Microcredentials – yes, but ...

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New credentials, increasing complexity

- Coursera Specializations
- EdX verified certificates
- Udacity nanodegrees
- LinkedIn Learning
- University Learning Store
  On-demand learning with credentials
- Deakin University Hallmarks
  Badges for student soft skills

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Opportunities

• Bridging the gap between education sectors
• Recognition of skills, practical work experience from open education providers
• Reskilling, upskilling
• Emergence of the open learner
• Complement to traditional credentials
• Granularity
• E-portfolio, backpack, passport
Do-it-yourself university

• **DIY U**
  Kamenetz, A. *DIY U: Edupunks, Edupreneurs and the Coming Transformation of Higher Education* (Chelsea Green, 2010)

• **Unbundling**
Those who most need open education don’t know it exists.
New credential landscape – the name game
Trust
Microcredentials – issues to resolve

• Integration across sectors
• Quality
• Standards: metadata, identity management, authentication, security
• Archiving
• Fighting traditional practices
My digital footprints ...

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