



Open Source ePortfolio

www.mahara.org

The screenshot shows the Mahara website homepage. At the top left is the Mahara logo with the tagline "open source eportfolios" and the Māori phrase "[mah-hah-rah;verb]: to think, thinking, thought". To the right are buttons for "Demo" and "Download Now". A navigation bar contains links for HOME, FEATURES, COMMUNITY, ROADMAP, SUPPORT AND TRAINING, DEMO, and DOWNLOAD. The main content area features the headline "Puts ePortfolio Owners in Control" and a paragraph about the project's origin in 2006. Below this is a section titled "Meaning 'think' or 'thought' in Te Reo Māori" and a list of license terms. On the right, a "IN THE NEWS..." section lists three recent releases: Mahara 0.8.4 (8 September 2007), Mahara 0.8.3 (29 August 2007), and Mahara 0.8.2 (21 August 2007). At the bottom left is a "Download Mahara" button, and at the bottom right is a quote: "I am once again so impressed with the ePortfolio leaders in New Zealand."

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Puts ePortfolio Owners in Control

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Mahara is provided freely as Open Source software (under the GNU General Public License). In brief, this means that you are allowed to copy, use and modify Mahara provided you agree to:

- provide the source code to others;
- not modify or remove the original license and copyrights, and
- apply this same license to any derivative work.

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IN THE NEWS...

- Mahara 0.8.4 Released**
8 September 2007
Mahara 0.8.4 has been released, containing bugfixes for blogs and views.
[more](#)
- Mahara 0.8.3 Released**
29 August 2007
Mahara 0.8.3 has been released, with fixes the case sensitivity issue of usernames, and improves the quality of images uploaded to the system.
[more](#)
- Mahara 0.8.2 Released**
21 August 2007
Mahara 0.8.2 has been released, with a bugfix for the 0.8 upgrade path.
[more](#)

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Background

- NZ's Tertiary Education Commission's e-learning Collaborative Development Fund (eCDF) 2006/2007
- Massey University, Auckland University of Technology, The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand and Victoria University of Wellington
- Ministry of Education to support School Leaver Profiles
- Mahara is maintained by Flexible Learning Network and Catalyst IT (eLearning consultants and open source education technologists). Combined, have approximately 100 employees.



Overview

An electronic portfolio is an online collection of reflections and digital **Artefacts** (such as documents, images, blogs, résumés, multimedia).

Mahara (Māori for 'think' or 'thought')

Designed for flexibility to accommodate range of eportfolio models: **reflective** learning, **assessment** and **certification**, and **showcase** for employment.

Includes **social networking** environment for **learners** and **instructors**.



How is Mahara different from other ePortfolios?

Student driven, focus on individual rather than course

Social networking functionality

Users can set permissions of access to groups

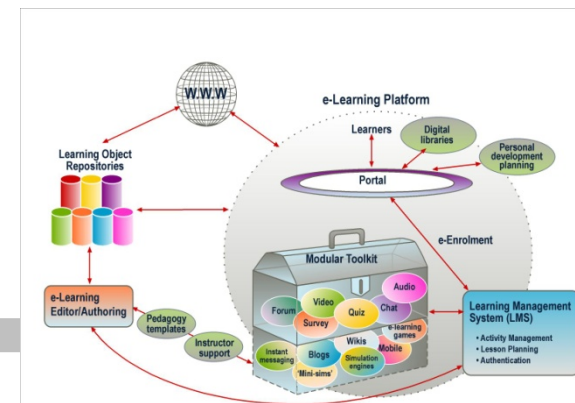
All Artefacts have associated metadata including user specified tagging

Flexibility to be used to create formal, informal, course related, personal and/or professional environments

Modular design, plug-in architecture

System architecture inspired by Moodle

Designed for interoperability





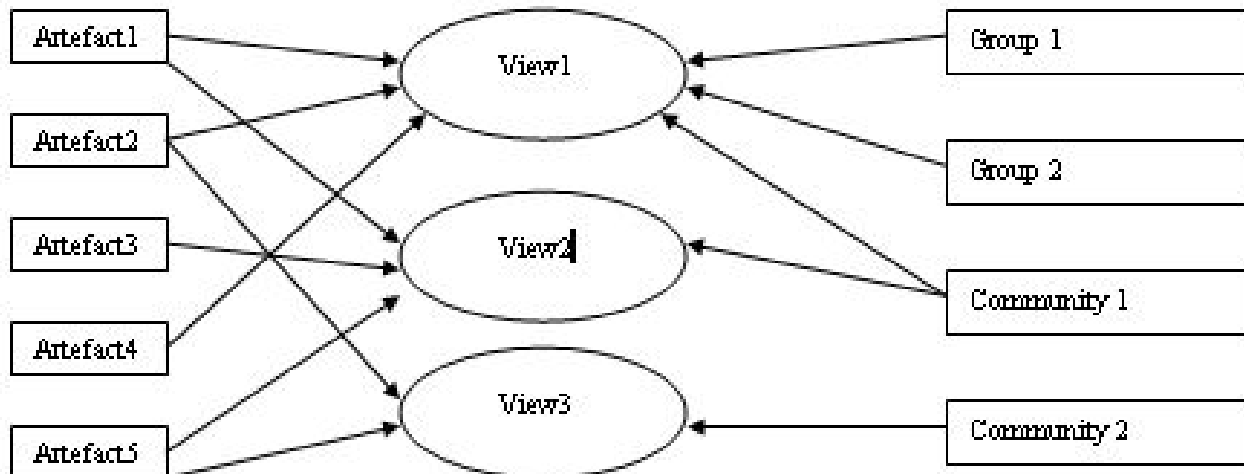
Mahara Framework



In order to provide **permissions of access** control, Mahara is based on an Artefacts, Views and Access framework.

Views are a collection of any number of Artefacts that exist in a user's portfolio.

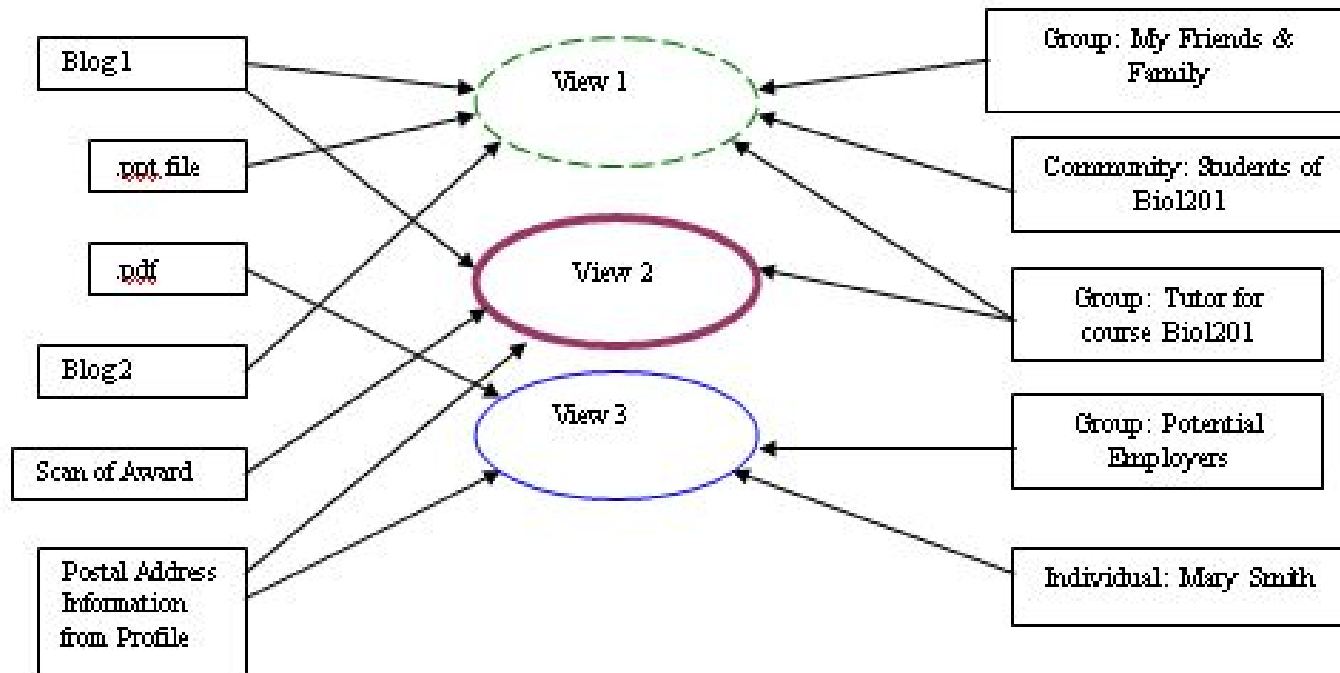
Users can create any number of Views and assign View access to any number of individuals, and **Groups**





Mahara Framework

For example:





Other Features



File repository

Blogs (posts are artefacts)

FOAF social networking

Request friendship

Hi it's Jane Smith here - would you like to join a study group?

Request

Metadata & tags

The screenshot displays two pages from the Flexible Learning Network interface. The top page, 'My Files', features a navigation bar with links for HOME, MY PROFILE, MY BLOGS, MY FILES, MY CONTACTS, MY VIEWS, and MY ACCOUNT. Below the navigation bar, the 'My Files' section includes an 'Upload file' form with fields for Destination (Home /), Copyright notice (checked), File (D:\Documents\Document1.doc), Name (Document1.doc), and Description (Assessment 1 Semester 12). The bottom page, 'New Blog', also has the same navigation bar and includes fields for Title, Description (with a rich text editor toolbar), and options for Comments and Comment Notification. The 'Create Blog' and 'Cancel' buttons are visible at the bottom of the page.



Blogs (3)

External feeds (1)

Files (4)

General (1)

Images (1)

Multimedia (2)

Profile (2)

Resumé (2)



File(s) to Download

Select files for people to download



A folder

A single folder from your Files area



An image

A single image from your Files area



Embedded media

Select files for embedded viewing

Change view layout

Display my view »

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Remove

Add

Remove

Add

The Mahara Logo



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A folder

Dream Theater

Contents:

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Dtmetropt2.jpg		21/11/2007
200px-Majesty.svg.png	The Dream Theater Logo	21/11/2007
200x100dreamtheater_gigantour01.jpg		21/11/2007

Related Files



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Mahara by Jody

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Your one stop shop for news and updates on Mahara.

Note: this is a test view, information contained is not necessarily accurate.

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Welcome to My Portfolio

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My Portfolio is powered by Mahara, a fully featured open source electronic portfolio, weblog, resume builder and social networking system, connecting users and creating online communities. My Portfolio provides you with the tools to create a personal learning and development environment.

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For more information you can read [About Mahara](#) or alternatively feel free to [Contact Us](#).

Login

Using the username and password that was assigned to you by your educational institute, login to My Portfolio using the box to the right of the screen. Please ensure you select your correct institution from the dropdown list provided.

Registration

Until further notice My Portfolio accounts will be restricted to students and staff of those institutions participating in the pilot. If you are a member of an associated institution and enrolled in a selected course, programme, unit or module, please contact your tutor or lecturer for login details.

Login [?]

Password:

Institution:

Main menu [?]

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