




ARE EPORTFOLIOS JUST
ANOTHER OFFICIAL
TRANSCRIPT?

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OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT: WHAT IS IT?

- RECORD OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT...TRANSACTION LOG...PRECISE BEGINNING AND END?
- A REPORT...OF PRESCRIBED CONTENT...FORMAT THAT IS SACROSANCT?
- DATA...?

OFFICIAL...

- BECAUSE THERE IS ONLY ONE...CERTIFIED BY REGISTRARS?
- BECAUSE IT ORIGINATES FROM THE INFORMATION SYSTEM...CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED IN THE COURSE OF ACADEMIC LIFE...SUPPORTED BY WRITTEN POLICIES AND CUSTOMS OF THE PROFESSORATE...?
- BECAUSE IT'S STAMPED, SEALED, CAREFULLY PREPARED FOR DELIVERY...
- BECAUSE OF A LEGAL RELATIONSHIP



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THINGS CHANGE?

- TECHNOLOGY
- REGULATIONS
- EXPECTATIONS OF CONSTITUENCIES
 - REQUESTORS
 - READERS
 - STAKEHOLDERS
- PURPOSES



■ PORTFOLIOS OR EPORTFOLIOS?

- WHAT ARE THEY?

- METAPHORS*

MIRROR; MAP; SONNET; STORY; JOURNEY; LABORATORY;
TEST; CELEBRATION OF LEARNING; MY PLANNER; MY
DASHBOARD; WINDOW; SELF-DESCRIBED...

- DEMONSTRATION OF LEARNING, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- SEARCH FOR MEANING; CONTEXT OF LEARNING

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[HTTP://ELECTRONICPORTFOLIOS.COM/METAPHORS.HTML](http://electronicportfolios.com/metaphors.html)



HOW DO PORTFOLIOS FIT?

SUMMATIVE

CREDENTIAL OR SHOWCASE

DOSSIER OR TRAINING

EVIDENCE THROUGH ARTIFACTS

MODERATED OR CERTIFIED ARTIFACTS

MAJOR PROJECTS OR CAPSTONES

RESEARCH

INTERNSHIPS

SERVICE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

['A REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE ON PORTFOLIOS AND ELECTRONIC PORTFOLIOS'](#)



OUR MECHANICS OF THE RECORD

- ON-LINE ORDERING
- E-SIGNATURES
- INFORMATION SYSTEM OUTPUT (FROM THE DATA BASE)
- A REPORT
 - ON PAPER—SAFETY PAPER
 - AS DATA—EDI, XML, PRINTER CONTROL LANGUAGE
 - ELECTRONIC—OPEN STANDARD, E.G. PDF'S



AH, PAPER!

▪ PROS

- THE WORLD WE KNOW
- METHODS OF AUTHENTICATION WELL KNOWN, TRUSTED
- TESTED IN COURT
- EVERYONE CAN HANDLE IT
- COSTS ARE KNOWN & BUDGETED

▪ CONS

- DELIVERY CAN BE TOO SLOW
- SUBJECT TO FRAUD
- IT'S NOT "GREEN"
- HEAVY RELIANCE ON PERSONNEL
- EXPENSIVE TO INTEGRATE



OUR DATA ALTERNATIVE(S)

- PROS

(RE: EDI AND XML)

- COMMUNITY-STANDARDS
- EASY TO INTEGRATE
- EASY TO TRANSPORT
- EASY TO RE-PURPOSE
- EASY TO AUTHENTICATE

- CONS

- IT-CENTRIC: MACHINE-TO-MACHINE
- CAN BE DIFFICULT TO READ & DIFFICULT TO GET TO THE DESKTOP
- USER AGREEMENTS: CERTIFICATION VIA INFRASTRUCTURE
- EASY TO RE-PURPOSE



ELECTRONIC: PDF'S & SIGNED PDF'S

▪ PROS

- OPEN STANDARD FORMAT
- POSSESSES THE LOOK & FORMAT OF THE ORIGINAL PAPER
- DESKTOP-CENTRIC & FREE HELPER APPLICATIONS
- CAN BE PRINTED & / OR INCORPORATED IN OTHER ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS
- CAN BE TRANSPORTED ELECTRONICALLY
- CAN BE SIGNED TO ENSURE AUTHENTICITY & VALIDITY

▪ CONS

- REQUIRES THE DESKTOP
- REQUIRES NEW PROCESSES & PROCEDURES
- DATA SOURCE MUST BE VERIFIED*
- ALTERATIONS ARE A CONCERN*
- MAY NOT INTEGRATE WELL IN DATA SYSTEMS
- * *UNLESS DIGITALLY SIGNED*



CORPORATE PRESENCE

- ERP VENDORS, E.G. ORACLE, SUNGARD HIGHER EDUCATION, SAP, DATATEL, ETC.
- A.S.P. PROVIDERS IN ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT OR RELATED AREAS:
 - AMCAS
 - AVOW SYSTEMS
 - CONNECTEDU
 - CREDENTIALS
 - DOCUFIDE
 - EMBARK
 - FASTWEB
 - HOBSONS
 - LSAC
 - MAPPING YOUR FUTURE
 - MONSTER
 - NATIONAL TRANSCRIPT CENTER
 - NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE
 - SCRIP-SAFE
 - TRIAND
 - XAP



WHAT SHOULD I WATCH OUT FOR?

- WHAT IS YOUR DEGREE OF CONTROL OF YOUR DATA/REPORT ?
IS IT BEING SAVED...AND/OR REPURPOSED?
- IS YOUR DATA BEING CONVERTED? BY WHOM? HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S ACCURATE?
- DOES THE REQUESTOR GET TO SEE THE END OF THE DATA STREAM?
- ARE YOU IN CONTROL OF THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS? IS IT STANDARDS BASED OR PROPRIETARY?
- CAUSE OF ACTION CLAUSES IN CONTRACTS AND WHO THE PROTECTED PARTIES ARE
- FERPA COMPLIANCE: WHO'S ACCOUNTABLE?
- REAL COSTS AND OPPORTUNITY COSTS; WHOSE PAYING FOR EACH?



ARE YOU BEING PUSHED? BY WHOM?

RE: DRIVERS

- EXPECTATIONS OF CONSTITUENTS
 - FASTER SERVICE
 - CONVENIENCE
 - EXPANDED RECORD
- TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION
 - BECAUSE WE CAN...
 - BECAUSE IT IS CHEAPER...
 - BECAUSE IT LEVERAGES...
- CORPORATE VISION
 - PROFIT MOTIVE
 - FASTER, COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTIONS
 - OUT-SOURCING VIA ASP'S
- CITIZEN REVOLT
 - GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY
 - TAXPAYER FATIGUE
 - IMPATIENCE OF PARENTS
 - FEAR: COMPETITION AND/OR SKILL DEFICITS



LET'S LOOK AT THE FUTURE

SUPPOSE...

YOUR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT WAS ELECTRONIC...IT CONTAINED DATA AND PRINTABLE ELEMENTS...IT COULD INTEGRATE WITH OTHER ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS...IT WAS ELECTRONICALLY TRANSPORTABLE, AND

IT CONTAINED COURSE DESCRIPTIONS; AND
IT CONTAINED COURSE SYLLABI; AND
IT CONTAINED INFORMATION ON THE FACULTY;
IT CONTAINED OTHER ARTIFACTS OF LEARNING.



- INTRODUCING THE UNABRIDGED OFFICIAL
TRANSCRIPT

- [HTTP://](http://)



BENEFITS?

IT'S A COMPLETE ACADEMIC RECORD!

- ...A WAY TO DIFFERENTIATE YOUR SCHOOL'S EDUCATION
- ...A WAY TO RECOGNIZE YOUR INSTITUTION'S MOST PRIZED ASSET: FACULTY
- ...A WAY TO DOCUMENT WHAT WAS ACTUALLY WAS DONE IN EACH CLASS
- ...A WAY TO ARCHIVE ALL THE DATA NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE RECORD
- ...A WAY TO ANSWER: NEEDS OF CONSTITUENCIES, INTERESTS OF STAKEHOLDERS AND CRITICS



WHAT'S NEXT?

CONTROL PANEL FOR REPORTS AND CONTROL OF
DELIVERY METHODS

NEW DATA APPENDED TO THE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS, AS
NEEDED

THIRD-PARTY ASSISTED REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS:
FEDERATED IDENTITY MANAGEMENT

NEW ONLINE INTEGRATION VIA THE WEB



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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