

E-Portfolios and why we should have and use them!

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Abstract - The world is changing faster and faster Job seekers need to be prepared to adjust and be ready for lifelong learning processes. In our old school days we got certificates and lots of other papers and while applying for a job, a project or some other tasks, we had to send those papers via mail and perhaps had the chance to be invited for an in-terview. The Internet speeded up the time to be employed or to find a job or getting assigned to a job tremendously. Sometimes it takes only minutes until a job offer has already found the right person. Especially on online platforms like “Das Auge” in Germany or Freelancer, Upworks, etc. lots of jobs get offered every day and most of them find the developers in those cases just some hours later. Interviews take place online conferences via Skype, Google Talk or build in chat applications. Most of those platforms provide their own portfolio spaces to speed up placing process-es. Unfortunately none of them is able to be shared on all platforms, which means maintaining those ePortfolios is a head ache. The solution must be something like what just had started on about.me or with open source solutions like Mahara. In our paper we will have a look to what ePortfolios are and how they could be used in a very efficient way for all kind of people, professions, locally and globally, to keep track about one’s personal life and timeline. ePortfolios are a great way to encourage everyone for life long and life wide learning. Today people and especially students have high expectations on social medias, online storages and of course on their mobile devices itself. Students, job seekers and employers try to integrate and utilise social media and especially ePortfolios during the application process more and more. While about.me is a nice looking but more rudimentary platform which might grow bigger in the next years with more and more features, Mahara already offers its users a wide range of ePortfolio features. Beside keeping your CV online users are able to customise even each application form with different views. Integrating ePortfolios into the regular learning process at schools and institutions and later on keeping them while being on a job is an important task which modern teach-ings should focus on. It will inspire the self leaning process of the ePortfolio owners. The Mahoodle Package (Mahara and Moodle) combined with an Big Blue Button Instance and a usual CMS website (i.e. WordPress/TYPO3/Processwire/Drupal/Odoo) will provoke a Self Learning Process beyond any time limits and other borders. All Inclusive Education for all is possible with it!

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