



# Profile of Students' 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills in Digital Learning Using The Contextual Teaching and Learning (CTL) Model

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## ABSTRAK

Keterampilan abad 21 adalah keterampilan yang sangat perlu dikembangkan untuk menghadapi zaman digitalisasi sekarang ini. Melihat kondisi sekarang, keterampilan abad 21 pada mahasiswa belum terlalu menonjol dan kurang berkembang dengan baik sehingga mahasiswa membutuhkan inovasi baru yang dapat menunjang keterampilan 4C demi menjadi pribadi yang siap untuk menghadapi persaingan di era global ini. Tujuan penelitian ini adalah untuk menganalisis bagaimana profil keterampilan abad 21 mahasiswa Pendidikan Guru Sekolah Dasar semester 1 pada matakuliah konsep dasar fisika SD. Jenis penelitian ini adalah penelitian deskriptif. Sampel penelitian ini berjumlah 110 mahasiswa yang dipilih dengan tujuan tertentu atau dengan teknik purposive sampling. Teknik pengumpulan data yang digunakan adalah angket, wawancara, dan observasi. Data dianalisis menggunakan deskriptif statistik yang akan menunjukkan persentase banyaknya mahasiswa per kategori yaitu kategori di bawah standar, mendekati standar dan sesuai standar. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan untuk keterampilan berfikir kreatif, kolaborasi dan komunikasi persentase mahasiswa pada kategori mendekati standar. Sedangkan untuk keterampilan berpikir kreatif persentase mahasiswa berada pada kategori dibawah standar. Kesimpulan penelitian ini adalah profil keterampilan abad 21 mahasiswa pada pembelajaran digital dengan CTL berada pada status mendekati standar yang baik, kecuali pada keterampilan berpikir kreatif masih membutuhkan beberapa perlakuan ekstra untuk meningkatkannya.

## ABSTRACT

The 21<sup>st</sup> century skills are skills that really need to be developed to face the current digitalization era. Looking at the current conditions, students' 21<sup>st</sup> century skills are not very prominent and are not well developed so that students need new innovations that can support 4C skills. The purpose of this study was to analyze the 21<sup>st</sup> century skill profile of first semester Elementary School Teacher Study Program students in the elementary physics basic concepts course. This type of research is descriptive research. The sample of this research was 110 students selected with a specific purpose or by purposive sampling technique. The data collection techniques used are questionnaires, interviews, and observation. The data were analyzed using descriptive statistics which would show the percentage of the number of students per category. The results of this study indicate that for creative thinking skills, collaboration and communication the percentage of students is in the near standard category. As for creative thinking skills, the percentage of students is in the substandard category. This shows that students' 21<sup>st</sup> century skills still need to be improved. learning activities that facilitate the emergence of 21st century skills need to be carried out continuously or continuously so that students are accustomed to and achieve the desired standards. The conclusion of this study is that students' 21<sup>st</sup> century skill profiles in digital learning with CTL are in a status close to a good standard, except for creative thinking skills that still require some extra treatment to improve them.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In the contemporary 21<sup>st</sup> century, education is more crucial than ever to make sure kids have learning and innovation skills, information technology and media literacy abilities, and the ability to work and thrive using their life skills (Andriana et al., 2022; Fajri et al., 2021). The essential competencies required in the 21<sup>st</sup> century are learning and innovation competencies, including critical thinking and problem-solving competencies, communication and cooperation competencies, and creative and innovation competencies (Baroya, 2018; Karmila et al., 2023). Among abilities connected to the use of literacy, media, and information and communication technology (ICT), skills in mastering media, information, and technology (ICT) are the second skill that is the emphasis of 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. The third skill is life and career, which includes adaptable and flexible life skills, initiative and independence,

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the ability to interact socially across cultural boundaries, productivity and accountability, as well as a leadership mindset and a feeling of accountability (Jufriadi et al., 2022; Marfiana & Ramadan, 2021).

Information and communication technology advancements have altered human lifestyles in terms of employment, socializing, and studying. These technological developments have affected many facets of society, including schooling. In the twenty-first century, both educators and students must possess teaching and learning skills. To survive in this information age's knowledge age, one must confront a variety of chances and problems (Husain & Kaharu, 2020; Sole & Anggraeni, 2018). There are 4 competencies in the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills known as "4C" namely (1) Critical Thinking, (2) Communication, (3) Collaboration, and (4) Creative Thinking (Indarta et al., 2021; Muhali, 2019). The use of technology in the classroom is a requirement for educators and students to meet the standards for 21<sup>st</sup> century or digital century learning (K. P. Dewi et al., 2023; Rahayu et al., 2022). In order to prepare students for life in the digital age, educators must be able to apply their subject-matter expertise, technological know-how, ability to support advanced-level learning experiences, creativity, and innovation in digital learning contexts (Gjelaj et al., 2020; Marnita et al., 2023).

Students in the 21<sup>st</sup> century learning concept are expected to possess a number of qualities, including as the capacity for teamwork, the capacity for critical and creative thought, the capacity for independent learning, the capacity for effective use of technology, and the capacity for change (Prayogi, Rayinda Dwi; Estetika, 2019; Taufiqurrahman, 2023). Students in the twenty-first century should be able to think transdisciplinary and tackle complicated challenges. In order to examine and comprehend material in the proper context, students must also be able to think contextually (Taufiqurrahman, 2023; Trilling & Fadel, 2009). With these abilities, it is anticipated that students would be able to successfully manage their time, think globally, and navigate the technology and apps used in the learning process while remaining dedicated to the process.

Looking at the current conditions, students' 21<sup>st</sup> century skills are not too prominent and not well developed so that students need new innovations that can support 4C skills in order to become individuals who are ready to face competition in this global era. It is supported by previous study who say that 21<sup>st</sup> century skills cannot be developed properly if the learning used is monotonous and seems boring (Redhana, 2019). This is caused by the shift in the era which is influenced by digitalization which is very popular with students. The same thing was also expressed by other study most of the learning that is carried out is learning that is still teacher-centered. As a result, students cannot master 21<sup>st</sup> century skills optimally (Indarta et al., 2021). Therefore, learning reform that shifts from teacher-centered learning to learner-centered learning is the answer to efforts to develop 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in students. Learning can be assisted with interesting innovations, one of which is the use of technology or what is often referred to as digital learning.

According to the findings, there is a discrepancy between current expectations and what actually happens in the field, particularly when it comes to students' 21<sup>st</sup> century talents. When researchers interview students, it is evident that the pupils lack effective communication skills. Both their speaking and their answer-development skills are lacking in students. Students also acknowledge that they frequently choose to keep quiet to debate and correct anything that is incorrect. This indicates that kids lack strong critical thinking abilities. The fact that some students choose to work alone while studying and participating in group discussions was also observed. Because students were still listeners and recipients of information during learning, the average student said that they did not have adequate abilities based on the results of the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills questionnaire. Only students who talk or choose to speak are engaged in learning when students are passively learning or choose to remain silent. Additionally, students admitted that learning wasn't as personal to them. Students today are frequently exposed to digital technology. Students expressed interest in digital learning since it gives them the opportunity to develop their skills.

Digital learning often known as e-learning, is a type of technology information that is used in the field of education and takes the shape of virtual worlds. The phrase "digital learning" is more specifically meant to refer to an effort to convert the educational system in schools or colleges into a digital format that is connected through Internet technology (Sulasmi, 2022; Suryani et al., 2019). To add innovation in digital learning, this research integrates it with a learning model, namely Contextual Teaching and Learning (CTL). CTL-based digital learning is implemented by providing digital books arranged in such a way based on the settings on the CTL learning model. This digital book is expected to be able to have a huge positive impact on students' 21<sup>st</sup> century skills (Sulistiani, 2020; Yani et al., 2021).

The relationship between CTL and 4C skills, namely students' critical thinking skills is seen when evaluating information sources and deepening information literacy skills, students' creativity skills are seen when generating innovative solutions and improving ideas, student communication skills are seen when they become capable communicators and utilize technology to reach a wide audience. target,

student collaboration skills can be seen, that is, with problem solving activities through analysis, synthesis, evaluation will provide an authentic view of learning (Muhali, 2019; Septikasari & Frasandy, 2018). The use of the CTL model has several steps, namely: constructivism, inquiry, questioning, learning community, modeling, reflection, and authentic assessment (Sulistiani, 2020; Welerubun et al., 2022).

This study is innovative in that it combines digital learning with the CTL learning paradigm to examine students' 21<sup>st</sup>-century skill profiles. In contrast to earlier studies, this one examines students' 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies using both digital learning and traditional learning paradigms. Like the study done by Shifan Thaha Abdullateef on applying digital learning to build 21<sup>st</sup> century abilities. In this study, it was established that the use of digital learning tools can enhance student abilities. This study reveals that when choosing digital tools to improve 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, crucial factors should be taken into account (Thaha Abdullateef, 2021). Based on their findings, researchers want to combine digital learning with the CTL learning model, a model that is familiar to students. The goal of this research is to increase students' 21<sup>st</sup>-century abilities and suggest future researchers' next moves. This research was conducted on first semester students majoring in elementary school teacher education in the basic concepts of physics course. Based on the description above, this study aims to analyze the 21<sup>st</sup> century skill profile of 1st semester Elementary School Teacher Study Program students at Padang State University in the elementary physics basic concepts course. The profile is used as information needed to develop ways to train 21<sup>st</sup> century skills for students, so this research is important to do.

## 2. METHOD

Descriptive research is what this study is. Research that describes and responds to inquiries about a phenomena or event that occurs is known as descriptive research (Gainau, 2021). The primary goal of descriptive research is often to precisely explain the facts and qualities of the thing or subject being examined (Restu, H.R. Marwan Indra Saputra, Aris Triyono, 2021; Tersiana, 2018). Therefore this research is intended to get an overview or profile of students' 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in digital learning (digital books) that are integrated with the CTL model.

The sample of this study was 110 first semester PGSD students at Padang State University who were selected with a specific purpose or purposive sampling technique. The instrument used is a questionnaire or questionnaire. The data were analyzed using descriptive statistics which would show the percentage of the number of students per category, namely the category below standard, close to standard and according to standard. The instrument grid is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1.** The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills Questionnaire Grid

| 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills | Indicator                                     | Item Number              |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Creative Thinking Skills        | 1. <i>Fluency</i>                             | 1,3, 6, 8, 12, 16, 20    |
|                                 | 2. <i>Flexibility</i>                         |                          |
|                                 | 3. <i>Originality</i>                         |                          |
|                                 | 4. Detailing skills                           |                          |
| Critical Thinking Skills        | 1. analysis                                   | 2, 7, 10, 14, 18, 24, 25 |
|                                 | 2. Synthesize                                 |                          |
|                                 | 3. Problem Solving                            |                          |
|                                 | 4. Summing up                                 |                          |
|                                 | 5. Evaluation                                 |                          |
| Communication Skills            | 1. Formulate and express ideas                | 4, 8, 11, 12, 17,21      |
|                                 | 2. Listen to information effectively          |                          |
|                                 | 3. Using a variety of technological resources |                          |
|                                 | 4. Selection of diction                       |                          |
| Collaboration skills            | 1. Open in discussion                         | 5, 9, 13, 15, 19, 22, 23 |
|                                 | 2. Not being selfish                          |                          |
|                                 | 3. Troubleshooting                            |                          |
|                                 | 4. Support team decisions                     |                          |

The purpose of this 21<sup>st</sup> century skills survey is to gather data on the level of students' 21<sup>st</sup> century competencies. The abilities in question are critical thinking, communication, teamwork, and creative thinking. A Likert scale was used to evaluate this questionnaire. The nature of the remarks in the questionnaire, whether positive or negative, can be used to assess the quality of the students' responses. Table 2 shows the Likert scale rating.

**Table 2. Likert Scale Criteria**

| Answer Choices | Positive | Negative |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Yes            | 3        | 1        |
| Sometimes      | 2        | 2        |
| No             | 1        | 3        |

Student surveys on 21<sup>st</sup> century abilities must adhere to a number of requirements in order to get appropriate assessment findings. Test reliability and validity are regarded as minimum standards. Each question in the survey was deemed valid based on the validity test findings, which showed that rcount > rtable ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) had been obtained. The acquired reliability test scores were 0.63, falling into the strong category. The 21<sup>st</sup> century skills questionnaire can be used when this test is finished.

### 3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

#### Result

This research begins by analysing indicators for each of the 21st century skills. The following are indicators for 21<sup>st</sup> century skills as show in [Table 3](#).

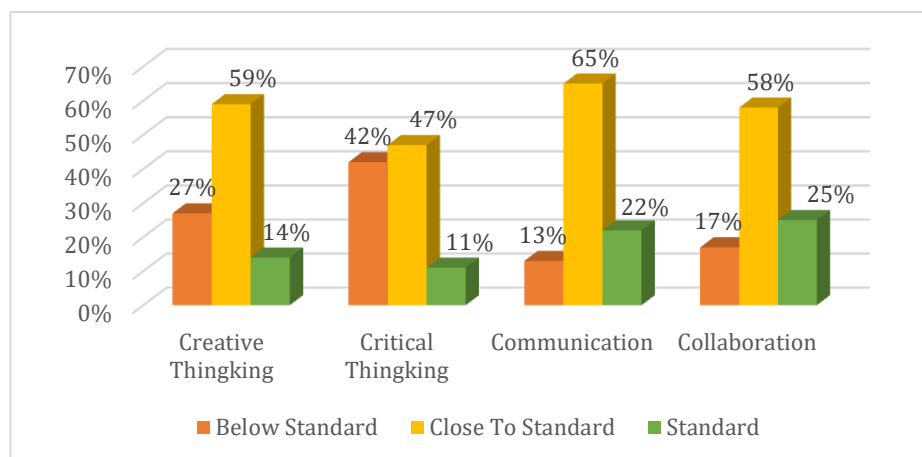
**Table 3. Indicators of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills**

| 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Skills | Indicator  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Creative Thinking Skills        | 1. Fluent thinking<br>a. Spark many ideas, answers, problem solving or questions.<br>b. Gives lots of ways or suggestions for doing things.<br>c. Always think of more than one answer.  |
|                                 | 2. Think flexibly<br>a. Generate ideas, answers or questions that vary.<br>b. Can see a problem from different points of view.<br>c. Looking for many alternatives or different directions.<br>d. Able to change the way of approach or way of thinking. |
|                                 | 3. Think rationally (originality)<br>a. Able to give birth to new and unique expressions.<br>b. Think of unconventional ways to express yourself<br>c. Able to make unusual combinations of parts or elements.   |
|                                 | 4. Detailing skills<br>a. Able to enrich and develop an idea or product<br>b. Adding or detailing the details of an object, idea or situation to make it more interesting  |
| Critical Thinking Skills        | 5. Analyze<br>Separating materials or concepts into component parts so that the organizational structure can be understood   |
|                                 | 6. Synthesize<br>Putting together elements or parts in such a way as to form a unified whole   |
|                                 | 7. Solve the problem<br>Solve the problem so that the right result is obtained   |
|                                 | 8. Conclude<br>Identify and secure the information needed to draw conclusions  |
|                                 | 9. Evaluate<br>Assess, compare, conclude, contrast, and describe   |
| Communication Skills            | 10. Formulate thoughts, ideas that are communicated verbally and non-verbally  |
|                                 | 11. Listen effectively to understand the meaning of the person communicating, including information, values, attitudes, and culture  |
|                                 | 12. Using a variety of technological resources and media effectiveness and impact management   |
| Collaboration Skill             | 13. Adjust the language used when interacting with others  |
|                                 | 14. Give or receive feedback from each team member   |
|                                 | 15. Share responsibility in presenting results effectively   |
|                                 | 16. Help manage conflict and be active in group discussions  |

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills****Indicator**

17. Supports group decisions.

Based on the research that has been done, the percentage of students per category for each skill is shown in [Figure 1](#)



**Figure 1.** 21<sup>st</sup> Century Percentage Acquisition of Each Skill Graph

Based on the observation results, the lowest student skill is critical thinking skills, as can be seen from [Figure 1](#) which shows the highest percentage of understandard categories. This is caused by students not being able to analyze in depth the topics or problems they face so that students do not understand the points they are going to work on. Critical thinking is supported by sufficient prior knowledge of students so they can see the effect of an element from all perspectives and make the right decision.

### ***Creative Thinking Skills (Creative Thinking)***

The results of observing creative thinking skills for each indicator are shown in [Table 4](#).

**Table 4.** Percentage Gain Results for Each Indicator of Creative Thinking Skills

| Indicator                       | Category           | Number of Students |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Fluent thinking                 | Under Standard     | 36                 |
|                                 | Close to Standard  | 44                 |
|                                 | Standard Compliant | 30                 |
| Think flexibly                  | Under Standard     | 29                 |
|                                 | Close to Standard  | 55                 |
|                                 | Standard Compliant | 26                 |
| Rational thinking (originality) | Under Standard     | 47                 |
|                                 | Close to Standard  | 66                 |
|                                 | Standard Compliant | 8                  |
| Detailing Skills                | Under Standard     | 32                 |
|                                 | Close to Standard  | 61                 |
|                                 | Standard Compliant | 17                 |

Base on [Table 4](#), the skills of 21<sup>st</sup> century students in the aspect of creative thinking are that most students have skills close to standard. This is shown by the average results of the indicators for each category, namely 31 students or 28% of students have below standard skills, 57 students or 51% of students have skills close to standard and 20 students or 18% of students have standard skills.

### ***Critical Thinking Skills (Critical Thinking)***

The results of observing critical thinking skills for each indicator are shown in [Table 5](#).

**Table 5.** Percentage Results for Each Critical Thinking Skills Indicator

| Indicator | Category       | Number of Students |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------|
| Analyze   | Under Standard | 53                 |

| Indicator         | Category           | Number of Students |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Synthesize        | Close to Standard  | 41                 |
|                   | Standard Compliant | 16                 |
|                   | Under Standard     | 49                 |
|                   | Close to Standard  | 29                 |
| Solve the problem | Standard Compliant | 22                 |
|                   | Under Standard     | 39                 |
|                   | Close to Standard  | 32                 |
| Conclude          | Standard Compliant | 39                 |
|                   | Under Standard     | 48                 |
|                   | Close to Standard  | 42                 |
| Evaluate          | Standard Compliant | 20                 |
|                   | Under Standard     | 52                 |
|                   | Close to Standard  | 50                 |
|                   | Standard Compliant | 8                  |

Base on [Table 5](#), the skills of 21<sup>st</sup> century students in the aspect of critical thinking are that most students have substandard skills. This is shown by the average results of the indicators for each category, namely 49 students or 43% of students have below standard skills, 39 students or 35% of students have skills close to standard and 21 students or 19% of students have skills according to standard.

### **Communication Skills (Communication)**

The results of observing communication skills for each indicator are shown in [Table 6](#).

**Table 6. Percentage Gain Results for Each Indicator of Communication Skills**

| Indicator   | Category           | Number of Students |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Formulate thoughts, ideas that are communicated verbally and non-verbally   | Under Standard     | 21                 |
|   | Close to Standard  | 66                 |
|   | Standard Compliant | 27                 |
| Listen effectively to understand the meaning of the person communicating, including information, values, attitudes, and culture | Under Standard     | 12                 |
|   | Close to Standard  | 54                 |
|   | Standard Compliant | 44                 |
| Using a variety of technological resources and media effectiveness and impact management  | Under Standard     | 9                  |
|   | Close to Standard  | 67                 |
|   | Standard Compliant | 34                 |
| Adjust the language used when interacting with others   | Under Standard     | 19                 |
|   | Close to Standard  | 80                 |
|   | Standard Compliant | 11                 |

Base on [Table 6](#) show the skills of the 21<sup>st</sup> century students in the communication aspect are that most of the students have close to standard skills. This is shown by the average results of the indicators for each category, namely 15 students or 14% of students have below standard skills, 67 students or 61% of students have skills close to standard and 29 students or 26% of students have skills according to standard.

### **Collaboration skills (Collaboration)**

The results of observing collaboration skills for each indicator are shown in [Table 7](#).

**Table 7. Percentage Gain Results for Each Collaboration Skills Indicator**

| Indicator  | Category           | Number of Students |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Give or receive feedback from each team member         | Under Standard     | 16                 |
|  | Close to Standard  | 73                 |
|  | Standard Compliant | 21                 |
| Share responsibility in presenting results effectively | Under Standard     | 6                  |
|  | Close to Standard  | 87                 |
|  | Standard Compliant | 17                 |
| Help manage conflict and be active in group            | Under Standard     | 13                 |
|  | Close to Standard  | 68                 |



| Indicator                | Category           | Number of Students |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| discussions              | Standard Compliant | 29                 |
| Supports group decisions | Under Standard     | 42                 |
|                          | Close to Standard  | 54                 |
|                          | Standard Compliant | 14                 |

Table 7 shows the skills of the 21<sup>st</sup> century students in the aspect of collaboration are that most of the students have skills close to standard. This is shown by the average results of the indicators for each category, namely 19 students or 17% of students have below standard skills, 71 students or 65% of students have skills close to standard and 20 students or 18% of students have skills according to standard.

## Discussion

First, Creative Thinking Skills (Creative Thinking). In this skill, students are quite capable of using their creativity and innovation, both in designing solutions and in finding sources of information. Students are able to follow an understanding of the goals of innovation as well as the needs and interests of the target problems given in the project. That is, students can consider other parties who might benefit from the designs made. When collecting information, most students use various types of information sources that can be reached. Some students are able to find other ways or alternatives that are able to solve the problems they face without changing the meaning of the intended answers. Student creativity can be seen when students submit several offers of solutions that they will take when solving problems. Students can see problems from different points of view and bring together perspectives that are close to solutions to make it easier for them to express ideas and ideas in solving these problems. In the table above it can be seen that students' creative thinking skills have the highest value on the indicator think fluently. This means that students are able to come up with many ideas, answers, solve problems or questions, be able to provide many ways or suggestions for doing various things and think of more than one answer.

According to previous research, digital learning has a statistically significant and favorable effect on creative thinking skills both directly and indirectly, and students will need these skills throughout their lives to keep up with the times (Kesici, 2022). Students were interested in learning about digital technology, according to another finding of the study done by previous study the use of digital learning can effectively increase students' overall competence (Wang & Burdina, 2023). According to other research, students can easily obtain the material they require for learning when there is a digital learning component (Henriksen et al., 2018). The most crucial component in the development of creativity is information. It is simple to understand how having access to fresh and interesting material can spark an original thought. It can easily use anything you are looking for to assist creative thinking to find solutions to the issues you are encountering. The ability of digital technology to give people access to the information they require while still being supported by a sufficient internet network is also readily apparent (Qureshi et al., 2021; Sailer et al., 2021; Sousa et al., 2022). The students can easily use it to find solutions to the issues you are encountering, whatever it is that you are seeking for to boost creative thinking.

Second, Critical Thinking Skills (Critical Thinking). In this skill, most students do not recognize the main part of the project to be completed and do not see problems from different perspectives. So that in making details of things that are needed in general or not in a complex manner. The main cause is that students are not used to learning that requires them to think critically. Most of the students also thought that they could not properly understand the problems given. When students make questions that focus on physics topics, students are already able to create and ask questions about topics or things needed but have not delved deeper. This has an effect on when students collect and evaluate information from several sources to answer the questions given. Students are not able to combine information from various sources and students do not really know what is needed to answer questions, and the information collected is too little. Students often find it difficult when synthesizing information or assembling elements or parts in such a way as to form a unified whole which results in making wrong conclusions.

Due to learning constraints, the development of 4C abilities in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is still significantly hindered, but educators are working to improve 4C skills through inventive, creative learning activities and collaborative learning with students (Monika et al., 2022). The assessment, analysis, and self-regulation sub-skills were the least mastered by students when compared to other critical thinking sub-skills, according to another study, which found that students' critical thinking abilities were in the low group (Basri & As'ari, 2019). According to Riyanto's research, interactive genomic flipbooks built using the Aurora 3D Animation Maker and Anchored instruction learning models can help students develop their critical thinking skills (Riyanto et al., 2020). This demonstrates how, when done independently and deliberately, digital learning may help students' critical thinking abilities. As opposed to this study, which

examined four student skills concurrently. input for additional research to concentrate on a single ability in order to maximize the outcomes. In this study, digital learning has made a respectable contribution to students' cognitive abilities, approaching the ability benchmark.

Third, Communication Skills (Communication). In this aspect, students are quite able to communicate well the information or ideas they have. When students engage in discussions about solving problems and what is needed, most students are already able to express their opinions in the form of information, inventions, ideas and others but not yet clearly, concisely and logically. There are times when students participate in discussions but their group mates do not understand the intended line of thought. This is also because students are still trying to participate in discussions using the appropriate language. Even though most of the students spoke clearly, at some times it was still unclear. In addition, students also speak with a loud intonation even though it is still monotonous. In the interviews conducted, the reason students could not answer clearly and completely was because students did not go deep into problem solving in their groups.

This is corroborated by study who found that communication skills and student problem-solving abilities had a positive link in the medium category with a correlation coefficient value of 0.50. Communication abilities contribute 25% (Makiyah et al., 2021). This demonstrates how crucial effective communication skills are to the growth of student competency. These results are corroborated by studies who discovered that as students' communication abilities advance, so does their academic performance. This is demonstrated by the considerable improvement in academic performance of the students following the teacher's interpersonal communication training (Ariyani & Hadiani, 2020).

Digital learning can improve the effectiveness of teaching and learning processes and outcomes, according to research information is now more easily accessible than ever before because to digitalization (Tohara, 2021). This makes it possible for pupils to study whenever and wherever they want. Students and students find it simpler to study thanks to the freedom that digitalization gives, particularly in the area of communication (Claro et al., 2018; Tvenge & Martinsen, 2018). Digital learning is thought to be able to facilitate more student communication and activity. Digital media can be used by students to test their abilities in inventive and creative communication (Coffelt et al., 2019; Liu et al., 2020). As can be shown from student grades that are in line with standards, this research has made a significant contribution to student communication abilities, which may have an effect on communication skill improvement.

Fourth, Collaboration skills (Collaboration). In collaboration skills, students are able to divide work well which can make work in groups more effective. This is shown in the majority of students who make a list of tasks to divide tasks among members in detail so that they are followed properly. In addition, students assign roles but and follow them. Students are able to work well together in order to find a suitable solution to solve the problems they face. When students help solve problems, some other students give suggestions to their groups and consider together whether the suggestions are suitable or not. Students also build tolerance when conveying ideas and do not prioritize personal decisions, but instead discuss what solutions they will take.

In sharing responsibility when presenting results effectively, students have tried to use their abilities. In addition, students also carry out their assignments separately so that they become effective and the assignments will be combined back into one unit, of course with discussions to revise or criticize the results of the assignment. Students discuss to receive and give feedback, students are polite and kind in acknowledging and respecting the views of their group mates.

Previous study state the same thing, claiming that collaborative learning has been shown to be successful for children. Therefore, it is envisaged that collaborative learning will be used with students at many levels of education, from primary school to higher institutions, in order to help students improve their collaboration skills and make education even better (A. P. Dewi et al., 2020). Students' answers when learning, which are creative, active, and sensitive to their learning needs, reveal that the influence of 21<sup>st</sup> century learning has a substantial impact on the development of their 4C skills (Afdareza et al., 2020; Tohani & Aulia, 2022).

The research's strength is how it interprets 21<sup>st</sup> century abilities (creativity, critical thinking, teamwork, and communication) while using digital learning and the CTL learning paradigm. This study is an update that makes use of the CTL learning paradigm. Digital tools that can aid in student learning achievement are used in the CTL model's learning process. Previous studies that are pertinent and make references to the same concepts provide support for this research. The profile of students' 21<sup>st</sup> century skills after undergoing digital learning utilizing the CTL paradigm clearly demonstrates the research's significance. This is evident from the students' pre- and post-learning standard outcomes in the study that was conducted. During conversations, students are drawn to the CTL learning paradigm and utilization of



digital learning. Students are consequently engaged in their education and highly motivated to find solutions to the difficulties presented.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

From the discussion of the research, it can be said that there are still students lacking in 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in every aspect, with that of course there is a need for follow-up so that students can have skills that reach standards. The results showed that for creative thinking skills, collaboration and communication the percentage of students was in the near standard category. As for creative thinking skills, the percentage of students is in the substandard category. This shows that students' 21<sup>st</sup> century skills still need to be improved. Learning activities that facilitate the emergence of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills need to be carried out continuously or continuously so that students are accustomed to and achieve the desired standards.

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