

Thank you for your participation in the second discussion forum of your Launching into Cyber Security Module

In this discussion forum you were invited to identify and discuss two security technologies and the context in which they can be employed. Your discussion could consider either network or/and software security issues. For example, if a network issue, what type of firewall would be ideal for the solution? What are the strengths and weaknesses of the solution?

Knowledge and understanding of the topic issues under consideration

You demonstrate great understanding of network security by providing 2 technologies that can be employed to address network security issues in your initial post. Your follow-on posts and contributions to other issues were excellent. You enriched the discussion with good contributions, particularly on Packet filtering, zero trust architecture and MFA.

Collaboration / independent working

You build on points made by others by providing further data to support, which is excellent. It was good to see you taking the feedback provided in discussion forum 1 on board, by engaging a little more which reflected in the number of posts as well as quality of your posts. In total you made 7 posts including initial post. These have been spread across the discussion over the three weeks period.

Criticality

You demonstrate similar critical analysis and evaluation in your contributions to other discussions. Your statement “Firewalls offer protection against malicious access to individual computers and local networks at different levels and can therefore only offer the highest possible protection through a sensible combination” is a clear example of criticality and quality of your contributions.

Structure and presentation

The structure of your presentation in your posts is good. All points were coherently made to advance the argument or discussion. The summary post is well presented collating all the issues discussed to present a well-balanced and coherent view of the topic under discussion.

Use of relevant resources / Academic Integrity

You cite good sources to support your point, demonstrating critical analysis and depth. There were however a few instances where providing a reference to support your claim would have been excellent– here are a few examples: “This can make a system vulnerable to attacks that are carried out by just one or a few information packets, as is the case with an attack such as the Ping of Death”

Overall, excellent work done. You demonstrated great appreciation of network security and the technologies that can be deployed as part of a cyber security strategy. To improve your grades further, do take note of the developmental areas highlighted above.