COMP3260
Cisco Networking I
Session 1, Special circumstances, North Ryde 2021
Department of Computing

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To check the availability of face-to-face activities for your unit, please go to timetable viewer. To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit’s iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.
# General Information

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## Unit description

This unit is designed to impart practical skills in designing, configuring, installing, and troubleshooting computer internetworks using equipment such as routers and switches. This unit allows students to develop knowledge and expertise in key areas such as IP fundamentals, LAN Switching, IP addressing, and routing. It allows students to expand their skill set by providing exposure to Cisco equipment thereby enabling them to better understand the design and implementation of various networking technologies and protocols. Using various assessment tasks, this unit also aims to enhance students’ skills in critical thinking and problem solving.

# Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at [https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates](https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates)
Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Develop an understanding of networking fundamentals.
ULO2: Understand, Build, configure and troubleshoot switched Ethernet LANs and Virtual LANs.
ULO3: Explain IP addressing schemes and troubleshoot IPv4 address problems.
ULO4: Demonstrate a detailed knowledge of IPv4 routing technology and implement and troubleshoot IPv4 routed network.
ULO5: Collaborate and communicate with others in a professional setting.
ULO6: Conduct professional work ethically with a high level of integrity, autonomy, and accountability.

General Assessment Information

Submission of assessable work

For all your assignments, and for your professional life in the future, you are encouraged to

- set your personal deadline earlier than the official deadline
- keep backups of all your important files
- make sure that no-one else has access to your files or documents

Late work will not be accepted. Develop good working habits and manage your time well. If your contributions are seriously affected by illness or misadventure you do your utmost to submit a request for special consideration before the due date, do not email the unit convenor directly.

Practical Workshops

Due: Weekly (starting week 2) Weighting: 10%

The practical work in this unit makes up 10% of your mark. The practical work is divided up into eleven weekly practical classes.

To receive your marks you must attend the practical section and demonstrate your completion of the practical exercises to your practical supervisor. Earning the marks will require not only successful completion of the exercises, but submission of appropriate documentation, as outlined in the question sheets. You must complete the practical session in the week it is allocated.

We will take the best ten out of your eleven submissions to calculate your final mark for this section.

Practical classes will commence during week 2 of the semester. Students must attend their enrolled practical session.
Note that while the practical material is structured against the lecture material, you need to keep in mind that there will not always be a one to one mapping between the practical exercises and the lecture topics. This is because you need some practical sessions to get acquainted to new tools and devices thereby limiting the number of practical time slots available to experiment with technologies discussed in some lectures.

Module Exams
Due: **Weekly (starting week 4)** Weighting: **10%**

The module exams in this unit makes up 10% of your mark.

Module exams will be held during the first hour of your practical session in most weeks (some weeks will have two module exams).

Module exams will commence during week 2 of the semester. Students must attend their enrolled practical session to complete their module exams.

Assignments

Assignment work must be written clearly, with good grammar, correct word usage, correct punctuation, and lack of spelling errors. Poor or bad expression will be penalised, Wherever required, all written work must be properly referenced and conform to standard stylistic conventions.

**Assignment 1**
Due: **Mid-semester break** Weighting: **10%**

The purpose of the problem-solving assignment is to help the students to get accustomed to dealing with real world networking problem situations/issues. It is designed to help students analyse problems and find best solutions to these problems. Some questions may require an in-depth research and will be a process to come up with an acceptable and reasonable answer.

**Assignment 2**
Due: **Week 12** Weighting: **20%**

Students will be presented with a situation showing details of how an organization’s network is currently working inefficiently. Students will research and determine the best configuration to help improve this network's performance. They will need to explain and support the decisions and be able to explain how the changes that are suggested will be of benefit to the organization including describing how the changes will be managed and implemented.

Final Exams
Due: **Final exam period** Weighting: **30%**

The final examinations ask students to answer conceptual questions about the course material as well as solve simple networking problems. In the case a student cannot attend the final exam, a request for special consideration must be made.

If you receive special consideration for the final exam, a supplementary exam will be scheduled.
for a time in June 2021. By making a special consideration application for the final exam you are declaring yourself available to sit during the supplementary examination period and you will not be eligible for a second special consideration approval based on pre-existing commitments. Please ensure you are familiar with the policy prior to submitting an application. Approved applicants will receive an individual notification approximately one week prior to the exam with the exact date and time of the supplementary examination.

**Lab Exams**

**Due: Final exam period** **Weighting: 20%**

The lab examinations ask students to apply what they have learned during the semester to a provided scenario, which may involve the analysis, design, and troubleshooting of a network. In the case a student cannot attend the final exam, a request for special consideration must be made.

If you receive special consideration for the final exam, a supplementary exam will be scheduled for a time in June 2021. By making a special consideration application for the final exam you are declaring yourself available to sit during the supplementary examination period and you will not be eligible for a second special consideration approval based on pre-existing commitments. Please ensure you are familiar with the policy prior to submitting an application. Approved applicants will receive an individual notification approximately one week prior to the exam with the exact date and time of the supplementary examination.

**Assessment Tasks**

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**Weekly Practical**

Assessment Type: Design Implementation

Indicative Time on Task: 24 hours

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **10%**
Practical marks are obtained by attendance of practical sessions and making a suitable attempt at the practical work during the session. The practical work in this unit makes up 10% of the total mark. To receive marks a student must attend the practical section and demonstrate completion of the section to the practical supervisor. Earning the marks will require not only successful completion of the exercises, but presentation of appropriate documentation, as outlined in the question sheets. Student should complete the practical session in the week it is allocated.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Understand, Build, configure and troubleshoot switched Ethernet LANs and Virtual LANs.
• Explain IP addressing schemes and troubleshoot IPv4 address problems.
• Demonstrate a detailed knowledge of IPv4 routing technology and implement and troubleshoot IPv4 routed network.
• Collaborate and communicate with others in a professional setting.

**Module Exams**

Assessment Type \(^1\): Examination  
Indicative Time on Task \(^2\): 8 hours  
Due: Most weeks  
Weighting: 10%

The module examinations ask students to answer conceptual questions about the course material as well as solve simple networking problems.

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Develop an understanding of networking fundamentals.  
• Understand, Build, configure and troubleshoot switched Ethernet LANs and Virtual LANs.  
• Explain IP addressing schemes and troubleshoot IPv4 address problems.  
• Demonstrate a detailed knowledge of IPv4 routing technology and implement and troubleshoot IPv4 routed network.  
• Conduct professional work ethically with a high level of integrity, autonomy, and accountability.

**Assignment 1**

Assessment Type \(^1\): Problem set  
Indicative Time on Task \(^2\): 16 hours  
Due: Mid-semester break
The purpose of the problem-solving assignment is to help the students to get accustomed to dealing with real world networking problem situations/issues. It is designed to help students analyse problems and find best solutions to these problems. Some questions may require an in-depth research and will be a process to come up with an acceptable and reasonable answer.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Develop an understanding of networking fundamentals.
- Understand, Build, configure and troubleshoot switched Ethernet LANs and Virtual LANs.
- Explain IP addressing schemes and troubleshoot IPv4 address problems.
- Conduct professional work ethically with a high level of integrity, autonomy, and accountability.

Assignment 2

Assessment Type: Case study/analysis
Indicative Time on Task: 22 hours
Due: Week 12
Weighting: 20%

Students will be presented with a situation showing details of how an organization’s network is currently working inefficiently. Students will research and determine the best configuration to help improve this network’s performance. They will need to explain and support the decisions and be able to explain how the changes that are suggested will be of benefit to the organization including describing how the changes will be managed and implemented.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Develop an understanding of networking fundamentals.
- Understand, Build, configure and troubleshoot switched Ethernet LANs and Virtual LANs.
- Explain IP addressing schemes and troubleshoot IPv4 address problems.
- Demonstrate a detailed knowledge of IPv4 routing technology and implement and troubleshoot IPv4 routed network.
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https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offerings/140021/unit_guide/print
Lab Examination

Assessment Type 1: Examination  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 2 hours  
Due: **Week 7 and Final exam period**  
Weighting: **20%**

'Closed book' Practical exam to be held at the end of the teaching period during the examination period.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Understand, Build, configure and troubleshoot switched Ethernet LANs and Virtual LANs.
- Explain IP addressing schemes and troubleshoot IPv4 address problems.
- Demonstrate a detailed knowledge of IPv4 routing technology and implement and troubleshoot IPv4 routed network.
- Conduct professional work ethically with a high level of integrity, autonomy, and accountability.

Final Examination

Assessment Type 1: Examination  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 2 hours  
Due: **Week 7 and Final exam period**  
Weighting: **30%**

Two hour, ‘closed book’ exam to be held at the end of teaching period during the examination period

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Develop an understanding of networking fundamentals.
- Understand, Build, configure and troubleshoot switched Ethernet LANs and Virtual LANs.
- Explain IP addressing schemes and troubleshoot IPv4 address problems.
- Demonstrate a detailed knowledge of IPv4 routing technology and implement and troubleshoot IPv4 routed network.
- Conduct professional work ethically with a high level of integrity, autonomy, and
accountability.

1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:
   • the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
   • the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

**Delivery and Resources**

**Classes**

Each week you should attend two hours of lectures, and a two hour practical workshop. For details of scheduled classes consult the [timetables webpage](http://ilearn.mq.edu.au/).

**Note** that practicals workshops (lab sessions) commence in **week 2**. The week-by-week details of the practical (lab) classes will be available from iLearn.

**You must attend the practical that you are enrolled in.**

**Textbook and Reading Materials**

The textbooks for this semester are:


**Web Resources**

**Unit Websites**

Comp3260 is administered via [iLearn](http://ilearn.mq.edu.au/).

This unit outline can be found in the university’s [unit guides](https://unitguides.mq.edu.au/unit_offers/140021/unit_guide/print).

**Live Streaming**

Digital recordings of lectures may be available. They will be linked from iLearn.

**Technologies Used and Required**

In this unit you will be exposed to the following technology and tools:

- Cisco Packet Tracer software.
- Wireshark Packet Analyzer software.
• Cisco Ethernet Switches and Routers.

**General Notes**

In this unit, you should do the following:

• Attend lectures, take notes, ask questions.
• Attend your weekly Practical session.
• Ensure that you attend module exams during the first hour of your practical session.
• Read appropriate sections of the text, add to your notes and prepare questions for your lecturer/tutor.
• Work on any assignments that have been released.

Lecture notes will be made available each week but these notes are intended as an outline of the lecture only and are not a substitute for your own notes or the recommended reading list.

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- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

**Student Code of Conduct**

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**Results**

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- **Getting help with your assignment**
- **Workshops**
- **StudyWise**
- **Academic Integrity Module**

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- **Subject and Research Guides**
- **Ask a Librarian**

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IT Help

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