ePortfolio Pricing and Information

There are two versions to the QuickStart (QS) program-hosted and local.

The local version provides for the following:

Installation of the appropriate software on your server. (remote installation) Installation also includes minimum branding for your institution, including up to 2 school logos on the login page and the application of the school colors (up to 2 colors).
Access to a growing library of hierarchies and templates which you can use for your pilot 2 modules of training (delivered online and facilitated-scheduled monthly)
The r-smart Network (RSN) that is a 24x7 support portal. Included are 30 hours of direct support from our academic and technical staff. RSN also provides access to the growing open source community that has subscribed to RSN to assist with peer review and support. RSN includes a searchable knowledge base for information and issue resolution purposes. RSN is an annual subscription service of the r-smart group. The QS program provides for one year of access. Price: $4900
The QuickStart is designed to give institutions an opportunity to experiment or work with ePortfolios on a pilot or small implementation basis. Over time, it is expected that the institution will require more sophisticated hierarchies and templates, which can be developed with the proper on-campus resources or obtained through a service provider such as the r-smart group.

The hosted version provides for the following:

All of the features of the local version
Hosting provided by the r-smart group.
Supports up to 300 users and provides an average of 50MB storage per user.
The hosting portion of the price is based upon a one-year program.
Price: $7400
The hosting of the QS program is provided by the r-smart group. We expect approximately 95+% uptimes, but an exact service level cannot be guaranteed because of the low pricing of this program. If you wish to obtain 99.999% uptimes, we can provide that level of commercial level hosting at a substantially higher price point.

Many customers also find that they want just a little more out of their ePortfolio program or they want some level of customization in the hierarchies and templates. The r-smart group provides that type of service on an hourly and daily consulting fee basis. If it is determined after further conversation that this service is needed, that amount will be estimated and billed separately.

I am including the product sheets for the ePortfolio, RSN, and the QuickStart Program in PDF format in separate emails.
The r•smart Network delivers significant advantages to your campus:

**Lower and more manageable costs/Effective user support.**
Open source applications, such as OSP, have been designed to allow campuses to re-invest their technology dollars in end-user value. RSN is an affordable way to get questions and concerns addressed quickly and accurately.

**Rapid and widespread adoption.**
A successful ePortfolio initiative is about more than making great software available: stakeholders must know about it, know what they can do with it, and be confident support is there when they need it.

**Peace of mind.**
The r•smart Network provides round-the-clock access to information and tools that enhance the OSP experience. Also, the r•smart team backs up the content on the site with experts who are able to answer most questions in less than 48 hours. Add this access to the community of RSN users who have already implemented OSP and you have the total support solution for your implementation.

With so much pressure on campus officials today, relieve some of the stress by adopting a proven stress reliever for your ePortfolio initiative - the r•smart Network.

Call **1-866-TRG-4EDU** to become a part of RSN today!

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With the r•smart Network (ePortfolio version), you will receive the following:

- **Unlimited 24x7 access** to personalized web support portal for faculty and staff
- **Direct support from the r•smart group academic and technical consultants.** Guaranteed response.
- **Searchable Knowledge Base** of information related specifically to OSP and the r•smart ePortfolio
- **A Growing library of Templates, guides and documentation** that are available for immediate implementation
- **Tools for interaction with a network of peers.** Participants can enter inquiries regarding ePortfolio and get answers from the community at large or have the r•smart group become directly involved in the answer. As a member of RSN, you will also be able to contribute to the success of the open source community by providing support to your colleagues.
- **Downloads.** The OSPI will release at various times throughout the year and those releases will be available on RSN.
- **The r•smart group releases.** RSN customers will get predictable, stable releases with the latest enhancements and add-on’s as part of a release schedule aligned to the business cycles of education, along with coordinated releases of documentation and other essential tools.
- **Future RSN enhancements.** In the future, RSN will also house training materials, a greater variety of hierarchies and templates, and online eLearning courses for r•smart ePortfolio users. The r•smart group will continue to take the lead in open source support by providing a version of RSN for Sakai tools, uPortal, and other open source education applications.

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the r•smart group and ePortfolios: A Winning Combination

People have been chronicling their lives, accomplishments, and credentials for as long as recorded history – only the medium has changed. Instead of clay tablets, notches on guns, cedar chests, or sheepskins for collecting the contents that define our lives, for the past few centuries, paper and ink have been the primary media for keeping collections of information we call portfolios.

At least, until now...
Portfolios now employ technology that enhances content and allows presentation and interaction. ePortfolios address current needs beyond what was ever imagined. With them, we can chronicle, showcase, validate, reflect, provide peer review and evaluate our goals and accomplishments.

The r•smart ePortfolio Solution
The r•smart ePortfolio is built on the sure foundation of the Open Source Portfolio (OSP). First developed at the University of Minnesota, OSP is now available to the world through development spearheaded by the r•smart group, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Delaware. OSP continues to evolve rapidly through the collaborative work of institutions like the University of Rhode Island, Indiana University, the University of Michigan, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Virginia Tech, MIT, and many others.

What makes the r•smart ePortfolio Solution different?

Expertise. Experience, dedication, and a passion for education and excellence defines the r•smart group. With decades of education and technology expertise, we are also the only full-service, end-to-end, open source service and support provider for the education market. Be confident in the outcome of your Open Source project.

Freedom. Because it is open source, the r•smart ePortfolio gives you unprecedented freedom: freedom to channel your budget dollars into the end-user experience rather than investing in a vendor’s bottom line; freedom to determine your own feature set and timetable — to control your own destiny; freedom from the bondage of proprietary vendors to use the ePortfolio without restriction, to integrate it with other systems, with unlimited users, on any number of computers; freedom to collaborate and share with a worldwide community of institutions that realize “one size does not fit all.”

Confidence. Use a time-tested enterprise allocation that has been tried and enhanced in the education market for more than 5 years. Combine that with the expertise of the r•smart group backing you up all the way.

Community. Over 1700 individuals and institutions have registered with the Open Source Portfolio Initiative to explore, download and use OSP. This incredible community of individuals and institutions provides worldwide support and innovation for all OSP users.

Call 1-866-TRG-4EDU to get started with r•smart’s ePortfolio.

Expertise - Freedom - Confidence - Community
The r•smart Advantage

With the r•smart ePortfolio Solution, students, faculty, school leadership, and professionals can:

- Collect evidence of skills and mastery of achievement measured against specified standards or objectives assembled in one place with all the tools and templates to control content and distribution.
- Reflect upon strengths and growth areas as a learner, faculty member, potential employee, or professional to promote self-development and personal analysis of achievements.
- Select specific evidence to share with peers, mentors, or evaluators, keeping all other items private — ensuring the appropriate information gets to the right person.
- Connect with others to receive feedback and guidance about progress and development, showcasing achievement against objectives.
- Connect with other institutional systems for convenience and accuracy of input and security of private administrative documents.
- Gain a competitive advantage. Create a customized application that is specialized for your institution’s use and branded to enhance your institutional image and experience.

You can also:

- Facilitate the documentation of institutional learning outcomes for accreditation through automating and harvesting existing student performance and accomplishments.
- Provide an objective and consistent collection and evaluation methodology to assess faculty for promotion and tenure.
The r•smart group knows the importance of being able to implement pilot programs with the r•smart ePortfolio. We know it’s important to contain costs as you build support for an ongoing initiative.

We’ve learned a great deal in the last year. For instance, many institutions have asked for a pilot package that delivers a proven, fully-supported ePortfolio system that can be customized and expanded to support a future, campus-wide rollout.

To help you accomplish this as easily as possible, we’re happy to announce the r•smart ePortfolio QuickStart™. This package represents the collaborative work of many ePortfolio experts to bring you extensive functionality at a value price.

**Locally Hosted Version**

The ePortfolio software installed at your location includes:

- **the r•smart Network (RSN)**
  - Online 24x7 support network
  - Access to other RSN subscribers for mutual support and peer review
  - 30 hours of direct support from r•smart academic and technical experts
  - Latest versions of the r•smart ePortfolio which boast a high level of stability and reliability
  - Downloads and Knowledgebase access

- Your choice from a growing library of proven hierarchies:
  - Student Development
  - Assessment
  - Faculty Development (P&T)

- A corresponding set of templates that allow users to attractively and appropriately display their ePortfolios

- Proven server configuration and installation on your site *(Hosting option is available — see upper right)*

- Online, facilitated training.

**Hosted by the r•smart group**

Institutions or departments that want to get started may not have the immediate resources to host the r•smart ePortfolio on campus. That’s why we’ve developed the hosted r•smart ePortfolio QuickStart™ option, featuring:

- All of the locally hosted features
- r•smart hosts and maintains the ePortfolio for you — no hardware to buy, no burden on your IT staff
- Accounts for up to 300 users
- Average of 50MB of storage per user

**Additional Options**

In addition to the r•smart ePortfolio QuickStart™, we also provide services to help you deliver the best possible user experience and customize the hierarchy and functionality of the application to meet your institutional needs.

- Consulting for planning and implementation
- Customization of ePortfolio Hierarchy
- Development of application functionality
- Customized training

Whatever the objectives for your ePortfolio implementation, let the r•smart group help you get the most out of your project.

View our website at http://www.rsmart.com or contact us directly at or at 866-TRG-4EDU.