

Assignment: Troubleshooting Case Study & Presentation

Objective:

You will apply the **CompTIA ITF+ Troubleshooting Methodology** to a real-world IT issue by analyzing a case study and presenting their findings.

Work with a partner; select **one IT issue** from the list below. You will **document your troubleshooting steps** based on the **8-step methodology** learned in class.

Possible IT Issues:

- 1. A user's computer won't boot after a power outage.
- 2. A remote employee cannot connect to the VPN.
- 3. A network printer is not responding.
- 4. A company employee receives a phishing email and unknowingly provides login credentials.
- 5. An office experiences **slow internet speeds** after a network update.
- 6. An accounting application crashes every time it is opened.
- 7. A healthcare clinic's **Electronic Health Records (EHR) system is down** due to a recent software update.

Case Study Report Requirements:

Students will **document** their troubleshooting process in a short report (1–2 pages). The report should include:

- Title of the Issue
- Step 1: Identify the Problem (Symptoms, affected users, error messages)
- Step 2: Research Knowledge Base/Internet (Possible solutions, vendor documentation)
- Step 3: Establish a Theory of Probable Cause (List possible causes)
- Step 4: Test the Theory (Describe tests performed and results)
- Step 5: Establish a Plan of Action (Plan the fix and consider risks)
- **Step 6: Implement the Solution** (Explain how the fix was applied)
- **Step 7: Verify System Functionality** (Confirm the issue is resolved)
- Step 8: Document Findings & Preventive Measures (Record lessons learned)



Part 2: Presentation (5–7 minutes per student/group)

Students will create a **PowerPoint or Google Slides presentation** summarizing their troubleshooting process.

Slide Requirements:

- **Slide 1:** Title (Issue Name, Student Name(s))
- **Slide 2:** Problem Summary (What happened? Who was affected?)
- **Slide 3:** Research (What resources were used to find a solution?)
- **Slide 4:** Theories of the Cause (List possible reasons for the issue)
- **Slide 5:** Testing (How did you test your theories? What was the result?)
- **Slide 6:** Solution (What fix was implemented?)
- **Slide 7:** Verification & Prevention (How did you confirm it was fixed? How can this be prevented in the future?)
- Slide 8: Lessons Learned & Questions