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#### ABSTRACT

Nutrition Balancing System (NBS) is a useful system that will help patient and nutritionist to systemic their works. The advantages of this system are users can register online and make appointment using the system. Besides, the system will guide users to monitor their daily diet diaries with provide suitable meal menu package for five days including breakfast, lunch and dinner according to their calories needed. At the same time, the system provides a Body Mass Index (BMI) calculation to decide normal weight, underweight and overweight. According to the BMI calculation, the system also provides calculation for total calories needed. The system also provides a function for nutritionist to add, update and delete meal menu packages and also provide module to check appointment that make by patients. This system develops using web based application and support with MySQL database. As a conclusion, the system can be access world wild web by the users easily.

## **ABSTRAK**

Nutrition Balancing System (NBS) ialah sebuah sistem yang dapat membantu pesakit dan pakar pemakanan (nutritionist) menguruskan kerja-kerja harian dengan sistem yang lebih mudah dan sistematik. Kepentingan sistem ini ialah pengguna boleh mendaftar dengan melusuri lawan web NBS dan boleh membuat temujanji dengan pakar pemakanan secara digital. Selain itu, sistem ini dapat membimbing pengguna dalam mengawal diet harian dengan menyediakan pakej makanan harian selama lima hari merangkumi sarapan pagi, makan tengah hari dan makn malam berdasarkan jumlah kalori yang diperlukan oleh setiap individu. Dalam masa yang sama, system ini juga menyediakan fungsi mengira Body Mass Index (BMI) untuk menentukan sama ada individu tersebut ialah normal, kekurangan berat badan atau berlebihan berat badan. Berdasarkan nilai BMI tersebut, system ini juga menyediakan pengiraan jumlah kalori yang diperlukan setiap individu. Seturusnya, system ini juga menyediakan fungsi untuk pakar pemakanan menambah, mengedit dan memansuhakn pakej makanan dan juga boleh menyemak sekiranya ada temujanji yang dibuat oleh pesakit. Sistem ini dibangunkan menggunakan applikasi lawan web dengan sokongan pangkalan data (MySQL). Kesimpulannya, sistem ini boleh dilayari menerusi dunia tanpa sempadan bagi membolehkan pengguna melusuri system ini dimana sahaja.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATION

BMI - Body Mass Index

CD - Compact Disk

COTS - Commercial off-the-shelf

DBMS - Database Management System

DFD - Data Flow Diagram

ERD - Entity Relationship Diagrams

FTMK - Fakulti Teknologi Maklumat dan Komunikasi

HTTP - Hypertext Transfer Protocol

IEEE - Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

NBS - Nutrition Balancing System

NOK - Not OK

OOAD - Object Oriented Analysis and Design

PHP - Hypertext Preprocessor

PSM - Projek Sarjana Muda

RUP - Rational Unified Process

SDLC - System Development Life Cycle

UML - Unified Modeling Language

UTeM - Universiti Teknikal Kebangsaan Malaysia Melaka

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## **CHAPTER I**

## INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Project Background

Balance nutrition is very importance to everyone health. Nowadays, people start to concern about their life style and aware about the nutrition of their food taken daily. It is also important to remember that weight is one of the factors related to risk for disease. Many people start to notice that underweight or overweight is considered as unhealthy and may lead to many of diseases. As a result, they start to seek for healthier lifestyle through balance nutrition.

Usually when patient need some advice on their fitness and health, they will go to see the nutritionist, but the nutritionist are not always available. In *Melaka Tengah* there is only one nutritionist that handles all the policlinic branches. When they already have an appointment with the nutritionist, firstly they have to follow the procedure such as fill in the registration form manually. Therefore, Nutrition Balancing System for Polyclinic (NBS) will be developed and will be used by the patients and nutritionist.

Firstly patients will register as a user; they can calculate BMI and calculate total calories needed. From the total calories needed, patient will know the meal menu that suggested by the system. The patients that already register to the system will save their BMI values and system will generate a graph according to the patient BMI. Besides, the

patients also can make an appointment online using patient id that had been assigned by the administrator. The patients can get the patient id from their doctors which they are then advice to refer to nutritionist according to their healthy.

Nutritionist will easily update meal menu package, add food item and view patient profile. Nutritionist also can view appointment if any, and will be able to fine a feedback to patient for any new information through the system. This NBS may help nutritionist to do work at any place and patient will always get the new information from the nutritionist.

From the problem and the entire project requirement, web-based development will help user to communicate with their nutritionist according to what the problem that they face. The user friendly application will be developing to make sure all level of user can used the system. Beside, the interactive design will attract user to use the system where they can gain knowledge and get treatment through the system. Consequently, this system will have the entire good software development elements that have been learn during all this season.

## 1.2 Problem Statement

The current problem that occurs was only one Nutritionist monitoring all polyclinic branches around *Melaka Tengah*. Encik Fauzi bin Atan, was the one nutritionist handles all policlinic branches in *Melaka Tengah*. Therefore, he is not always available unless patients already set an appointment with him. With this system, patient get helps that they need without seeing the nutritionist. This system provides information, health consultation, and generate suitable menu for patient according to their total calories needed. And if the patients need to see the nutritionist, they can set an appointment through the system according to their location.

Nutritionist need more time to prepare menu list for each patient. Nutritionist may have problems to seek for the best suggestion of nutrition to the customer at the time during consultation. Patients do not need to see the nutritionist if they do not have serious problem. They can just simply generate the best menu for them according to their BMI and total calories needed using the system.

## 1.3 Objective

The objectives of this system are:

- Develop system that will search suitable menu for each patient based on the
  calculation on their BMI and total calories needed. Patient need to enter weight
  and height and press calculate BMI button, the BMI status (underweight, normal
  or overweight) will appear. The BMI status will be used to calculate total calories
  needed to choose suitable meal menu package.
- Develop system that will save patient details and every time the patients calculate
  their BMI, the information can be saved and the system will generate a graph
  according to the date the BMI calculation taken.
- Develop system that will record and save list of menu for different category of
  patients. Nutritionist will enter the food item and calories for each of the food.
   Besides, make a package that suitable with the patient total calories needed.
- Develop system that will make an appointment through online. User can check the available date and time first before they go to one of the policlinic. Patient need to choose date, time and location that available at the current palace. The appointment can view by the Nutritionist and patients.

## 1.4 Scope

The system will be developing in Windows platform and using web based server that will be access via web browser. The system will be developing using object oriented php, because this is open resources software that cans freely getting it. The database that will be used in this system is MySQL Server; because MySQL is suitable with web based application. This system only can be used by Nutritionist at Polyclinic *Melaka Tengah*; as an administrator and patient that under her.

For more specifies, this system will be structured by the following modules:

## Module Food Advice

In this module patient will calculate their Body Mass Index (BMI) with enter their weight and height. After get the BMI, patient can calculate total calories needed. The result will be suggesting the ideal meal menu package that suitable with patient needed. The graph also provides to plot the changing BMI via date for each patient.

## Module Patient Profile

In this module, patient will enter details their details and all the information will be saved in database. The BMI calculation also can be saved, and can generate graph to view the progress.

## Module Data and Information

In this module, Nutritionist will add package meal menu, add food items and post a bulletin. For meal menu package, Nutritionist will always update the menu with the suitable amount of calories needed for patients.

#### Module Nutritionist Scheduling

In this module, the system will update the Nutrition scheduling that can be viewed by patient and Nutritionist. The graph for total patient make appointment

at the certain date also can be viewed by the Nutritionist. Patients need to choose available date, time and place to make an appointment. The appointment can be viewed by Nutritionist and patients.

## 1.5 Project Significance

Why this project very important? This system was developing to solve the current problems during the duties. This system provides a function for Nutritionist to input the food menu and meal menu data in the system. The data will be used by the patient, with the help of the system. The system will suggest the right meal menu for patients according to their total calories needed.

The system provides a calculation of BMI for patient and system will generate a graph for patient according to BMI calculation over time. This report will help users to monitor the diet program that they take. Besides, calculating BMI, patient also can know their total calories needed and meal menu suggestion based on the total calories needed per day.

For references, system provides a database to store all the patient profile and can be viewed by the patient itself and Nutritionist. Nutritionist can monitor the patient condition through the information update about their condition. This system will guide patient at home to maintain their weight and healthy by followed the meal menu suggestion.

This system also gives a benefit to patients who want to make an appointment with Nutritionist. Patients just need to fill the appointment form and choose the available date, time and location. This is because Nutritionist not always available at the same location at any time. The system will guide patient to make an appointment. This system