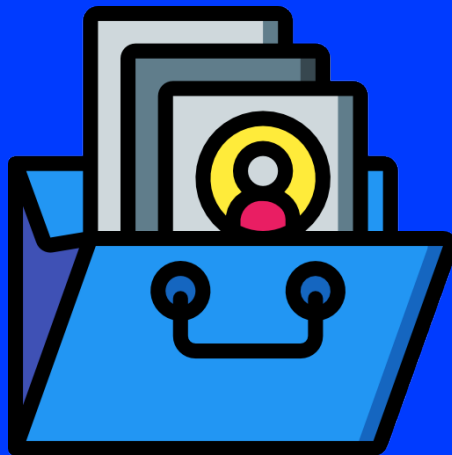


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PORTFOLIO

< IT'S TIME TO SHOW OFF! />



PORTFOLIO

Throughout your curriculum, you will achieve many projects and develop numerous skills. This project will allow you to showcase them.

Long associated with the professional art world as a mean of highlighting artists' productions, the portfolio is a **personalized and evolving** element.

Etymologically, the term comes from the Latin *portare* and *folium*, meaning *carry* and *leaf*.



According to [this Wikipedia article](#), it "helps **document education, work samples and skills**. People use career portfolios to **apply for jobs**."

It is above all a collection, i.e. a set of elements **selected according to criteria and organized according to a logic**.



It's much more than just a filing tool, and differs from a resume in that the information it contains is articulated according to a purpose, and **it must present evidence of your accomplishments**.

Goals

Start to draw up your portfolio, bearing in mind that it must :

- ✓ prove you reached a certain level of development of your skills ;
- ✓ represent you personally, and therefore be personalized to your image ;
- ✓ cover your entire learning path and be regularly updated ;
- ✓ designed on a digital medium available online (*see below*).



The organization of the portfolio, the choice of productions and the writing of texts involve reflection and often require support.
In other words, you'll need to define your own selection criteria and organizational logic, and you'll probably be asked to justify them in a presentation.

Ideally, your portfolio is :

- ✓ synthetic: to showcase your communication skills;
- ✓ aesthetic: to showcase your *front-end* skills;
- ✓ ergonomic & easy to use: to showcase your *UI-UX* skills;
- ✓ automatically updated with each (significant) project during your course (and beyond!): to showcase your *dev OPS* skills



Expectations details

You need to build a presentation portfolio :

- ✓ Why?
 - to showcase your best achievements and expertise ;
 - to communicate with your peers and employers ;
 - to provide evidence of your professional skills ;
- ✓ For whom?
 - your future employers or customers ;
 - your peers ;
 - your loved ones.
- ✓ How?
 - select and show your work and your **product** ;
 - prove you reached a certain level of **mastery** of skills;



Focus on the following questions:

- ✓ What did I achieve?
- ✓ What can I do today?

Show and tell episodes from your career:

- ✓ your best moves ;
- ✓ your greatest successes.



Advice and methodology

Take a few moments to reflect on :

- ✓ your work and skills ;
- ✓ your strengths and weaknesses ;
- ✓ your challenges and goals;
- ✓ your personal identity ;
- ✓ your professional orientation ;
- ✓ ...

Gather and sort your work as you would your skills.

Try to classify them according to various criteria (chronology, quality, mastery, etc.).

For each of the skills you want to showcase:

- ✓ self-assess your progress ;
- ✓ select some evidences from your achievements ;
- ✓ determine and aggregate the resources you have mobilized ;
- ✓ consider the resources and learning you need to move on to the next level.

From your work, select those that demonstrate mastery.

Look for similarities between projects.

Identify the skills you've developed and the progress you've made.

Know how to link a skill to several projects or nuance it according to context.

Understand where you stand and what you need to do to reach your goals.



The presentation of your career path and the prioritization of your content is completely up to you, so it's just as important as your achievements themselves.



By updating it regularly, your latest and best productions will gradually replace your older and less qualitative ones.

Your portfolio **MUST contain**, at least :

- ✓ a catchphrase and a (professional) photo ;
- ✓ your contact details ;
- ✓ a grouping of several of your works ;
- ✓ a link to download your CV (preferably in pdf format) ;
- ✓ an analysis of your achievements and your progress in developing your skills.

Digital

Your portfolio must be produced on a **digital medium accessible online**.

There are two options for putting your portfolio online:

- ✓ Free server ;
- ✓ Github Pages ;
- ✓ personal drive ;
- ✓ Paid server:
 - high-performance ;
 - stable ;
 - allows to link a domain name such as *firstname-name.fr*.



We recommend this option, and also [OVH VPS](#): virtual machine installed on a shared server simulating the operation of a dedicated server, with optimal performance and flexibility at a very modest price.

Technical suggestions

You are free to use any technology you like.

However, your showcase page is **imperatively** *Flat Design* **and** *Responsive*.

Before you start developing, find out about the technical stacks and their benefits, and choose one wisely:

- ✓ Pre-processors (SASS, LESS, ...), post-processors (postCSS) and generators (iotaCSS) ;
- ✓ UI kits (bootstrap, materialize, ...) and micro-frameworks (Skeleton, milligram, ...) ;
- ✓ Writing conventions (BEM, ...) ;
- ✓ The atomic approach to CSS (TailWindCSS, ...) ;
- ✓ CSS libraries in JS (emotion, ...).



The team recommends at least a post-processor (or a pre-processor), a micro-framework and BEM.

It is **imperative** to:

- ✓ create a menu to facilitate navigation on your site;
- ✓ respect good SEO practices for search engines as defined by Google.



Do you know lighthouse?

Bonus

Your portfolio may :

- ✓ integrate multimedia elements;
- ✓ contain a contact form;
- ✓ be open to visitor comments;



Formative feedback such as encouragement is likely to boost your motivation and learning.

- ✓ have links between the elements it contains and other online sources;
- ✓ include elements related to you and your career, such as :
 - links to professional social networks ;
 - an autobiography;
 - a text presenting your professional philosophy ;
 - a bibliography of inspirational works;
 - diplomas, certifications and/or honors;
 - challenges encountered and avenues for improvement;
 - feedback from professional experience;
 - your hobbies and/or interests ;
 - your involvement with associations;
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- ✓ be automatically updated with each new project/repo via a CI/CD pipeline;



Integrating an administration interface to store your portfolio information in a database would allow you to add your projects as you go along.



The portfolio is proof of your know-how.
Use every means at your disposal to impress the gallery.

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