

Northstar Digital Literacy User Guide

What is Northstar?

Northstar is a website for learning digital literacy. Digital literacy is knowing how to use digital devices like computers, phones and tablets to find, send, and use information. With Northstar, you can learn skills in computer basics, the internet, email, and more. Northstar has three parts to learning digital literacy:

1. **Assessments (Tests):** You can take assessments (tests) to check the skills you have and find out what skill areas you could improve.
2. **Northstar Online Learning (NSOL):** NSOL has videos and activities to help you learn and practice digital skills.
3. **Classroom lessons:** Northstar has lessons teachers can use to help you learn. Your navigator can help you find classes.

Taking an Assessment

1. **Connect to the Digital Navigator:** Digital Navigators are people who will help you start using your laptop, hot spot (internet), and Northstar. First, a navigator will call you within three days. They will help you get an email address. They will help you take an assessment using a password.
2. **Open Link:** The navigator will send you a link to click.

Northstar Assessment Inbox x

Navigator <navigator@literacymn.org>

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to me ▾

Click this link!

<https://www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/launch-from/7302-XXMM-demo-learning-site?pt=20de4a9b719e4db921f352a15063919f-15462-1594759887>

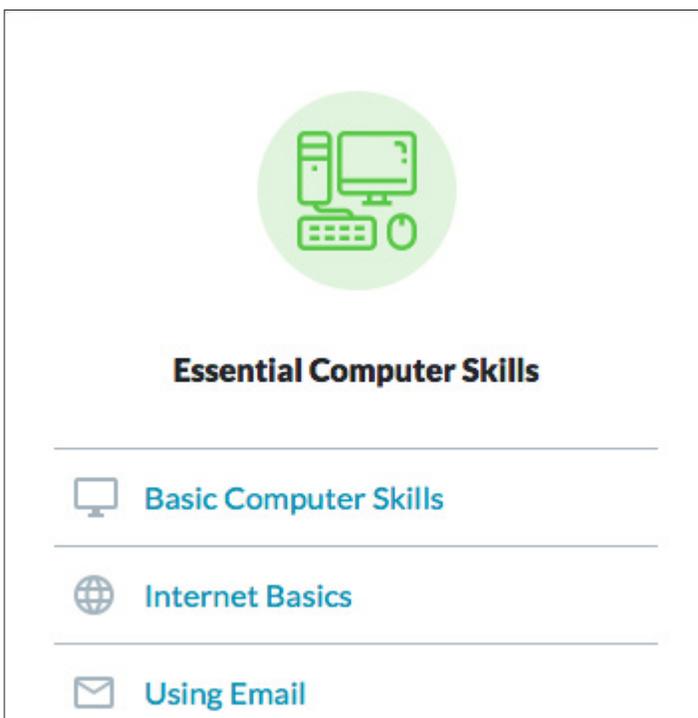
3. Click LOG IN NOW:



4. Log in using your email and the password the navigator sent you.

A white rectangular box containing a login form. At the top is the label "Email address" above a rounded rectangular input field. Below that is the label "Password" above another rounded rectangular input field. To the right of the password field is a teal link that says "Reset my password". At the bottom left of the form is a teal rounded rectangular button with the text "LOG IN" in white capital letters.

5. Click on an assessment



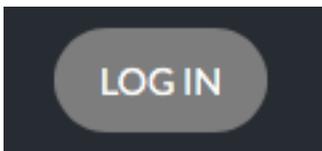
Using Northstar Online Learning

1. Open Chrome



2. Go to nsdiglit.org

3. Click Log In



4. Log in using your email and the password the navigator sent you.

5. Click No and then click Save.

Where are you?

Some testing locations like to track their learners' time spent doing Northstar activities.

Right now, are you physically at the testing location (Demo Learning Site)?

- Yes
 No, I am somewhere else

Save

6. The navigator will tell you what topics to study. Find the topic. Click Details. Then click Start Practice.

The screenshot shows a progress page for "Basic Computer Skills". It features a circular progress indicator with a laptop icon in the center. To the right, the "PROGRESS" section shows "Assessment Mastery (94.4%)" and "Practice Mastery (0%)". At the bottom, there is a "Details" button with a right-pointing arrow.

The screenshot shows a progress page for "Internet". It features a circular progress indicator with a globe icon in the center. To the right, the "PROGRESS" section shows "Assessment Mastery (0%)" and "Practice Mastery (0%)". A "Start Practice" button is visible, and below it, the text reads "You have not taken this assessment yet."