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Basic Arabic Edutainment for Kindergarten Children

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ABSTRACT

Level of Arabic language proficiency among students in Malaysia is still not at the comfortable level compared with a foreign language in Malaysia. This project will focus on how to develop a software prototype that can assist children in learning Arabic language. Nowadays, the difficulties faced by children is how to spot things in Arabic through an interactive way and most children in Malaysia also presume that Arabic is not interesting and difficult to learn because Arabic learning mostly the less use of graphics in teaching materials. The ADDIE method is chosen because it has a high level in performing development and modification of any type of application and program. The usability of the application is tested with 15 children and the beginner around UiTM Shah Alam. Most of them have strongly agreed and agree with the interface, features and functionality of the application. This application is good especially to children who do not know how to learn Arabic language in a interactive way. It is important to teach children about Arabic language, because all acts of worship of Muslims cannot be separated from the use of Arabic, especially in prayers and pilgrimage. Besides, this application also provides sound to every words and interesting game to help students learn the Arabic language. Hopefully, by using this application, awareness and interest of people towards Arabic learning will increase.

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This chapter provides the background and rationale for the study. It also gives details of objectives, the issues and problems that led to this research.

1.1   Background of Study

Arabic language is one of the oldest languages in the world. It must be applied in our daily life especially everyone whose follows Islamic religion. The language is also known as Arabic Fusha and has been used until today. The Arabic language is experiencing a widespread not only among Arabs but also among Muslims worldwide. Arabic is the language used in al-Qur'an stated as "Surely We have made the Qur'an in Arabic, that you may learn wisdom." (Q.S. Yusuf: 2).

Arabic is a language that has a special position in Islam. It is chosen to be the main language to bring the message of Islam. In addition, all acts of worship of Muslims cannot be separated from the use of Arabic, especially in prayers and pilgrimage. It makes Arabic language synonymous with Islam and Muslims. As Muslims comes from diverse nations and languages, it is a requirement for them to learn Arabic especially for religious purposes. This project aims to assist learning of Arabic language among children and civil society in Malaysia. The main target users of this study are kindergarten children and Muslim civil society from various backgrounds, but more focus on kindergarten children. This project is devoted to children because *melentur buluh biarlah dari rebungnya*. The results showed that the majority of civil