

# THE EPORTFOLIO PROJECT UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that the product Chalk & Wire has been selected as the preferred ePortfolio solution meeting user needs across the faculties of HaBS, HaSS and M+BS



## What can Chalk & Wire do?

This solution can be used to support teaching and learning across a range of contexts including in placements (work-integrated learning) and courses incorporating reflective learning and assessment. Chalk & Wire does this by:

- Storing all learning outcomes for a complete degree program in one place;
- Linking appropriate assessment items to the learning outcomes for staff and students;
- Providing the technology to manage the assessment and tracking of student achievement of learning outcomes across the program;
- Delivering required reporting and administrative functionality around all aspects of the assessment and outcomes management; and
- Providing portable and complete learning records and evidence for schools and students



## How was Chalk & Wire chosen?

In 2014 we conducted an intensive discovery phase where we asked the users of eportfolios within our faculty schools for their functional requirements for an eportfolio system. On this basis a broad market scan then identified 35 potential off-the-shelf solutions, 12 products were selected in the pre-selection process and 3 were shortlisted for stakeholders' engagement and product evaluations.

School academic and professional staff were provided with two opportunities to provide feedback on the shortlisted products. The first opportunity was during a series of vendor product demonstrations, attended by 25-30 staff per demonstration, and the second was hands on testing sessions, attended by 35 staff and 6 students.

Chalk & Wire was identified as the 'best fit' product. Chalk & Wire is a commercial product which can be easily integrated with Blackboard, has a maintenance model covered by an annual license, comprehensive assessment cycle, easy configurability, modern interface and comprehensive student progression reporting functionality. For more information on Chalk & Wire, please visit [www.chalkandwire.com](http://www.chalkandwire.com).

Product evaluation against (27) requirements:

Evaluation	Chalk & Wire	Second Product	Third Product
Adequately meets criteria	26	21	21
Requires work-around/customisation/ provides lesser functionality than required	1	5	4
Does not adequately meet criteria	0	1	2



## What's next ...

The Project has received further funding from the Technology Enhanced Learning Grant, and will run two small-scale pilots integrating Chalk & Wire into courses in Semester 1 2016 and anticipating wider implementation in Semester 2. A concurrent environment in Chalk & Wire will be available to School stakeholders to familiarise themselves with the software, develop guidelines, common workflows and best practices in preparation for broader uptake.

The project is supported by the Information Technology Services, the Library Information Literacy Team Technology Trainers and the Institute for Teaching and Learning Innovation.

## Further information

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