



**THE BENEFIT OF WIRELESS NETWORK
AMONG OM STUDENTS IN UiTM PERAK**

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ABSTRACT

Wireless Internet technology is gaining a foothold on more and more campuses, yet few studies have investigated how wireless Internet supports and enhance student work performance. This study seeks to identify the factors that influence the wireless usage in UiTM Perak for OM students. Other objective of this study is to determine how frequent the OM students use the wireless Internet in campus and the last objective is to identify the benefits of using wireless Internet in UiTM Perak. The study was conducted at UiTM Perak and the questionnaire was designed and administered personally for OM students. The research discovers that wireless Internet really gives benefit to them in terms of ease of access to the network and online information and also ease of downloading files. However, from the survey and interview that were conducted, many students expressed their expectation to have more wireless coverage across campus and to solve this problem; more buildings and classroom must be equipped with wireless connectivity.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Background of the study

College students are unique population. As an example, they were among the first in the U.S to use the Internet for communication, recreation, file sharing, and the first to have regular broadband Internet access. Internet use first became widespread on college campuses in the 1990s, and in many ways the Internet is a direct outcome of university-based research. According to the LaRose and Hoag, the Internet is primarily an “organizational innovation.” This is particularly through in higher education institutions, where faculty, staff, and students were among the earliest users of the Internet prior to its popularity in the general population. Yahoo!, Napster and many other Internet tools were created by college students, and, while the vast majority of college students are simply Internet users, as a group they can be considered pioneers. Studying college students’ Internet habits can yield insight into future online trends.

The current trend to globalization and the growing influence of technology on our life mean that today’s students need to acquire different and evolving skill sets to cope and thrive in this changing society. As computers are growing in importance in every aspect of society, many considered that it is better to expose children early to this