

OpenCerti

Community Driven PHP
Certification Project

OpenCerti is about creating a **community driven certification** process. Trusted by developers and employers both, this certification will allow fair measurement of developers' skills. The project will create freedom and opportunities for developers and is based on the foundation of community contribution and trust.

PHP is one of the most popular languages today, yet there is no easy way to determine your PHP skills. The existing certifications are not community driven. It is very **difficult to find the right PHP talent** these days, and if situation stays as it is, things will get worse. If we bring together a reliable certification process for PHP, it will not only benefit the developers and employers, but also increase the awareness and value of PHP among other developers.

The **advantages** of this project are:

1. Globally recognized talent measurement
2. Better quality of questions and assessment
3. Better job opportunities
4. Freedom to choose the certification, to contribute
5. Recognition

The current plan is to offer **two certification levels**. Developer and Expert. The Dev level will have 30 multiple choice questions, covering basics, databases, file operations, sessions, logic, OOPs and more. The time duration will be 20 minutes and the test will be free of cost.

The Expert level, will have aptitude and project management related questions in addition to technical questions. On top of it, there will be two questions where the developer has to write PHP code or a small essay. These will be evaluated by a contributor to the project. The duration for this test will be 45 minutes and it may carry some fees.

We also plan to prepare a **guide book** for people taking the test. This guidebook (a PDF download) will explain the kind of questions in the test and the test structure. It can also contain resources and PHP tutorials.

The scores / analysis of the test can be made available to public if the developer desires. The developers can use any mechanism to answer the questions (yes, they can refer to the PHP manual or Google!). We can weigh the score by the time taken to complete it, to arrive at a more rational score.

The project is **non-profit**. We need to work out how we can sustain it though. Donations and charging for the Expert certification is what we thought so far. Your ideas are welcome!

You can contribute to this project. OpenCerti is not about a person or a group of people. It is not about an organization. It is about the whole community. As a matter of fact, consider it your project! Move the project further. Here are some of the ways in which you can contribute:

1. Contribute questions, suggestions
2. Talk / Write / Blog about OpenCerti to your friends, peers, organization
3. Invite other contributors
4. Volunteer to assess the answers
5. Contribute to the documentation, design or testing
6. Take the test!

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Feel free to contact us. You have already made a contribution to the cause by reading so far.

Thank you.