

# SHOW THE WORLD WHAT YOU KNOW HOW DIGITAL BADGES WORK

## WHAT IS A DIGITAL BADGE?



- A digital badge is a graphic symbol that acts like an online certificate.
- You earn digital badges by successfully completing courses, training modules or workshops.
- They are issued by learning organizations and institutions.
- Digital badges show the world your skills and knowledge.

## WHAT'S INSIDE A DIGITAL BADGE?

Digital badges have information inside.



They expand to show your specific skills, experiences and abilities.



Click on a badge and it opens up to show the badge criteria and who issued it.



The technology behind all badges is identical, allowing you to collect and share learning from many places.

## DIGITAL BADGES

- Are easy to store
- Show my skills all at once
- Can be shared with anyone, anytime
- Are unique to me
- Show my technology skills



## PAPER CREDENTIALS

- Are easy to lose
- Are hard to show
- Have to be shown in person
- Are easy to forge
- Can get old and tattered

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## DECODA DIGITAL BADGES

Learners and practitioners in BC's literacy programs can earn digital badges through Decoda's badge system.

Learner badges are offered in:



Reading



Writing



Math



Information technology



Health & Safety



Financial Literacy



Family Literacy

and many more

## YOUR LEARNING PATHWAY

Digital badges are a picture of your personal learning pathway.



It starts by taking a course, in person or online, or attending a workshop with a badge issuing organization.

When you complete your learning, the organization issues you a digital badge.



Your learning continues in many different environments – formal and informal, online and offline.

As you learn, you can earn more badges.



As you collect badges, they are stored in your personal digital 'backpack', a web-based library of the digital badges you have earned.

On your online portfolio, in your resume, and through social media, digital badges create a detailed picture of you and your abilities.



## GETTING STARTED



I'M A LEARNER

Are you a participant in a community literacy program? Tell your instructor or tutor you want to start earning Decoda literacy badges today.



I'M A LITERACY PRACTITIONER

Awarding digital badges is easy. Start by checking out Digital Badges at [decoda.ca](http://decoda.ca).



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