What is a learning portfolio? A representative sampling of a student's production showing progress across time.

**Why use a learning portfolio?**
- Allows students to reflect and perform a self assessment in order to demonstrate their strengths and accomplishments
- Provides a longitudinal documentation of progress
- Creates links between real world and classroom knowledge and experiences
- Provides teachers with models and guidelines for effectively comparing and judging performance between members of a group

**Assessing Learning Portfolios**
- Recursive process of performance, assessment, feedback, reflection, and performance
- Student involvement through self-reflection and self-evaluation of learning process
- Empowers student to continue to improve
- Criteria depend on contents of the portfolio
- Criteria/outcomes agreed upon prior to starting the portfolio
- Increased assessment on qualitative factors

**What Constitutes a Learning Portfolio?**
- Whatever reflects personal efforts
- Essays
- Experiments
- Tests
- Art
- Spreadsheets
- Personal philosophy statement
- Learning goals for a future time frame
- Research efforts
- ... or anything else that reflects personal efforts