School of Computer Science and Software Engineering

CITS4407 Open Source Tools and Scripting

Essay topic

With reference to written opinion, technical details, and your own personal opinion, write a short essay on the question:

> " *The widespread acceptance of open-source software, has seen its adoption in the business and government sectors, large social media websites, critical utility infrastructure, and the infrastructore of the Internet, itself. This raises significant concerns about the information security risks related to open source software, primarily because potential adversaries have full access to the source code, and its documentation, being used within an enterprise. Is such a widespread adoption of open-source software a dangerous thing?*

- The essay contributes **30%** towards your final mark in CITS4407 this semester, and is to be completed as individual work.

- The deadline for this assignment is **12noon Friday 16th September**.

- Your essay should be approximately 1200-1500 words.

- Use 1.5 line spacing (in MS Word: Format → Paragraph → Line Spacing). Margins should be at least 2cm.

- Use either the Harvard Style
  or the IEEE Citation Style for your references.

- Please understand that if you refer to someone else's work you will normally paraphrase their remarks and include a citation (in Harvard format). If you use the authors' exact words that is a quotation, so should be surrounded by quotation marks and include a ci- tation. Cutting and pasting without quotation marks, and particularly without a citation, is plagiarism. Paraphrasing involves reading something, understanding it (which may involve reading background documents) and then summarising the main points in your own words. Minor syntactic transformations on the starting text is not paraphrasing.

  If you are unsure of the difference I suggest you go to:
  http://www.student.uwa.edu.au/learning/studysmarter/getsmart/plagiarism
  In particular, follow the link to the FAQs and the link to the examples of what not to do.

- Submit your essay as a single file, either a Microsoft Word document or a PDF file, using **cssubmit**.

Good luck.