

Mahara open source ePortfolio

Abstract

<http://mahara.org>

ePortfolios are set to play an increasingly important role in education and lifelong learning. For learners and tutors alike, they present exciting challenges in understanding where they might fit in and compliment existing teaching and learning practice; not least a rebalance in ownership of the learning process away from the institution and towards the learner.

Mahara, meaning think, or thought in [Te Reo Māori](#), provides an open source, system that meets the needs and expectations of the 21st century learning community. Where the learning activity in a learning management system (LMS) is typically tutor and institution driven, Mahara is very much a learner-centred tool. It provides a personalised environment in which to document, reflect on and present work and achievements, over time, to selected audiences.

Mahara employs an innovative framework of Artefacts, Views and Groups, providing users with a high level of flexibility and range of different ways in which to use their ePortfolio – formal, informal, social, personal or course-related ways can all be accommodated.

This [sample View](#) explains further.

Free to use and with a growing community of users, Mahara is robust, scalable and interoperable.

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