

Mobile Applications for Language Education in the Pacific

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Abstract

The rapid developments and usage of mobile apps worldwide prompts the idea of producing a mobile app particularly for language education. This study shows the development of a basic language education app to assist learners who are interested in learning some of the Pacific Languages. Most islanders living abroad cannot speak their native languages fluently especially the young children. Nowadays, nearly every person has access to mobile devices and it is not only a tool for communication but for learning. In this study, we used the Android platform to design and build a simple language app which is then implemented and tested. It is then released for distribution subsequently for users to download. The evaluation will be based on the user's feedback and reviews after they used the app. Positive results were expected and were also achieved. Many users are interested in these mobile applications and are requesting more features to be added. This is taken as further consideration and will be another extended project to improve future mobile learning in the Pacific.

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