

# Dissemination of ICT-Based Learning Models to Improve Student Learning Independence in Higher Education

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**Abstract.** The industrial revolution 4.0 era have encouraged higher education to continuously make changes by using ICT-based learning. In the previous year a validity test on the ICT-based learning model was conducted. For a broader application, dissemination and testing should be implemented by other universities, specifically by Muhammadiyah University Gresik. The research results are the lecturers ability to apply of ICT-based learning model syntaxs in high cathogory. The student response to the application of ICT-based learning models, audiobook media and excercise i-Spring quizzes are effective and helpful in improving learning activities, result and student learning independence.

**Keywords:** ICT-Based, learning models, learning independence, higher education.

## 1 Introduction

This research is motivated by the difficulty of studying English for Specific Purposes (ESP) experienced by students in tertiary institutions. Based on previous research conducted by [1], several obstacles were encountered in teacher-centred ESP lectures, among others: students had difficulty reviewing the material, limitations of communication and discussion forums outside face-to-face lectures, limited multimedia learning, activities and low learning independence. In a rapidly changing of the science and technology, students must be able to adapt to learn new skills and permanently improve their competencies. Learning independence must be a lifestyle. Learning independence includes: problem solving skills, interpersonal skills, self-motivation, creativity, being reflective [2], [3]. According to [4] said the independence of student learning is the extent to which students can participate in determining the objectives, materials and learning experiences and evaluation of learning. And students who are already very independent have the following characteristics: know what they want to achieve in their learning activities, can choose their own learning resources, can find sources to help their learning difficulties, try to solve problems, can assess their ability.

From the results of needs assessment through a survey of lecturers and students, 83.3% of the lecturers wanted to implement Information and Communications Technology (ICT) based learning innovations, as many as 73.7% of students were interested in online lectures and 26.3% were more interested in face-to-face lectures, 50% of students felt interesting lecture

media could motivate the learning process, and 65% of students stated that the unavailability of online learning material and online evaluation facilities caused low learning independence [5]. This statement reinforces the reason for researchers to develop ICT-based learning models with e-book media as supporting e-learning [6]. In the ICT learning model, teaching materials are presented in the form of online materials (e-books). But e-book media can cause boredom and eyestrain when perused for a long time. According to [7] one of the effects of digital books is fixation on computer screens, tablets, or cell phones when reading digital books. This results in students being less concerned about the environment and social interactions, becoming susceptible to computer vision syndrome [8].

To overcome the weaknesses of the e-book, an audiobook media was developed to complement online material and evaluation using the i-spring quiz because in the digital era and industrial revolution 4.0, it has improved higher education to make changes continuously by using ICT-based learning. According to [9], [10]; This media can help students to think well, foster memory and sharpen hearing. [11] said that audiobook media was widely enjoyed because with audiobooks, students could understand the contents of books without having to read, just by listening to them on a car tape, at home, or while traveling while doing other activities. Audiobooks can be developed as supporting media for ICT-based learning. The research results of [12] confirmed the implementation of ICT in the teaching-learning process is strictly speaking learning by actively seeking one's own information. Strengthened by the opinion of [13], ICT is any technology that students and teachers use to create, find, collaborate modify, analyze, evaluate and disseminate information. While [14] the use of interesting media in ICT-based learning can make learning more directed, enjoyable and meaningful. This statement is strengthened by [15] The development of information technology and computers that are very rapid lately, is received a positive response in community since various services have implemented ICT.

Based on the arguments above, research on developing ICT-based learning models with audiobook media and I-spring quizzes is expected to be a solution to help students understand ESP material and improve learning activities and build learning independence. Trials testing the application of ICT-based learning models with audiobook media were carried out at Muhammadiyah University (Unmuh) Gresik and PGRI University Ronggolawe (Unirow) Tuban. This paper poses three research questions:

- a) How the lecturers ability to apply of ICT-based learning model syntaxs?
- b) What is the effectiveness of e-book media, audiobooks and I-spring quizzes as supporters in ICT-based learning?
- c) How the effectiveness of e-book, audiobook, I-spring quizzes in increasing learning independence based on student responses?

## **2 Research method**

### **2.1 Type of Research**

This type of research including development research refers to [16] as follows: (1) initial assessment phase, (2) design, (3) realization / construct, (4) test/evaluation and (5) implementation phase. This research was conducted for a period of 3 years. In the first year (2017) the initial assessment, needs analysis, model development and model support tools were carried out as well as validity testing. In the second year (2018) there was a testing / evaluation and revision phase through trials at PGRI University Ronggolawe Tuban. In the

third year (2019) the implementation phase was carried out by a large-scale trial at the University of PGRI Ronggolawe Tuban (Campus A) and at another university, namely Muhammadiyah University Gresik (Campus B).

## **2.2 Research Subject**

The research subjects included all students of the Management and Accounting Study Program of Muhammadiyah University Gresik in Semester 2 amounting to 36 and students of the English Language Study Program in Semester 2 of PGRI University Ronggolawe Tuban amounting to 36, along with 2 ESP lecturers from both universities. Data collection techniques used observation, questionnaires and quizzes/test.

## **2.3 Data Analysis**

Three methods have been used to measure the effectiveness of the application of ICT-based learning models:

### **a) Analyzing the ability of lecturers to implement ICT-based learning syntax**

Observations were made on the lectures ability (LA) to manage each phase in the model syntax. From the results of the evaluation of the two observers, the average LA values of LA1 and LA2 with LA1 = the mean value of the results of the first observer assessment and LA2 = the average value of the results of the second observer assessment. The LA value is then confirmed by the interval in determining the category of lecturers' ability to manage learning, namely:

- LA <1.5 means very low
- $1.5 \leq LA < 2.5$  means low
- $2.5 \leq LA < 3.5$  means enough / moderate
- $3.5 \leq LA < 4.5$  means height
- $4.5 \leq LA < 5.0$  means very high ability

The ability of lecturers to manage learning is said to be effective if at least the high category.

### **b) Analyzing the pretest and posttest scores**

The data were processed by using SPSS 14.0: Descriptive statistics (mean, variance, standard deviation the two test scores)

### **c) The other was to get student feedback**

Percentage were used to analyze the students' responses to the questionnaire.

### 3 Result and discussion

#### 3.1 The ability of lecturers to apply of ICT-based learning model syntax

**Table 1.** Description of the ability of lecturers to apply ICT-based learning syntax

Syntax	lecturer (A)	lecturer (B)	Average	Category
Preliminary and motivation	4,44	4,22	4,33	High ability
Concept Presentation	4,17	4,00	4,06	High ability
Search for relevant learning resources	4,50	4,50	4,50	Very high ability
Interaction and communication in the Telegram group and email	4,17	4,00	4,08	High ability
Guide Presentation and Discussion	4,28	4,22	4,25	High ability
Making a Summary with students	4,00	4,00	4,00	High ability
Feedback of the Evaluation test result by email	4,44	4,44	4,44	High ability

Table 1 shows the ability score of lecturers (LA) in managing ICT-based learning between 4.00 <LA <4.50 classified as belonging to the high category in 6 phases and the very high category in the phase of searching for relevant learning resources. The ability of lecturers is said to be effective if the minimum score reaches the high category. As revealed by [17], in institutions of Higher Education, the utilization of modern information and communication technologies for teaching and learning is very important. According to [18]-[20], mastery of ICT and its implementation in learning became an absolute potential that lecturers must possess, that is to say for developing multimedia materials, systems for implementing and evaluating programs. While [21] added that there are 3 fundamental elements of essential competence for teachers needed for effective ICT integration in the teaching and learning process, namely pedagogy, social interaction and technology. The syntax of ICT-based learning presented in table 1 is a learning activity that combines online learning (independent) and face-to-face Learning activities.

**Table 2.** Descriptive statistics of two test

	Campus A		Campus B		N (campus A)	N (campus B)
	Pretest	Posttest	Pretest	Posttest		
Mean	60,278	85,278	61,945	85,556	36	36
Standard deviation	7,099	10,809	5,599	10,278		
Variance	50,397	116,825	31,349	105,635		

Table 2 addresses the results of the student pretest and posttest at both universities. On campus A and campus B, the mean of the posttest was higher than that of the pretest. This shows that after participating in ICT-based ESP learning with e-book, audiobook media and I-Spring quizzes, students' understanding of the material (learning outcomes) has been greatly improved.

**Table 3.** Student feedback on the implementation of ICT based learning models

Question: Are you satisfied with the implementation of ICT based learning models?		
Items	Students feedback (campus A) %	Students feedback (campus B) %
Very Satisfied	38,88	30,55

Satisfied	52,77	61,11
Reasonably satisfied	5,55	5,55
Just so-so	2,77	2,77
Not so satisfied	0,00	0,00

As shown as table 3, the number of students who were satisfied and very satisfied > 90%, showed that both students from Campus A and Campus B responded positively to the application of ICT-based learning models.

### 3.2 Effectiveness the e-book, audiobook and quiz I-spring

**Table 4.** Opinions on the e-book, audiobook and I-spring quizzes

<b>Question: Are you satisfied with the contents of the e-book, audiobook and quizzes?</b>						
Items	Students feedback (campus A) %			Students feedback (campus B) %		
	e-book	Audiobook	I-spring Quiz	e-book	Audiobook	I-spring Quiz
Very Satisfied	16,67	61,11	19,44	16,67	63,89	25,00
Satisfied	66,67	30,56	69,44	63,89	22,78	63,89
Reasonably satisfied	11,11	8,33	5,56	13,89	5,56	83,33
Just so-so	5,56	0	5,56	5,56	2,78	2,78
Not so satisfied	0	0	0,00	0	0	0,00

Based on the data in table 4 shows that most students on Campus A and Campus B are satisfied with the contents of the e-book, while the content of the audiobook as supporting media in the ICT-based learning model made them feel very satisfied. Likewise, the contents of the I-spring quiz amounted to 69.44% of campus A students and 63.89% of campus B students feeling satisfied, and even 19.44% of campus A students and 25% of campus B students were very satisfied with the content of the quizzes.

**Table 5.** Effectiveness of the e-book and audiobook

<b>Question: Do you think the e-book and audiobook are helpful in improving the ability to understand the subject matter?</b>				
Items	Students feedback(campus A) %		Students feedback (campus B) %	
	e-book	Audiobook	e-book	Audiobook
Very helpful	13,89	11,11	63,89	66,67
Helpful	61,11	63,89	33,33	30,56
Reasonably helpful	19,44	11,11	2,78	2,78
Not so helpful	5,56	13,89	0,00	0,00
Not helpful at all	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00

Table 2 that has been presented previously shows an increase in posttest results compared with the pretest. The data in table 5 explains that most students on all campuses feel the e-book and audiobook are helpful in improving the ability to understand the subject matter. The ability of students to understand lecture material causes the learning outcomes to increase. This is in accordance with [22], to increase the learning outcome [23], [24] said that the use of audio is an effective strategy to improve learning outcomes and language skills, especially listening and speaking. The research results from [25]-[27] in his research revealed the effectiveness of the use of audio media can improve the quality of the learning process and learning outcomes.

### 3.3 The impact of the e-book, audiobook and I-spring quizzes to improve learning independence

**Table 6.** Effectiveness The e-book and audiobook to improve learning independence

<b>Question: Do you think the e-book and audiobook are helpful in improving the students' learning independence?</b>				
<b>Items</b>	<b>Students feedback (campus A) %</b>		<b>Students feedback (campus B) %</b>	
	<b>e-book</b>	<b>Audiobook</b>	<b>e-book</b>	<b>Audiobook</b>
Very helpful	41,67	61,11	44,44	58,33
Helpful	47,22	30,56	36,11	36,11
Reasonably helpful	11,11	8,33	19,44	5,56
Not so helpful	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Not helpful at all	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00

Table 6 shows that both the use of e-books and audiobooks as supporting media for the application of ICT-based learning models is very helpful in increasing student learning independence. Through these media, students can review the lecture material outside of class hours and study the next part independently. In accordance with the functions of e-books and audiobooks, namely as an alternative learning media, presenting more interesting and enjoyable teaching materials, media for sharing information are more flexible and can be learned at any time outside of lecture hours, so that learning independence increases. The independence of student learning is an important factor in the successful application of ICT-based learning. This was revealed by [28], [29] Online learning is student-centered and requires strong self-motivation, while [30] asserts that students must be very responsible for self-study.

**Table 7.** Effectiveness of the quiz to do the evaluation independently

<b>Question: What do you think of the quizzes presented at the end of each chapter to do the evaluation independently?</b>		
<b>Items</b>	<b>Students feedback (campus A) %</b>	<b>Students feedback (campus B)%</b>
Very helpful	25,00	27,78
Helpful	66,67	63,89
Reasonably helpful	5,56	8,33
Not so helpful	2,78	0,00
Not helpful at all	0,00	0,00

Table 7 shows that the quizzes presented at the end of each chapter help students independently evaluate (supported by 66.67% of the students on campus A and 63.89% of the students on Campus B. Students who think the quizzes are very helpful amount to over 25% of campus A students and 27.7% of Campus B students find quizzes very helpful in evaluating independently. The results of the study are in line with [31], [32], who observed that quizzes and self-assessment tests make students check their own learning. The assessment of quiz activities will be assessed automatically by the I-spring application system, feedback from lecturers via email and interaction and communication can be conducted through study groups with the application of giving feedback directly, which can affect effective learning and evaluation.

## 4 Conclusion

The results of data analysis show that the implementation of ICT-based learning models with e-book media, audiobooks and I-Spring quizzes are effective. Both the e-book media,

audiobooks and I-spring quizzes as supporting devices in ICT-based learning are effective and helpful in improving learning activities, result and student learning independence.

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