

Ukraine Becomes the World's Leader by the Number of Certified Master-Level IT Specialists



KYIV, April 13, 2012 – Brainbench, one of the world's leading providers of online skills assessment solutions, has recently presented the results of its 2012 Bench Games, an international intellectual competition.

According to the 2012 Bench Games Leader Board, Ukraine ranks 3^d globally (out of 50 countries) in the "Most Certified Citizens" category, following the United States and India. The winners of this category are nations with the highest number of the certified professionals in over 600 skill areas. This year, Ukraine has left Russia and other European countries behind and, therefore, became the European leader by the number of the certified workforce.

In the "Most Master-Level Certified Nation" category Ukraine ranks 2^d globally, following the United States. However, it has outrun the USA by the number of IT certifications: Ukraine has gained 91 Master-Level IT Certificates out of 96 granted, while the United States – only 60 out of 146 granted.

The Individual Leader Board puts Ukraine in the leading position for the following technologies: .Net Framework (2.0, 3.5, 4.0), Adobe, AJAX, ASP.Net (3.5, 4.0), BEA WebLogic Application Server 8.1, C# (3.0, 4.0), Cisco Network, Flash MX 2004, and others.

Regarding its neighbors, Russia and Belarus rank 4th and 6th accordingly in the "Most Certified Citizens" category and 3^d and 4th accordingly in the "Most Master-Level Certified Nation" category with 40 and 21 Master-Level IT Certificates granted.

The Bench Games competition was conducted online between March 5th and 9th, 2012. The free access to the competition was provided to all Brainbench members and website registrants.

Back in 2006, Ukraine ranked 4th in the "Most Certified Citizens" category and 10th in the "Most Certified Nation" category that determined the nation with the highest number of the certified specialists as a percentage of the overall population.

The 2012 International Skills Rating by Brainbench proves Ukrainian IT talent to be highly competitive on the global scale.



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ABOUT CIKLUM

<u>Ciklum</u> is a Danish innovative IT outsourcing company specializing in nearshore software development in Eastern Europe, in Ukraine and Belarus. Ciklum's unique business model merges the human element with IT to not only help companies to grow, but provide ongoing resources that sustain growth with the flexibility to scale up or down as markets shift.

Established in 2002, Ciklum employs more than 1,800 IT specialists with more than 160 global clients' own software development teams. Ciklum has six development offices in Ukraine, one in Belarus, and two in Pakistan, as well as representative offices in Denmark, Sweden, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands. Ciklum is rated Best Larger IT Employer 2010 & 2011 in Ukraine by DOU, the Ukrainian Community of Software Developers.

ABOUT BRAINBENCH

Brainbench is an SHL company that services over 5,000 corporate and 6 million individual customers. The company was founded in 1998 with the same mission it has today: "Delivering easy-to-use assessment products that predict success on the job". Known for its innovative, yet easy-to-use online assessment solutions, Brainbench is the only assessment company with a rich offering across personality, knowledge, skills, abilities, and past work behavior.

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