

Creating an Open Badge

Now that you have your badge image created – and you have already planned what your badge will be awarded for – you can use this handy tool:

Badg.us

The screenshot shows the badg.us website interface. At the top is a navigation bar with the badg.us logo, links for 'Badges' and 'Awards', a search bar, and a 'Sign in' button. The main content area is divided into four columns:

- Welcome!**: A brief introduction stating the service is based on Open Source software and the Mozilla OpenBadges standard, with a 'Sign in' button.
- Looking for Open Badges?**: Features the Mozilla OpenBadges logo and text describing it as free software with an open technical standard for creating, issuing, and verifying digital badges. It includes a link to 'Check out Open Badges 1.0'.
- Have a claim code?**: A section for claiming a badge, with a text input field containing 'enter claim code' and a green 'Claim award from code' button.
- Have an idea for a badge?**: A section for creating a new badge, with a blue 'Create a new badge' button.

Below the main content is a horizontal list of badge categories, each with a dropdown arrow and a count in parentheses: Land Between the Lakes (112), OCPL (65), onondaga county public library (59), APL TeenScene SRP (58), oelma (56), 597C (45), badges (31), K12 (28), mozilla (26), Authors/series (23), UMSOE (20), test (19), Reading (18), and A2makerfaire2012 (18).

You can use your Mozilla Persona account to log in to this service:

This screenshot shows the 'Sign in with BrowserID' section of the badg.us website. It features the same navigation bar as the previous screenshot. Below the navigation bar, the heading 'Sign in with BrowserID' is displayed. Underneath this heading is a single 'Sign in' button.

Creating a Badge

Upload your badge image here

Create a badge

Title:

Short, descriptive title

Image:

Upload an image to represent the badge

Description:

Longer description of the badge and its criteria

Tags:

A comma-separated list of tags.

Unique: Should awards of this badge be limited to one-per-person?

Nominations accepted: Should this badge accept nominations from other users?

Nominations autoapproved: Should all nominations be automatically approved?

Here you can decide some additional features of your badge. Can people only earn your badge once? Can other people nominate someone for your badge? Will nominations be automatically accepted?

Once you are happy with the details, click here to create your badge.

Example badge:

This isn't a real badge, but it shows a few things you can do.

Title: Test Badger

Try to keep this to 5 words, or less.

Image:

This should be a square image, around 256x256 pixels. The system will automatically crop and resize images that fall outside these guidelines. Also, consider using simple artwork that stays distinctive at a variety of sizes and viewing distances. Lots of small details and words are hard to see when the badge image is either small or far away.

Description:

For having qualities like a test pilot, but more badgerly.

Use this to describe why someone would earn this badge. Explain the conditions and criteria a person would need to satisfy to receive this badge as an award.

Tags:

Use tags to group your badge with others. These are like hashtags on Twitter. These are best used sparingly. Try not to enter more than 2-5 concise topics or keywords. Events often use tags to help gather badges that will be offered (eg, A2makerfaire2012).

This useful example shows you the sort of information to put into each field.

Your Badge

Edit your badge

Delete your badge

The screenshot shows the Open Badges website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'badg.us', 'Badges', 'Awards', and a search bar. Below this, the page title is 'Badge: Example Badge'. There are two buttons: 'Edit badge' (blue) and 'Delete badge' (red). Below the buttons is the badge image, a globe with arrows. The description is 'This is a practice badge.' and the tags are '#badge', '#makesperfect', and '#practice'. The creator is 'lucy atkins' with a profile picture. The badge was created on '2013-06-17 07:20:58' and modified on '2013-06-17 07:54:28'. There are social media share buttons for Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. On the right side, there are two sections for awarding the badge: 'Issue badge awards by email' and 'Issue badge awards with claim codes'. The 'Issue badge awards by email' section has a text input for 'Emails', a note 'Enter up to 10 email addresses for badge award recipients', a text input for 'Explanation', a note 'Explain why this badge should be awarded', and a blue 'Issue badge awards' button. The 'Issue badge awards with claim codes' section has a dropdown menu for '1 reusable claim code' and a blue 'Generate' button. Below this is a note 'PDF prints sheets of Avery 22805 labels, 24 per page'.

Badge Summary

Share your badge via social media and raise its profile

Enter the email addresses of the earners who have successfully completed the criteria for your badge (and some explanatory text) and the badge will be sent to them.

You can also print sticker sheets of claim codes (for example, for attending a workshop)

By selecting this option – earners will be given a code when they successfully complete the criteria for your badge (You can decide if it is one reusable code for all earners for unique codes). They can then use this to upload a badge to their Backpack.