

factline e-portfolio

Increase the efficiency of your e-learning strategy.
Use the potential of interconnected e-portfolios!

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factline e-portfolio
is based on factline
Community Server

E-Portfolios are personal knowledge spaces on the Internet. They are used for the presentation of learning successes and for self-portrayal ("electronic résumé"), as well as for personal content management. More and more attention is attracted by the potential of e-portfolios to serve as discussion and reflection rooms, which directly encourage and support learning processes.

E-portfolios create a learning environment which is perfectly adapted to the challenges of a modern, knowledge-based work environment and the acquirement of essential skills and competences. Less and less focus is put on the correct reproduction of factual knowledge but on the ability to find solutions for newly emerging challenges.

An important precondition is the possibility to co-operate with other people ("social learning"). E-portfolios allow this and do not simply present final results, but rather provide the possibility to include inputs of colleagues, lecturers or friends at a very early stage of the learning process and thus initiate a process of critical reflection. For example writing a term paper: Instead of publishing only a final copy, students are encouraged to publish their initial ideas. Then, in an organised review-process, others (students, lecturers) are invited to directly comment on the ideas. In such a dialogical manner the concept for the paper is improved and developed until its final version.

In order to meet these requirements, a technological environment is needed which exceeds the features of personal websites with simple file upload functionality.

Based on long-lived experiences with the topic "e-learning" and "distributed knowledge work", factline has developed a unique e-portfolio system which supports the above described requirements in the best possible way. At the click of a button, fully operable and individually adaptable e-portfolios can be created. An intelligent linking concept allows the consistent linking of different pieces of information, even beyond the borders of single e-portfolios! Moreover, there is the unique possibility of avoiding redundancies by including whole text modules into other content.

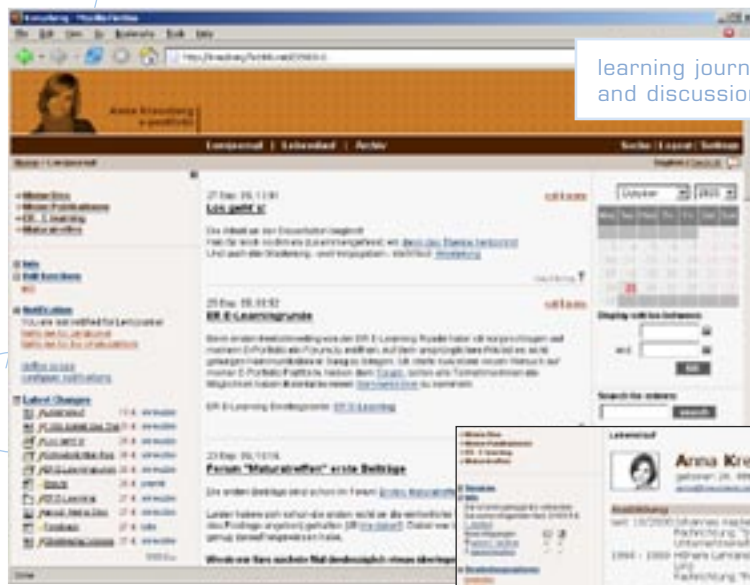
The support of standard user administration interfaces and an open linking concept allow the integration into existing e-learning environments. There are various possibilities for monitoring system-wide activities which greatly simplify the central administration and make the factline e-portfolio an efficient tool for the operation of a great number of e-portfolios.

factline's offer:

We offer a complete and at any time expandable package of services, in order to make sure that factline e-portfolio meets all your requirements from start to finish.

- ① **Competence:** factline offers consultation on the use of e-portfolios in general as well as training programmes on the usage of factline e-portfolio. We develop concepts for the pre-structuring of e-portfolios and for the establishment of basic rules, we develop design concepts etc.
- ② **Quality:** factline e-portfolio is continuously improved. Thus, it is always state-of-the art and will also meet future requirements of students.
- ③ **Support:** factline offers support via telephone, email and online discussion forums. Moreover, a detailed and regularly updated user manual is at your disposal on our website.

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learning journal, knowledge pool and discussion space

résumé presentation; the permissioning system allows the demonstration of competences adjusted to specific requirements.

Benefits of using factline e-portfolio:

Tested system

factline e-portfolio is based on a software which has been in constant usage for several years and has proved itself in various educational institutions. The intensive usage is the basis for continuous improvement of our system.

Efficient information management

factline e-portfolio offers a unique functionality that allows learners to reliably refer to related information within and between e-portfolios. Even when information is changed or updated, links remain intact. This is true for any kind of information, including postings in forums and chat communication.

Express opinions and enhance understanding

A comment option allows users to comment on content directly. By the written contributions of third parties students are encouraged to think about other opinions and react to them ("peer review").

Flexible permissioning system

Permissions are determined for every single piece of information. Permissions can be either assigned to individually created groups or to single persons.

Simple administration

factline e-portfolio offers various functionalities in order to simplify the work of administration personnel. For instance, lecturers can receive information on new or updated content in relevant areas via e-mail.

Guarantee of existence (GOE)

In order to ensure consistency while working with external information resources, factline developed the innovative concept of a guarantee of existence. Within predefined limitations, publishers as well as recipients can add to the information reliable statements on its availability.

Expandability

The factline e-portfolio server allows the activation of new e-portfolios at the push of a button. Also, functionalities of e-portfolios can be extended or reduced at any time.

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