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ABSTRACT

English is a dominant world language with second largest speaking population after mother tongue. Choosing study English as a second language is a wise choice at these globally competitive times. English brings people from various nationalities towards international communication. It’s key to speak to the world. The goal of this research project is to “design a web-based English competency evaluation and regulation for Faculty of Communication and Modern Languages (or FKBM, its Malay short form)” - that can support new students to overcome their English language proficiency and help to FKBM to estimate students' level of English competency and allocate relevant course for registration.
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<td>UUM</td>
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<td>WWW</td>
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<td>Post Office Protocol</td>
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

The Faculty Komunikasi dan Bahasa Moden FKBM is the first faculty to be established when University Utara Malaysia (UUM) carried out an academic restructuring exercise on reaching the second decade of its establishment. The history of the establishment of the faculty began on 9 July 2002 when the Ministry of Education approved the setting up of the School of Communication and Media Technology, which had been proposed under the communication programmer of the School of Social Development. However, as a result of the academic restructuring and globalization, the school was integrated with the Language Division of the school of Cognitive Sciences and Education to form the Faculty of Communication and Modern Languages on 1st April 2003. The faculty is made up of three main department, Communication, Media technology, and Modern Languages. The main platform for the elevation of the Malay language, the enhancement of students' mastery of English and the acquisition of other international languages such as Arabic, Thai, Japanese, Mandarin, German, Spanish, Italian, Korean and French. (Academic guide book UUM, 2007).

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