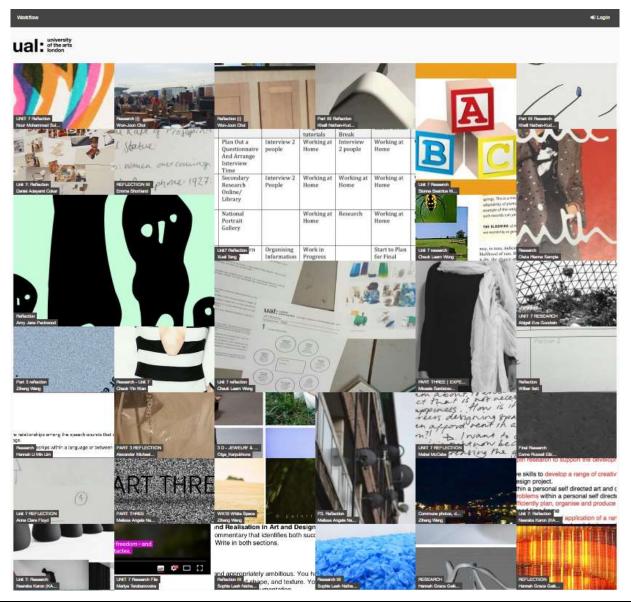


# Introduction to Workflow

At its simplest, Workflow is a portfolio tool which allows you to create custom web pages. In practice, it's much more than that.

As a Workflow user you have a personal, private online space to develop your work and your ideas. You can use it to keep track of your learning progress and your personal development. It's a networking tool too, so you can use it to develop relationships and collaborate on projects.

Workflow gives you complete control over whom you share and discuss your work with. You can choose to share and discuss your work with friends, other Workflow users, your tutors - or with the whole world wide web. Even tutors and system administrators can't see your content unless you decide to share it with them.



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## About Mahara

Workflow is built using the Mahara software package. Established in 2006, Mahara is the result of a collaborative venture funded by New Zealand's Tertiary Education Commission's e-learning Collaborative Development Fund (eCDF), involving Massey University, Auckland University of Technology, The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand and Victoria University of Wellington.

Mahara is a fully featured electronic portfolio, weblog, resume builder and social networking system, connecting users and creating online communities. Mahara is designed to provide users with the tools to create a personal and professional learning and development environment.

Meaning `think' or `thought' in Te Reo Maori, the name reflects the project collaborator's dedication to creating a user-centred life long learning and development application as well as the belief that technology solutions cannot be developed outside the considerations of pedagogy and policy.

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