

# All Digital Badges are Not Created Equal

Digital Credentials Roundtable

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# Level Set

**Microcredential:** (1) a record of focused learning achievement verifying what the learner knows, understands, or can do; (2) includes an assessment based on clearly defined standards and is awarded by a trusted provider; (3) has stand-alone value and may also contribute to or complement other micro-credentials or macro-credentials, including through recognition of prior learning; and (4) meets the standards required by relevant quality assurance. (Credential Engine, 2022).

**Digital Badge:** Online representations that recognize skills, achievements, membership affiliation, and participation.

**Open Badges:** are verifiable and shareable, and contain detailed information about the achievement and what the recipient did to earn the badge. Open Badges is not a specific product or platform, but a type of digital badge that is verifiable, portable, and packed with information about skills and achievements.





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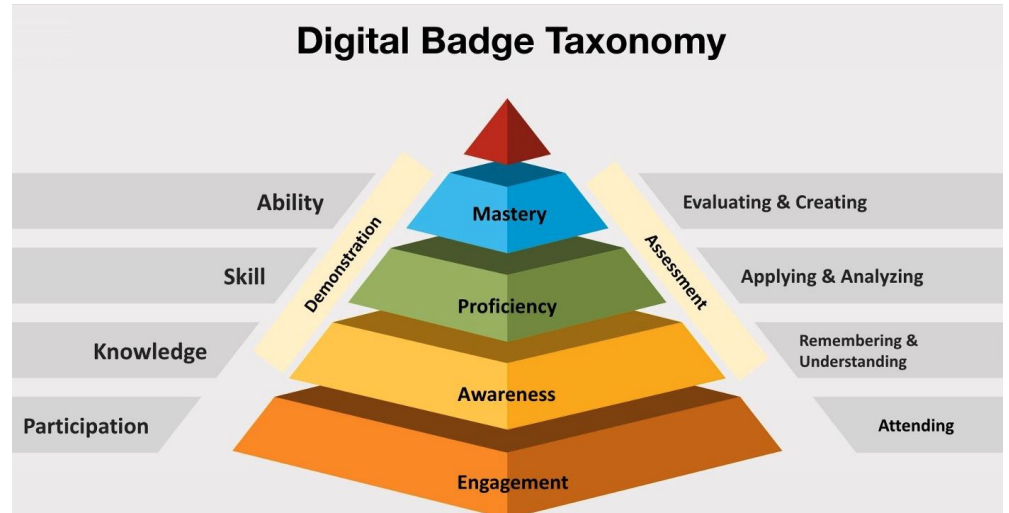
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# What is a taxonomy?

“Taxonomy is the practice and science of categorization or classification. A taxonomy is a scheme of classification, especially a hierarchical classification, in which things are organized into groups or types” - Wikipedia

“A competency framework is a measurement of the skills, judgment, knowledge and attributes of a particular job required to perform a role effectively.” - Indeed.com



# Kennesaw State University



*Souvenir*



*Badge Level I*



*Badge Level II*



*Digital Certificate*



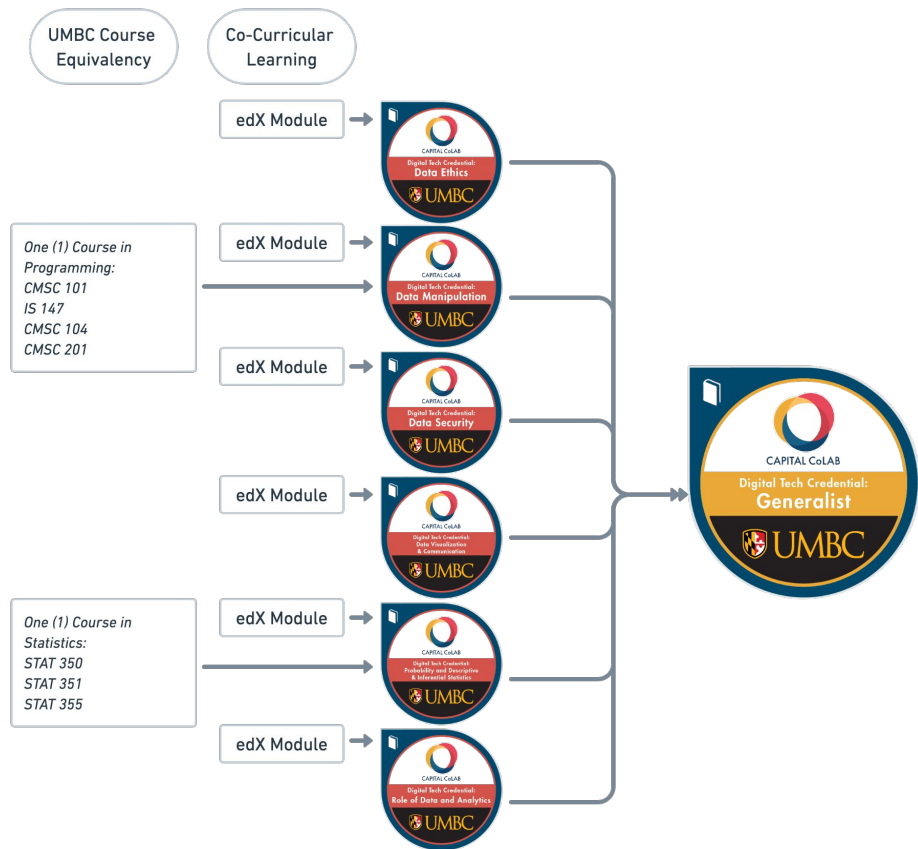
*Badge Level I  
with  
Distinction*



*Badge Level II  
with  
Distinction*



# University of Maryland, Baltimore County



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## Competency Badges

- Single or set of competencies
- Prepares learners for a specific professional or academic skill or task
- Mastery class: 1-4
- Offered as part of a degree or microcredential program



## Certificates

- 3 or more grouped competencies
- Prepares learners for a particular job or set of professional or academic skills and tasks
- Mastery class: 1-4
- Scope and targeted outcomes to certification not industry recognized qualifications



## Certifications

- 3 or more grouped competencies
- Qualifies learners for a particular job or set of professional skills and tasks required by industry qualification requirements
- Mastery class: 1-4
- Typically offered by third-party industry credential provider.



## Specializations

- 6 or more program competencies
- Prepares learners for an array of specified jobs, skills, and task sets within a professional sector or academic domain.
- Mastery class: 2-4
- Sub-component track or path of degree program



## Degrees

- 10-120 or more program competencies
- Prepares learners for employment and advancement in a specified career trajectory
- Mastery class: 2-4
- Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's

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