

2-Year Overview

	Year 11 <i>Master/Secure</i>	Year 10 <i>Secure/Develop</i>
Aims	<p>Component 1: Exploring User Interface Design Principles and Project Planning Techniques-explore user interface design and development principles • investigate how to use project planning techniques to manage a digital project • discover how to develop and review a digital user interface</p> <p>Component 3: Effective Digital Working Practice-: explore how modern information technology is evolving • consider legal and ethical issues in data and information sharing • understand what cyber security is and how to safeguard against</p>	<p>Component 2: Collecting, Presenting and Interpreting Data- explore how data impacts on individuals and organisations • draw conclusions and make recommendations on data intelligence • develop a dashboard using data manipulation tools.</p> <p>Component 3: Effective Digital Working Practices-explore how modern information technology is evolving • consider legal and ethical issues in data and information sharing • understand what cyber security is and how to safeguard against</p>
Core Knowledge/ key concepts	<p>Component 1: A: Investigate user interface design for individuals and organisations A1 What is a user interface? A2 Audience needs A3 Design principles A4 Designing an efficient user interface A: Investigate user interface design for individuals and organisations B: Use project planning techniques to plan and design a user interface B2 Create a project plan B3 Create an initial design C: Develop and review a user interface C1 Developing a user interface C2 Refining the user interface C3 Review</p> <p>Component 3: Effective Digital Working Practices A: Modern technologies A1 Modern technologies A2 Impact of modern technologies B: Cyber security B1 Threats to data B2 Prevention and management of threats to data</p>	<p>Component 2: A: Investigate the role and impact of using data on individuals and organisations A1 Characteristics of data and information A2 Representing information A3 Ensuring data is suitable for processing A4 Data collection A5 Quality of information and its impact on decision making A6 Sectors that use data modelling A7 Threats to individuals B: Create a dashboard using data manipulation tools B1 Data processing methods B1 Data processing methods B2 Produce a dashboard C: Draw conclusions and review data presentation methods C1: Drawing conclusions based on the data C2 How presentation affects understanding</p> <p>Component 3: Effective Digital Working Practices A: Modern technologies A1 Modern technologies A2 Impact of modern technologies B: Cyber security</p>

	<p>B3 Policy C: The wider implications of digital systems C1 Responsible use C2 Legal and ethical D: Planning and communication in digital systems D1 Forms of notation Revision for final external assessment Preparation for final external assessment</p>	<p>B1 Threats to data B2 Prevention and management of threats to data B3 Policy C: The wider implications of digital systems C1 Responsible use C2 Legal and ethical D: Planning and communication in digital systems D1 Forms of notation Revision for final external assessment Preparation for final external assessment</p>
<p>Skills and knowledge developed</p>	<p>Component 1: Introduction to user interfaces: hardware features, software features and human facilitation and example uses Basic user interface: text-based and menu-based Complex user interfaces: speech/natural language-based, GUI/WIMPs and sensor-based Choosing a user interface: performance/response time, ease of use, user requirements, user experience, accessibility and storage space How hardware and software affects user interfaces: operating systems/platforms, screen type/size, types of user input, hardware resources available and emerging technologies User accessibility needs: visual, hearing, speech, motor and cognitive needs User skills: expert, regular, occasional and novice user skills and demographics: age, beliefs/values, culture and past experiences Design principles: visual elements: colour and font style/size Design principles: text elements: language and amount of information Design principles: layout: consistency, placement of items, user expectations, grouping related items, navigational components and input controls Design principles: user expectations: colour, sound, symbols, visuals Design principles: keeping the user engaged: uncluttered screens, tip text, labels, default values and autofill Design principles: intuitive design: graphics denoting actions, helpful messages, easy reversal of actions, help features and consistency</p>	<p>Component 2: Data and information: meaning, structure, context and processing How to present information: text, numbers, tables, graphs/charts and infographics Making data suitable for processing: validation: range, type, look up, presence and length checks and verification: proofreading and double entry Collecting data: data collection methods, data collection features and big data Why quality is important: source, accuracy, age, completeness, amount of detail, format/presentation and volume Who uses data modelling: types of sectors and data modelling in decision making Threats: privacy, fraud, targeting vulnerable groups and inaccurate data Learning aim A: assessment practice What is a dashboard? Data manipulation methods: importing data and text to columns, formulae and decision making functions Data manipulation methods: lookup functions and count functions Data manipulation methods: logical operations/sorting, using outlines and string operation functions Data manipulation methods: filtering Other processing methods: absolute and relative cell referencing Other processing methods: macros, multiple and linking worksheets and alternative views Other processing methods: conditional formatting Showing information summaries: totals, counts and percentages Breaking information down: sales breakdowns, departmental breakdown, time allocation and budget allocations</p>

	<p>Improving the speed of user interfaces: keyboard shortcuts, reversal of actions, informative feedback and distinguishable objects</p> <p>Reducing the user selection time: appropriate object sizes, object emphasis, grouping related objects</p> <p>Learning aim A: assessment practice</p> <p>Component 1: Learning aim A: formal assessment</p> <p>Project methodologies: waterfall, iterative and Agile</p> <p>Co-coordinating project tasks: Gantt charts, PERT charts and critical path diagrams</p> <p>Basic project planning tools: task lists, graphical descriptions, written descriptions and mood boards</p> <p>Planning the project basics: aims and objectives, audience and purpose</p> <p>Defining the project requirements: user requirements, output requirements, input requirements and user accessibility requirements</p> <p>Project constraints and risks: time, resources, task dependencies, security and contingency planning</p> <p>Planning project timescales: overall timescales, when tasks will be completed, key milestones and resources</p> <p>What is a design specification: user requirements, output requirements, input requirements and user accessibility requirements</p> <p>Designing the visuals: sketches and storyboarding</p> <p>Defining the hardware, software and testing strategy</p> <p>Learning aim B: assessment practice</p> <p>Developing a functional user interface: showing the outputs, inputs and the navigational methods</p> <p>Showing the key aspects of a user interface: awareness of intended device, how the requirements have been met, the overall look/feel and the ease of use</p> <p>Refining the user interface: presenting the interface to potential users, gaining feedback, refining the interface, documenting changes</p> <p>Reviewing the user interface and what areas could be developed further</p> <p>Reviewing the project planning techniques and lessons learned</p>	<p>Presentation methods – session 1: form controls, graphs/charts, pivot tables, conditional formatting and select data/range</p> <p>Presentation methods – session 2: form controls, graphs/charts, pivot tables, conditional formatting and select data/range</p> <p>Presentation features: font size/style/colour, cell borders/shading, graphics, axis label and titles</p> <p>Learning aim B: assessment practice</p> <p>Drawing conclusions: e.g. trends, patterns, anomalies and possible errors</p> <p>Making recommendations: e.g. who to target advertisements at, where to deploy staff and how to adapt transport schedules</p> <p>The impact of presentation: information being misinterpreted, information being bias and inaccurate conclusions being made</p> <p>Component 3:</p> <p>Communication technologies: ad-hoc networks, open networks, performance issues and network availability</p> <p>Cloud storage: access rights, synchronisation, availability and scalability</p> <p>Cloud computing: applications, consistency of versions between users, single shared instances and collaboration tools/features</p> <p>Selection of platforms and services: complexity of features, paid versus free, interface design and available devices</p> <p>Using cloud and traditional systems together: device synchronisation, online/offline working and notifications</p> <p>Choosing cloud technologies: disaster recovery policies and security of data</p> <p>Maintenance, set up and performance considerations: maintenance: updates, downtime and staff expertise and performance: responsiveness, complexity of task and available devices</p> <p>Collaborative technologies: world teams, multicultural, inclusion, 24/7/365 and flexibility</p> <p>Using modern technology when managing teams: communication and collaboration tools</p> <p>Using technology when managing teams: scheduling and planning tools</p> <p>Communication with stakeholders: communication platforms and selection of appropriate communication channels</p> <p>Accessibility and inclusivity: interface design, accessibility features and flexibility</p> <p>How modern technologies impact on the organisation: infrastructure, demand, availability, 24/7 access and security of distributed/distributed data</p>
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<p>Wider curriculum links to CC/SMSC/PD and CEIAG</p>	<p>Learn how to revise using different methods</p> <p>Practice exam questions. Know how to retain information</p> <p>To understand other people’s opinions</p> <p>Understand how laws support the people who work in technology sectors</p> <p>Understand how laws impact on technology</p> <p>Use good communication skills with others</p> <p>Research into wider and diverse cultural ideas.</p> <p>Developing a personal voice and responding to other’s opinions and ideas</p> <p>Demonstrating initiative, self- motivation and resilience</p> <p>Sensitivity towards feelings and opinions of others</p> <p>Communication of ideas and opinions to others – being able to discuss them.</p> <p>Developing an enquiring and questioning mind-set</p> <p>Understanding the importance and role of Technology in society</p>	