

Online Educa Preconference Workshop: Competence Development with ePortfolios

The Potentials and Challenges of ePortfolios

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Abstract

Working with portfolios at schools, universities and in lifelong learning programmes is closely linked to the idea of giving the learner an active role concerning his or her own learning process. Main functions of portfolios are documentation, reflection, presentation and assessment of learning processes. ePortfolios support these functions by digitally storing and managing information and offering tools to reflect and communicate with tutors and peers. There is not one ePortfolio concept but different scenarios, depending on the purpose and circumstances of its use. There is also a wide range of ePortfolio tools ranging from commercial software to open source solutions, plugins for learning management systems or simple blog oder wiki-software. The decision for one of those tools should be guided by the specific needs of the end that is aimed at.