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BjB: welcome, Jane.

JaneAD: hi there. I am an education student at the university of regina

JaneAD: I have to do an e-portfolio for a project. I am hoping this helps.

BjB: the discussion leader may be a few minutes late, but you're in the right place, Jane

JaneAD: thanks

PamelaTun: hello, I'm a graduate student at Taipei Municipal University of Education

BjB: I'm a communications teacher in Pennsylvania and on Tapped In helpdesk

JaneAD: how does the session work? Basically discussion on the topic?

PamelaTun: I'm a newcomer, too

BjB: yes, Joseph Ugoretz leads the discussion, answers questions, and shares ideas....and he PROMISED he'd be here!

JaneAD: I can't remember where I find the schedule of future topics.

BjB: Jane, click on the TAPPED IN tab at the top of your screen

JaneAD: thanks

BjB: and then click on the subtab Calendar

BjB: have either of you participated in one of the Tapped in tours?

JaneAD: no

PamelaTun: not yet

BjB puts on her tourguide uniform

JaneAD: great

BjB: let's give you a quickie tour of a couple tabs at the top of your screen

BjB: click on the ME tab first

PamelaTun: thanks

BjB: from the ME tab you can create a private office

BjB: if you'd like to do that now, go ahead. Just don't go there right now

PamelaTun: hm

JaneAD: ok

BjB . o O (Pamela already has an office   )

PamelaTun: yep

BjB: to edit your profile or description, click on the ME subtab Settings

PamelaTun: try to get familiar with this place

BjB nods to Pamela. Lots of stuff to see

BjB: it's important to keep your email current and correct so you can get your transcripts when you log out

JaneAD: does one automatically come?

BjB: yes, Jane.

JaneAD: so I don't need to take notes!

PamelaTun: me, too

BjB: you can also add a photo from ME/Settings, change your password, and edit your profile

BjB: yes, Pamela, you too

BjB: I'm going to show you an example of an edited ID page

BjB: then you can look at each other's ID page

BjB: click one time on BJB under the HERE tab to the left of this chat window

BjB: and then click on the green i at the bottom

BjB: my ID will be on the web window...the part you detached from if your chat is detached

BjB: if the chat isn't detached, my ID will be above the chat

BjB: you can ID any Tapped In member under the HERE or ONLINE tab by using the green i

JaneAD: wow-a face to the typing

PamelaTun: I see

JaneAD: I really like how all there are many links to sites that you like

BjB smiles. Yes, it is nice to see the people you talk with

JaneAD: does the member have to be in the same discussion as you to view their ID?

JosephU joined the room.

BjB cheers wildly...he's here!

JosephU: Sorry to be late!!!!

BjB hugs Joseph. We've been busy

JosephU: Did I miss all the fun?

BjB: nah...just a couple tips about the TI features

JaneAD: we were on a lovely tour

JosephU: how nice!

BjB: Jane, you can ID anyone under the ONLINE tab...and they may be in any room in Tapped In

JaneAD: neat!

BjB: Jane has to create an eportfolio, Joseph...

BjB: Pamela, what is your interest in eportfolios?

JosephU: Ok...can we help, Jane?

JaneAD: Basically I am just looking for tips on how to compile one successfully.

PamelaTun: I heard about it in a seminar

PamelaTun: actually I'm not quite understanding it

JosephU: Jane, have you got a system or a tool in place that you have to use? Any guidance from your school/institution?

JosephU: Pamela--want an overall definition?

JaneAD: there is guidance, although I am taking the class online-we do not have a tool of format that we are to use though.

PamelaTun: hm

JosephU: (And another question--are any of you in the New York area? We'll be having a discussion of eportfolios in Teacher Ed at a conference on December 1)

BjB thinks it would be nice if Joseph featured a note in this group room on the definition of an e-portfolio

BjB: NYC?

PamelaTun: no, I'm in Taiwan

JosephU: *good idea, BJ. I will

JaneAD: A little far away-I am from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. Although I will be in NYC in April 2007!

JosephU: NYC--

JosephU: Wow! You're both far away!

JosephU: Cool.

PamelaTun smiles

JaneAD: very

JosephU: So, Jane, is this a porfolio just for one class? Or something you will use throughout a program/degree?

BjB: I'll tell David We. He's close to NYC and may be interested in attending

JosephU: Great, BJ. I'll post a link to the conference site in the group room

JaneAD: The portfolio is a component of my Educational Computers class. I would like to maintain it throughout my time as a student though.

JosephU: good deal, Jane.

DavidWe joined the room.

DavidWe waves

JaneAD: hi David

DavidWe: Hi

BjB wonders if a blog is a good tool for a portfolio?

JosephU: Here's how I like to think of a portfolio--I have a bunch of stuff in a box in my basement. Old papers, assignments, syllabi, photographs, videotapes,

JosephU: When I want to show it to someone, I go in the box, pull out the things I want to show,

JosephU: I think about what they demonstrate about me and my learning and teaching

JosephU: then I put them together in a nice folder, with a cover letter, and bring them to job interview, old friend, whoever needs to see them

PamelaTun: hm

JosephU: then when I'm done, I put them back in the box, until the next time I need to show someone else.

JosephU: but they're all just piled in that box. It's not organized, it takes me hours to find what I need, and I have to think about what they demonstrate, each time, separately.

JosephU: E portfolio makes the whole thing electronic--so organized and easy to deal with

SusanneN joined the room.

JaneAD: makes sense

JosephU: and it means that I can combine and re-combine for different audience

BjB: Hi, Susanne!

SusanneN: Hello!

JosephU: and add reflections--or change reflections--or look back at old reflections--as I grow and learn

JosephU: (Hi Suzanne! and David!

SusanneN: I was up late tonight and saw that the portfolio group was meeting

SusanneN: Hello Joseph; I'm Sus in Denmark

JosephU: Hi Sus! (It's not late here in NYC)

SusanneN smiles

DavidWe hugs Susanne

SusanneN: I've used an edublog for my recent portfolio (in Danish)

JosephU: yes (returning to BJ's question) blog can work.

SusanneN: please go on with your conversation

JosephU: Ideal, I think, is something that can take the place of that box in my basement--store everything, but easy to pull out and look at and compare and display and reflect on.

SusanneN: I needed a quick and dirty format for a portfolio in Danish as a majority of my online work was done in English

JosephU: Yes--blog makes sense for that. What blogging software? elgg? wordpress?

SusanneN: Joseph, do you have an example to show ?

SusanneN: wordpress, from edublogs

JosephU: wordpress is good!

JosephU: Hang on and I'll fetch an example

SusanneN: http://susny.edublogs.org - not finished (will portfolios ever be?)

JosephU: That one goes in my delicious list--(even though it's in Danish!)

SusanneN: I made this one in just two hours before a meeting with new people who did not know about my work

JaneAD: so the portfolio can be in your blog?

PamelaTun: how about the reworks

SusanneN: well, this blog is referring to many other blogs and pages

SusanneN: I think the potential might lie in the combined wikispace and structuring by tags

SusanneN: Pamela, how do you mean, reworks?

PamelaTun: reworks is personalized

BjB: I'd like to add a note that there is another wiki for educators at http://www.helpingstudents.org/

BjB: Michael Misovec is leading a discussion on this wiki on December 13

JosephU: I'm not sure I understand reworks, either

SusanneN: This looks good BJ!

BjB: Michael set up a group for this wiki...

BjB: A K12 Teacher Wiki

PamelaTun: http://www.refworks.com/

JosephU: Just doing a portfolio for yourself, by yourself, without institutional support or system is more difficult.

JosephU: Ah, Refworks. That's a commercial product--haven't tried it myself.

JaneAD: what system do you suggest?

JosephU: The one that most teachers seem to use is Taskstream http://www.taskstream.com/pub/electronicportfolio.asp which is not free, but not expensive for individuals

PamelaTun: I tried it before, cus my alma mater give us free access to it

JosephU: At my school, we are implementing the Johns Hopkins Dportfolio system

SusanneN: Yes, Joseph, a lonesome , self-made portfolio can be quite tough

JosephU: http://olms.cte.jhu.edu/olms/output/page.php?id=2845

JosephU: It's really designed to be implemented by a school--school-wide--not an individual

JaneAD: which?

JosephU: the Johns Hopkins product.

JaneAD: oh

BjB: good job, Pamela

JosephU: Jane, if you're trying to do this from scratch, best bet might be to a blog-- wordpress, I would recommend

PamelaTun smiles

DavidWe: I've got a friend who has been very interested in assisting teachers with digital portfolios for some time

JosephU: Unless you know some HTML, or are comfortable with Frontpage or Netscape Composer, and have server space

PamelaTun: how to quickly link to the webpage provided here

JosephU: David, is your friend at a place where there's a system-wide solution?

JaneAD: David that sounds interesting...

PamelaTun: thanks

DavidWe: He's a consultant, Joseph, David Niguidula

DavidWe: His company is called Richer Picture...here's the URL:

DavidWe: http://www.richerpicture.com/default.php

DavidWe: He was quite involved with the Coalition of Essential Schools/Annenberg Institute for School Reform

DavidWe: I like this quote of his: "The best educational technology projects are those that start with the education, rather than the technology."

SusanneN: The Hopkins portfolio tool looks interesting and there's a good reason for having a standard product, would make a quixk evaluation overview possible

JaneAD: will the text of this discussion automatically come to my email, irregardless of when I leave?

DavidWe: You will get an email of the transcript up to the point you logout, Jane

JaneAD: great

JosephU: David, I think I've seen that. Looks terrific.

DavidWe: Yes, he's a good person and he seems to have a version of digital portfolio software

DavidWe: http://www.richerpicture.com/digital.php

DavidWe: That's an overview of the software

JosephU: Looks like another good link for the group room!

JeffC joined the room.

JosephU waves to Jeff

JeffC waves

JosephU: So, Jane, Pamela, Susanne, was anything helpful? Any other questions?

PamelaTun: is it free

JosephU: Don't think so, Pamela

PamelaTun: I mean richer picture

DavidWe: I wouldn't be able to tell you much about cost, Pamela

JaneAD: The links were helpful

DavidWe: I would guess it is not free, but I don't honestly know

JosephU: You could contact them (using the link on the site) and ask about pricing.

PamelaTun: I see

DavidWe: Joseph, Bj mentioned you are going to be in NYC for a conference

PamelaTun: just like ~the Reworks I mentioned

DavidWe: I was wondering what conference it is

JosephU: There are free solutions (like blogs) but they take more learning and skills

DavidWe: The simplest digital portfolio is a FOLDER on a computer with text, images, etc. of student work

JosephU: David, I live in NYC!

DavidWe: Literally, an electronic folder

DavidWe: What's the conference that you are attending/presenting at?

SusanneN: Well, yes David

SusanneN: Jeff, Joseph has a links collection here in his featured Items

JeffC: thanks

JosephU: David I'm in NYC--I live here

JosephU: The conference is here

JosephU: http://www.centerdigitaled.com/conference.php?confid=327

DavidWe looks

JosephU: I'm moderating an eportfolio discussion at 10 AM

DavidWe: Cool

JosephU: It's a good conference--free registration, and includes lunch

DavidWe: Thanks for the URL; I'll check it out

JosephU: and door prizes!

DavidWe: K-12, higher ed, both?

JosephU: higher ed-

DavidWe thanks Bj and Joseph for the info

JosephU: it's mainly for CUNY

JosephU: but of course anyone is welcome

JosephU: (CUNY=City University of New York for non-New Yorkers

JeffC just registered... the conference is related to Converge magazine, which is also free (and I recommend it, along with Edutopia and T.H.E. Journal if people don't have them yet).

JosephU: Great, Jeff! Look me up when you're there, if you get a chance

DavidWe writes a note for 1 December on his calendar

JosephU: I'll be moderating the eportfolio discussion, and presenting on podcasting, too

DavidWe will report on Joseph's moderating style

DavidWe: Cool

JosephU: we're about out of time now (how's that for moderating style?)

DavidWe smiles

SusanneN: last week I went to my university of Education here in Copenhagen, to meet with Etienne Wenger who was giving lectures for the ICT in education masters students. I'm not sure but I think his lecture will be podcasted - it was video taped

JosephU: Me

JosephU: http://www.mountebank.org/blog/images/jtu.gif

DavidWe . o O (uh-oh)

DavidWe: Nice goatee!

JeffC . o O (nice halo)

JosephU: It's a ferris wheel! See, I'm actually an anime character, not a real human being

JosephU smiles

JosephU: That would be good to see, Susanne

SusanneN: There was another session recorded back in March

SusanneN: he's a brilliant speaker and discussion leader

JeffC: http://media.centerdigitaled.com/Converge/High_School_101_Brochure.pdf

JosephU: Thanks-Jeff

JosephU: Time for me to go, folks.

JosephU: Good nigh!

BjB: thanks, Joseph

SusanneN: Thanks for the inspiration!

PamelaTun: thanks

PamelaTun: bye