



How To Become A



**BimlHero**  
CERTIFIED EXPERT

# What is a Biml Hero?

## Overview

Due to the increasing popularity of Biml in the business intelligence community, Varigence has created the Biml Hero Certification Program. This program has been designed to ensure that individuals with the Biml Hero designation are able to design and implement the highest quality solutions using Biml. Biml Heroes will also be certified to use Varigence's Mist, the only integrated development (IDE) environment designed specifically for creating data solutions with Biml.

## Why should I become a Biml Hero?

**Listed below are a few of the many benefits of becoming a certified Biml Hero:**

- Biml Heroes will receive exclusive training as part of the certification process.
- Biml Heroes will submit a code sample that will be reviewed by a member of the Biml product team, and feedback will be provided to help the Biml Hero improve coding practices.
- Biml Heroes must pass a test that proves to the employers, clients, and the Biml community that they are true experts.
- Varigence will refer Biml Heroes to organizations that request assistance with Biml or are looking to hire someone who is proficient in Biml.
- Biml Heroes will be featured on both the BimlScript.com and Varigence.com websites. They can add a picture, a short bio, and links to their social networking pages.
- Biml Heroes can display the Biml Hero badge and Biml Hero Certified expert logo for professional use on their blogs, business cards, social networking sites and other marketing material.
- Varigence will provide access to online Biml content and communities created exclusively for Biml Heroes.
- Upon initial certification you will receive a complimentary Biml Hero t-shirt, polo shirt, and jacket. Biml Heroes may also purchase additional items to promote their certification.

# How do I become a Biml Hero?

## Requirements

**In order to receive Biml Hero certification you must:**

- Have one or more years of experience using Biml and SSIS
- Complete Varigence's in-person or online Biml Hero training class
- Pass Biml Hero Certified Expert Test
- Submit a production-quality BimlScript solution that demonstrates the use of core Biml capabilities in a real-world scenario
- Submit a case study of a real-world data solution that you implemented using Biml
- Pay a program fee of \$1,999 USD to Varigence, Inc. which covers the cost of training, testing, BimlScript solution review, apparel, and program administration

For more information on the requirements please see below:

### **Biml and SSIS Experience**

In order to qualify for the Biml Hero program, a candidate must possess at least one year of experience using Biml in a professional capacity. This can include development work, consulting, training and/or teaching in an academic environment.

### **Varigence Biml Hero Training**

Candidates must complete the Biml Hero training class. The class will consist of eight (8) hours of training provided by Varigence. The training will be conducted using the Varigence Mist Integrated Development Environment (IDE). This is the only IDE created specifically for Biml and will maximize candidate's productivity while using Biml.

Biml Hero training classes will be announced on Varigence.com and BimlScript.com. Training classes will take place at Varigence's office in Greenville, SC and Sydney, Australia. Training classes will be offered at additional locations on a limited basis. All travel arrangements and expenses are the responsibility of the Biml Hero candidate. In the future, online training options will be available for individuals who due to their geographic location are unable to attend an in-person training class; however, in-person training is strongly encouraged when feasible.

### **Certified Expert Test**

After attending the Biml Hero training class candidates must pass the Biml Hero Certified Expert Test. This test will be made available online, and candidates will have six months from the time they attend their training class to achieve a passing score on the test. If a passing score is not earned the test may be taken again within the six month time period until a passing score is achieved.

### **Coding Samples**

Since Biml Heroes will be expected to expertly prepare Biml code for their clients, employers, and students, a real-world code sample must be provided by the candidate for review by Varigence.

Within six months of completing the Biml Hero training class, candidates must submit a coding sample that demonstrates a production-quality automated data solution using Biml. While the solution does not have to be in production or be used at an organization, it should be of a quality that it could be used in such scenarios. Specifically, care should be taken to demonstrate error handling, edge case management, and other considerations required for real-world usage. The solution should also make use of Biml's most productive features such as transformers, though there will be significant leeway in this requirement. While there is no minimum or maximum length for the solution, prior solutions have been 1,000 to 5,000 lines of BimlScript code. Please do not include any confidential, proprietary, or client information in your coding sample. Coding samples will be kept confidential by Varigence staff.

### **Case Studies**

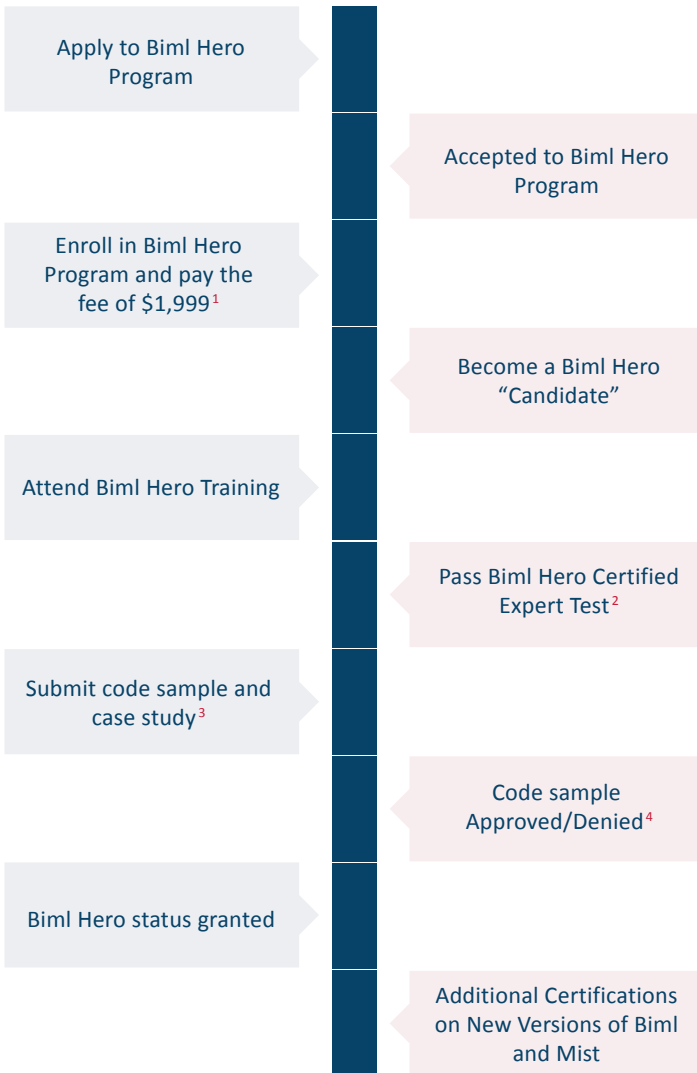
Since Biml Heroes will need to implement automated data solutions using Biml, a case study detailing a prior Biml implementation by the candidate must be provided to Varigence.

Within six months of completing the Biml Hero training class, candidates must submit to Varigence a case study detailing the implementation of a data solution using Biml. The case study should be a minimum of two pages in length and detail the benefits (productivity, ROI, cost savings, etc.) experienced from using Biml.

### **Program Fee**

In order to offset the cost of training, code review, and program administration a fee of \$1,999 USD is charged for the Biml Hero Certification Program. After enrolling in the Biml Hero Certification Program the program fee is non-refundable.

# Certification Process



<sup>1</sup> After enrollment program fee is non-refundable.

<sup>2</sup> Biml Hero Test is available online. A passing grade must be received within six months from completion of Biml Hero training.

<sup>3</sup> Candidate has six months from completion of Biml hero Training to pass Biml Hero Test and submit code sample and case study.

<sup>4</sup> If the code sample is not approved, the candidate has 30 days to resubmit the code sample for review one additional time.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## How long do I have to complete my Biml test, coding sample, and case study after completing the training?

After completing the Biml Hero training class, candidates will have six months to pass the Biml Hero test and submit their coding sample and case study. However, please note Biml Hero status will not be awarded until candidate has passed their test as well as submitting and receiving approval from Varigence on both their coding sample and case study. If you have not completed the above requirements within six months of attending the Biml Hero training class you will no longer be eligible to achieve Biml Hero status. After a six month waiting period you may reapply to become a Biml Hero however you will have to re-attend the Biml hero training class and pay a new program fee of \$1,999 USD.

## What happens if my coding sample is not approved?

If your code sample is not approved, you will be provided feedback about the required areas of improvement. You will then have 30 days to resubmit the coding sample for review one additional time. If your coding sample is not approved after the second submission, you will not be allowed to make further submissions and will no longer be eligible to achieve Biml Hero status. You may reapply to the Biml Hero program six months after your second submission. However, you will have to re-attend the Biml hero training class and pay a new program fee of \$1,999 USD.

## How do I maintain my Biml Hero Status?

Biml Hero status is maintained in perpetuity for the version of Biml/Mist on which the Biml Hero was certified. With each new major release of the product, Biml Heroes will be able to update their certification by taking a continuing education course, as well as passing an evaluation based on the content of that course. There may be a small fee associated with this training and evaluation. There will be no further case studies or coding samples required to update certifications.

## Can I lose my Biml Hero certification?

Varigence may remove a Biml Hero for the following reasons:

- The Biml Hero engages in behaviors or activities that negatively affect the Biml Community or are otherwise not in the spirit of the Biml Hero Certification Program.
- The Biml Hero violates the EULA for Varigence products.

Removal from the Biml Hero Program will be effective immediately upon written notification. No refunds will be issued. Varigence will have sole discretion in determining if a Biml Hero is removed from the program.

## Do Biml Heroes have access to Mist and other Varigence software?

Biml Heroes do not receive free software from Varigence. However Biml Heroes may separately meet the eligibility requirements to become Varigence Community Partners. Varigence Community Partners are eligible to receive complimentary licenses of Mist and Vivid. Please contact [partners@varigence.com](mailto:partners@varigence.com) for more information on the Varigence Community Partner Program.

# Badges for Website

## Certificates & Badges

Upon obtaining certification, Biml Heroes will be awarded a Certificate of Completion. Additionally you will receive high resolution files of Biml Hero Certified Expert badges for display on your website, business cards, etc.

## Certificate



## 3D Badges



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## Flat Badges



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# Benefits of being a Biml Hero?

## Apparel

Upon obtaining certification, Biml Heroes will receive a complimentary men's or women's t shirt, polo shirt, and jacket. Additional Biml Hero items will be available for purchase.



