



COIT12202 *Network Security Concepts*

Term 2 - 2019

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General Information

Overview

As the Internet becomes more pervasive, so do the threats to the security of our computer systems and communications. This unit provides you with grounding in security technology. You will study common network security attacks, then the technologies to defend against those attacks. These technologies include cryptography, access control, authentication, firewalls and wireless network protocols. This unit provides security knowledge that is required for industry standard certification exams, such as CompTIA.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 2*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prerequisite: COIT12206 OR COIT13147

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 2 - 2019

- Brisbane
- Cairns
- Melbourne
- Online
- Rockhampton
- Sydney
- Townsville

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 15%

2. **Online Quiz(zes)**

Weighting: 10%

3. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 15%

4. **Online Quiz(zes)**

Weighting: 10%

5. **Examination**

Weighting: 50%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Student Feedback

Feedback

The written assignment questions involving research are challenging and time-consuming.

Recommendation

Research components of these assignment tasks are important, which help students to stay up to date with trends of network security. More support (guidelines) will be provided to help students with online research on the related topics of network security.

Feedback from Unit evaluation

Feedback

The current textbook contains some out of date examples.

Recommendation

Update unit materials based on the latest version of the provided textbook.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Describe key security concepts and principles
2. Discuss how common security attacks and defences work
3. Explain the role of cryptographic mechanisms in providing computer and network security
4. Apply access control technologies, including firewalls and authentication, to secure computer networks
5. Explain threats and defences that are specific to wireless networks.

Australian Computer Society (ACS) recognises the Skills Framework for the Information Age (SFIA). SFIA is in use in over 100 countries and provides a widely used and consistent definition of ICT skills. SFIA is increasingly being used when developing job descriptions and role profiles.

ACS members can use the tool MySFIA to build a skills profile at

<https://www.acs.org.au/professionalrecognition/mysfia-b2c.html>

This unit contributes to the following workplace skills as defined by SFIA. The SFIA code is included:

- Information Security (SCTY)
- Penetration Testing (PENT)
- Network Support (NTAS)
- Security Administration (SCAD)
- Problem Management (PBMG)
- Data Analysis (DTAN)
- System Design (DESN)
- Incident Management (USUP)

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5 - Examination - 50%	•	•	•	•		•		•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

COIT12202

Prescribed

CompTIA security+ guide to network security fundamentals

Edition: 6th (2017)

Authors: Ciampa, M

Cengage

Boston , Massachusetts , USA

ISBN: 978-1-337-28878-1

Binding: Paperback

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)
- Snort - Network Intrusion Prevention And Detection System (NIPS - NIDS)
- VirtualBox - A Virtualization Software Package
- Wireshark - Network Protocol Analyser

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 15 Jul 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Introduction to Security	Chapter 1	

Week 2 - 22 Jul 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Threats	Chapter 2 & 5	

Week 3 - 29 Jul 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Hash Algorithms and Symmetric
Cryptographic Algorithms Chapter 3

Week 4 - 05 Aug 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Asymmetric Cryptographic Algorithms (Digital Signature and Certificate)	Chapter 3 & 4	

Week 5 - 12 Aug 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Public Key Infrastructure and Cryptographic Transport Protocols	Chapter 4	

Vacation Week - 19 Aug 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Week 6 - 26 Aug 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Network Security Devices, Design, and Technology	Chapter 6	SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS - 1 Due: Week 6 Monday (26 Aug 2019) 11:45 pm AEST Online Quiz - 1 Due: Week 6 Friday (30 Aug 2019) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 7 - 02 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Administering a Secure Network	Chapter 7	

Week 8 - 09 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Access Management	Chapter 12	

Week 9 - 16 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Identity Management	Chapter 11	

Week 10 - 23 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Wireless Network Security	Chapter 8	

Week 11 - 30 Sep 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Mobile and Embedded Device Security	Chapter 10	SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS - 2 Due: Week 11 Friday (4 Oct 2019) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 12 - 07 Oct 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Risk Management	Chapter 15	Online Quiz - 2 Due: Week 12 Friday (11 Oct 2019) 11:45 pm AEST

Review/Exam Week - 14 Oct 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Exam Week - 21 Oct 2019

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Assessment Tasks

1 SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS - 1

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS - 1 is designed to test your understanding of information security including the basic concepts of information security, threats, cryptography, public key infrastructure and cryptographic transport protocols. The assessment task contains a series of short-answer questions relating to the contents covered in weeks 1-5. Further details, including what you are required to submit, will be available on the Moodle website.

Assessment Due Date

Week 6 Monday (26 Aug 2019) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 8 Monday (9 Sept 2019)

Assessments will be returned through Moodle. Late submissions with or without extension approvals may be returned after the above date.

Weighting

15%

Assessment Criteria

For short-answer questions, the answers will be assessed in regards to accuracy, clarity and detail. A template with detailed tabular marking criteria will be provided on Moodle. Assignments received 14 days or more after the due date will not be marked and will receive zero.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Submission instructions are provided in Moodle.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Discuss how common security attacks and defences work
- Explain the role of cryptographic mechanisms in providing computer and network security

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Online Quiz - 1

Assessment Type

Online Quiz(zes)

Task Description

The quiz consists of a series of 30 True/False and Multiple Choice questions.

Questions will be randomly selected from a pool of questions on topics in weeks from 1 to 5.

You are unlikely to be asked the same questions as other students, nor the same questions in subsequent attempts at the quiz.

The time limit for each attempt is 45 minutes. The quiz automatically closes - if you have not submitted an attempt at the quiz by the due date, you will receive zero.

You are allowed to attempt the quiz as many times as you want, however, the result of your last submission will be your final mark of the quiz.

Number of Quizzes**Frequency of Quizzes****Assessment Due Date**

Week 6 Friday (30 Aug 2019) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 6 Friday (30 Aug 2019)

Immediately after the quiz closes.

Weighting

10%

Assessment Criteria

The quiz is automatically graded by the system based on the selection of correct or incorrect answers.

Each attempt will be marked after you submit your answers.

The result of your last submission will be your final mark of the quiz.

Extensions are not possible for quizzes. If you miss the quiz, you cannot do it later.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Describe key security concepts and principles

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving

3 SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS - 2

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS - 2 is designed to test your understandings, including network security, wireless security, mobile security, access control, identity management.

The assessment task contains a series of short-answer questions relating to the contents covered in weeks 6-10.

Further details, including what you are required to submit, will be available on the Moodle website.

Assessment Due Date

Week 11 Friday (4 Oct 2019) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Review/Exam Week Friday (18 Oct 2019)

Assessments will be returned through Moodle. Late submissions with or without extension approvals may be returned after the above date.

Weighting

15%

Assessment Criteria

For short-answer questions, the answers will be assessed in regards to accuracy, clarity and detail.

A template with detailed tabular marking criteria will be provided on Moodle.

Assignments received 14 days or more after the due date will not be marked and will receive zero.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

Submission instructions are provided in Moodle.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Apply access control technologies, including firewalls and authentication, to secure computer networks
- Explain threats and defences that are specific to wireless networks.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Information Technology Competence

4 Online Quiz - 2

Assessment Type

Online Quiz(zes)

Task Description

The quiz consists of a series of 30 True/False and Multiple Choice questions. Questions will be randomly selected from a pool of questions on topics in weeks 6 to 11.

You are unlikely to be asked the same questions as other students, nor the same questions in subsequent attempts at the quiz.

The time limit for each attempt is 45 minutes. The quiz automatically closes - if you have not submitted an attempt at the quiz by the due date, you will receive zero.

You are allowed to attempt the quiz as many times as you want, however, the result of your last submission will be your final mark of the quiz.

Number of Quizzes

Frequency of Quizzes

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Friday (11 Oct 2019) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 12 Friday (11 Oct 2019)

Immediately after the quiz closes.

Weighting

10%

Assessment Criteria

The quiz is automatically graded by the system based on the selection of correct or incorrect answers.

Each attempt will be marked after you submit your answers.

The result of your last submission will be your final mark of the quiz.

Extensions are not possible for quizzes. If you miss the quiz, you cannot do it later.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Describe key security concepts and principles

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving

Examination

Outline

Complete an invigilated examination.

Date

During the examination period at a CQUniversity examination centre.

Weighting

50%

Length

120 minutes

Exam Conditions

Restricted.

Materials

Dictionary - non-electronic, concise, direct translation only (dictionary must not contain any notes or comments).

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem