# WordPress and ePortfolios

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#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRADITIONAL LANDS

Royal Roads University acknowledges that the campus is located on the traditional lands of the Xwsepsum (Esquimalt) and Lkwungen (Songhees) ancestors and families who have lived here for thousands of years.

This land has been part of the fabric of the life of Indigenous communities long before Hatley Castle was built, and it will be long into the future. It is with gratitude that we now learn and work here, where the past, present and future of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, faculty and staff come together.

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## WordPress



#### Background

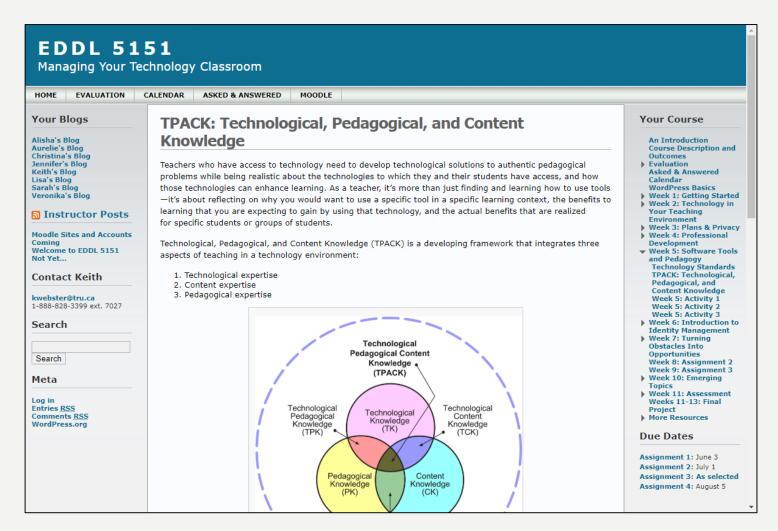
- WordPress as quick and dirty resource site
- WordPress as 'Swiss army knife' of web

#### **Teaching in WordPress**

- Edublogs
- TRU
- MALAT
- Commons in a Box

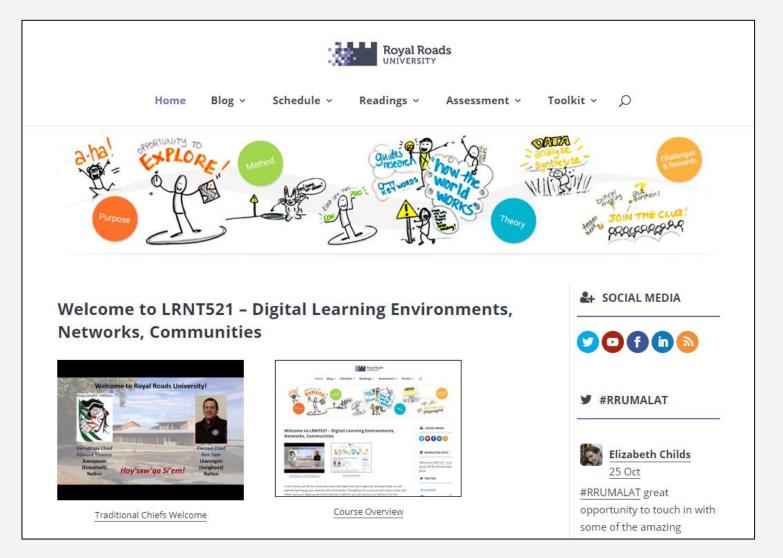


#### **Early TRU Site**





#### **MALAT Site**



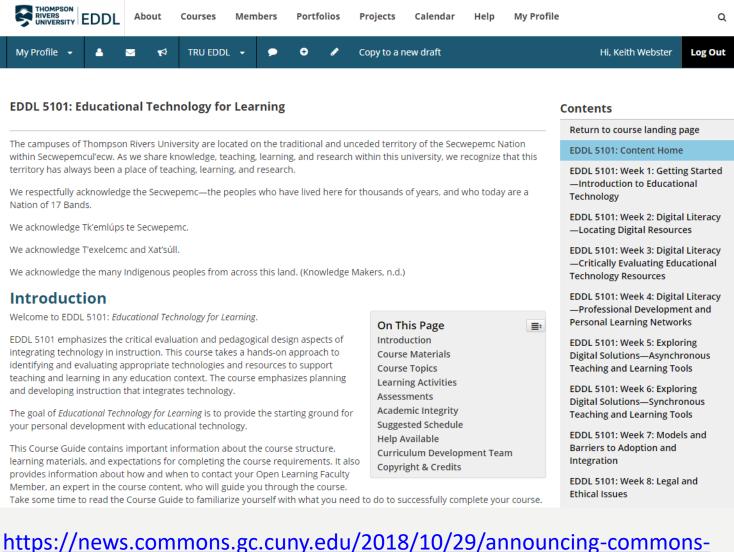


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#### **Commons in a Box OpenLab Site**



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### **The Big Question**

The pendulum has swung between 'closed', 'open' and back somewhat to closed in many 'open learning' courses.

- 1. What should be our goal in teaching in the open?
- 2. Are there opportunities missed when we move back into 'closed'?



# ePortfolios



#### ePortfolio Platforms

Proprietary v. Open Student choice v. Program choice Duration = Course/Program/Life? Assessment bucket v. Student Expression Institutional v. Student owned Assessment v. Learning

**WordPress instigator** 



### **The Big Question**

Portfolios are becoming a part of more programs in post-secondary as well as a graduation requirement in K-12.

 What do instructors, program developers need to move from ePortfolios as assessment collections to ePortfolios as means of extending and reflecting upon learning?



### **Questions?**

