Daisy Digital Leadership

Imagine a superhero team. They help with big and small problems. They're caring. They make the world a better place. They're leaders.

Now, what would the superheroes do in the digital world? The digital world is where you use technology, like a computer, tablet, or phone. Who would they help? How would they lead?
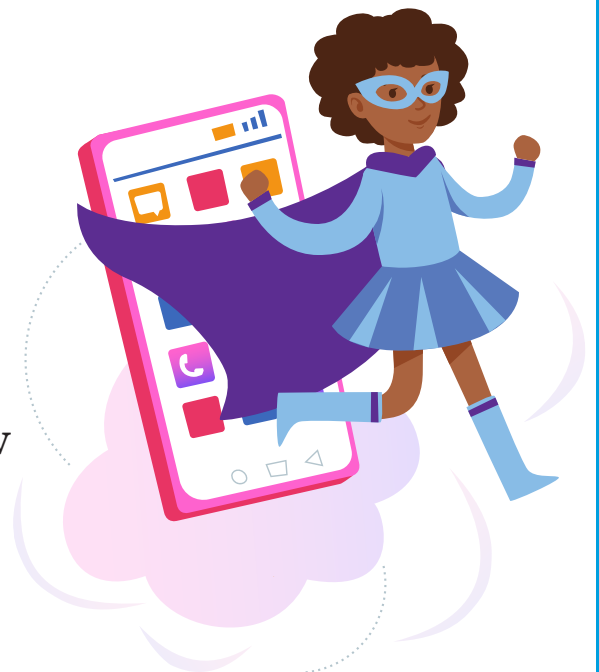
In this badge, find out how you can be a digital leader and use technology in a way that is safe, kind, and helpful.

Steps

1. Discover your communities
2. Explore a world of information
3. Use technology for good

Purpose

When I've earned this badge, I'll know what information is safe to share online. I'll know how technology can make the world a better place.

Words to Know

Community: A group of people who come together around a place, idea, interest, or goal.

Digital: Finding or sharing information online. It's also connecting with others through technology.

Digital community: Who and what you interact with online, including people and organizations.

Digital content: Something created for or shared online, like a video, digital art, or online presentation.

Digital leadership: When you use technology to protect yourself and inspire and guide others.

Digital world: Using technology like a tablet, smartphone, or computer.

Private vs. **public information:** Private information isn't okay to share. It's things like your full name, address, phone number, email, and passwords. It tells others your identity. Public information, like a favorite song or book, is okay to share with people you know and trust.

Technology: Machines that help us do things. Digital technology includes computers, tablets, and smartphones.

Step 1: Discover your communities

You can use technology to listen to music. You can play a video game. You can watch cat videos online. You can do things on your own or with other people.

A **community** is a group of people. They might live near each other. They might like the same things. They might like different things. A family or school is a community. A sports team is a community. Girl Scouts is a community, too!

Communities can be in the real world. They can be online, too. You can play video games with other people. You can video chat with your class. You can connect with people from all over the world. These are your digital communities.
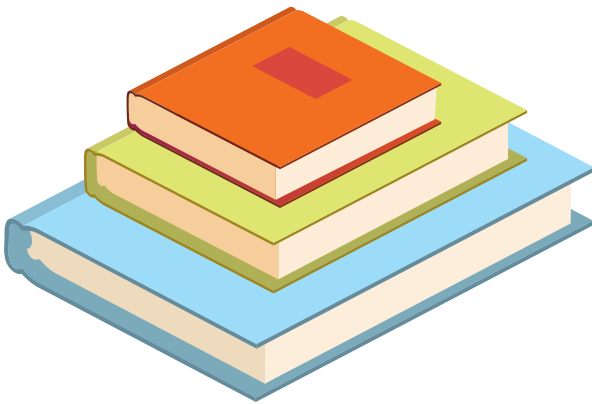
Choices—do one:

Create your world. Draw your world. Make a collage of it. Or use an app with an adult. Show where you live, your friends, your family, and your favorite things. Add pictures of your real-life communities. Add pictures of your digital communities, too. What do you do with other people? How do you help each other? Add pictures to show that, too.

Map your neighborhood. Make a map of the community you live in. Show homes, schools, and buildings. Add parks and other places. Choose a special symbol. Add it to any place that's in both the real world AND online. You may go to school online or in a building. You can find books at the library or online. You can watch movies on a computer or at a movie theater.

Explore your Girl Scout community. What connects you in a community with other Girl Scouts? You might know the Promise and Law. You might be part of a troop. You might earn badges. What would you ask a Girl Scout who lives in a different part of the world? Draw what you would ask. How can technology help you to connect? Draw that, too! You might video chat with another troop. You might join an online event for Girl Scouts. You might learn about other places and communities from around the world online.

A World of Digital Communities

There are so many digital communities!

Learning: They learn new things.

Gaming: They play games together.

Making: They share their creations.

Helping: They want to make a difference.

Only share public information with people you know and trust. It won't help others figure out who or where you are. You can share public information like your favorite animal or color. It won't give clues about you!

Never share private information. It can help someone figure out who or where you are. What are some kinds of private information? Don't share your full name, home address, or photos of yourself. These give clues about you!

Step 2: Explore a world of information.

Who do you know and trust in the digital world? There's your family. There are your friends. There's your troop and school.

There are other people you don't know online. In the real world, you wouldn't talk to a stranger. It's the same online. Don't share with people you don't know, especially if they're grown-up strangers.

If you're not sure if something is okay to share or do online, ask a caring adult that you trust, like a relative, teacher, or troop leader.

Choices—do one:

Play "Share or Don't Share." What's information about you? Your full name and birthday. What do you like to do? That's information about you, too. Draw five different pieces of information about you. Then look at each: What would you share online? Who would you share with? Is it public or private information?

Give a thumbs up for "Share," down for "Don't Share," or sideways for "Maybe" if it depends. Remember, only share public information with people you know and trust.

Build an "information box." Fill a box with five things that show who you are. Are you an artist? A reader? What state do you live in? Do you like cat videos or math games? After you've gathered your items, look carefully at them. Which are okay to share online? Would any of them be private information?

Make an emoji poster. An **emoji** is a digital image. It can show a person or place. It can show an object. Have you seen an emoji? Do you have a favorite? Choose five emojis as symbols for you. You could have a birthday cake for your birthday, a building for school, or a cat for a pet. Look at your emojis: are they public or private information? Put public emojis on your poster. They're safe to share with people you know and trust. Add other decorations that show more about you!

▶**For more fun: Do the activity with others.** Then look at all the information. Can you match each person to their information? What information was easiest to match? What was hardest?

Be a Leader
Online and Offline

There are so many things to do online. That's why it's important to stay safe and find a balance online and offline.

Here are some ideas to take care of yourself:

- **Be SAFE all the time:** Check with an adult before you go online. And make sure to log off when you're done!

- **Mealtime:** Put any screens aside to enjoy your meal. Talk with family or friends.

- **Bedtime:** Turn off your screens at least an hour before bed. You may sleep better when you do.

- **Playtime:** Spend time every day playing without a screen. Run, jump, or dance. Go for a walk. Do a puzzle, build a fort, or play a board game.

- **Be YOU all the time:** Not everything you see online is real or honest. You might see something online that makes you feel funny, sad, or angry. Reach out to someone you trust for help.

What else can you do? Connect with friends and family online and off. Make a difference. Do something you love. That's how you lead, in the real and digital worlds.

Step 3: Use technology for good

Digital leaders take care of themselves and others online. They use technology for good. They find information. They share ideas. They make digital content.

Digital content is made with technology. You can use a computer. You can use a tablet. You can use a smartphone. You can create digital posters or drawings. You can edit photos or videos. You can make a video game. You can build a website. These are all different kinds of digital content.

How will you use technology for good? You can have fun. You can stay safe. You can learn new things. You can share information. You can build community. That's how you become a digital leader.

Choices—do one:

Make an emoji. Emojis are symbols with a message. They can show people. They can show places and objects. They can show feelings, like "surprise," too. Choose something you care about. Is it people? Animals? The planet? Make a new emoji for it. What would it look like? What message would it send? What do you want others to know?

Teach with a video. Have you ever learned how to do a dance, make a craft, or cook from a video? Make your own video to teach other people. Do you like to sing or dance? What's your favorite animal or hobby? What do you know a lot about? Film your video. Show it to others.

Share your message. Decide who to help. Maybe you'll help your school, plants, or the ocean. What do you want others to know? How can they help? Make content to share your message. Is it a digital drawing? A poster? Something else?

Important note: If you want to share your project online, ask a trusted adult to share for you.

Make a Digital Difference

Digital art

Video

Website

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