

Thank you for your participation in the first discussion forum of Launching into Cybersecurity 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 cybersecurity in your initial post, citing the Microsoft Exchange cyber attack and the impact it had on the users which called for the involvement of the United States FBI to intervene. Your follow-up posts further demonstrated clear understanding of the issue under consideration, arguing out the need for companies to invest up to data systems to ensure high security, citing the Windows XP operating attack as example.

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 (summary post was made twice); 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 data privacy is a fundamental human rights which makes it imperative to be protected by investing in its safety against cybercrime as well as the need for governments to have interesting in monitoring the use of personal data was excellent. 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.