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## **ABSTRAK**

Teknologi Maklumat sedang berkembang dengan kadar yang begitu pesat sekali. Perubahan teknologi **pada** dasarnya dirujuk sebagai revolusi maklumat. Revolusi ini telah **banyak** membuat perubahan kepada kehidupan **kita** sekarang. Tetapi, **pada masa** yang **sama juga** dapat memperbaiki kualiti kehidupan **kita** dalam menghadapi kelebihan persaingan di era baru teknologi maklumat. Pusat Pendidikan Profesional dan Lanjutan (PACE) di Universiti Utara Malaysia yang mempunyai peranan utama menyediakan program pendidikan jarak jauh serta latihan kursus **korporat** telah menerima cabaran teknologi **ini** untuk memperbaiki kesemua kemudahan-kemudahan dan perkhidmatan-perkhidmatan mereka yang ada.

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## ABSTRACT

Information technologies are expanding at an extremely rapid rate. The fundamental technological change now is referred to as the information revolution. The revolution has done a lots of changes to the way we lives today, but at the same time is improving our life quality for facing the competitive advantage in new Information Age. Centre for Professional and Continuing Education (PACE) in Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) whose main role is to provide a distance learning program and corporate training, has accepted the technologies challenge in improving the facilities and services provide by them.

In achieving their main goal for giving an effective learning and efficient training, a blueprint for entire **centre** computerization has been proposed in this project report called a SMART PACE. The blueprint contains in details of how PACE may proceed for developing an automation system in the **office** by using the **e-**Management concept, and e-learning concept for their distance learning programs. This paper discusses in detail the hardware and software requirements with the proposed computer networking in order to develop a successful project.

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# **CHAPTER ONE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

PACE centre is an acronym for Professional and Continuing Education Centre in Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) and was formed on 1<sup>st</sup>. April 1999 to fulfil the university ambition to be the World Status University. The main role of PACE is to offer an education to non-traditional group such as distance learning program and franchising or twinning program with other private institution or corporate training.

There are three units under PACE administration; Distance Learning Unit (DLU), Franchise and Twining Unit (FTU) and Corporate Learning Unit (CLU).

DLU is responsible in planning and offering programs for the schools in UUM, training program for the academic staff, and appropriate programs that is aim to cater for the current need of the market. Distance Learning Unit's future plan is to make an improvement for distance learning methodology and to be more effective in using new collaborative technology.

FTU main objective is to coordinate the program offered jointly with private institutions under the franchise and twinning modes. This unit's future plans include working closely with reputable public and private agencies and to offer more professional and in-house programs and courses.

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