

Anthology Milestone

A New Era for Digital Credentials



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A New Era for Digital Credentials: Open Badges 3.0 is here

We are delighted to announce that [Anthology® Milestone](#) now supports 1EdTech Open Badges 3.0 standards*. As of **July 30th**, badges created in Milestone may leverage Open Badges 3.0, adhering to the industry's highest standards for digital credentials.

In short, Open Badges 3.0 builds on previous releases to make digital badges more detailed and secure. Badges can now be encrypted with new data, providing extra context on what achieving the credential involves, how it aligns with skill frameworks, and how those skills were assessed. These enhancements ensure badges do more than just celebrate achievements—they provide real insights into a learner's skills, allowing institutions, students, and employers to embrace new credentials with confidence.

More specifically, Open Badges 3.0 allows:

- Badges that are more tamper-proof and trustworthy
- Support for a wider range of achievement types and data content
- Increased scope to align badges with specific skills and competencies
- Easier verification, allowing for broader recognition of badges and increased interoperability

Institutions will not need to take any administrative or configuration steps in Milestone to enable Open Badges 3.0. As of July 30th, you will have access to a new badge creation workflow. Your students will continue to use **Achievement Studio**, where they'll be able to claim earned badges. The ability to share and organize badges that showcase detailed skills information is coming soon for Open Badges 3.0. During a period of transition from Open Badges 2.0 to 3.0, you will have access to create badges using

the current Open Badges 2.0 process, and existing badges, created with the Open Badges 2.0 standard, will continue to be supported.

The adoption of Open Badges 3.0 is the latest of many initiatives that Anthology has undertaken in collaboration with 1EdTech, all designed to remove friction for learners and enable engaging, multi-faceted learning experiences. We have been heavily involved in development of the Open Badges 3.0 framework and are also [leading the way with integrations](#) between valuable teaching and learning tools.

Visit [1EdTech](#) to learn more about Open Badges 3.0. To kickstart your badging and credentialing program, check out [Anthology Milestone](#).

*This release is currently only available in the US. International markets are soon to follow.

Topics: [Badging & Micro-Credentialing](#), [Co-Curricular Learning](#)



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Ben is passionate about the role of technology in advancing education and works closely with Anthology's product management team and subject matter experts to support the positioning and promotion of our Student Success services and Blackboard.



Tony Parachini

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Tony Parachini is a senior product manager at Anthology. He has spent more than 25 years in higher education, focusing most of this time working in the areas of regulatory compliance, analytics, and career development. As a senior product manager, he currently manages Anthology's two career readiness focused solutions, Anthology Milestone and Anthology Occupation Insight. In this role, Tony plays an integral part in prioritizing, defining, and coordinating product work and partners closely with technical teams to bring innovative solutions to market. Prior to joining Anthology in 2015, he worked at several institutions in the areas of financial aid, business analytics, regulatory compliance, development, operations, and release management. Tony is passionate about supporting learners by helping them achieve their career goals and realizing a return on their investment in higher education.