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Presentation Title: An Innovative English e-Learning Program

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Abstract

With unprecedented techniques, emerging Web and multimedia technologies have ushered in a new era of e-learning over the past decade. By incorporating state-of-the-art Web and multimedia technologies into the capturing, processing, and presentation of an online framework, National Chi Nan University in Taiwan has developed a powerful e-learning system of its own--the so-called Web-based Synchronized Multimedia Lecture (WSML) system--to facilitate the English self-learning of all its students. This Web-based e-learning system has been utilized to provide different weekly online lessons to all first-, second-, and third-year undergraduate students of the university, to aid English teachers in marking, in both audio and visual mode, their students' weekly compositions, and to enable students to understand more clearly what errors they have made in their weekly compositions, and why--as they are able to view the complete composition correction process with a synchronized multimedia presentation (a voice explanation along with an animated telepointer and ink strokes).

In this presentation, I will introduce briefly the most distinctive functions of the WSML system. Then I will discuss in detail how an online English self-study program grounded on this system has been designed and implemented in order to raise the overall level of Chi Nan University students' English ability over the past six years. The success of the execution of this e-learning program has been achieved by trial and error; thus, the experience should cast light on any similar program that is meant to be executed schoolwide.

Biodata

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