Hi Olatunde,

Thank you for your comments. From your remarks, it appears that digital divide is much more pronounced in developing countries. I briefly skimmed your reference and it looks like both Intel and Microsoft have committed to seeing Nigeria bridge the digital divide. However, I hope that Nigeria, and other developing countries do not fall into the same trap that we have in the United States. It seems like many parents are just happy seeing their children preoccupied with gadgets, and believe that substitute for actual “parenting” time.

This unproductive use of the Internet, and of computing resources in general is not limited to children. “Cyberloafing” which is described as “voluntary acts of employees using their companies’ Internet access for nonwork-related purposes during working hours” has been a cause for concern for many companies (Vitak, Crouse, and LaRose, 2011). Since we are all students here, I think that this could also be applied to school, not just at the office. Some employers block the access of email, social media, and entertainment websites. Perhaps parents could do something similar on their children’s devices.

Regards,

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Reference:

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