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#### **ABSTRACT**

The mobile complaint system is a mobile application that allows users from the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FTMK) to submit their complaint toward faculty service via the Internet and Java enabled mobile phones. The mobile users have to connect to the server via Internet connection. The administrator web system was created to enable the faculty staffs to manage user submitted complaints. The campus environment was chosen as an application domain of this study because it is highly populated by large numbers of potential test subjects and with strong infrastructure support services. The web application was developed using PHP 5 technologies, while the mobile client was developed using Java ME's MIDP 2.0. The database for this system was built using MySQL 5.0. Hopefully, this system will contribute lots of benefit in solving some of the challenging problem in mobile computing technologies issues.

#### **ABSTRAK**

Sistem aduan mudah alih adalah satu aplikasi mudah alih yang membenarkan pengguna daripada Fakuti Informasi dan Teknologi Komunikasi (FTMK) bagi mengemukakan aduan mereka terhadap perkhidmatan fakulti melalui telefon bimbit yang mempunyai aplikasi Java dan jaringan Internet. Pengguna lincah itu perlu disambungkan kepada pelayan melalui jaringan Internet. Jaringan pentadbir sistem diwujudkan bagi membolehkan kakitangan fakulti untuk menguruskan aduan pengguna. Suasana kampus dipilih sebagai domain kajian ini kerana terdapat pengguna yang ramai dan sokongan infrastruktur yang kukuh. Aplikasi jaringan dimaju menggunakan teknologi PHP 5, manakala pelanggan mudah alih dimaju menggunakan Java ME MIDP 2.0. Pangkalan data untuk sistem ini dibina menggunakan MySQL 5.0. Diharapkan sistem ini juga memberi sumbangan ke arah penyelesaian sebahagian masalah yang mencabar dalam isu teknologi pengkomputeran bolehgerak.

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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

FMCS - FTMK Mobile Complaint System

Java ME - Java Platform, Micro Edition

PDA - Personal Digital Assistants

FTMK - Fakulti Teknologi Maklumat dan Telekomunikasi

UTeM - Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka

ICT - Information and Communication Technology

GPRS - General packet radio service

API - Application programming interface

CLDC - Connected Limited Device Configuration

CDC - Connected Device Profile

MIDP - Mobile Information Device Profile

PIM - Personal Information Manager

RAD - Rapid Application Development

PHP - PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor

J2SE Java Standard Edition

HTTP Hypertext Transfer Protocol

DBMS Database management system

WWAN Wireless Wide-Area Networks

UML Unified Modeling Language

RAM Random Access Memory

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#### **CHAPTER I**

#### INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Project Background

Handheld computers, or personal digital assistants (PDAs), are devices that run cut-down versions of "standard" office software packages. The small size of handhelds can make extended use inconvenient, but they're ideal for on-the-move access to email, schedules and documents. Some PDAs can also being used as mobile phones. Mobile devices can be used for a wide variety of purposes. Key features include immediate access to data needed. It is often possible to carry out the same tasks as in office while on the move, as many mobile devices operate the same software as laptop or desktop.

An effective mobile device application management solution can assist organization in delivering value-added contents and services. A well-planned complaint management system allows organisations to obtain user feedback and data. The complaint data will be used to make process improvement, increase users satisfaction. Therefore, the FTMK Mobile Complaint System (FMCS) is the best solutions for those mentioned profits. Students and lecturers can use the FMCS program to submit their complaint toward faculty services faster and easier.

This system works only in PDAs or mobile phone with Java also together with internet access. Users must request the installer from faculty or download it from faculty website. The other module is web based for management purposes. Next, users also need to submit their complaint through this site. This system also can be used by other UTeM faculty.

#### 1.2 Problem Statement

When dealing with Faculty of Information and Communication Technology (FTMK) management, sometimes users do not satisfy with the services provided. Basically, users need to fill the complaint form manually and submit it to the faculty. Users must complete the process in the faculty and this may take lots of time also quite complicated. This is because, the form that had been filled by the users need to be processed first by the admin and not all the requests can be approved by the admin. What will happen if the form does not being approved by the admin? This will waste the user's time or in other words "hopeless job". Moreover, the form may be lost toward human reliability factor or because of the Mother Nature factors such as fire or flood. The complaint data could not be managed efficiently through manual way. Consequently, the further action toward those issues cannot be performed well because of those mentioned problems.

### 1.3 Objective

Each project must have certain goals or objectives in order to make the project runs smoothly as what had been planned before. Therefore, the main objectives of this application are:

- i. To develop a prototype FMCS in the mobile devices.
- ii. To collect data concerning users complaint about FTMK managements and services

iii. To manage the data collected more efficient and systematic.

## 1.4 Scope

Certain scopes had been identified to make the project become clearer, concise also detail in order to identify how, with what and by who the program will react and runs. Therefore, the scopes of this project are:

- i. The targeted users for this application are FTMK students, staffs and lecturers.
- ii. This application will be use in mobile devices.
- iii. The management of data will be conducted on web based module.

### 1.5 Project Significance

The significance of this project is it enable user to submit their complaint automatically through their mobile devices or web – based application. In this proposed system, administrator able to manage and collect the user complaint efficiently.

## 1.6 Expected Output

This application will be installed in the mobile devices so that the users can submit their complaint. They also can submit their complaint through web – based module via online.

### 1.7 Conclusion

As a conclusion, this application is developed for FTMK students and lecturers to submit the complaint in easiest way only at the finger tip by using mobile devices that flexible to use anywhere and anytime. The FMCS provides benefits to the FTMK management in order to improve services for users. This chapter reviews on the description of the project and some related background information on the project. Besides that, this chapter observes the problem statements of this project to give a clear insight of what is the scope and objectives of the project. This chapter acts as guideline to all the works in the next stages later on.

#### **CHAPTER 2**

#### LITERATURE REVIEW AND PROJECT METHODOLOGY

#### 2.1 Introduction

This chapter is quite important in developing any software project. This is because it contains a lots if important information that will be used during the development of the project. The intention of this chapter is to describe and explain on the literature review carried out on the system, which is very important for the research. Moreover, this chapter also contains the methodology that used in developing this system. Besides that, previous research also will be discussed in this section for at least three existing system and methodologies that already being used in other research will be explained and compared to highlight the differences.

For the next section, every project development includes discussion of the methodology used where the methodology is use as the solution tree to the project. Methodology is a set of guidelines, standards and processes that is involved and followed explicitly in order to produce a product or software. In this study the methods consist of the compatibility development process. By having the proper project methodology, the project is able to be completed within the given time.

For the project required section, where all the requirements such as software and hardware as well as the operating system requirement will be listed so that the developer can understand all the features that are available in the requirement before proceeding to the proposed project.

Finally, the last section of this chapter is discussing the project schedule and milestones. In this section, a Gantt chart will be attached. The Gantt Chart listed details of all task and activity required during the progress of the project and the conclusion section will end the entire explanation for this chapter.

### 2.2 Fact and Finding

Fact and Finding is a discovery or determination of fact or accurate information. This section conveys about the mobile application, analysis the existing system, to find out the strength and weaknesses of the system. After all the strength and weakness has been analyze, it will then been applied to the system and the failure and weaknesses will then be improved.

#### 2.2.1 Domain

Every project has it own domain. In this FMCS, the domain for the project is the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in mobile application. According the article from Marliza (1999), advancing technology in wireless communication offers users anytime, anywhere access to information and network resources without restricting them to the fixed network infrastructure. Mobility introduces new challenges as several assumptions made regarding distributed networks are no longer valid.

The article reveals that the mobile technology gives many advantages to people who use the mobile technology such as mobile phone. Today, mobile phone is used for many applications such as shopping, media entertainments and others. Media entertainments nowadays use mobile technologies to vote their artist in reality show. Thus, FMCS also tried to use the same method in managing the data which is by using the mobile technologies. The technology actually is use to make the life much easier.