Open Badge Network
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Use Case Title		Building a portfolio from badges			
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Which role(s) do you play in the context of this Use Case: Badge earners					
Earner	**X**	**Issuer**		**Audience**	**Displayer**
Other (please specify)					

Criteria:	Not relevant in this case.
Context:	Open Badges are validated evidences of learning. Why not use them as a construction blocs of a simple portfolio instead of writing stories about learning and professional development that only a few will actually have time to read?
Users:	Badge earners in general but especially people, who for some reasons, are not interested in writing resumes and building portfolios. They could be anyone, for example young people, employees or teachers who have graduated from professional schools but especially people whose majority of skills or achievements can be naturally recognized and captured with open badges.
Description:	Earners receive their badges by email and upload them in the Mozilla backpack or receive them automatically in their Open Badges passport, which is an alternative to the Mozilla backpack. In the Open Badges passport issuers store their badges but also other evidences of their learning such as PDF -files, pictures and videos. Earners build simple portfolio pages, where they showcase their learning with the badges they earned. They create text fields in their pages to compose small resumes or to add comments to their badges. Evidences such as links or files can be also added to pages.

	When a page is ready, the earner can easily publish it with a link or an embedded code on the Internet or only for a specific community by using the passport. Inside the passport users can add endorsements to each other's pages.
User goal / value:	The key value of this kind of micro-portfolio is simplicity. It can be composed by any badge earner and without academic background or writer skills. Because it is built on badges, which are validated common currency of learning, this kind of portfolio is easily searchable. For example, employers can easily find skilled employees by searching the badges that compose the employee's profile they are looking for. For employees, the value of this kind of micro-portfolio based on badges results from the fact that their skills can easily be recognised by a potential employer. For employers, this kind of portfolio is highly valuable, because they can compare and evaluate several employees' portfolios without heavy and time-consuming reading.
Environment/platform:	Open Badge Passport and other platform giving the possibility to badge earner to group their badges in portfolio pages and to publish these pages.
Usage scenarios:	Badges can be created for example to increase the impact of campaigns, for example campaigns about human rights, environmental questions, etc.
Frameworks:	
Evidence:	Not relevant in this case. The collection of badges don't require additional evidence which would have been provided for every individual badge earned.
Quality:	Not relevant in this case. Quality of portfolio depends on selection and relevance of badges collected by an earner.
Notes and Issues:	Building a portfolio mainly composed of badges requires that the open badges standard is widely adopted by a sufficient number of organisations and that earners can get enough badges to build consistent portfolios.