

NETWORK DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT

ISCED UNIT CODE: 0612 451 07A

TVET CDACC UNIT CODE: IT/CU/ICTA/CR/02/5/MA

Duration of Unit: 200 Hours

Relationship to Occupational Standards

This unit addresses the Unit of Competency: Perform Computer Networking

Unit Description

This unit covers the competencies required to perform network design and management. It involves designing computer network, installing computer network, testing computer network and performing computer network maintenance.

Summary of Learning Outcomes

LEARNING OUTCOMES	DURATION (HOURS)
1. Design computer network	40
2. Install computer network	60
3. Test computer network	30
4. Perform computer network maintenance.	30
TOTAL	160

Learning Outcomes, Content and Suggested Assessment Methods

Learning Outcome	Content	Suggested Assessment Methods
1. Design computer network	1.1 User needs collections 1.1.1 Introduction to computer networking 1.1.1.1 Definition of Computer Network	• Practical assessment • Project

	terms 1.1.2 Computer Network types 1.1.2.1 LAN 1.1.2.2 WAN 1.1.2.3 PAN 1.1.2.4 MAN 1.1.3 Network topologies 1.1.3.1 Star 1.1.3.2 Ring 1.1.3.3 Mesh 1.1.3.4 Hybrid 1.1.3.5 Point to Point 1.1.4 Components of a computer network 1.1.4.1 switches/hubs 1.1.4.2 routers 1.1.4.3 ports 1.1.4.4 computers 1.1.4.5 Transmission media 1.1.5 Computer Network user requirements/needs 1.1.5.1 User requirements identification 1.1.5.2 User requirements analysis 1.1.5.3 User requirements documentation 1.2 Physical network design development 1.3 Logical network design development 1.4 Computer network design 1.4.1 Network design overview 1.4.2 Network design methodology 1.4.2.1 Hierarchical Network Design 1.4.2.2 Flat network 1.4.3 Types of computer network sites (Green field and brownfield) 1.4.4 Network site preparation 1.4.4.1 Network floor plan design	• Observation Checklist • Product Checklist • Written assessment • Portfolio of evidence
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	1.4.4.2 Data and Access point 1.4.5 Implement the documented user requirements/needs 1.4.6 Fundamental Design Goals 1.4.6.1 Scalability 1.4.6.2 Availability 1.4.6.3 Security 1.4.6.4 Manageability	
2. Install computer network	2.1 Safety measures 2.1.1 Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) 2.1.1.1 Overall/apron/dust coat 2.1.1.2 Antiglare screens 2.1.1.3 Dust mask 2.1.1.4 Gloves 2.1.1.5 Antistatic equipment 2.1.1.6 Ergonomics 2.1.1.7 First AID kit 2.1.2 Cable management 2.1.1.8 Proper routing 2.1.1.9 Labelling 2.1.3 Electrical safety 2.1.1.10 Use of insulated tools 2.1.1.11 Electrical equipment power ratings 2.1.4 Fire safety 2.1.1.12 Classes of fires 2.1.1.13 Fire extinguishers 2.1.4 Emergency procedures 2.1.1.14 First AID kit 2.1.1.15 Emergency contact 2.1.1.16 Contingency measures 2.2 Computer network components identification 2.2.1 Considerations of network components identification 2.2.1.1 Switches/routers	● Practical assessment ● Project ● Observation Checklist ● Product Checklist ● Written assessment ● Portfolio of evidence

	2.2.1.2 Transmission media and connectors 2.2.1.3 Access points and wireless technology 2.2.1.4 Networking software and management tools 2.2.1.5 Network security devices 2.2.1.6 Servers and storage 2.2.2 Network Tools and materials assembly 2.2.2.1 Basic network tools 2.2.2.1.1 Cable crimpers 2.2.2.1.2 Cable strippers 2.2.2.1.3 Cutters, Scissors, screw drivers Pliers. 2.2.2.1.4 Cable Tie Tools. 2.2.2.1.5 Fiber Optic Tools. 2.2.2.1.6 Insertion - Extraction Tools. 2.2.2.1.7 Manual/Automatic Switch Boxes. 2.2.2.1.8 Network Testers. 2.2.2.1.9 Punch down Tools. 2.2.2.1.10 Tools usage and safety 2.2.2.1.11 Driver installers 2.2.2.1.12 Multimeter 2.2.2.1.13 Tone generator and probe 2.2.3 Computer Network materials 2.2.3.1 Network cables 2.2.3.2 Cable trunking covers 2.2.3.3 Connectors 2.2.3.4 RJ45 Sockets 2.2.3.5 Patch cords 2.2.3.6 Cable ties 2.3 Computer network set up	
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	2.3.1 Network cabling and installation 2.3.1.1 Network design layout 2.3.1.2 Understanding cabling standards and codes 2.3.1.3 Cable termination and installation 2.3.1.4 Setting up wireless network devices 2.3.1.5 Network set up as per the design 2.3.1.6 Application of cable management best practices 2.4 Computer network devices configuration 2.4.1 Network models (TCP/IP, OSI) 2.4.2 Understanding IP Addressing 2.4.2.1 Classful IP Addressing 2.4.2.2 TCP/IP addressing 2.4.2.3 IPV4 and IPV6 2.4.2.4 IP Address Classes 2.4.2.5 Classless interdomain routing (CIDR-Subnetting) 2.4.2.6 Select IP addressing scheme (static vs. dynamic). 2.4.3 Basic switch and router configuration 2.4.3.1 Initial set up and configuration 2.4.3.2 Configuring interfaces and IP addresses 2.4.3.3 Setting up routing protocols (EIGRP, RIP and OSPF) 2.4.3.4 Configuring VLANs 2.4.3.5 Configuring access control lists 2.4.3.6 Implementing network address translation (NAT) and port address translation (PAT) 2.4.3.7 Implementing port security 2.4.3.8 Implementing spanning tree protocol (STP).	
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	2.4.3.9 Configuration link aggregation (LACP) 2.4.4 Wireless access point configuration 2.4.4.1 Setting up access points (APs) 2.4.4.2 SSID, DHCP, DNS, SMTP 2.4.4.3 Configuring wireless security 2.4.4.4 Managing wireless network 2.4.4.5 Network Security configuration 2.4.4.6 Definition of Network privileges 2.4.4.7 Implement firewall and security policies 2.4.4.8 Types of Privileged Accounts 2.4.4.9 Network privileges are allocated according to the network configuration. 2.5 Computer network documentation 2.5.1 Define network documentation 2.5.2 Importance of network documentation 2.5.3 Types of network documentations 2.5.3.1 Physical, Logical and configuration 2.6 Computer network components disposal 2.6.1 Identify computer network waste 2.6.2 Classify computer network waste 2.6.2.1 E- waste 2.6.2.2 Hazards 2.6.2.3 Disposal methods 2.6.3 Legal regulation and compliance on waste disposal 2.6.3.1 Waste management act, 2022 2.6.3.2 EMCA act, 2015 on waste management 2.6.4 Disposal methods 2.6.4.1 The public procurement and assets disposal act, 2015	
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3. Test computer network	3.1 Introduction to network testing 3.1.1 Importance of network testing 3.1.2 Network testing tools and equipment 2.6.4.2 Clamp meter 2.6.4.3 Voltmeter 2.6.4.4 Cable tester 2.6.4.5 Signal tester 2.6.4.6 Ping 2.6.4.7 Traceroute 2.6.4.8 Wireshark 3.2 Network components testing 3.2.1 Types of network testing 2.6.4.9 Performance 2.6.4.10 Functional 2.6.4.11 Security 3.2.2 Network testing procedures and standards 3.3 Network testing report 3.3.1 Importance of generating network test report 3.3.2 Components of a network test report 3.3.3 Presenting network test reports 2.6.4.12 Reports presentation techniques 2.6.4.13 Preparing interactive presentations	• Practical assessment • Project • Observation Checklist • Product Checklist • Written assessment • Portfolio of evidence
4. Perform computer network maintenance.	4.1 Computer network maintenance schedule 4.1.1 Importance of network maintenance 4.1.2 Preparation of maintenance schedule 4.1.3 Network troubleshooting process 4.1.4 Network troubleshooting techniques 4.2 Computer network Monitoring 4.2.1 Monitoring tools 4.2.1.1 Ping 4.2.1.2 Tracert	• Practical assessment • Project • Observation Checklist • Product Checklist • Written

	4.2.1.3 NSLookup 4.2.1.4 Ipconfig 4.2.1.5 Speed test 4.2.1.6 Traceroute 4.2.1.7 Wireshark 4.2.2 Setting and configuring monitoring tools 4.2.3 Analysing network performance data 4.3 Computer network optimization 4.3.1 Network optimization techniques 4.3.2 Implementing quality of service (QOS) 4.4 Computer network maintenance report 4.4.1 Importance of generating network maintenance report 4.4.2 Components of a network maintenance report 4.4.3 Preparation of network maintenance report	assessment Portfolio of evidence
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Suggested Delivery Methods

- Instructor led facilitation using active learning strategies
- Demonstration by trainer
- Practical work by trainee
- Viewing of related videos
- Group discussions
- Direct instructions

Recommended Resources for 25 Trainees

S/No.	Category/Item	Description/Specifications	Quantity	Recommended Ratio (Trainee: Item)
A	Learning Materials			
11.	Textbooks		5 pcs	5:1

12.	Installation manuals			
13.	Charts			
14.	PowerPoint presentations	For trainer's use		
B	Learning Facilities & infrastructure			
15.	Lecture/theory room		1	25:1
16.	Computer laboratory		1	25:1
C	Consumable materials			
17.	Printing papers		1 ream	1:20
18.	Toners		2 pcs	13:1
19.	Assorted colour of whiteboard markers			
D	Tools and Equipment			
14.	Computers		25 pcs	1:1
15.	Projector		1 pc	25:1
16.	Signal testers		5 pcs	5:1
17.	Header checker		25 pcs	1:1
18.	Crimping tools		25 pcs	1:1
19.	Cable tester		5 pcs	5:1
20.	Punch Downs		5 pcs	5:1
21.	Switches		5pcs	5:1
22.	Repeaters		5pcs	5:1
23.	Routers/modem		5pcs	5:1
24.	Network tool kit		25 pcs	1:1
25.	Gateways		5pcs	5:1
26.	Packets of RJ45		300 pcs	1:10
27.	Fibre Modules (SFP)		5pcs	5:1
28.	UTP Ethernet Cable		300 metres	1:10
29.	25 Antistatic gloves		25 pairs	1:1

MODULE 4

UNIT CATEGORY	ISCED UNIT CODE	TVET CDACC UNIT CODE	UNIT NAME	DURATION (HOURS)
COMMON	0613 441 05A	IT/CU/ICTA/CC/02/5/MA	Computer Programming Principles	180
CORE	0612 451 08A	IT/CU/ICTA/CR/01/5/MA	Computerized Database System	200
BASIC	0031 441 01A	IT/CU/ICTA/BC/01/5/MA	Communication Skills	40
BASIC	0413 441 03A	IT/CU/ICTA/BC/02/5/MA	Entrepreneurial Skills	40
		Sub-Total Hours		460
		Industrial Training		480