**Skill Badges**

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**Rocky Balboa**

Boxer
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**Provides kick-ass motivation for:**

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**About**

An uneducated, kind-hearted working class Italian-American boxer, working as a debt collector for a loan shark in the slums of Philadelphia.

# LinkedIn skill assessments to prove you are not lying about your skills

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LinkedIn skill badges are a great way to make yourself desirable in a job market that is becoming more and more digital every day. The badges exist as a digital proof of your proficiency in an area of your choice to anyone interested to work with you. You have to take a verification test to get one of these badges, which are designed as assessment quizzes for the respective skills you are looking to earn a badge for. Many companies are now opting to add 'Desired Skills" to their job postings, so all applicants have to pass it in order to submit an application. If you pass the quiz, a badge that

will be displayed on your profile in LinkedIn Recruiter and LinkedIn Jobs. Here are a couple of things to note before taking these tests–

**BE PREPARED**
The quizzes do not have unlimited attempts for indefinite amounts of time. Your score has to be in the 70th percentile for you to pass the test. Once you pass the test, you will have to renew your LinkedIn skill badge on an annual basis for you to continuously show off your skills on your profile. If you fail a skills test, you cannot take the test again for three months at least. So best be prepared for the test you want to take. However, if you do fail a test, Linkedin will point you towards some free LinkedIn learning courses that you can take to hone your knowledge.

A good way to know if you are prepared for assessment is by clicking

on the skill you want to test in the assessment quiz section, and there will be a description of the aptitudes that the test will assess. This way you can know if there's a part of the software you need to look over or a part of the programming language techniques you need to brush over if you feel your knowledge is running a little rusty.

**KNOW YOUR INDUSTRY**
The quizzes are available for verifying a wide range of skills, from programming skills to basic graphic designing skills. It is important that you display your proficiency that is related to the industry you are aiming for. If you are looking for a career in finance, excelling in Adobe Photoshop is not going to help you as much as a badge declaring your strength in Microsoft Excel will. You also need to increase your competency as your experience grows, as recruiters would expect a graduate with 3 years of work experience to show a wider range of skills than someone fresh out of college.



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