

The Impact of Internet on My Academic Career

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What is the Internet?

The internet is a telecommunications network which connects telephone lines, cables, satellites and wireless connections to use computers and other devices to reach the World Wide Web (WWW). “All modern computers can connect to the internet, as can many mobile phones and some televisions, video game consoles and other devices.”

Thesis Statement: The internet has strongly impacted my life

Introduction

In this paper, I will explain about some of the benefits, the internet has had in my academic career. It accounts for my major advantage of the internet for my college career. I found five sources:

- *Importance of Internet in Education*
- *How the Internet Benefits Students and Schools*
- *Impact of Internet Use and Academic Learning*
- *Blackboard*
- *Tool in School: Quizlet*

Importance of Internet in Education is to introduce to the improvement of new techniques. It has become useful for education. Many teachers used the internet as a strategies to help students for their future endeavors: Lessons, Communication, Study and Research.

How the Internet Benefits Students and Schools is based on the impact of internet for students in their education career. On the website, *Kreol Magazine*, it includes the discussion which has to do with the topic: Practice, Data Currency and Price, Distance Learning. These are the major benefits in the preparation of formal learning.

Impact of Internet Use and Academic Learning is the article from *Questia* which authors described about the adjustment of students' academic performance. Many students had improved their school work due to the impact of the internet.

Blackboard is a virtual learning online for students and faculties to complete their assignments. It prevents students with a lot of stress to make sure they can do their homework with their own pace and faculties will provide them with a certain amount of time to finish their work.

Tool in School: Quizlet is how *Quizlet* became the useful technique to learn the experience of education. You do not necessary have to study your upcoming exam with flashcards. *Quizlet* can make your life more flexible. You can review your studies on your smartphones and take notes as well.

These four sources are based on the concept of my discussion paper:

- *Virtual Communities and their Importance for Informal Learning*
- *Growing Up On the Internet.*
- *A Brief History of Internet*
- *What is a Professional Identity?*

These sources give more information on the three concepts that I have incorporated in my paper regarding my *Internet of Things*. In order to understand how they apply to my life, enough information of the concepts is needed. The articles give a brief definition of each of the concepts and how they are applied in our everyday use of the internet.

What is the advantage of internet in education?

Many teachers found the internet as a tool. According to *itstillworks*, “Teachers use the internet to supplement their lessons and a number of prestigious universities have opened up free online lectures and courses to everyone.” Teachers made the opportunity for students use the internet to find sources “such as interactive lessons and educational games.” A lot of college classes “use a ‘hybrid’ model where many lessons are done online, requiring fewer in-class meetings. This saves students from having to commute to campus with heavy textbooks every day. Tests, homework, collaboration with students and research can all be done from any computer with Internet access. Even for non-hybrid classes, the Internet is used as an addition to normal studies.”

How the Internet Benefits Students and Schools?

According to *Kreol Magazine*, “using the internet has major benefits to students and schools.” Most students study their majors (Health, Technology and Social Studies, etc.) to use the “a constant state of flux” Their studies is based the advantage on our research. “By using the Internet, students have access to the most recent data and therefore are in a better position to make well-informed decisions and conclusions on assignments and projects.” Distance Learning gain students a lot of encouragement. “The Internet allows students to connect with professionals outside of the immediate school campus, in some cases permitting communications on an international level. This can be done through basic applications such as email, as well as video conferencing.”

What is the impact of internet in academic performance?

Internet is a great technique to guide students to improve their academic performance. It is very helpful and “the most important technology in this his sense (Lievrouw, 2001; Dickson, 2000)” The development of the internet to create a lot of changes around the societies. “The Internet have the influence on the social life of individuals, leisure, consumer, community well-being and economic (Chain Cross, 1997; Israel, 2000; & DiMaggio et al., 2001)” The internet prepares students to benefit their daily lives “(e.g., social life, work life, leisure life & education life).” Some authors preferred the influence on the Academic Performance “with using of educational software, and the provision of essential information (Jegede, 1990; Jackson, 2006).”

The internet is part of the education. “In education, the internet assumes a crucial role in the areas of language study, research, resource center and retrieval and sharing of information (Manoj & Jacob, 2008; Zickuhr, 2014).” Students’ academic performance had “transforms assuming new dimensions influenced by technology-driven applications.” “It helps students to broaden their academic knowledge by accessing to the information world and also by easy communicating to their academic community (Telia, 2007).” There are great benefits for the improvement in students’ academic performances. “A vast majority of people agreed internet improves their grades of academic performance (Jones, 2002). Suhail and Bargees (2006) revealed that the internet usage impacts education in a positive way by increasing communication with classmates and professors, increasing access to libraries and educational databases, and improving study hours and study habits.”

How did Blackboard create your daily routine flexible?

Blackboard became very flexible for me in my daily schedule because I do not necessarily have to print it out on paper to give to the professor. I can submit my assignment on Blackboard which made very easier for college career. Most of my professors has a good advantage of Blackboard. Many faculties used Blackboard for several reasons: “upload a syllabus, create discussion board, calculate grades and post announcements.”

When did you start using Quizlet?

When I was 18, I started using Quizlet.. It was helpful for me in order to review my exam and assignments on my smartphone. I stopped using flashcards to make sure that I do not have to overwhelmed myself. I remembered when I was preparing myself to do well on my history exam, I always used this app as study guide to boost my potential.

Discussion Topic: Review

- Three Concepts
 - Growing Up On The Internet
 - Growing Up Online
 - The History of Internet
 - Presenting Oneself Online
 - Virtual Community

Growing Up On The Internet-Life as a Millenials

Growing Up Online

Growing Up Online was a Frontline documentary on the introduction of the new era of technology. The Millenials are the first generation to explore on the internet. It was really brand

new. A lot of people from previous generations, did not understand the mass culture as young people do. Teachers think the internet is a “bad impact.” They explained many students struggled more than the previous. According to *The Boston Globe*, “Indeed, "Growing Up Online" takes a parental view, yet it isn't terribly generous to the parents. Yes, many grown-ups are unaware of their children's online doings. But according to Frontline, adults are also barely capable of understanding all of this technology.” Millennials were not just exploring the social media. If they want to study or improve their academic performance, they can use the internet as a study guide and therefore, some teachers consider certain website as “cheating.” Many teachers would let them use websites such *Spark Notes* or other sources, however, they were explained to students is strictly prohibited. One of the high school students stated an interview on *Frontline* and he explained that many students do well and they do not read books. “One boy boasts of a website called sparknotes.com, which provides condensed versions of the classics. Guess what? The guides are available on paper, too. And we had paper CliffsNotes way back when I was a high school kid.” They studied online. Some teachers think “that’s problem” because they are concerned about their future endeavors as they are not learning the Old-Fashioned way. I can say cheating is okay, older generation do not observe about the new culture. I remember when I was in high school, my English teacher encouraged me to use Cliffs Notes because it was easier for me instead of reviewing the literature.

The History of Internet

The history of the internet is based on the development which would be independent for multiple networks. “The Internet has revolutionized the computer and communications world like nothing before. The invention of the telegraph, telephone, radio, and computer set the stage

for this unprecedented integration of capabilities.” It is the beneficial and useful to research and create. “Beginning with the early research in packet switching, the government, industry and academia have been partners in evolving and deploying this exciting new technology.”

Presenting Oneself Online

In order to let the world know you, you have to introduce yourself online in a professional way. You to present yourself to develop your professional identity. It helps you to build your career. A Professional Identity is a person’s perspective, therefore it develops your strategies for your future endeavors. “The view of self in a profession consists of beliefs, values, motives, and experiences used to define and guide growth and skillful practices involving cognitive and moral reasoning.” When I started taking an online courses this semester. I have to explain to my classmates about my major, where do I work and my experience to take this course. Last semester, I had to describe my personal background as I used a resumé. I had to identity myself professionally. That is how I communicate with others.

Conclusion

Teachers found the internet as a great technique for students to go online to find sources for their assignment. Many students used the advantage of the internet to benefit their education. It may be useful for students to gain improvement for their academic performance. Blackboard and Quizlet prevents you from daily routine in order to complete and review your assignment. Virtual community is to inform the mass communication to transform the way people interact with each other. Presenting Online Oneself is about how you introduce yourself on the internet. Growing up On The Internet is the new wave of technology and the evolution of the internet which it impacted the mass media.

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