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HALF TERM 1:		EDP pathway – Independent use of websites explaining the purpose and uses of augmented
All Pathways		and virtual reality
<u>All Pathways</u>		AD pathway – Independent use of websites
KQ1 – What are the components that make up a computer		explaining the characteristics of the
system?		development methodologies
(a) Input devices		EDP pathway – Written explanation of the
-Conventional input devices – mouse, keyboard,		purpose and uses of augmented and virtual
microphone, touch screen		reality
-Devices for additional needs – foot mouse, braille		AD pathway – Written explanation of the
keyboard, eye typer, membrane keyboard, waterproof input	D	characteristics of the development
devices		methodologies
(b) Output devices		Discussion of the advantages and disadvantages
-Conventional output devices – speaker, integrated screen,	\bigcirc	of the Internet of things
monitor, projector, printer.	50	of the internet of things
-Devices for additional needs – screen magnifiers, screen	RY N	
readers		
(c) Communications devices		Links to maths – binary/hexadecimal number
-Commonly used communication devices – Wireless card,	\mathbf{a}	systems and use capacity units
Bluetooth card, mobile network card.		
(d) Uses	U U	
-Of devices, in a range of situations		
-Of devices for individuals with additional needs		
(e) Benefits and limitations		
-Of input and output devices, in a range of situations,		
including different environments		
-Of integrated devices and external devices		
-Of similar devices over each other		
-Of different devices for individuals with additional needs		
KQ2 – What role does each computer component play in		
the function of a computer system?		
(a) Motherboard		
-Purpose/function		
(b) Processors		
-Purpose		
-Characteristics - clock speed, number of cores, cache size		
(c) Storage		
-Purpose		
-Characteristics		
-Uses		
-Types - magnetic, hard drive, solid state, flash, internal,		
removable, SAS, SCSI, portable, Cloud.		
(d) Ports		
-Purpose		
-Uses		
-Differences		
-USB – most widely used, USB 2.0, USB, 3.0		
-Firewire – alternative to USB, increased data transfer.		
-SATA – used to transfer data between internal storage		
devices and a computer system.		
Network – Ethernet. Used to send data across a cabled		
network.		
-Fibre Channel – High speed transfer of data to/from storage		
in a commercial setting e.g. data centre		
(e) Memory		
-Purpose/function		
-Characteristics		



-RAM – read/write, stores data that is currently being used,	
volatile.	
-ROM – read only, stores instructions to boot the computer,	
non-volatile	
-Cache – read/write, stores instructions that are used	
frequently, volatile	
(f) Other	
-Expansion cards - i.e. sound, network, graphics, storage	
controller, fibre channel	
-Power supplies	
KS3 – How are different computers systems utilised?	
(a) Types/Characteristics	
Types - Desktop/server, tablet/hybrid, laptop, smartphone,	
mainframe, quantum	
Characteristics – Processing power, cost, cost to maintain,	
physical size/portability	
<u>(b) Uses</u>	
-Of each type of computer system	
-How each type of computer system is suited to its use,	
physically and computationally	
(c) Benefits/Limitations	
-Of each type of device, in relation to their uses and	
characteristics	
KQ4 – How are computer systems changing the devices	
that we use every day?	
(a) Embedded Systems	
-Purpose/functions	
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-Examples: -Are embedded systems – MP3 players, mobile phones,	
video game consoles, digital cameras, DVD players etc.	
-Include embedded systems – Microwave ovens, washing	
machines, cars.	
(b) Internet of things	
-Definition/purpose/function	
-Benefits/drawbacks of internet connected devices	
-Examples - security systems, thermostats, cars, electronic	
appliances, lights, alarm clocks, speaker systems, vending	
machines.	
KQ5 – How are devices connected to enable them to	
communicate?	
(a) Wired	
-Types – Copper, Fibre	
-Purpose/uses	
-Characteristics of each type – distance, cost, speed	
(b) Wireless technologies	
-Types - Bluetooth, WiFi, microwave, infrared, laser,	
Satellite, GSM, 3G/4G and future technologies	
-Purpose/uses	
-Characteristics of each type – distance, cost, speed, stability	
KQ6 - Which hardware is needed to enable devices to	
communicate?	
(a) Devices	
-Devices - Hub, switch, router, modem, wireless access point	
-Purpose/uses	
-Characteristics	
(b) Combined/hybrid devices	
-Devices - Home router	
-Benefits/drawbacks of combined devices	
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KQ7 – How are network faults troubleshooted?	
(a) Identifying hardware faults	
-Diagnostic tools	
-Isolating network components to ascertain fault location.	
(b) Troubleshooting tools	
-Purpose	
-Installable tools which can enable an administrator to	
troubleshoot network faults/issues.	
-Tools – to give statistics of network traffic, identify where	
packets are being lost, test speeds etc.	
(c) Documentation/fault management	
-Purpose	
-Network manual – A document which details key	
information needed to troubleshoot issues on a network.	
KQ8 – How is the size of files/capacity of devices	
measured?	
(a) Units	
Bit (single binary digit, 1 or 0), Nibble (4 bits), Byte (8 bits),	
(b) Metric	
Kilobyte (1,000 bytes or 1 KB), Megabyte (1,000 KB),	
Gigabyte (1,000 MB), Terabyte (1,000 GB), Petabyte (1,000	
тв)	
<u>(c) Binary</u>	
Kibibyte (1,024 bytes or 1 KiB), Mebibyte (1,024 KiB),	
Gibibyte (1,024 MiB), Tebibyte (1,024 GiB), Pebibyte (1,024	
TiB)	
KQ9 – How are numbers represented using the binary	
number system?	
(a) Binary Number System	
-The symbols used – 1 and 0.	
-Each column increases in powers of 2 e.g. 2 ² 2 ¹ 2 ⁰	
(b) Conversion	
-Convert positive denary numbers to binary numbers (up to	
and including 8 bits)	
-Convert positive binary numbers to denary numbers (up to	
and including 8 bits)	
KQ10 – How are numbers represented using the	
hexadecimal number system?	
(a) Hexadecimal Number System	
-The symbols used – 0-9, A-F	
-Each column increases in powers of 16 e.g. 16 ¹ 16 ⁰	
(b) Conversion	
-Convert positive denary whole numbers into 2-digit	
hexadecimal numbers	
-Convert positive 2-digit hexadecimal numbers into denary	
whole numbers	
-Convert binary integers to their hexadecimal equivalents	
-Convert binary integers to their hexadecimal equivalents	
-convert nexadecimal values to their billary equivalents	
Emerging Digital Practitioner Pathway	
HT1 - What are virtual and augmented reality, and how are	
they used?	
KQ1 - Who are the pioneers in the field of virtual and	
augmented reality?	
(a) Virtual reality as a concept	
-What is virtual reality	



-What is augmented reality	
-What are the differences between augmented and virtual	
reality	
(b) Pioneers	
-Douglas Engelbart	
-Ivan Sutherland	
-Tom Caudell and David Mizell	
-Developments in the virtual and augmented reality field, by	
each pioneer.	
KQ2 – How are virtual and augmented reality used?	
<u>(a) Areas</u>	
-Architecture	
-Business - marketing, service and planned maintenance.	
-Education - textbooks, skills development, remote	
collaboration.	
-Entertainment, leisure and the media - tourism, games,	
museums.	
-Health care and surgery - training, simulations.	
-Military - training, simulations.	
-Sport - live streaming of scores and other statistics,	
sponsorship images.	
-Navigation	
(b) Specific Uses	
-US Military Nuclear Defence systems	
-Pilot training	
-Mattel "data glove"	
-Personal guidance system for visually impaired	
-Chameleon	
(c) Examples/Features	
-Of the uses of both augmented and virtual reality, in all	
areas	
KQ3 - What are the possible impacts of virtual and	
augmented reality?	
(a) Impacts	
-Visualisation of designs	
-Simulations	
-Training	
-Demonstrations of concepts	
-Virtual tours	
(b) Benefits	
-Of each impact to organisations and users.	
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Application Developer Pathway	
HT1 - How applications are designed?	
KQ1 - How are software applications designed?	
(a) Application Development	
-Divide the process of development into distinct phases.	
-Stages vary depending on the model but all include, in	
some form stages	
(b) Phases of development	
-Phases - Requirements analysis, design,	
implementation/coding, testing, deployment, maintenance	
-The purpose of each phase of development	
KQ2 – How can the development of software applications	
be structured?	
(a) Application development models	



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-Waterfall model, iterative model, agile development model,		
rapid application development (RAD) model, spiral model,		
prototype model		
(b) Characteristics/Features		
Of each application development model.		
HALF TERM 2:		Reading of a troubleshooting guide for a
<u>All Pathways</u>		software product
KQ1 – What are the different ways that software can be		EDP pathway – Written design plan for an
released?		augmented or virtual reality product
(a) Types		AD pathway – Written feasibility
Open source, closed source, off the shelf, bespoke,	μ	study/functional requirements for an
shareware, freeware, embedded		application design
(b) Characteristics		
-Of each software type		Discussion of the advantages and disadvantages
(c) Uses		of each communication method that is available
-Appropriate situations where each type of software may be	30	to computer users
used	74 1	
KQ2 – Which software applications are available to		
computer users?		Links to business studies – use IT software and
(a) Types	\mathbf{a}	communication methods, sin business
-Productivity software - Word processor, spreadsheet,	Un on	
database, email)	O	
-Development tools - compiler, debugger, translator,		
integrated design environment		
-Business software - MIS, multimedia, collaboration, project		
management, manufacturing, CAD/CAM, publishing, expert systems, healthcare.		
(b) Purpose/Uses		
-Of each type of application software		
(c) Advantages/Disadvantages		
-Of use of each type of application software		
KQ3 – How can software be used to maintain a computer		
system?		
(a) Utility software		
-Designed to help to analyse, configure, optimise or		
maintain a computer. Perform specific tasks.		
(b) Types		
-Backup, anti-virus, compression.		
(c) Purpose/Uses		
-Of each type of utility software		
KQ4 – What is the role of the operating system in a		
computer system?		
(a) Types		
-Single user - Allows a single user to perform a task, or more		
than one task, at a time		
-Multiuser - Allows multiple users to perform a task, or more		
than one task, at a time		
-Single processor - Contains only one processor. So only one		
process can be executed at a time. Multiple programs can		
be run		
-Multiprocessor – Contains more than once processor/CPU.		
Multiple processes can be executed simultaneously, which		
aids multitasking.		
(b) Purpose/Uses/Functions -Of each type of operating system		
(c) Benefits/limitations		



-Of each type of operating system	
(d) Source	
-Off the shelf – Pre written, created to run on a variety	
hardware components/machines.	
-Open source – Pre written, created to run on a variety of	
hardware components/machines, released with the source	
code to make modifications, add features etc.	
Bespoke – Custom written to suit the requirements of the	
user and usually specifically written for a certain set of	
hardware.	
KQ5 - What are the different communication methods that	
are available to computer users?	
(a) Types	
-Characteristics/Purpose	
-SMS – Short Message Service, email, messaging software	
e.g. Whatsapp, social networking/social media, VoIP,	
personal assistants (e.g. Siri, Google Home), teleconference,	
video conference, cellular/satellite, instant messaging	
(b) Advantages and disadvantages	
Of each type, in relation to their uses/purpose.	
KQ6 – How can we troubleshoot issues which arise?	
(a) Common faults	
-Causes	
-Unexpected software behaviour – usually signalled by an	
error message.	
-Software freeze – software stops functioning and cannot	
perform any functions. Usually there are no error messages	
-Unexpected rebooting – usually a hardware related issue,	
which causes the computer to restart to fix it.	
(b) Troubleshooting tools	
-Purpose of each type of troubleshooting tool	
-Logs – record the error number of any errors that occur	
-Installable tools – Installable tools which can detect and	
possibly automatically resolve issues.	
-Baselines - a snapshot of you're the software/system	
normally acts/normally runs, in terms of system usage etc.	
(c) Documentation	
-Purpose	
-Troubleshooting guides - technical document to give a user	
information on how to solve and prevent problems	
KQ7 - How is the communication of different devices	
managed?	
(a) The need for protocols	
-Agreed structure of communication between different	
devices.	
(b) Common Protocols	
IP (Internet Protocol)	
-TCP (Transmission Control Protocol), UDP (User Data	
Protocol), SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol), FTP (File	
Transfer Protocol), HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol),	
SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol), ICMP	
(Internet Control Message Protocol), POP (Post Office	
Protocol)	
(c) Purpose	
-Purpose/features of each protocol.	
-Common uses of each protocol.	



designed?	
KQ1 - How are hardware technologies used within virt	tual
and augmented reality?	
<u>(a) Hardware</u>	
-Processor	
-Display - handheld device, head mounted display,	
eyeglasses, head up display	
-Sound - speakers, headphones	
-Sensors - optical, accelerometer, GPS, compass, RFID	
-Input devices - camera, microphone	
(b) Examples/Uses	
-Of each hardware technology, within both virtual and	
augmented reality.	
KQ2 - How are software technologies used within virte	uai
and augmented reality?	
(a) Software	
 -Range of products available -Features of the software 	
-mage registration	
-Augmented Reality Mark-up Language	
(b) Examples/Uses	
-Of each software technology, within both virtual and	
augmented reality.	
KQ3 - How are virtual and augmented reality resource	s
designed?	
(a) Designs	
-Aims of the product - intended outcome, success crite	ria,
information to be delivered, where the product is to be	
used.	
-Financial plan	
-Quality plan	
-Target audience - age, gender, income.	
-Nature of the product - single user product, multiuser	
product.	
-Content including resource plan	
-Design tools - storyboarding, mind mapping, mood bo	ards.
-Trigger image(s) and the stage(s) that follow on from t	he
trigger being accessed	
-Hardware and software requirements	
(b) Purpose	
-Of each design component.	
(c) Practical experience	
-Of creating design components.	
Application Developer Pathway	
HT2 - How are potential solutions for application developments investigate?	
KO1 - How can the requirements of a user he gethered	42
KQ1 - How can the requirements of a user be gathered	u:
(a) Methods -Client and user interviews - closed and open questions	
leading questions, funnelling, structure to interviews,	<i>'</i> 1

allowing thinking time for respondents, encouraging further	
detail or thought	
-Observation of tasks	
 Analysis of existing documents and systems 	
(b) Purpose/advantages and disadvantages	
-Of each method of gathering user requirements.	
KQ2 - What are the different requirements that a customer	
can have?	
(a) Functional requirements	
-What the application should do	
-Data and information collected and used in the existing	
approach	
-Data and information to be collected and used in the new	
application	
-Functions or processing that the application should perform	
-Outputs from the application	
-Core functional requirements	
-Optional functional requirements	
-User interface requirements including accessibility	
requirements	
-Core requirements vs optional requirements.	
(b) Constraints	
-Hardware or platform constraints	
-Software constraints	
-Development constraints e.g. development software	
(c) Limitations	
-e.g. scope of solution, aspects that will not be developed.	
(d) Examples	
-Of each type of requirement, constrain and limitation, in a	
variety of scenarios.	
KQ3 – What approaches should be taken to a solution?	
(a) Possible solutions	
-Different ways to address the identified user needs	
KQ4 – How can you ensure that a software applications	
design project is feasible?	
(a) Feasibility study	
-Technological requirements	
-Economic or financial costs of development, and potential	
benefits	
-Legal issues	
-Operational impact	
-Scheduling and resources - time scale for development,	
resources needed for development.	
(b) Purpose/Uses	
-Of each area of a feasibility study	
HALF TERM 3: Topic/Unit	Independent use of websites to explaining the
	characteristics, advantages and disadvantages
All Pathways	of each network topology
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KQ1 – What is the role of a server within a computer	
network?	EDP pathway – Written evaluation of
(a) Purpose/Need	augmented/virtual reality product
-A centralised resource which other computers connect	AD pathway – Written analysis of proposed software application



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(b) Type		Peer teaching of the characteristics, advantages
-The role/purpose of each server type.		and disadvantages, of a given network
-Type - File/print, application, database, web, mail,	623	topology.
hypervisor	/ Y \	
KQ2 - How can virtualisation be used improve the		Links to business studies – how do businesses
efficiency and reduce the cost of a network?		
(a) Purpose	\mathbf{O}	use computer systems
-creating a software-based, or virtual, representation of	3	
something, such as virtual servers, storage and networks.		
-e.g. one physical machine hosting two servers, which		
appear to the users as separate machines.		
(b) Type		
-The role/purpose of each type of virtualisation.		
-server, client, storage, cloud, hybrid		
(c) Benefits and limitations		
-Benefits - Cheaper running costs, faster to setup/install		
virtual servers, increased energy efficiency.		
-Limitations – increased technical difficulty, increased setup		
costs, limited scalability.		
KQ3 - What are the different roles of computers in a client-		
-		
server and a peer-to peer network?		
(a) Types		
Peer to peer –		
-No single device is responsible for being the server.		
-Peers store their own files, act as a server and have		
responsibility for providing data.		
Client server –		
-The network has a central server, which clients are		
dependent on, and connect to for certain services (KQ1).		
KQ4 - How are computer networks physically structured?		
(a) Types/Topologies		
-Characteristics		
-Types - Bus, star, ring, mesh		
(b) Advantages/Disadvantages		
-Of each network topology		
(c) Diagrammatical Representation		
-Of each network topology		
KQ5 – How are computers on a network addressed?		
<u>(a) Default gateway</u>		
-A device which is the access point to another network.		
-Connects a local network to the internet, usually a router.		
-Understands specific routes that must be taken to move		
internet requests from a computer out of the network.		
(b) IP address		
-When connected to a network each device is given a		
unique IP address. It is used to communicate with devices.		
-Four sets of up to three digits, each with a maximum value		
of 255 e.g. 192.168.0.1		
(c) Subnet mask		
-Subnetting – dividing a network into smaller segments,		
logically.		
-A subnet mask hides part of an IP address and defines the		
number of IP addresses in the sub network.		
KQ6 - How are different networks connected together?		
(a) Types		
-LAN – single geographical location, use of Ethernet/Token		
Ring for connectivity.		
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WAN connection between distinct geographical areas	1	
-WAN – connection between distinct geographical areas,		
use of ADSL/leased line/ISDN for connectivity.		
-MAN – interconnects users in a geographic area or region		
-Voice - PSTN, cellular.		
-Satellite - voice, data.		
(b) Characteristics/purpose		
Of each network type.		
KQ7 – How do businesses utilise IT systems?		
(a) Types		
MIS (Management Information System), CRM (Customer		
Relationship Management), SOP (Sales Ordering Process /		
Standard Operating Procedures), helpdesk.		
(b) Purpose		
-Of each type of business system		
(c) Benefits and limitations		
-Of each business system, in relation to its purpose.		
Emerging Digital Practitioner Pathway		
HT3 - How are virtual and augmented reality resources		
created?		
KQ1 - How are virtual and augmented reality resources		
developed?		
(a) Develop		
-Create the trigger point of interest		
-Create the layer(s)/overlay(s)		
(b) Practical experience		
-Of creating virtual and augmented reality components.		
KQ2 - How are virtual and augmented reality resources		
tested?		
(a) Test plans		
-Features of a test plan		
(b) Testing		
-Testing during development		
-End user testing		
-Review against original success criteria		
(c) Practical experience		
-Of creating a test plan		
-Of testing virtual and augmented reality resources		
KQ3 - How are virtual and augmented reality resources		
evaluated?		
(a) Design stage		
-Has suitable success criteria been identified?		
(b) Project management stage		
-Has the developer deviated from the original scope?		
-Has the developer deviated from the budget as defined in		
the financial plan?		
(c) Creation stage		
-Does the product deliver business benefits identified in the		
business case?		
-Has the product achieved the objectives in the terms of		
reference?		
-Has the product deviated from forecast resource levels as		
per the resource plan?		
-Does the product conform to the management process as		
per the execution phase?		
per the excedition prodet	1	
(d) Improvements		



-Identify potential improvements for similar future projects	
(e) Practical experience	
-Of evaluating all stages of the development process	
Application Developer Pathway	
HT3 - How are designs for application solutions generated?	
KQ1 – How can diagrams be used to represent aspects of	
the design of an application?	
(a) Diagrams	
-Functional requirements - use case diagrams.	
-Processing and data handling - flowcharts, data flow	
diagrams, class diagrams, object diagrams, entity	
relationship diagrams.	
-User interface designs - wireframe diagrams and graphical	
mock-ups.	
(b) Examples	
-Of each diagram type, for a variety of software applications.	
-Drawing diagrams for a variety of interfaces, in a variety of	
scenarios.	
KQ2 - Why is the standardisation of design important?	
(a) Standardisation	
-Ensure that certain aspects of a design conform to agreed	
standards.	
-The need for and importance of, standardisation.	
(b) Aspects of standardisation	
-Standard algorithms or processes	
-Modularisation	
-Cross-platform standards	
-Standard protocols	
-Standard interface widgets e.g. appearance of buttons,	
dropdown menus, hyperlinks -Common user interface layouts, icons and labels	
throughout application	
(c) Examples	
-Of the use of standardisation, within a variety of application	
examples.	
KQ3 – What are the potential advantages of a proposed	
software application design?	
(a) Advantages	
-Automation	
-Operational efficiency	
-Cost-effectiveness	
-Globalisation	
-Improved communication	
-Customisation and adaptability	
-Increased markets	
-Ease of access for customers	
-New marketing opportunities	
-Customer or user information	
-Real-time information	
-New employment	
(b) Examples/Effects	
-Of each advantage, to an organisation or end user.	
KQ4 – What are the potential disadvantages of a proposed	
software application design?	

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(a) Disadvantages		
-Financial cost		
-Changeover costs and risks		
-Training needs		
-Lack of job security and job losses		
-Security issues		
-Privacy issues		
-Potential customer concerns		
-Loss of personal contact		
(b) Examples/Effects		
Of each disadvantage, to an organisation or end user.		
HALF TERM 4: Topic/Unit	•	Job adverts/personal specifications for job
		advertisements
All Pathways		
KQ1 – Why are communication skills are valued by		
employers?		Explanation of the personal attributes which are
(a) Communication Skills		valued by employers
-Interpersonal skills - eye contact, body language.		
-Questioning techniques	Ľ	
-Verbal (i.e. meetings, telephone, group discussions)		
	\frown	Presentation of a chosen career within the IT
-Written (i.e. reports, letters, emails, social networking)		industry
-Non-verbal (i.e. body language)	202	
(b) Barriers to communication	74 V	
-Barriers - language, distraction, noise, lack of		
concentration.	\mathbf{a}	Links to careers – employability skills, personal
(c) Appropriate use of language	()	attributes and IT careers
-Formal, informal, technical, non-technical)	X	
KQ2 – How can technology be used to communicate?		
(a) Types		
-Presentation software, word processing, email, web,		
blogs/vlogs, instant messaging		
(b) Purpose/use		
-Of each communication type		
-Advantages/disadvantages of each type, in relation to its		
use.		
KQ3 – Which personal attributes are valued by employers?		
(a) Types		
Personal attributes - Self-motivation, leadership, respect,		
dependability, punctuality, problem solving, determination,		
independence, time management, team working, written		
numerical and verbal skills, planning and organisation skills.		
-Why is each personal attribute valued?		
KQ4 – How can an employee ensure that they are 'ready		
for work'?		
(a) Ready for work		
-Dress (i.e. appropriate clothing depending on situation)		
-Presentation (i.e. personal grooming, appearance etc.)		
-Attitude (i.e. can-do attitude, responsive.		
(b) Importance		
-Understanding of why each is important to an employer.		
KQ5 Which careers are available in the IT industry?		
<u>(a) Careers</u>		
Network manager, IT technician, Programmer, Web		
designer, Animator		
(b) Key Skills		
-The key skills required for each type.		



-The responsibilities of each type	
KQ6 - Why do professional bodies exist within an industry?	
(a) Professional bodies	
-Purpose	
-Bodies: BCS	
(b) Benefits and limitations	
-Of membership of professional bodies to employees	
-Of membership of professional bodies to employers	
KQ7 - Why does industry standard certification exist within	
an industry?	
(a) Purpose	
-The purpose of industry standard	
qualifications/certification	
-Current - CompTia [®] , Cisco [®]	
(b) Benefits	
-Benefits of industry standard certification to an individual	
-Benefits of industry standard certification to an employer	
Emerging Digital Practitioner Pathway	
HT4 - What are possible applications for virtual and	
augmented reality in the future?	
KQ1 - How can virtual and augmented reality be used in	
the future?	
(a) Possible developments	
-Of virtual and augmented reality	
-Advances in treating injuries or disease	
-Leisure activities	
-The environment	
-The home	
-Education	
(b) Impacts	
-Of a range of possible future uses and how these may	
impact on society.	
KQ2 - How can virtual and augmented reality be re-	
proposed?	
(a) Re-proposing of products	
-How existing products may be re-purposed and used in	
wholly new ways	
-e.g. medical uses in the field of animal welfare, training	
uses in the field of education, heads up display used to	
augmented learning in schools	
(b) Benefits	
-Of repurposing/using current examples of resources in new	
ways	
Application Developer Pathway	
HT4 - Be able to present application solutions to meet	
client and user requirements	
KQ1 – What information does an effective pitch include?	
(a) Information	
-What is the proposed design solution?	
-Who would be interested in it? And why?	



-Why is it a valuable idea?	
-What makes it effective?	
(b) Examples	
-Of each type of information, in a range of scenarios.	
KQ2 - How can enhance your ability to deliver an effective	
pitch?	
(a) Effective pitch delivery	
-Courtesy	
-Speak clearly and concisely	
-Be aware of body language	
-Accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar	
-Engage the audience	
-Be honest	
-Be positive	
(b) Practical experience	
Of effective pitch delivery.	
KQ3 – How can enhance your ability to respond to	
questions effectively?	
(a) Effective responses	
-Anticipating likely questions	
-Giving a positive response	
-Seeking clarification where necessary	
-Recognising improvements and responding in a way that	
suggests how these can be incorporated	
(b) Practical experience	
-Of effective responses to questions.	
KQ4 - How can prototyping contribute to the success of a	
software application	
(a) Prototyping	
-Purpose of prototyping	
-Features of prototypes	
-Interviewing and questioning techniques	
-Development formats	
(b) Examples	
-Of a range of prototypes for different software	
applications.	
(c) Practical experience	
-Of creating a prototype.	
KQ5 - How important is user feedback in the development	
of a software application?	
(a) User Feedback	
-Meeting core requirements and any optional requirements	
-Effectiveness - how well the design meets each	
requirement	
-Usability - how easy it is to carry out actions, readability	
and clarity of displays or output to user, navigability	
-Learnability - how easy it is to learn how to use the	
application, clarity of the function of different components	
or elements.	
(b) Methods	
Interview, questionnaire.	
(c) Practical experience	
-Of acquiring user feedback.	
KQ6 – How can user feedback be analysed to inform the	
application development process?	
(a) Analysis of feedback	
-Identify distinct points in feedback	
-Identify required changes	
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-Identification and implementation of improvements based	
on feedback	
<u>(b) Practical experience</u>	
-Of analysing user feedback.	
HALF TERM 5:	Legislation documentation / articles relating to
	ethical issues within IT
<u>All Pathways</u>	
KQ1 - Which ethical issues does a business need to	Written explanation of a 'real world' example of
consider?	an IT related ethical issue
(a) Ethical Issues	
-Issues - whistle blowing, disability/gender/sexuality discrimination, use of information, codes of practice, staying	
safe online, bias	Debate/discussion of ethical issues within IT
-Each of these issues within a business setting, in relation to	
employees	\vec{O}
(b) Addressing Issues	
-For each of the ethical issues	Links to philosophy and othics. IT related
KQ2 - Which operational issues does a business need to	Links to philosophy and ethics – IT related ethical issues
consider?	
(a) General Issues	\mathbf{O}
-Security of information, health and safety, disaster planning	•
and recovery	
-How a company must deal with/mitigate each issue.	
(b) Organisational policies -Policies - Acceptable use policy, code of conduct.	
-Purpose of each policy	
(c) Change management	
-Dealing with the transition or transformation of an	
organisation's goals, processes or technologies.	
-Purpose - Implement strategies for implementing,	
controlling and helping people to adapt to change .	
(d) Scale of change	
-Drivers - Change in business practice, legislation,	
competition.	
-Needs - improved networking, remote access for	
employees, efficiency.	
KQ3 – How can the security of networks be threatened?	
(a) Threats	
-Types – Phishing, hacking, virus, Trojan, data interception,	
eavesdropping, data theft, social engineering	
(b) Characteristics	
-Of each type of threat	
(c) Threat Reduction -Which security method can reduce each risk.	
KQ4 – How can physical security methods be used to	
secure computer systems?	
(a) Types	
Types – Locks, biometrics, RFID, tokens, privacy screens,	
shredding	
(b) Characteristics/Uses	
Of each type of physical security	
KQ5 – How can digital security methods be used to secure	
computer systems?	
(a) Methods	
-Anti-virus, firewalls, anti-spyware, username/passwords,	
permissions, encryption	



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across the global divide - between developed and	
developing countries.	
KQ2 - How is information stored?	
<u>(a) Types</u>	
-Paper-based - Forms, handwritten notes, maps, telephone	
directories.	
-Optical media - CD, DVD, Blu-ray	
-Magnetic media - Magnetic hard drives, tapes.	
-Solid state media - SSD hard drives, memory cards,	
(b) Characteristics/Purpose	
-Of each type of storage media	
(c) Advantages and disadvantages	
-Of each type of storage media, in relation to its	
characteristics/purpose.	
KQ3 - How can information be accessed?	
(a) Device Types	
-Handheld device - small tablet, smart phone, wearable	
device, eBook reader.	
-Portable devices - laptop, large tablet.	
-Fixed devices - desktop computer, smart TV, games	
consoles.	
-Shared devices - database server, data centre, cloud	
storage devices.	
<u>(b) Characteristics/Purpose/Uses</u> -Of each type of device	
(c) Advantages and disadvantages	
-Of each type of device, in relation to its	
characteristics/purpose.	
KQ4 - What is the internet and how does it allow us to	
access data?	
(a) The Internet	
-A network of interconnected networks, spanning the world	
-Internet connections	
-Characteristics	
(b) Connection types	
-Types - copper-cable, optical-fibre, satellite, microwave,	
mobile data networks.	
(c) Characteristics	
-Of each network connection type.	
-Characteristics - speed, range (distance), storage capacity.	
KQ5 - How is the WWW used to share information?	
(a) WWW Technologies	
-Internet - Public, open access. Anyone can accessed.	
-Intranet - Private, closed access. Internal to an organisation.	
-Extranet - Private, part shared access. Organisation	
control/grant external access.	
(b) Purpose/characteristics	
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-Document stores - upload and download	
-RSS feeds	
(b) Purpose	
-Of each format	
-How well each format can meet the needs of different	
holders of information, in a range of situations.	
KQ7 – What advantages does using the internet have to	
different holders of information?	
(a) Individuals	
-Speed of personal communication, easy access to large	
amounts of information for research, access to internet	
banking 24/7 etc.	
(b) Organisations	
-Share large amounts of information quickly between	
different countries, accept payments 24/7, charity websites	
accepting donations 24/7 etc.	
KQ8 – What disadvantages does using the internet have to	
different holders of information?	
(a) Individuals	
-Potential for identity theft, cost of data connection to the	
internet etc.	
(b) Organisations	
-Threats caused by malicious attacks, cost of maintaining	
websites and data stores etc.	
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