

How far along are you in developing portfolios for your program?

Wait, where am I? What's a portfolio?

Get out of the way, Jennifer. I can teach this session.

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We know portfolios can be useful. But

we don't know

where to start.

We sort of know what we want, and when we want to do it. We need a hand setting it up. Our portfolios are underway; we're making minor tweaks.

What are we providing today?

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What are they?

How do they serve student learning? Our assessment objectives?

How do we start?

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What are they?

Collections of evidence of learning (artifacts)

Demonstrations of students' skills, competencies, attitudes, and ways of thinking

Media for self-expression

- may include text, electronic files, images, multimedia, blogs, etc.
- can be maintained dynamically over time,
- can be both an end-product, and a learning process in itself, and
- may be accessed by varied parties.

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What are they?

A storage space in a digital archive

(e.g., Google Notebook, YouTube, Picasa, GoogleDocs, WordPress, Pinterest)

A workspace, focusing on the learning process

(e.g., WordPress, micro-blogs, online mind maps, crowdsourced wiki)

A showcase, focusing on the end product

(e.g., Google Sites, WordPress, WIX, ePortfolio by Chalk & Wire)

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Formative assessment:

Reflection and feedback promote learning, possibly even create new knowledge

Summative assessment:

Aggregation of evidence enables program-level and institution-level assessment

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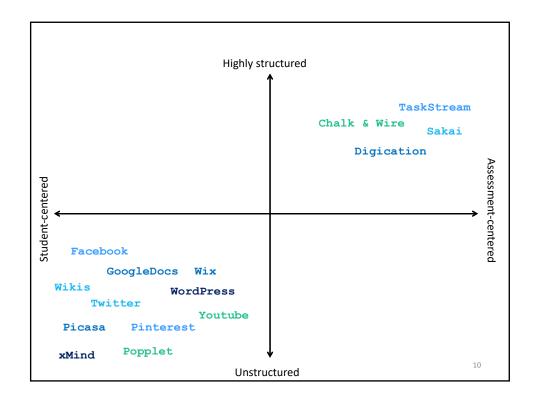
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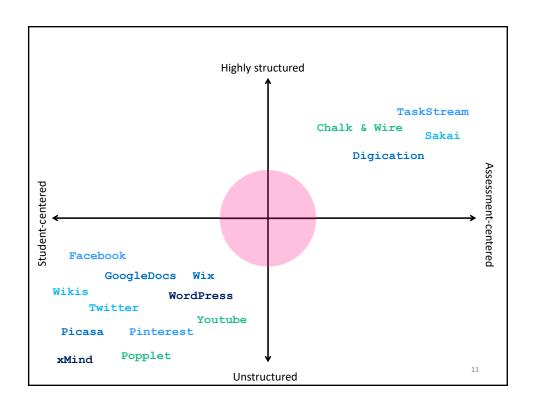
Enable reflection among both students and facilitators.

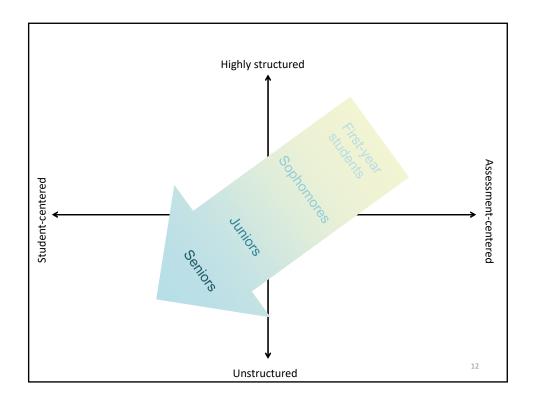
Provide information and insights that can't be obtained elsewhere.

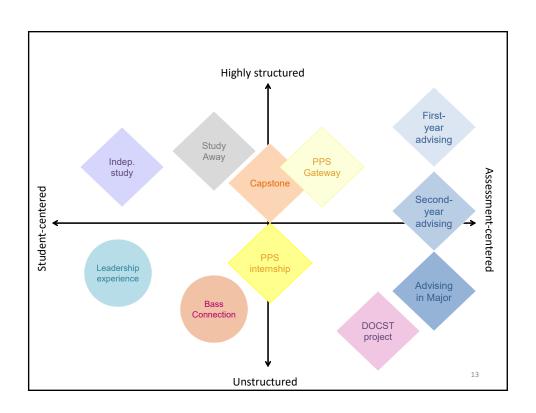
Are more than the sum of their parts. The interaction between pieces of evidence is essential.

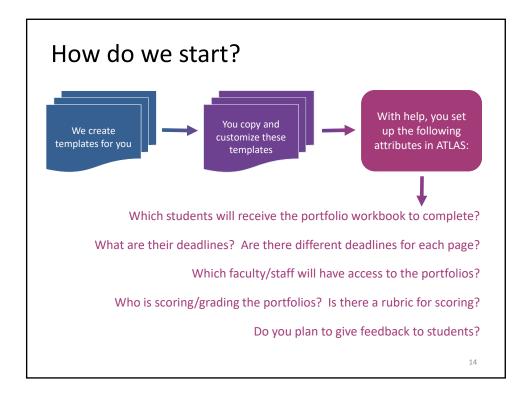
Creating the portfolio generates unique knowledge about learning (metacognition).











Resources

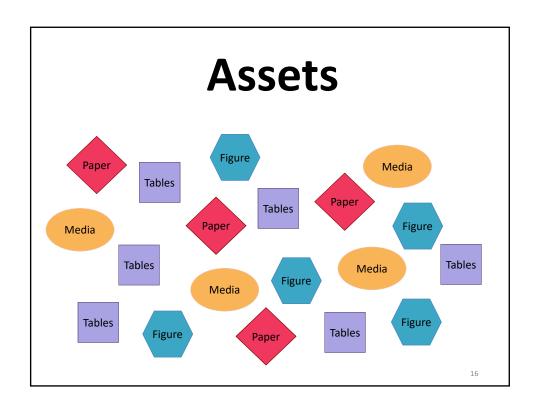
The workbooks and templates others give you, or which you create and give to others

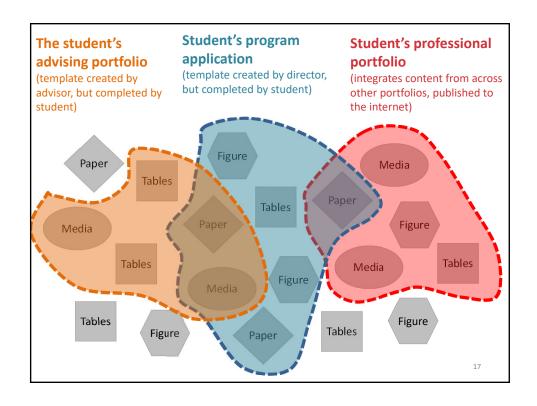
 Major portfolio, to distribute to students

Assets

The things you upload to develop content, or your completed version of a workbook assigned to you

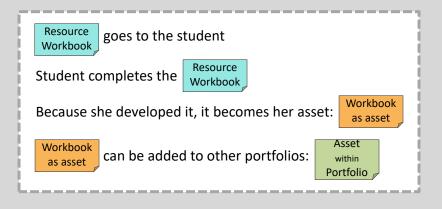
- Photographs
- Blog text
- Audio files
- Manuscripts, reports, PDFs
- Your responses to a template in Pebble+
- Anything you bring into Pebble+ from outside, or
- A page you develop from within Pebble+





Remember that workbooks are *resources*: created by you, for distribution to students.

When the student completes the workbook, it becomes her *asset*. And the asset then is available for integration into other portfolios.





Pebble+ is the creative space for making things: for your own use, or to distribute to students and colleagues.

- Build templates and combined into a workbook
- · Build pages and combine them into a portfolio
- Build collections by automatically aggregating materials bearing a particular tag
- · Keep a blog, maybe adding it to a portfolio
- Keep an activity log, to record training activities
- · And more



This is the engine behind workbooks. If

you create something to distribute to students, you will have to use ATLAS in addition to Pebble+.

- · Define your space
- Set assignments & deadlines
- Define membership in your group (e.g., your advisees)
- Access submitted portfolios
- Provide feedback

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