

# **ExCEL Prerequisite**

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Activity: Computer Network and Security Symposium

# Activities Information

Event Name: Computer Network and Security Symposium

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Venue: Facebook Live

Organizer: PERSAKA

## **Graduate Success Attributes**

1. Academic

2. Entrepreneurship

3. Communication

## Position/Role Within the Activities

Position: Participant

### Report

#### Program Background

The Computer Networks and Security Symposium was held on the 16 April 2021, inviting UTM IT alumni as speakers on the state of Computer Security in Malaysia, and allowing them to share their experience while working in the industry. Generally, they are successful people who participated the UTM extracurricular events extensively and has gained valuable experience in doing so.

#### Graduate Attributes focused on during Program.

In this program, there are 4 Graduate Attributes that I can say that has been improved by participating in it. Those are the Academic, Teamworking , Entrepreneur and Communication attributes.

The event has impacted my Academic, Communication and Teamworking skills in a big and positive way. The speakers have taught us extensively on what to focus during our time in UTM. For example, they taught us that the programming classes in the UTM are the most crucial part of the time in UTM, where our teamworking skills will be on the prime time showing. We have to overcome roadblocks during communicating with them due to both of us not being able to reliably contact each even when doing crucial tasks in assignments. Overcoming this is vital in making these courses a success. To do so, we tried to make our messages as high priority messages and attempted to make group calls frequently, similar to code jams. Secondly, we taught each on what we did not know, making group works and exchanges a fun and enlightening experience. The security talks reminded me of why I am studying in UTM.

Next, I have improved my Entrepreneurial skills, by learning from the speakers leading and guiding their proteges in their respective companies. They have cut their teeth in making those business a successful one.

#### Contents of Activity

This activity was organized by the PERSAKA UTM and was held in Facebook Live. This activity aims to encourage the university students of UTM to learn more about the career and opportunities as a network specialist in the current industry. The speakers invited are Muhammad Reza bin Z'aba and Mukhlis Mohd Sapiyan.

The speakers talked at length about the companies they have joined, the skills that they have learnt and the preparation they have made in made in university before joining the workforce. Mr Mukhlis in particular has said that a practical semester studying is like a game demo, it is a vision of things to come in the future under a boss, a deadline and a project. He specifically said that we should start learning how to do things in the Linux OS and set up our own web servers. He said that experience is the greatest teacher, and by doing more and studying more on our own, we would reach greater heights.

#### Self-Reflection

At the conclusion of this event, I have gained an understanding that the industry is a challenging place to be, and it takes constant studying and improvement for the people in the industry to stay there. In exchange for that hard work, they get to enjoy perks in working in the company like free food and company-sponsored vacations. Furthermore, it takes real dedication for a person to succeed in the business.

### Program Photos



