



# Getting and Using Data: Determining ROI on your Credential Program

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# THE MASTERS

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# 5 SEGMENTS

HOW WE WILL UNPACK THIS TOPIC



## INTRO

Susan will set the stage for understanding ROI



## CARINA

What data is available to you in the platform?



## KATIE

What additional data might you need to answer your questions?



## EMMA

How can you track activity beyond the platform?



## LA'QUATA

What are some ways you can "report up"?

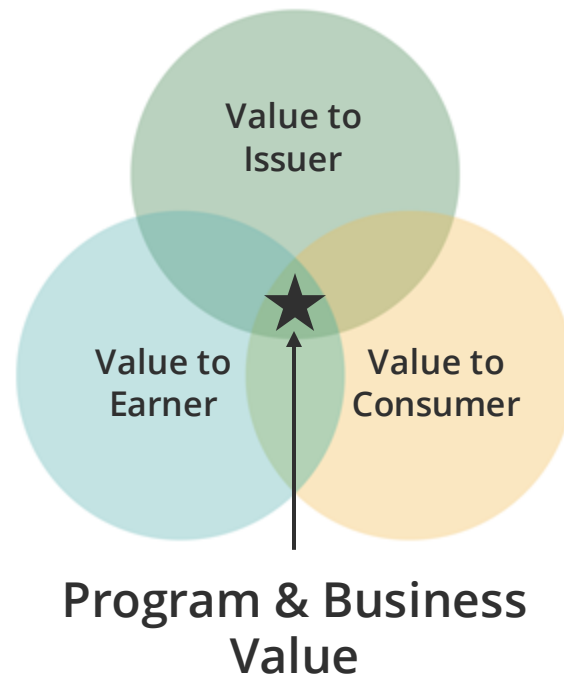
# Understanding ROI



Susan Manning  
Sr Manager, Customer Education

# Why ROI is important

- Make sure you're getting your money's worth
- See where it is smartest to grow
- Communicate your program's value



# POLLS!

For how long have you been a Credly customer?

- <1 year
- 1-2 years
- >2 years

What is the perfect cadence for checking your program data?

- Every month
- Every 6 months
- Once a year
- Check?

# Platform Analytics

What data can you access in the platform?



Carina Christion  
Customer Success Manager

## How to measure success

- Increase brand awareness: **shares and views**
- Increase volumes & earner engagement: **unique earners**
- Establish database of skills: **acceptance and shares**
- Provide verification: **transcript, shares and views**
- Decrease costs: **total views vs. total issued**

## What about ROI?



# Analytics Dashboard

The Analytics dashboard gives you a high-level view of your credentials key metrics and performance against the Credly average.

## Analytics

Credentials

Templates

All Time

Collections

Templates

More

All Time



Accepted	3,208
Pending	3,347
Rejected	244

Export

47%

**Acceptance Rate**  
Credly average is 67%

37%

**Share Rate**  
Credly average is 47%

5.73

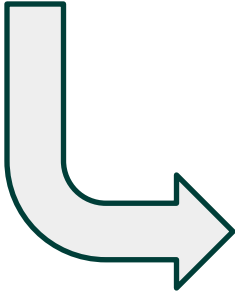
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**Clicks per View**  
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# Down Analytics road

- Past Month
- Collections
- Templates
- More



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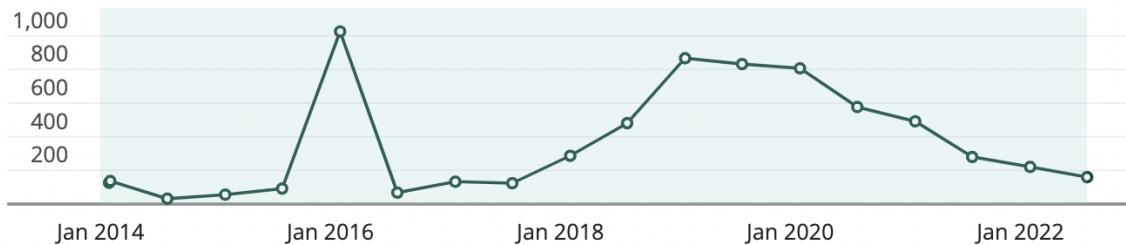
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# What are the Trends overtime?

Issued

6,799 Issued



Views

22,551 Views



Clicks

1,684 Clicks



Data for clicks is not available prior to September of 2017.

Accepted



Shares

3,939 Shares



# Template level metrics

## Analytics

Credentials Templates

 All Time

Collections





Templates

More

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Export

Showing 1-50 of 174

Template ^	Acceptance	Issued	Shares	Views	Clicks
 3SkillsTest	0.0%	4	0.0%	8	0
 Acclaim Ambassador - Blackboard Demo	23.7%	59	35.7%	69	8
 Acclaim Ambassador - Hubspot Demo	50.0%	26	7.7%	257	7
 Acclaim Demo User - Test	30.0%	20	100.0%	32	1

# Off-Platform Metrics

Tying badging program success to business impact



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# Pre-Requisite

Understand your **credential types** and **value props** for earners, your business, and consumers

## Examples:

Learning  
Completion



Signal knowledge  
and interest

Experience  
Recognition



Signal value  
contribution

Professional  
Certification



Signal job  
readiness

# Foundational

Low-hanging fruit: engagement metrics

## Sample metrics

- Enrollment volumes
- Completion rate
- Assessment re-take rate

# Intermediate

Level up with earner surveys



## Sample questions

How has earning a digital credential from [org] influenced your confidence in the knowledge and skills verified by the badge?  
*[more / less / no impact]*

How has earning the badge influenced your plans to continue learning?  
*[more / less / no impact]*

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements *[Likert]*:

- Sharing the badge socially helped me show my network what I know and can do
- As a result of sharing my badge socially, I have received recognition from...
- I feel a stronger sense of pride in my own achievement after sharing my badge socially.



# Advanced

Leverage the Kirkpatrick model

Kirkpatrick Level	Translation in credentialing context	Sample metrics
Level 1: Reaction	Do earners like it?	NPS
Level 2: Learning	Do earners acquire intended skills?	Assessment pass rates, Post-completion survey results
Level 3: Behavior	Do earners apply what they've learned?	Manager reviews, follow-up surveys
Level 4: Results	How does the program impact your business?	Retention, productivity, revenue

## Additional Resources

- Article on off-platform metrics Grant Thornton tracks and attributes to their credentialing program: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/kevinkruse/2022/09/08/how-grant-thornton-llp-proved-the-value-of-their-digital-badges/?sh=4f0b04e7726d>
- Information about the Kirkpatrick model: <https://www.kirkpatrickpartners.com/the-kirkpatrick-model/>

# Measuring Your Program's Success

How to track and measure ROI via link clicks on your badge templates



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Product Manager

# Measuring ROI

- Via link clicks
- Website traffic
- Program sign-ups

All of this can be tracked and measured via website analytics platforms like **Google Analytics**

# About Google Analytics

**Google Analytics** is a web analytics service that most organizations have embedded on their websites to **track overall traffic** and **user actions**.

A **UTM** code can be used with Google Analytics to **track website visits that come from specific locations...** like your **badging program** on the Credly website!

# How? Its easy!

1. Confirm your organization using Google Analytics on your website
2. Create UTM code URLs for any external link on your badge template metadata
3. Start tracking!



Earn this Badge



## Credly Demo User

Issued by [Credly Demo](#)

Earners of this designation are aware of the Credly offering and looking to experience the platform first-hand. They have an awareness of digital credentials, or badging technology and can discuss the Credly platform at a high-level.

[Learn more](#)

← UTM-able!

📖 Learning

🏠 Foundational

🕒 Hours

💰 Free

### Skills

Advertising Analytics

Customer Service

Data Analysis

Digital Credentials

Instructional Design

Leadership

Open Badges

Service Management

Unreal Engine

Web Development

### Earning Criteria

📄 [Complete an application form with the Credly team in order to initiate a discussion](#)

← UTM-able!

🔑 [Complete the steps necessary to create an account on Credly and accept your digital credential](#)

### Standards

[IMS Open Badge Standard](#)

Open Badges started as a collaborative project between MacArthur Foundation, HASTAC and Mozilla and has continued to grow through an open, collaborative approach.

# Where can I put UTMs?

## Badge Template Details

- ❑ “Learn More” link
- ❑ Criteria links
- ❑ Standards links
- ❑ “Earn this Badge” link

## Organization Profile

- ❑ Org website link



Credly Demo  
See Profile


Badges > Templates > Credly Demo User

### Edit Template

**Badges**

- Analytics
- Developers
- Preferences
- Workforce
- Support

**Basics**



**Add an image**  
Badge templates must use square images in PNG format, with dimensions between 600x600 and 2048x2048 pixels.  
[Upload image](#)

Recipient type  
User

Name  
Credly Demo User

Description  
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233/500 characters

URL for Additional Details  
[https://info.credly.com/?utm\\_medium=credly-website&utm\\_source=badge-templ](https://info.credly.com/?utm_medium=credly-website&utm_source=badge-templ)

## Reporting your success

- Work with your marketing team to set-up and confirm your UTM is created correctly
- In Google Analytics you can now see site visits associated with any one of your links
- You could even link those visits to key site actions/events (ex. sign-ups)!

Want more details? Check out [this article](#) in our Issuer Help Center.



# When & How to Tell Your Data Story

Using data tools to show  
and tell the ROI story



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# When to tell your data story

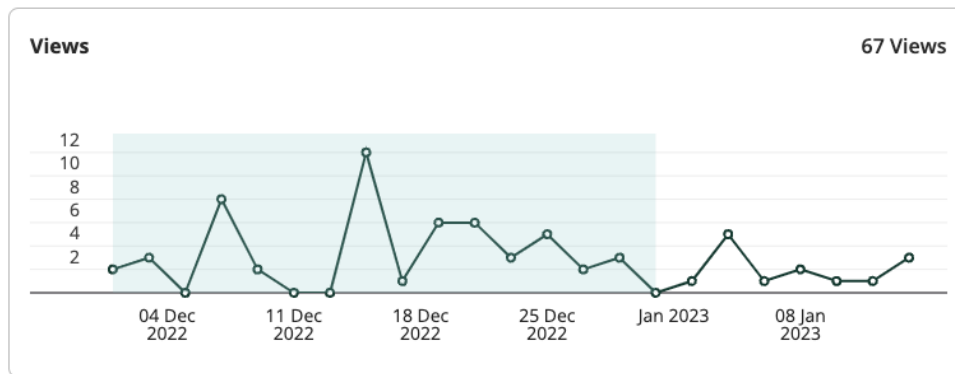
- When there is new and relevant data
- When there is a decision to be made
- Regularly scheduled meetings
- When there is a need to demonstrate impact
- When there is a need to adjust or improve



# Examples of story times:

## Needing to show:

- Increased learner engagement
- Effectiveness of learning activities
- Improved workforce development
- Areas of improvement
- Cost savings



May depend on many factors such as the level of adoption and usage of the platform and the specific goals and objectives of the organization.

# How to tell your data story

1. **Start with a clear and compelling headline that summarizes the main findings of your analysis.**
2. **Use visualizations to clearly and effectively communicate the data.**
3. **Provide context for the data by explaining how it relates to the company's overall strategy and goals.**
4. **Use storytelling techniques to make the data more engaging and memorable.**
5. **Provide actionable recommendations based on the data.**

Keep in mind that executives may not have as much technical expertise as you do, so it's important to present the data in a way that is easy for them to understand.

# Things to use to tell your data story

- Simple Dashboard View
- Custom Excel Reports
- Data Visualization

Overall, you can use the Credly analytics data in a variety of ways to demonstration progress and success to executive leaders and stakeholders.



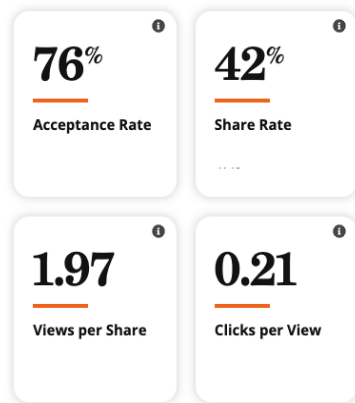
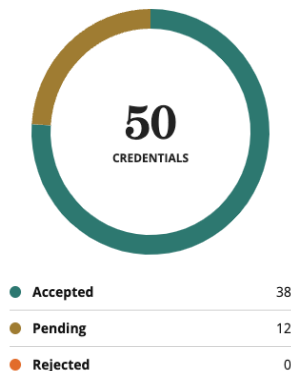
## Analytics

Credentials Templates



1 Dec 2022 - 31 Dec 2022

Export



# Data Visualization Tools

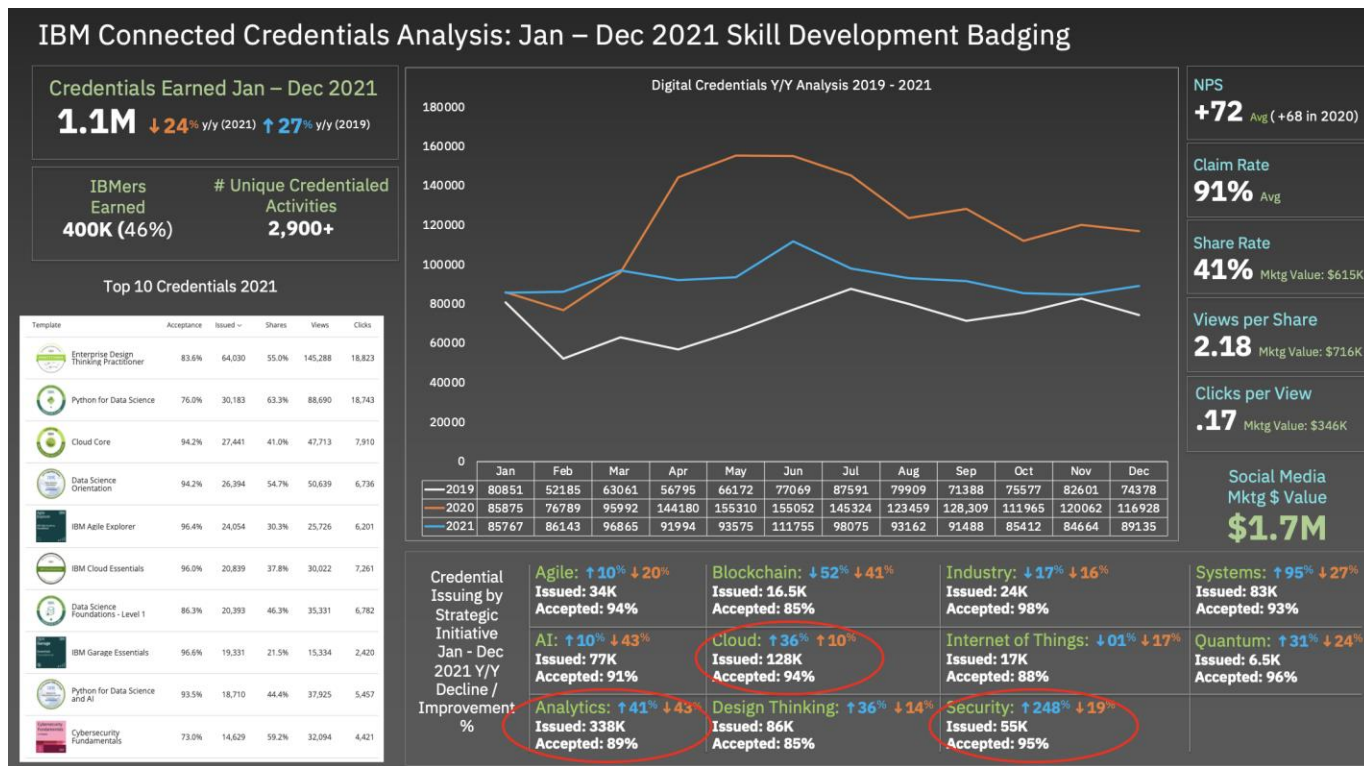
- **Microsoft Excel**
- **Tableau**
- **Power BI**
- **Plotly**
- **R and gplot**

These are just a few examples of the many visualization tools that are available. The best tool for you will depend on your specific needs and technical skills.

# Custom Excel Report Sample

Badge Name	Issued By	Country	State	Region	Sub-Region	Issue Date	Date Accepted	Total Shares
Certified Credly Employee	Credly	United States		Americas	Northern America	16-Dec-22	16-Dec-22	0
Credly Ambassador	Credly	United States	Minnesota	Americas	Northern America	22-Dec-22		0
Credly Ambassador	Credly	United States		Americas	Northern America	16-Dec-22	16-Dec-22	2
Credly Ambassador	Credly					27-Dec-22		0
Credly Ambassador	Credly					15-Dec-22		0
Credly Ambassador	Credly	United States		Americas	Northern America	8-Dec-22		0
Credly Ambassador	Credly					15-Dec-22		0
Credly Ambassador	Credly	United States	Ohio	Americas	Northern America	21-Dec-22	21-Dec-22	2
Credly Ambassador	Credly					15-Dec-22		0
Credly Ambassador	Credly	United States	Virginia	Americas	Northern America	22-Dec-22	22-Dec-22	0
Credly Ambassador	Credly	United States		Americas	Northern America	21-Dec-22	22-Dec-22	3
Credly Ambassador	Credly					16-Dec-22		0
Credly Platform Practitioner	Credly	United States		Americas	Northern America	15-Dec-22	15-Dec-22	1
Credly Platform Practitioner	Credly	Australia		Oceania	Australia and New Zealand	19-Dec-22		0
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Credly Platform Practitioner	Credly	United States		Americas	Northern America	29-Dec-22	29-Dec-22	0
Credly Platform Practitioner	Credly	United States		Americas	Northern America	23-Dec-22	23-Dec-22	2
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Credly Platform Practitioner	Credly	Australia		Oceania	Australia and New Zealand	21-Dec-22	20-Dec-22	0
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# Expert Excel Example



Digital Credentials Y/Y Analysis 2019 - 2021

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	80851	52185	63061	56795	66172	77069	87591	79909	71388	75577	82601	74378
2020	85875	76789	95992	144180	155310	155052	145324	123459	128309	111965	120062	116928
2021	85767	86143	96865	91994	93575	111755	98075	93162	91488	85412	84664	89135

NPS

**+72** Avg ( +68 in 2020)

Claim Rate

**91%** Avg

Share Rate

**41%** Mktg Value: \$615K

Views per Share

**2.18** Mktg Value: \$716K

Clicks per View

**.17** Mktg Value: \$346K

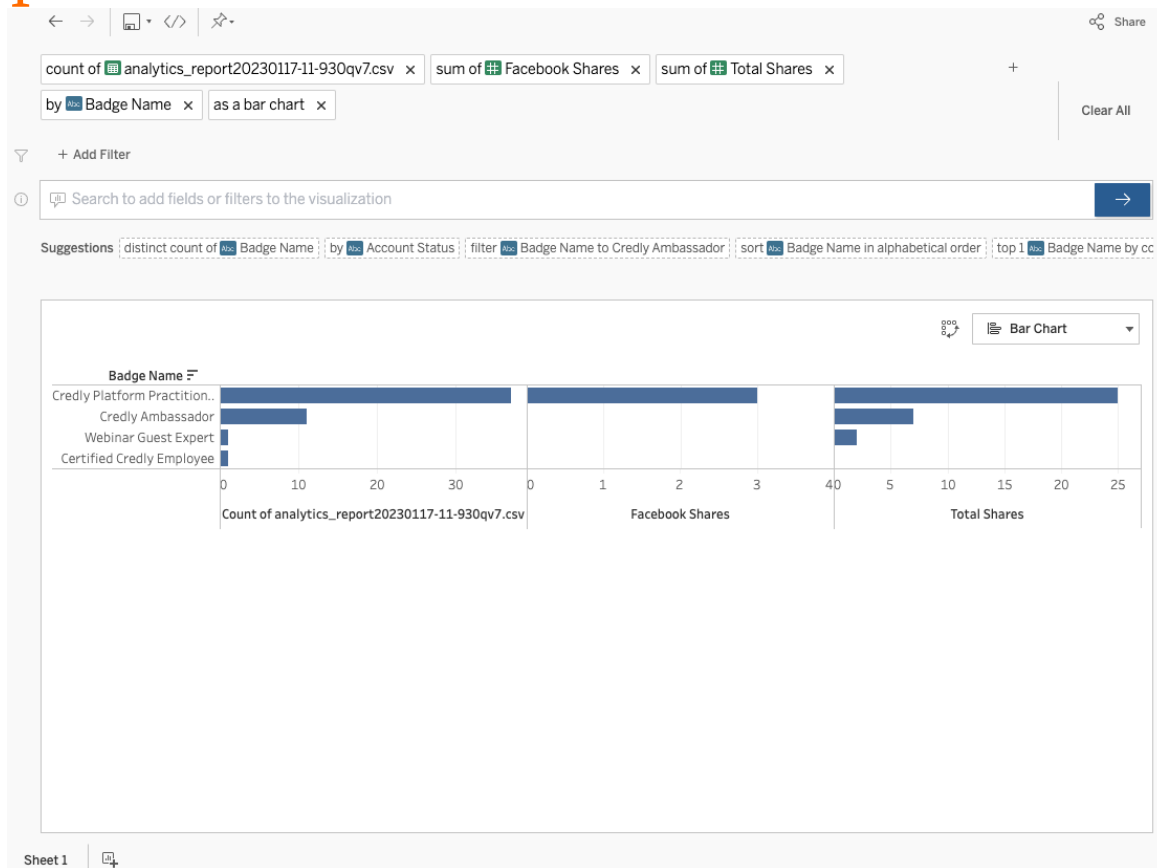
Social Media Mktg \$ Value

**\$1.7M**

Credential Issuing by Strategic Initiative Jan - Dec 2021 Y/Y Decline / Improvement %	Agile: <span>↑10%</span> <span>↓20%</span> Issued: 34K Accepted: 94%	Blockchain: <span>↓52%</span> <span>↓41%</span> Issued: 16.5K Accepted: 85%	Industry: <span>↓17%</span> <span>↓16%</span> Issued: 24K Accepted: 98%	Systems: <span>↑95%</span> <span>↓27%</span> Issued: 83K Accepted: 93%
	AI: <span>↑10%</span> <span>↓43%</span> Issued: 77K Accepted: 91%	Cloud: <span>↑36%</span> <span>↑10%</span> Issued: 128K Accepted: 94%	Internet of Things: <span>↓01%</span> <span>↓17%</span> Issued: 17K Accepted: 88%	Quantum: <span>↑31%</span> <span>↓24%</span> Issued: 6.5K Accepted: 96%
	Analytics: <span>↑41%</span> <span>↓43%</span> Issued: 338K Accepted: 89%	Design Thinking: <span>↑36%</span> <span>↓14%</span> Issued: 86K Accepted: 85%	Security: <span>↑248%</span> <span>↓19%</span> Issued: 55K Accepted: 95%	



# Example Tableau Visualization



# Questions?

Thank you!

# ASK US! TELL US!

Feel free to use your voice.



We are counting on your  
to talk to us, ask  
questions, and challenge  
everyone's thinking.

Chat's OK, too!



Thank you. Please  
give us feedback.





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