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Abstract

Web-based Project Evaluation Management System bring the advantage of saving time and resources over the traditional paper and pencil scan sheet method. In order to enhance the performance of the current final project evaluation process in CAS this study proposes developing a web based evaluation management system to replace the current paper forms. Implementing this system will enable the evaluation results to be entered, presume and retrieved anytime anywhere.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ASP Active Server Pages

CAS College of Arts & Sciences

CGI Computer Graphics Interface

HTML Hypertext Mark-up Language

IAS Instructional Assessment System

ICT Information and Communications Technology

IIS Internet Information Service

JSP Java Server Pages

IT Information Technology

PHP Hypertext Preprocessor Script Language

SGML Standard Generalized Mark-up Language

SQL Structured Query Language

SSL Secure Sockets Layer

UML Unified Modeling language

UUM University Utara Malaysia

WCES Web Course Evaluation System

XML Extensible Mark-up language

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

A web application is an application that runs on a web server and is accessed by users over the Internet or a local intranet. Web applications usually consist of static resource files (e.g. Images), web components, helper classes and libraries. A web browser is commonly used as a thin client hence all the processing is done on the server.

Web applications are usually organized in three-tier architecture – a user interface level, a functional process logic level, and data storage level. A web browser is the user-interface level and dynamic web content technology such as CGI, ASP or Java Servest, is used in at the functional (business logic) level. Data Storage is handled by a database.

Within a short period, the Internet and World Wide Web have become ubiquitous, surpassing all other technological developments in our history. They've also grown rapidly in their scope and extent of use, significantly affecting all aspects of our lives. Industries such as manufacturing, travel and hospitality, banking, education, and government are Web enabled to improve and enhance their operations.

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5.4. Recommendations and Future Work

During the design and development of this model, several issues about its design and development were revealed. Future design and development in the same field of this study should pay attention to the following recommendations and considerations:

Regarding this study prototype, one important consideration for future development and projects is to conduct a detailed study on the best way for integrating the databases of all related departments in UUM like postgraduate school registration office. This integration must ensure the reliability of this prototype database and must guarantee the consistency of the data stored and retrieved from this database. A possible way to achieve this goal is to build a data warehouse for the whole departments databases related and linking this system to the data warehouse instead of linking it to a stand alone database.

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