Publish Electronic Portfolios on the **Internet**

There are two different strategies for publishing electronic portfolios on the Internet: using a customized system or creating your own portfolio in WWW-compatible formats and posting those files to a web server. What is required to publish electronic portfolios on the Internet? Find web server space to store your portfolio, and find appropriate software to convert your document into WWW-accessible format

Finding online e-portfolio systems

There are a variety of commercial systems that are available to create and store online portfolios. A partial list of these sites can be found at http://electronicportfolios.com/portfolios/bookmarks.html#vendors Most of these online systems do not require any special software, other than a web browser to manage the portfolio. Costs vary but are comparable to the price of a textbook, and some can only be purchased as an institution-wide adoption. Many schools and universities are installing their own portfolio servers.

Finding a Web Server to post your own portfolio

You can also create your own files in HTML (HyperText Markup Language) and other web-compatible files, such as Adobe Acrobat PDF (Portable Document Format) files. There are a variety of Web servers that you can use:

- **Universities** and **Schools** usually provide Web server space for students and faculty (usually 5-10MB). The address is usually: http://yourinstitution.edu/youraccount/yourpages.html

- **Internet Service Providers** (ISPs) often offer web space as part of their monthly fee (usually 10-20 MB). The address is usually: http://yourISP.net/youraccount/yourpages.html

- **Free web server space** - Yahoo! provides GeoCities http://www.geocities.com and Google provides a list of Free Web servers: most of them add banner ads or pop-up ads on your pages! http://directory.google.com/Top/Computers/Internet/Web_Design_and_Development/Hosting/Free/Personal/?il=1

- You can also purchase your own domain name and set up your own computer as a web server, or purchase space on a web hosting service that can host your domain for an additional fee. To find information about web hosting and domain name registration, consult your ISP or Google: http://directory.google.com/Top/Home/Consumer_Information/Computers_and_Internet/Internet/Web_Hosting/ The address is usually: http://yourdomainname.com[or.org]/yourpages.html

Software for Creating Web Pages and Uploading to the Internet:

There are two types of software needed to upload your portfolio to the Internet: software to edit the HTML files and then software to upload the files to a web server. There are a variety of popular HTML editors that are either free or reasonably priced to manage these files. Some suggested programs include: **Netscape Composer** (free), **Microsoft Front Page** (included with Microsoft Office for Windows), **Macromedia Dreamweaver**, **Adobe GoLive**. To upload your files to a web server, your HTML editor may have FTP (File Transfer Protocol) capability. If not, there are many FTP programs, such as **Fetch** for the Macintosh and **WS FTP** for Windows.

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