

# Portfolio Instructions

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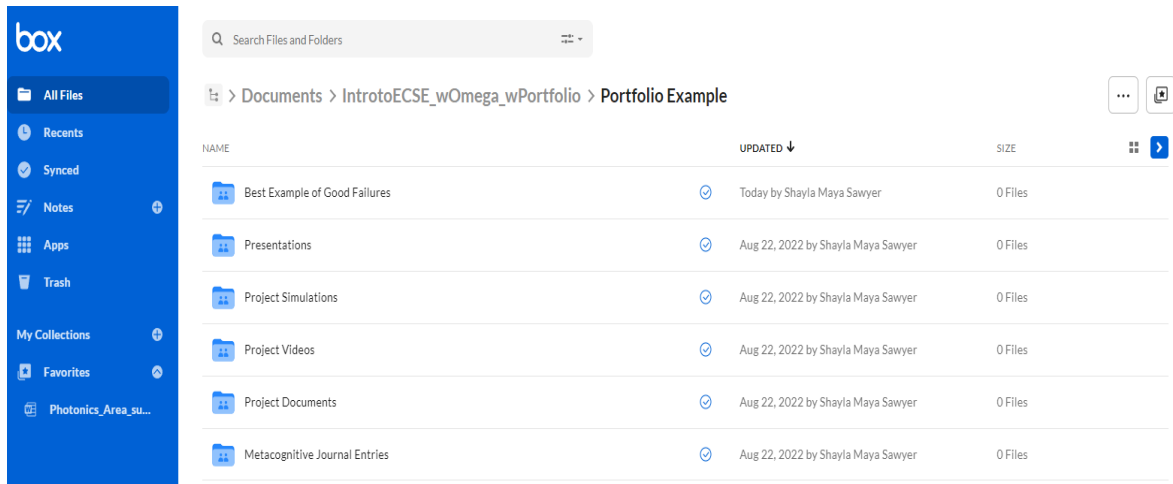
## Why a Portfolio?

It's much more than a GPA. It's BETTER than just a GPA. ***You can demonstrate to future employers or research groups EXACTLY how you've applied your learning in your classes.*** The ECSE curriculum has multiple chances to decide to do open-ended design problems that demonstrate mastery of a skill or concept. The ECSE department and ECSE Advisory Board made up of Industry Leaders and Leaders in Academia all agree that your portfolio is a good way to show your progression of learning! Soon, the ECSE department will help you align skills that various employment/research opportunities are looking for! We hope to create a searchable database for employers/research groups to find you and the work you've done to learn throughout your curriculum and especially in your core ECSE classes!

## How Do I get Started on my Portfolio?

### ***Using RPI BOX (for students that don't want to share publicly yet)***

- Getting a FREE RPI account <https://itssc.rpi.edu/hc/en-us/articles/360004742212-Box-Overview-Registering-for-an-RPI-Box-Account>
- Here is a what your portfolio structure might look like:



### ***Wix.com Free Easy to Use Website Creator***

- Publicly shared website that you can add your own style to!
- <https://www.wix.com/> (click Get Started)
- Minimum Requirements (Pick the best of your work!)
  - Summary of your Project with Data and Course
  - Links to Project Documents
  - Picture or Links to Simulation Files
  - Links to Presentations (or Videos if you've made them for class)
  - At least one good entry from your Metacognition Journal
  - Bonus: A good failure that explores a concept you haven't learned yet
- Feel free to add content from other class or from extracurricular activities

### ***WordPress.com Easy to Use Website Creator (Free for the first year)***

- Publicly shared website that you add your own style to!
- <https://wordpress.com/>
- Various plans provided after the first year
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The Self-Directed Skills Document for Proof of Skills contains more Portfolio options, as suggested by former Intro to ECSE students!

## Portfolio Examples

Wordpress.com example <https://colinkilburn.wordpress.com/>

Wix.com example <https://omanavekar.wixsite.com/ommakes>