Analysis of User Responses to the Application of Web-Based Assessment on Character Assessment

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A B S T R A K

There are currently several obstacles in the assessment using conventional media, including excessive use of paper, which causes environmental damage, and increases in school fees to conduct an assessment. In addition, it is less effective in conducting assessments because it takes a long time to assess the results of student answers manually. Conventional media allows fraud and results in a lack of confidence in the assessment results. This study aims to analyze user responses using web-based assessment suitable for use in student character assessment. The population of this study amounted to 91 students. This study uses a mixed-method explanatory method with descriptive analysis and qualitative methods. The results of the study show that the user response obtained an average value of 3.52, which includes the SB category (excellent) because the use of the website can save time, display real-time data, and is very easy to use anywhere, so with a good response from users make this web-based assessment suitable for use in student character assessment. This research implies that teachers can use web-based assessment in conducting assessments.

1. INTRODUCTION

Technology is a necessity for society in this 21st century. In this century, technology that is developing very rapidly has an impact on the habits of people who experience dependence on technology (Almusawi et al., 2021; Chang et al., 2021; C.-H. Chen & Tsai, 2021). The technology that is most often associated with society is a smartphone that has been used by many people because the portability and accessibility of smartphones allow users to access smartphones anywhere and for a long time (Cha & Seo, 2018; Kim et al., 2012). The use of smartphones today can enter all spheres of life, one of which is the world of education, where learning can now use smartphones as a learning resource by utilizing content or in the form of a website that is easy to use, and is very easy to use anywhere, so with a good response from users make this web-based assessment suitable for use in student character assessment. This research implies that teachers can use web-based assessment in conducting assessments.

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for students to obtain information. Smartphones also function as interactive learning media in accordance with the needs of the times (C.-H. Chen & Tsai, 2021; Sunismi, 2015).

The role of technology is very much needed in learning, especially in the field of assessment because the use of appropriate media will determine the success of the learning process and to create an interesting learning activity (McGarr & Gallchór, 2021; Zhang et al., 2021). Learning itself is very dependent on the results of the students to determine the success or failure of the learning carried out which we call assessment. In the 2013 curriculum, there are four aspects of assessment, namely 1) knowledge aspects, 2) skills aspects, 3) attitude aspects, and 4) behavioral aspects, which are aspects that must be assessed by the teacher so that potential apart from the cognitive domain can also be monitored and developed (Setiadi, 2016; Nugraha et al., 2017). All aspects of assessment are very important in learning in the 2013 curriculum because a student must not only be assessed based on his knowledge but must also be assessed from other aspects. The 2013 curriculum is a curriculum that emphasizes assessments that measure four things, namely: measuring the level of thinking of students from low to high, emphasizing questions that require deep thinking, measuring student work processes, and using portfolios (Maryani & Martaningsih, 2017). The 2013 curriculum is referred to as character education, where the development of student character is as important as the development of student knowledge, besides that student attitudes are also a factor that must be developed and assessed as well (Tiar & Sari, 2019).

Currently, many teachers have not been able to utilize technology optimally (Buchori et al., 2017; Rubini et al., 2018). In addition, there are still many teachers who have not been able to use technology to assess students. The need for electronic media, especially the web in the assessment, shows that currently there are several obstacles in assessing using conventional media, including excessive use of paper which causes environmental damage and also swelling school expenses just for conducting assessments; lack of effectiveness in conducting assessments because it takes a long time to assess the results of students’ answers manually; and the inability of conventional media to demonstrate transparency in conducting assessments because time-consuming assessments allow fraud and lead to a lack of trust in the results of the assessment (Danniels et al., 2020; Kaplan et al., 2021). Character education is an effort to help someone understand, pay attention to, and practice ethical values (Birhan et al., 2021; Singh, 2019; Yulianti et al., 2016).

Assessment which is an important factor in learning must be digitized to be able to develop methods that are accurate and bring very fast progress in assessment and learning and will save time than conventional methods (Alruwais et al., 2018; Afif, 2019). Online or internet-based assessments will be very effective in overcoming current constraints where distance learning is enforced, thus requiring teachers to conduct online assessments so as not to obstruct the assessment process, therefore digital assessment is very important (Ahmad, 2020; Hanifah Salsabila et al., 2020). From the existing obstacles, many are thinking about overcoming these obstacles with current technology. One of the technologies that can be utilized is the website. The web will be used as an assessment media that has the advantage of being able to provide feedback quickly. One of the instruments needed to assess students is an assessment instrument. Assessment instruments are intended to be used in practices that require adopting a competency perspective or alignment of assessment principles (Leutner et al., 2017). Currently the web is widely used as a container for data and information with unlimited pages and is used as an assessment media without being limited by space and time (Sari & Setiawan, 2018). The creation of a web-based assessment as a supporting media in assessing student character is very helpful in overcoming obstacles in student character assessment such as overcoming paper wastage, streamlining time in assessment, overcoming large costs, and making students more focused in filling out characters assessment sheets.

Character education itself is emphasized on values that need to be understood, demonstrated and applied by students which include a sense of responsibility, honesty, care, and fairness (Muhtar & Dallyono, 2020; Patterson & A.Niesa, 2018). With good character education, it will be able to produce very intelligent students with the best character in accordance with the expectations of their social environment (Bates, 2019; Thoyyibah et al., 2019). Social observers show that the crisis in Indonesia comes from the failure of educational institutions to develop participant character behavior. In overcoming the moral crisis, the character building of students in educational institutions must be evaluated and must maximize the quality of learning in the classroom and the integration of intracurricular and extracurricular activities in schools (Juwantara, 2019; Sujatmiko et al., 2019). Delivering the right way will enable the realization of character, moral, social and physical habituation which will be instilled in the child to become a complete human being (Maryatun, 2016; Amran et al., 2020). Later, the implementation of these character values will be included in the lesson plan with the intention of achieving an ideal character and in accordance with the Minister of Education Regulation (Dalyono & Lestariningih, 2017). To see how student character education is required an assessment that is able to assess student character quickly and accurately which is called an assessment media.

The development of student character through character education is very mandatory to be applied in the world of education today because character is very important to build the Indonesian nation today. The character of students who are already very good and still need development, of course, needs to be measured by several indicators (Lian et al., 2020; Muhammad Nova, 2017). The quality of character education can at least be
measured from several factors, including teachers, environment and so on, teachers play a very important role in shaping the character of students besides family because teachers can shape the character of students from examples of behavior they do in school (Suwartini, 2017; Yanto, 2020). The urgency of the current assessment is to use electronic-based assessment media, because currently with advanced technology it is hoped that it can increase the effectiveness and transparency in the assessment. Previously, research related to web-based assessment had been carried out by Walyuningsih et al., (2016) who explained that web-based assessment could be used to assess the scientific attitude of students in schools.

In addition, web-based assessment will make it easier for teachers to make assessments. Although this research looks the same as previous research, by conducting research on assessing student character, of course the results of the research will be different because attitudes and characters are two different things that make this study different. In addition, the sample using this web-based assessment is different, so that new things will be obtained that are able to complement and support previous research. Based on the previous description, this study will examine how to analyze user responses to the use of web-based assessments on character assessments which will then be described. The purpose of this study is to see how the results of user responses to the application of web-based assessment as a media for character assessment. The results of this user response aim to see how well the web has been used by students so that from the student’s response the researcher will develop a web-based assessment product so that it becomes better and more interesting.

2. METHOD

This study uses an explanatory design which is part of mixed methods research. Agustin (2019) explains that explanatory design is a research design that in the early stages uses quantitative methods and in the second stage uses qualitative methods. The data processing technique used is descriptive statistics in which Maswar (2017) explains that descriptive statistics are highly recommended to be used as a first step before doing other analysis on data, because it allows quickly to input and identify the data we input into a form. Data were collected through filling out a user response questionnaire which in this study were filled in by students who used the website. The user response questionnaire was adapted from research by Pratama & Buditjahjanto (2016). Students will function in using the website as a media for character assessment and then students will fill out a user response questionnaire containing 30 statements whose grid can be seen in table 1.

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The assessment of the user response questionnaire in the form of a statement was changed to a Likert scale with 4 scales starting from, 1 for the STB category (very bad), 2 for the TB category (not good), 3 for category B (good), and a score of 4 for the SB category (very good). The population in this study were all students at SMPN 2 Batanghari where to take the sample the researcher used a purposive sampling technique. The sample selection using purposive sampling technique is a sampling technique through certain considerations and the sample is selected based on the researcher's judgment that the sample is the party who is able to provide quality information (Sugiyono, 2013). By using purposive sampling technique, the researcher will get a sample that is really in accordance with the research objective. The interviews were conducted with 90 respondents, namely students who used the web after the assessment was carried out with a web-based assessment. The interview used was a structured interview with open-ended questions. The researcher will ask several questions.
to see the respondent’s response regarding the application of web-based assessment in student character assessment. The results of the interview are intended to strengthen the results of user responses collected through a questionnaire.

The results of the questionnaire will be analyzed using descriptive statistics. Descriptive statistics are statistics that study how to collect data and have a relationship about decomposing and providing information about data, which means that descriptive statistics function to explain the state of the data, descriptive statistics themselves consist of frequency, mean, median, mode, maximum and minimum values (Nasution, 2017). Frequency is a series of numerical data according to its quantity and quality which are arranged sequentially (Wahab et al., 2021). The mean is the average value of the data to see where the entire data is located, the median is the middle value of the data after being sorted and is also the average when viewed in terms of its position in the order of the data (Santi & Eniyati, 2015). Mode is the value that occurs most often, the maximum value is the highest value of data and the minimum value is the lowest value of data (Kadir, 2015).

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Result

The data were collected using 91 participants, consisting of 30 students of class VII, 30 students of class VIII, and 31 students of class IX. Data to the web-based student character assessment instrument shows that to get numbers from 91 respondents by producing valid data, the minimum value is 3.16 and the maximum value of user responses is 3.83 with a mean value of 3, 52, the median is 3.50, and the mode is 3.50. Based on the category, it was found that there were 88 respondents in the very good category and 3 respondents in the good category. Based on the analysis of user responses as seen from the indicators, it can be concluded that in appearance, language, the benefits of usability, and from the color selection are very good so that the web used is very good for assessing student character.

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There are several more benefits in implementing web-based assessment, namely data analysis that can be carried out in a very fast time so that students can immediately see the character deficiencies. Traditional assessments that are usually carried out using gauze are usually less effective for assessing in real time so that digital assessment is needed to be able to make assessments more effective and real time (Alhefnawi, 2021; Ozan, 2019). Assessment using a web-based assessment has advantages in terms of cost, convenience, scoring, results, and reliability. To create a web, it requires an attractive appearance with features that can help users streamline the assessment process. The following is the appearance of the web as a media for assessing student character.

Respondents as assessors of user responses also really liked that this student character assessment activity did not need to download an application, but was only related to the internet as a media for connecting devices and web-based assessments. The use of web-based assessment instruments has several advantages, one of which is that users can access it anywhere as long as the user has an internet network (Ahmad, 2020; Sailer et al., 2021; Segers et al., 2018). minimize paper use and so that evaluation activities run efficiently and effectively, the solution is to use technology that can be used anywhere and anytime (C.-H. Chen & Tsai, 2021; Darmaji et al., 2019; Kivunja, 2015). This is what makes students also support the application of web-based assessments as a media for character assessment because even though they are on the way students can still do character assessments.

With the effectiveness and connectivity of use, this is the advantage of the web as an assessment media that should begin to be implemented in schools in order to save costs. The reason for using web-based assessment as a media for character assessment is because currently with the advancement of technology, technology is increasingly needed in life (Bilik et al., 2020; Hamdunah et al., 2016; Mountaines et al., 2013). The use of technology as a means and media in activities at school is a demand from the increasingly advanced times (C.-H. Chen & Tsai, 2021; Jang et al., 2021). By implementing a website which is the current technology as a media for character assessment, it is hoped that an assessment will be able to assess in real time and transparently without any cheating and as soon as possible the results can be analyzed by the teacher and then notified to students to improve or improve their character as soon as possible (Ediyanto, 2016). The results of the assessment using a web-based assessment make it possible not to make mistakes in the assessment because currently character is one of the important points in the development of education in Indonesia.

The creation of an increasingly advanced character assessment media means a good first step for schools in developing student character to be better in the hope that students are able to meet the current character competencies (Agnieszka Bates, 2019; Pane & Rina Patriana, 2016). Apart from helping to accelerate improving and improving the character of students, the assessors using the web are also able to make schools a good example for students because they care about the future by conserving paper usage, which means that the school has instilled a caring character for the environment so that students can understand that by utilizing technology it can be make students become someone who cares about the environment. The character of caring for the environment is a manifestation of human attitudes towards the environment in the form of actions in everyday life which are efforts to prevent damage to the natural environment around them, as well as trying to repair all natural damage that has been occur (Nugroho et al., 2020; Purwanti, 2017; Suastra et al., 2017). The importance of implementing character assessment using a web-based assessment is that it is able to save expenses in the budget for student assessments who initially use paper that issued a large budget, so it can be minimized by using web-based assessment technology so that schools are able to keep up with the times and this is also one of the urgencies, of the importance of using web-based assessment as a media for assessing student character. In addition, the use of technology is also a form of application of character values that must be possessed by students with the enthusiasm of the teacher in learning it can certainly make teachers become role models and good examples for students to improve their character. The use of electronic media is an effective assessment to encourage students and teachers to access characters that are not accessible to traditional assessments (Irawan et al., 2012).

As well as the assessment using web-based assessments, this makes teacher assessments faster and also makes students get results as soon as possible so that teachers have time for further learning activities or assessments (Omofoye et al., 2021; Tsivitanidou & Constantinos, 2016). In addition, the assessment using web-based assessment is able to make students think openly that the more we use technology (Chen & Chen, 2019; Dahalan & Hussain, 2010). For junior high school students, the faster the formation of good character will make these students more developed because from the start it has been shown that current technology is able to improve and enhance their character so that these students always use technology in the world of education, especially in character assessment. With character assessment using this web-based assessment students are also taught about how later character assessment using this web will be able to make it have a good character from the start beginning.

In this study, it has limitations, namely that only a small group test was carried out while for the large group it was not carried out where the population and sample of this study only came from SMP 2 Batангhari
did not cover most of the junior high schools in Batanghari district. By using Web-based assessment, it is hoped that in the future teachers will be more accustomed to applying technology in all fields of education, both in learning and in assessment. By implementing this web-based assessment, it will enable teachers to make learning and assessment models that are more innovative and creative because of the availability of existing technology. By implementing this, in addition to advancing teachers, it also raises enthusiasm for teachers in improving student character.

4. CONCLUSION

Students as users have a positive response to the application of the web as a media for character assessment in schools. Through interviews, it was found that students were quite happy to use the web as a media of assessment because they could show the results directly so that they were able to reflect on themselves as soon as possible and also that students were not tired of filling out the questionnaire because they only needed to press a button. It can be seen that the use of web-based assessments should be applied in school assessments.

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