Study on Educational Advantages of Using Internet in Higher Education

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Abstract

Internet becomes a basic need especially for the young generation. There are various advantages and disadvantages of using internet. Research problem of this study is; do undergraduates attempt to get the educational advantages of using internet in higher education? And to what extent do undergraduates get the benefits of using internet in their higher education? The main purpose of the study is to identify the educational advantages of using internet in higher education. For the study sample of 125 undergraduates from the Department of Business Management, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka were selected. Relevant data were gathered through conducting direct discussions with the particular respondents. Even though it was very time consuming, it was possible to get more reliable and correct information from the particular participant. Findings suggest that, among the several educational advantages of using internet, powerful tool in e-learning, allows students to read the latest news on certain subjects, and eliminate the barriers for handicapped students who may have trouble getting to a library as most important educational advantages. However, a majority of the students do not get the educational advantages of using internet because of inadequate awareness. So finally it is recommended that the relevant authorities of the universities must take steps on conducting some awareness programs on getting the educational advantages of using internet in higher education. Since majority of the students use internet for social and entertainment purpose it is high time to conduct relevant programs on how to get the educational advantages through use of internet in higher education.

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