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Disadvantages

I think the main disadvantages of using ePortfolio are that you need to be technically quite confident at using an ePortfolio site. You also need to have access to the internet.

For some people it's difficult for them to visualise the information that they have gathered on the ePortfolio, particularly if you like to print things off to have a hard copy of it. You can print things off from the ePortfolio, but it really does encourage a different way of working, working electronically with documents and for some people they are not comfortable with that.

If you are thinking of using ePortfolio for an assessment as a webfolio, it's important that you check with your marking team that they are happy and comfortable marking online. The other thing is if you are wanting students to submit assessments, is to think about getting them to submit a template a couple of weeks before the assessment deadline and that way you can pick up if there are any students who are struggling to use the ePortfolio before it reaches the point of a final assessment.