**Portfolio** ( [/](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AIPA_for_English%22%20%5Co%20%22Wikipedia%3AIPA%20for%20English)[pɔərtˈfoʊli.oʊ](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AIPA_for_English%22%20%5Cl%20%22Key%22%20%5Co%20%22Wikipedia%3AIPA%20for%20English)[/](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3AIPA_for_English%22%20%5Co%20%22Wikipedia%3AIPA%20for%20English)) literally means "a case for carrying loose papers," (from Latin, the imperative of *portare* "to carry" and the plural of *folium*, meaning 'a sheet for writing upon').

From about 1930 it has also come to mean a "collection of securities or responsibilities held by an individual"[*[citation needed](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACitation_needed%22%20%5Co%20%22Wikipedia%3ACitation%20needed)*] and so may refer to:

* A type of [briefcase](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Briefcase#Types_of_briefcases)
* [Portfolio (government)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_%28government_department%29%22%20%5Co%20%22Ministry%20%28government%20department%29), the post and responsibilities of a head of a government department
* [Portfolio (finance)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portfolio_%28finance%29%22%20%5Co%20%22Portfolio%20%28finance%29), a collection of investments held by an institution or a private individual
* [Career portfolio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Career_portfolio%22%20%5Co%20%22Career%20portfolio), an organized presentation of an individual's education, work samples, and skills
* [Business networking](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Business_networking%22%20%5Co%20%22Business%20networking) a philosophy of working for several diverse projects directly rather than earning a salary from a regular employer.
* [Artist's portfolio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artist%27s_portfolio%22%20%5Co%20%22Artist%27s%20portfolio), a sample of an artist's work or a case used to display artwork, photographs etc.
* [Electronic portfolio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electronic_portfolio%22%20%5Co%20%22Electronic%20portfolio), a collection of electronic documents
* [Patent portfolio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patent_portfolio%22%20%5Co%20%22Patent%20portfolio), a collection of patents owned by a single entity
* [Product portfolio (business administration)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B.C.G._Analysis%22%20%5Co%20%22B.C.G.%20Analysis), 2D separation of products by their market share and profits or growth rates
* IT Portfolio, in [IT portfolio management](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IT_portfolio_management%22%20%5Co%20%22IT%20portfolio%20management), the portfolio of large classes of items of enterprise Information Technology (IT)
* Project Portfolio, in [Project portfolio management](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_portfolio_management%22%20%5Co%20%22Project%20portfolio%20management), the portfolio of projects in an organization
* [Portfolio: An Intercontinental Quarterly](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portfolio%3A_An_Intercontinental_Quarterly%22%20%5Co%20%22Portfolio%3A%20An%20Intercontinental%20Quarterly), a cross-disciplinary literary journal published between 1945 and 1947
* [Atari Portfolio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atari_Portfolio%22%20%5Co%20%22Atari%20Portfolio), a palmtop computer
* [Extensis Portfolio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extensis_Portfolio), a digital asset manager
* [*Portfolio.com*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portfolio.com), a business magazine
* [electronic portfolio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electronic_portfolio%22%20%5Co%20%22Electronic%20portfolio), a portfolio that has been prepared for distribution online
* *[Portfolio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portfolio_%28Grace_Jones_album%29%22%20%5Co%20%22Portfolio%20%28Grace%20Jones%20album%29)* [(Grace Jones album)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portfolio_%28Grace_Jones_album%29%22%20%5Co%20%22Portfolio%20%28Grace%20Jones%20album%29)
* [*Portfolio* (Yolandita Monge album)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portfolio_%28Yolandita_Monge_album%29)
* [Minister without portfolio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minister_without_portfolio)