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# Knowledge Sharing and Intellectual Property Preservation through an Online Repository of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD): The Crimson's Legacy

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**Abstract** 

Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) is simply a digital representation of a

thesis or dissertations. Through preliminary research it has been ruled out that the use of

ETD is not common here in Zamboanga City. Every generation of graduating students has

been contributing to intellectual resource of the world in the form of a thesis consuming

papers and increasing the number of physical documents stored inside a school. With the

help of ETD, physical storage become irrelevant since ETD are stored in an online

repository which secures intellectual property preservation and the publicity of this

intellectual resources will multiply because of the internet, the information super highway.

This study proposes a website that is suitable to be an online repository for ETDs.

With the use of HTML and CSS, Flask and Python, MySQL, Natural Language Processing

for a search result and search recommendations, and a web-hosting service from

Hostinger to deploy a functional website along with an added functionality of a plagiarism

checker with the use of Copyleaks API.

The finished system is then subjected to testing from Western Mindanao State

University Faculty and students to test the satisfaction the website can give to its users.

And the results gathered from these tests shows that the users are satisfied with the end

product.

Keywords: Electronic Thesis and Dissertations, Website, Plagiarism Checker

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## CHAPTER I

### **Background of the Study**

Since the establishment of the concept of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD), the development of software for ETDs has been introduced to the world to create, publish, manage, and archive ETDs. Nations overseas have been implementing the e-only theses and dissertations where only ETDs are submitted in the university's chosen repository and they do not require students to submit physical documentation of their research. This movement has been operating to share researched knowledge and increase a scholar's research publication, which increases their reputations for their respective professional fields.

In the Philippines, not many universities have been participating in the concepts of ETDs. So far in research, the only entities that have been using ETDs are the Philippine Electronic Theses and Dissertations (PETD) that hosts databases for ETD for masters and doctorate degrees of colleges or universities, as well as the Digital Archives@UP Diliman (DA@UPD) which caters to the overall digital records of the institution where ETDs are included therein.

In Zamboanga City, the concept of ETDs is not yet practiced although there are some efforts in implementing the said concept such as Western Mindanao State University and their e-library in Facebook and another e-Library is implemented in Zamboanga City State Polytechnic College which may be a start for ETDs. May this research be of aid to the city so that ETDs may be implemented in the researchers' schools because their team believes in the goals and benefits of archived and shared knowledge to assist the future generation for successful advancement in each generation of researchers.

#### Statement of the Problem

At the last year of college students, a terminal requirement, which is mostly thesis, is their final challenge before graduating in their respective degrees. Anyone who has gone through knows how hard it is to find references and similarities, especially if the study is new in the world. Also, thesis hardcopies, besides that they add costs for bookbinding and printing, have a chance of being neglected or even discarded as the year and generations of graduating student passes by.

So, what is the best way to promote a shared library of knowledge and at the same time, cut costs for hardcopies and solve the problem of preserving physical documents of the thesis each year? The researchers are proposing a WMSU online compiler for Electronic Theses and Dissertations, which, if possible, be a success and be a start of a new era of creating and preserving thesis in Zamboanga, per school year.

### **Objectives**

### 1.3.1 General Objectives

The General objective of this thesis proposal is to develop a website that will serve as an online repository of thesis and dissertations of WMSU students, for WMSU students and the public and to create a project that encourages the academe and other concerned agencies in Zamboanga City the utilization of ETDs.

### 1.3.2 Specific Objectives

- 1. To use HTML, JavaScript, and CSS for web design for the online repository website.
  - 2. To deploy the proposed website online.
- 3. To manipulate and sort data with Python, Flask and MySQL in the system for results based on user's search query and produce abstract similarities.
- 4. To increase the website's functionality with a Plagiarism Checker API Copyleaks.

### **Scope and Limitations**

### **Scope**

The scope that is included in the researchers' study is the impact of a compilation of past thesis for the future generations of students to use and even, maybe, anyone who is interested in studying almost anything. The research shall survey a range of students who are currently enrolled in WMSU and is taking a thesis subject. The primary target users are thesis students at Western Mindanao State University, Zamboanga City. This research will also study the algorithms that are crucial for the development aspect which is sorting, searching, and comparing algorithms.

### Limitations

The limitation of the researchers' study is that the research will not include students outside of WMSU and students who are not taking up a thesis.

### Significance of the Study

The results of this research will be significant to the following:

**Thesis Students**. The main target beneficiary of this project is the students or the future researchers, specifically those who are graduating and under a thesis subject. The students shall benefit from the shared knowledge stacked by each generation of students through the researchers' online compilation of thesis in WMSU, cut printing and bookbinding costs, and preserve the output of their hard work, their research.

**Professors and Instructors**. The pursuit of knowledge is endless and even those who have a degree will benefit from shared knowledge.

**Western Mindanao State University**. The said university will have a solution in terms of research or thesis compiling as well as being the first university to promote ETDs in Zamboanga.

Other Colleges or Universities. The success of this project may be a start of a whole new era of thesis education.

**Commission on Higher Education**. Improved quality both for education and research.

**Public**. Even a regular person who is just interested and curious. The compilation of ETDs on the researchers' website will be open to the public for a better network of shared knowledge.

**Future Researchers**. For the next generations of students to come.

### **Definition of Terms**

Only terms, words, or phrases which have special or unique meanings in the study are defined. Provide at least 10. Definitions may be taken from encyclopedias, books, magazines and newspaper articles, dictionaries, and other publications but the researcher must acknowledge his sources. Definitions taken from published materials are called conceptual or technical definitions.

Term	Definition			
1. Chunking	the division of large information into smaller			
	chunks which are easier to hold in memory.			
2. ETDs	an acronym for Electronic Theses and			
	Dissertation.			
3. Inflected Words	word formation where the word's meaning is			
	changed through adding another item on it.			
4. Lemmatization	reduction of a word's inflected form into a single			
	form through scanning WordNet corpus as			
	reference.			
5. Named Entity Recognition	identify named entities used within a sentence.			
6. Parts-of-Speech tagging	identification of parts of speech for every word.			
7. Stemming	cutting the inflected word with algorithm alone into			
	their root form.			
8. Tokenization	sensitive data turned into a non-sensitive data			
	called token.			

Table 1: Definition of Terms

## CHAPTER II REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

#### 2.1. Related Literature

### Google Scholar and Microsoft Academics on Online Repository User Interface

Google Scholar and Microsoft Academics are famous for being an online search engine for studies, articles, thesis, dissertations, and court opinions from scholars and reporters. These products are obviously from Google and Microsoft, two of the successful companies that invent technologies both for hardware and software, and will be a very safe and secure reference to use for the researchers' proposed system's user interface which gives us all the insights and principles for the user experience that will surely be credible.

From the main search bar at the landing page to the sorting section on the side panel, these settings and formats shall be observed in the proposed website's UI. The results from the search query and all its linking will be integrated into the systems recommendation results which are also based on the user's search query.

These products' search methods will be closely studied and observed and implemented on the researchers' proposed website.

### Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations on Electronic Theses and Dissertations

The concept of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) has been around even since 1990, and organizations like the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD, 1996) and Philippine Electronic Theses and Dissertations (PETD,2020) have been encouraging and advocating the use of ETD. But what is an ETD?

ETD is basically a digital representation of your thesis or dissertations which can be stored in a repository may it be online or in local computer memory. Here is a short history in ETD as discussed by NDTLD:

The concept of electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs) was first discussed at a 1987 meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan, organized by UMI and attended by representatives from Virginia Tech, the University of Michigan, and two small software companies – Toronto-based SoftQuad and Michigan-based ArborText.

The project lay dormant for a few years, until 1991 when Virginia Tech's Dean Gary Hooper financed further critical development. Virginia Tech Computer Science professor Ed Fox and Graduate School dean John Eaton collaborated on the ETD project, investigating problems associated with production, archiving, and access. In the early 1990s, Fox and Hooper held a series of design and discussion meetings, working closely with the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS), UMI, and other interested groups. At the same time, the Virginia Tech University Library's Scholarly Communications Project developed procedures and systems for processing, archiving, and providing public access to Virginia tech's graduate research works.

The said organization also has discussed publishing ETDs to repositories where it is stated that some major research universities, nowadays, provide a specialized thesis repository run by the university itself and that it is a graduation requirement at many institutions. Such statements strengthen the validity of this research's purpose.

### Federis on Copyright Laws in the Philippines

On a website called Federis, one of the top filers of trademark and patent applications in the Philippines and is a law firms of highly qualified attorneys, lawyers, licensed patent and trademark agents, has deep insight and well-discussed topic on intellectual property protection which is one of the concerns of this research and development.

It states on their website that under Philippine law, a copyright infringement happens when any of the exclusive economic or moral rights granted to the copyright owner is violated. A person is considered liable for such infringement of a copyrighted article when they:

- a. Directly selling such article.
- b. Distribute such articles for trading.
- c. Publicly exhibit such article.

They have also discussed that copyrightable works (artistic or literary works) are protected from the moment they are created and enumerated works that are not protected by the said law which are:

- 1. Ideas such as a procedure or system method.
- 2. News of the day or press information.
- 3. Official text of legal nature.
- 4. Work of the Philippine Government.
- 5. Lectures, research, speeches, and regulation rendered in government agencies and meetings of public characters.

And lastly, the most important note, is that they have discussed who are the owners of copyrightable works which is no one but the author of the work themselves.

### Ciencia: Online Publication of Research by WMSU

Ciencia is the official Science and Technology research journal of Western Mindanao State University and has an open-access website for public sharing of the researches of WMSU. Ciencia was formerly called WMSU Research Journal when it began its organization with the purpose to give faculty researcher an avenue to showcase their research, but now till the present day, it has evolved to be an organization with an International Standard Serial Numbers (ISSN) for both of their printed and online publication which is a great advantage since an ISSN gives a publication its identity among hundreds, if not thousands, of other publications. Ciencia is also indexed in the Philippine E-Journals. The organizations also envision being accredited by CHED and be indexed internationally.

the researchers' study and development also aim to produce the same results and outcome as Ciencia and this literature can give Crimson's Legacy a good path on where to start and where to head-on.

### Forbes on 2020 Website Design Trends

User Interface design is very crucial when you want to develop a website that will last long or forever and anything constant should give comfort to the ever-changing and moving, users.

Based on Forbes' website blog is that at the present day, users tend to demand a fast and smooth interface versus the users 10 years ago who use websites that aren't very user-friendly. And here are some tips from Forbes we can use to upgrade their project's UI design.

- 1. Dark Mode is a very mainstream trend and gives the user option for a less bright and cleaner set-up for those who use their devices for a longer time span.
- 2. Hand-drawn elements (digital art or scanned graphics) everyone can always appreciate hand-drawn art.
- 3. Visible Grids even in some artworks, not removing the guideline adds an element to finished art. Visible grids can give a website its clean and professional look.
- 4. White Space Frame spans a user's attention towards the product, a good technique paired with minimalist design.
- 5. Larger-Than-Life Typography good for any website themes. Command the reader's eyes even from afar!
- 6. Geometric Designs a sure way to create a modern and minimalist design for the researchers' website. Shape speaks.
  - 7. Minimalist Navigation Less is more.
  - 8. 1970's Color Scheme to create a classic and timeless design.

### **Web Hosting by Hostinger**

Their proposal is a website so they should study web hosting and this subtitle helps us understand what web hosting is. Hostinger is a web hosting provider. And as Hostinger explains:

"Web hosting is an online service that enables you to publish your website or web application on the internet. It is basically renting some space on a physical server where you can store all the files and data necessary for your website to work properly"

After purchasing their service, they now buy a domain name which is simply the name that the researchers' website will use. But some Hostinger package already has a free domain name which may be considered when purchasing the said service. This study will help this research and product to reach millions of people through the internet.

### Edureka (YT) on Stemming and Lemmatization Tutorial: Natural Language Processing

To attain the complexity of taking a thesis' abstraction into keywords, They would need to study Natural Language Processing (NPL) and the stemming algorithm and lemmatization algorithm which will help us capture keywords in researches.

Based on the video NPL is the part of Computer Science and Artificial intelligence that deals with human languages which are perfect in dealing with researches. Also, the video stated that NPL has different steps which are:

Tokenization

Stemming

Lemmatizations

Parts of Speech tags

Named Entity Recognition

Chunking

Stemming and lemmatizations algorithms have been around since the 1960s and it amplifies a system's tagging system, indexing, SEO, web search result, and information retrieval which is crucial for the researchers' proposed system as it will be their system's core process.

#### 2.2. Related Studies

### Yale Fineman on ETDs

Academy: Theses and dissertations are scholarly works that take years to research and to write and as secondary sources of information, theses and dissertations are particularly useful to researchers in the humanities because they are proven facts that are stored and archived for the future generations of the researcher. But, the vastness of the population conducting research each year creates a problem in terms of storing physical copies of the research in archives and university libraries. The best way to bring back published researches to light is to upload them electronically and to give students and researchers free and open access to these documents via the internet.

These findings can further increase the validity of the advantages of ETDs.

### The Research Wizard by Kare Hein and Marc Davis

Their proposed system or website's contents are purely dependent on the inputs and creation of users or thesis students of Western Mindanao State University so it is only natural to study the nature of a Database-Driven Website with HTML and PHP/MySQL. They were also advised with a complexity where they need to find a way or an algorithm that'll match research topics based on its contents. And in this subtitle, they are going to dive deeper into the said topic.

This study was created when librarians had a problem with providing patrons access to electronic format resources in their libraries. The solution was a web application, The Research Wizard. Its main function was to amplify results in a search that will cater to patrons' or clients' demands. It uses a topical keyword research access to do its job and this study Is perfect to adapt in the researchers' proposed system where they need to give users compared works through the abstraction of research.

### Mubina Malik and Trisha Patel Database Security

One of the biggest factors in deploying a website is security since placing it on the internet means placing it in reach for the public. In their conclusion, they have stated that website access protection begins in studying who has access to the database and what type of data the attackers might desire. It is also stated that 48% of attackers are the database's authorized users which means 48% of users who misused their access and privileges and 48% is a big chunk in 100 even without the fact that authorized user should be trustworthy. This study focuses on control and attack methods in a database.

### **Comparison Table of Relates Systems**

Attributes	This Study	Google Scholar	Microsoft Academics	Fedora	Ciencia
Deployed Website	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Upload Studies	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Plagiarism Checker	<b>√</b>	✓	х	X	x
Open for Public	<b>√</b>	✓	✓	X	✓
For WMSU students	<b>√</b>	x	X	X	✓
Focused on Theses and Dissertations	<b>√</b>	x	x	x	x
Able to download ETDs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aims to Eliminate Paper Documentation	<b>√</b>	х	x	X	X

Table 2: System Similarity Table

### **Synthesis**

With all the related studies and literature that have been discussed in this section, they have summarized points that will be implemented in the researchers' system.

- Google Scholar and Microsoft Academic's user interface is created by great developers from these two great companies. It shall be observed when designing their proposed website
- Technologies that will be used in this study are:
  - o HTML, JavaScript, and CSS for front end development
  - o Python, FLASK, and MySQL for Backend Development
  - Hostinger for Web Hosting

The algorithms used will be of the field of machine learning and Natural Language processing which will collaborate to h andle the data management of the ETDs.

### **Conceptual Framework**

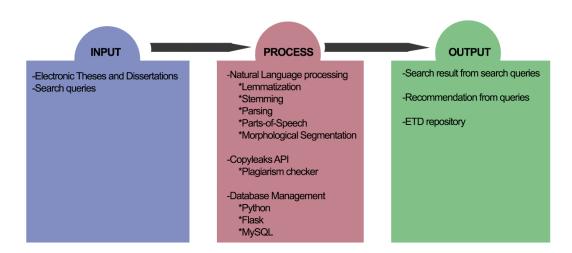


Figure 1: Crimson Legacy's Conceptual Framework

This conceptual framework gives us a proper understanding of how all the fields and subtitles of this study correlates with each other in the goal of creating an online repository for Electronic Theses and Dissertations. they can see in the diagram that the two main data collected on the researchers' website are search queries and ETD uploads.

The process handles the data with their corresponding fields and algorithm and is explained as follows:

**Natural Language Processing** – breaks the ETDs and search queries into small chunks of data which gives as the ability to clearly cluster and associate a whole abstract with another giving the researchers' website a powerful and accurate recommendation system for a user's search.

**Copyleaks API -** a ready to use developer tool that gives the website the ability to scan the uploaded ETD for a plagiarism score both locally (server storage) and globally (internet).

**Database Management** – the repositories for all data that will be used in all the process of the researchers' website.

# CHAPTER III METHODOLOGY

### **Research Design**

This study will purely be applied research design as to prove a hypothesis and not formulate one. This study aims to develop a website which is an online repository for electronic theses and dissertations for WMSU that caters thesis submissions from thesis students with the use of Natural Language Processing and Copyleaks API

#### Research Locale

The research will be conducted online directed towards people who are students of an institution that is one of the pioneer state universities here in Zamboanga City

### Validity of the Instrument

The research Instrument shall be validated by the thesis adviser and presented to the thesis panel.

### **Data Gathering Procedure**

In gathering data for this study, the researchers use information from the internet such as NDLTD website which is an organization that has been campaigning and advocating the utilization of ETDs for universities. The website houses a lot of facts regarding Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) and even online repositories.

The development aspect of the system was enforced by the studies made in the RRL (see chapter 2) for the technologies that will be used in the development such as HTML, JavaScript, CSS, Python, and MySQL, and as well as the computer science field that is present in this study which is Machine Learning and Natural Language Processing. All of these will also be practiced by the researchers before the development begins.

The dataset needed for Machine Learning was also all gathered online and will be integrated into the system after a data cleaning.

And lastly, the proposed website will heavily reference PETD's website as a guide towards a successful user interface for online repositories and therefore are closely observed for this development.

### **Statistic Tool**

### **Technical Aspect of the Project**

### **Natural Language Processing**

- Tokenization
- Stemming
- Lemmatizations
- Parts of Speech tags
- Named Entity Recognition
- Chunking

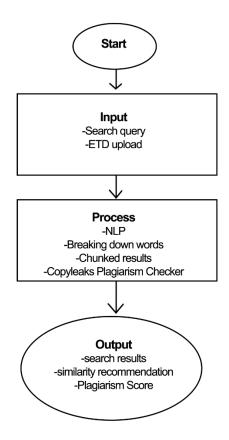


Figure 2. Natural Language Processing Flowchart

This algorithm will help us break down paragraphs, sentences, phrases, and inflected words so that algorithm can deal with the overall data of a search query

### **Search Queries Code Snippet:**

Figure 3: Search Query Code Snippet 1

```
srch = "N=var"s"

srch = "N=va
```

Figure 4: Search Query Code Snippet 2

### **Search Recommendations Code Snippet:**

```
mycursor.execute("SELECT *, topic.id_topic, topic.topic_name\
FROM thesis_totopics.id_topic = topic.id_topic\
MFRE id_thesis = %s",(id_,))

mycursor.execute("SELECT *, authors.id_author, authors.author_fname, authors.author_lname, authors.course\
FROM thesis_toauthors\
JOIN authors\
ON thesis_toauthors id_author = authors.id_author\
MFRE id_thesis = %s",(id_,))

aut = mycursor.fetchall()

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aut = mycursor.fetchall()

thsabs = natlangproc(ths['abstract'])

thsabs_syn = syno(thsabs)

fn1 = ' '.join(thsabs)

fn2 = ' '.join(thsabs,syn)

fn = fn1+fn2

# print(fn1)

mycursor.execute("SELECT * FROM thesis')

thesis = mycursor.fetchall()

mycursor.execute("DELETE FROM absrel")

mycursor.execute("DELETE FROM absrel")
```

Figure 5: Search Recommendation Code Snippet

Figure 6: Search Recommendation Code Snippet

### **Phases of Development**

### **Planning**

The development of this system shall follow the agile method for a rapid development where sprints are tested in iterations until a successful website development is accomplished.

In machine learning machine training, a plan outline of training set, validation set, and test state. This will be closely observed in terms of training the machine learning model.

### **Analysis**

### **System requirements:**

Functional requirement

- ETDs uploading
- Search bar feature for research
- Recommendations from selected thesis
- Admin account
- Faculty Operator's Account
- Plagiarism/Similarity Checker

### Non-Functional Requirements

- WMSU color theme (red)
- User interaction feedbacks
- Google Scholar and Microsoft Academics referencing

### Design

#### **Process**

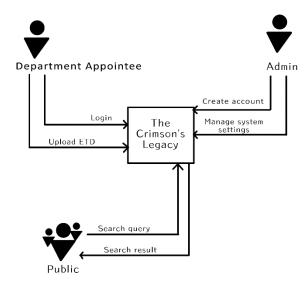


Figure 7. User Case DFD

the researchers' proposed website has 3 users. The thesis students who can register and login for ETD uploading, the admin for system settings and ETD approval, and the public, since the website is open for public who seeks information, everyone with internet access may use the website and search for certain research submitted by WMSU students.

### Data

### System's ERD

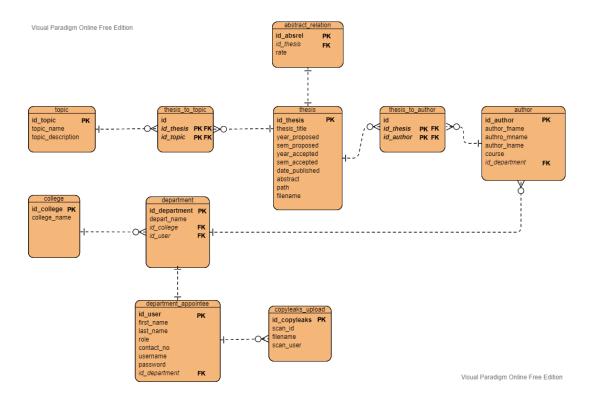


Figure 8. Crimson Legacy's ERD

In this ERD, they can see the relationship of a thesis, uploaded in table thesis, towards multiple tables making it the center of information for the researchers' system.

### Logic

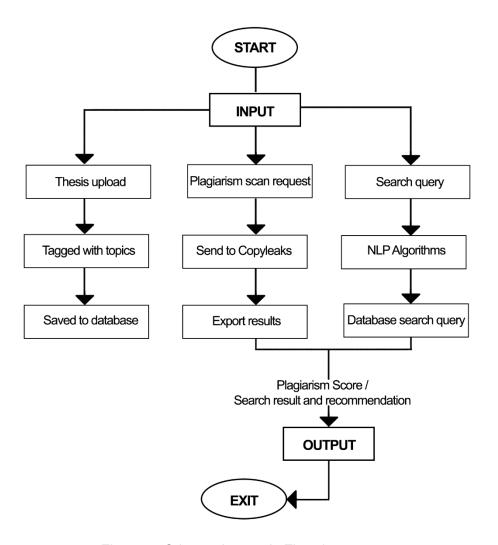


Figure 9. Crimson Legacy's Flowchart

In this flowchart, they can see the overall flow of the researchers' proposed system. It all starts with the input which is either ETD upload, plagiarism scan request, or search query. ETD uploads are tagged with corresponding topics by the uploader then stored into the database. Plagiarism scan request are sent to Copyleaks API and then returns with a plagiarism score. And, search query is broken down by NLP algorithms and then processed by the system's search algorithms which outputs searched thesis and recommendations for clicked thesis.

### Implementation

Hardware requirement

-the system will be deployed online and can be accessed with mobile phone and a personal computer which will also be the requirement for the users to manage the website.

### Software requirement

-the system is a website and can be accessed from any internet browser. HTML, JS, and CSS will be used to develop the front end and Flask, Python, and MySQL for the back end.

### Network requirement

-the system requires internet for use and will be deployed online through the web hosting of Hostinger.

### **System Architecture**

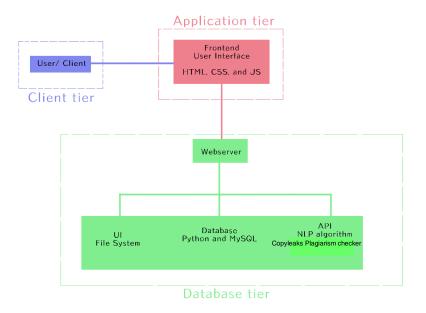


Figure 10. Website Architecture N-tier

The system architecture is an N-tier architecture where the sectors of the proposed system is divided by client tier, application tier, and database tier.

### Prototype I

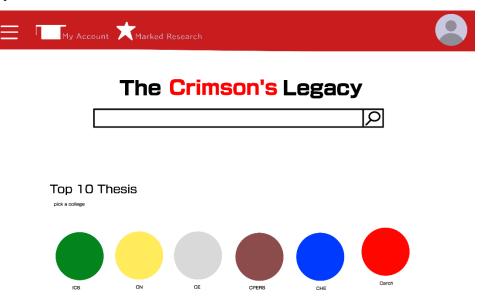


Figure 11. Landing page prototype.

As referenced with Google Scholar UI, this is the prototype of the researchers' system's landing page.

### **Prototype II**

### Home page

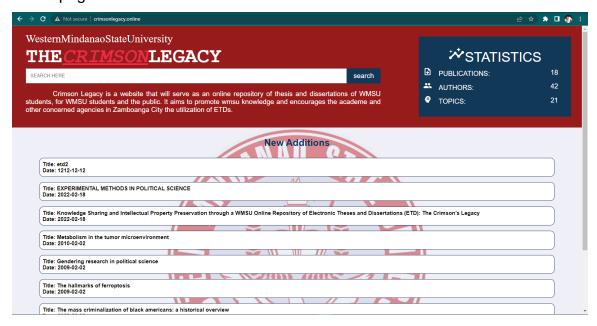


Figure 12: Prototype II Landing Page

#### Search Result

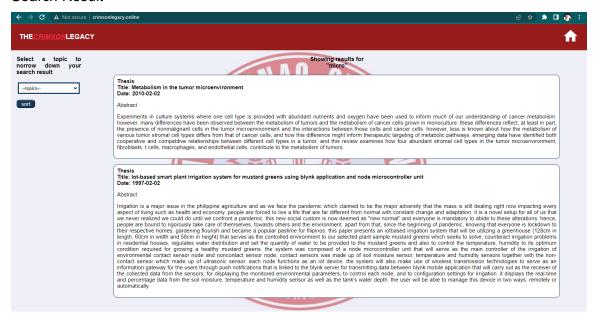


Figure 13: Prototype II search result

#### Clicked Thesis

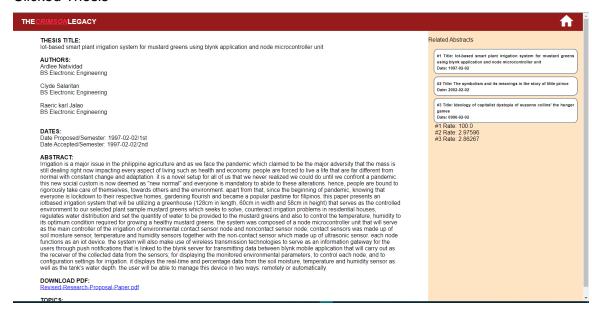


Figure 14: Prototype II clicked thesis

### Faculty Login Page

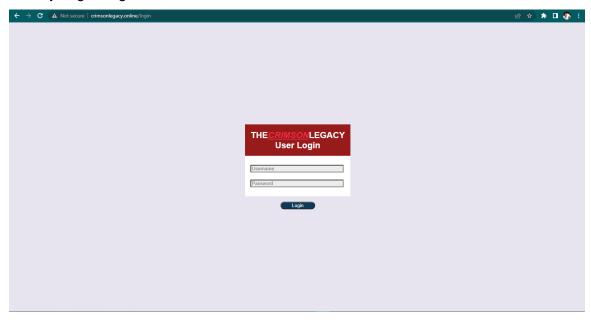


Figure 15: Prototype II login page

### Admin Page

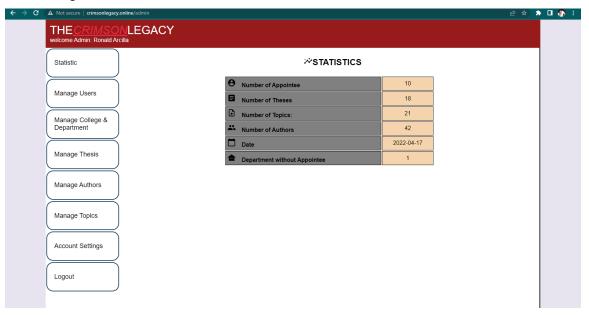


Figure 16: Prototype II admin page

## Department Appointee Page

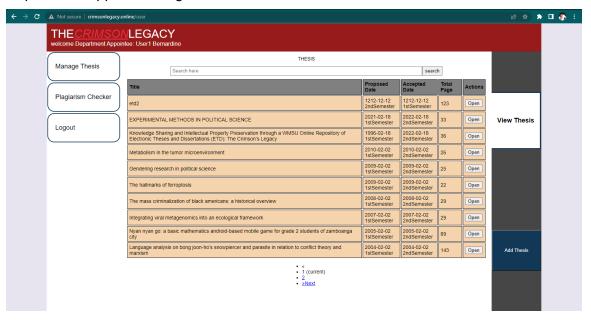


Figure 17: Prototype II dept. faculty page

## Plagiarism Checker Page

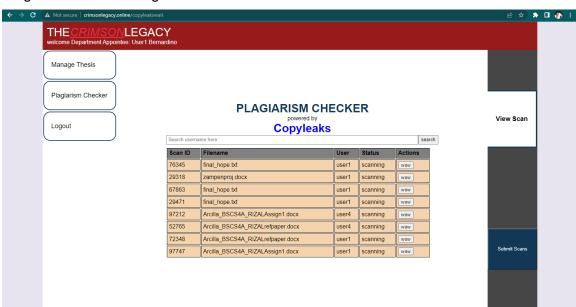


Figure 18: Prototype II plagiarism checker

This is the prototype of this website that has been deployed for this project.

# CHAPTER IV RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

After the development process, the researchers' way to test the system is to let the public use the website as it is meant to be. The researchers contacted 5 faculty and 5 students from Western Mindanao State University to test the website. And here are the results:

## **Faculty Survey**

# The Crimson Legacy Beta Testing Survey Faculty



Dear Respondent,

The researchers of this survey are students from Western Mindanao State University in College of Computing Studies taking BS Computer Science and is currently working on a thesis entitled "Knowledge Sharing and Intellectual Property Preservation through a WMSU Online Repository of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD): The Crimson's Legacy".

The study aims to propose a system that will be an Online Repository for Electronic Theses and will be an online library that will hold theses of generations of student that will take and finish thesis subject of their respective courses which will be available to the public especially for the future generation of researchers. This proposal also aims to promote the utilization of ETDs as a formal requirement for passing a thesis subject and hopefully eliminate the printing of thesis books and solve the storage problems of keeping all these physical documentations.

Rest assured that your answers in this survey will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and will only be used for analysis and interpretation for academic purposes.

Your participation will be highly appreciated for it will contribute to the realization of this proposal. Thank you very much for your time and support. Please click on the "Next" button to proceed to the questionnaires.

To test the website goto:

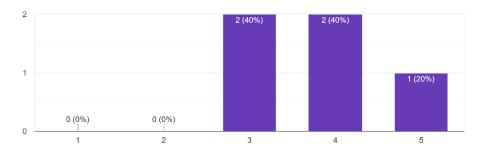
crimsonlegacy.online/login

Credentials for testing: usernames are user1 or user2 or user3 or user4 for password just input the username you used example: username: user3 password user3

Figure 19: Faculty Testing Survey Introduction

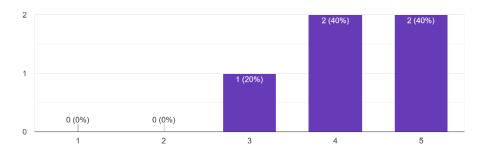
## The website looks appealing

5 responses



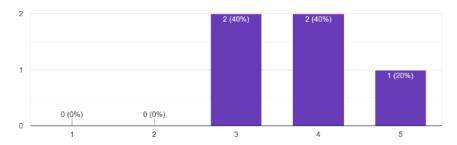
## The website is easy to navigate

5 responses

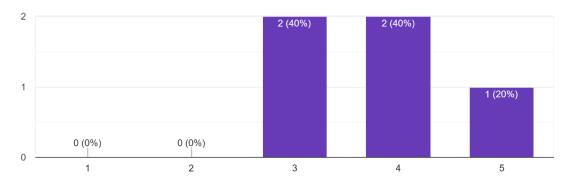


#### The website is "newbie" friendly

5 responses



The website successfully accomplished the goals of managing and promoting WMSU thesis online  $^{\rm 5\,responses}$ 



How likely would this website help your students in their thesis year? 5 responses

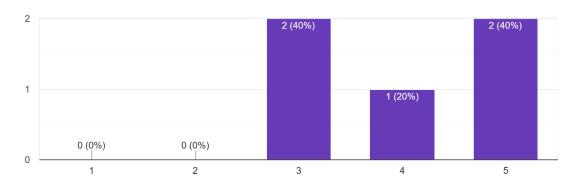


Figure 20: Faculty Testing Survey

## Student Survey

# The Crimson Legacy Beta Testing Survey Student

Dear Respondent,

The researchers of this survey are students from Western Mindanao State University in College of Computing Studies taking BS Computer Science and is currently working on a thesis entitled "Knowledge Sharing and Intellectual Property Preservation through a WMSU Online Repository of Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD): The Crimson's Legacy".

The study aims to propose a system that will be an Online Repository for Electronic Theses and will be an online library that will hold theses of generations of student that will take and finish thesis subject of their respective courses which will be available to the public especially for the future generation of researchers. This proposal also aims to promote the utilization of ETDs as a formal requirement for passing a thesis subject and hopefully eliminate the printing of thesis books and solve the storage problems of keeping all these physical documentations.

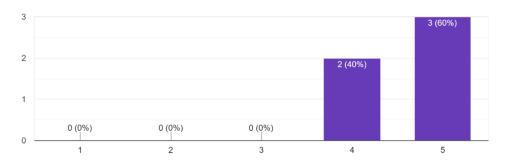
Rest assured that your answers in this survey will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and will only be used for analysis and interpretation for academic purposes.

Your participation will be highly appreciated for it will contribute to the realization of this proposal. Thank you very much for your time and support. Please click on the "Next" button to proceed to the questionnaires.

Figure 21: Student Testing Survey Introduction

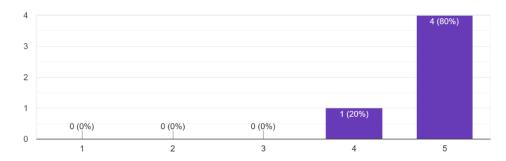
## The website looks appealing

5 responses



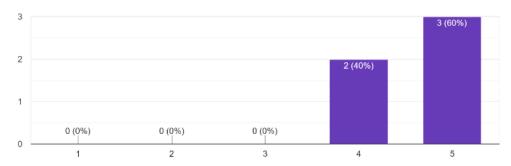
## The website is "newbie" friendly

5 responses

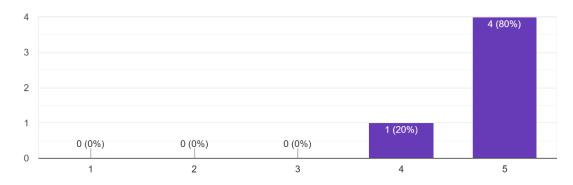


## The website is easy to navigate

5 responses



The website successfully accomplished the goals of managing and promoting WMSU thesis online 5 responses



How likely would this website help you in your thesis year? 5 responses

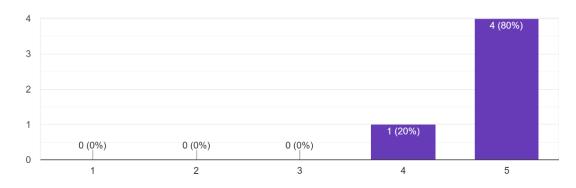


Figure 22: Student Testing Survey

As shown in the survey the website received a mid-passing score from the faculty while they get a high passing score from the students. This shows that the system is working with its functions but can use a little upgrade on functionality and design on the faculty user's pages.

# CHAPTER V CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### Conclusion

The study aims to promote Electronic Theses and Dissertations through creating a website that holds this electronic file for public use and knowledge preservation.

The work has four (4) specific goals and it has all been achieved with a 4-point explanation:

- 1. The website is fully functional and deployed on the internet with the help of web-hosting company's service, Hostinger.
- 2. The website's frontend is built with HTML and CSS and is successfully outputting required content and result based form user's query
- The website's backend is built and manipulated with python and flask and MySQL is used for database functionality where we can store and manage data
- 4. The website has an increased functionality with the help of Copyleaks. The website is able to do some plagiarism check and give plagiarism score to our faculty users called department appointee.

With these four (4) points. The researchers have accomplished their general objective which is to create a website that will hold as a thesis repository of Western Mindanao State University students which helps in the knowledge preservation and the publication of the Crimson's research.

With Internet being the "information super highway" no information travels as fast as the information uploaded in the internet. May this study start the utilization of Electronic Thesis and Dissertations in our city for as it increases the publicity of our pride studies to reduce the use of paper and to reach other researchers all over the globe. It is easier to develop and study new topics when existing and supporting studies are easy to find.

## Recommendations

The proposed system is fully functional and completed based on the objectives of this research. After all the work done in this study, some recommendations are observed for the future researchers. The following recommendations are considered:

- a. The researchers suggest that when no Machine Learning is included in the study, use different backend languages or tools like PHP which is much faster and more suitable in terms of web development.
- b. The researchers suggest to add animation to frontend pages which makes it look less static
- c. The researchers suggest to use CSS frameworks to reduce development time with a better design.
- d. The researchers suggest that if Machine Learning is one of the future researcher's strengths, improvise your own plagiarism checker which may help you innovate ideas and make customize it according to your proposed system
- e. The researchers suggest that if money is not a problem, purchase a higher web-hosting service and APIs to aid on your study since what is used here in this study are as cheap as it can be.

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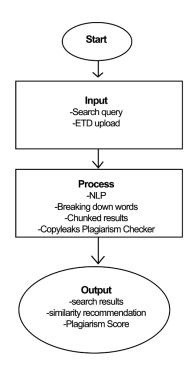
# Appendix A Gantt Chart

	GANTT CHART										
Western Mindanao State University - Crimson Legacy Development											
Task	Task AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC										
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Local Backend											
Online Deployment											
Add API to system											
Theis paper documentation											

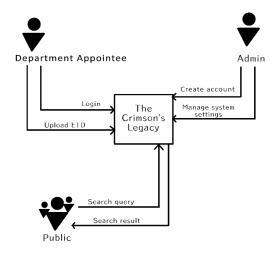
## Appendix B

## Flowchart/Diagrams

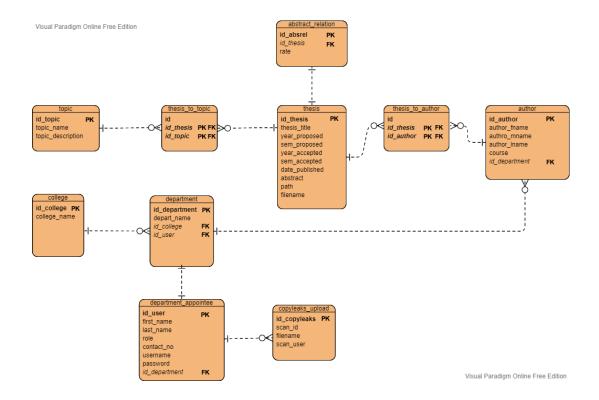
## **Search Query Flowchart**



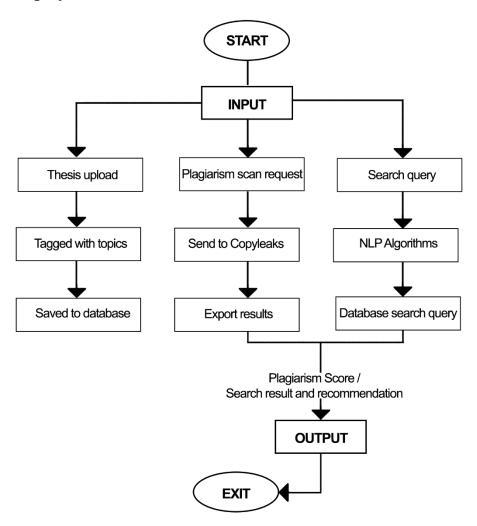
## **Crimson Legacy Process**



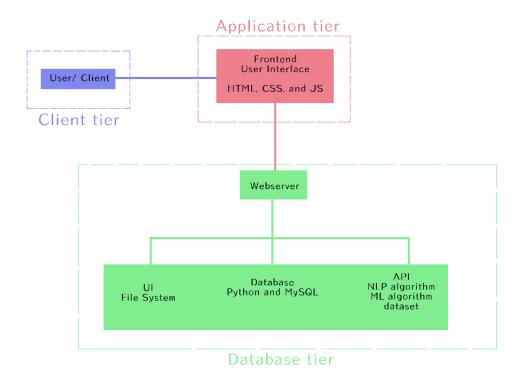
## **Crimson Legacy ERD**



## **Crimson Legacy Flowchart**



## **Website Architecture**



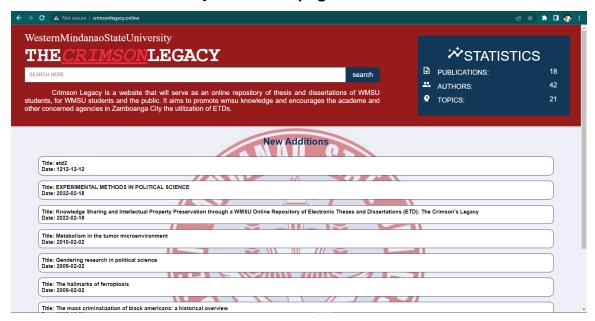
## Appendix C Algorithms

## **Search Queries Code Snippet:**

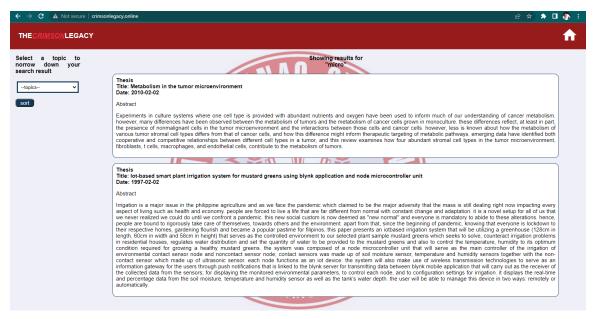
## **Search Recommendations Code Snippet:**

## Appendix D

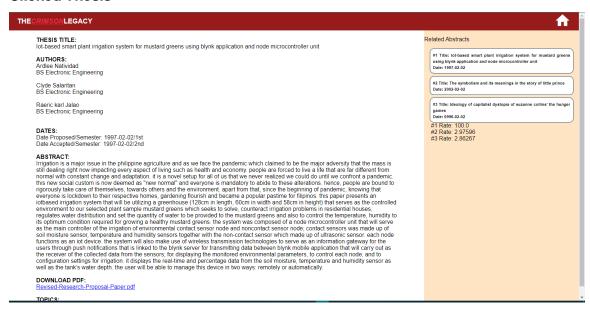
## Screenshot/Picture of the System Home page



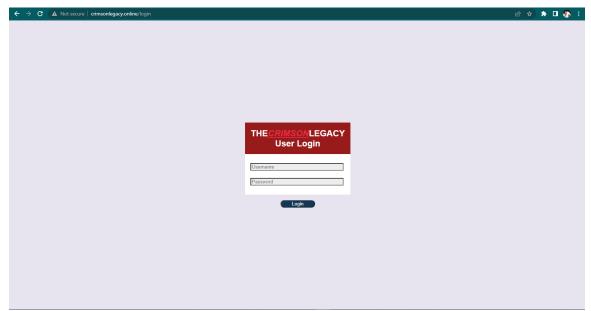
## **Search Result**



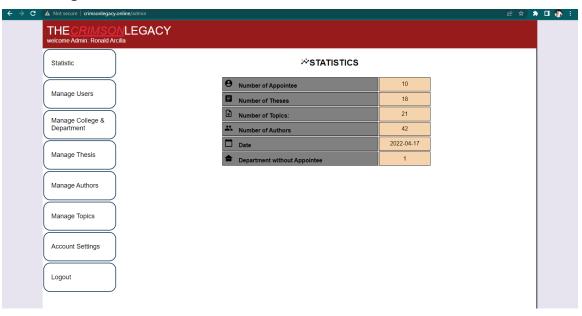
## **Clicked Thesis**



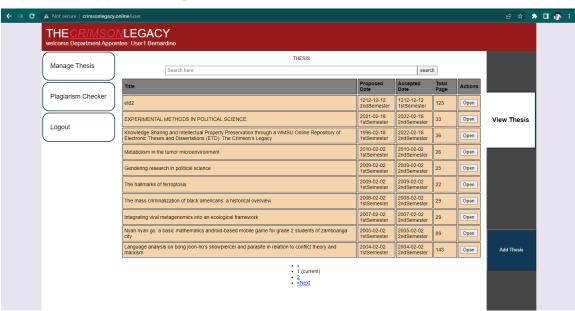
## **Faculty Login Page**



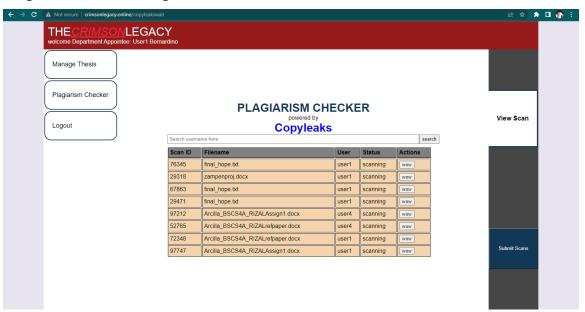
## **Admin Page**



## **Department Appointee Page**



## Plagiarism Checker Page



# Appendix E

## **Test Cases and Results**

Project Name:	Western Mindanao State University - The Crimson Legacy									
Module Name:		Plagiarism Check								
Created by:		Ronald Arcilla								
Test Case ID	Test Scenario	Test Case Description	Steps	Pre Conditions	Test Data	Post Conditions	Expected Result	Actual Result	Status	
TC_PC_001	Plagiarism Check	user uploads thesis for scan	Visit     crimsonlegacy.online/login     2. login account 3. goto     plagiarism tab 4.press     submit scans 5. choose     thesis to upload 6. press     submit button	User logged in	1. User Account 2. Thesis file	redirect to user page, scanned thesis output in table	alert:"Scan succesful, please wait for the result"	same as expected	Р	
TC_PC_002	Plagiarism Check	user does not upload thesis for scan and presses submit	Visit     crimsonlegacy.online/login     2. login account 3. goto     plagiarism tab 4.press     submit scans 5. choose     thesis to upload 6. press     submit button	User logged in	1. User Account 2. Thesis file	redirect to user page, scanned thesis output in table	alert: "No thesis uploaded"	same a s expected	Р	

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Module Name:		Login Module								
Created by:		Ronald Arcilla								
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TC_login_001	User logging in	user inputs correct credential in the login fields	Visit     crimsonlegacy.online/login     Input credentials 3.     Press login button	User registered	Users on database	redirect to user page	redirect to user page	same as expected	Р	
TC_login_002	User logging in	user inputs wrong credential in the login fields	Visit     crimsonlegacy.online/login     Input credentials 3.     Press login button	User registered	Users on database	redirect to user page	alert: "Wrong username or password"	same a s expected	Р	
TC_login_003	User logging in	user doesn't input any credentials and presses login button	Visit     crimsonlegacy.online/login     Input credentials 3.     Press login button	User registered	Users on database	redirect to user page	alert: "Login fields empty"	same a s expected	Р	

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Module Name:		Public module								
Created by:		Ronald Arcilla								
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## Appendix F

## **Curriculum Vitae**

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#### I. PERSONAL PROFILE



A creative Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Graduate of Western Mindanao State University who is always eager to enhance his skills or learn new ones. Aims to help people solve their problem through utilization of art and technology.

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#### II. PERSONAL DETAILS

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: February 18, 1996

Nationality: Filipino Marital Status: Single

Present Address: BAT Compound, Governor Camins, Canelar, Zamboanga City

## III. RELATED EXPERIENCE

#### **Udemy Online Course:**

Front End Web Development Ultimate Course 2021

Instructor: Learn Tech Plus

Cert no: UC-499a870b-2dba-48bc-b9e7-6ed61014fb3b

#### **Programming Commissions:**

-Python programming with Tkiner GUI

## IV. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

#### COLLEGE

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Western Mindanao State University

2021 - 2022

#### HIGHSCHOOL

Our Lady of the Abandoned Catholic Schools Muntinlupa City

2008-2013

## **ELEMENTARY**

Our Lady of the Abandoned Catholic School Muntinlupa City

2003 - 2008

### V. SKILLS .

TECHNICAL SKILLS

a. Platform

Windows 10

b. Other Tools/Software

Proficient in Adobe Photoshop

Microsoft Family

Proficient in Davinci Resolve

#### c. Expertise

Fullstack Web Development

-Frontend(HTML, JS, & CSS)

-Backend(Python, Flask, PHP, sqlite3, MySQL) Digital Art

#### SKILLS WITH DATA

a. Documentation

Proficient in MS Word

#### SKILLS WITH PEOPLE

a. Interpersonal Communication

Clear Communicator

Fluent in English and Tagalog

## b. Project Management

Time Management
Critical Decision Making
Capable of managing a Team

Equipped with leadership skills

### VI. CLUBS/ORGANIZATION

#### The University Digest

Western Mindanao State University

Senior Cartoonist

#### VIII. INTEREST/HOBBIES

#### ART

- -Sketching
- -Painting
- -Digital Art -Character Creation
- -Concept Art
- -Illustration
- -Photoshop (Photo Manipulation)

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#### I. PERSONAL PROFILE



A hardworking, organized, resourceful Bachelor of Science in Computer Science graduated in Western Mindanao State University with experience working across software development, equipped with programming skill and computer ethnics.

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II. PERSONAL DETAILS
Gender: Male

May 23, 1999 Date of Birth:

Zamboanga City, Philippines Place of Birth:

Nationality: Filipino Marital Status:

Salcedo Drive, Lustre st. Brgy. Sta. Catalina, Zamboanga City, Philippines Present Address:

#### I. RELATED EXPERIENCE

- ·Personal Assistant at GMA Networks
- ·Summer job at Dunkin Donut

#### II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

#### **TERTIARY**

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Western Mindanao State University August 2018 - June 2022

## SECONDARY

Senior High School STEM - Engineering Western Mindanao State University With Honor (90%) June 2016 - March 2018

#### III. SKILLS.

#### TECHNICAL SKILLS

·Proficient in the following Programming Languages including C++, Java, HTML,

#### SKILLS WITH DATA

·Proficient with MS Office Suite (Word, Powerpoint, Excel)

## SKILLS WITH PEOPLE

·Able to express ideas and thoughts both comprehensively and concisely.

## LANGUAGE

- ·English
- ·Filipino
- ·Chavacano
- ·Tausug

#### **IV. CERTIFICATIONS**

- ·Front end web development Bootcamp 2021
- ·The Complete Introduction to C++ Programming
- ·Java Collections Framework + Generics, Lambdas & Stream API

#### V. INTEREST/HOBBIES

- ·Programming ·Gaming ·Animation

- ·Photography