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The QUT Cyber Security Club (QUTCSC), formerly known as QUT White Hats, was founded in 2018 by students passionate about cyber security. As a student-led society, we are committed to promoting information security within the QUT community and beyond.

Affiliated with the QUT Guild and QUT Foundry, our mission is to foster an inclusive and supportive environment where students from all backgrounds can grow their cyber security knowledge and skills.

Through workshops, lectures, competitions, and peer collaboration, we empower students to develop practical expertise in this critical field. In 2024, we rebranded to QUT Cyber Security Club to better reflect our broad, inclusive approach to cyber security education. We believe cyber awareness is vital across all disciplines—and by upskilling our peers, we're helping to build a safer digital future for Australia.



OUR PLANS FOR 2026

Our team works hard to plan and deliver valuable events and opportunities that empower our members to grow both technically and professionally. Here's a look at what's planned for 2026!

Weekly Workshops

We host weekly workshops designed to teach students the fundamentals of cyber security, alongside emerging topics and practical skills. Most sessions include guest speakers from industry, who share real-world insights and experiences with our members.

Topics include:

- "Ask Me Anything" sessions with industry professionals
- How professionals got into their cybersecurity roles
- Cyber frameworks
- CTF skills and competitions



What do students get out of this?

Workshops offer hands-on exposure to core cybersecurity concepts, helping attendees build technical confidence and practical skills. They also provide valuable opportunities to network with peers, engage with industry professionals, and explore potential career pathways—whether they're newcomers or experienced students.



CTF Time

Most weeks, a team of students from our club participates in an online competition. Students can collaborate through our Discord server or meet in person at QUT Gardens Point. This allows students to develop practical skills and prepare for the annual ASD-CTF challenge. Students can also work together through our Discord chat or meet up at the QUT Foundry co-working space. This allows students to build skills and prepare for the annual ASDS - CTF Challenge.



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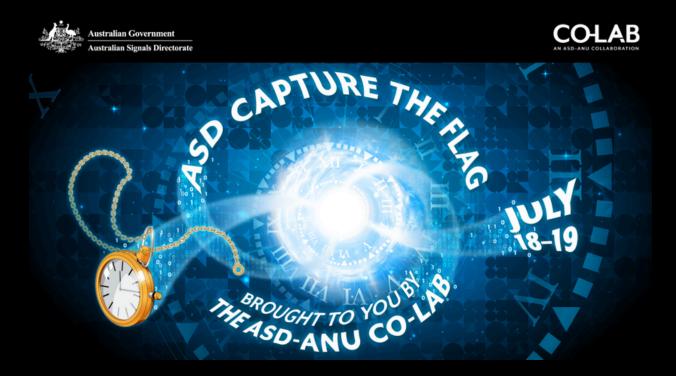
Participating in CTF competitions helps students develop practical skills across a wide range of cyber security areas. These challenges often cover fields such as cryptography, forensics, reverse engineering, web exploitation, secure coding, and open-source intelligence (OSINT) - but are by no means limited to these. Each event introduces new problems that encourage students to think critically, work collaboratively, and adapt quickly to unfamiliar situations.

These competitions provide an environment for hands-on learning that complements classroom theory, helping students build confidence in their abilities. The experience also equips them with real-world examples they can draw on in interviews and graduate applications, strengthening their readiness for careers in the cyber security industry.



Capture the Flag by The ASD

Each year Australian Students compete against each other in the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) CTF. Teams each attempt the challenges provided. They range from cryptography, Programming, computer security active defence questions, forensics, and many more. QUT Cyber Security Club helps students prepare for the challenge with our weekly workshops. Participants can be allocated to a workspace inside our university for the 24-hour event.



How does ASD CTF benefit students?

Participating in the challenge is a great opportunity for students to express themselves to scouts. Getting acknowledged is great for a student's profile and is highly regarded to an employer.



Tech Industry Night

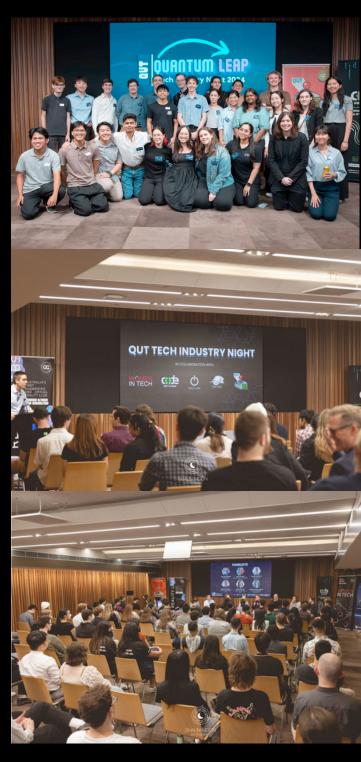
In partnership with Business Analysis and Data Science Club (BANDS), Code Network, Aerospace Society, Electrical Engineering Student Society (EESS), Law Innovation and Technology Society (LITS), The Emerging Coders Hub (TECH), Women in Maths (WiM), Women in Technology (WiT), and Reality Labs, we co-host the annual QUT Tech Industry Night.

This event brings together students and professionals from across tech disciplines. It features a panel discussion with industry experts, followed by a catered networking session that fosters genuine connections between students and industry.

How does Tech Industry Night benefit students?

Tech Industry Night offers students a valuable opportunity to connect with both peers and professionals across the tech sector. The event provides a welcoming environment to explore a wide range of career paths, including cyber security, software engineering, game development, data analytics, legal-tech, and digital design.

By engaging directly with industry representatives, students gain insights into potential career options and often discover opportunities for internships, mentorship, and graduate roles. Many attendees leave with meaningful connections that help shape their career journeys.





OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

Sponsoring QUT Cyber Security Club is a unique opportunity to connect with emerging talent in the cyber security space. We're dedicated to developing students with skills that are highly valued across the industry.

Your support can enhance your brand's visibility through our events and social media platforms, while also offering opportunities to engage directly with our members - whether through mentoring, guest speaking, or contributing to our workshops with your expertise.

THE PROPOSAL

We have four tiers of sponsorship which we can tailor to your needs!

Support students, gain visibility, and engage directly with the next generation of cyber professionals.



Please contact us if you have any queries and we'll be more than happy to discuss.



WHAT OUR COMMUNITY THINKS

Connor McCann, Workshop participant

The first workshop was great. It gave everyone a good foundation for the coming workshops. The capture the flag challenge at the end was fun and a great way for people to learn the basic commands. I would definitely attend another workshop and would recommend it.

Thomas Crilly, Workshop participant:

The workshop was informative and very helpful as I'm completely new to ethical hacking. I'm excited for the future workshops where I can learn more and get a great understanding of security and networks. After these workshops, I hope I'll have intermediate or proficient skills.



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