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Acrobat Portfolios

Engagement, Adoption and Learnings

A **Case Study** for K-12 School Students & Teachers



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What is an **e**-Portfolio?

“An e-Portfolio (electronic portfolio) is an electronic collection of evidence that shows your learning journey over time...”

(Adapted from Philippa Butler’s “Review of the Literature on Portfolios and Eportfolios”)

e-Portfolios explained

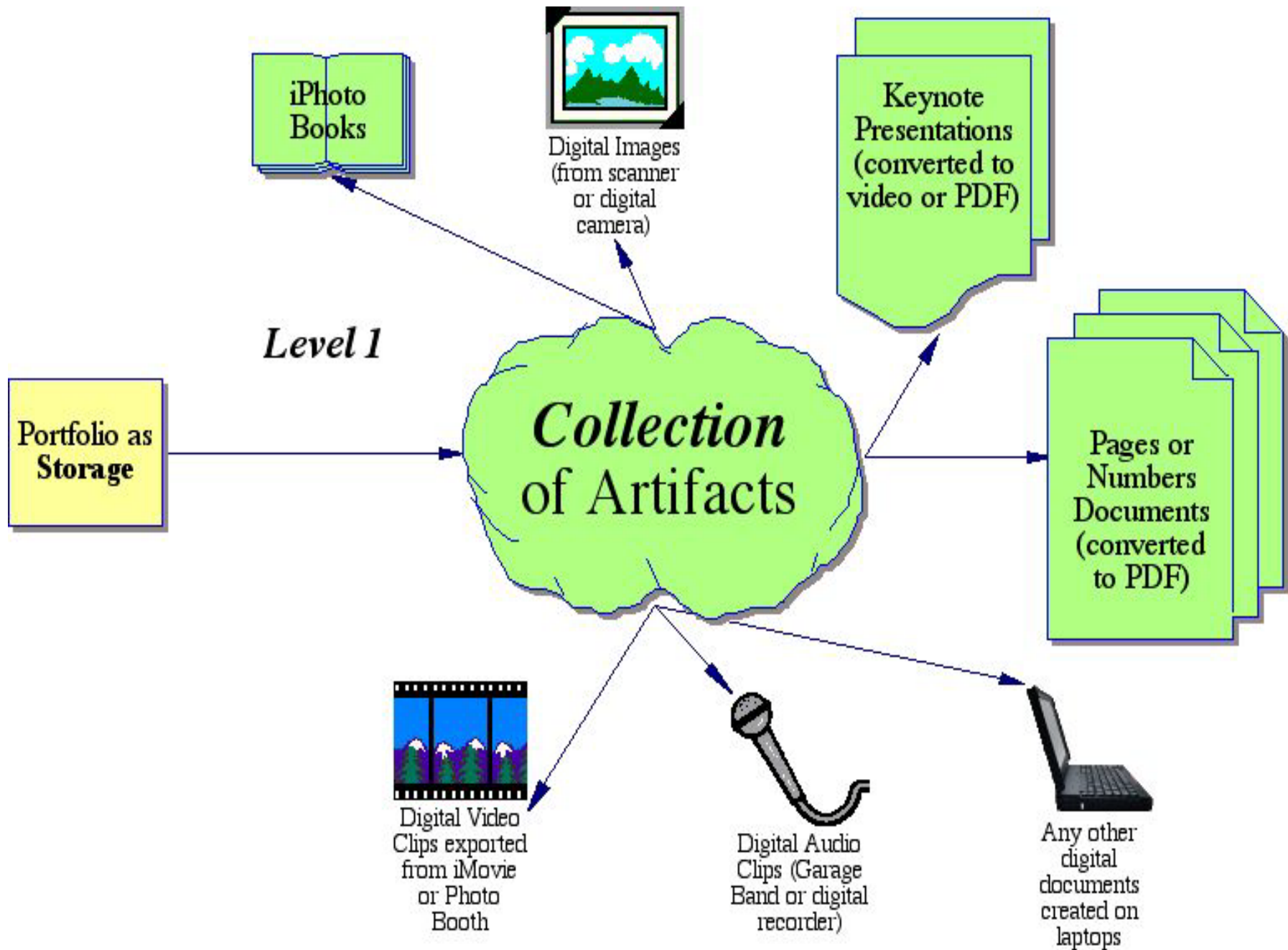
(a teacher's perspective)

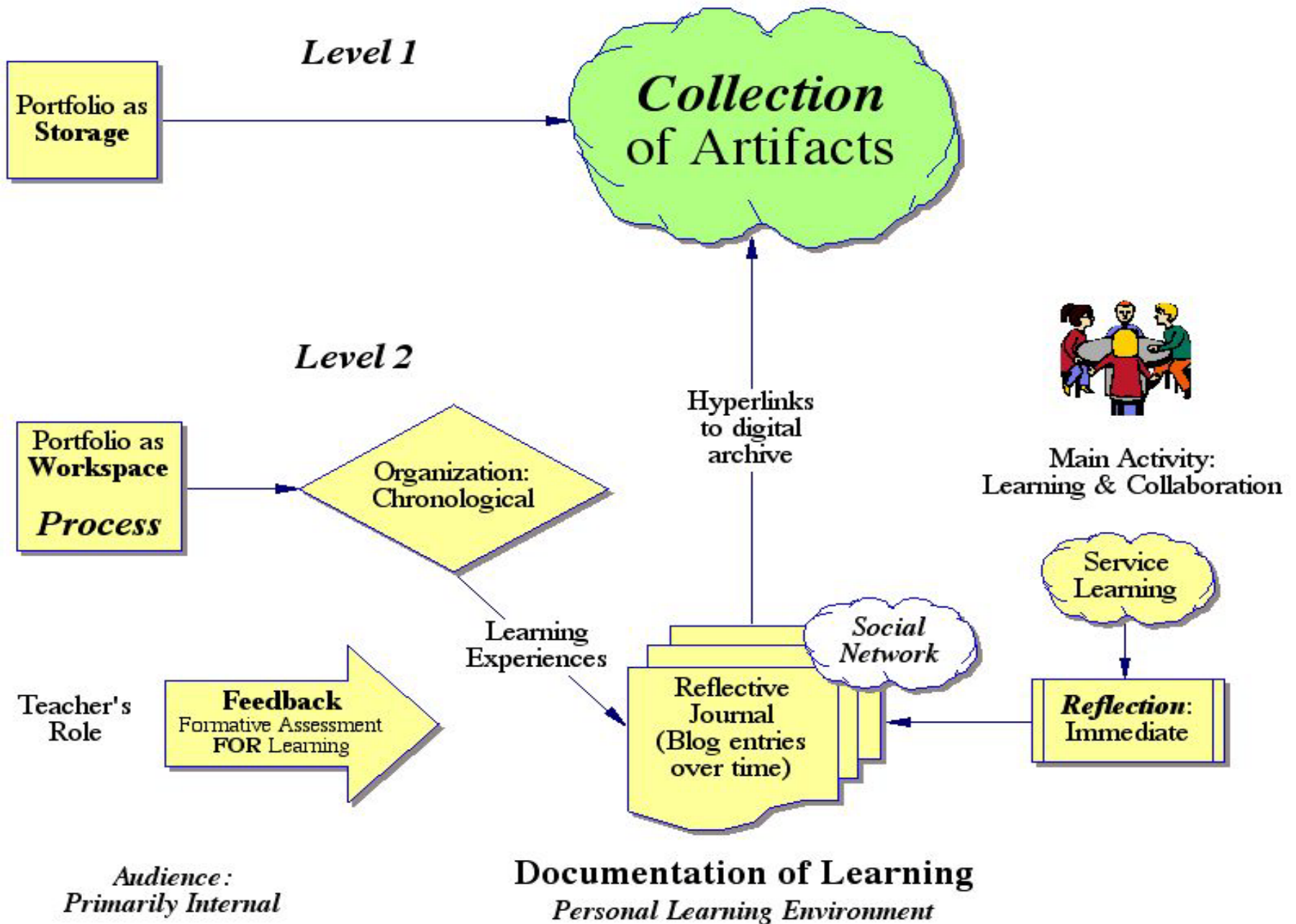


The IGS e-Portfolio 'roadmap'



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Background...**Why?**

Recording and Storing Evidence

Organising and Planning

Reflecting

Presenting and Publishing

Self-Esteem

Creativity

Personalisation

Engagement and Motivation



How are we doing it...?



Adobe Acrobat 9 Professional & our **ICTS** team



How are we doing it...?



The **O**utcomes



- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Feedback

“For the most part, students became familiar with Adobe Acrobat 9’s ePortfolio functionality very quickly and successfully added a range of work samples from Word documents to PowerPoint presentations and images. They explored the colour templates and successfully put together a series of designs using the school colours....”

“At one point I had two classes of 40 students working simultaneously in adjoining computer labs. I noted that after the initial exploration of the software, students readily became familiar with the procedures required and could in fact assist the few students who were experiencing difficulty...”

Jodie Carnell, IGS Year 6 Teacher

“All students, without exception, were actively engaged in the creation process and of the 85 students, 75 produced a completed portfolio that they were proud to show their parents, created within a 90 minute teaching episode. From a teacher’s perspective, Acrobat’s ePortfolio feature is a very simple tool to use and teach students to use given the quality of the finished product...”

Karen Carseldine, IGS Year 5 Teacher

“The first impression is that this learning tool is a quality professional piece of software. It is visually appealing to the parent and as most of us use computers on a daily basis it is the most apt method of conveying a child’s work to its parent. It’s easy to use and the visual quality is of a high standard, thus allowing the parent with no expertise in this software, to quickly master the ways to maneuver it for our benefit. It outlines our child’s entire project work for the year and then can allow you to go back and if you so wish is able to read each piece individually”

Parent/Guardian, IGS Year 5/6 Student

“I have found in the past, essay work completed at school and brought home is often in a shabby state. It is usually torn, smudged and can be difficult to read. Adobe’s elearning tool is presenting and collating the year’s work in a medium that maintains the quality of the work. We had seen a number of these pieces of work in their gestation, but hadn’t seen the final layout/presentation of the work – so it was interesting to see what they ended up as. Additionally – there were pieces that we hadn’t seen that were a pleasant surprise to see & read.”

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Questions

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