

Profiles... & the PebblePad Profile Builder

What is a Profile?

In PebblePad a profile is a **customisable framework** against which users can rate and evidence their skills, abilities, competences or any other form of demonstrable learning they are asked to develop.

What do they provide?

They allow users to rate and/or evidence a range of **abilities** presented to them on a Profile tailored to their particular course or personal/professional needs. Over time their ability rating can be reflected upon and amended and multiple types of evidence can be added as appropriate.

How are they normally used?

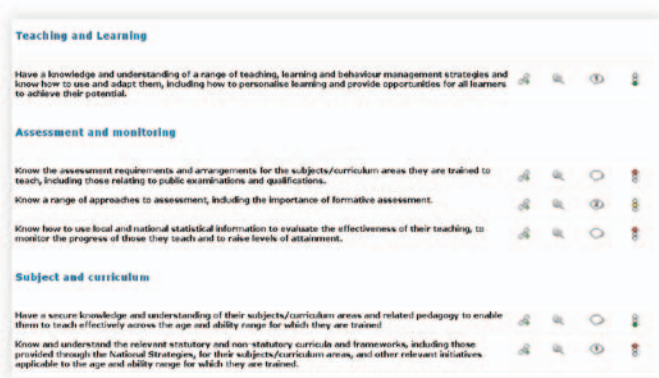
Actually, in lots of ways. Some people use them for articulating learning skills or **graduate attributes**. They are used extensively for professional routes like teaching, social work and health-related courses but also for programmes leading to recognition by **professional bodies** like law, architecture and pharmacology.

What kinds of evidence do they support?

Any kind of **digital evidence** can be added to a profile including audio, video and other forms of multi-media. Equally important is the ability for users to **reflect on** their developing knowledge, understanding and performance over time – and for others to be able to comment on and support this process.

Can they be assessed?

Like all **PebblePad assets** peers, tutors or assessors can comment on a Profile. Profiles can also be set up to allow multiple users to **rate** each other and there's even a **statement bank** to store frequently used feedback and **validation comments**.



How do Profiles integrate into PebblePad?

Profiles are just another **aggregating asset**, that is, they present a collection of other assets as a meaningful whole. Users access any available Profiles through their PebblePad account and begin the process of rating, reflecting and evidencing their abilities.

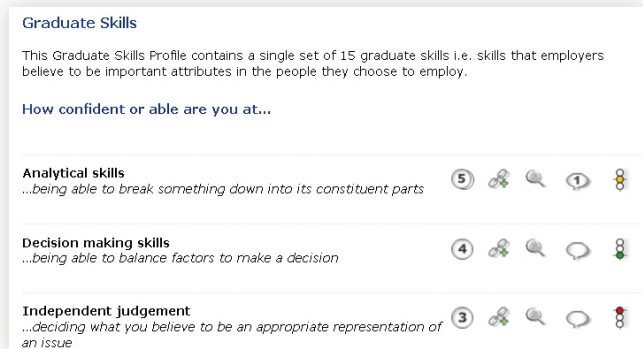
Abilities that are **claimed** and evidence that is attached is automatically added to the PebblePad asset store allowing users to **reuse assets** in other portfolio presentations. Like other assets Profiles can be shared with others and published to gateways with a wide range of **collaboration permissions**.

Who can create Profiles?

Anybody can be given permission to use the **Profile Builder** which is part of the PebblePad system. This straightforward tool allows **authors** to create Profiles and to set a range of permissions which determine which users can access each Profile and whether, for example, they can **rate their abilities**, evidence their abilities or both.

Such a powerful and flexible tool must be expensive?

No! It's a **fully integrated** part of the PebblePad system and so comes as part of the normal package for all institutional users – no matter what scale of use they licence.



Can existing Profiles be purchased?

No, they are **available for free!** Currently there are about 20 covering common uses like QTS and NQT standards for teachers; graduate learning skills and a range of employability profiles. There are also some **National Occupational Standards** and, because Profiles can be exported they can easily be **shared** between institutions.

What happens when a user stops using PebblePad?

Like all other assets Profiles (and all of their attached evidence, ratings, comments and reflections) can be exported using the **interoperability specification** called LEAP2A.

How do I find out more?

You can contact us and ask for a demonstration or we can put you in touch with one of the 100+ institutions already using PebblePad and its very flexible Profiles.

Proformas... & the PebblePad Form Builder

What is a Proforma?

PebblePad contains lots of **generic wizards** that allow users to record things like meetings, action plans and learning events. Proformas are essentially customisable wizards that can be created to support the **diverse activities** and recording requirements that learners experience.

What do they provide?

They allow users to record their learning or experience using digital forms tailored exactly to their needs. Proformas can be built using most **common question types** including text entries, multiple choice and Likert-style.

How are they normally used?

Actually, in lots of ways. Some people use them to create **context specific** versions of the generic wizards –for example replicating a reflective framework well known in a particular subject area. Proformas can also be used as **placement records**, learning journals and assessment submission declarations. Anything you might have previously used a word document for you could create as a Proforma.

What kinds of evidence do they support?

Any kind of digital evidence can be added to a Proforma including audio; video and other forms of multi-media. Equally important is the ability for users to reflect on their **developing knowledge**, understanding and performance over time – and for others to be able to comment on and support this process.

Can they be assessed?

Like all PebblePad assets peers, tutors or assessors can comment on a Proforma. Proformas can also be created to act as **assessment feedback** forms or as forms to scaffold a learner's reflection on feedback they have been given.

The screenshot displays a Proforma form with several sections:

- Long Text Entry:** A large text area with a note: "This response field has been set to '3 lines deep' and the 'add evidence' option has been selected." Below it is a text box and a note: "You will be able to add evidence here after saving your responses."
- Multi Option:** A section with the text: "This offers a multiple selection from 4 choices which have been arranged across the page as the choices are short". Below are four color-coded boxes: Red, Yellow, Blue, Green.
- Form Detail/Explanation:** A section with the text: "This element does not require a response but can provide a useful function adding clarity or context at different points in a proforma".
- Likert Style:** A section with the text: "This Likert Style question has been written with a 6 point scale". Below is a Likert scale with six points (1-6) and two statements: "I tend to write really awful examples that people find difficult to recognise or follow" and "I tend to write useful examples that people understand and relate to their own context".
- Multiple Column Question:** A section with the text: "Three columns have been used here". Below are three columns with headings: "First column heading", "Second column heading", and "Third column heading".

Proforma with example question types

How do Proformas integrate into PebblePad?

Proformas are accessed through a user's PebblePad account where a list of relevant Proformas will be displayed. Once completed a Proforma is saved to the user's asset store and, like other assets, Proformas can be **shared with others** and published to gateways with a wide range of collaboration permissions.

Who can create Proformas?

Anybody can be given permission to use the Form Builder which is part of the PebblePad system. This very easy to use tool allows **authors** to create Proformas and to set a range of permissions which determine which users can access each Proforma.

How much extra is the Form Builder?

It doesn't cost anything extra! It's a fully integrated part of the PebblePad system and so comes as **part of the normal package** for all institutional users – no matter what scale of use they licence.

Can existing Proformas be purchased?

No, they are **available for free!** There are a range of Proformas available to download from the PebblePad website and, because Proformas can be exported they can easily be shared between institutions.

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