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ABSTRACT

eLearning is interaction type of education that suitable to apply nowadays. eLearning is a type of education where the medium of instruction is computer technology. For this project, eLearning system is developed to FKEKK's student where to make student easily to access their learning material for every subject for their course before attend lecture session. Besides that, eLearning system also can be accessed everywhere at anytime. In this project, PHP scripts language is used because the main goal of PHP is to make web developer easily to develop the web that can generate the information and produces the content depends to user information. The whole project involved design and implement server application content based application and database development.

ABSTRAK

eLearning merupakan satu kaedah pembelajaran yang interaktif yang paling sesuai diaplikasikan pada masa kini. Ia merupakan satu pendidikan yang menggunakan teknologi komputer sebagai arahan. System eLearning yang dibangunkan dalam projek ini adalah untuk pelajar FKEKK sahaja dimana untuk memudahkan pelajar dalam mendapat bahan pembelajaran sebelum sesi kuliah bermula. Selain itu, pelajar dapat mencapai internet di mana-mana sahaja pada bila-bila masa sahaja. Dalam projek ini, bahasa pengaturcaraan PHP digunakan kerana matlamat utama PHP adalah untuk memudahkan pembangun web untuk membina laman web yang memproses maklumat dan menghasilkan kandungan bergantung kepada maklumat yang dihantar oleh pengguna. Keseluruhan projek ini melibatkan rekabentuk dan pembangunan aplikasi pelayan serta pangkalan data.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, people use technology on their life in many aspects like communication, education, advertisements and many more. eLearning is used to define a specific mode to attend a course of study where the students rarely, if ever, attend face-to-face for on-campus access to educational facilities, because they study online. A learning environment supported by continuously evolving, collaborative processes focused on increasing individual and organizational performance.

1.1 Project Overview

eLearning (student) is an effective web-based to facilitate and support the student learning activities through the use of information communication technologies (ICT). The motivation of system development is to enhance and enrich the learning process via online environment for FKEKK's students since the current traditional way of learning is no more effective to be applied in today's world. This system will be developing using a web-based approach (i.e. PHP) and using MySQL as a database to manage the eLearning information. Through this system, students can experience the learning

process for the way they live. Students can easily access their notes, tutorials, and other learning materials through online. This system also allows effective communication between student and lecturer through discussion board facilities without making any appointments.

1.2 Project Objective

In order for the project to success and to be implemented, the following objectives have to be achieved:

To develop a web-based system that supports the learning process more effective through the use of ICT.

To enhance the effectiveness of interaction and communication between students and lecturers.

To enrich the students experience by teaching the way they live and learn.

1.3 Problem Statement

1. Traditional learning makes the learning process no more effective nowadays.
2. Students not prepared when attending the lecture session because they only get their notes during the lecture. It will get worse if the student is absence, then he/she will miss the entire teaching and learning session for the particular class.
3. The communication between students and lecturer is not encouraging if using the traditional way of learning process, since student and lecturer has to meet on an appointment made when both of them are convenience.

1.4 Work Scope

- Basically, this project is developed to FKEKK to support and resources for online learning and use of educational technologies throughout FKEKK.
- This system provide user with two communications which it will be link between student and admin only.
- The users can access this system anywhere via internet.
- The functions of elearning system are:
 - Allows the student to access their notes, assessments, tutorials or other learning material for every subject for their courses in the download page.
 - Student also can view lecturer's announcement for every subject.
 - Allows student to communicate or discuss with lecturer and others student through discussion board site. So, lecturer and student can easily communicate with each other without making any appointments.
 - Student also can review their credit hours, subject list, and lecturer's name through course profile site for every batch.

1.5 Methodology Of Project

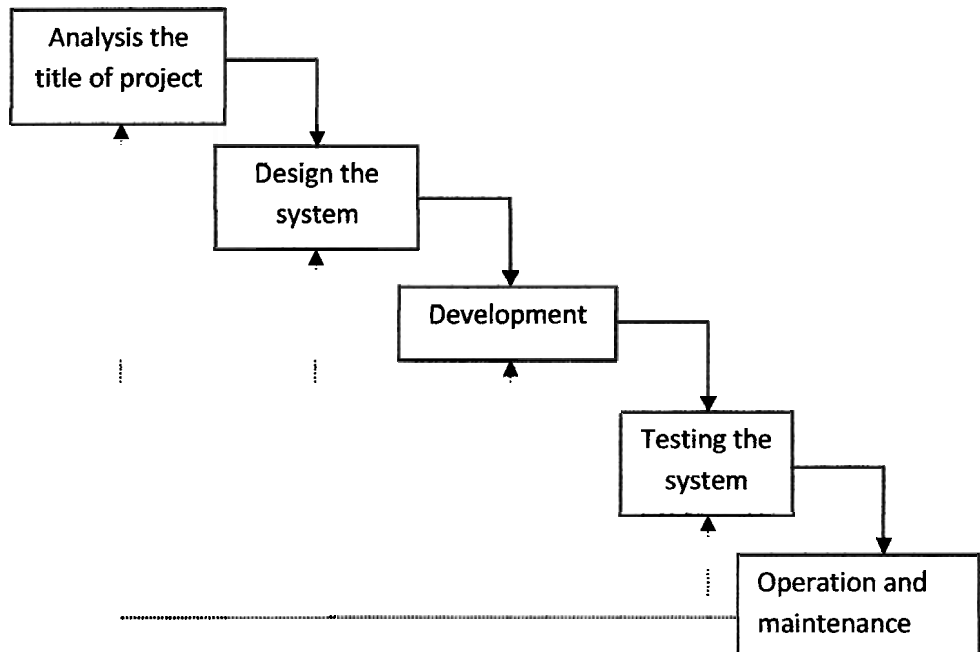


Figure 1.1 project flowchart

1.5.1 Analysis the title of project

In this phase, researches have been alone on elearning process especially on student elearning activities or functions. Some analysis on elearning system that has been developed is used to lecturers and students throughout FKEKK. The system's modules will develop by using the PHP scripts, and use the centralized database (MySQL) to make sure the data can be shared among the system users.

1.5.2 Design the System

To design the system, Macromedia Dreamweaver MX software is used for creates the user interface for the course, as well as a prototype that shows the layout for each screen and the flow of the entire course.

1.5.3 Development

In the development phase, PHP is used. PHP is the programming language used with the MySQL programming language to create the elearning system. It is for server-side scripting, but can be used from a command line interface or in standalone graphical applications.

1.5.4 Testing the System

At this phase, the system will be tested before launching to ensure the system is running properly and meet functional specifications. Any stated unambiguously, omission and errors have been detected and corrected.

1.5.5 Operation and Maintenance

In the duty operation phase, and maintenance phase, systems were installing. Maintenance involves correcting errors discovered in practice and improving system units and enhancing services in response to new requirements.

1.6 Thesis Outline

This thesis is divided into 5 chapters to provide the understanding of the whole project.

Chapter 1 is introduction to overview this project and its objectives. It also explains the scopes of project.

Chapter 2 describe about the literature review that has been used to gather information to complete the whole project. This study is focused especially on all software involve in this project.

Chapter 3 covers up all the project methodology and explains the project implementation to achieve goal. The software technical details are also explained in this part.

Chapter 4 explains the result of this project and the operation of the system. In this chapter the analysis of the project also has been discussed.

Chapter 5 explains on the future recommendation for the project to for future improvement.

CHAPTER II

LITERATURE REVIEW

This chapter describes about the literature review involved to gather information of the project. This includes Macromedia MX, PHP, MySQL server that operates on eLearning system. Many researches are carried out for this project.

2.1 Overview

Electronic learning (or e-Learning or eLearning) is a type of education where the medium of instruction is computer technology. In some instances, no in-person interaction takes place. *E-learning* is used interchangeably in a wide variety of contexts. E-learning naturally suited to distance learning and flexible learning, but can also be used in conjunction with face-to-face teaching, in which case the term Blended learning is commonly used. E-Learning pioneer Bernard Luskin argues that the "E" must be understood to have broad meaning if e-Learning is to be effective. Luskin says that the "e" should be interpreted to mean exciting, energetic, enthusiastic, emotional, extended, excellent, and educational in addition to "electronic" that is a traditional national interpretation.

In companies, it refers to the strategies that use the company network to deliver training courses to employees. In the USA, it is defined as a planned teaching/learning experience that uses a wide spectrum of technologies, mainly Internet or computer-based, to reach learners. Lately in most Universities, e-learning is used to define a specific mode to attend a course of study where the students rarely, if ever, attend face-to-face for on-campus access to educational facilities, because they study online. A learning environment supported by continuously evolving, collaborative processes focused on increasing individual and organizational performance.

Effective eLearning thrives at the nexus of web usability, communication, relationship, document, and knowledge management tools. Knowledge Management is about using information strategically to achieve one's business objectives. Knowledge management is the organizational activity of creating the social environment and technical infrastructure so that knowledge can be accessed, shared and created.

2.2 Concepts of eLearning

Table 2.1 concepts of eLearning

eLearning is	eLearning is NOT
Non Linear - Learners determine how, what and when they access information.	Linear - Learners must move through presentation in a predetermined sequence.
Dynamic Process - Transformed, personalized, customized on demand in response to learner and environmental	Static Event - Learning is not an event that only happens when scheduled training occurs, it happens continuously.

variables. Available on demand and just in time.	
Learner Controlled - Learner controls their own interaction with the content and presentation. Learner has opportunities for reflection and application.	Instructor Controlled - Instructor determines sequence, content, media and timing. Long simulations, or animations or Flash presentations are instructor controlled. Synchronous meetings are instructor controlled.
Reusable Objects - Content of any media that can be chunked down to the most granular, meaningful level to allow combinations of objects to be assembled and dynamically presented for different environments and functional needs.	Learning Objects - By focusing the use of an object for only one environment, you remove reusability. Web standard enterprise level portal and CMS platforms should be used.
Informal - Recognizes that at least 70% of learning occurs in meetings, in the corridors and break rooms, through collaboration, in situational communities.	Formal - Learning occurs w/o formal training presentations. Training is not the same as learning.