## COMPUTING SYLLABUS Secondary G1 Syllabus K127

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## SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

Value of Computing Curriculum Framework Aims of the Syllabus 21<sup>st</sup> Century Competencies (21CC) Digital Literacy and Technological Skills (DLTS)

## INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Value of Computing

The rapid advancement of technology and growing capabilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) will bring about significant changes to the way we learn, work and play. Companies must embrace digital transformations to survive and strive and individuals must learn new digital skills to remain relevant.

Computing subjects provide upstream support for this effort by providing students with opportunities to acquire useful digital competencies and explore the field of Computing.

Through the G1 Computing subject, our students

- develop basic computational thinking skills along with 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies,
- develop digital competencies in using digital tools to create digital artefacts, process information, communicate effectively and solve simple problems,
- appreciate the legal, ethical and security issues relating to the use of computers, and
- gain understanding of emerging technologies and the impact of technology on society.

#### **1.2** Curriculum Framework

The design of G1 Computing is guided by the **Computing Curriculum Framework** (shown in the figure below) along with the aims of developing  $21^{st}$  Century Competencies (see Section 1.4) and Digital Competencies (see Section 1.5).

Computational Thinkers • Competent and Ethical Computer Users



Figure 1: Computing Curriculum Framework (Revised in 2017)

The Computing Curriculum Framework consists of:

- Vision Statement for computing education
- **Dimensions** of computing
- Core Concepts of computing
- Components of Computational Thinking (CT)
- Practices of computing practitioners and professionals

An important aspect of the framework is the relationship between the **Core Concepts**, **Computational Thinking** and **Practices**: Core Concepts and Computational Thinking are applied through the Practices, and the Practices will in turn deepen one's understanding of the Core Concepts.

**Computational Thinking (CT)**<sup>1</sup> has been defined by Jeanette Wing as "the thought process involved in formulating problems and developing approaches to solving them in a manner that can be implemented with an information-processing agent". The practices in the framework aim to support the learning of CT. The components of CT are:

- **Abstraction** This is the skill of hiding details that are not necessary and leaving only the information that is deemed relevant to developing the solution to the problem.
- **Decomposition** This is the skill of breaking down a complex problem to smaller and simpler tasks.
- **Generalisation** This is the skill of identifying patterns and connections and modifying a solution for a specific problem to adapt it to work for a set of similar problems.
- **Algorithmic Thinking** This involves coming up with the solution to a computational problem and articulating the solution as a sequence of steps or instructions.

The following 2 tables show the alignment of G1 Computing with the **Core Concepts** and **Practices** of the Computing Curriculum Framework respectively.

Core Concepts	Topics in G1 Computing
	Computing Fundamentals:
	<ul> <li>components of a computer</li> </ul>
Computer Systems	<ul> <li>inputs and outputs</li> </ul>
	data units
	<ul> <li>computer software</li> </ul>
	Networking:
	<ul> <li>types of network medium and network organisation</li> </ul>
Computer Networks	network devices
	<ul> <li>cloud computing</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>web design</li> </ul>
	Spreadsheets:
Data and Analysis	<ul> <li>organisation and formatting of data</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>data validation and processing</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>data analysis using charts</li> </ul>

 Table 1: Alignment of G1 Computing topics with the Core Concepts in the Framework

<sup>(</sup>table continues on the next page)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Wing, J. M. (2006), *Computational Thinking*, Communications of the Association for Computing Machinery.

Core Concepts	Topics in G1 Computing		
	Programming:		
Algorithms and	<ul> <li>program development using visual programming</li> </ul>		
Programming	<ul> <li>flowcharts and algorithms</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>problem solving and game making</li> </ul>		
	Document Processing:		
	<ul> <li>document formatting</li> </ul>		
Application and System	<ul> <li>layout of text and graphics</li> </ul>		
Software	Media Software:		
Software	<ul> <li>graphics design</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>preparation of multimedia presentations</li> </ul>		
	video creation		
	Impact of Computing:		
	<ul> <li>emerging technologies</li> </ul>		
Impact of Computing	<ul> <li>cybersecurity risks relating to scams and malware</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>responsible and ethical use of computers relating to</li> </ul>		
	copyright and privacy		

### **Table 2:** Alignment of G1 Computing topics with the **Practices** in the Framework

Practices	Tasks in G1 Computing
Understanding Computational	Students identify and analyse key information about
Problems	<ul> <li>a design task; or</li> </ul>
(including design tasks)	<ul> <li>a computational problem.</li> </ul>
	Students design and create
Creating Computational Artefacts	<ul> <li>digital artefacts such as documents, graphics, presentations and videos; and</li> </ul>
(including digital artefacts)	<ul> <li>computational artefacts such as spreadsheets, charts, programs and games.</li> </ul>
Evaluating Computational Artefacts (including digital artefacts)	<ul> <li>Students test, evaluate and improve</li> <li>digital artefacts, including exporting and playback of graphics, videos and presentations; and</li> <li>computational artefacts, including debugging and refining of programs and games.</li> </ul>
Communicating and Collaborating	<ul> <li>Students work collaboratively in pairs or small groups to create</li> <li>digital artefacts to complete complex design tasks; or</li> <li>computational artefacts to solve complex</li> </ul>
	computational problems.

#### 1.3 Aims of the Syllabus

The aims of the G1 Computing syllabus are to:

- 1) Acquire knowledge and understanding of the concepts of computer systems, networks, application software and programming;
- 2) Develop and apply computational thinking skills such as abstraction and decomposition by creating computational artefacts;
- 3) Develop and apply media software skills by using application software;
- 4) Develop an appreciation of computing as a creative field together with an awareness of cybersecurity, emerging technology and the impact of computing;
- 5) Develop 21CC and attitudes needed to do well in computing including critical, adaptive and inventive thinking, collaboration, communication as well as perseverance in striving for accuracy and thoroughness.

#### 1.4 21st Century Competencies (21CC)

The enhanced Framework for 21st Century Competencies and Student Outcomes ("21CC Framework") in the following figure shows how **Core Values**, **Social-Emotional Competencies**, and **Emerging 21st Century Competencies (E21CC)** support the realisation of **MOE's Desired Outcomes of Education**. G1 Computing supports the development of **E21CCs**, especially **Critical**, **Adaptive and Inventive Thinking (CAIT)**.



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Figure 2: Framework for 21CC and Student Outcomes (Enhanced in 2023)<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The enhanced 21CC Framework has been updated with an updated set of learning goals and developmental milestones. Visit <u>go.gov.sg/21cc</u> for more info.

#### 1.5 Digital Literacy and Technological Skills (DLTS)

**Digital Literacy (DL)** is defined as a set of knowledge, skills and dispositions that would help our learners to be confident, critical and responsible users of digital technologies for information, communication and problem-solving. **Technological skills (TS)** refer to the ability to understand and use specific technologies to solve problems and achieve practical goals.

Under the **EdTech Masterplan 2030**<sup>3</sup>, the development of Digital Literacy and Technological Skills (DLTS) in schools is guided by the **Find-Think-Apply-Create (FTAC) frame**, which is in turn unpacked into **9 Digital Competencies (DCs)** as shown in the following figure.



Figure 3: 9 Digital Competencies (DCs) and the Find-Think-Apply-Create (FTAC) frame for Digital Literacy and Technological Skills

The G1 Computing curriculum provides opportunities for the development of Digital Competencies in each of the FTAC components.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For more information on MOE's Edtech Masterplan 2030 and the Find-Think-Apply Create frame for DLTS, visit <u>https://www.moe.gov.sg/education-in-sg/educational-technology-journey/edtech-masterplan</u>

# SECTION 2: CONTENT

Overview of Content and Curriculum Time Learning Outcomes

#### 2.1 Overview of Content and Curriculum Time

The curriculum time for G1 Computing is 3 hours per week over 2 years. A summary of the topics or content explications per module is provided in the following table.

Module	Topics
1. Computing Fundamentals	1.1 Components
	1.2 Input and Output
	1.3 Software
2. Networking	2.1 Concepts
	2.2 Cloud Computing
3. Impact of Computing	3.1 Technology
	3.2 Responsible Use of Computers
4. Document Processing	4.1 Body Text
	4.2 Page properties
	4.3 Graphics and text boxes
5. Spreadsheets	5.1 Cell Formats
	5.2 Charts
	5.3 Formulas
	5.4 Functions
	5.5 Sorting and Filtering
	5.6 Data validation
6. Media Software	6.1 Media Elements
	6.2 Vector graphics
	6.3 Raster graphics
	6.4 Presentations and Videos
7 Programming	7.1 Basics
	7.2 Game programming

Table 3: Overview of Content

### 2.2 Learning Outcomes

Module 1	: Computing	Fundamentals
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Section	Ref.	Learning Outcomes
[1.1]	1.1.1	Define computer hardware.
Components	1.1.2	Name the key components of a computer system: its processor, main memory
		and secondary storage.
	1.1.3	State the difference between volatile and non-volatile memory.
	1.1.4	State an example of volatile (main memory) and non-volatile memory
		(secondary storage) respectively.
	1.1.5	Give examples of secondary storage media: memory cards, flash drives, hard
		disk drives and solid-state drives.
	1.1.6	Compare the sizes of data units: bits, bytes, kilobytes, megabytes, gigabytes,
		terabytes and petabytes.
	1.1.7	Compare computers in terms of processor speed, memory capacity and
		secondary storage capacity.
[1.2] Input	1.2.1	Identify the input, process and output of a computer application.
and Output	1.2.2	Understand that meaningful information is output only after a computer has
		processed the correct input data.
	1.2.3	Give examples of common input devices: keyboards, mice, touchpads,
		scanners, barcode readers, digital cameras/webcams and microphones.
	1.2.4	Give examples of common output devices: display screens/monitors, printers,
		speakers/headphones and projectors.
[1.3]	1.3.1	Define computer software.
Software	1.3.2	Describe the functions of operating systems: to provide users with a user
		interface, to support the running of application software, to manage the
		computer's resources and to manage the computer's input and output devices.
	1.3.3	Give examples and describe the functions of common software: word
		processors, spreadsheet software, presentation software, drawing software
		and programming software.
	1.3.4	Distinguish between operating systems and application software.
	1.3.5	Give examples of common features of graphical user interfaces: windows,
		icons, menus and pointers.
	1.3.6	State the benefits of file compression: reducing file size and making transfer
		easier by combining multiple files into a single file.

#### Module 2: Networking

Section	Ref.	Learning Outcomes
[2.1]	2.1.1	Understand that computers in a network can facilitate communication and
Concepts		sharing of documents, hardware and software.
	2.1.2	Give examples and state the purposes of common computer network devices:
		network interface cards, wireless routers and modems.
	2.1.3	Understand the difference between wired and wireless communications.
	2.1.4	Differentiate between local area networks (LANs) and wide area networks
		(WANs) based on geographical scope.
	2.1.5	Understand the difference between intranets and the internet.
	2.1.6	Understand the difference between clients and servers in a client-server
		network.
[2.2] Cloud	2.2.1	Understand that the cloud refers to computing resources (storage and
Computing		applications) that are accessed over the internet.
	2.2.2	Compare cloud storage to local storage in terms of where files are located and
		their relative advantages or disadvantages.
	2.2.3	Compare cloud-based applications to local applications in terms of relative
		advantages or disadvantages.
	2.2.4	Create custom web-based forms for data collection.
	2.2.5	Create simple websites using templates.

#### Module 3: Impact of Computing

Section	Ref.	Learning Outcomes
[3.1]	3.1.1	Give examples of the impact of computers in:
Technology		· Communication: ability to connect people and businesses over long distances
		· Education: easy access to online classes and large amounts of information via
		the internet
		<ul> <li>Transportation: widespread access to navigational services via Global</li> </ul>
		Positioning System (GPS) and emergence of self-driving vehicles
		<ul> <li>Retail: more reliable tracking of available stock and emergence of self-</li> </ul>
		checkout counters
	3.1.24	Show an awareness of emerging technologies such as:
		· Generative Al
		. Autonomous Machines
		· Virtual/ Mixed Reality
[3.2]	3.2.1	Understand the online risks associated with scams and malware.
Responsible	3.2.2	Give examples of malware: viruses, worms, trojans, spyware and ransomware.
Use of	3.2.3	Take measures to prevent falling victim to online risks: use strong passwords,
Computers		use firewalls, use updated anti-malware programs and identify scam attempts.
	3.2.4	Prevent data loss by making backups for possible recovery in case the originals
		are damaged.
	3.2.5	Use copyrighted materials responsibly.
	3.2.6	Understand the privacy policy and settings of websites before deciding
		whether to disclose personal information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The content for this learning outcome may be refreshed from time to time and is non-examinable.

#### Module 4: Document Processing

Section	Ref.	Learning Outcomes
[4.1] Body	4.1.1	Use the find and replace feature.
Text	4.1.2	Paste text with or without formatting.
	4.1.3	Insert soft breaks to start new lines without starting new paragraphs.
	4.1.4	Set the left, right, first-line and/or hanging indents of a paragraph to specified values.
	4.1.5	Use pre-set tab stops to align different lines of text (left-align only).
[4.2] Page Properties	4.2.1	Give examples of scenarios where single-column and multiple-column layouts may be used.
	4.2.2	Create single-column and multiple-column layouts using the built-in columns feature.
	4.2.3	Insert headers and footers.
	4.2.4	Insert page numbers and set the starting page number to a specified value.
	4.2.5	Insert or remove page breaks.
	4.2.6	Use section breaks to format a document, including allowing page layout in both
		portrait and landscape orientation.
[4.3]	4.3.1	Insert graphics into a document.
Graphics	4.3.2	Move, resize, flip, rotate and crop imported graphics.
and Text	4.3.3	Embed charts created using spreadsheet software.
Boxes 4.3.4 Create t		Create textboxes and import text into them.
	4.3.5	Link text boxes so that text flows from one to another in a specified order.
	4.3.6	Modify the borders of a text box.
	4.3.7	Set the wrapping style of a text box or graphic.

### Module 5: Spreadsheets

Section	Ref.	Learning Outcomes				
[5.1] Cell 5.1.1 Set cells to use either a number, currency or percentage for		Set cells to use either a number, currency or percentage format with a specified				
Formats		number of decimal places.				
	5.1.2	Set cells to use a specified date format.				
	5.1.3	Wrap and align text in cells vertically and horizontally.				
	5.1.4	Use conditional formatting to change the fill and/or font colour of cells based on				
		their contents. [Limited to "greater than", "less than" and "equal to"]				
[5.2]	5.2.1	State the purpose of different chart types: bar charts, column charts, pie charts				
Charts		and line charts.				
	5.2.2	Create bar charts, column charts, pie charts or line charts with data from either				
	523	Customise chart elements: chart title data labels axes axis titles and legend				
	524	Recognise that modifying a chart's data table will cause a corresponding change				
	5.2.4	to the chart				
	525	State the purpose of combination charts				
	526	Create combination charts. [Limited to combination of line and column charts]				
[5 3]	531	Use mathematical operators (+ - * and /) in formulas				
Formulas	532	Use relational operators (> >= $< <=$ and =) to compare values in formulas				
i onnulus	533	Becognise that the value of cells which use formulas will be automatically				
	5.5.5	recalculated when their referenced cells are changed.				
	5.3.4	Change the view of a spreadsheet to display formulas.				
	5.3.5	Use absolute and relative cell referencing				
[5.4]	5.4.1	Use a logical function to select between two values based on a logical condition				
Functions		[IF, no nested IFs].				
	5.4.2	Use mathematical and statistical functions to:				
		· Round numbers [ROUND]				
		· Sum numbers [SUM]				
		· Average numbers [AVERAGE]				
		· Calculate median, minimum or maximum of numbers [MEDIAN, MIN, MAX]				
		• Count values (numbers only, non-blank only, with condition) [COUNT,				
		[COUNTA, COUNTIF]				
	5.4.3	Use text functions to:				
		• Extract characters from text [LEFT, MID, RIGHT]				
		· Calculate the length of text [LEN]				
	5.4.4	Use a look up function to look up values from a range of cells using exact				
(5.5)	<b><b></b></b>					
[5.5]	5.5.1	Sort cells in ascending or descending order based on the contents of a particular				
Sorting	552	Column.				
and	5.5.2	Filter data by setting criteria on a column. [Limited to greater than , greater				
Three mg		to"]				
[5.6] Data	5.6.1	State why input data may need to be validated.				
Validation	5.6.2	Set validation criteria for cells.				
	5.6.3	Display custom error messages when invalid input data is keyed in.				

#### Module 6: Media Software

Section	Ref.	Learning Outcomes
[6.1] Media	6.1.1	State that text, graphics, animation, sound and video are media elements.
Elements	6.1.2	State that multimedia content consists of multiple media elements.
	6.1.3	Identify the different types of media elements used in some specified
		multimedia content.
[6.2] Vector	6.2.1	Explain that vector graphics are created using nodes and paths.
Graphics	6.2.2	State that vector graphics can be resized without loss of quality.
	6.2.3	Create drawings using lines, curves, text, ellipses and polygons.
	6.2.4	Move, resize, rotate and flip objects.
	6.2.5	Duplicate/copy and delete objects.
	6.2.6	Set the front to back arrangement of objects.
	6.2.7	Group multiple objects into a single object and ungroup them again.
	6.2.8	Recognise solid fills, gradient fills and pattern fills.
	6.2.9	Set the fill of objects using a specified colour and style.
	6.2.10	Set the transparency of objects such that objects underneath them are
	C 2 11	VISIBLE.
	6.2.11	Set the outline of objects using a specified colour and thickness.
	6.2.12	Put text to follow a curved path.
	6.2.13	Export vector graphics as raster graphics.
	6.2.14	create complex shapes using merging features: union, intersect, fragment, subtract, combine.
	6.2.15	Modify objects by manipulating their nodes and node handles directly.
[6.3] Raster	6.3.1	State and recognise that raster graphics are composed of individually
Graphics		coloured pixels.
	6.3.2	Give PNG, GIF, TIFF, BMP and JPEG as examples of different file formats for
		raster graphics and state if transparency is supported for each file format.
	6.3.3	State that resizing raster graphics can result in a loss of quality.
	6.3.4	Explain that the output resolution of raster graphics is measured in dots per
		inch (dpi) or pixels per inch (ppi) when printed on paper or displayed on a
		screen respectively.
	6.3.5	Adjust the sharpness, brightness and contrast of raster graphics.
[6.4]	6.4.1	Insert media elements into a slide presentation.
Presentations	6.4.2	Adjust the relative dimensions of media elements and use white space
and Videos		appropriately.
	6.4.3	Use appropriate fonts and colours to enhance readability.
	6.4.4	Use appropriate font styles and sizes to distinguish between headings and
		body text.
	6.4.5	Use appropriate backgrounds for a slide presentation to enhance contrast
		with media elements.
	6.4.6	Use the slide master feature to achieve a consistent style and layout.
	6.4.7	Produce slide presentations based on storyboards.
	6.4.8	Understand that frames are individual images in a video.
	6.4.9	Create a video from still images and videos with text, transitions and sound.
	6.4.10	State that videos with higher frame rates may take up more space but may
		also appear smoother than videos with lower frame rates.

#### Module 7: Programming

Section	Ref.	Learning Outcomes	
[7.1] Basics	7.1.1	Recognise that visual programming languages use graphical symbols to	
		develop programs.	
	7.1.2	State that visual programming can be used to create games.	
	7.1.3	Represent the sequence of events in a proposed game using words,	
		sketches and/or storyboards.	
	7.1.4	Interpret flowcharts to understand a program's sequence of events.	
	7.1.5	State that the purpose of variables is to store values.	
	7.1.6	Create and name variables.	
	7.1.7	Initialise and update the values of variables.	
	7.1.8	Use conditional instructions (if and if-else). [No nested ifs]	
	7.1.9	Use basic loops (repeat, forever).	
	7.1.10	Use conditional loops (repeat-until).	
	7.1.11	Use logical (or, and, not) and relational operators (>, < and =) in conditional	
		instructions and/or loops.	
	7.1.12	Generate and use random numbers in programs.	
	7.1.13	Use mathematical operators (+, -, * and /) in programs.	
	7.1.14	Identify and correct errors in programs.	
[7.2] Game	7.2.1	Recognise that points on the stage can be represented using their x and y	
Programming		coordinates.	
	7.2.2	State that code consists of instructions to be executed by a sprite or the	
		stage.	
	7.2.3	Recognise that multiple sets of code can be executed at the same time.	
	7.2.4	Position sprites at a specified location and orientation.	
	7.2.5	Move and rotate sprites.	
	7.2.6	Start and stop the execution of code.	
	7.2.7	Insert wait time between the execution of two instructions.	
	7.2.8	Insert additional backdrops to the stage by choosing from the library,	
		importing from a file or drawing with the built-in editor.	
	7.2.9	Switch between the stage's backdrops.	
	7.2.10	Create and name sprites.	
	7.2.11	Change the size of sprites.	
	7.2.12	Insert additional costumes for a sprite by choosing from the library,	
		importing from a file or drawing with the built-in editor.	
	7.2.13	Switch between a sprite's costumes.	
	7.2.14	Show and hide sprites.	
	7.2.15	Display text as either a speech or thought bubble.	
	7.2.16	Play sounds for an object.	
	7.2.17	Record and store digital voice.	
	7.2.18	Edit sound clips by performing trim, insert and volume control operations.	
	7.2.19	Display and hide the values of variables.	
	7.2.20	Prompt for and accept text input.	
	7.2.21	Send a message to trigger other objects to start executing their code.	
	7.2.22	Set key presses and/or mouse clicks to trigger execution of code.	
	7.2.23	Use contact between sprites and/or coloured areas of objects in	
		conditional instructions and/or loops.	

# SECTION 3: PEDAGOGY

Pedagogical Considerations Pedagogical Approaches

## PEDAGOGY

#### 3.1 Pedagogical Considerations

This section elaborates on the pedagogical considerations used to support the teaching strategies for G1 Computing in alignment to the curriculum framework (see <u>Figure 1</u> in <u>Section</u> <u>1.2</u>).

#### **Computational Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills**

Computational thinking and problem-solving skills are important for students to take on future challenges in their studies, work and life. Specifically, the nature of Computational Thinking and Problem-Solving lend themselves well to development of Critical, Adaptive and Inventive Thinking (CAIT) in E21CC. To support the aim of developing these skills and the attendant CAIT, the **pedagogical approaches** and **strategies** should provide students with ample opportunities to solve a range of problems of **varying difficulties and contexts** and demonstrate the 4 aspects of computational thinking.

#### **Matching Students' Learning Profile**

For learning to be effective, the **teaching pace**, **pedagogical approaches** and **assessment practices** must be **developmentally appropriate** for the profile of students taking the G1 Computing subject. Pedagogical approaches should allow students to engage in designing, creating and evaluating interesting and meaningful computational artefacts such as animations and games. Students **reinforce their learning** when they express knowledge through **creating artefacts** and receive opportunities to **reflectively analyse** their work and the knowledge they have acquired. When students find meaning in learning, they are motivated and challenged, and take ownership of their learning.

#### **Provision of Authentic Contexts**

Authentic learning is highly recommended for students taking the G1 Computing subject. Learning activities that **mirror real-world tasks** promote higher levels of engagement as students are required to **actively apply concepts, skills and knowledge** to create computational artefacts (e.g. setting up a spreadsheet to analyse test results) to solve real-world problems. This learning would also be transferable and allows them to apply their learning experiences in new real-world situations which they may face during studies, work and life in the future. The use of authentic contexts will also help to develop Civic and Global Literacy in E21CC.

#### **3.2** Pedagogical Approaches

Based on the above considerations and guided by the **Singapore Curriculum Philosophy (SCP)**, the central pedagogical approaches for the G1 Computing subject are the 'learning through doing' and 'problem-driven' approaches. See the following table for the key features.

Learning Through Doing	Problem-Driven		
Students design and create digital and	Students work on problems which are based on		
computational artefacts.	authentic contexts.		
Students work collaboratively to design and generate solutions to tasks/problems.	Students understand and identify key information from the description of a computational problem.		
Students examine computer programs (i.e. lines of codes) to identify bugs and correct them.	Students solve problems systematically by using decomposition and generalisation.		

**Table 4:** Key features of 'learning through doing' and 'problem-driven' approaches

These two pedagogical approaches are aligned to several **teaching actions/ considerations** that are specific to G1 Computing. In the **Singapore Teaching Practice (STP)**, these teaching actions/ considerations articulate **24 teaching areas** that underpin **4 fundamental teaching processes** as shown in the 4 quadrants of the following figure.



Figure 4: Pedagogical Practices of the Singapore Teaching Practice (STP)

## SECTION 4: ASSESSMENT

School-Based Assessment National Examination

## ASSESSMENT

#### 4.1 School-Based Assessment

The assessment for G1 Computing is guided by the **three fundamental beliefs** about assessment in the Singapore Curriculum Philosophy (SCP):

1) Assessment is integral to the teaching and learning process;

2) Assessment begins with clarity of purpose; and

3) Assessment provides feedback to move learning forward and improve teaching practices.

The intent and purpose of assessment and feedback are to:

- check for understanding to ascertain the gaps between students' understanding and the desired learning outcomes, and to provide purposeful and meaningful feedback to students;
- design and facilitate self-directed learning activities to reinforce, consolidate and extend learning; and
- set meaningful assignments to inform teaching and support learning.

A **balanced** assessment system consists of both **Assessment for Learning (AfL)** and **Assessment of Learning (AoL)**. Teachers and students may work collaboratively towards more formative- or summative-oriented assessment purposes.

Examples of tasks that are suitable for learning and assessment in G1 Computing:

- (i) **Skill-Building Tasks**: Bite-size activities within or outside curriculum time that allow students to practice certain skills, with or without teacher guidance.
- (ii) **Problem Sets**: Tasks with real-world context which may integrate skills from more than one topic or software.
- (iii) **Course Projects**: Hands-on tasks that require students to demonstrate a range of abilities and skills learnt across different modules. These projects may seek to advance students' conceptual understanding and competency.

School-based summative assessment should consist of timed written and practical components. The written assessment may comprise **multiple-choice** and **short-structured questions**. Practical-based assessment may comprise **hands-on tasks** used to assess students' skills learnt in different modules. The format of the school-based assessment papers may take reference from the national examinations.

Teachers may also utilise online learning environments, such as the **Student Learning Space (SLS)** to assess students' learning and encourage self-directed learning.

#### 4.2 National Examination

#### Assessment Objectives

The examination will assess candidates'

- AO1 Knowledge and understanding of computing concepts, application software and impact of computing
- **AO2** Application of knowledge and understanding to analyse computing problems and communicate computational solutions
- **AO3** Practical application of skills in using a range of software to produce computational solutions

Candidates will demonstrate understanding of computing and networking concepts, application software and the impact of computing. They will use relevant application software to produce computational solutions in the form of documents, spreadsheets and charts, as well as demonstrate computational thinking through analysing and debugging programs. Candidates will also apply their skills to create computer graphics, videos and games.

#### Scheme of Assessment

All candidates will offer Paper 1 and Paper 2. All questions are compulsory in both papers.

#### Paper 1 (e-Examination)

This paper will assess candidates' knowledge, understanding and application of concepts and skills in all seven modules:

- Module 1: Computer Fundamentals
- Module 2: Networking
- Module 3: Impact of Computing
- Module 4: Document Processing
- Module 5: Spreadsheets
- Module 6: Media Software
- Module 7: Programming

#### Paper 2 (Lab-based Examination)

This paper, taken with a computer, will assess topics from the following modules:

- Module 4: Document Processing
- Module 5: Spreadsheets
- Module 6: Media Software
- Module 7: Programming

Candidate will submit softcopies of the required work for marking. The allotted time includes time for saving the required work in the candidates' computer.

#### Details of Each Paper

Paper	Mode	Duration	Weighting/ Marks	Format
1	e-Exam	1 h 15 m	40%	Section A
			(60 Marks)	20 Multiple-Choice Questions
				[20 marks]
				Section B
				Short Structured Questions
				[40 marks]
2	Lab-based	2 h	60%	<u>3 Tasks</u>
			(90 marks)	Media Software
				[~30 marks]
				Document Processing & Spreadsheets
				[~35 marks]
				Programming
				[~25 marks]

### Specification Table

	Assessment Objectives	Paper 1	Paper 2	Overall
A01	Knowledge and Understanding	~20%	-	~20%
A02	Application	~20%	-	~20%
A03	Practical Application of Skills	-	60%	60%
TOTAL		40%	60%	100%

## SECTION 5: INFRASTRUCTURE

Hardware and Software Requirements

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### 5.1 Hardware and Software Requirements

Every school offering the subject should be resourced with at least 80 computers provisioned and managed under the **Schools' Standard ICT Operating Environment (SSOE)** programme.

The following table lists the required software to be used for G1 Computing.

Module	Software Required		
2. Networking	Google Apps		
	<ul> <li>Google Drive</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Google Forms</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Google Sites</li> </ul>		
4. Document Processing	Microsoft Word		
5. Spreadsheets	Microsoft Excel		
6. Media Software	Microsoft PowerPoint		
7. Programming	Scratch		

Table 5: Software Requirements for G1 Computing