by QAA on a regular basis.' (p12).

[PDP: guidance for institutional policy & practice in H.E.]



Now your students have completed their CV with e-portfolio, why not encourage them to start applying for their dream job?

Gradsouthwest.com is a job vacancy service for students and graduates of Plymouth University, managed by the Careers Service to bring your students hundreds of graduate level jobs across all sectors throughout the South West and beyond, from national graduate schemes to small and medium sized enterprises. Gradsouthwest.com will email jobs matching the student's criteria, as well offer great advice about working and living in the South West. If you email any jobs you receive for your students to the Careers Service, we will advertise this for you careers@plymouth.ac.uk.

As well as using their e-portfolio, please encourage your students to register for free at www.gradsouthwest.com so that they can access jobs to suit their skills and interests.

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Help and support

If you would like to know more please contact the Learning Technologies Team (see below) or talk to your local faculty-based Learning Technologist.

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This and other information is available from
<http://technologyenhancedlearning.net>