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# Abstract

The physical and traditional learning classroom these days are getting less and less applicable. The expansive growth of Information and Communication Technology has drastically changed the world. The world is looking for easier solutions to everything and the technology have delivered it for them. Virtual Classroom is one of those answers to the easier lifestyle, which makes education and classroom system mobile through the use of technology.

Virtual Classroom is a Learning Management System (LMS) that provides all of your courses, materials and gives you access to your teachers. It is the inexorable trend of the application of modern information technology in education. It is one of the major learning methods in the era of information that allows students and lecturers to go online and continue their normal school activities.

The traditional method of teaching and learning has some shortfalls. Some of these includes: noise making in the lecture hall, a pandemic situation like COVID-19, which we are currently facing as of now, all of which contribute to the poor performance of students in their academic life. The proposed system is equipped with features that will minimize if not totally eradicate the aforementioned problems. There is a module where the lecturers can create their own classroom. There is a module where students can login to read announcements, there is assessment module where lecturers may post and students can view. This system will encourage learning and mastering of the individual topic contained therein and enhances the student’s practical knowledge and broadens their theoretical knowledge while creating a more interacting learning process.

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# CHAPTER I

## Introduction:

### Background

E-learning is an education via the Internet, network, or standalone computer. E-learning refers to using electronic applications and processes to learn. E-learning includes all forms of electronically supported learning and teaching (Tirkes, G,2010). E-learning is the computer and network-enabled transfer of skills and knowledge. E-learning applications and processes include Web-based learning, computer-based learning, virtual education opportunities and digital collaboration. Content is delivered via the Internet, intranet/extranet, audio or video tape, satellite TV, and CD-ROM. That is to say E-learning systems contain both Learning Management System and Course management system. It can be self-pace or instructor-led and includes media in the form of text, image, animation, streaming video and audio. It is commonly thought that new technologies can make a big difference in education. In young ages especially, children can use the huge interactivity of new media, and develop their skills, knowledge, and perception of the world, under their parents' monitoring, of course.

Virtual Classroom is a web-application that makes the use of Internet and web technology to carry out learning without having to physically attend the classroom. Learning is the key to achieving our full potential. Our survival in the 21st century as individuals, organizations, and nations will depend upon our capacity to learn and the application of what we learn to our daily lives. E-learning has the potential to transform how and when people learn. Learning will become more integrated with work and will use shorter, more modular, just-in-time delivery systems. By leveraging workplace technologies, e-learning is bridging the gap between learning and work.

### Problem Analysis

#### Current System

The current situation is very limited to few resources, students are unable to get knowledge more than that the lectures provides to them. This, in the end limits student’s performances, because everything a student gets is collected from lectures in class.

Here are some of the problems of the current system:

* Students submit assignment to lectures through hard copies or personal emails.
* Students only get help from lecturers, only if the lecturers are in their office.
* Students are required to be physically present in the classroom in order to gain knowledge thereby sacrificing all other responsibilities.
* Students are unable to share resources effectively and hold group discussions that are monitored or supervised by lectures

#### The Future System

The system will hopefully serve as a centralized database of syllabus for the courses offered at the college allowing students and faculties, to view them. The system will end up bringing an effective communication among students, lectures, and the administration, by accessing information other resources anytime, anywhere.

### Objectives

The main objective behind this project is to provide a user friendly environment to provide knowledge and give everyone a chance to learn, irrespective of where they are, provided they register themselves with the system.

Virtual Classroom manages the details of Assignment, Student, Teacher, and Question. It manages all the mentioned information. Other objectives include the following:

* To provide interface between lecturer and student where student don’t need to go to every lecturer room just to make a simple discussion.
* To provide a medium where students can be able to download note and watch tutorial in the easy way.
* To provide a system that will support class activities by giving students opportunities for further exploration, discussion, and exchange of ideas outside class. For this purpose, it is necessary to go beyond learning simple reusability of material in repositories of learning objects and find solutions in order to build significant learning scenarios or programs that enable students to achieve real competency gains while reinvesting learning objects.

### Scope of Study

The scope of work in this project is stated as given:

* To serve administrative function by giving student’s access to course documents and other course material for each courses they were taken.
* To send latest announcement and news that is related for each course.
* To display course related information on the link and reference item.
* To provide video conferencing service between teachers and students.

### Limitation

Although E-learning has many benefits for students and organization, it also has limitations.

* Computer literacy and access to equipment. Any E-learning system involves basic equipment and minimum level of computer knowledge in order to perform the tasks required by the system. A student that does not possess these skills, or have access to these tools, cannot succeed in an E-learning program.
* Some topics are not appropriate for E-learning. Certain subjects that require physical exertion and practice, such as ports and communication skills, are not good candidate for E-learning.
* Students themselves can be a limitation to E-learning. The flexibility and student-centered nature of E-learning requires a high level of student responsibility. A successful E-learning student must be well organized, self-motivated, and have good time management skills.

### Definition of unfamiliar terms

#### Learning Management System(LMS)

A Learning Management System(LMS) is a software application or web-based technology used to plan, implement, and assess a specific learning process. Typically, a LMS provides an instructor with a way to create and deliver content, monitor student participation, and assess student performance.

#### Course Management System(CMS)

A course management system is a set of tools that enable the instructor to create online course content and post it on the Web without having to handle HTML or other programming languages.

# CHAPTER II

## Requirement Engineering

### Study of existing system

There are different type of web-application and software that are available in the market that are devoted specifically for the purpose of E-learning. Some of these kind of applications include Zoom, Discord, etc. But, they are yet to implemented locally by the education bodies in Nepal. Hence, with the purpose of implementing an Online learning system Virtual Classroom has been developed, dedicated with the sole purpose of implementing the system within the country.

### Software Requirement Specification

The Software Requirements Specification is produced at the culmination of the analysis task. The function and performance allocated to software as part of system engineering are refined by establishing a complete information description, a detailed function and behavioral description, an indication of performance requirements and design constraints, appropriate validation criteria, and other data pertinent to requirements. Requirement specification can be broken down into functional and non-functional requirements.

#### Functional Requirements

Functional requirement defines a system or its component. It describes the functions, software must perform. A function is nothing but inputs, it behavior and outputs.

#### Non Functional Requirements:

A non-functional requirement defines the quality attribute of a software system. They represent a set of standards used to judge the specific operation system. It is essential to ensure the usability and effectiveness of the entire software system. Failing to meet non-functional requirements can result in systems that fail to satisfy user needs.

1. **Usability**

Usability is a measure of how well a specific user in a specific context can use a product to achieve a defined goal effectively, efficiently and satisfactorily. Our project Virtual Classroom is user-friendly. Users with basic skills of computer can easily operate or use the web-application, without having any kind of problem.

1. **Easy Access**

As our project is a web-based application, it can be accessed anytime from anywhere with a stable internet connection.

1. **Reliability**

The System must give accurate data to the use continuously. The web application makes sure to avoid making mistakes during data and information retrieval.

1. **Security**

The system should resist the unauthorized, accidental or unintended usage and provide access to only the legitimate users. Our Virtual Classroom system provides a password enabled login to the user to avoid any foreign entity changing the data in the system. Hence, making the system secure.

### Feasibility Study

The second face of system development life-cycle is to examine the feasibility of the system. The feasibility study is basically the test of the proposed system in the light of its workability, meeting user’s requirements, effective use of resource and of course, the cost effectiveness. In short, a feasibility analysis concludes the project’s potential for success.

#### Technical Feasibility:

The web-application is technically feasible, since there will be not much difficulty in getting required resources for development and maintaining the system. This, web-application is supported by almost all the modern day web-browser.

#### Operational Feasibility:

Operational feasibility refers to the measure of solving problems with the help of a new proposed system. It helps in taking advantage of the opportunities and fulfills the requirements as identified during the development of the project. It takes care that the management and the users support the project. There are some challenges such as users being reluctant to change, but there is high operational feasibility in this system.

#### Economic Feasibility

They system is economically feasible. The only thing this web-application requires is a stable internet connection. There are no charges of any sort associated with contents in web-application

# CHAPTER III

## System Planning

System Planning is a crucial phase in Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC). A project cannot be move forward into design and development phase without a proper planning.

### Software Development Model

The software Development models are basically various processes or methodologies that are being selected for the development of the project depending on the project’s aims and goals. Therefore, it is absolute necessary to choose the right SDLC model based on the project.

Our project is built by using The Spiral Model. It is one of the most important Software Development Life Cycle models, which provides the support for Risk Handling. It is an iterative from of standard Software Development LifeCycle. This spiral model is an aggregate of the iterative development model and incessant linear development paradigm. In simple terms, i.e, the waterfall model with more stress on the risk identification.

While implementing the Spiral SDLC model, we start through small set of requirement and went through each development phase for those set of requirements. We add functionality for the additional requirement in every-increasing spirals until the application was ready for the production phase.

#### Basic Principle

The Spiral model basically combines the idea of iterative development with the systematic, controlled aspects of the waterfall model. This Spiral model is a combination of iterative development process model and sequential linear model i.e. the waterfall model with a very high emphasis on risk analysis. It allows incremental releases of the product or incremental refinement through each iteration around the spiral.

#### Advantages

Some of the advantages of spiral model include

* The Projects with many unknown risks that occur as the development process, in that case, Spiral Model is the best development model to follow due to the risk analysis and risk handling at every phase.
* Changing requirements can be accommodated.
* Allows extensive use of prototypes.
* It is good for large projects. Hence, recommended when complex and large project arises.
* Customer can see the development of the produt at the early phase of the software development and thus, they are habituated with the system by using it before completion of the total product.

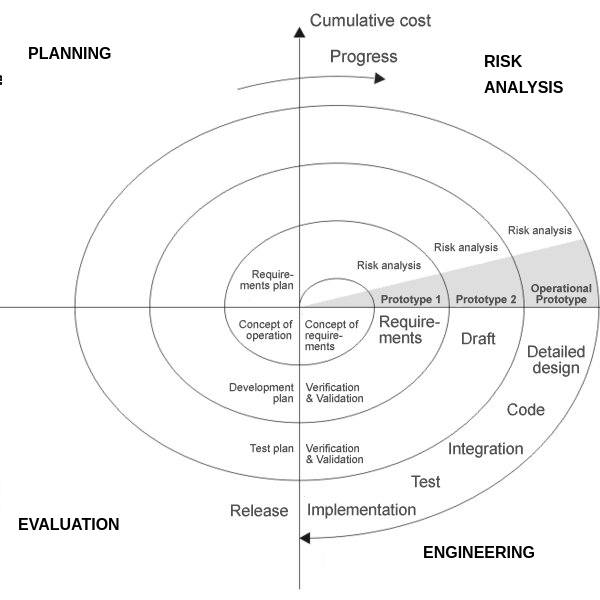
#### Disadvantages

Some of the disadvantages of spiral model include

* The Spiral model is very much complex as compared with other SDLC models.
* Not suitable for small or low risk projects and could be expensive for small projects.
* Many intermediate stages may require excessive documentation.
* As, the spiral may go to indefinite loop, time management is very complex.

**When to use Spiral Methodology?**

* When project is large
* For medium to high risk projects..
* When requirements are unclear and complex.
* When long term project commitment is not feasible due to change in economic priorities.



Each phase of Spiral model is divided into four quadrants as shown in the figure. These quadrants include:

1. **Planning**

In the baseline spiral, it all started with gathering the requirements of the project. Identifications of system, sub-system and unit requirements were performed in this stage as project was executed. Feasibility study was also carried out in this quadrant.

1. **Risk Analysis**

During the second quadrant all the possible solutions were evaluated to select the best possible solution. Then, the risks associated with that solution was identified and the risks were resolved using the best strategy possible. Once the risks were identified, risk mitigation strategy was planned and finalized.

1. **Engineering**

Once the planning and risk analysis was carried out, all the coding and construction was carried out. The identified features were developed and verified through testing. At that point in the resulting spiral, a model of the product with version number was created. Coding was simplified as far as practicable. Node JS was used for the Server Side Validation, for interactive user interface SCSS was used. At the end of the quadrant, the next version of the product was available.

1. **Evaluation**

In the fourth quadrant of the Spiral, the so far developed version of the project was evaluated. In, the end planning for the next spiral was carried out.

# CHAPTER IV

## System Design

System design is the process of defining the architecture, modules, interfaces and data for a system to satisfy specified requirements. System design could be seen as the application of systems theory to product development. System Design describes the components, modules, system activities, and system architecture of Virtual Classroom. Various system design aspect has been followed and explained below

### System Diagrams

#### Flow Chart

# CHAPTER V

## System Development and Testing

The overall software development process is complex procedure and involves not only tasks like planning, requirement gathering, designing and coding, but also ensuring whether the developed product meets the requirement.

Software /System Testing is defined as an activity to check whether the actual results match the expected results and to ensure that the software system is defect free. It involves the execution of a software component or system component to evaluate one or more properties of interest. Software testing also helps to identify errors, gaps, or missing requirements in contrary to the actual requirements. It can be either done manually or using automated tools.

### Coding Tools

A coding tool is simply different type of programming tool used for creating, debugging and maintaining any kind of software related project. As the process of software development is a complex process, we have divided the section of coding tool into frontend development tool and backend tool.

#### Frontend

Front-end is the practices of converting data into graphical interface, through the use of different frontend tools like HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, so that the users can view and interact with the data. In Client/Server application, the client side of the program is the front end while the server part is called the back end. While creating the front-end of Virtual Classroom, following components were used.

1. **HTML/Sass:**

HTML is a markup language used to design the webpages. It uses predefined tags to create the webpages. These websites can then be viewed by anyone else connected to the Internet. We have used HTML to create the front-end of our system. As it is relatively easy to learn and implement HTML.

Sass, short for **Syntatically Awesome Style Sheets** is a preprocessor scripting language that is interpreted or compiled into Cascading Style Sheets(CSS). We used Sass to make the interface of our web-application more clean and stylish. Sass also allowed us the feature of switching from light to dark theme. But the main reason behind using Sass was for making “mixin” which is like a reusable code, used for global button styles and form inputs.

1. **Vue Js**

Vue Js is a Javascript front-end framework, widely used for front-end development. It is commonly used for building a single-page applications and user interfaces(UI). The use of Vue Js made our front end development extremely easy because of the data rendering and component composition feature of this framework. On top of Vue Js, we have additionally used Nuxt-Js, which is subset of Vue Js. The use of Nuxt-Js ensured that, we didn’t have to separate router file to defines routes for our app. Nuxt also provided us with features of Server Side Rendering. Nuxt also provides out of the box route validation, different layouts, axios settings and different modules.

1. **VS Code**

Unlike above mentioned tools, VS Code is not a programming language but a code editor. It is an open source code editor made by Microsoft. VS Code has a smooth and easy interface which made our task of writing the code much easier. It also made debugging, syntax highlighting, code refactoring a lot easier.

#### Backend

Backend is server side of the application. It stores and arranges data, and also makes sure everything on the client-side of the application works fine. It is basically the part of the web-application that the client cannot see and interact with. It is the portion of the software that does not come in direct contact with the users. Backend possess database and administrator manages it. The following tools were used for the backend of our system.

1. **Node Js:**

Node Js is an open source, cross-platform, JavaScript runtime environment or Framework that executes JavaScript code outside a web browser. As, we have used Vue Js as our front-end framework, using Node Js made our job of server-side scripting faster and easier. API of Node.js library is asynchronous, that is non-blocking. It essentially means our server never waits for an API to return data. The server moves the next API after calling it and a notification mechanism of Events of Node.js helps the server to get a response from the previous API Call. As, we have used Socket IO, Webrtc. Their implementation is made simple through the use of different third party libraries offered by Javascript.

1. **MongoDB**

MongoDB is a cross-platform document-oriented database program. It is classified as a NoSQL database program, which means, instead of using tables and rows, MongoDB makes use of collections and documents.

### Testing

#### Unit Testing

Unit Testing is a level of software testing where individual units/components of software are tested. The purpose is to validate that each unit of the software performs as designed. A unit is the smallest testable part of any software.

#### Integration Testing

Integration testing is a level of software testing where individual units are combined and tested as group. The purpose of this level of testing is to expose faults in the interaction between integrated units. Test drivers and test stubs are used to assist in Integration Testing. The test is often done on both the interfaces between the components and the larger structure being constructed, if its quality property cannot be assessed from its components. After integrating the requirements we tested it, it was fine and satisfactory.

#### System Testing

System testing is a level of testing that validates the complete and fully integrated software product. The purpose of a system test is to evaluate the end-to-end system specifications. System Testing is actually a series of different tests whose sole purpose is to exercise the full computer-based system. Two category of System Testing are:

1. **Black Box Testing**

Black Box Testing, also known as Behavioral Testing, is a software testing method in which the internal structure/design/implementation of the item being tested is not known to the tester. During this phase of testing, we ran through every input to verify that the result is as expected. After performing Equivalence Class Testing and boundary Value Testing, we concluded that our projects was ready for the implementation on the real world.

1. **White Box Testing**

White Box Testing also known as Clear Box Testing, Open Box Testing, is a software testing method in which the internal structure/design/implementation of the item being tested is known to the tester. It is the testing beyond the user interface and info the nitty-gritty of a system. We choosed inputs to exercise paths through the code and determined the appropriate outputs. We performed Branch Coverage technique and our system passed this testing as every code is working as expected.

# CHAPTER VI

## Conclusion and Future Works

The conclusion of this project work is based on the advantage of computer based system over a manual system. This project work in success has produced a E-learning classroom which can be used for taking online class.

### Conclusion of Project E-learning

Our project is only a humble venture to satisfy the need of today’s world. This project might prove to be a powerful package in satisfying all the requirements of the school. At the end it is conclude that we have made effort on following points…

* This project helps lecturers/teachers to teach student virtually by conducting real time video conferencing.
* This project also allows users/student or teachers to share notes in from of text, document, audio and video.

### Future Works

It can be summarized that the future scope of the project circles around maintaining information regarding:

* We will host the platform on online servers to make it accessible worldwide.
* Integrate multiple load balancers to distribute the loads of the system.
* Create the master and slave database structure to reduce the overload of the database queries.
* Implement the backup mechanism for taking backup of codebase and database one regular basis on different servers.

The above mentioned points are the enhancements which can be done to increase the applicability and usage of this project. We have left all the options open so that if there is any other future requirement in the system by the user for the enhancement of the system then it is possible to implement them. At last we would like to thanks everyone involved in the development of the system directly or indirectly. We hope the project will server its purpose for which it is develop, thereby underlining success of process.

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