

Acquiring an ePortfolio System for Wentworth Institute of Technology's Business Management Department



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Abstract

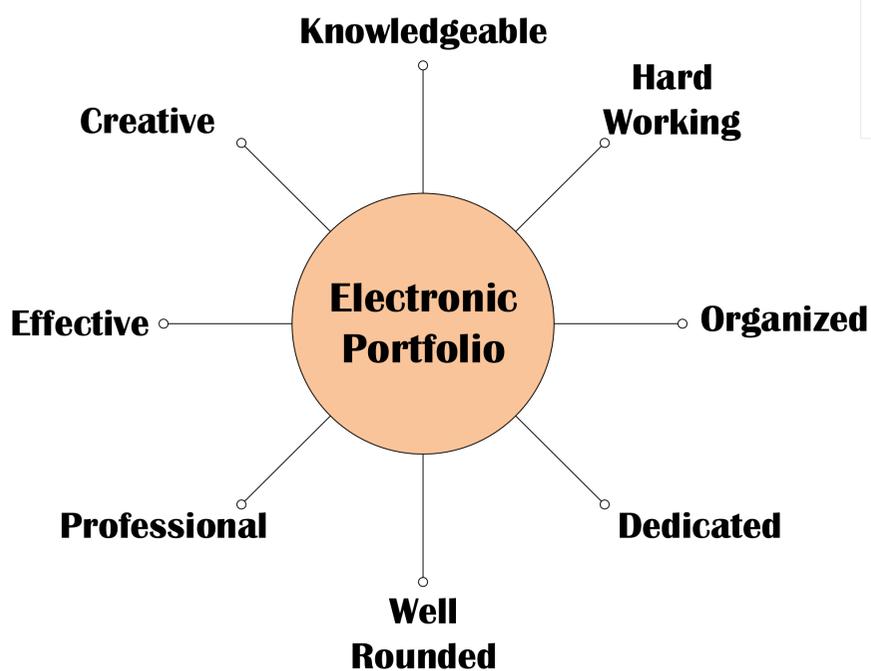
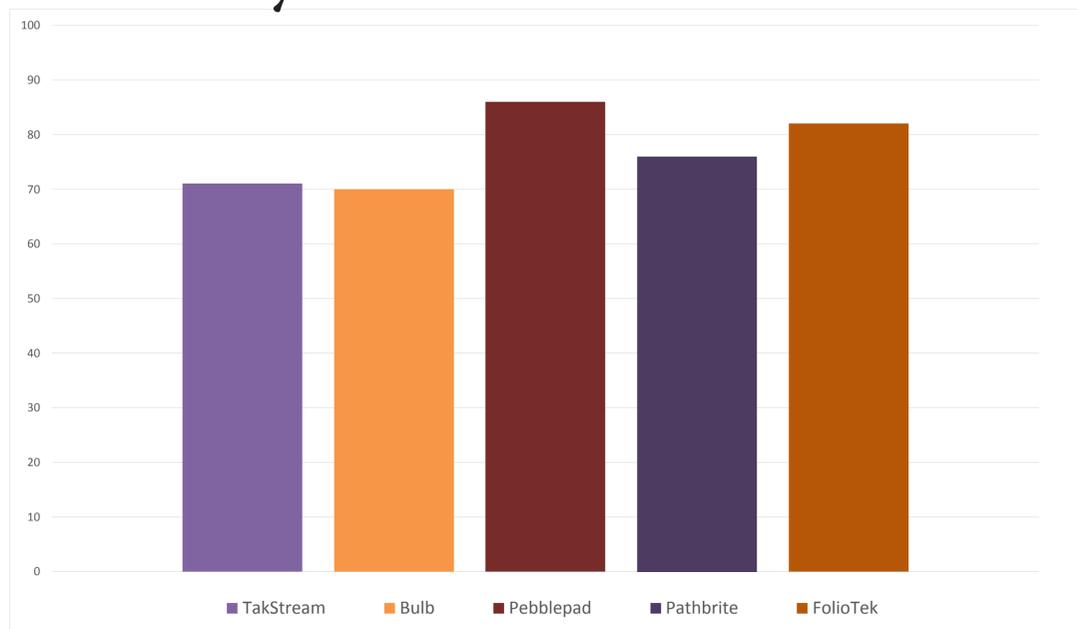
Technology Acquisition is a service learning, project-based course taught at Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston Massachusetts in the Business Management undergraduate program. The instructor guides students through a seven-stage technology acquisition process that includes: initiation, planning, research, evaluation, negotiation, implementation, and operations working with local non-profit organizations or area businesses. A recent acquisition project was based on selecting an eportfolio solution for Wentworth Institute of Technology's Business Management Department. As part of the Business Management curriculum students are required to create an electronic portfolio to showcase their work, and also the department uses the student portfolios for accreditation purposes. Currently, students are allowed to use either Weebly or Wordpress to set up their eportfolios and the goal of this acquisition class was to find a more suitable platform.

The Technology Acquisition Process



Ability to Meet Business Need

Vendor ratings are based off of vendors ability to meet Wentworth Institute of Technology's Business Management Department's need. Twenty vendors were evaluated and this is a representation of the top five vendors selected by the project team. Evaluations were based off of these categories of criteria: Ability to satisfy technical and integration requirements, strategic partnership potential and cost.



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Wentworth is striving to be nationally recognized as the university of choice for Externally Collaborative, Project-based, Interdisciplinary Curricula (EPIC) for Learning by 2032. Wentworth's strategic planning process determined that "Wentworth's core purpose and mission is to empower, inspire and innovate through experiential learning" with the goal of career success. In today's economy, success depends largely on the ability to work collaboratively with others from different disciplines and organizations. To cultivate those collaborative skills, Wentworth has introduced EPIC Learning as an integral part of its undergraduate programs.

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