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**I. Introduction**

**Background of the study**

Nowadays, people tend to find a new of way of learning. Instead of reading books, newspapers and dictionaries, the people want the process of learning to become easy. In the new generation, there is a fastest growing technology.

People uses internet, for easy access of information, simply by visiting different websites to make a research. Probably, the people will prefer to use the internet rather than using dictionaries. Using the internet, people can now research some important information. Internet can be a new source of knowledge and information. It can help the people to learn about important things.

Internet can make our lives easy. Discovering the internet was a genius idea. Why would the people try to make things complicated, if there is an easy way? The advance technology can really help the people. From the past decades, the people are having a hard time in communicating. From the time that the internet was not yet discovered, the people tend to use mails, and an old type of telephone. Imagine how difficult communicating was. From time to time, people need different information that would give them knowledge.

If there will be homework’s, projects and research paper, finding a source of information will become easy, through the use of internet. The people can find different pictures, and educational videos. The people can download music and different videos. That’s how internet is important into the lives of people. People always use internet.

In this study, armed conflicts will be the subject for creating an educational website. Based on the situation of the people in the Mindanao, armed conflict was really a problem. Through the use of the educational website, the people will have knowledge what is all about armed conflict. The people will be aware when there’s armed conflict.

**Significance of the study**

The significance of the study is the website let the people informed about the causes and effect of armed conflict. The website will help the people to be aware when there’s armed conflict. The people will be familiar about armed conflict. The website will help the people understand what is really about armed conflict and what should be done during armed conflict. Some of the people are not familiar about armed conflict, and have no idea about it. The website will give the people an idea and knowledge about armed conflict.

**Statement of the problem**

Some websites doesn’t have complete information about armed conflict. There are some, but there is still missing in the website. The other websites lack information about armed conflict. Armed conflicts were not common in other websites, because it usually happens in Mindanao. The website aims to answer the question:

1. How can the website help the people to be aware of armed conflict?

2. How can the website help the people to be informed about armed conflict?

**Objectives**

The study should result into an educational website that will help the people who experience armed conflict. The information about armed conflict must be easy to understand so that the users will not consume time in reading. The website must answer the problem, how can the website help the people to be aware of armed conflict and how can the website help the people to be informed about armed conflict. The objectives of the study are:

1. Include a specific information about what happen during armed conflict,
2. Inform the people what is all about armed conflict,
3. Must be easy to understand,
4. Include safety measures that should be followed

**II. Review of Related Literature**

**Armed conflict in the Philippines**

From time to time, armed conflict was really a problem of the people in Mindanao. From the past up until present, the situation in Mindanao remains the same. The people have no idea what will happen next. If armed conflict doesn’t stop, many innocent people will be affected. Some people have no knowledge about armed conflict. Armed conflict usually happens in Mindanao area (Osaka, 2008). Up until now, the problem in armed conflict still has no solution. The government doesn’t know how they would stop armed conflict. The situation of the people living in the Mindanao was really hard. Some of affected persons in armed conflict are the people living near the area of armed troops.

**Internet as a good source of media**

The role of internet in relation to armed conflict was a good source of media (Benson, 2009). People are busy on things that matter to them. The people find a new discovery; a new learning and new information the people want to know. The people will find an easy access of information. The internet is the solution to the problem. The process will not be complicated, through the use of internet. In armed conflict, internet has an important role. If the people want to know the information about armed conflict, they can search in the internet. The learning process will become easier. Although there are books, newspapers, and dictionaries, people prefer to use the internet because, it is not time consuming. Armed conflict was dangerous. It can put the people into harm. The internet can help the people to have information in armed conflict, and to have an idea about armed conflict.

In a serious situation, the people should know what kind of disaster is happening. The internet can help the people to know more about armed conflict. The internet can help the people to be informed in armed conflict. Internet has really good benefit to the people, who doesn’t know about armed conflict, and the people who are affected by armed conflict.

The main audience in the internet was the people. The people are the one who will search about armed conflict and the one who will gain knowledge. It is important to know what media the people will use. The importance of the media and it’s advantages and disadvantages.

The advantages of internet are, it can help the people to learn, it can make the lives of people easy, and it can give the people a good source of information. The disadvantages are, instead of doing the homework and projects, people get addicted to open their social media accounts, the people put so much time in checking their accounts rather than doing the homework and projects, the people cannot balance the

time on things that should be accomplished, and the people stay late at night because of the social media.

The internet was really a reliable media, but the people should balance the time using the internet. From the past decades, there are some new discoveries that spread throughout the generation. Internet was the most useful from other technology. The internet, television, radio, and telephone have a great impact in the people’s lives. Without these technologies, the lives of the people will become difficult; it is difficult to communicate to each other. Internet must be considered an all-in-one source of media.

The people can watch different episodes and television series, through using the internet. The people can play music, and communicate with the other people. Through the internet, the people can be updated about armed conflict. The people can share news, through the use of internet. The people can upload videos concerning armed conflict and can express their thoughts and emotions concerning about armed conflict.

**Peace and order in Mindanao, Philippines**

The peace and order in Mindanao was the people gain the respect from each other. The situation in Mindanao was it lack of protection and because of that, the other people can enter in their territory. There was conflict in the Christian and Islamic beliefs. The existence of the past leaders still flourishes and it passes to the other generation. The concept of treating the people was affected because of following the past leadership. Because of crimes, and disasters, the tourist arrival decreases. The situation right now, the peace and order is still processing and cannot be signed.

**Synthesis**

The website will be all about armed conflicts. The researcher will get details and information about armed conflicts. The researcher will explain in the website the topics clearly. Then, the researcher will make a survey for the people to, have an idea what the website will look like.

**CHAPTER III**

**Theoretical Framework**

The theory that can be applied in the capstone research is Information Richness Theory and Network theory and analysis. The research will follow the guidelines of Information Richness Theory and Network theory and analysis.

Here is a short background about Information Richness Theory. Information Richness Theory is a theory developed by Daft and Lengel. The factor would be the rich media (Schwabe, 2001). Network theory and analysis refers to on how the relationships of person and organization are affecting the behavior (Mouge, 2003). Network theory involves graphs as a representation for the relations and it includes nodes and ties. (Albert and Barabasi, 2002).

The chosen theory will let the people understand the research well. Through the use of putting text, pictures, sounds and video clips, the research process will become easy. Richer media will lead the person into a good communication with the other people. By making the website, good communication is really important, so that there will be a good understanding. Through using Network theory and analysis, there will be a connection and relationship with the website and the users of the website.

There will be a clear explanation when you use rich media. Rich media makes the website being complete. Without pictures, texts, sounds, and video clips the people cannot understand it clearly.

The application of Information Richness theory can be used in the website that the researcher will make. The users would be students. The students want a colorful website, and an interesting one. By using the rich media, the students will not find it boring.

By putting up different pictures pleasing into the eye, the student will be interested in the website. The users can play video clips that will show how dangerous armed conflict was, and some video clips about armed conflicts.

It is not complete without music. It will include music in the website, for the students to be entertained. Information Richness media also include text. The text will be included in the website, so that the students will understand what the video clips and pictures wants to tell.

The size of the text will not be small, so that the students can easily read the website. By including a nice background, the student will have fun while reading the website. Putting a nice background is important in the website. The pictures will be a colorful one, because the students want something new in their eyes.

The application of Network theory and analysis can be used by making a connection between the website and the group of people and users. The nodes will be the website, and the ties will be the users. Through the use of ties there will be a relationship with the website and the users.

The website will be all about armed conflicts. Armed conflict is not common in Manila because usually it happens in Mindanao. From the past few weeks, armed conflict becomes a headline in the news. Forty four Special Action Force troops were killed. The news alarmed the Philippines because the innocent people were killed.

Through the help of the website, the people will have an idea about armed conflict. Through the use of Information Richness theory, the video clips will be useful for the website about armed conflict. The students will learn when they read the website. The trivia’s will give the students knowledge about armed conflict. Through the use of Network theory and analysis, the website and the users will have a connection into each other.

Information Richness theory will be appropriate for the students because, in their age they want something that is easy to understand. For example, some illustrations like pictures, and some video.

In making a website, the website developer should know what the users want. This is also a good example of a good communication with the people. The website developer should prioritize the users first. This will be related into the chosen theory called Information Richness Theory. The researcher think that richer media is a source of good communication with the other people.

Theoretical Framework

Node A

Rich medium

Node B

Node C

Node D

**Conceptual Framework**

The element involved is rich medium and nodes and ties. The rich medium will be the rich website, and the nodes will be the users of the website. The line between them is ties; the ties represent the relationship and connection of the rich website into the users, and the connection of each user to each other.

Conceptual Framework

User A

User B

Rich website

User C

User D

**Operational Framework**

The requirements needed in order to create the website are being familiar with the parts of a website, so that the website will be well-placed and organized as well. Having creativity is also included in the requirements. Right choose of colors can also help the website, so that the users will have an interest in visiting the website.

Planning in creating the website will also be included, so that the website will be in order. Having knowledge about the topic must be included, so that the topic will be well-explained and clear.

Identifying the users of the website is also important, so that they can relate, understand the website and it will be fit in their age. The types of software that are included in creating the website is Adobe Dreamweaver CS6, Adobe Photoshop, and Adobe Flash to check if it works out. Checking the website if it runs, should be done. So that, if there will be problems in the website, the website developer will be aware about the problem encountered in the website.

The types of hardware that will be used are external hard drive, laptop, and flash drive; this will save the files that are important. This is really important especially when the user want to edit the website.

Editing is also included, so that the size of the picture that will be used is appropriate with the website. If the website developer decided to change any part of the website, editing will be helpful in the process.

Uniqueness will also be included, so that the website will be interesting and the people wanting them to read. Understanding the topic must be included, so that the explanation will be clear enough and the users will be able to understand it.

Without of all these, the website will not be complete. All of these are important when you create a website. Readiness will be included, so that the website developer will know what is going to happen in the website. If there would be problems that may be encounter, the website developer knows what will be the solution.

If the website developer completes the requirements in creating a website, then the outcome will be a beautiful and a helpful website. Before creating a website, the website developer should know what will be the requirements in creating a website, and follow what will be the plan, so that the website will be arranged in order. The website developer should have a creative mind and knowledge about the research topic. This may help the website developer to make a useful website.

The chosen theory in creating the website is Information Richness Theory and Network theory and analysis. The diagram shows the application of the theory to the capstone project.

Operational Framework

Student A

Student B

All about armed conflicts

Student C

Student D

**IV. Methodology**

1. **Research methodology**

**Research Design and methods**

The study is used in creating a website for the students. Analysis of the research and understanding of the research is included for the information needed in the website and for the students to understand it well. The researcher wants to know the opinion of the students, so a survey was conducted to confirm what kind of website the students want, and for the design of the website. The researcher used the multi-method process for the study, and includes the qualitative and quantitative for the questions asked in the survey. Through using the quantitative method, the research conducted a survey and analysis of data. Through using the qualitative method, the researcher interviewed some of the students and gets the people’s opinions to prove that the answers were true. By using, quantitative and qualitative method, the people help the researcher to have more knowledge about the research. The included questions were what kind of website in armed conflict they want; if they will make a website about armed conflicts, what type of design they want, and do they think that the website will really help them. The researcher made a survey and asked the students directly to make sure of the students will be interested about the website in armed conflicts.

**Variables and Measures/ Concepts and Indicators**

The website wants to make a website for the students. The next part would be the conducting of survey for the students about the website. The survey variable included the occupation and the years of age of the students. So that researcher knows if the students at their young age, experienced armed conflicts and how the students are affected in armed conflicts.

**Research Instruments**

The quantitative and qualitative had put together in response to the survey. The quantitative method was included for the tally of which will be based on the answers of the students. This will be the number of students who agreed upon the survey. The qualitative method was included for the following questionnaire that the researcher asked. This will express the opinions, feelings and suggestions of the students. The questions will be based on the details and information in the website. This will show the type of website that the students want. And the researcher will start to apply that concept.

**Units of Analysis**

Thestudents will be the users in the website. What the students answered will help the website to gain rich information. The researcher should follow what the users want because the students will be the one to use the website.

The information gathered will be useful for the website. So that students will have a clear understanding in the website.

**Data Gathering**

The survey was conducted directly to the users. The surveys were distributed to the random high school and college students and it was answered accordingly. The survey will be conducted from February to March 2015. The data gathered is important in the website because, it will show the researcher if the users will be interested and have an idea with armed conflicts. This will be based with what the researcher gathered from the survey and will apply to the content of the website.

**Data Analysis**

After conducting the survey, the researcher will tally the quantitative method. It will be in percentages, to show the highest percentage of the students who agreed and the students who disagreed. The qualitative method will show the answers of the students, in which the researcher would decide if it is a satisfying answer. The researcher based the analyzed data into what the newspaper, magazines, and books look like and how it was explained. It will also help the researcher to have a creative idea based on the sources that will be used in the website. But, it should not be the same with the other references.

**Scope and Limitations**

The study aims to satisfy the users want for the website. The coverage of the study is about armed conflict. The users are student from ages 15-19 years old. The students are from high school to college. The researcher thinks that the website about armed conflict is best for the students and teenagers because, some of the students and teenagers have no idea if they will be asked about armed conflict.

The researcher thought that the website about armed conflicts is useful for the students; to be aware when there is a dangerous situation called armed conflict and what safety measures should be done when armed conflict occur. The parts that would make the website complete are the information, texts, pictures and video.

The researcher used the following to explain the topic well and easy to understand by the users. The researcher also fined some articles that would fit the study about armed conflicts. Some information came from what the student answered in the survey conducted. The students can use the website online so that, it will be easy for the students be informed. The students can use the website anytime they want. The whole website is available in Google Chrome. If the students use the other search engine, the website will not able to run. The monitor resolution should be 1200 by 800. Or else the website is not compatible if the students will not follow the desired resolution.

1. **Project Development**

The website contains the gathered information of the researcher. The web design is planned accordingly. The sources of the content are based on the articles, answers in the conducted survey and from other different website. The researcher must have knowledge in creating the website so that the students will understand it well and clear. The use of HTML and CSS is considered in creating a website. The researcher must know how to use HTML and CSS codes in the website. The codes is important in the website, the structure of the website is based on the codes that will be used. The researcher used different software, Adobe Photoshop for the edited photos; Adobe Dreamweaver CS6 for the codes of the website, Movie Maker for the video will be used. The hardware components are laptop, hard drive, and USB for saving the file needed. The structure of the website must be appropriate from the user’s answers.

**Project structure**

The researcher used a header for the website. Under the header, there will be different sections in the website. The sections include the home, about, trivia, pictures and video selection. The color of the tab of the selections is light violet. The background will be into a colorful one. Colors that is pleasing into the eye, and an attractive one. The pictures will also be colorful.

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