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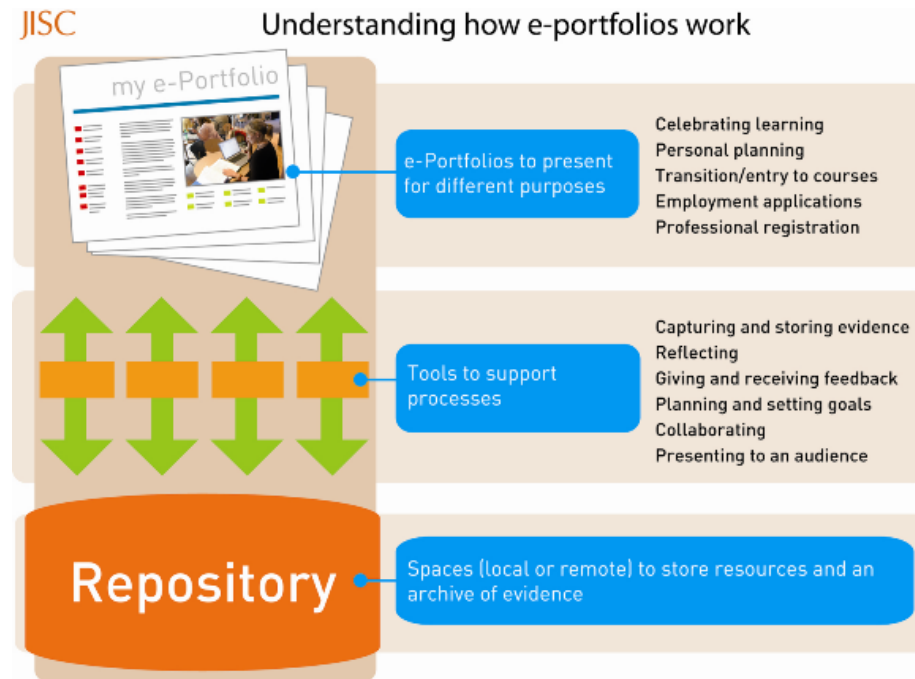
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Overview of ePortfolio Uses

- ◆ International practices
- ◆ Collaborative efforts
- ◆ User demand
- ◆ Institutional requirements



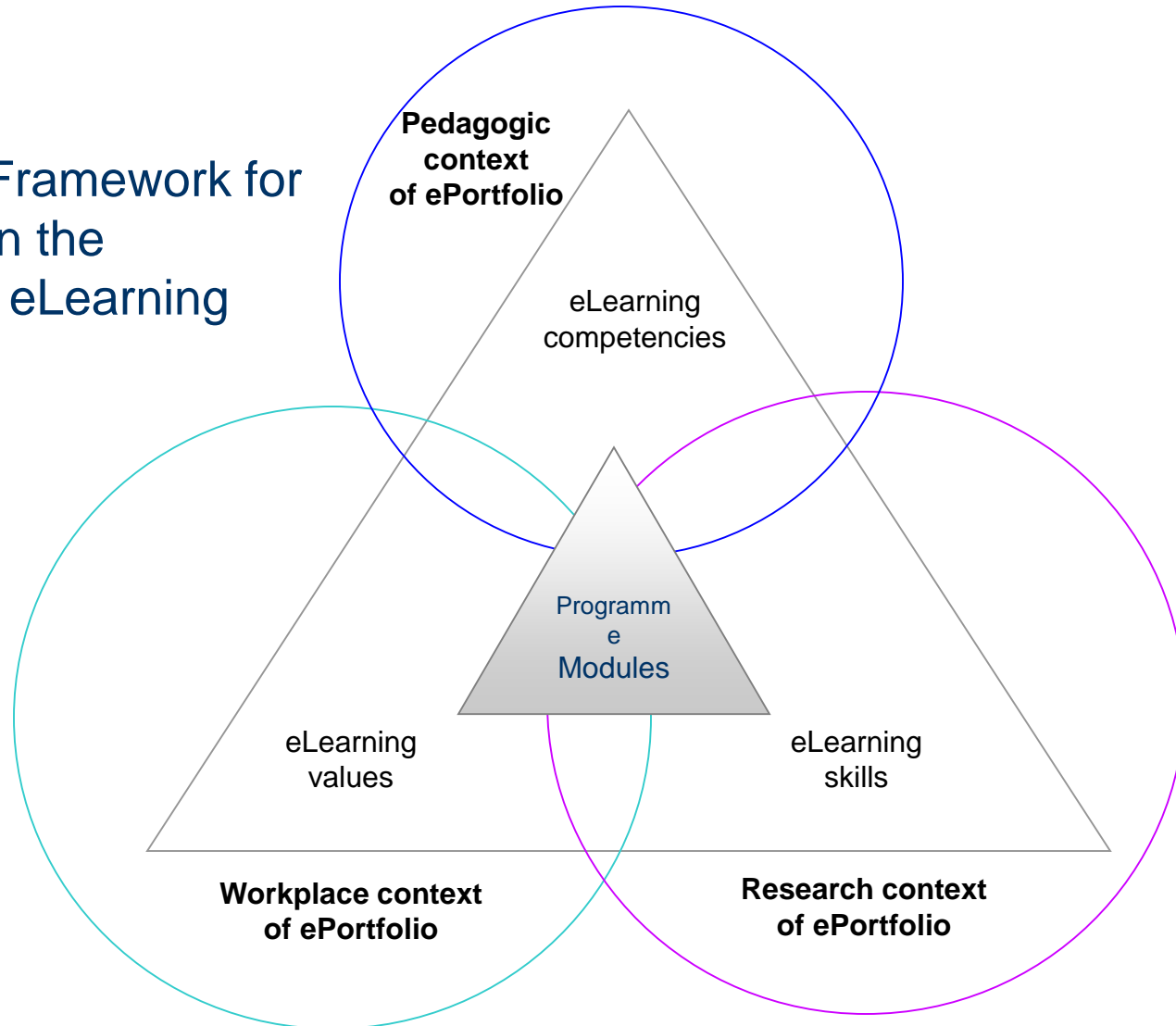
Case Study:

MSc Applied eLearning

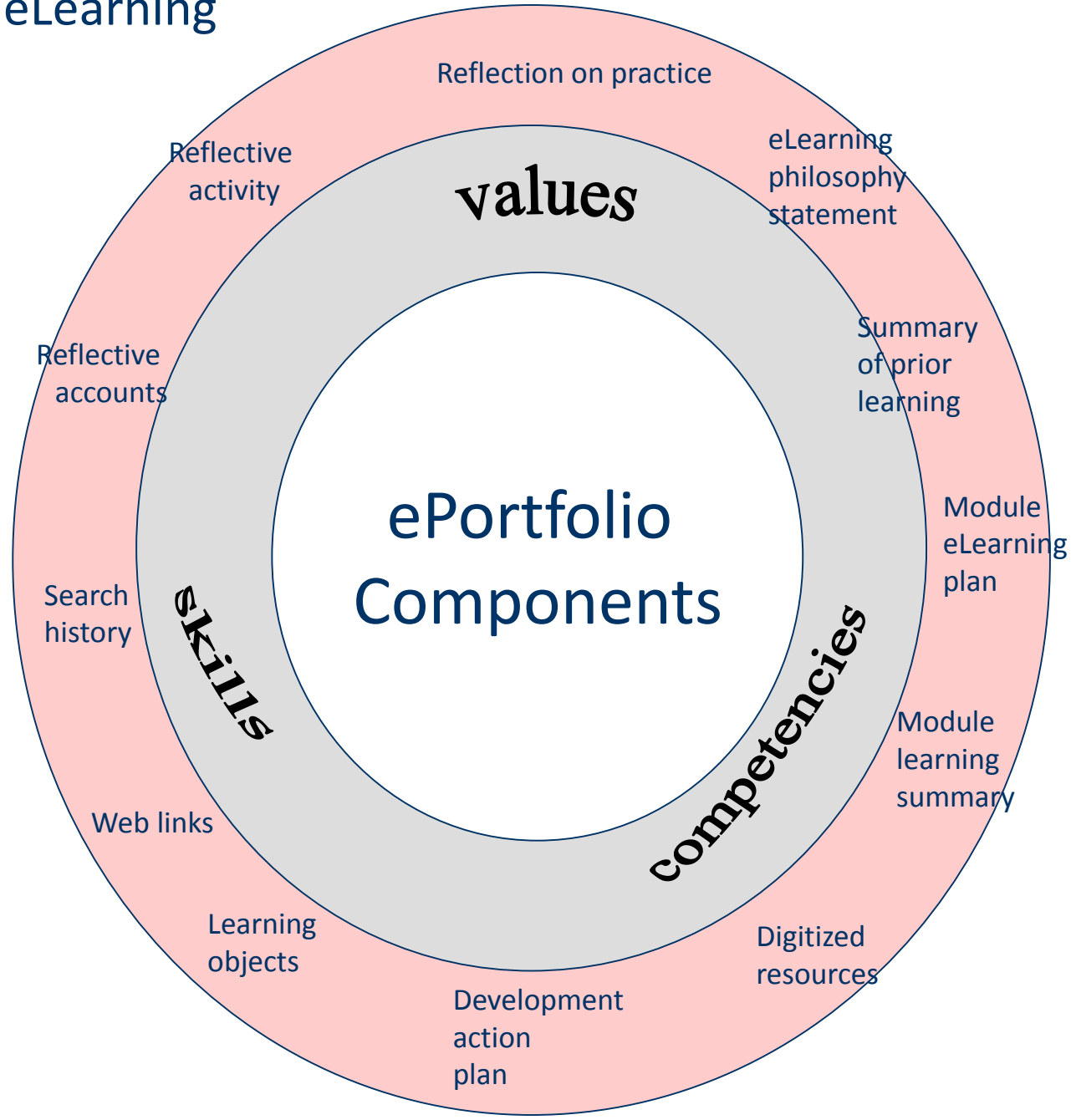
- ◆ Pilot study of the use of Mahara ePortfolio software to support the MSc in Applied eLearning.
- ◆ Repository of resources
- ◆ Each ePortfolio will reflect participant progress throughout the Programme
- ◆ Ultimately, the ePortfolio will act as a vehicle for the demonstration of continued improvement of practice through a combination of **critical inquiry**, **professional development**, and **reflective analysis**.
- ◆ From the participants' perspective, the ePortfolio **specification** needed to be clear and simple, **support** needed to include regular peer conversation, reviews and feedback and they have expressed a preference for exposure to **exemplars of good practice** in ePortfolio development.

Case Study: MSc Applied eLearning

Conceptual Framework for
ePortfolios on the
MSc Applied eLearning



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Case Study: Mahara

<http://www.mahara.org>
<http://ditportfolios.learnonline.ie/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Mahara ePortfolio interface. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://ditportfolios.learnonline.ie/user/view.php?id=27>. The page header includes the Mahara logo and navigation links: Home, Profile, My Portfolio, Groups, Settings, and Logout. A search bar for users is also present.

The main content area features the profile of **Andrew Garvey (D08114503)**. It includes a welcome message: "Hi welcome to my ePortfolio for the Msc in eLearning. Please listen to the audio file below for more information." Below this, the user's details are listed: Full Name: Andrew Garvey, Institution: DIT, Student ID, and Primary email: andrew.garvey@student.dit.ie. A profile picture of Andrew Garvey is shown with options to "Login as D08114503", "Send message", and "Request friendship".

On the right side, there is a section for **Roisin Donnelly (026019)** with "Logout" and "Settings" buttons. Below that is a "Links and Resources" section with a list of links: "WBL questionnaire", "JISC ePortfolios (UK)", and "ePortfolio examples".

The "Views" section on the left contains three entries:

- Digital Resources**: Welcome to the Digital Resources section of my ePortfolio. Here you will find a selection of r...
- Digital Resources Part2**: Welcome to the Digital Resources section of my ePortfolio. Here you will find a selection of r...
- eLearning Development**: Artefacts: Phil Statement_gif_Prior Learning.jpg

At the bottom, there is an "ePortfolio Home" section with the text: "Artefacts: Profile icon, Concept map1, intro, intro.mca3". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications, including "Inbox - Microsoft Out...", "LUU Conference 09 Re...", "Microsoft PowerPoint...", "Blackboard Learning...", and "Andrew Garvey (D08...".

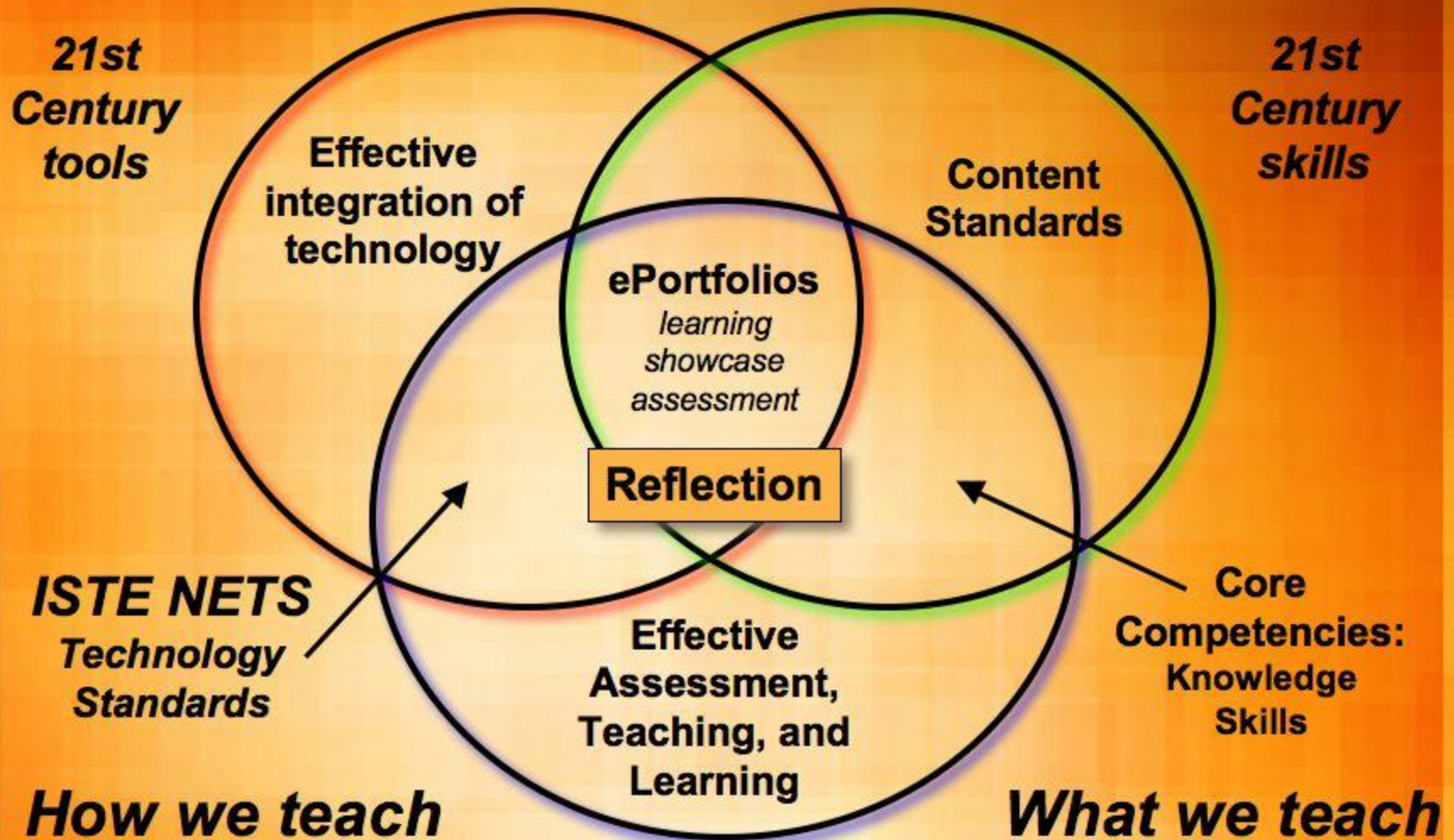


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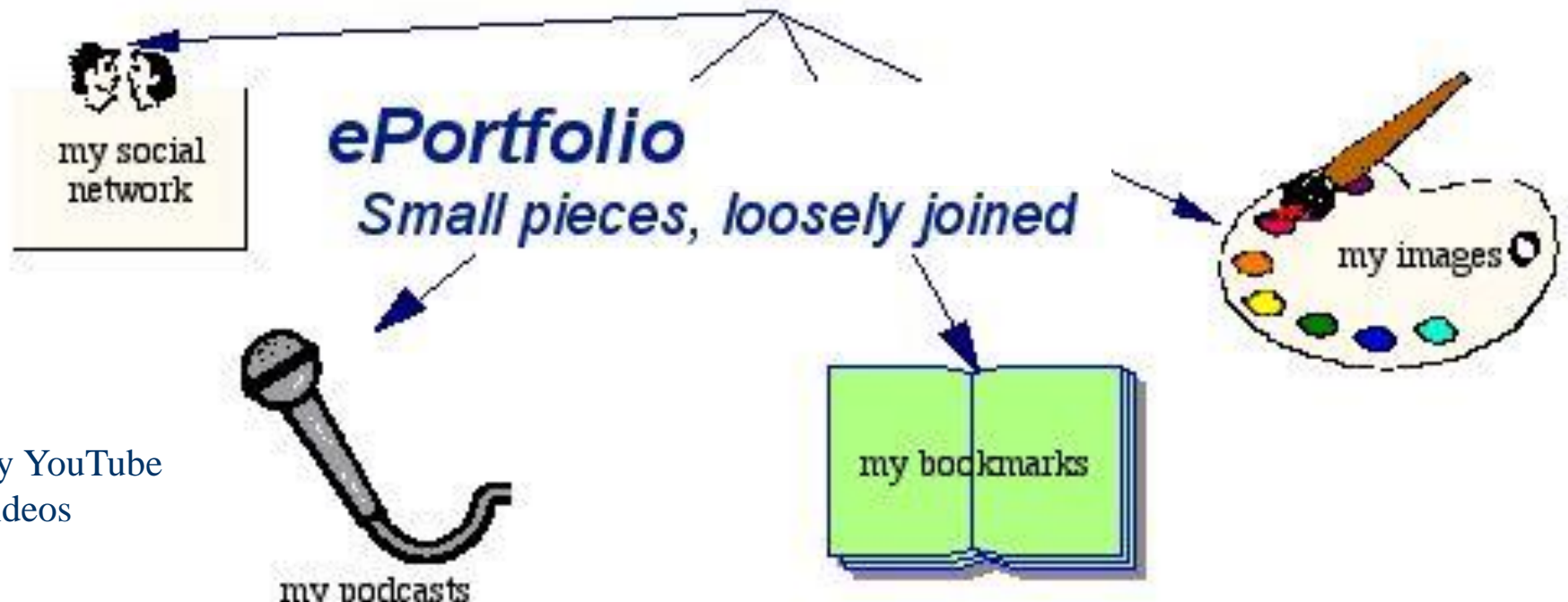
- ◆ Resource Pack on ePortfolios

- ◆ Some images with permission from GoogleImages

21st Century Portfolios



A focus on both PROCESS and PRODUCT



The Portfolio Process



1 Collect Content

- Define Audience
- Collect Examples
- Select
- Reflect

2 Build your ePortfolio

- a. **Choose:**
 - Department Software,
 - Dept./Course template,
 - Create your own design
- b. **Input content**

3 Publish + Share

