



Leverage Assessment Badges (L.A.B.) Powered by Pragmatic

What is LAB?

Leverage Assessment Badges™ (L.A.B.) is an assessment and feedback middleware solution provided by Pragmatic Solutions, Inc. Created in the spirit of and in compliance with the Mozilla Open Badge Infrastructure (OBI), Pragmatic's tools help educational institutions and training service providers *assess* what learners know, *track* their performance over time, and *recognize* their accomplishments in ways that are pedagogically sound and technologically secure. By learning and earning through LAB, a learner can clearly see their Personalized Learning Path™ through content and are rewarded for the benchmarks they reach and the goals they achieve. In Pragmatic's LAB, institutions define rules to issue badges, LAB collects and analyzes data and awards badges, and learners succeed.

How does LAB relate to Mozilla's Open Badge Backpack?

LAB is an OBI-compliant system that communicates directly with an earner's Mozilla Backpack, while adding an extra layer of security and badge management. Through LAB an earner chooses which badges to display to the public within an institution's environment, how to organize them so they best represent the message the earner would like to project to others, and then helps the earner push badges into the public Mozilla Backpack. LAB's built-in user authentication and single-sign on tools communicate with Mozilla's system to ensure a seamless experience for the earner.

LAB and COPPA Compliance:

LAB is able to fulfill the technology requirements of Mozilla's OBI platform with a layer of transparency that negates the need for private information of the user.

In 2011, the FTC proposed amended language to COPPA, which they have recently extended the deadline for public comment, and while there is no certainty that this changes will become part of COPPA, we feel that LAB will still be in compliance if/when those changes are implemented.

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