The Open Group IT Specialist Certification Program (ITSC)

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The Open Group’s vision is “Boundaryless Information Flow.”
The Open Group provides professional certification to facilitate this vision.

- Currently, there are a plethora of certifications available. These certifications are product based and granted on the basis of a test.

- A professional certification – our value proposition and differentiator – evaluates candidates on their expertise, demonstrated success, and approach.
The ITSC includes a prepared case in which candidates provide justification for their expertise followed by three interviews.

- The “case” is a document in which the candidates provide their evidence for the certification criteria.

- The program has a client focus and a technical focus - stream.

- Cases are reviewed and if accepted, the candidate had three one hour interviews with SMEs. The case becomes a discussion document for the interviews.
Certification benefits the individual and the corporation.

- Individual
  - Certification forces you to look at your career
    - What have I learned?
    - What have I accomplished?
    - What are my strengths and weaknesses?
  - Excellent way to plan for the future
    - Is it time to look for a new project? A new career path?
    - Sense of accomplishment

- Corporation
  - Certification provides consistency and a level of quality assurance.
  - Candidates feel their expertise is of value inside and outside of the corporation.
  - Certification can provide a competitive advantage in the marketplace.
and... The Beginning.

- ITSC provides guidance for
  - Career Development
  - Training Development
  - Recruitment.

- ITSC is a market differentiator.

- ITSC has an opportunity for companies to accredit.