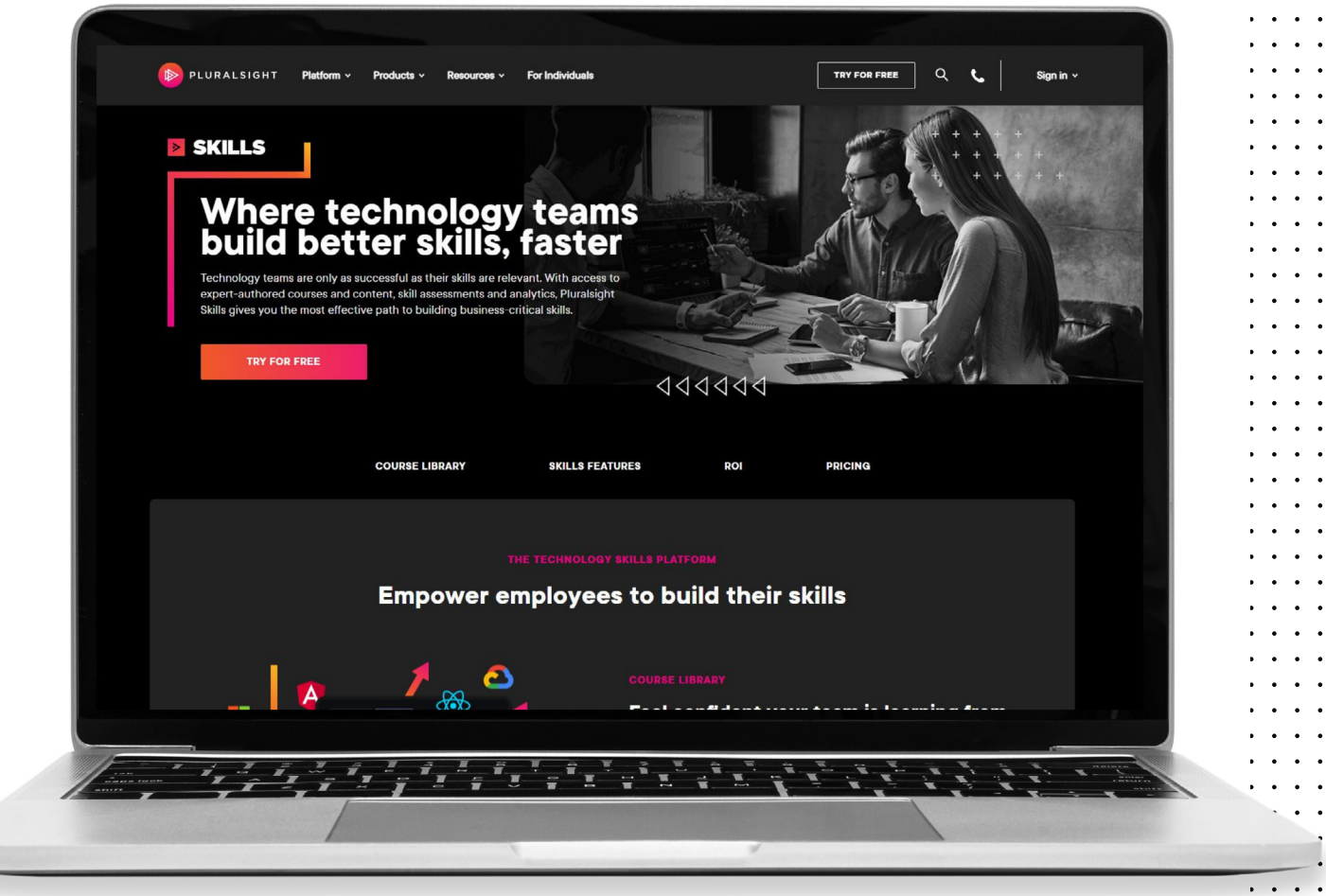
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A QUICK START GUIDE TO PLURALSIGHT

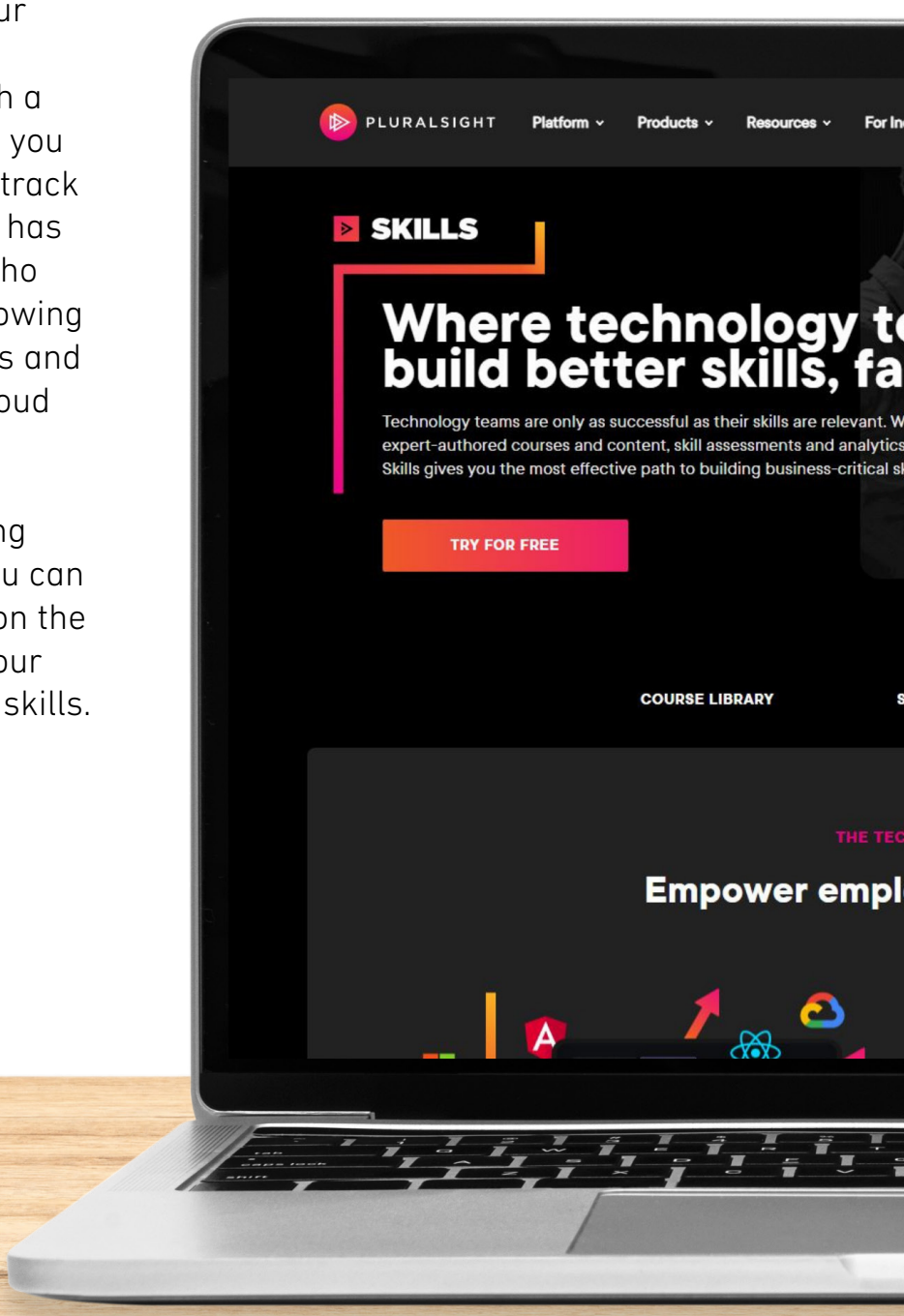


MAXIMISING YOUR EXPERIENCE

Pluralsight hosts a range of technology skills courses, that will help you as a digital apprentice, work through your training and prepare for end-point assessment. Pluralsight comes with a variety of features designed to help you to understand your skills gaps and track your progress across time. Content has been curated by industry experts who are constantly updating an ever-growing library of skills assessments, videos and interactive learning experiences, cloud labs, and hands-on projects.

By working closely with your training provider and by using this guide, you can make the most of your experience on the platform and confidently develop your expertise in a variety of technology skills.

PLURALSIGHT



GETTING STARTED

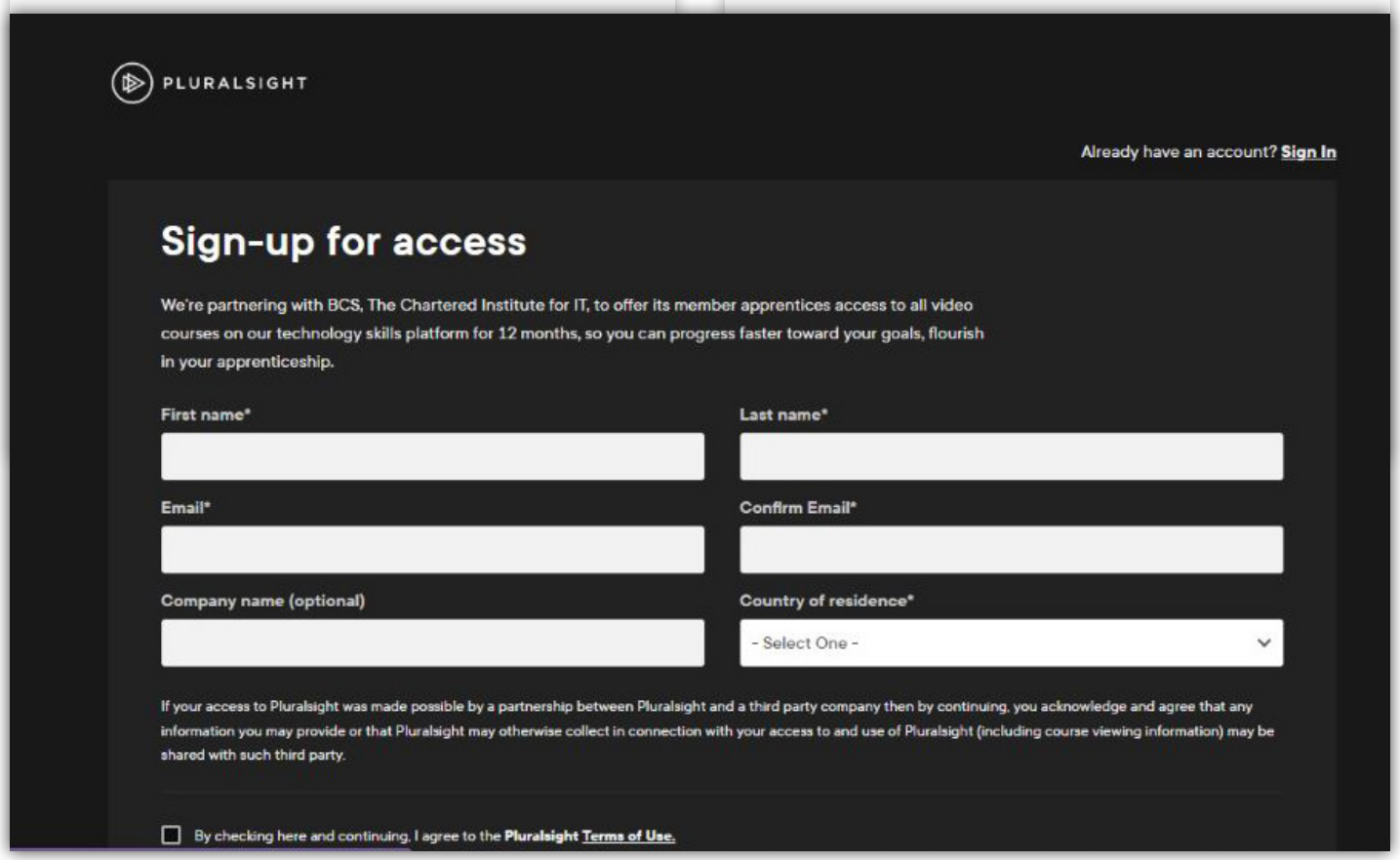
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Once you have completed your BCS membership registration you will be provided with a unique code and URL which you can use to create an account on the Pluralsight website.

By following the URL, you should be presented with the following page:

2

Once you have signed up you will be asked by **Pluralsight** whether you are happy to be contacted with updates and further support. This includes access to a Skill Assessment which measures your current skill level and can be used to give you an understanding of your areas of weakness and necessary growth.

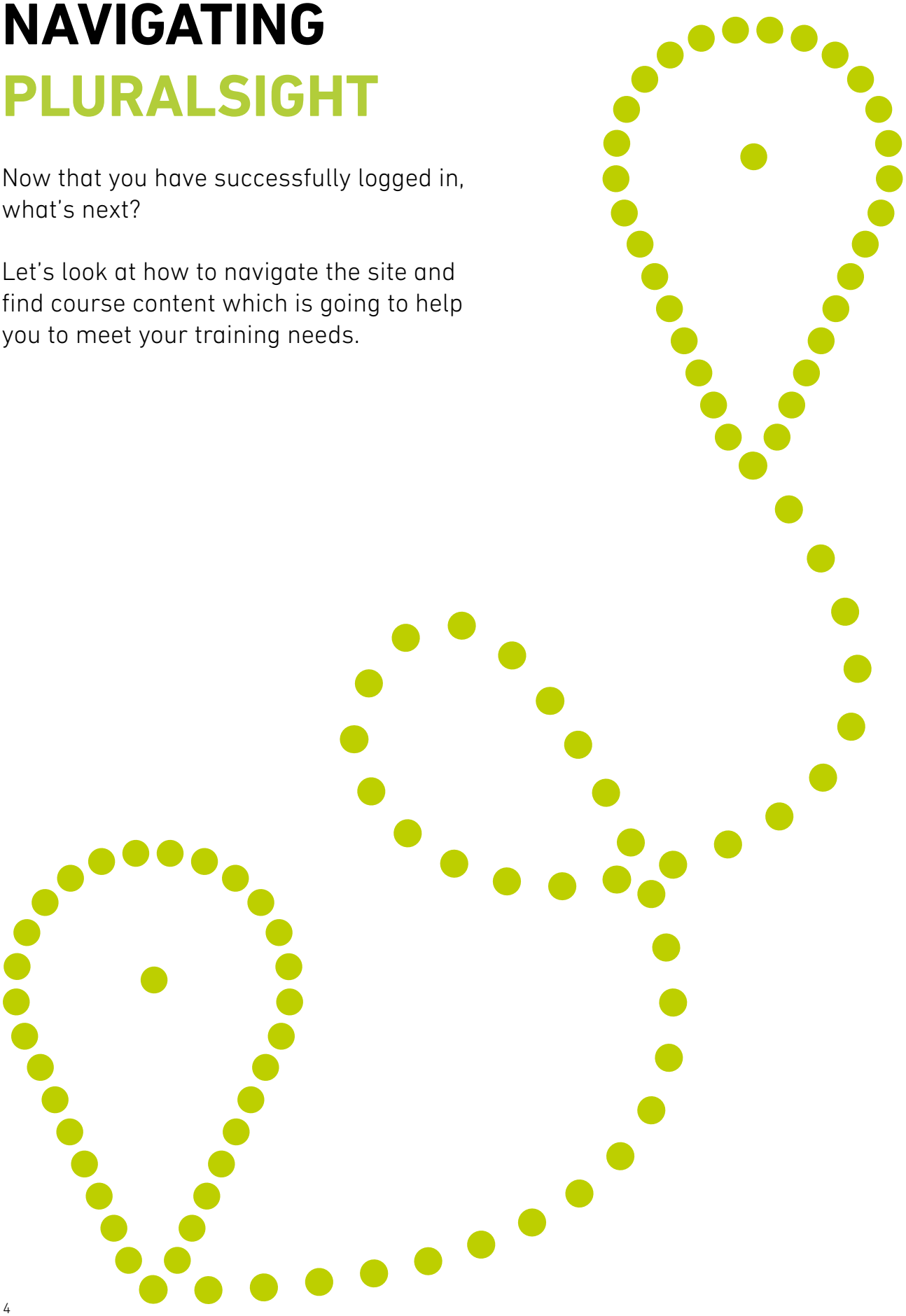


If you have any problems accessing the Pluralsight platform please contact support@pluralsight.com or have any queries relating to your BCS membership, please contact the Support Team via email at supportteam@bcs.uk.

NAVIGATING PLURALSIGHT

Now that you have successfully logged in, what's next?

Let's look at how to navigate the site and find course content which is going to help you to meet your training needs.



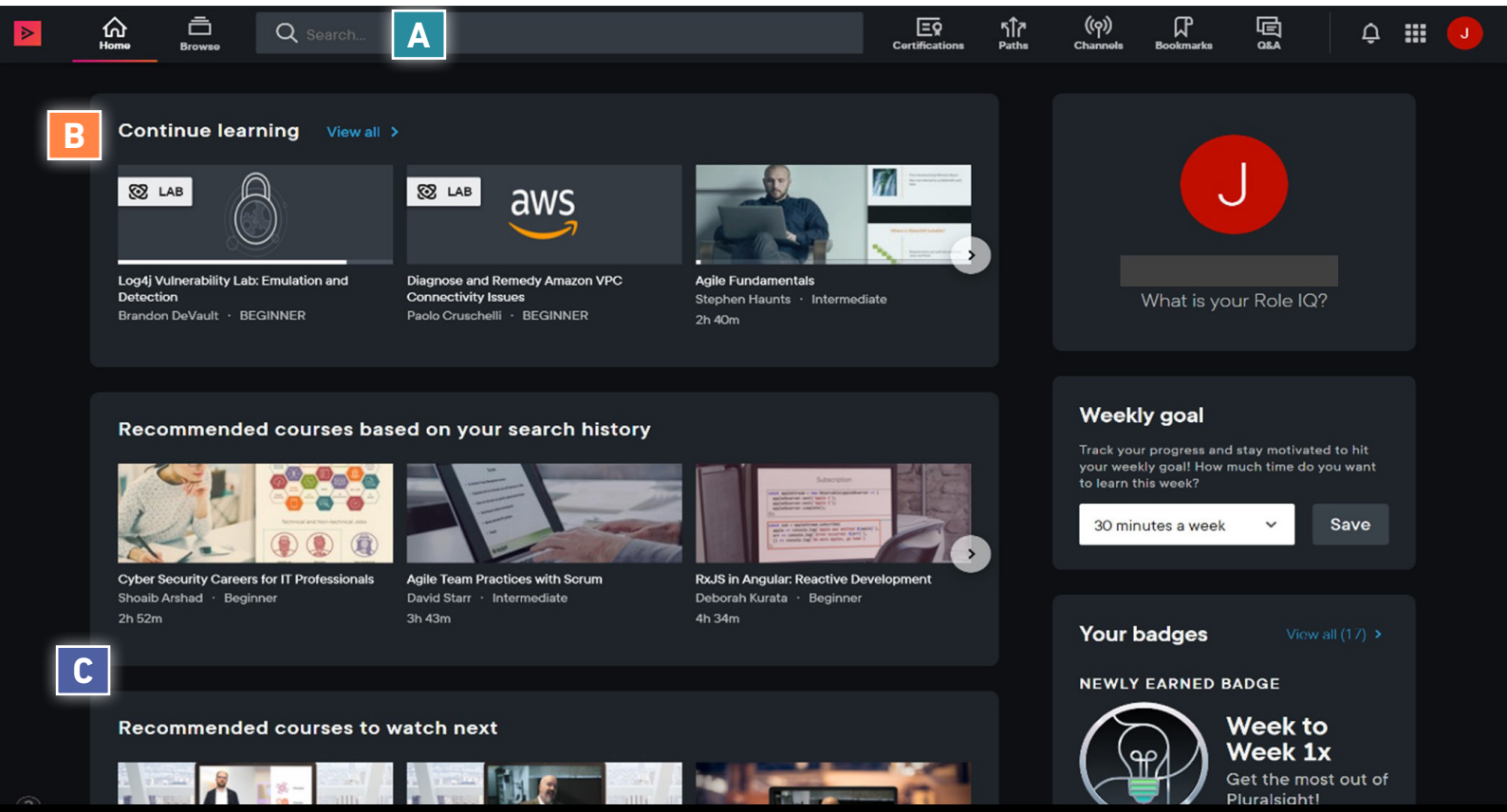
THE SKILLS
HOMEPAGE

Once you have created an account, you will now be able to login and view the Pluralsight homepage. Here are some of the main features to look out for:

A **The Search Bar:** This allows to you search for specific courses by entering the course name or search term relating to it. Press enter or click the magnifying glass to action your search.

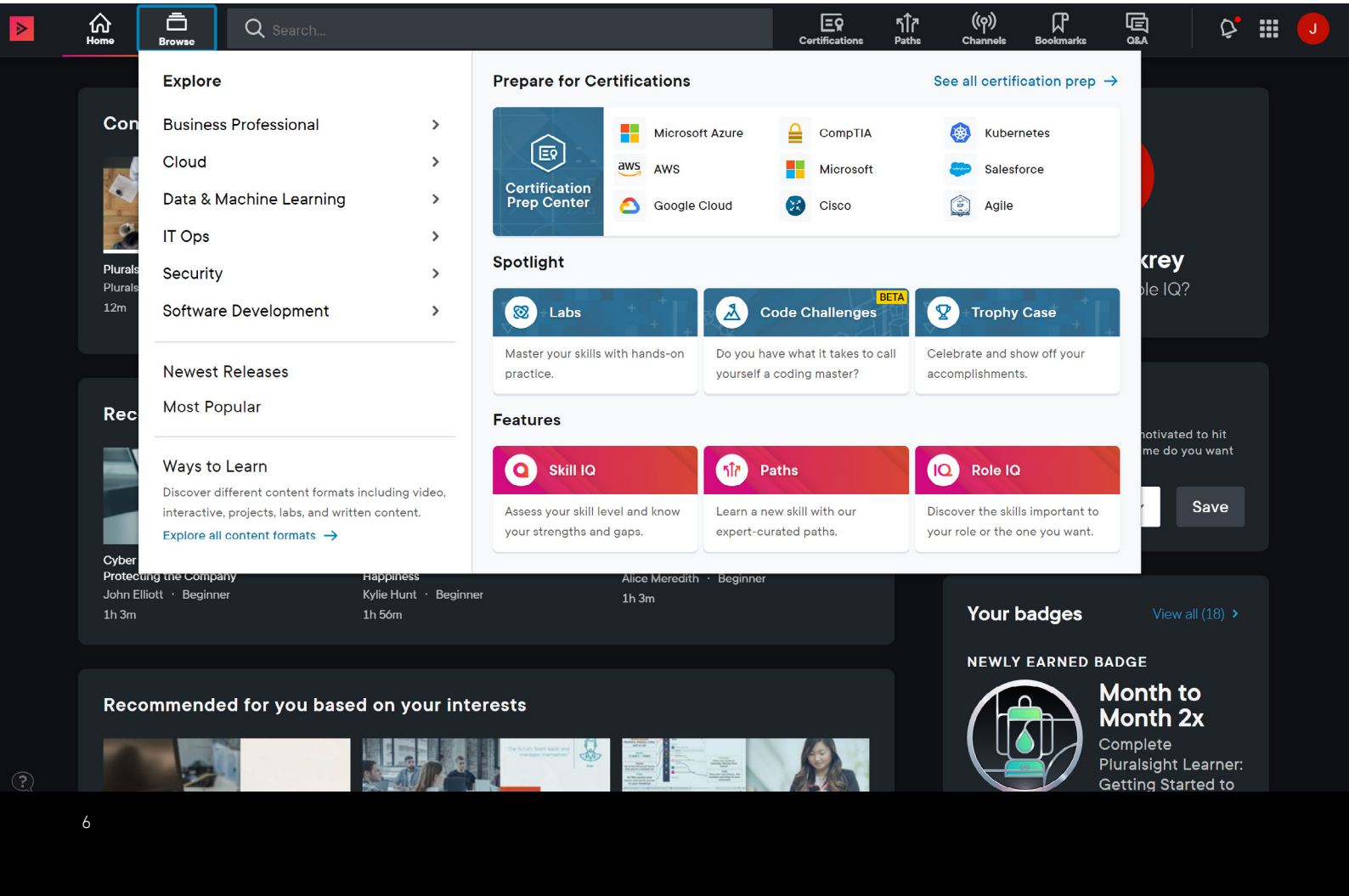
B **Continue Learning:** Here, you will find shortcuts to courses which you have started but have not yet completed. Pluralsight remembers your progress for each course. To pick up where you left off, click on the relevant shortcut.

C **Recommended courses:** Further down the page, you can view course which Pluralsight recommends based on the courses you have previously searched for and have attempted. This can be useful when considering the next step along your learning journey.



THE SKILLS HOMEPAGE

Also located on the Skills home page, besides the search bar, is a button called 'Browse'. This allows you to view a range of courses offered by Pluralsight. This can be useful when you are uncertain about the course which you need to take, and want to identify the options available to you.



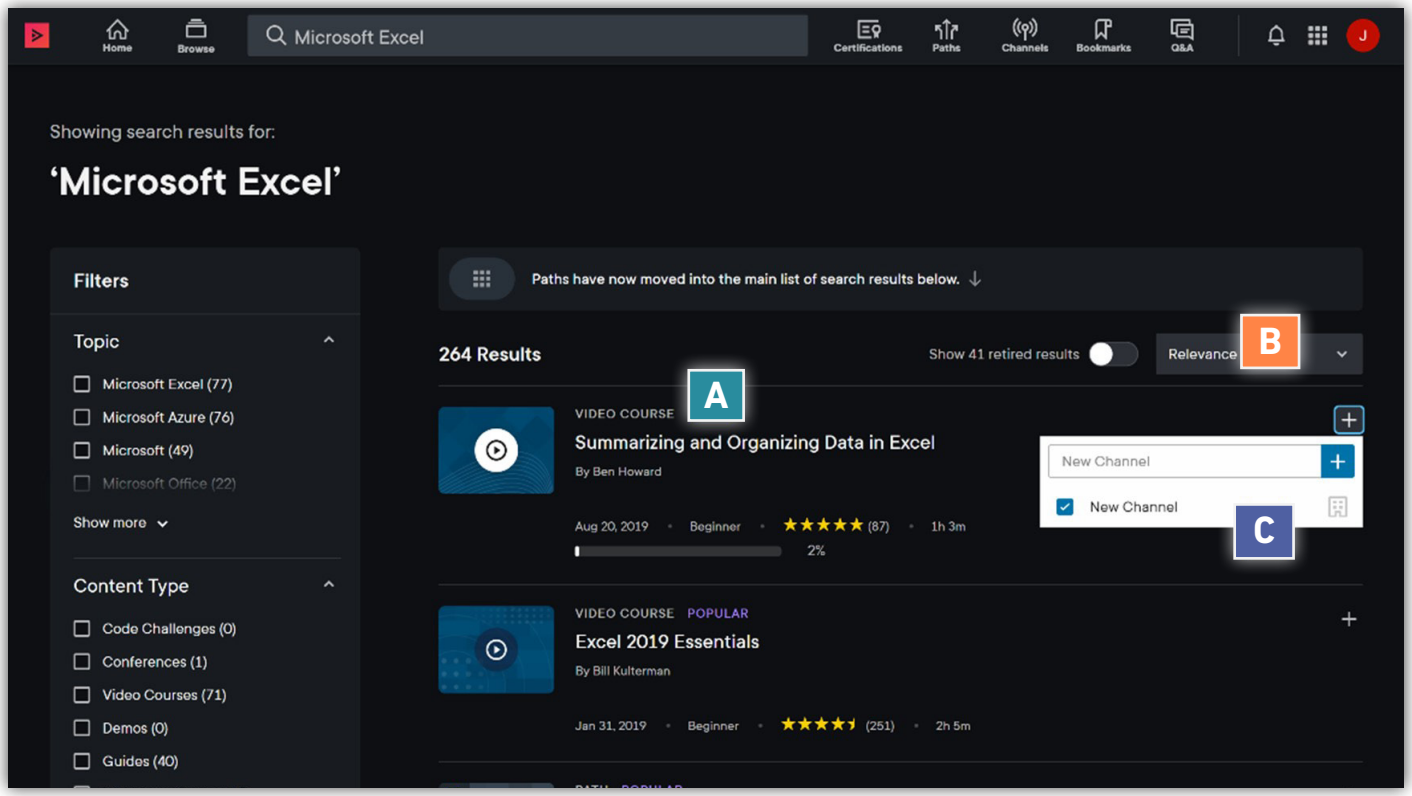
SEARCHING FOR COURSES

Searched items will be presented to you in the form of a list in the example given below of a search for 'Microsoft Excel', we have identified the following page features which are particularly useful:

A **Course Type:** Besides each listed course you will find a short description of the course content, for instance, the first one listed is a video course, whilst further down is a path. You will also find information relating to when the course was posted, what level it is pitched at, how long it takes to complete, and the rating given to it by other Pluralsight users represented by stars.

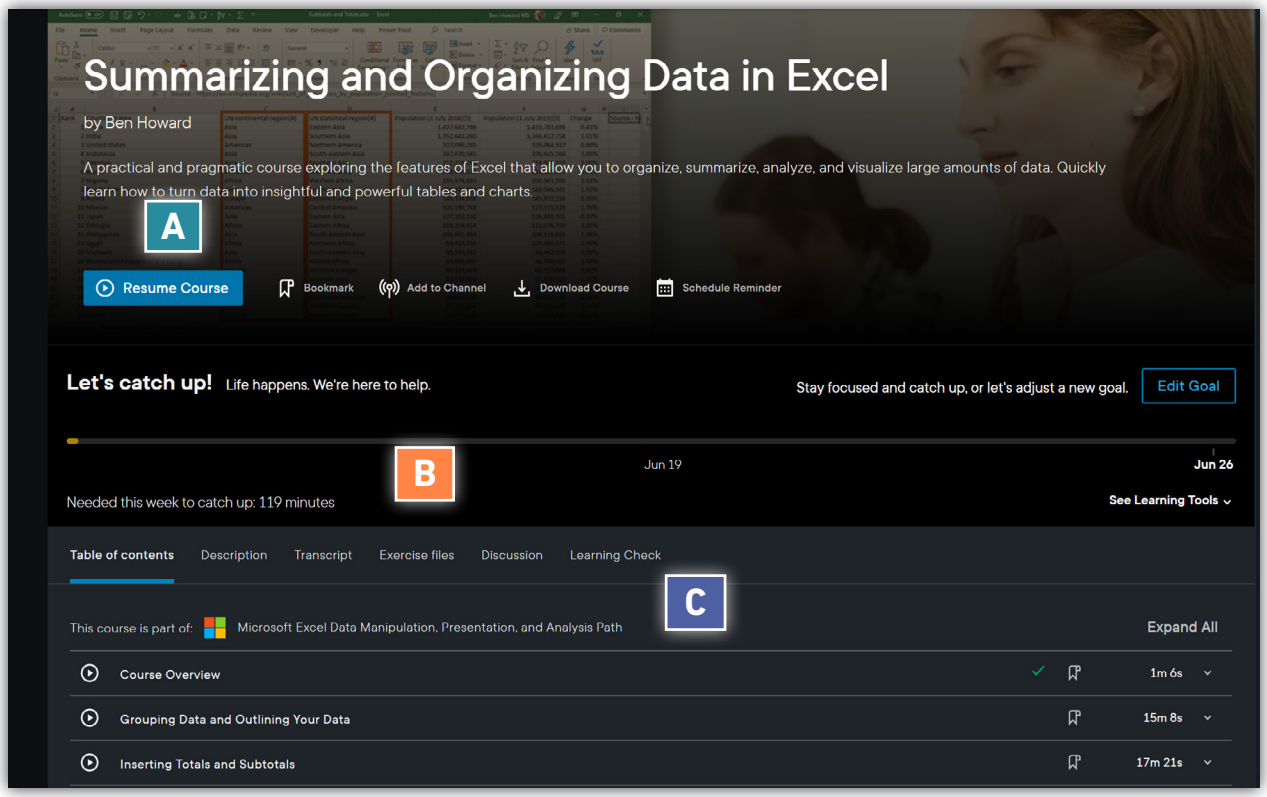
B **Filter:** By clicking on this drop-down menu, you can filter courses based on relevance to your search term, newest to oldest and popularity.

C **Saving courses:** In order to save a course, so it may be revisited later, you can click the plus icon to the right of the course name. Then click the plus icon next to 'New Channel'. The course will then automatically be added to a channel. These can be accessed via the Channels button at the top of the page.



VIEWING COURSES AND RESOURCES

Having clicked on a given course you will then be taken to the course page. Video course pages look like the one shown here and have a number of features to look out for:



A

Start/Resume Course button: This button will take you to the course content, in this case in the form of video chapters. It will either go to the beginning of the course or pick up where you left off.

B

Learning Tools: Further down the page you will find a variety of learning tools. The first is a table of contents which sets out all of the course content in easy-to-view chapters, a description of the course, a transcript for videos as well as Exercise files, a forum page and practice questions.

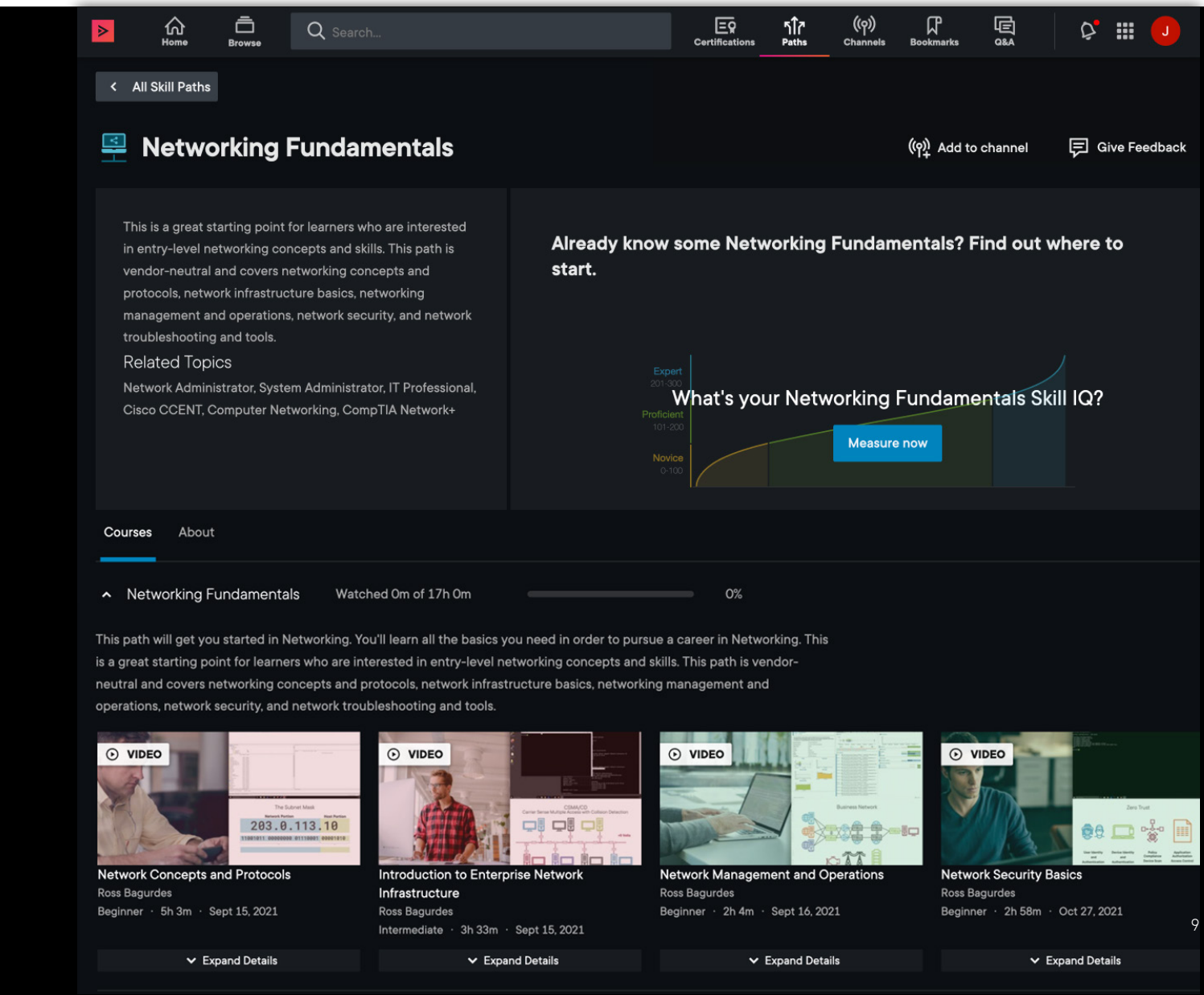
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Chapters: Each course is divided into chapters, and sometimes sub-chapters depending on the size of the course. Each chapter will contain a video for you to watch, with the length of each chapter shown in hours, minutes and seconds so you can plan your viewing time.

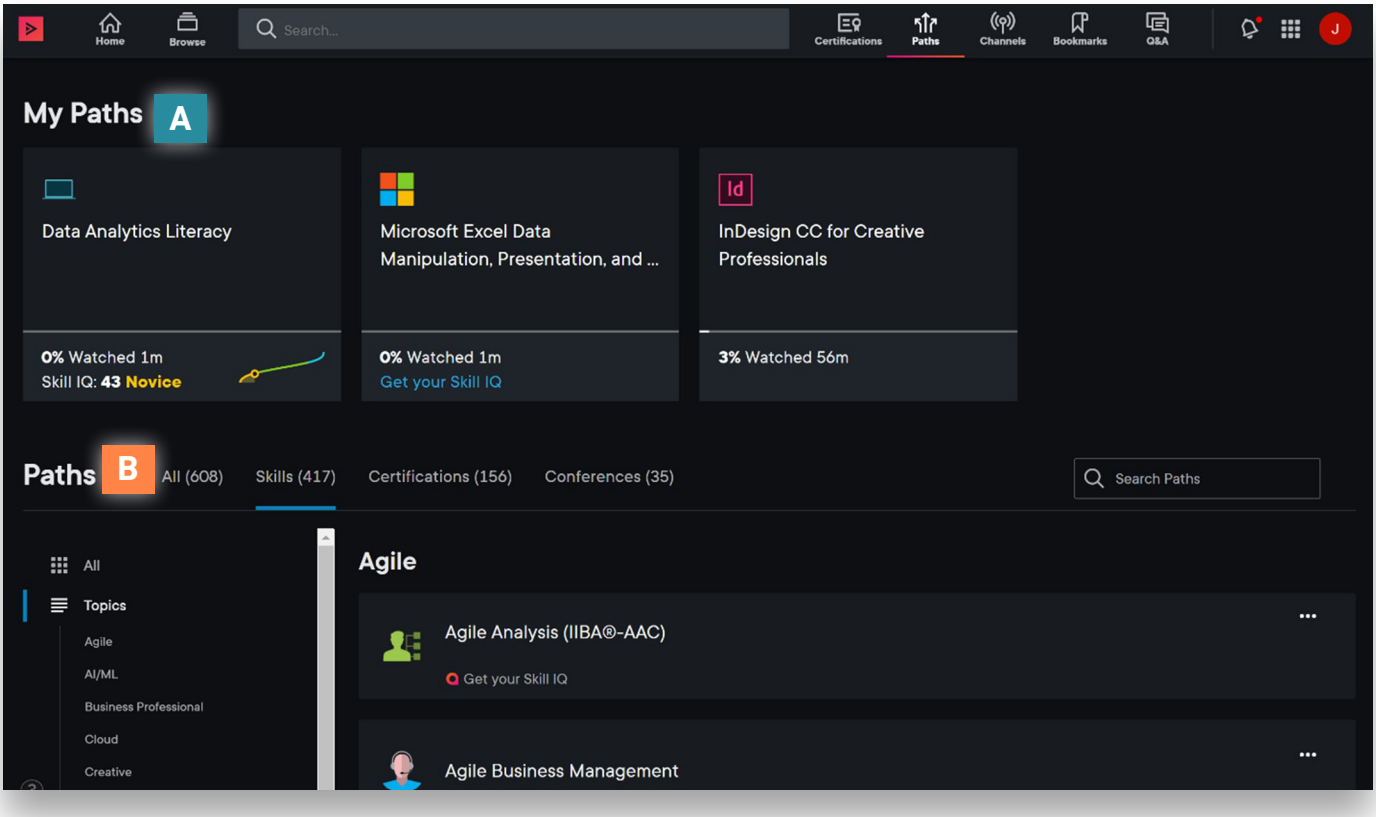
PATHS

As well as ‘Courses’ there are also ‘Paths’ which you can access by selecting the ‘Paths’ icon at the top of the page. Paths can be defined as collections of content which relate to a given subject matter. They have been put together by Pluralsight authors and experts, and have been intentionally pitched at different progress levels, i.e. some content is defined as being for beginners, some for intermediate level and some at advanced level.

The Pluralsight library is here for you to explore. Bear in mind that your training provider will also supply you with a list of recommended courses and paths mapped to your apprenticeship and skill level. Whilst this should not wholly restrict you when searching for courses, (exploration of the site is encouraged!), this is intended to provide a focus and a guide when structuring your studies.



PATHS





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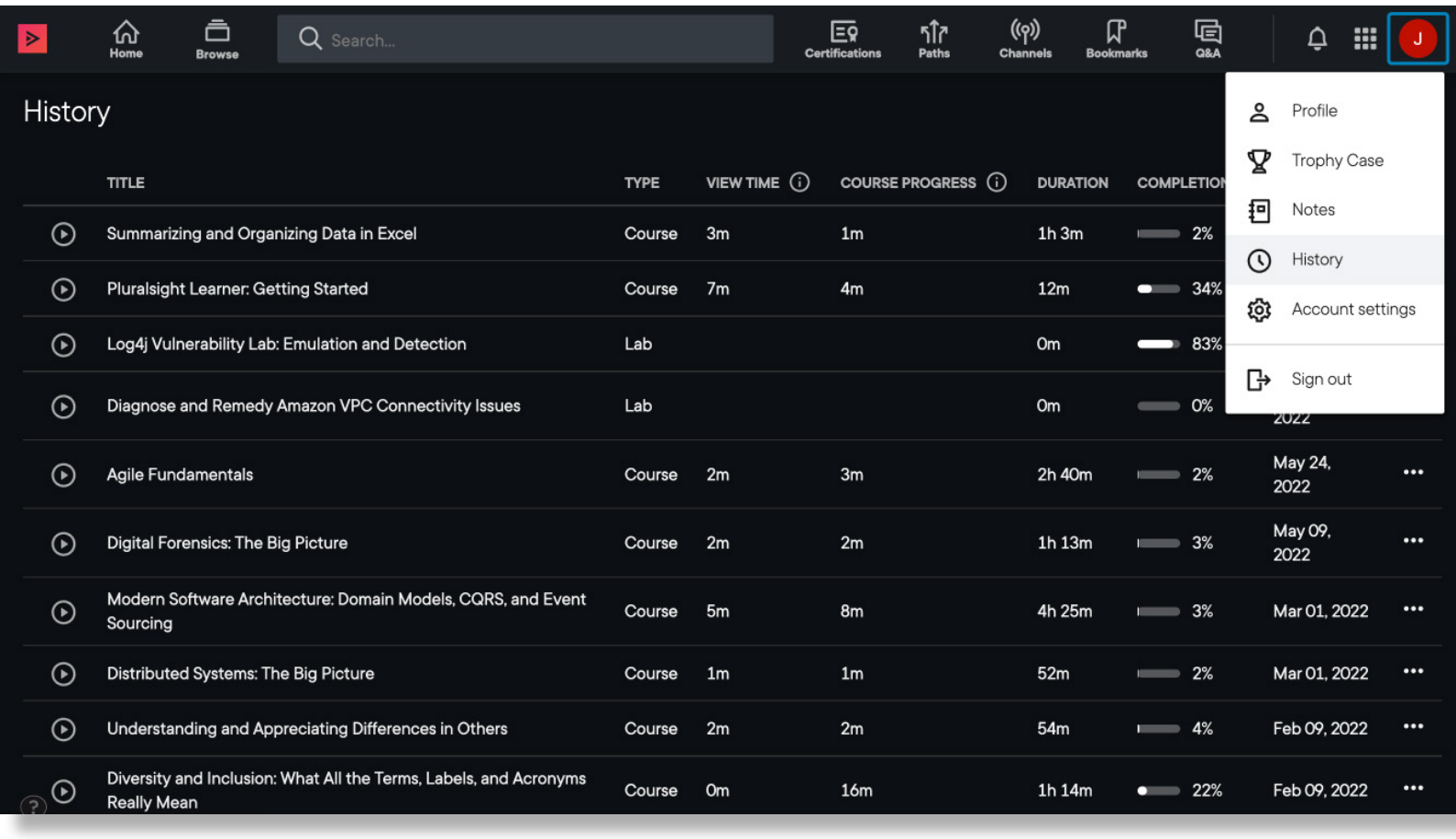
My Paths: Here Pluralsight charts your progress towards learning particular skills. This is visually represented using a graph showing time and progress as either Novice, Proficient or Expert.

B

Paths: This area sets out all of the available pathways that, as a learner, you can set out upon. When clicking on a given pathway you will be asked to measure your 'Skill IQ level' in order to work out your existing skill in that area. Based on this measurement, content will be suggested which is at the appropriate level and will allow you to further develop your skills in this area.

YOUR VIEWING HISTORY

You can keep track of the Courses and Paths you have engaged with by using the 'History' option available from the profile options, shown below.



This will provide you with a full list of all the content you've accessed within the Pluralsight library, how much time you have spent on each course or path, your completion progress, as well the dates you last viewed the course. This information can be useful in providing supportive evidence of your time spent learning while undertaking your Apprenticeship.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

PLAYBACK OPTIONS

Pluralsight offers video courses not only through pluralsight.com but also through several Pluralsight apps and offline players. If you're experiencing issues with video buffering or bandwidth, check out some tips for troubleshooting video player connections.

DON'T GET BLOCKED

Pluralsight has several security measures in place to ensure the integrity of its content. The following information suggests best practice information on how not to find yourself blocked and unable to complete assignments.

BLOCKED ACCESS

If your access to Pluralsight has been blocked, it could be for a variety of reasons. The following are the most common causes of automatic blocks:

- Clicking too often or too quickly in the video player
- Clicking to the end of a video clip soon after starting it
- Refreshing the page too often
- Running browser extensions

EXTENSIONS

Browser extensions can cause issues with the Pluralsight video player. To prevent unexpected behaviour, consider suspending browser extensions while using the Pluralsight platform. For more information about suspending extensions, please visit the settings section of your specific browser.

IF YOU ARE BLOCKED

If you believe your account has been blocked, visit the Help Center and follow the guide about blocking errors. You may also contact the Pluralsight Support team at support@pluralsight.com. Support is available 24/7. Please note, repeated blocks can result in permanent blocks.

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If you have questions about blocking or acceptable use of the Pluralsight platform, please visit our Terms of Use and our privacy notice for further information.

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