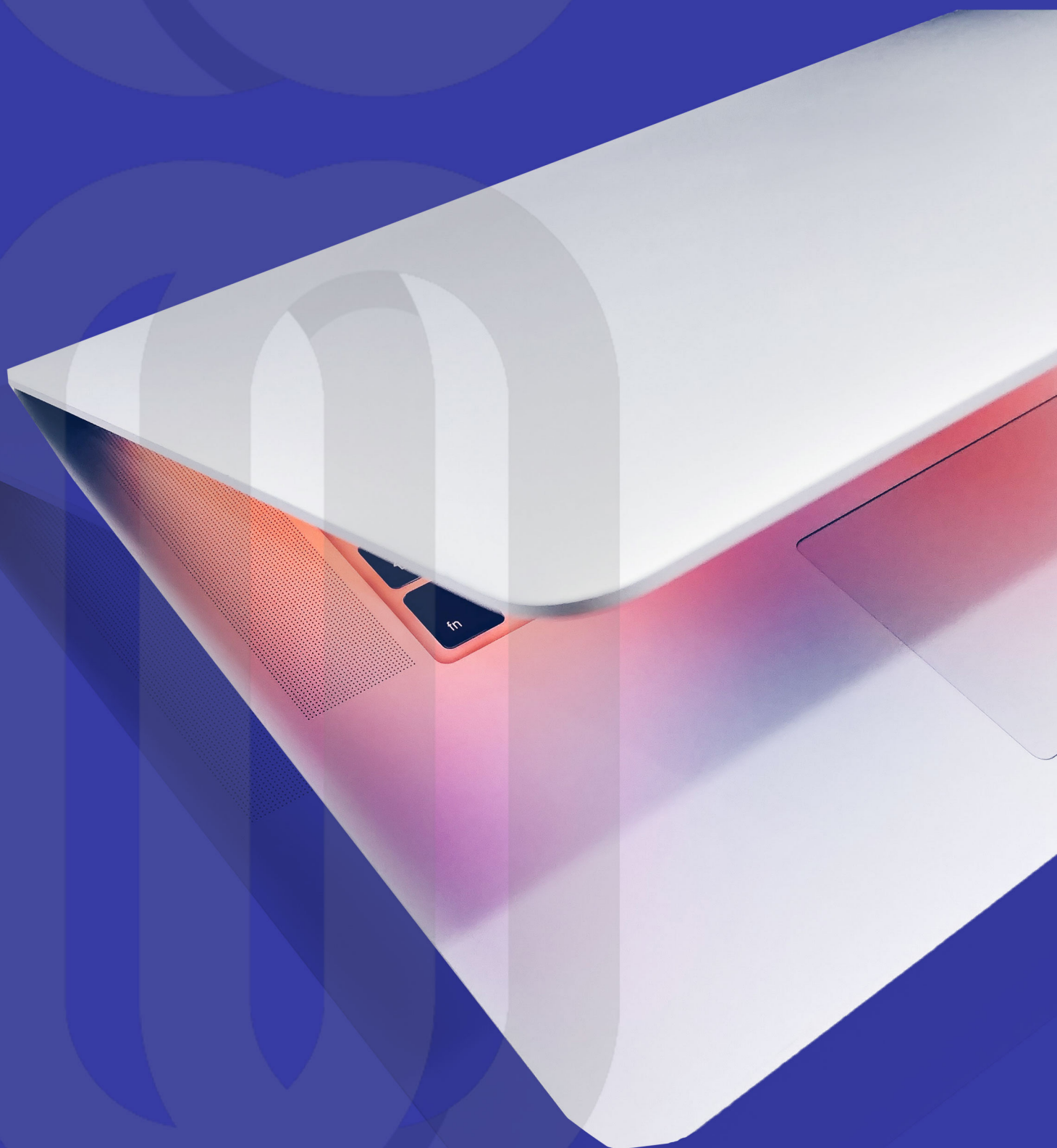


**DIGITAL LITERACY**

ADVANCED

**ONLINE SAFETY**



## **SKILL ADDRESSED:**

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## **LEVEL OF CHALLENGE:**

Advanced

## **TITLE OF ACTIVITY:**

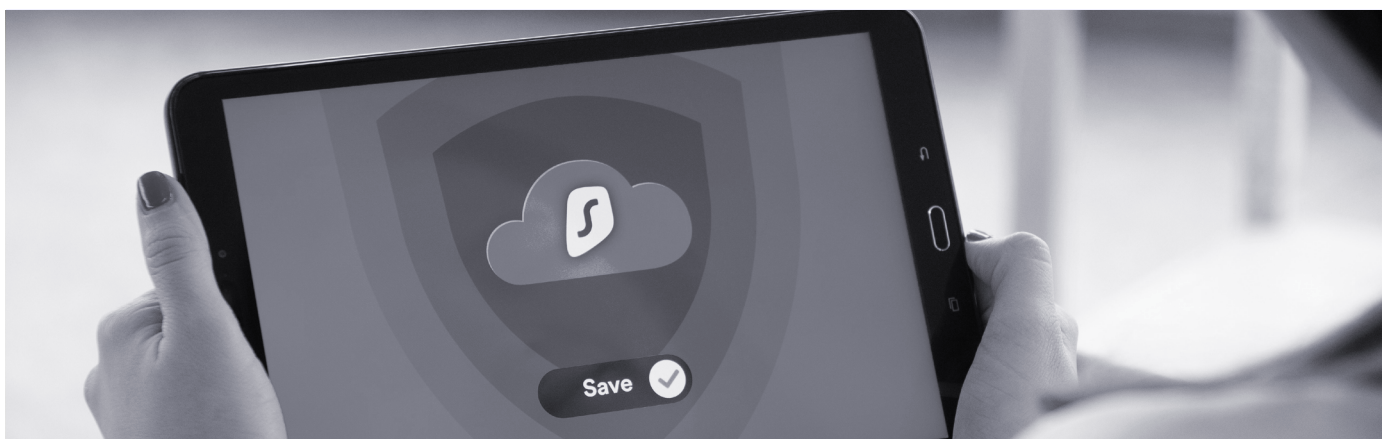
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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE SKILL**

Hello and welcome to the INTERFACE advanced WebQuest! Today we will focus on the topic of Online Safety. Being safe online means individuals are protecting themselves and others from online harms and risks which may jeopardise their personal information, lead to unsafe communications, or even affect their mental health and well-being. That is why in this WebQuest we are going to focus on assessing our knowledge and level of practical knowledge of online safety but also on knowing how to protect our devices and online accounts. So... Let's go!

## **THE CHALLENGE**

Today's world is based on technology. Almost all of us use the Internet for various purposes - for school, and work but also for entertainment. It has become an integral part of life for us. However, we often forget that there may be dangers on the Internet. We should not be afraid of them, but be vigilant and try to protect our accounts and identities. The question may arise in your mind: how to do it? Through tasks, we will try to show how we can protect ourselves and others in the virtual world. So, to help each other, let's try to learn some practical things!



## STRUCTURE

### STEP 1: DEFINING ONLINE SAFETY

Your first step will be to familiarise yourself with the concept of online safety. To do so, click on the links below. After reading definitions, try to describe in your own words what online safety is. What do you think?

Online Safety definitions:

- <https://swgfl.org.uk/online-safety/what-is-online-safety/>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet\\_safety](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_safety)

### STEP 2 – ONLINE THREATS

In the second step, your task is to read the following article:

- <https://velecor.com/10-common-internet-security-threats-and-how-to-avoid-them/>

Reflect on the following points:

- *What are 10 common Internet Security Threats?*
- *Have you ever experienced any threats?*

Choose one of the threats and give an example of how to avoid it.

### STEP 3 –ASSESSING MY KNOWLEDGE ABOUT ONLINE THREATS

In the second step, you got acquainted with online threats. Now, your task is to reflect on and analyse your level of knowledge about this topic.

Identify your level according to the scale below:

1. I haven't known any online threat
2. I've known some online threats
3. I've known all online threats presented in the previous task

Now, please think about the questions below:

- *Are you surprised by the results?*
- *Do you think knowledge about this topic is an important issue?*

Don't worry if you weren't aware of online threats. We all are here to learn some things, right?

## STEP 4 – PROTECTING ONLINE ACCOUNTS

The more we move our lives online, the more accounts we create. From banking to social media to email, our online accounts contain a lot of important – and personal – information. Though worrying about the security of your online accounts may seem irrelevant, it's actually important to consider; the more you protect your online accounts, the more you protect yourself.

Click on the link below to learn about 7 ways you can protect your Internet accounts, and consider:

- *Which of the mentioned ways do you think is the most effective in protecting your Internet accounts?*

**Article link:** <https://www.whatismyip.com/protect-online-accounts/>

## STEP 5 – CREATING STRONG PASSWORDS

Now you know that creating a strong password helps you stay safe online.

Click on the link below to learn how to create a strong password:

- <https://terranovasecurity.com/how-to-create-a-strong-password-in-7-easy-steps/>

Then, come up with two sample passwords that would increase your online security.

## STEP 6 – SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY TIPS

We would like to summarise our knowledge about protecting online accounts.

While talking about the Internet we cannot forget about social media!

Firstly, we would like you to reflect on some questions about your presence on social media using the following questions:

- *How often do you use social media?*
- *What is your favorite social media site?*



Watch the video about Social Media Safety Tips:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPIWDFtP0T0>

Then, try to answer the following questions:

- What are 5 critical Social Media safety tips?
- Are you trying to stay safe on social media?

Well done!



## **DEMONSTRATION AND EVALUATION**

You have completed WebQuest on Digital Literacy at the Advanced level.

You have learned the definition of online safety and know the dangers that can exist in the virtual world. Even if you were unaware of the dangers before, you are now one step ahead. In addition, we learned what ways exist to protect our Internet accounts.

Thank you for your work! Knowing ways to become more secure on the Internet, you can also help your loved ones by passing this knowledge on to them.

Congratulations!



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