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# Higher Diploma in Science in Computer Science

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## Introduction

# Schedule for Induction Day

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10:00 - 11:00	Overview of Programme (D01) <i>Timetable, Calendar &amp; Assessment schedules</i> <i>Overview of the Programme</i> <i>Online resource structure and purpose</i>	
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee break (D01)	
11:15 - 1:00	Curriculum Overviews (D01) - <i>Web Development</i> - <i>Skills Studio</i> - <i>Programming</i> - <i>Computer Systems &amp; Networks</i> - <i>Databases</i>	
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch (Gallery)	
2:00 - 3:15	<i>Web Development Lab Group A (D05)</i>	<i>Programming Lab Group B (FTG24)</i>
3:15 - 3:30	Coffee break	
3:30 - 4:45	<i>Web Development Lab Group B (D05)</i>	<i>Programming Lab Group A (FTG24)</i>

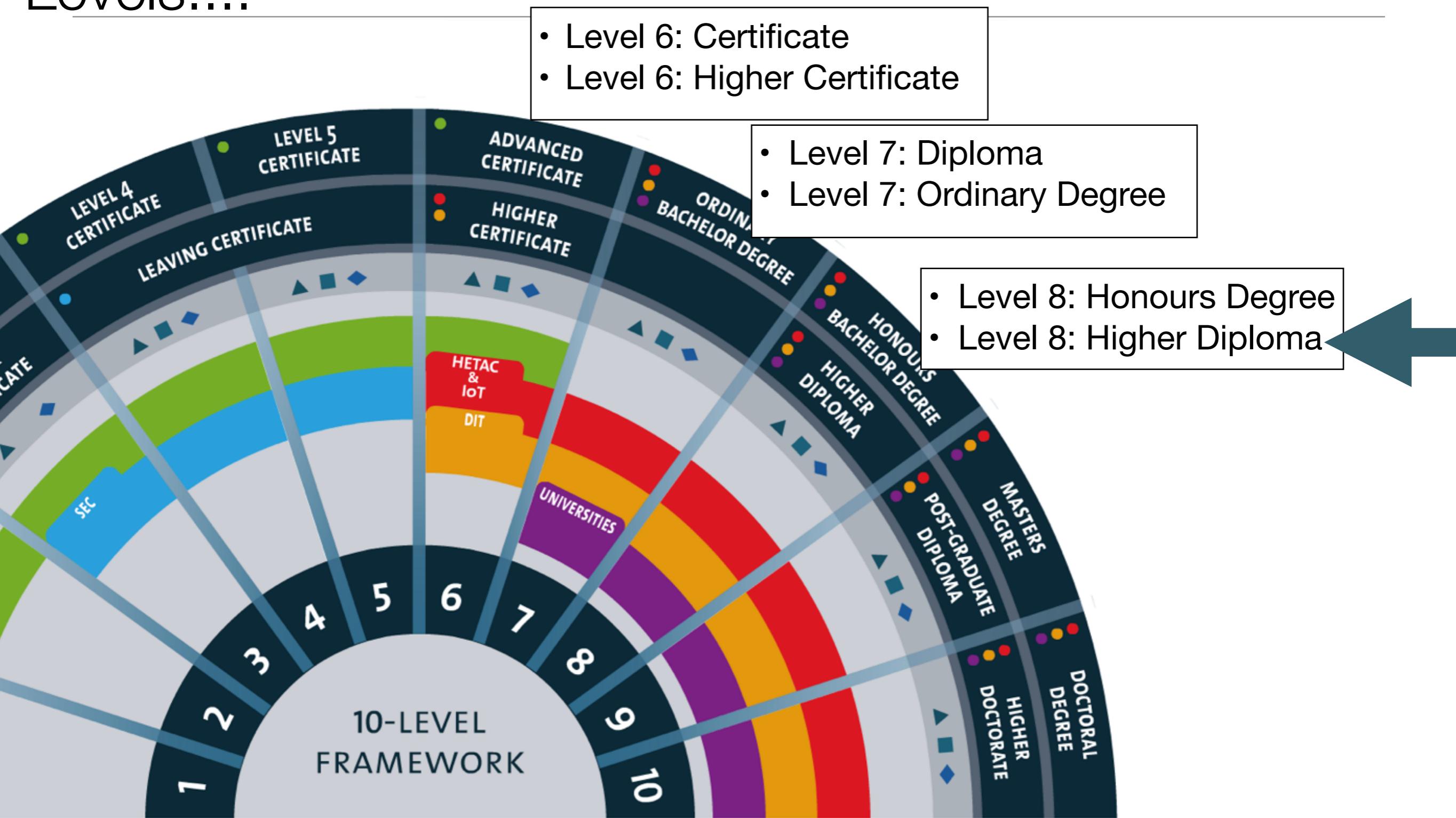
# Agenda

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- Context & Objectives
- Semesters & Modules
- Calendar
- Timetable
- Assessment Sequencing
- Q & A

# Context & Objectives

# Qualification/ Programme Levels....



# Key Programme Features

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- Immersion
- Specialisation
- Industry Partnership

# Immersion in Computing Knowledge



*“The participants will be graduates who have already obtained significant transferable skills by comparison with other undergraduate students...”*

*“Semester 1 participants will undertake a broad immersive set of modules in the fundamentals of computing...”*

*“The pace of delivery will have to be significantly higher than for normal undergraduate programmes...”*

# Deepening and Specialisation

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*“In semester 2 ... a specialisation which reflects their own strengths as demonstrated on the programme to date...”*

*“.. a focused set of modules and project-work designed to bring candidates quickly to the industry entry standard ...”*

*“Participants will be expected to select their specialisation based on their achievement in semester 1 and their own ambitions...”*

## Industry experience and professional development



*“Internships or work placements are seen as crucial to providing graduates with the context and confidence in their new knowledge...”*

*“Outputs expected from the work placement would include a work placement report, a project ideally conducted in the work placement organisation...”*

*“...academic and industry partners will cooperate in the provision of appropriate academic supervision resources for the duration of this work placement activity...”*

# Semesters & Modules

# Modules

- 12 Modules

**Programming Fundamentals** 



algorithms · data structures · processing · java · classes · libraries

10 Credits

**Web Development** 



html · css · layout · web apps · web frameworks · deployment

5 Credits

**ICT Skills Studio** 



javascript · node · express · git · github · glitch

5 Credits

**Databases** 

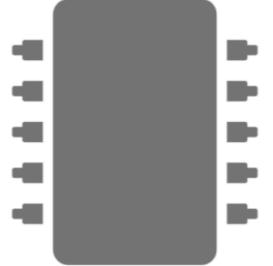


entities · tables · rows · sql · er · nosql

5 Credits

- 5 - 10 - 25 Credits

**Computer Systems & Networks** 



logic · computer organisation · os · networks · interfaces · sensors

10 Credits

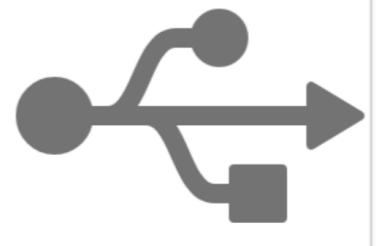
**Enterprise Web Development** 



mvc · node · security · apis · tdd · frameworks

10 Credits

**Developer Operations** 



cloud computing · scripting · scaling · automation · monitoring

5 Credits

**Project Proposal** 



proposal · scope · plan · mock up · prototype

5 Credits

**Mobile App Development** 



layouts · activities · resources · lifecycle · widgets · ux

10 Credits

**Front End Development** 



frameworks · events · mv\* · responsive · esnext · less/sass

10 Credits

**Project Implementation** 



releases · iterations · implementation · report · demo

25 Credits

**Work Placement** 



industry partner · mentor · developer · experience · project

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# Year 1 - Semester 1

Semester 1

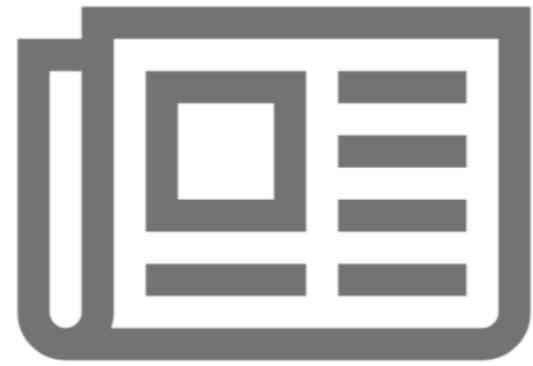
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## ICT Skills Studio



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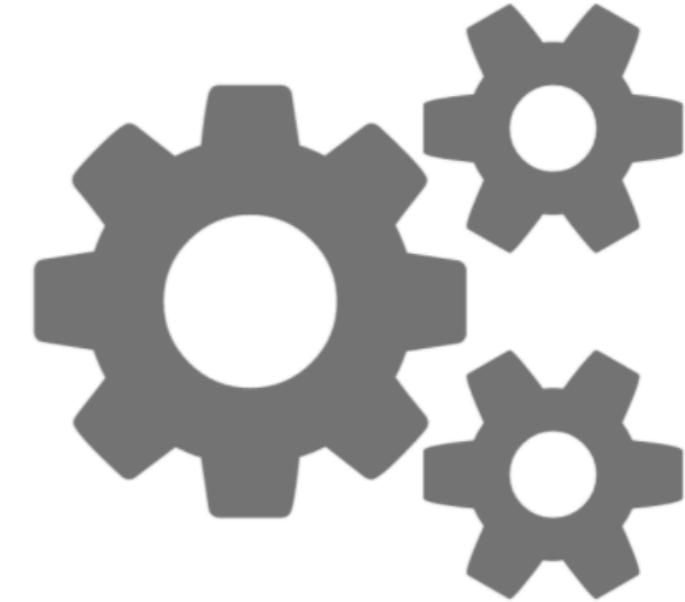
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*“..a broad immersive set of modules in the  
fundamentals of computing covering software  
development, systems analysis & testing, databases,  
architecture, OS & networking, web design / user-  
experience..”*

- Apply core problem solving approaches suitable to the programming discipline to build algorithms.
- Construct small applications using standard sequence, conditional and iterative control structures. Change and expand small applications.
- Construct small applications that use simple UI, computation and data structures.
- Apply techniques to effectively test, debug and document small applications.
- Defend and explain how the above applications work.
- Apply problem-solving strategies to various computing problems of increasing complexity.
- Plan, code, test and document applications using advanced programming constructs and data structures

## Programming Fundamentals



algorithms · data structures ·  
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10 Credits



- Understand the fundamentals of the HTML markup language.
- Understand the role of Human Computer Interaction and manipulate CSS to present HTML content.
- Be able to integrate HTML, CSS and Java script to structure simple web sites.
- Understand how a dynamic web page is generated and be familiar with the role of html templating techniques
- Have an initial exposure to a web application framework and understand the roles of Models, Views and Controllers in this context.

**Web Development**




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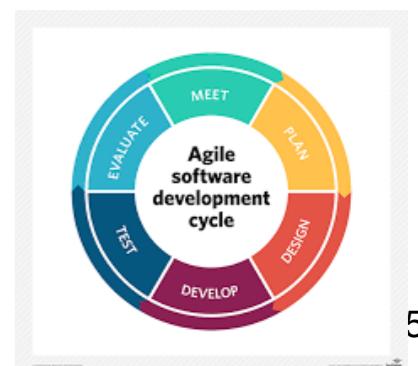
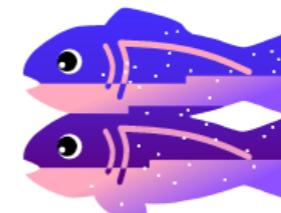


- Continue the journey into web application development
- Establish a competence in Javascript programming language
- Explore the basics of the Node.js framework
- Design, build and deploy a complete web application using these tools
- Understand the role of Agile methods in this context



javascript · node · express · git ·  
github · glitch

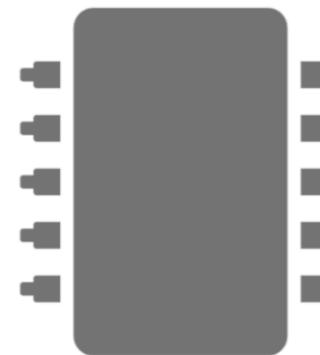
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# Year 1 - Semester 2

Semester 2

Computer Systems  
& Networks



logic · computer organisation · os ·  
networks · interfaces · sensors

10 Credits

Databases



entities · tables · rows · sql · er ·  
nosql

5 Credits

15 Credits

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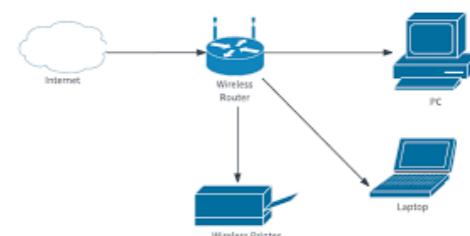
- Identify and explain the role various hardware components play in a computer system.
  - Use an operating system on a chosen computer architecture.
  - Demonstrate an ability to configure systems using the command line.
  - Describe the memory management, process management and file management components of a modern operating system.
  - Explain basic concepts and theory of networked operating systems and virtualisation.
  - Configure a contemporary operating system (within a virtual machine environment)
  - Demonstrate competency in a limited set of utilities provided by a contemporary operating system.
  - Complete basic automation tasks using scripting.

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- Discuss the role of a database and its management system.
- Draw Entity Relationship (ER) diagram from an application problem and reproduce this diagram into a set of normalised relations, which are ready for database implementation.
- Design a NoSQL database suitable for a distributed environment with consideration of the CAP theorem.
- Gain an understanding of the physical database design process, its objectives and deliverables.
- Design and implement a database system



# Year 2 - Semesters 3

Semester 3

<b>Enterprise Web Development</b>  mvc · node · security · apis · tdd · frameworks 10 Credits	<b>Developer Operations</b>  cloud computing · scripting · scaling · automation · monitoring 5 Credits	<b>Project Proposal</b>  proposal · scope · plan · mock up · prototype 5 Credits
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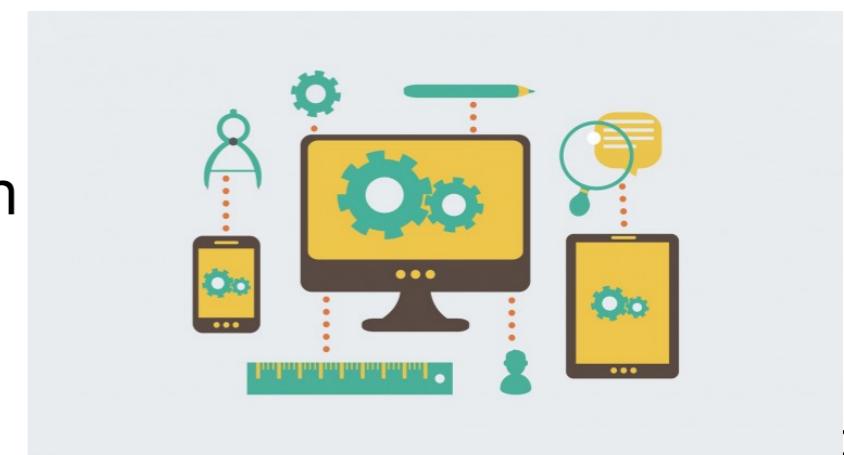
- Examine the key components of a server rendered web application and incorporate them into a running application.
- Use Model View Controller & related patterns in the implementation of a web project.
- Relate the request/response lifecycle, routing & session management in the context of a modern application framework.
- Model the user requirements and realize the model in a simple database.
- Apply best practice principles and patterns to the design and documentation of a web API.
- Apply best practice principles and patterns to the design of a medium-sized Single Page Web App.
- Develop an end-to-end web app that supports session management and persistence for a constrained functional requirement set.
- Demonstrate specific security problems that can arise with web applications and how to address them.
- Compare and contrast alternative approaches to authentication in both enterprise and consumer-oriented

## Enterprise Web Development



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frameworks

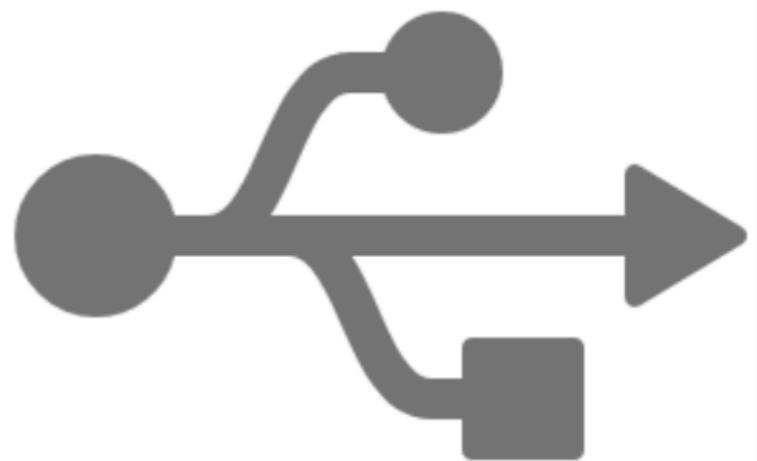
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- Build, configure and manage essential network infrastructure services.
- Build, configure and manage essential application services.
- Deploy a network monitoring solution.
- Develop scripts to assist in the management and automation of modern network services.
- Configure appropriate security mechanisms, including firewall rules, encrypted services, and authentication.



## Developer Operations



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# Year 2 - Semesters 4

Choose one of

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Semester 4

Mobile App Development



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Front End Development



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Project Implementation



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Work Placement



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35 Credits

# Calendar

# Calendar - Semester 1

Semester 1	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Modules
January	Week							
	0	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	1	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
February	2	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	4	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
reading-week	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
March	5	25	26	27	28	1	2	3
	6	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	7	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	8	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
easter-break	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
April		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	10	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	11	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
May	12	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
reading-weeks	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	1	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
June	2	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	4	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	5	18	19	20	21	22	23	24

2018	Onsite Sessions
18	January
15-16	June

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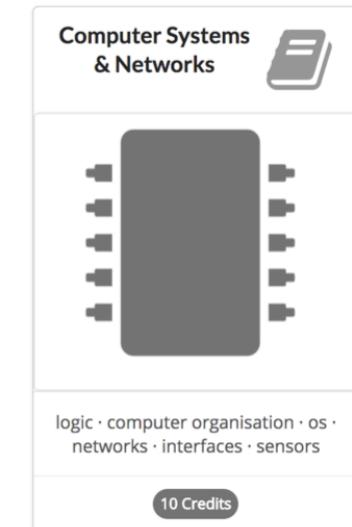
# Calendar - Semester 2

Semester 2	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Modules
September	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	comp sys & database
2	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	comp sys & database
3	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	comp sys & database
October	4	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	5	7	8	9	10	11	12	comp sys & database
	6	14	15	16	17	18	19	comp sys & database
	7	21	22	23	24	25	26	comp sys & database
November	reading-week	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	9	11	12	13	14	15	16	comp sys & database
	10	18	19	20	21	22	23	comp sys & database
December	11	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	12	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		9	10	11	12	13	14	16
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		31						

2018 | Onsite Sessions

21 | September

22 | December  
(written examination)



# Timetable

# Weekly Timetable: Semester 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10:45			Programming Lab Support <i>Slack</i> 10:45-12:15 A	Programming Lab Support <i>Slack</i> 10:45-12:15 B
12:15	Programming <i>Webinar</i> 12:15-2:00 A&B	Programming Lab Support <i>Slack</i> 12:15-13:45 A	Programming <i>Webinar</i> 12:15-2:00 A&B	Web Development Lab Support <i>Slack</i> 12:15-13:45 A
13:45		Programming Lab Support <i>Slack</i> 13:45-15:15 B		Web Development Lab Support <i>Slack</i> 13:45-15:15 B
15:15				15:15

# Weekly Timetable - Group A

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10:45				10:45
			Programming Lab Support <i>Slack</i> 10:45-12:15 A	
12:15	Programming <i>Webinar</i> 12:15-2:00 A&B	Programming Lab Support <i>Slack</i> 12:15-13:45 A	Programming <i>Webinar</i> 12:15-2:00 A&B	Web Development <i>Webinar</i> 12:15-2:00 A&B
13:45				13:45
15:15				15:15

# Weekly Timetable - Group B

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10:45				10:45
				Programming Lab Support <i>Slack</i> 10:45-12:15 B
12:15	Programming <i>Webinar</i> 12:15-2:00 A&B	Programming <i>Webinar</i> 12:15-2:00 A&B	Web Development <i>Webinar</i> 12:15-2:00 A&B	12:15
13:45	Programming Lab Support <i>Slack</i> 13:45-15:15 B			Web Development Lab Support <i>Slack</i> 13:45-15:15 B
15:15				15:15

# Assessment Sequencing

# Semester 1 Assessment Schedule

	Jan	February				March				April				May				June					September
week no.	1	2	3	4	rd.	5	6	7	8	easter	9	10	11	12	rd.	1	2	3	4	5			
Programming						A1					A2				A3								
Web Development					A1										A2								
ICT Skills																							A

- All assessments for this semester:
  - individual projects
  - specifications released & projects submitted on Sundays
  - 3 project for programming
  - 2 for web development
  - 1 for Skills Studio

Programming	A1	spec:	11-Feb
		submit:	4-Mar
	A2	spec:	18 Mar
		submit:	8 Apr
	A3	spec:	18 Apr
		submit:	21 May
Web Development	A1	spec:	4-Feb
		submit:	25 Mar
	A2	spec:	18 Apr
		submit:	21 May
ICT Skills	A	spec:	11-Jun
		submit:	2-Sep

# Questions?

# Strong Industry Support

Mr Eamonn De Leastar,  
Waterford Institute of Technology,  
Cork Road,  
Waterford.  
18<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

Dear Eamonn,

On behalf of FUSE I would like to express our support for this program. We believe that this program offers a unique opportunity to bring academic and industry expertise together.



*Local Procurement Project*



amazing experiences!

Eamonn de Leastar  
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Dear Mr de Leastar,



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Arclabs Research & Innovation Centre  
WIT West Campus, Carriganore, Waterford

17 December, 2012

Dear Eamonn,

Arclabs Research & Innovation Centre is the South's leading technology incubator. Since its inception in 2005, many of which are spin-outs from research at Waterford Institute of Technology, the incubator provides a base for the New Frontiers Enterprise Platform Programme (and many of the centre). Arclabs is also the focal point for helping entrepreneurs in the past five years, more than 280 innovation projects have been supported in the region and beyond.

The biggest challenge facing high-growth technology companies is finding the right resources, such as developers and early-stage companies recognise an aptitude for software development.

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**RE: HEA Skills Shortage, WIT one-year Higher Diploma in Computing**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

nearForm Ltd is a technology business that is internationally recognised. The company has operations in Romania. The company operates at an international level.

The company principals have a strong commitment to education, graduate placement and research. The company has a strong relationship by supporting

Telecommunications Software & Systems Group  
Arclabs Research & Innovation Building,  
WIT, West Campus,  
Carriganore,  
Co. Waterford,  
Ireland.

15<sup>th</sup> December, 2012

To Whom it may Concern,

TSSG is an internationally recognised center of excellence for ICT research and innovation. We carry out a wide spectrum of industry-informed research in Information and Communications Technologies (ICT), particularly technologies enabling communications and information services. We create economic impact by translating our knowledge base and innovation into leading edge products and services by continuing our engagement with industry in collaborative R&D, knowledge generation and transfer. Over the past five years, TSSG has delivered innovative solutions to over 110 Irish companies, and has created 11 spin out companies in the South East.

The proposed programme represents an outstanding opportunity for the TSSG to continue its mission to the region. From our perspective, the curriculum aligns closely with the needs of ICT industry nationally, the applied research conducted within the group and specifically the needs of the cluster of enterprises that are co-located with the TSSG at Carriganore and Killaloe, South Waterford.

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# Laptop

## Reccomendations

- It is strongly recommended you have a laptop for this programme

• Recommended Minimum Specification:

- Intel Core i5, 8Gb RAM or mac equivalent, + 200gb HD (SSD preferable)

Macbook  
Pro



Lenovo  
Thinkpad  
T440S



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# Opportunities for Further Study

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- The development team are closely involved in the delivery of two potential follow-on graduate programmes:
  - MSc in Communications Software
  - MSc in Enterprise Software Systems
- These are mature courses, closely aligned with research at TSSG, with substantial enrolments in part-time mode from industry practitioners in the region.
- Successful candidates could continue their academic development in part-time or full-time capacity.

