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# Integrating technology into EFL curriculum

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The good of this research is to understand EFL (English as Foreign Language) (Computer-Assisted Language Learning). Studies in this field have developed ounsideration to implemented in English education program of UNG. The Havingh this research, the integration of technology in English education warning process has gained a significant attention from the institution; thus, of UNG's development program, the development of ICT in teaching and helmology into the English Education Curriculum. As one of the four pillars hundurs, faculty members and students' perspectives toward the integration of irelinology literacy to enable the students to become English teachers who bank design of technology implementation is be based on studies in CALL nurriculum and instruction is be designed. The design then is offered as one tachnology em process. This is important considering that the students nowadays are born in understand technology and able to use it in their teaching and learning English education curriculum that is specifically targeting the mastery of curriculum. The long target of this research is the integration of one subject in learning, thus it is considered significant to be included in English Education synificantly in determining the effect of the technology use in language

Key Words: Technology, English as a Foreign Language, EFL Curriculum

### Background

becomes part of every aspects of human life including education considering that students nowadays are born in an era where technologies as strange tools. The use of technology becomes an urgent issue to deal will daughter is what so called millennial generation or digital natives, who we Laptop, iPod, iPad, iPhone, and other technology are no longer categories buy her a laptop. For my generation, this sounds ridiculous; however born and raised in technology era. For digital natives, devices such When my daughter was three years old back in 2009, she asked in

their environment technology has significantly affected the way they learn and interact will Oblinger suggested that the intense interaction between children to. It also shows that 48% of these children have used a computer. Further computers. They will spend only 40 minutes reading daily or ask being man under will spend 2.01 hours per day playing outside, but 1.58 hours units reading. The study also shows that based on the trend, children age 6 mm of television, spent 10,000 hours on cell phone, but less than 5000 hours better access to the Internet. One of the studies is conducted by Oblinia was born after 1982, have different relationship with information and 10,000 hours playing video games, sent 200,000 emails, watched 20,000 hours (2004). The study shows that by the age of 21, students, would have appear learning due to the fast development of information and technology There are tremendous evidence shows that today's students, those wi

of thinking. The integration of technology in teaching and learning process and culture in which they are raised (Prensky, 2001). Thus, a special classroom ways. The way of thinking and socializing is influenced by the environment knowledge, share, and collaborate with their peers who are not only from environment and atmosphere that is allow students to create, construct their essential to support the digital natives. The classroom has to provide at environment is crucial to support what constitute learning based on their will natives. The digital natives are thinking, learning, and socializing in different every aspects of human life including education. They are born as digillar that students nowadays are born in an era where technology becomes part in The use of technology becomes an urgent issue to deal with considering

### The objective of research

Illimology has benefitted from the tremendous amount of studies in the ming. In the area of language learning, research into the integration mindhauer & Healey, 1998; Fotos & Browne, 2004; Hegelmeimer, 2006). T which is teachers in general are not implementing the use of technolo Mudies have been conducted on the integration of technology i of Computer-Assisted Language Learning (Kessler, 2005,

Hely teaching and learning process.

Who of lessons best supported by technology. The recommendation of infinology in teaching; They do not have sufficient time to devote to motivated to learn; they are satisfied with their current approach marking, and reluctant to learn a new approach including the use manrch to overcome those problems is that technology in langu they do not know how to use the technology equipment, and mining or computer-assisted language learning should be included in the reducation program in both higher institutions. The previous study (Machmud, 2011) shows that many teachers w access to the technology are not using it because of the follow

might already be ahead of them in terms of technological knowledge with the technological knowledge, because they will face students Illumore knowledge of students could be used as an opportunity for tea III Improve their teaching. Teachers who had been prepared with ( milimology to enhance their EFL learning, because of integrating CA howledge will know how to utilize the students' prior knowled Students who are learning to be English teachers should be prep

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Who have technology literacy, the English education curriculum in Gor should incorporate technology in language learning as one of the st The study is also suggested that in order to prepare English tea

(Machinud, 2011).

To gain teachers' perspectives toward the integration of technol Thus, there are two targets to be achieved as the result of this rese English education curriculum in English Education Departm

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To design a model of technology integration in language learning implemented as one subject in English education curriculum in Incomplement of UNG.

### 3. Literature review

Technology exists everywhere, touching almost every part of our communities, and our homes. Unfortunately, most schools has behind when it comes to integrating technology into the instruction context. Many people are just starting to explore the real point technology offers for teaching and learning. If it properly used, to will help students acquire the skills they need to survive in a complication of the property technological knowledge-based economy (Edutopia Staff, 2008).

Learning through projects while equipped with technology equipments allows students to be intellectually challenged while providing them realistic picture of what the modern office looks like. Through providents acquire and refine their analysis and problem-solving skulls work individually and in teams to find, process, and synthesize information they've found online. The numerous resources in the online would provide each classroom with more interesting, diverse, and current lamburaterials. The Web connects students to experts in the real would provides numerous opportunities for expressing understanding through project-learning approach, students are more likely to stay engaged and project-learning behavioral problems in the classroom (Edutopia Staff, 2001).

Technology also changes the way teachers teach, offering educate effective ways to reach different types of learners and to assess understanding through multiple means. It also enhances the relational between teacher and student. When technology is effectively integrated multiple areas, teachers grow into roles of adviser, content expert, and multiple trechnology helps make teaching and learning more meaningful and full (Edutopia staff, 2008, para. 6).

### integrating technology into EFL curriculum

the have a false idea about the integration of computer use much Most of them thought that integration was quite easy because the use of the computer throughout the day. This approach reflement who use of the computer throughout the day. This approach reflement who we the meaning of integration of computers in the curriculus finding that teachers have false ideas about the computer integration related to some curriculum topics, only with the primary object wilding computer skills and not for actual academic learning.

Interpretable (CALL in language curriculum.)

(Kern associated with self-contained, programmed applications such that, 2000, p. 1). Therefore, most importantly, the pedagogical asparating CALL in language curriculum.

When it comes to the attempt to integrate technology into minulum, the first obstacles are mainly physical such as lack of hardwhich includes computers, printers, scanners and other devices; lack

software, which includes operating systems, applications, and specific software, such as packages for developing language skills, have resources for infrastructure, such as furniture, cabling, room arrangement and sustainable maintenance and upgrading of systems; and no accommodate connection, or slow and unstable Internet connection developed geographic location. It is a reality that even in this era of wireless limited countries, still have no access to the Internet. The condition of the subjudition of technology into the instructional activities.

# 5. Problems of integrating technology into EFL curriculum

The problem of integrating computer technology into the geducation and language learning program curriculum is not merely physical and language learning program curriculum is not merely physical and tactors also appear to be the problem even when computer that to be successful in incorporating computer technology into instruction activities requires both technical as well as pedagogical ability unfortunately, many teachers lack the motivation to gain this knowledged and their beliefs towards the benefits of computer technology in teaching.

Brickner (1995) classified two factors that affect teachers' attemplate implement computer technology in their classroom activities; extramplement computer technology in their classroom activities; extramplement computer technology in the physical aspects of technology in as technological devices, lack of time in planning, and insufficient any and intrinsic factors such as the teachers' beliefs about the benefits computer bring to their teaching, and their "unwillingness to change Brickner furthermore claims that the intrinsic problem is more challenged compared to the extrinsic problem because it requires teachers to change their "belief systems and institutionalized routines". Extrinsic barriers simply be addressed by providing more resources (p. xvii).

In some parts of the world, the problems of implementing companies

lindium often becomes a barrier for teachers who are enthusiastic about the strict of technology in their teaching. In the countries who will their own curriculum to suit the students' needs. The government of pre-set curriculum, which they must follow and covariant and lack of staff training that is needed to fulfill the government of the sta

in trade significant barriers between administrators and the technolo link of understanding of the use of technology and the lack of resour Implementation of the pre-set curriculum. In addition to this quands III Involved in administrative work that often prevents them from hav III IIII to explore and improve their knowledge on the use of compu Illi will lechnical support. In some cases teachers are frequently manda touchers who are eager to use their knowledge in their classroom minimizers are sometimes reluctant to encourage teachers to explore n incorporate technology in more creative approach in teaching also affects teachers' willings muloyy to EFL instructions is the lack of institutional support (Yild Illin will have to deal with uncommitted administrators or colleagues a leachers who are eager to incorporate technology in their teach maches because of the fear of not fulfilling the government's demands Mother obstacle that affects teachers' perceptions of the integration wlogy. Low appreciation from the administrators of teachers' attempts Ħ the classroom context (Yildiz,

### I The Results

We purposefully select the full-time EFL teachers and faculty members to province. The list of the teachers' contact information used from the National Education Department of Gorontalo Proving Investigator is also request permission from the head of National Department of Gorontalo Province to conduct this study by usually teachers in Gorontalo province as the participants.

The participants of this research consist of 7 Middle school EFL town 8 High School EFL teachers. This research also involved about 60% English Department faculty members who attended a Departments' minimum for curriculum workshop on 12-14 June 2014. The data for this research gained from Focus Group Discussion. The data are gained to know teachers perspectives towards the integration of technology in the curriculum in Teacher Education Program.

The availability of technology equipment is one of the requirement integrating technology in EFL curriculum. When asked to overview school's computer facilities, all participants mentioned that their school language laboratory, but minus computers, because computers were only for administration purposes. The computers provided in school multilized for EFL instructions. Teachers are rarely used computer in toward and learning process because the limited access to school's computer in school, one computer in language laboratory is shared with subject than English, they can only use it once in a month, in this case the toward prepare to use their own laptop. One participant mentioned that though the computers are provided in his school but it was not supposed with a stable electricity supply.

The participant's familiarity with technology is explored by asking with the kind of software they use in their teaching process and whether use the Internet in the teaching and learning process. All participants that the software that they mostly used is power point and other Microsoftice. They often use video and games downloaded from the Internet the limited access to the Internet in schools, the teachers said that they using the Internet in the classroom. The Internet is used when they was access outside school to prepare for their teaching materials. One participant mentioned that he encouraged his students to use their smart phone them with online dictionary. The teacher also said that he used social especially face book to help him teaching. He further explained that they account. On the other hand, two other participants argued that they have account. On the other hand, two other participants argued that they have account. On the other hand, two other participants argued that they have never used the Internet in the classroom because the internet account.

Introducting technology into EFL curriculum requires analyzing the lembhology literacy of the students. In this research the participant the discuss their students' technological literacy. What surprising us millicipants argued that most of their students have a minimum leve unlood and in the students' homes. Students' technological literacy dispends on their access to technology. However, these students while the send email, use social media, and browsing the Internet, allow was clearly seen when her students are introduced to use

technological literacy compared to their students'. Almost lively students. We asked each of them to tell us their experience. Compant said that he was inspired to use face book in his teaching becaute who group for their class. Another participant said that he has a lively who is excelled in computer programming whom he seek for he lively students in this research know how to use one dictionary, who was in this research know how to use one dictionary, where the participants of this research, are still using manufacture.

How as digital natives, it is not a surprising that these students that their teachers. When asked their feeling about this fact, allow wished that they are very proud of their students, but most of their wished that they have more or at least the same level as the surprising teachnology can help them ease their teaching and learn like in help them motivate their students to learn English. It can allow the increase their proficiency in English and in teaching English allows of accessing teaching materials online, keeping up with the landspinent of curriculum, and helping them with the hustle of gradulum and students' works.

The participants deplore the fact that it is a little bit late for them to le

her school's area, not to mention the Internet access

Another participant said that even the cellphone network is not available

use technology in teaching English, because it was not handle undergraduate level; thus, integrating the technology subject in curriculum in Undergraduate Program for English Education Program is significant.

Integrating technology in EFL curriculum can be done by deslarming course to be taught in English Education Department. The participants asked to mention what should be taught in the course by double syllabus. The following lists are mentioned by the participants:

- How to teach text types using media
- How to design a lesson plan with the integration of technology
- Netiquette
- Using smart phone in EFL teaching
- How to use a multimedia Power point
- How to access and evaluate teaching materials online
- How to use some EFL related software
- How to detect students' plagiarism
- How to range a level of difficulties for students' assignments, and tests
- How to automatically assess students' assignment

These lists will be used to design the technology course that will integrated in EFL curriculum in Teachers Education Program of Hall Education Department of Universitas Negeri Gorontalo.

### 7. Recommendation and Implication

The integration of technology in the teaching and learning processential to support the digital natives. The classroom needs to provide environment and atmosphere that will allow students to create and their knowledge, share and collaborate with their peers who are not only their in-class group, but also from around the world (Warschauer, 2000).

Thus, if in the teaching and learning process, teachers can only put the students with content, fact, formulas, theories, stories, and informathen, the role of teachers is obsolete, because students nowadays can

It and smartphone. This means that teachers are no longer the main knowledge, instead, teacher is a filter by helping students to find a long adequate sources based on the curriculum under focus.

have a certain level of technology literacy in order to be able to teach multives, and Higher education institution plays an important role limit. The model of technology integration into EFL curriculum in uducation program to prepare teachers to teach in 21st century.

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### **Ibstract**

Lifelong learning has be modern times and in the increasingly knowledge-OECD and UNESCO for and pedagogy in many consespecially as far as praidisciplines. In the contapplications of lifelong learning will be learning programs, a strategies/activities and students with the use of learning skills.

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### L Definition of lifelong

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