

Digitally Literate Employees

ECDL Foundation perspective

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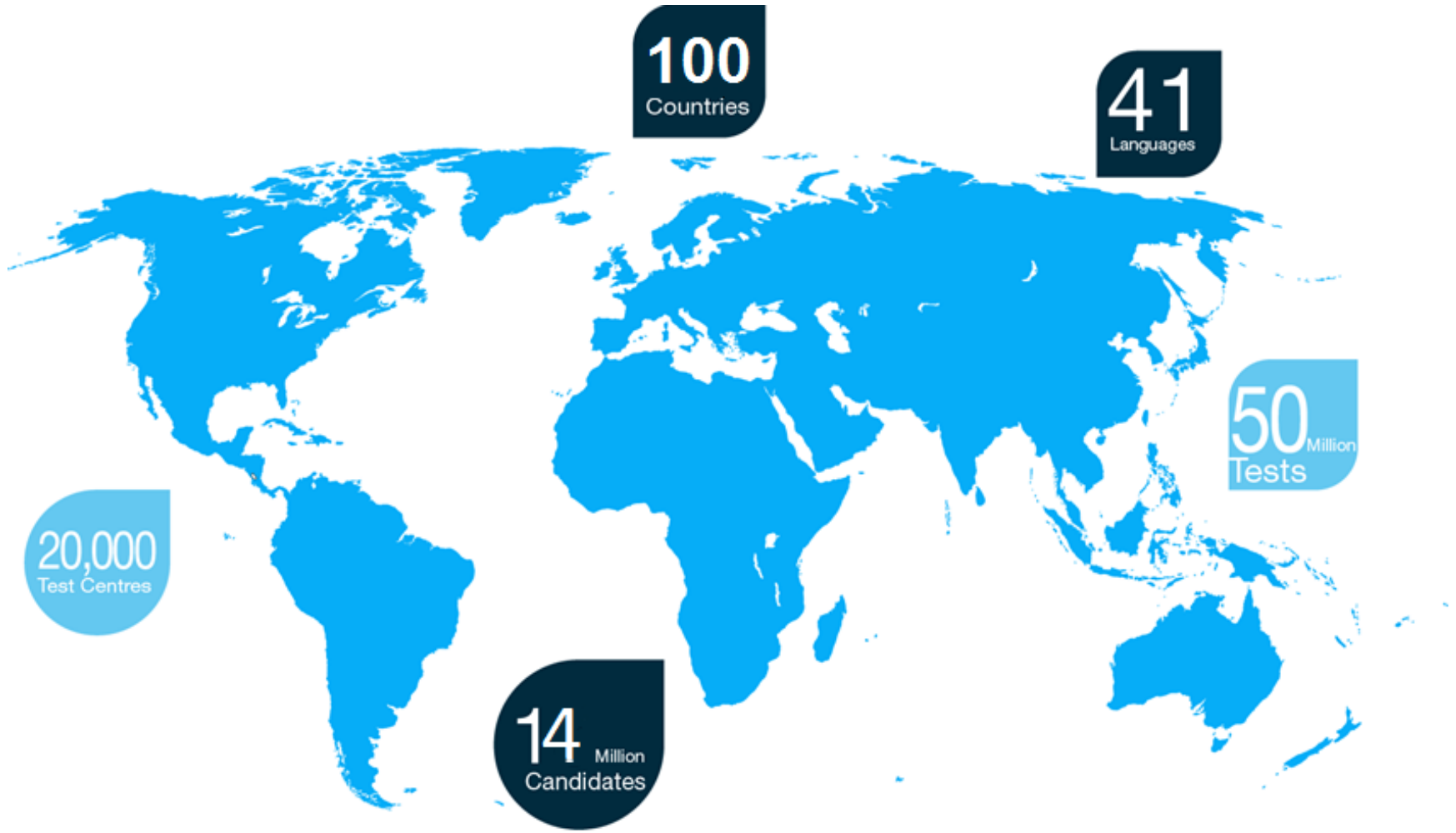
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Not-for-profit social enterprise dedicated to raising digital competence standards in the workforce, education and society.



We lead an international computer skills certification programme – ECDL.

Global Reach



Why is it important?

- Soon 90% of jobs will require some level of digital skills (EC)
- 39% of EU workforce has insufficient digital skills, 14% has no digital skills at all (DAE)
- People tend to overestimate their level of digital skills. In Austria, 78% of people believe to have very good or good computer essentials skills. In fact, 75% have bad or very bad skills in computer essentials (OCG, 2014)

ECDL certification

- Internationally recognised
- Vendor neutral
- Implemented according to strict quality assurance standards
- Suitable for all skills levels
- Up-to-date, relevant and in line with market needs and technological advancements
- Supported by a range of training options and materials, suited to the training needs/schedule of the candidate

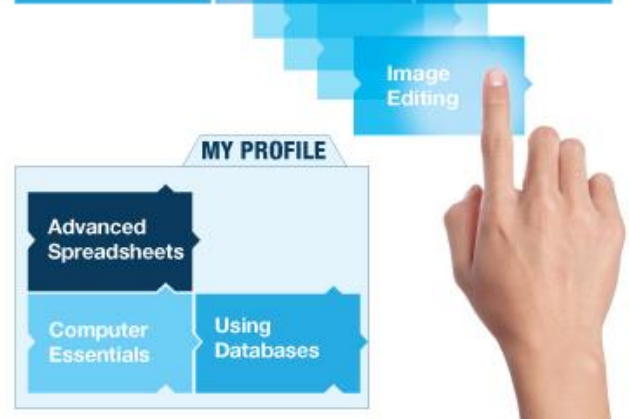
New ECDL

ECDL Modules / ECDL Profile

BASE MODULES	STANDARD MODULES		ADVANCED MODULES
Computer Essentials	Presentation	Project Planning	Advanced Word Processing
Online Essentials	Using Databases	IT Security	Advanced Spreadsheets
Word Processing	Web Editing	Online Collaboration	Advanced Databases
Spreadsheets	Image Editing	2D CAD	Advanced Presentation

ECDL PROFILE DO IT YOUR WAY

Advanced Databases	Advanced Word Processing	Advanced Presentation
Online Essentials	Word Processing	Spreadsheets
Web Editing	Image Editing	Project Planning



Flexible modular structure

- The new ECDL is made up of a range of modules – each module provides a practical programme of up-to-date skills and knowledge areas, which are validated by a test
- Flexible modular structure allows the creation of profiles that match individual and organisational needs
- Through the module combination that you choose, you create your individual or organisational ECDL Profile

Lack of digital skills cause productivity loss

Workers in the Netherlands spend almost 8% of their day trying to resolve issues relating to the use of technology in the workplace – with this figure rising to 10% for lower-skilled workers.

“CTRL ALT DELETE Lost productivity due to IT problems and inadequate computer skills in the workplace”

University Twente, 2012

ECDL certification benefits for companies

- Provides objective verification of employees' skills and demonstrates their competency to a recognised standard
- Establishes a common skills standard throughout the organisation
- Increases overall efficiency and productivity
- Saves time and money
- Increases employees' confidence and job satisfaction
- Significantly enhances internal and external communication

What appeals about ECDL is the breadth of modules available and the transferable skills gained by employees.

Louise Butler, Electronic Arts Galway, Ireland

Employees of large companies should be required to take this driving licence (ECDL) as it provides the basic qualifications needed in a company.

Michael Gorriz, CIO Daimler, Germany

ECDL certification effectively closes workplace skills gaps. For this reason we offer, as part of our apprenticeships, the opportunity to acquire ECDL Certification as an additional qualification.

Florian Bacher, TÜV Akademie, Austria

Thank you!

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