

DIGITAL BADGES AS A SHOWCASE FOR ACQUIRED SKILLS IN TRAINING COURSES



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SRCE- UNIVERSITY COMPUTING CENTRE UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB

- major national infrastructural ICT institution in the area of research and higher education in Croatia
- SRCE is providing a modern, sustainable and reliable e-infrastructure for research and education community

E-LEARNING CENTRE@ SRCE



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- established at University Computing Centre University of Zagreb SRCE in 2007
- central point for support to institutions, teachers and students in implementation of e-learning in higher education in Croatia
 - support to teachers and students, teams and groups for e-learning at HEI
 - providing reliable and generally accessible e-learning platform, e-learning technologies

DIGITAL BADGES @ SRCE

- In 2015 digital badges implemented into courses prepared by the E-learning Centre with aim to:
 - enable participants who completed the course to share the evidence about their gained skills and knowledge – showcase
 - acquaint teachers with digital badges and possibility to use them in teaching – to enhance innovation and quality
- In 2016 digital badges implemented into educational programmes for IT specialists
 - Digital badge issued after each course completion
 - Digital badges combined with Moodle tool LevelUp!
 - Portal for system engineers: digital badges issued for authors of articles in order to promote their work
- In 2018 online course on digital badges in Croatian
- Today digital badges are standard component of online courses at SRCE



ON LINE COURSE ON DIGITAL BADGES @SRCE

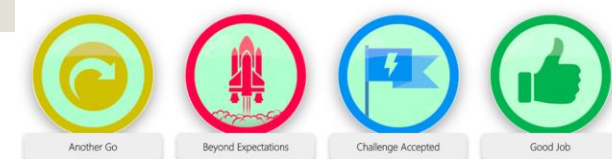
- Developed by SRCE in 2018 in Croatian language
- Titled: Digital badges and their application in learning activities
- Aim of course was to familiarise teachers and anyone involved in education process with the concept of digital badges, what it consists of, what it is user for, how it is being created and how it can be used in different educational environment
- Course was developed using the e-learning platform Moodle
- Average grade of the course 4,4 on the scale (1-5, 1 lowest, 5 highest)
- 94,67% participants have gained the knowledge and skills they have expected



IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF DIGITAL BADGES

- individualized learners pathways- mapping
- micro-credentialing – smaller (modular) – flexible and less expensive to implement

Formal education	Extra- curricular activities	Game element scenario
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the visibility of some part of formal (accredited) education • Enable students to shorten pathway for education (recognition of some modules, courses within accredited education) • Enable flexible and personalized education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For activities that students are engaged in outside accredited education in controlled way (if badges are issued by education institution their trustworthiness is clear to everyone) • to improve people’s awareness of the institution or to support the students as they gain experience in contexts, including outside the institution itself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the module/course • As a way to raise student motivation: students like to be praised, to be acknowledged for their accomplishments, shown as a good examples, to get feedback, to collect badges...



WHY DIGITAL BADGES MATTER?

- Need to move towards open, online and flexible learning
- Learning should be modular so that it can be undertaken at any time and in any place, quickly and tailored to the needs of the individual.
- Non-traditional and non-formal learning is becoming more important in today's changing world and can offer flexible options in skills development
- Micro credentials evolving
- Need for skills and competences – now, in short time, specific
- Learners of all ages
- Skill-based badges vs participation-based badges
- Badges
 - digital (use technology)
 - micro-credentials (smaller units, certified separately)
 - indicators of achievements or skills
 - visibility and presentation of acquired knowledge and skills
 - open



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