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n. pl. port·fo·li·os

1. A portable case for holding material, such as loose papers, photographs, or drawings.
2. A collection of works or documents that are representative of a person's skills and accomplishments: *a photographer's portfolio; an artist's portfolio of drawings.*
3. The office or post of a cabinet member or minister of state.
4. A group of investments held by an investor, investment company, or financial institution.

[Italian *portafoglio* : *portare*, to carry (from Latin *portāre*; see **per**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *foglio*, sheet (from Latin *folium*, leaf; see **bhel**-³ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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