

HAJJ-GO PLATFORMER : DIGITAL JOURNEY FOR BASIC HAJJ LEARNER

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Abstract

Some secondary schools in Malaysia have implemented a subject to educate students to learn about Islamic practices that is 'Pendidikan Syariah Islamiyah'. There is a topic in that subject that highlighted about Haji process as one of the topics that are important to learn generally as a Muslim. In order to enhance students' consciousness about this education, a new way to learn this has to be introduced to support the traditional way of learning that is in the text book. To make the learning more interesting and interactive, a platform game named 'Hajj-Go' is created to introduce a new way to learn Hajj process. The game offered player a quiz to be answered and display the flow of Hajj in an interactive way. The game needs player to think and act fast because some barriers in the game can cause the character killed and in some way player have to restart the game. To test the effectiveness of this method, a questionnaire is given to a group of people with varying ages, then they are prompted to play the game, then answer the same question again. In the pretest, most of the respondents get a low mark in answering the questions about Hajj. The pre-test questions are provided in the gameplay. After they have completed the game and answered all the questions, they were given the same questions in form of hardcopy. As a result, most of the respondents get higher marks than before. Therefore, the project effectively enable the player to enhance their memorizing skill and ease the player's technique to get the knowledge about the process of Hajj.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background study

Learning hajj and perform it is a must for all muslims in the world who can afford to travel Makkah. In Makkah, muslims from all around the world gather in a display of faith, unity and solidarity by recreating the ritual that the prophet Muhammad performed in his last pilgrimage. For Malaysian, they started to learn about Hajj in secondary school by detail especially in religious secondary school. Since it is very important to learn hajj, it is necessary to build or create a platform for students to study about hajj more effective. Thus, Hajj-Go is created to aid students to learn about hajj by playing an interactive game. By adapting an effective interaction in game-based learning, the learners would be able to understand the topic more powerful(Pereira,2013).

The importance of studying Islamic religion cannot be denied because we need to practice Islamic way in our lifestyle. Life and religion cannot be separated and every work must follow the concept of it (Possumah, T.Bayu, I.Abdul, and S.Shahida,2013). Thus, as performing hajj is one of the pillars in islam, students must know the importance of learning hajj at their level. To attract their interest, learning by mobile application can be applied to students based on current situation that is they already know the basic in current technology .

The students must change their way of learning. Before this and currently, more students basically are involved in using textbook as their tool of learning. Not to object this way, students should try to change to integrate game-based learning in school. By this way, students are able to make similarity in learning in the game and the knowledge learned in class (Barzilai, Sarit, and B.Ina, 2014).