Engaging Students with Digital Badges
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Overview

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History of Badges

• Existed for at least a thousand of years
• First appearance in 1782
  – Metal of a battle shield
  – Fabric of the coat of arms
• Historically badges have served
  – To identify people and rank
    • Military, law enforcement, and youth scouting
• Size of badges
Scout Badges

- Reflect achievements with criteria
  - Set by the organization
- Boy scout badges have changed over time
  - Style of the image
  - Name of the badge
  - Requirements of the badge

1911
1942
1992
What is a Digital Badge?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HgLLq7ybDtc
Create Badges and Badge Systems

Create Badges

• Credly - https://credly.com/
• Makewaves - https://www.makewaves.com/
• Open Badge Designer - https://www.openbadges.me/

Badge Systems

• BadgeOS - http://badgeos.org/
• Mozilla Open Badges and Backpack - http://www.openbadges.org/
Credly Features

- Fully customizable badges
- Identity verification
- Institutional Branding
- One-click issuing
- Automated badge organization
- Shared achievements
Online Course Example
Demo: Create a Badge

Achievements. Verified and Shared.

Give credit where credit is due.

Certify
NYC Department of Education validates the development of essential
leadership and creative excellence skills.

Validate
EDUCAGE validates the accomplishments of IT professionals
in their recent participation in an event.

Commemorate
The Smithsonian offers limited edition digital badges for participation
in various educational events.
Did you earn any badges? What was your opinion on this activity in the course?

Yes, I did earn some badges. The activity is to motivate me to receive more badges.

I earned all the badges! I like the idea of getting them!

Yes I have. I thought it was a neat way to give students a feeling of completion vs not having them at all.

Yes, I earned badges. It was a different way of rewarding good grades.
Works Cited


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