

LCYS Unit 3 Collaborative Learning Discussion 1

Tutor Feedback:

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

In this discussion forum you were invited to discuss why cybersecurity is now a global issue and why it is important for companies to invest in cybersecurity. The learning outcomes from this discussion were: a) to be able to identify and explain the architecture, structure and functionality of basic components of a computer system, considering cybersecurity issues; b) evaluate critically implications of the key vulnerabilities and threats of software and network security and approaches to mitigate these issues.

Knowledge and understanding of the topic issues under consideration

You demonstrate a clear appreciation of the importance of cyber security in your initial post, citing the Equifax data scandal and the huge financial cost to company. Your follow-up posts further demonstrated clear understanding of the issue under consideration, arguing out the need for companies to invest in better technologies as patches can take longer to fix.

Collaboration / independent working

You build on points made by others by providing further data to support, which is excellent. Your engagement and collaboration was very good. You made a total of 5

posts; I think you could still contribute more to the discussion.

Criticality You demonstrated some criticality in your posts drawing links between sectors and how these sectors are interlinked. Your point about the need to have good standards for risk management on top of the investment in technological solutions was very good. This and many other points you made demonstrate criticality and provided additional perspective to the discussion.

Structure and presentation

The structure of your presentation in your posts is good. All points were coherently made to advance the argument or discussion. Your summary post is well constructed.

Use of relevant resources / Academic Integrity

You used some relevant sources and cited these sources to support your points. Please pay attention some of the references as they were not consistent with the recommended University of Essex Harvard referencing. Please consult the referencing guide.

Overall, an excellent start to the module. To improve your grades further, do take note of the developmental areas highlighted above.