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| **COURSE NAME / CODE** | | | BTEC National Subsidiary / Diploma / Extended Diploma in IT |
| **UNIT(s) No / Name** | | | 29 – Installing and Upgrading Software |
| **LEVEL** | 3 | Assignment No & Title | 1 – Understand why software needs installing or upgrading |

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**Student declaration**

*I declare that this assignment is all my own work and the sources of information and material I have used (including the internet) have been fully identified and properly acknowledged as required.*

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**ASSESSMENT DETAILS & GRADING CRITERIA**

(NB: Columns 1 &2 of the table below will be completed once the assignment has been submitted) Please note that criteria & evidence should be aimed to give the learner the maximum grade available within their qualification (i.e. A, Pass, Distinction)

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| **Learning Aims Covered** | |  | | |  | | |  |
| L01 | | Understand why software needs installing or upgrading | | |  | | |  |
| **GRADING CRITERIA FOR TASK** | | **EVIDENCE** | **1) EVIDENCE SEEN** | | **2) CRITERIA MET** | | |  |
| **Y** | **N** | **Y** | **I** | **N** | **IV** |
| P1 | Describe the potential prompts that initiate the installation of new or upgraded software | Task 1. **Report on prompts** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P2 | Describe the potential risks of installing or upgrading software | Task 2. **Group discussion with observation, followed by a report** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| M1 | Explain the advantages and potential disadvantages of installation or upgrade of software | Task 3. **Presentation** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| M2 | Explain the requirements in preparing for a software installation and upgrade | Task 4. **Report on planning software installation/upgrade** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D2 | Evaluate the risks involved in the installation or upgrade of software and explain how the risks could be minimised | Task 2. **Report on risk involved** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**KEY: Y = Yes, I = Incomplete, N = No**

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**BTEC Sample Material**

**Learner Consent Declaration**

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| **Centre No & Name** | **51330 – UTC Reading** | |
| **Subject & Level** | **BTEC National Subsidiary / Diploma / Extended Diploma in IT** | **3** |
| **Unit No & Title** | **29 - Installing and Upgrading Software** | |
| **Learner No & Name** |  | |

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* Professional Development and Training
* Centre Assessment Example Material
* Standardisation Support
* Publication Materials

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| **Job Title** | Lecturer in IT |
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| **Parent/Guardian consent if under 16 years of age** |  |
| **Date**: |  |

Please ensure that this sheet is completed on submission of your assignment.

Please note that your assignment **MUST** have the following (unless otherwise stated):

1. Cover page
2. Contents page
3. Introduction
4. Conclusion
5. Bibliography

**SCENARIO**

You have recently been hired as an IT Consultant by **UTC Reading**, who wish to ensure that they remain at the forefront of the latest technological developments. This means that they need to ensure that they have all of their computers and servers on the latest software versions and up to date with the latest service updates to ensure stability, integrity and security. They have asked you to look at their current computer systems and advise on any new software installation or upgrades that may be necessary

**TASK 1 Evidence you must produce for this task.**

You are required to write an in depth report that explains your decisions and advises **UTC Reading** on how they should prepare for software upgrades, making sure to relate your report to **UTC Reading’s** existing computer systems (hardware and software).

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| **To achieve the criteria you must show that you are able to:** | **Unit** | **Criterion Reference** |
| Explain what kind of hardware and software problems enforce UTC Reading to upgrade software and hardware. You need to consider:   * Internal prompts   + System users   + Problems with the existing system   + Requirements for additional functionality   + Installation of new hardware or software requiring new or upgraded software * External prompts   + External users   + Software bug fixes and system prompts * Other, such as company policy | 29 | P1 |

**TASK 2 Evidence you must produce for this task.**

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| In your class or as a group, broadly discuss what risks can occur during installations and upgrades. You need to consider:   * Potential loss of service * Incompatibility issues * Risk reduction measures   + Backups   + Choosing appropriate low-risk time for installation   + Rollbacks   + Incremental installations   Make notes of yours and other students ideas and write a report to encapsulate the discussion | 29 | P2 |
| From looking at the potential risks of installing and upgrading, you now need to explain how these risks could be minimised and evaluate their potential impact; gauging how to minimise the effect of the risk.   * Potential loss of service * Incompatibility issues * Backups * Choosing appropriate low-risk time for installation * Incremental installations | 29 | D2 |

**TASK 3 Evidence you must produce for this task.**

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| You must explain the advantages and disadvantages of installing and upgrading software. You need to write about 4 advantages (2 installations and 2 upgrades) and 4 disadvantages (2 installations and 2 upgrades):  Advantages could include:   * Functionality * User interface * Speed/efficiency * And many more   Disadvantages could include:   * Cost * Training/Lack of familiarity * Change * Reliability issues and many more | 29 | M1 |

**TASK 4 Evidence you must produce for this task.**

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| Nominate a software application for installation and explain the requirements of preparing for both a fresh software installation and an upgrade. You should consider the following:   * *Planning*: sequence of activities; materials; timing; communications with user, management and software vendors; back out procedures; gaining permissions and access; other contractual requirements; resource allocation | 29 | M2 |

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| Sources of information | * Shaw N – Strategies for Managing Computer Software Upgrades (Idea Group US, 2000) ISBN-10 1930708041, ISBN-13 978-1930708044 * www.microsoft.com |