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## **ABSTRACT**

This project is about the Book Renewal Reminder via Short Message Services (SMS) system for delivering message to the UTeM's students. The information regarding books borrowed by students is stored in the database and can be able accessed through Graphical User Interface (GUI). The main purpose of Book Renewal Reminder system is to develop an application that is able to send reminder message to the selected list of students and students is able to do the renewal process through mobile phone. This system will cover the registration of the students, record of the new books, borrowing process, automatically renewal process via SMS. This system is developed using Microsoft Visual Basic.Net 2005 and Microsoft Access 2003. This system is developed using Rapid Application Development (RAD) methodology. Overall, this system can facilitate UTeM's students especially in renewal of the books through mobile phone. This system also could give a lot of benefits to the UTeM's Library Management System.

## ABSTRAK

Projek ini adalah tentang sistem *Book Renewal Reminder via Short Message Service (SMS) for UTeM's Library* yang digunakan untuk menyampaikan mesej kepada pelajar. Maklumat berkaitan pinjaman buku oleh pelajar yang disimpan di dalam pangkalan data dan boleh diakses melalui *Graphical User Interface (GUI)*. Tujuan utama sistem ini adalah mengembangkan sebuah aplikasi yang boleh menghantar mesej peringatan kepada senarai pelajar tertentu dan pelajar boleh melakukan proses pembaharuan buku yang dipinjam melalui telefon bimbit. Sistem ini akan merangkumi pendaftaran pelajar, merekod buku-buku baru, proses pinjaman dan proses pembaharuan pinjaman buku secara automatik melalui SMS. Sistem ini dibangunkan menggunakan Microsoft Visual Basic.Net 2005 dan Microsoft Access 2003 sebagai pangkalan data. Sistem ini dibangunkan dengan menggunakan metodologi *Rapid Application Development (RAD)*. Secara keseluruhan, sistem ini boleh memudahkan pelajar UTeM khususnya dalam pembaharuan pinjaman buku melalui telefon. Sistem ini juga dapat memberikan banyak manfaat kepada Sistem Pengurusan Perpustakaan UTeM..



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## **CHAPTER I**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 Project Background**

This application is intended be developed for enhancing the current UTeM's library system. Currently, UTeM's library does not provide any alert or notification to the students about the renewal of the books. They only have online renewing book system which means students can renew books through the Internet or as manually where they should come directly to the library's book renewal counter. So, to improve the application, this project is proposed where students not only can renew the books via mobile phone but also received the notification or reminder about when they should return the books and make a choice whether they want to renew or not. This application will become the preferable alternative for the students to renew books. It is not only because it use mobile phone but it also acted as reminder to the students if they forgot to renew the books. The SMS notification will send to the student's mobile phone the day before the student need to return the books. So, the probability students to return the books exceed the due date will be decreased. As we all know, by the application over the phone, it can speed up and simplify the process without requiring a long queue of students at the counter. Besides that, this system also facilitates the students to renew books through mobile phone. This project will build an SMS delivery mechanism for the UTeM's library. During this project, the knowledge of network technologies can be applied besides learning new and valuable knowledge.

## 1.2 Problem Statements

Previously, UTeM students have two choices when they want to renew books.. First, they go directly to the library counter and alternatively, they can access to the online application. Unfortunately, UTeM's library do not provide renewal reminder before the due date through online. UTeM's library also does not provide any notification letter to the students about the renewal of the books. Therefore, there is a tendency of students to forget renewing. UTeM's students can go directly to the library counter to renew the books. However, this manual renewal process has a problem in term of time consuming where the renewal time at the counter is limited. It is because the library counter is not open for 24 hours daily.

## 1.3 Objectives

There are four main objective of the project. They are:

- To develop system that will allow students receive renewal reminder through mobile phone.
- To ensure system send successful renewed notification automatically to the student after they had renewed the books.
- To allow students renew books by responding the received notification message.
- To provide ease of use and flexibility to the student through mobile phone application.

## 1.4 Scope

- **System User**

This system will be used by authorized administrator and students. The administrator will be managed the system while the students will be used the system to renew books through SMS.

- **System Functionality**

This system will send notification to the selected list of UTeM's students via SMS. UTeM's students can also make the renewal of the books through mobile phone. The system will also updates the renewal of the books automatically and send the new due date notification to the students.

- **Methodology**

This system is built based on Rapid Application Development (RAD).

## 1.5 Project Significance

As we all know, most of the applications nowadays are using mobile application and SMS-based applications such as SMS Banking System because of their effective, fast and simple application. Here, Book Renewal Reminder System via SMS will facilitate the students and furthermore will become an enhancement to the current UTeM's Library Management System.

## 1.6 Expected Output

After completion of this project, Book Renewal Reminder System via SMS expected to help and facilitate UTeM students especially in renewal the books. This system also could give a lot of benefits to the UTeM's Library Management System.

## **1.7 Conclusion**

This chapter is about the summary of the background of the project. Basically, this chapter describes the problem statements arise in the project and the proposed solution to solve the problems. This chapter also elaborates the objectives and scope involves in the system. Furthermore, the project significant and the expected output also have been described. Project significant has elaborates the benefits of the project. Overall, this chapter reviews on the background of the system and will be as guideline to all the works in the next chapters. The next activities to be developed are to investigate the project methodologies and discuss the previous research together with the proposed solution.

## **CHAPTER II**

### **LITERATURE REVIEW AND PROJECT METHODOLOGY**

#### **2.1 Introduction**

This chapter will discuss details about the literature review and project methodology. The purpose of this chapter is to conduct the research about the other systems or applications that are similar to the system that will be developed. All aspect are studied in order to develop a system that is more effective. Furthermore, the discussion is also including the methodologies, techniques, hardware and software that being used in other research. The comparison between them is analyzed to highlight the differences thus determine the better solutions for this project.

#### **2.2 Literature Review**

Literature review is about the investigating and analyzing the current systems that are similar and applied same technology with the system that will be developed. Moreover, a literature review is a body of text that aims to review the critical points of current knowledge and methodological approaches on a particular topic. Literature reviews are secondary sources, and as such it does not report any new or original experimental work.

There is a lot options on how to gain all related information during the literature review process such as review the books, online journal, magazine, online books, legal websites and valid internet resource.

### **2.2.1 Domain**

The domain for the project is the ICT in Advanced Manufacturing Technology based on the Computer System Technology. This is because this project is adapted with the GSM technology. According to Harte et.al (1999), GSM technology involves communications between a mobile phone, using a radio interface, to the various part of GSM network. GSM technology allow for a wide range of services that are similar and compatible with differences types of fixed networks including the public analog and digital telephone networks.

Book Renewal Reminder via SMS System is based on the mobile applications technology which is a part of computer system technology. The reminder from the system that will send via mobile phone to the students is the example of SMS technology that is wider use nowadays. Short Message System (SMS), which worked on a stored-and-forward basis, is primarily used to short text messages from one cell phone to another.

According the article from Goldstuck (2006), the used of SMS technology is increased from 2006 to 2007. For example, media entertainment nowadays uses mobile technology in voting their arties in reality show. For the next 10 years, he predicts that there is high impact of using mobile application especially in business. From the article, we know that the use of mobile technology such as mobile phone gives a lot of advantages to the people.