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Abstract

This study evaluated the extent and consequence of learning management systems usage by college students in the US. The learning management system (LMS) has become a critical tool for nearly all institutions of higher education, and a driving force in online learning. There was a time in the not-so-distant past when making use of an LMS was taken into consideration very ingenious. Recognizing the development and fostering of the LMS is a tipping stone to understanding how professors may choose to adopt various other technical and also pedagogical innovations. The adaptation of web sources has been classified a technical change as well as has transformed exactly how we consider and also make use of information. This seems especially noticeable in the growth of educational tools and products that are used in online as well as web-based programs. Although the internet has actually turned into a scholastic town where people learn and also generate, a substantial number of university administrators as well as faculty continue focusing their vision on the physical school traditional. This research study was a literature based. The outcomes recognized the attributes that were used most regularly and just how usage had changed gradually. Additionally, the study contrasted the use information for face-to-face and also on-line courses to establish if there are differences in LMS use because of training course modality. Based upon this, it is possible to better recognize the duty the LMS plays in college and online understanding, to notify development of next generation finding out systems or various other ingenious technologies. The research likewise found that 99% of higher education establishments in US had an LMS in position, and also the LMS was utilized by 85% of professors as well as 83% of students.

Key Words: *Extent, Consequence, LMS, Usage, College students*

1.1 Introduction

Lots of universities and higher educational institutions in various parts of the world are accepting making use of e-learning modern technologies to support and also promote their training and also knowing activities, a growth made possible by the quick expansion of Internet modern

technologies. These establishments are utilizing different sort of finding out management system to make it possible for e-learnings. Educational institutions in US are progressively resorting to e-learning to determine as well as intervene with pupils in jeopardy of underperformance or discontinuation (Merola, 2017). The extent to which discovering monitoring systems is being used by college students in United States presently is unclear, and especially so in relationship to the performance of treatments based on anticipating designs. Prior to the last decade, most schools providing distance education made use of in person sessions, live satellite or closed-circuit television. Lately, broad use of the Internet for performing instruction has actually ended up being preferred in academia (Fuller, Rena, Pearce, & Strand, 2010). These online programs are typically conducted in one of 3 settings: completely online without in person communication; as hybrid programs where the class frequently satisfies face-to-face, along with online; and as face-to-face courses with incorporated web-based support products as well as activities (Horton, 2012).

Much research study has actually been published about the effect and impacts of online programs as well as the introducing methods of online learning. The adjustment of web resources has been classified a technological shift as well as has actually transformed exactly how we think about and use details (Burnett, 2013). This appears particularly apparent in the growth of training tools and products that are made use of in online and also online programs. The internet has actually developed right into an academic town where people find out and create, a significant number of university managers and professors continue in focusing their vision on the physical university blocks as well as mortar. Possibly they do not know just how online tools, attributes and parts can be utilized for training and also understanding, which causes disinterest in the internet as a scholastic town. Numerous teachers see the Internet as a device for mentor and also understanding and not simply being a container of info (Burniske & Monke, 2011). Even though the World Wide Web includes lots of sources and numerous types of information, inefficient use these resources might restrict some trainers (Jungwirth & Bruce, 2012). Successful use e-learning systems might be attributed to the availability of Learning Management Systems (LMS), additionally known as Virtual Learning Environments (VLE) or finding out systems. These systems aid teachers offer their trainees with discovering products and activities while tracking involvement and development through data systems as well as analyses. The LMS provides a user interface that automates the management and also facilitation of on the internet interactions and distribution of discovering materials (Hall, 2014).

In the United States, college and also the armed force are also experiencing a boost in computer and Internet use (Carter, Greenberg & Walker, 2017). For example, the 2003 Sloan Survey of Online Learning found that, 81% of all higher education institutions in US used at least one completely online or blended training course (Greenhow & Askari, 2017). Furthermore, the study discovered that 34% of the organizations use several total online level program. In 2000, the military introduced that it would certainly spend \$600 million over the adhering to six years to make it possible for soldiers to take correspondence course courses on the net (Reiser & Dempsey, 2012). The dramatic boost in computers and Internet use in your home, the work area as well as institution necessitates raised guideline on software application, intranet as well as

Internet applications. For instance, the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicated that organizations invest more time showing their staff members' computer abilities than any other sort of job ability (U. S. Census Bureau, 2018). Teaching employees how to use computers, many companies now deliver training via the computer. In large U. S. corporations, 70% of all training is delivered via the computer (Islim, 2018). According to Richey and Morrison (as pointed out in Reiser & Dempsey, 2012), although just a small part of current training utilizes the Internet or the World Wide Web, use of this distribution system is likely to expand. There is no doubt that Learning Management Systems in addition to the appeal of computer systems and on-line communication will bring extra instructors as well as learners right into the online or e-learning atmosphere.

Picking the very best LMS to use in knowing by universities can be a challenging exercise (Berkling & Gallagher, 2016). If this is your first time examining a learning management system, you'll deal with a selection of terms as well as suggestions that might be new to you. If you want to replace an existing e-learning system, your point of view and also expectations may be tinted by your prior experience. Either way, the info in this e-learning white paper will certainly allow you to determine your requirements, conserve time throughout the evaluation process and find an option that benefits you. Educators have long looked for to infuse contemporary developments into mentor and also learning. With the years, various print, audio, video clip, as well as computer technologies have actually been integrated into education and learning and training (Lever-Duffy, McDonald & Mizell, 2013). With each wave of technological advancement, tools end up being a lot more seamless and also instructional techniques advance. As the Internet matured, Learning Management System (LMS) technology ended up being commonly available, making it possible for faculty with little technological skill to deliver guideline to trainees at a distance. Many higher education organizations have actually because incorporated the LMS with other institutional facilities systems, encouraged professors fostering of the LMS, as well as offered the necessary user training and also support. Understanding the development and also adoption of the LMS is a stepping stone to understanding just how university student might pick to take on various other technological as well as instructional innovations.

The Learning Management System (LMS) likewise referred to as Course Management System (CMS) or Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), has actually evolved over decades of technical development to come to be a keystone of institutional educational modern technology facilities. With roots dating back to the initial computer-assisted direction system, PLATO, developed in the 1960's (Bitzer, Braunfeld & Lichtenberger, 1961), the LMS was promoted with the arrival of the Internet, with lots of LMS platforms available today (Hill, 2017). LMS platforms commonly include a suite of incorporated tools that make it possible for online distribution of educational content, interaction and partnership, and tracking as well as reporting of student involvement (Rouse, 2015). The LMS has been promoted as having actually been instrumental in extending instruction as well as accessibility to discovering past the physical class (Rhode, Richter, Gowen, Miller & Wills, 2017). Enabling safe on the internet collaborations among professors and trainees (Barron, 2003; Liu, 2015), and advertising the integration of otherwise distinct material

delivery, course management, as well as trainee evaluation functions (Linder, Bruenjes & Smith, 2017; Weaver, Spratt & Nair, 2010).

Today, LMS have become an effective way for organizations to encourage the training and development of employees, as well as save money and boost productivity (Ilyas, Kadir & Adnan, 2017). According to one IBM study, companies using learning technology have seen a 16 percent increase in customer satisfaction. They have also reported an estimated 10 percent increase in productivity when teams are well trained. Usage of learning management systems is widespread and will continue to grow as more and more companies adopt them. According to an IBIS Capital study, 41.7 percent of Global Fortune 500 companies currently use eLearning. Additionally, B2B research firm Markets and Markets reports that the LMS market is expected to nearly triple within five years, from \$5.22 billion in 2016 to \$15.72 billion by 2021. Companies began to use learning management systems to train employees about two decades ago, according to ever wise. Early LMS were modeled on higher education eLearning platforms with instructor-led courses and defined class modules.

Originally, learning and development and HR professionals used eLearning to track their employees' training and compliance (Ilyas, Kadir & Adnan, 2017). Employees learned from CD-ROMs and online classes during this initial period, filling out brief feedback forms on completion of their courses. When they began, eLearning systems were called "talent platforms." Over time, they adapted more and more to the increasingly digital world. In the early 2000s, learning management systems were built on the Sharable Content Object Reference Model, or SCORM, which was used to track the completion of eLearning courses. In 2013, the X-API specification emerged, and eLearning began to adopt X-API as well. It enabled learning and development professionals to produce detailed pictures of the tools employees were utilizing in their learning and allowed many learning systems to communicate at once. It also kept track of employee learning both online and offline. For example, it could collect data on in-person workshops as well as courses taken on mobile devices.

Worldwide, it is comprehended that computers, the Internet or distance-learning cannot duplicate the art of training. These devices can, certainly, augment an already top notch educational experience, but to depend on them as any sort of cure all would be a pricey error (Flowers, 2001). Training developers get rid of barriers to individualized discovering when they focus on info items, scaffolds, discussion action communities, and facilitation (Moller, Prestera, Harvey, Downs-Keller, & McCausland, 2012). Making use of on the internet learning devices need to fit training objectives (Strehle, Whatley & Kurz, 2012) and also fit the demands as well as finding out designs of customers as well as instructors (Leopold-Lusmann, 2010). LMS assistance instructors give their pupils with learning materials as well as activities while tracking engagement as well as development via information systems as well as analyses. These Learning Management Systems supply not just fundamental functions like combined knowing, SCORM compliance, asynchronous learning, and also skills tracking, but additionally a great deal of innovative attributes such as mobile knowing, qualification monitoring, and gamification (used primarily for motivation), in addition to social knowing (except iSpring).

1.2 Problem

Despite of its extensive adoption, some have actually questioned whether the LMS is still needed. Education and learning futurists ask for LMS tools and also systems to be much more nimble to sustain emerging educational methods, as some dream to unbundle the parts of a discovering experience to remix open material and also instructional applications in new means (Adams Becker et al., 2017; Anshari *et al.*, 2016; García-Peñalvo & Forment, 2014). Some thought leaders really feel present learning administration systems are as well restricted in functionality (Brown, Dehoney, & Millichap, 2015a) as well as have actually proposed a next-generation LMS, often described as a "next-generation electronic knowing setting" (NGDLE), to sustain more personalized as well as flexible learning experiences (Brown, 2015). LMSs are restricted in their ability to adapt to private students' choices and distinctions insofar as the setting is regulated and taken care of by a trainer. Various other researchers specified that the restricted atmosphere of the LMS stops learners from being participated in outside knowing sources (Czerkawski as well as Gonzales 2014; Godwin-Jones 2012). Particularly, pupils in a LMS have a tendency to rely on dealt with and pre-built resources as well as learning settings as opposed to exploring external learning sources (Czerkawski & Gonzales, 2014) since in a LMS trainers layout as well as lead learning activities.

Instead of being a single system, the NGDLE would certainly include a confederation of IT systems and application elements that follow usual requirements that would certainly enable variety while fostering coherence (Educause Learning Initiative, 2015). Technology is attractive. It can be gorgeous, valuable, as well as even lifesaving (Johnson, 1998). We are on the edge of a change in education and learning that integrates web-based innovation into discovering. There are several opinions concerning Internet technology in knowing, the Internet offers beneficial resources for the class. This modern technology constructs bridges in between understanding as well as students and assists these students construct significant understandings. Not every LMS supports implementation as well as presentation of learning products through a collection of LOs. The issue with LO-oriented systems is a prospective void between creating different levels of understanding as well as developing and planning a higher-level lesson or training course. There are many instances that mirror the issues, from program style down to LOs layout The LDSE task gives the assistance for finding out layout including details learning activities, lessons, and also complete training courses. LDSE mention those layouts at the 'greater' layer must integrate 'lower layer' layouts (LDSE, 2009). JISC D4L program (Beetham, 2018) laid out the version to deal with linking in between higher-level styles that include course/lesson planning and LOs style.

1.3 Research Questions

As the usage of LMS in colleges by students gain popularity, it became important to take a more nuanced approach to address individual tool usage as well as overall usage of LMS in learning by college students. This study sought to provide answers to two research questions;

1. What is the extent of LMS usage by college students in US?
2. What is the consequence of using LMS in learning by college students in US?

2.0 Review of Related Literature

A research by Malikowski (2010) which looked for to recognize the elements connected to breadth of LMS function usage, by hand tallied tool use regularity in LMS programs from throughout 842 training course internet sites offered for research study by 394 faculty members over a three-year duration. He picked 6 features of the LMS and also videotaped the number of times each was utilized within the example obviously. Through his descriptive and inferential analytical analysis checking out gathered use tools, he identified that a secure state of LMS adoption at his establishment had been gotten to. While this was a fascinating method, it was a significant task to by hand analyze use across courses and also as well time consuming to use and replicate at scale. Conceptual researches have because presumed models for a much more holistic sight of institution-wide LMS fostering, specifically analyzing analytics caught by the LMS and also their potential use for institutional decision-making and educational treatment.

Janossy and Hover (2010) suggested a 14-step version for evaluating individual habits within the system that can be applied to any kind of LMS with web content analysis of system database tables. Liu, Atif, Froissard and also Richards (2019) showed how information recorded from the LMS could be made use of to inform institutional decision-making processes as well as determine potential "at-risk" pupils. While providing instances of information originated from an institution-wide LMS, they emphasized the obstacle of readily and also properly interpreting information and also translating findings to practice. Whitmer (2012) checked out the interplay of trainee LMS use, perseverance, and also training course accomplishment within a big hybrid-format course as well as located that information from the LMS could be made use of as a significant indicator of student initiative. The swiftly broadening field of finding out analytics remains to press the limits of what is understood, and what can potentially be found out, from use information stored by the LMS and various other information technology applications.

A research carried out by Kultur and Yazici (2014) opined that, recognizing the relevant aspects influencing the adoption and use the LMS can assist the style, advancement, and application of even more effective support and also training for professors and students. Provided the huge and ever-expanding volume of data being created as well as taped pertaining to using educational technology systems, there is a requirement for simple as well as automated techniques for gathering and also examining actual use data. By understanding usage patterns of training innovation devices such as the LMS by professor and students, institutional assistance workers as well as administration can make better, data-informed choices relating to future modern technology purchase and also assistance prioritization to help ensure that instructional needs are being satisfied.

Rhode, Richter, Gowen, Miller and Wills (2017) showed that numerous colleges clearly indicate on their organization internet site their online course offerings and also just how courses are provided. However, numerous schools in this study had really little details regarding their on-line training courses on their web sites. A couple of institutions in the study made use of several systems where their information technology systems involved more than one LMS. According to Broadbent (2016), the predictions for technology-infused class and on-line mentor environments

are that by 2022 more than half of all college students in United States will take courses online and all pupils will make use of modern technology daily in their research studies. The social construction of understanding requires the requirement of area in on-line class and also modern technology abundant knowing environments. A lot more research is needed to aid us discover vital questions regarding both the form as well as structure of online teaching and also learning.

In the research study of Alperin, Lloyd, McCormick, Bergland, Carvalho, Tripathi and also Miner (2017), teachers took into consideration that LOs were advantageous devices for discovering and that they could be made use of for scaffolding to comprehend principles. Educators were interested in using LOs in their classrooms. The choices concerning educators' LO use are consistent with the outcomes of case study research regarding LO usage in class atmospheres. The preferences are shaped through pupil, style, and also material based causes. The results regarding preferences show that arranging, structuring, and assisting procedures of the course are vital. In conclusion, as Kay & Knaack (2012) pointed out, trainees might gain from LOs if they are comfortable with LOs supplying great understanding control, valuable material as well as clear directions. When transitioning from one e-learning system to an additional, one need to take into consideration a proper transition model that will certainly enable learners that are used to using a Type A system to preserve and/or boost efficient discovering. In our instance, the goal was to transition from the system that sees finding out products overall, to a system that permits sequencing of different discovering things (LO), in addition to different understanding activities.

According to Ilomäki, Paavola, Lakkala and Kantosalo (2016), once LMS is mounted the trainer can receive responses from learners regarding the published product. Top quality guarantee and examination can be finished through participation of the student in the entire procedure, so that learning products are examined with a specific group of trainees. This is referred to as use before reuse. Considering that these LOs are used in a live circumstance, these examinations can be done from a one-week period to the entire term. This feedback and also evaluation should provide a far better input concerning things that ought to be changed, adjusted, as well as boosted throughout the semester. Much more significantly, from this sort of evaluation, verdicts can be made as to just how the entire system can be boosted. In this examination procedure, "nice to have" needs as well as capabilities are determined. The outcomes of the analysis show that using Blackboard for credit-bearing programs has expanded significantly for many years at the university. Use of Blackboard by faculty increased from 65.5% of all training team in the autumn of 2008, which includes professors, trainers, and also teaching assistants that are instructor of document for a course, to an optimal of 92.1% in loss of 2015, prior to reducing somewhat to 87.9% in fall of 2016. Over the exact same time period, trainee use has remained constantly high, in the reduced to mid-90%. Since student use is both driven and limited by faculty use of Blackboard, the high percentage of students using it while faculty use was fairly low speaks to the widespread usage across campus.

Mims and McKenzie (2016) in their study suggested that, giving personalized focus to every trainee in a big class is quite tough. A learning monitoring system conquers this difficulty via its

student-centric approach. By examining their private needs, this software application tool develops level playing fields for finding out for each and every student. They indicated that, by using LMS students can create finding out courses using various kinds of courses to provide special understanding experience to each pupil in a class. This would be truly hard to accomplish when you deal with trainees in a standard class setup. Students can access these eLearning devices anytime, anywhere based on their benefit and discover at their own speed without interfering with various other obligations in their life. That is the top factor for trainees and also working specialists to register themselves for on-line programs given that they are independent of time as well as area. They can conveniently access learning materials quickly using their smartphones or laptop computers.

A survey study carried out by Zheng, Wang, Doll, Deng, Williams (2018) found that, unlike conventional classroom-based training where the educators adhere to a fixed training technique, on the internet learning through LMS encourages trainers to be innovative with numerous instructional designs. They can apply various versions of training and make finding out more engaging for their pupils. Some of the strategies they can utilize using an LMS are: mixed understanding, flipped knowing, narration, gamification, fast knowing, as well as social discovering. One greater feature of an LMS is that you can tailor it to satisfy the certain training needs of your organization. Along with creating tailor-made programs for various classes, you can likewise give personalized focus to each user with tips, notifications, restricting efforts, verification, as well as much more. You can do a little bit of personalization as well by including photos, logo, and also messages into the courses. Involvement of moms and dads in their kids finding out process is important. A few of the advanced LMS devices today include an arrangement that enables parents to log in to keep tabs on their children's instructional progression such as presence and test grades. Parents can additionally connect with the instructors or various other parents through this medium. All this interaction aids develop better parent-teacher partnerships and increase moms and dads' involvement in their children's' finding out procedure.

Braender and Naples (2019) evaluated the effect and determinants of trainee team efficiency using LMS and CATME information. The research established that, while e-learning may look like a learning tool readily available to any individual, in reality, it's not. Not all people have stable web gain access to as well as computers that are powerful enough to sustain on the internet streaming. Some could have all the required technologies but struggle with using it. For example, older students might locate it tough to grasp all the most recent tech jobs. This trouble, nonetheless, can be fixed by using them some correct tutorials. Braender and Naples (2019) indicated that, being able to discover at a comfy speed as well as organize your learning on your own is a catastrophe for some trainees. While some people are good in self-organization, some can refrain this without having a clear target date on creating a research paper as well as the requirement to report their progress to the teacher. Some can do so but still feel much better working as well as learning around individuals due to the fact that it inspires them much more. For some Students College is not just the place where they can discover it's also the location where they involve interacting socially, to make new buddies, and to find out something much

more from their professors. With e-learning, this can be tough (otherwise difficult) to accomplish. Certain, you'll still have online chat rooms and also you'll have the ability to ask your instructor concerns yet the degree of individual link would barely coincide as it would in university. That's why some students might really feel isolated as well as deprived of support.

3.0 Method

This study evaluated extent and consequence of learning management systems usage by college students in the United States. The study was a literature based; the study reviewed literature relevant to the study topic to generate study themes.

4.0 Results, Discussion and Conclusion

The outcomes of the evaluation show that the use of Blackboard for credit-bearing courses has expanded significantly for many years at the college. Use Blackboard by faculty rose from 65.5% of all training team in the loss of 2008, which includes professors, teachers, as well as teaching aides that are teacher of document for a training course, to a top of 92.1% in autumn of 2015, before lowering slightly to 87.9% in loss of 2016. Over the same time period, trainee usage has remained constantly high, in the reduced to mid-90%. Considering that pupil usage is both driven and restricted by faculty use of Blackboard, the high percentage of trainees utilizing it while faculty use was relatively reduced talks with the prevalent use throughout university.

The research study figured out that, recognizing the relevant elements influencing the fostering and use of the LMS can assist the design, development, as well as execution of even more efficient assistance and training for faculty and also students. Given the substantial and also ever-expanding volume of information being generated and recorded pertaining to using educational modern technology systems, there is a requirement for basic and computerized techniques for gathering and also examining actual use data. By understanding use patterns of instructional modern technology devices such as the LMS by professor and trainees, institutional assistance personnel and also management can make better, data-informed decisions concerning future modern technology procurement as well as assistance prioritization to help make certain that educational demands are being satisfied.

Based on the findings from the assessed papers, provided the huge and also ever-expanding quantity of information being generated and videotaped relating to using training modern technology systems, there is a demand for straightforward and also automatic methods for gathering and also checking out actual usage data. By recognizing usage patterns of educational modern technology tools such as the LMS by faculty members as well as trainees, institutional support workers and administration can make better, data-informed decisions relating to future technology purchase and assistance prioritization to aid ensure that training requirements are being fulfilled. Showed that many institutions clearly indicate on their organization website their on-line training course offerings as well as exactly how courses are provided. Many institutions in this research study had extremely little information about their on the internet programs on their sites. A couple of institutions in the study utilized multiple systems where there infotech systems entailed greater than one LMS.

The findings of the research showed that, the choices are shaped through trainee, design, and web content based causes. The outcomes concerning preferences suggest that arranging, structuring, as well as guiding processes of the program are important. To conclude, as Kay & Knaack (2012) pointed out, pupils might gain from LOs if they are comfortable with LOs using good learning control, beneficial web content as well as clear guidelines. When transitioning from one e-learning system to one more, one ought to think about an appropriate transition design that will certainly permit learners that are utilized to using a Type A system to keep and/or increase efficient learning. In our instance, the goal was to shift from the system that checks out learning products as a whole, to a system that permits sequencing of different knowing things (LO), in addition to various discovering activities.

The research established that, some of the methods they can use using an LMS are: combined discovering, flipped knowing, narration, gamification, quick understanding, and social learning. An additional fantastic feature of an LMS is that you can customize it to fulfill the details mentor requirements of your organization. Along with producing custom-made training courses for various courses, you can likewise provide individualized focus to each user with reminders, notifications, limiting efforts, verification, and a lot more. You can do a little bit of personalization also by incorporating images, logo design, and also messages right into the training courses. Participation of parents in their youngsters' finding out process is vital. A few of the innovative LMS devices today include an arrangement that permits parents to visit to keep tabs on their kids' educational development such as participation and examination grades. Parents can additionally communicate with the teachers or other parents through this medium. All this communication helps build far better parent-teacher partnerships and also enhance parents' involvement in their kids' learning procedure.

Based upon the findings of the reviewed literature, there are a number of future directions that research study of LMS use should take into consideration; there is much to be learnt more about collections or combinations of devices. Which devices are used with each other and develop synergies of method? Along with the differences by course method, are there additionally distinctions to be seen by scholastic technique or by pedagogical strategy? While using LMS database logs supplies a detailed and objective view of using LMS devices, it cannot interpret objective or inspiration for use. Future research study must additionally consider why professors use the LMS generally, or what their instructional intention is for embracing private or collections of devices within the LMS. In spite of the expanding popularity of Next Generation Digital Learning Environments (NGDLE), which are loosely combined collections of tools studies such as this show that there is still a need for official knowing administration systems to supply framework for the discovering process.

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