

FREE CHECKLIST · SIR VANTES

Before You Start BSIT

7 things to set up this summer so you walk into first year already ahead. Plain Taglish, from a 6-year IT pro turned instructor.

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The students who get ahead start early

Hindi mo kailangang mag-aral ng advanced topics ngayon. Kailangan mo lang i-set up ang pundasyon.

Most first-years waste a semester figuring out tools, accounts, and how to study tech. Do these 7 over the break and you skip that whole learning curve.

7 things to do this summer

1. Make a GitHub account

This is where your code and projects will live — it's your real resume in IT. Sign up at github.com and grab the free **GitHub Student Developer Pack** (lots of paid tools, free for students).

2. Set up a professional email

Recruiters will see it. Use something like `firstname.lastname@gmail.com` — not "gamerboy2007".

3. Install the basics

Visual Studio Code (code editor), Git (version control), and Cisco Packet Tracer (networking labs). All free. Just installing and opening them removes first-week friction.

4. Learn to type well

Sounds basic, pero seryoso — fast, accurate typing saves you hours every week for the next four years. Free practice sites work great.

5. Pick ONE thing and build something tiny

A one-page website. A simple Python script. Anything you finish. The habit of *building* (not just watching tutorials) is the #1 predictor of who succeeds.

6. Set up a "second brain" for notes

Notion or Obsidian (both free). You'll take a LOT of notes — having one organized home for them pays off all four years.

7. Follow 2–3 IT creators

Surround yourself with the field. (Sir Vantes on YouTube is a good start — Tagalog IT real talk.) Curiosity compounds.

DON'T OVERTHINK THE LAPTOP

You do NOT need an expensive gaming laptop. 8GB RAM (16GB ideal) and an SSD is plenty for BSIT. A refurbished business laptop is often the smartest buy.

This is just the head-start

You're set up. But "what do I actually study, and where does it all lead?" is the bigger question.

The full playbook: BSIT Survival Guide

The complete 14-page guide picks up where this leaves off:

- What BSIT really is (vs. CS and IS)
- Your subjects year-by-year — and which ones actually matter
- Certs worth chasing while still in school
- IT career paths after BSIT — with real Philippine salary ranges

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