

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

UNIT CODE: ICT/CU/CS/CR/06/6/A

Relationship to Occupational Standards

This unit addresses the unit of competency: Develop an Information System

Duration of Unit:150 hours

Unit Description

This unit covers the competencies required to develop an information system. It involves understanding fundamentals of information systems, understanding the software development process, demonstrating human computer interaction principles, understanding the VB.net programming environment and developing and testing a VB.NET application.

Summary of Learning Outcomes

1. Understand fundamentals of Information Systems
2. Understand the Software Development Process
3. Demonstrate Human Computer Interaction Principles
4. Understand the VB.NET programming environment
5. Develop and test a VB.NET application

Learning Outcomes, Content and Suggested Assessment Methods

Learning Outcome	Content	Suggested Assessment Methods
1. Understand fundamentals of Information Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information systems<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Definition✓ Components• Types of information systems<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Transaction Processing Systems✓ Management Information Systems✓ Decision Support Systems✓ Executive Information Systems✓ Office Automation Systems• Emerging trends in information systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oral questioning• Written tests• Practical tests

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation of information systems for different scenarios • Information system security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Definition ✓ Information security management system ✓ Tools for information system security ✓ Firewalls ✓ Virtual private networks • Mobile security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Geolocation software ✓ Remote data removal software • Web security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cyber security ✓ Technologies ✓ Web threats ✓ Defence strategies 	
<p>2. Understand the Software Development Process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software Development Life Cycle • Software Development Methodologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Waterfall ✓ Spiral ✓ Rapid Application Development ✓ Agile Development • Modeling techniques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Data Flow Diagrams ✓ Entity Relation Diagrams ✓ UML diagrams • Creation of models for given scenarios 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written tests • Oral questioning • Practical tests
<p>3. Demonstrate Human Computer Interaction Principles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Computer Interaction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Definition ✓ Role of interaction design ✓ Interaction styles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical • Oral questioning • Observation • Written tests

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Interaction elements ✓ Mistakes in interaction design • Interface design principles • Prescribing interaction choices and recognition of interaction flaws 	
4. Understand the VB.NET programming environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The .Net framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Applications supported ✓ Components of the .Net framework • Installation of Visual Studio • Features of VB.Net • The Integrated Development Environment (IDE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Definition of IDE ✓ Parts of VB.Net IDE • VB.Net program structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ VB.NET syntax ✓ Namespace declaration ✓ Class or module ✓ Procedures ✓ Data types, variables, constants ✓ The Main procedure ✓ Statements and Expressions (Variable declarations, operations, control statements) ✓ Comments • Creating aVB.Net project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Saving Forms and Project ✓ Compiling a Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical tests • Oral tests • Written tests
5. Develop and test a VB.NET application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic VB.Net Controls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Controls and their purpose ✓ Standard naming conventions for controls • Elements of a control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Properties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical tests • Oral tests • Written tests

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Methods ✓ Events • Demonstrating Properties, Methods and Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Properties for basic controls ✓ Setting properties at design time and run time ✓ Methods for basic controls ✓ Events for basic controls • Demonstrating event handling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mouse events ✓ Keyboard events • Designing VB.NET form using HCI principles • Connection of VB.Net applications to a database <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ ADO.Net object model ✓ Demonstrating Database connection using the Data Provider ✓ Demonstrating creation of tables using Dataset components • Deployment of VB.NET VB.Net applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Purpose deployment ✓ Demonstrating deployment steps 	
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Suggested Methods of Instruction

- Presentations and practical demonstrations by trainer;
- Guided learner activities and research to develop underpinning knowledge;
- Supervised practical assignments and projects;
- Visiting expert from the ICT sector;
- Industrial visits

Recommended Resources

Tools

- Visual Studio, CASE software, UX/UI software

Equipment

- Computer

Materials and supplies

- Instructional materials
- Stationery

Reference materials

- Trainer-recommended resources including web resources
- Visual Studio Documentation

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