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# The Open Group IT Specialist Certification Program (ITSC)

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# The Open Group's vision is "Boundaryless Information Flow."

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## The Open Group provides professional certification to facilitate this vision.

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- ❑ 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.

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- ❑ 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.

Client Focus



Technical Focus - Stream

# Certification benefits the individual and the corporation.

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- 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 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.

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- ITSC provides guidance for
  - Career Development
  - Training Development
  - Recruitment.
  
- ITSC is a market differentiator.
  
- ITSC has an opportunity for companies to accredit.

