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Document Change History

This version of the document replaces all previous versions. The following table describes the most recent changes to this document.

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The content in this guide is applicable to the most recent version of D2L ePortfolio unless otherwise noted.
Share items in courses

Create a sharing group

You can create sharing groups at the organization and org unit level.

1. On the navbar, click Edit Course > Sharing Groups.
2. Click New Sharing Group.
3. Enter your sharing group’s details.
4. Click Save and Close.
5. On the Sharing Groups page, click on the sharing group you just created.
6. Click Show Advanced Sharing Options.
7. Do any of the following:
   - To allow other users in the current org unit to use the sharing group, select the Current Org Unit check box.
   - If you are at the organization level, to allow users in other org units to use the sharing group, click Add Org Units. Select the org units you want to add. Click Insert.
   - To automatically share items with the sharing group, select the Automatically share items with this sharing group check box. This setting forces all users (regardless of role) in the course to use this sharing group. Edit your sharing options. If you hide the sharing group, users will not be able to determine which items they are automatically sharing or the permissions other users have.
8. Click Save.
9. To add users to the sharing group, click Add Users.
10. Browse for the users or course offerings you want to add. Click on the users or groups of users you want to add.
11. In the Assign Permissions area, select permissions for the sharing group.
12. Click Add > Save and Close.
Push D2L ePortfolio items to others

You can push artifacts, reflections, presentations, collections, and learning objectives into other users' D2L ePortfolios for their own use.

Push functionality enables organizations to provide examples and template D2L ePortfolio items for learners. Organizations, administrators, or instructors can customize content in their own D2L ePortfolios and then push the content to courses or sharing groups. This enables you to provide better support, scaffolds, and generic orientation tasks for users.

The system maintains the same item properties during a push process as it does during an export process with the following exceptions:

- Presentation themes, including those with modified styles, are included in a push
- Tags are included in a push
- Rubrics associated with an item are included in a push
- Rubrics embedded in form artifacts are included in a push
- Comments are not included in a push

You can review the status of your push processes on the Import/Export ePortfolio Content page in the Pushes to Others tab. Push processes may take some time to appear in users' portfolios depending on the size of items, number of users receiving those items, and the number of processes in the queue.

1. On the navbar, click D2L ePortfolio.
2. In the My Items area, from the More Actions button, click Go to Import/Export page.
3. Click Push.
4. If you want to include items connected to the items you are currently pushing, select the Automatically include associated items check box.
5. Click Add Items. Select the items you want to add.
6. Click Add > Next.
7. Browse for users, sharing groups, or courses to push the content to. Click on the users, sharing groups, or courses you want to push to.
8. Click Push > Yes.

About certified D2L Learning Environment artifacts

If your organization uses both D2L ePortfolio and D2L Learning Environment, you can allow users to import items from your course as learning artifacts to their D2L ePortfolios. You can allow users to import learning artifacts from the following tools:

- Quizzes
- Dropbox
- Grades
Competencies

D2L Learning Environment artifacts differ from other artifacts because they cannot be modified. They record a submission or achievement at a specific point in time. D2L Learning Environment artifacts do not update when items change in a course; users can only change their name, description, and tags. Users cannot modify the actual content.

If a user imports quiz or dropbox folder results into their D2L ePortfolio, learning objectives associated with the quiz or dropbox folder also automatically import with an association to their corresponding artifact.

Allow certified D2L Learning Environment artifacts

Do any of the following:

- To allow quiz artifacts, on a quiz's Edit Quiz page, in the Assessment tab, select Allow users to add the result of this quiz to their D2L ePortfolio.
- To allow dropbox artifacts, on a dropbox folder’s Edit Folder page, select Allow users to add this folder to their D2L ePortfolio.
- To allow grade artifacts, on the Grades Settings page, in the Org Unit Display Options tab, select Allow users to add their grades to their D2L ePortfolio.
- To allow competency artifacts, on the Competencies Settings page, select Allow users to add their competencies to their D2L ePortfolio.
Form templates

About forms

Form templates are pages created by an organization, department, or course designer that collect information from users. When you create a form template, you specify what fields it includes, what type of information each field collects, and whether a field is required. Users can fill out a form template multiple times and they can allow others to comment on or evaluate their entries.

When users fill out a form template, a form response is added as an artifact in their D2L ePortfolio. They can then share, edit, or add the form response to collections, presentations, or learning objectives. Form responses can also be submitted to a dropbox folder.

Instructors can create form templates for an org unit. Administrators can create form templates for an organization.

Form templates are not course-specific. When you share a form template with individuals in your course, they can use it in other courses and repurpose it as desired.

There are two areas to complete when creating a form template: form template details and form template content. The details area contains the name and description of the form template and which courses have access to it. The content area contains the actual fields users fill out. The content area of a form template can contain two types of fields: system fields and custom fields.

System fields automatically populate with data from a user’s profile. Some typical system fields include First Name, Last Name, and Email.

Custom fields allow users to fill in content. You define what type of information users enter in a custom field and whether it is required.

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<td>Drop-down List</td>
<td>Creates a drop-down list of options that users can choose between. Use this option when you want users to choose only one option from a predetermined list. It is good practice to make the default value descriptive text rather than one of the options. For example, -- Select a file type -- or -- Choose an action --.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Radio Button List</td>
<td>Creates a set of radio buttons that users can choose between. Use this option when you want users to choose only one option from a predetermined list.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Check Box List</td>
<td>Creates a set of check box items that users can select options from. Use this option when you want users to choose one or more options from a predetermined list.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Text Input - Simple Text</td>
<td>Creates a standard text field for entering text. You determine how many characters the text field accepts. You can also provide default text or instructions to help guide users’ responses.</td>
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<td>Text Input - Formatted</td>
<td>Creates a text field that uses the HTML Editor. Formatted text fields allow you to use graphics, tables, links, and other functionality available in the HTML Editor.</td>
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<td>Numeric Input</td>
<td>Creates a field that only accepts numeric data. You can specify whether to allow decimals and negatives. If the input contains numeric characters as well as symbols or text, use a simple text field instead. For example, for phone numbers or product numbers, use a simple text field and provide examples such as (555) 555-5555 or 1264-AX100.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Date and Time Input</td>
<td>Creates a standard calendar and time field for selecting a date and/or time.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Information</td>
<td>Provides a rich text field for adding a content area to a form. A content area provides information to users rather than collecting it. For example, you could provide text instructions, a graph, or an image.</td>
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<td>File Upload</td>
<td>Creates Add a File and Record Audio buttons and dialogs for each. You can specify what types of files users can upload and the maximum file size allowed.</td>
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<td>Rubric Evaluation</td>
<td>Allows you to insert a rubric created in D2L Learning Environment. Use this option to gather consistent feedback from users. For example, create a peer evaluation form that includes a rubric with the appropriate assessment options.</td>
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<tr>
<td>D2L ePortfolio Item Link</td>
<td>Creates an Add button and dialog that lets users associate the form response with an item in their D2L ePortfolio. You can restrict what types of items a user can link the form response to. For example, if you have a form template for reflecting on or evaluating a presentation, require that users link to the presentation in the form. When you follow a link in a form, you have the same permissions for the item as you do for the form, even if the permissions differ from your normal permissions for the item.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Org Unit</td>
<td>Creates a drop-down list of org units limited to a user’s enrollments. You can define what type of org units display in the drop-down list (for example, Course, Group, Semester, etc.). Use this field if you want to tie form data to an org unit.</td>
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Create a form template for an org unit

1. On the navbar, click 

   ![Edit Course > Forms](image)

2. Click **New Form Template**.

3. Enter your form details. Click **Save**.

4. Do any of the following:
   - To add a system field to the template, click **Add System Field**. Select your fields. Click **Add**.
   - To add a custom field to the template, click **Add Custom Field**. Enter your field details. Click **Save**.
   - To add a section header to the template, click **Add Section Header**. Enter your header name. Click **Save**.

Integrating D2L ePortfolio with Content

Integrate form templates in Content

You can integrate form templates created either at the organization or org unit level to gather information from within course modules and topics in Content. Form responses created by users are then sent to their D2L ePortfolio for future reference.

For example, you can ask learners to complete a form response to demonstrate understanding of a particular theory or to gather feedback about their thoughts on the methods used to foster learning.

You can only add form templates that were created at the org unit level or created at the organization level and shared to the org unit level.

1. On the navbar, click 

   ![Content](image)

2. Navigate to the module in which you want to add a form template.

3. From the **Add Existing Activities** button, click 

   ![Form Templates](image)

4. Click the form you want to add.

Enable D2L ePortfolio reflections from Content

Learners can add D2L ePortfolio reflections to D2L Learning Environment on any page in Content where the option is enabled.

When learners add a reflection from Content, there are three default tags that specify the reflection’s origin: the course ID, the module name, and the topic name.

Reflections in D2L ePortfolio are enabled by default.

1. On the navbar, click 

   ![Content](image)

2. Click on the topic for which you want to enable reflections.

3. In the **Activity Details** tab, click **Reflecting in ePortfolio is disabled**.
4. Select the **Allow reflecting in ePortfolio** check box.

5. Click **Update**.

**Disable D2L ePortfolio reflections from Content**

1. On the navbar, click **Content**.

2. Click on the topic for which you want to disable reflections.

3. In the Activity Details tab, click **Reflecting in ePortfolio is enabled**.

4. Clear the **Allow reflecting in ePortfolio** check box.

5. Click **Update**.

**Assessing D2L ePortfolio content in D2L Learning Environment**

**About rubrics and D2L ePortfolio**

Use rubrics in D2L ePortfolio for assessing artifacts, reflections, collections, presentations, and learning objectives.

Rubrics must be available at the course, department, or organization level to enable users to attach them to D2L ePortfolio items for assessment. Create rubrics using the Rubrics tool.

A D2L ePortfolio user who has permission to assess an item can use any of the rubrics attached to the item by its owner.

**About dropbox folder submissions and D2L ePortfolio**

D2L ePortfolio items that learners submit to a dropbox folder are treated as unique objects; they do not change when the original item changes. This allows you to assess or grade submissions without worrying about learners revising their work.

Dropbox folders can be associated with a competency or a grade book item in D2L Learning Environment. You can also attach feedback or comments to specific submissions.

If you select Allow users to add this folder to their ePortfolio on a dropbox folder’s Edit Folder page, a user can add their submission with your feedback to their D2L ePortfolio. This allows them to continue improving their work while maintaining a copy of how the item appeared at the time of assessment.
Integrating D2L ePortfolio with Competencies

About learning objectives and D2L ePortfolio

D2L ePortfolio supports two configurations for facilitating learning objectives: a program-directed approach and an independent, self-directed approach.

In a program-directed approach, instructors and program administrators can push learning objectives (with associated items) into a learner’s D2L ePortfolio from the organization, department, program, or course offering level. Within this set up, a learner can:

• Share learning objective items with others to generate feedback
• Associate learning objective items with artifacts, reflections, collections, and presentations that demonstrate their learning
• Display learning objectives in presentations
• Create public learning objective-based presentations to seek feedback from those external to the organization
• Delete learning objectives that no longer align with their learning plan

The self-directed approach enables users to select learning objectives from D2L Learning Environment to import as items in their D2L ePortfolio. This model empowers learners to define their own learning plans in addition to the actions listed above.

About setting up competencies for D2L ePortfolio

Depending on the org level at which you have the Manage Competencies role permission, you can set up competency structures at the organization, department, or course offering level and make those structures available for D2L ePortfolio.

If you select Independent Learning Objectives on the Competencies tool’s Settings page, users will have access to orphaned learning objectives by default if they are enrolled in the org unit where the orphaned learning objectives exist.

Make a competency structure available for D2L ePortfolio

1. On the navbar, click 🚀 Competencies.
2. Click ☰ Settings.
3. Do any of the following:
   • To make competencies available for D2L ePortfolio, select the Competencies check box.
   • To make learning objectives available for D2L ePortfolio, select the Learning Objectives check box.
   • To make orphan learning objectives available for D2L ePortfolio, select the Independent Learning Objectives check box.
4. Click Save.
5. On the **Competency Home** page, click on the competency you want to make available for D2L ePortfolio.

6. Do the following:
   - Set the status of the competency to **Approved**.
   - Select **Make competency and its children visible to users**. If you or other users have the **Manage Competencies** permission, approved competencies appear as learning objectives in D2L ePortfolio regardless of whether you select this check box or not.

7. Click **Save**.
About D2L

A global leader in EdTech, D2L is the creator of Brightspace, the world’s first integrated learning platform.

The company partners with thought-leading organizations to improve learning through data-driven technology that helps deliver a personalized experience to every learner, regardless of geography or ability. D2L’s open and extensible platform is used by more than 1,100 clients and almost 15 million individual learners in higher education, K–12, healthcare, government, and the enterprise sector—including Fortune 1000 companies.

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