



THE INTERNET FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

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Annotation

The global expansion of the Internet presents a multitude of opportunities for individuals worldwide. While students primarily engage with the Internet for socializing and entertainment, it is evident that it also serves as a valuable source of academic and scientific knowledge. Furthermore, the Internet enables access to current global news and a diverse array of information on topics ranging from hobbies to health. As such, it is essential to encourage students to harness this invaluable resource for academic pursuits. Hence, the Internet serves as a rapid means of disseminating information to a broad audience and transcending temporal and spatial constraints. Given this perspective, it is crucial to motivate students to utilize this invaluable resource for accessing any necessary information for their academic endeavors. Therefore, the objective of this research is to examine students' utilization of the Internet in their academic pursuits.

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Since the emergence of the Internet, it has become an important medium of communication as well as a research and leisure tool. The reason is that it provides many opportunities to many people around the world in many different ways. Not only the Internet, but other new digital technologies also took their places in daily life. The wide access to these technologies improves people's lives and provides great opportunities. People have started to access any kind of information easily on the Internet and also use it for social, educational, and entertainment purposes.

Teachers need to be prepared to provide students with essential information and explain the intricacies of unfamiliar cultures to make Internet-based education effective. Developing critical thinking skills requires specific knowledge, experience, and powers of observation. While the Internet offers opportunities for connecting people and fostering mutual understanding, realizing these opportunities depends on individuals' mental and spiritual capacities and their willingness to comprehend and share others' perspectives. Another crucial factor affecting the effectiveness of using the Internet in education is that many teachers lack the necessary training to integrate online resources into teaching and learning processes, including distance education. In some countries, efforts are being made to address this through specialized associations for teacher training.

Many educators view using Internet technologies as a self-directed activity for tasks like finding materials, sending emails, etc., rather than recognizing education as a collaborative and guided process. It is essential to provide teachers with the necessary training at universities or through professional development courses to ensure the effective use of Internet resources in education. Basically, the Internet offers two main benefits which are communication and information (Warren et. al., 1998). On a more comprehensive basis, it can be pointed out that



the Internet has some functions, especially in education, and these can be listed as (i) storehouse of information, (ii) communication without boundaries, (iii) online interactive learning, (iv) electronic/online research, (v) innovation in the new world, (vi) improve interest in learning, (vii) global education, and (viii) information catalogs (Park, 2009). As the Internet has many different functions, it is important to consider to what extent it is used by students in higher education for academic purposes. When an educational aspect of Internet use is considered, it is obvious that students, or people in general, who look for information can access it easily and at a low cost. It is evident that the Internet is a source of enormous information that anything can quickly and easily be reached. The Internet also provides students with asynchronous education where they can reach any kind of information anytime and anywhere. This widens the world of students as nowadays kids do not like to use libraries or any kinds of real-life resources but they can access these places online and benefit from them easily and quickly. (Nentwich, M. 2003) Additionally, the Internet can be used as a tool to learn the latest news all around the world as well as getting any kind of information that serves different purposes such as learning more information about a hobby or health. Therefore, it can be said that the Internet is the source of spreading information quickly to a large audience and going beyond the limitation of time and space. (Park.H. 2008)

In today's world, the internet has become a vital and influential tool that is favored by all. Its importance is evident as it serves various purposes for everyone. For students, the internet is essential for accessing information related to exams and results. (Burgess, J. L 2006) Following these steps can help students succeed in their academic endeavors. The significance of the Internet in education for students lies in its facilitation of research and revisiting school content. Individuals utilize it based on their specific needs and interests. The Internet offers numerous advantages in the field of education, including:

1. **Economical and Accessible Education** High costs often pose a significant barrier to education. The internet enhances the quality of education, a fundamental aspect of a nation's sustainable development. It delivers education through cost-effective resources such as video tutorials on platforms like YouTube, making learning affordable and accessible to all.
2. The internet has enabled students to maintain constant communication with their teachers and peers through social media, messaging apps, and online forums. Parents can also engage with teachers and school administrators to discuss their child's academic progress. Interacting with individuals who share similar interests on online platforms can help students broaden their horizons and enhance their knowledge.
3. The internet serves as a valuable tool for both effective teaching and learning. Teachers can utilize online platforms to share educational materials such as notes and videos, making the learning process engaging and diverse. By incorporating tutorial videos, animations, PowerPoint presentations, and images, teachers can captivate students' attention and enhance their understanding of the subject matter.
4. Accessing high-quality education resources has become more convenient due to the Internet. Students can easily find tutorial videos on platforms like YouTube at no cost or opt to pay for premium study materials online. Teachers can leverage online resources to provide students with supplementary study materials, interactive lessons, educational quizzes, and tutorials. Recording lectures for students to review enhances the learning experience compared to traditional note-taking methods. The Internet, a groundbreaking technology of our time, is incredibly beneficial in both personal and professional aspects. In the realm of



education, it serves as a valuable tool for gathering information, conducting research, and expanding knowledge across various subjects. The Internet is a crucial component in the field of education, as it has become the go-to resource for individuals seeking answers to their questions or clarifications on various topics. Search engines like Google and Yahoo are widely utilized for their ability to provide quick and easy access to a vast array of information within seconds. This wealth of knowledge is available at any time, making it a valuable resource for learning. Furthermore, the Internet has revolutionized technology, communication, and online entertainment, bringing about significant advancements in these areas.

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