# DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A VIRTUAL LIBRARY LEARNING PLATFORM (VLLP) FOR 300 LEVEL STUDENTS IN FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES, IN UNIVERSITY OF JOS.

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The aim of this project was to design and implement a virtual-library-learning platform for 300 Level Students of Faculty of Management Sciences, University of Jos with a goal to meet up to the following objectives; The Design of Virtual Library Learning Platform (VLLP) for learners and instructors for Faculty of Management Sciences, Design and implementation of a Login Module for learners and instructors to access the functions of the Virtual Library Learning Platform (VLLP) which includes, course creation and management, course enrollment and access to course resources, and information resource upload and browsing, Design of Course Management and Accessibility Module on the platform for learners and instructors, Identification of the effectiveness and efficiency of the platform in granting the learners access to personalized data such as, courses enrolled in and related resources, information resources (e.g Articles, PDFs and Webpage links), and chat functionalities with other users of the system, and The identification of the effectiveness and efficiency of the platform in granting the lecturers/instructors access to virtual course and information resource management functionality and online interaction with learners. The Micro-services architecture was employed in the implementation of the platform which is made up of 3 modules which includes the Back-end Module and Front-end modules for both instructors and learners. The back-end modules handles all business logic and provides an easy to use API which is used by other parts of the platform to access and publish data. The JavaScript Language was used as the Primary Language for this project. The developed platform makes it possible for instructors and learners to effectively communicate and share information through customized applications (Mobile and Web Application) improving on the current traditional method of teaching employed. The development of the VLLP revealed the method of teaching currently employed by students and instructors of the Faculty of Management Sciences and its disadvantages. As a result of this work, mobile and web applications was developed for both instructors and students to provide access to the functionalities made available by the VLLP. The VLLP makes it possible for instructors and students to communicate effectively and in an organized manner. Instructors of the Faculty of Management Sciences should be advised to upload course resources on the Platform. 300 Level Students of Faculty of Management Sciences in University of Jos should download the VLLP mobile application to access uploaded course resources. Further improvements and developments should be made on the Virtual Library Learning Platform to make it more useful and relevant to the University of Jos.