

OVERVIEW

GLOBAL STANDARD 5



SKILLS YOU NEED NOW. CREDENTIALS FOR YOUR FUTURE.

Technology is integrated into nearly every aspect of our lives. From cell phones and personal devices to the more robust systems that power modern vehicles and large corporations, we use technology every day. And whether we are simply updating a social media status or managing complex IT infrastructures, technology plays a critical role in our happiness and success.

The IC3 Digital Literacy certification is a credential that is designed to remain relevant in an ever evolving world of technology. With a focus on the most critical elements that drive technology today, IC3 Global Standard 5 (GS5) delivers a comprehensive solution for learning how to succeed in any environment that requires the use of computers, devices, or the Internet. Best of all, because IC3 GS5 includes concepts and skills that apply to almost any school or career pathway, it's the ideal solution for any student or jobseeker looking to enhance or validate their digital skills.

Like its predecessors, IC3 GS5 validates a candidate's ability to effectively use some of the world's most current and prominent technologies, and is comprised of three individual exams:

Computing Fundamentals	Living Online	Key Applications
Covers a foundational understanding of computing.	Covers skills for working in an Internet or networked environment.	Covers popular word processing spreadsheet and presentation applications and the common features of all applications.

With the IC3 Digital Literacy certification, students and job seekers can learn the skills they need now while earning credentials for their future. From school to career to life's pursuits, IC3 can help you go farther.

High-speed Internet access and online skills are not only necessary for seeking, applying for, and getting today's jobs, but also to take advantage of the growing educational, civic, and health care advances spurred by broadband. For example, an increasing amount of activities – such as taking college classes, monitoring chronic medical conditions, renewing your driver's license, tracking your child's school assignments – are now commonly conducted online.

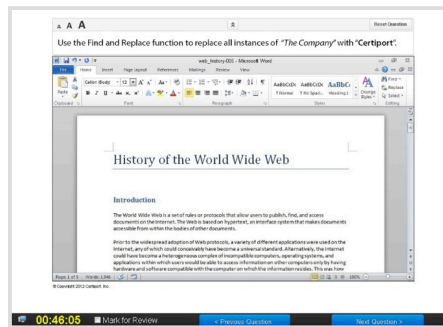
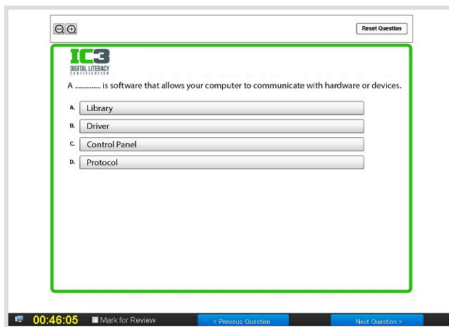
Source: United States Department of Commerce

BENEFITS OF IC3

With over three million exams delivered, in 78 countries, the IC3 Digital Literacy certification has become the preferred solution for measuring and validating digital skills of students and employees all around the world, making IC3 a truly global standard:

Benefits to Teachers	Benefits to Students
Data-driven decision making through reporting to show successful completion of funding requirements.	Data-driven decision making through reporting to show successful completion of funding requirements.
Unbiased examination through psychometrically validated certification exams.	Portable credential that is valued anywhere and accessible through fraud-proof online digital transcripts and badges.
Universal portability and relevance as a recognized global standard in digital literacy.	Provides students with tools and an industry-recognized credential for employment.
Ready solution that is more cost effective and time efficient than assembling an assessment to meet national or local educational requirements.	Accelerated success and shorter learning curve in areas involving computers and Internet.
A professional development tool that boosts instructor confidence to integrate the latest technology in the classroom.	Strong foundation of skills on which to pursue higher education.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS



Exams make use of the latest testing technologies, including the integration of both performance-based and knowledge-based testing.



Ninety-six percent of working Americans use new communications technologies as part of their daily life, while sixty-two percent of working Americans use the Internet as an integral part of their jobs.

Source: Pew Internet and American Life Project



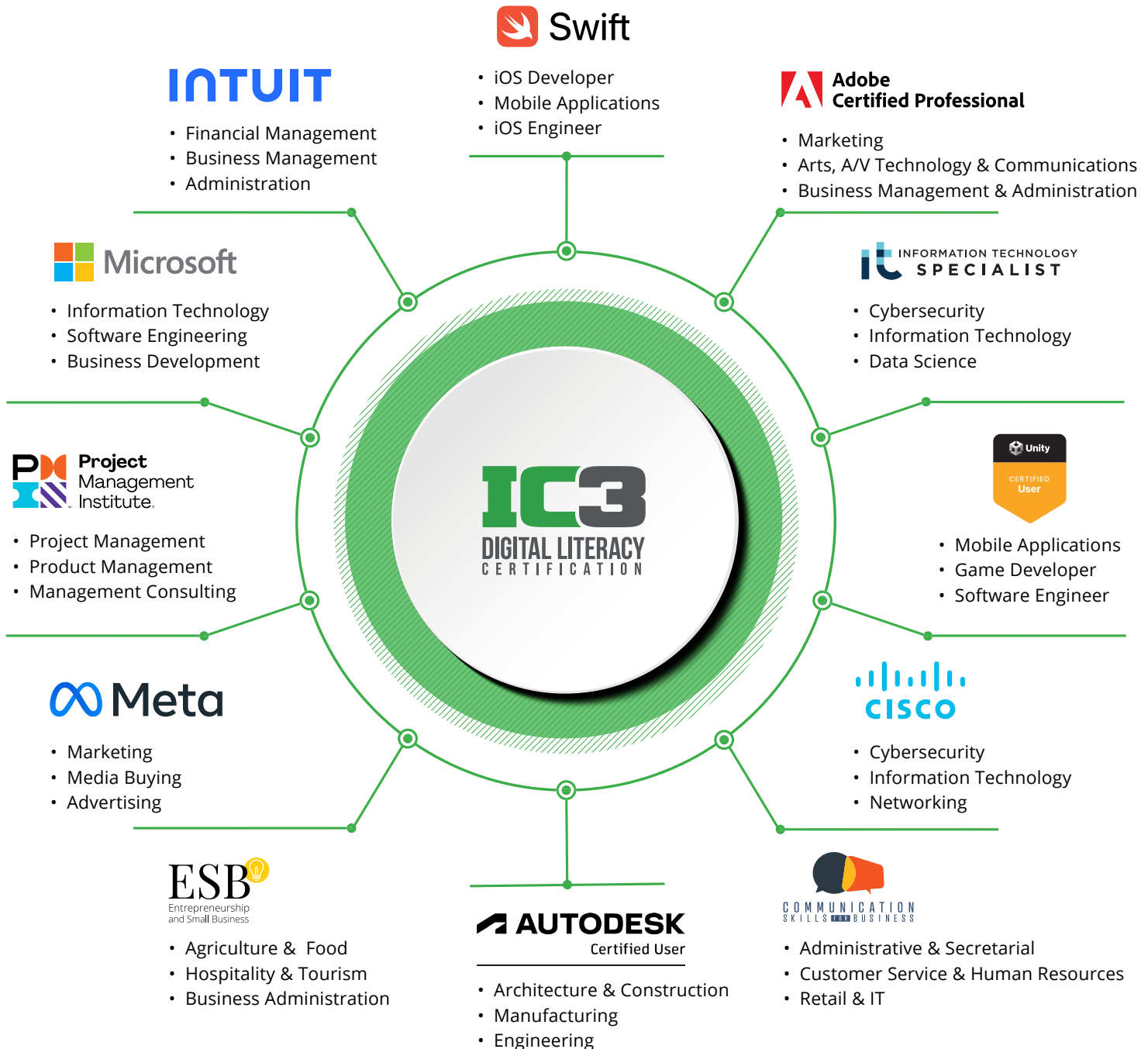
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It All Starts With

IC3 DIGITAL LITERACY



IC3 Digital Literacy is the starting point for learners of all ages to establish a foundational skill set of digital competencies.

IC3 DIGITAL LITERACY IS THE FOUNDATION FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The IC3 Digital Literacy Certification program ensures learners of all ages possess the digital literacy skills to not only navigate our digital world but thrive in it. The program goes beyond confirming a learner's ability to use technology; it equips them to grasp its potential and develop the needed skills to contribute to our modern digital economy. Exams are available for both versions of the IC3 Digital Literacy Global Standard: Global Standard Five and Global Standard Six.

IC3 DIGITAL LITERACY GLOBAL STANDARD FIVE (GS5)

GS5 is the previous version of the IC3 Digital Literacy program. It consists of three main modules that cover fundamental digital skills: Computing Fundamentals, Key Applications, and Living Online.



Two additional products are available based on students' needs:



IC3 DIGITAL LITERACY GLOBAL STANDARD SIX (GS6)

GS6 is the latest version of the IC3 Digital Literacy program. It addresses current computing concepts including cloud and mobile technologies. The program is structured around three certifications. While each certification focuses on the same seven competencies, these competencies are tested at varying levels: foundations, intermediate, and advanced.

THE 7 COMPETENCIES:

- ✓ Technology Basics
- ✓ Safety and Security
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Information Management
- ✓ Digital Citizenship
- ✓ Content Creation
- ✓ Collaboration



LEVEL 1 - Foundations

Know: Certifies candidates possess foundational knowledge and basic competencies of Digital Literacy.



LEVEL 2 - Intermediate

Do: Certifies candidates' skills to perform essential tasks in an online environment using core software applications.



LEVEL 3 - Advanced

Lead: Certifies candidates' competences in digital literacy skills, including managing systems, collaborating, solving issues, while providing guidance to others



When a candidate successfully passes all three certification exams, they earn a master certificate and badge to display a successful completion of the **IC3 Digital Literacy Program Global Standard Six.**

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TRULY A GLOBAL STANDARD



IC3 Digital Literacy works closely with the **Global Digital Literacy Council**, an advisory body of industry executives, technology educators, and assessment professionals, to collect data from job markets, educational ministries, governmental agencies, and international standard setting bodies, to ensure IC3 Digital Literacy is always on the forefront of what it means to be digitally literate.

ALIGNMENTS TO GLOBAL STANDARDS

IC3 Digital Literacy aligns to a major set of international standards set by regional standard bodies to ensure it is truly a global standard.



IC3 Digital Literacy Global Standards Five and Six both align to the North American ISTE Standards.



IC3 Digital Literacy aligns to the DigComp Standards established by the European Commission.



IC3 Digital Literacy has been recognized as a leading global program of UNESCO's Global Framework on Digital Literacy.

ENDORSEMENTS

IC3 Digital Literacy has been endorsed around the globe by helping learners of all ages validate their digital literacy skills and competencies. The following international organizations endorse IC3 Digital Literacy:



MINISTERUL EDUCAȚIEI ȘI CERCETĂRII ȘTIINȚIFICE



IC3 Digital Literacy has been recommended for post-secondary accreditation by the American Council on Education.



Certiport is a member of the European Commission's Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition to help ensure everyone in Europe has access to digital skills.



Meta recognizes IC3 Digital Literacy as a global digital skill standard that prepares learners with foundational knowledge needed to pursue the Meta Digital Marketing Associate certification.

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Certiport follows a **Learn, Practice, Certify** model to support learning and validate a mastery understanding of the concepts through certification. This ensures that individuals of all ages not only gain knowledge but also have the ability to effectively apply it. Because people learn differently, Certiport provides learners with options to meet their learning style, including textbooks, digital courseware, and practice tests.

L
Learn: Up-to-date materials and step-by-step tutorials provide the resources necessary to teach complete software and technical skills. Complex subjects become easier to learn and even easier to teach.

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Practice: Practice assessment exams are used to gauge progress, prepare students, and measure learning objectives. The course and content can be adjusted to complement the areas needed most based on learners' needs.

C
Certify: Learners receive an industry-recognized certification they can use on resumes, post to portfolios, and share on social media. The validation can set them apart as they prepare for college and careers.



Helping people progress their lives through access to better living.



Global provider of on-demand education and training solutions.



Provider of award-winning information technology courseware.



Delivers high-quality practice tests so you know you are prepared.



E-course in Spanish focused on digital knowledge and skills for school and workplace

VALUE OF CERTIFICATION

Earning an official certification that is industry-recognized can validate the time and effort that the instructor and the learner put into mastering a subject. The certification serves as a verification of understanding the concepts associated with the learning materials and provides value to both the certificate earner and company for which they may work.

The **2023 Value of IT Certification Survey** by Pearson VUE* has listed the benefits of certification by asking over ten thousand certificate holders about the value they received by earning their certification. The benefits are as follows:

- 92% are more confident in their abilities.
- 84% are more determined to succeed professionally.
- 81% of candidates have more confidence to explore new job opportunities.
- 79% feel more respected by their peers.
- 78% are more satisfied with their jobs.
- 35% received pay increases of 30% or more.

From the employer's perspective*, increasing the number of certified employees has an impact on their business in the following ways:

- 66% reported a significant positive impact on work quality.
- 65% reported an increase in the ability to guide and mentor others.
- 63% reported a significant increase in employee work efficiency.
- 58% reported a significant or very significant impact on employee innovativeness.

* Pearson VUE, Value of Certification Survey, 2023, <https://home.pearsonvue.com/Test-owners/Industry-expertise/Technology/VOC.aspx>

*Pearson VUE Impact of Certification, 2021, <https://home.pearsonvue.com/Test-owners/Industry-expertise/Technology/VOC.aspx>

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CREATE A BRIGHT FUTURE IN TECHNOLOGY

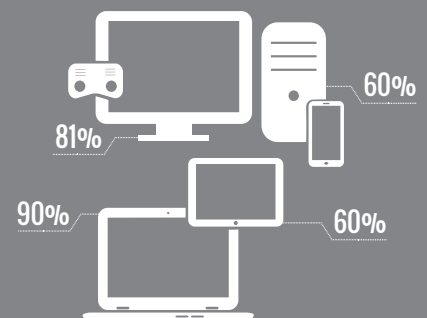
HELP DEVELOP DIGITAL SKILLS. BUILD A SOLID TECHNICAL FOUNDATION. IGNITE STUDENT LEARNING.

Living in a Digital World

Digital Native is a common term used to describe those who have been brought up during the digital age of technology, and are therefore more familiar with computers and the Internet. However, how confident are you that your students are prepared to live in an increasingly digital world? Simply being aware of technology is no longer good enough – your students must also understand how to use it.

And IC3 Spark is the answer.

With a focus on younger demographics, the IC3 Spark certification addresses the same foundational concepts as its precursor – the IC3 Digital Literacy Certification. While both certifications target issues arising from the increasing demands of technology, IC3 Spark is created for younger children who may be new to computers and the Internet, or who lack a solid foundation in digital concepts.



By age eight, 90% of children have used a computer, 81% have played console video games, and 60% have played games or used apps on a portable device (cell phone, handheld gaming system, iPod, or tablet).

(Source: Common Sense Media)

“Rather than assuming that youth have innate technical skills, parents, educators, and policymakers must collectively work to support those who come from different backgrounds and have different experiences.”

(Source: Danah Boyd, It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens)



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IC3 Spark Certification

Similar to the IC3 Digital Literacy Certification, IC3 Spark covers objectives spanning basic computing skills, key applications, and use of the Internet. However, as a single, 50 minute exam IC3 Spark is specifically designed for a younger audience and validates skills from three major objective domains:

- Computing Fundamentals
- Key Applications
- Living Online

Living Online

Covers skills for working in an Internet or networked environment.

Key Applications

Covers popular word processing, spreadsheet and presentation applications and the common features of all applications.

Computing Fundamentals

Covers a foundational understanding of computing.

IC3 Spark Is The First Step

The need for basic digital literacy skills is an issue that is becoming increasingly more relevant to a younger demographic. IC3 Spark delivers a viable solution for helping primary and middle school aged children learn and adopt critical skills that will be necessary

for their success in a world where technology is constantly changing.

As the first step in digital literacy, IC3 Spark is the ideal solution for helping students ignite a passion for technology and for helping them create a brighter future.



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IC3 Fast Track Assessment

The Best Way to Accurately Assess Digital Literacy Skills

IC3 Fast Track is a digital literacy skills assessment that can be used to gauge the skill set of incoming students or job candidates.

Based on the globally recognized IC3 Digital Literacy Certification, IC3 Fast Track can help assess an individual's ability to perform in any environment where the use of technology is required. IC3 Fast Track is the best way to ensure that your students or employees are up to speed!

The IC3 Fast Track assessment is based on the globally recognized IC3 Digital Literacy Certification standard. Each question in the IC3 Fast Track addresses the objectives of specific IC3 exams:



Rather than individual pass or fail scores, the IC3 Fast Track exam reports on how the candidate performed on each question, allowing teachers to determine what they feel is a valid cut score or passing grade depending on the requirements of the institution.

The IC3 Fast Track includes some reporting capabilities that give the administrators a number correct and number incorrect responses for each student. The assessment also provides detailed summary reports to enable administrators to track a student's progress for each of the objectives.



IC3 FAST TRACK FAST FACTS



AVAILABLE FOR
GS5 AND GS4



50-MINUTE
TIME LIMIT



45 QUESTIONS



AVAILABLE
IN ENGLISH

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q In which languages is IC3 Fast Track available?**
The IC3 Fast Track is available in English.
- Q What do the questions cover?**
The questions are structured to address the objectives in IC3 Digital Literacy Certification exams:
- + Computing Fundamentals
 - + Key Applications
 - + Living Online
- Q Will individuals be taking the same assessment each time?**
No, questions will be randomized each time. The assessment will be unique pulling from a bank of questions.
- Q Is the IC3 Fast Track timed?**
Yes, the IC3 Fast Track is timed. Candidates have 50 minutes to complete the assessment.
- Q How many questions are in the IC3 Fast Track?**
There are 45 questions in the assessment.
- Q Who should be using the IC3 Fast Track?**
Any organization that is interested in gauging the Digital Literacy skills of their employees, students or potential job candidates.
- Q Where can more information about IC3 Fast Track be found?**
Contact us at: **+968 24170017** or **71518070**.



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