

Comparison of ePortfolio tools.

There are many commercial ePortfolio platforms available, a number of which were reviewed in conjunction with the Learning Technology Department in UCC. The main ePortfolio tools that were assessed are summarised below. After careful consideration, the platform that seems to fit best with the requirements of Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing is **PebblePad**.

Platform	Is simple and user friendly	Works well with University VLE	Cost to student	Technological support requires for set up	Technological support on a full time basis	Open Source	Existing Academic Use
ARC	Yes	Yes	None	Yes	No	No	Yes
Max Exam	Yes	No	Yes - not until the first exam	Yes	No	No	Yes
Liftupp	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Blackboard	No	Yes	None	Yes	No	No	Yes
Halogen	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Mahara	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Potentially	Yes	Yes
PebblePad	Yes	Yes	Yes - 20 euro per student and free after graduation	Yes	No	No	Yes

For a complete list ePortfolio tools available on the market please look at the following Epac address:
<http://epac.pbworks.com/w/page/12559686/Evolving%20List%20of%20ePortfolio-related%20Tools>.