
An Empirical Study to Understanding Students Continuance Intention Use of Multimedia Online Learning

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to assess students' ongoing intentions towards online multimedia learning such as perceived usefulness, ease of use, and flow experience. The sample of this study was 523 students who used off-campus/online learning resources and examined the content of online learning resources and their multimedia aspects. The Extended of Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) was used to predict students' continuing intentions. The results showed that students' intentions were positively influenced by their perceived usefulness, ease of use, and flow experience. It is suggested that the designer of multimedia online learning should be more specific in determining the target users to receive and cultivate a more positive sustainable intention.

Keywords: Multimedia online learning; TAM; Continuance intention;

1. Introduction

Online learning is one of the new learning paradigms and is becoming the most prospective and growing rapidly today [1-4]. With its rapid growth, online learning providers have produced and designed many competing learning template models such as Moodle, Edmodo, whiteboard system, etc. To proactively achieve learning objectives and design interventions (teacher training, user orientation, student assessment and evaluation, etc.), it is important for designers and managers of online learning to understand how to attract the attention of users who may be less interested in adopting and using online learning systems.

Because students are the end users of the online learning system, learning designers need interesting media to convey the learning content provided by the supervisor or lecturer. Students' attention to the lesson, for example, can be maintained by providing menus and tools for communication channels, discussion forums, message boards, and chat rooms. To be effective and useful for students, the content of the lesson determined by the mentor or lecturer must be interpreted by multimedia specialists in an interesting, economical and communicative way. Thus, multimedia not only serves as a means of communication but also increases student learning motivation, attention and leads to student success [5].

The extent to which a person believes that using a particular system will improve student activity performance is called perceived usefulness [6]. In the past few years, many studies have revealed that perceived usefulness as well as ease of use (the degree to which one believes that using a particular system will be effort-free) are important factors in IT/IS adoption. Perceived usefulness in the TAM model initially refers to work-related productivity, performance, and effectiveness [6]. Moreover, perceived usefulness is an example of an extrinsic motive.

Another finding confirms that there is also an intrinsic motive called flow experience (Flow Theory). [7] It was noted that flow experience was associated with positive subjective experience and exploratory behavior. This state of flow often occurs in the various types of interactions involved in the context of online learning or Internet surfing.

In addition, the flow of experience, characteristics, and individual experiences of students can also influence online multimedia learning behavior. [8] Considering individual differences as an important factor in consumer acceptance of new information technology products or services.

Referring to the findings of previous studies above, it is necessary to modify and expand TAM by considering individual differences. Assessment of student activity in using online learning multimedia and the proposed TAM [9] are expected to better explain students' intentions to continue using online multimedia learning resources.

2. Hypotheses and Research Model

2.1. Technology acceptance model (TAM)

Among a number of theoretical models used to explain individual acceptance, adoption, and use of information technology/systems, TAM is the most popular because it can predict user behavior or perceptions, and determines usability and ease of use as key factors. [10-11].

TAM is derived or generated from Theory of Reasoned Action (TRA). According to TAM, IT/IS user adoption is influenced by perceived usefulness and ease of use. Perceived usefulness is defined as the degree to which a person believes that using a particular system will be free of effort.

In relation to the effectiveness of TAM, empirical studies were carried out by several scholars to investigate the relationship between student behavior, multimedia learning content and multimedia learning systems [12-14]. Their findings suggest that congruence between student characteristics and multimedia technology results in greater enjoyment while experiential influences may moderate behavioral effects. Other empirical studies have confirmed that there are several other key factors in the TAM model such as consumer age, gender, and experience [15-17].

It is specifically mentioned that perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use positively affect consumers' intention to use the Internet. This means that the intuitive user interface can make their job easier and therefore do the job more efficiently. Many studies have also shown that perceived ease of use is likely to increase perceived usefulness [18] [15]. This relationship has been further supported by extended TAM [8] [6] [19] [20] [21] [10] [22]. Thus, the following hypothesis is proposed:

H1: Students' perceived ease of use (SPE) has a positive effect on students' continuance intentions (SCI).

H2: Student Perceived usefulness (SPU) has a positive effect on student continuance intention (SCI).

H3: Students' perception of ease of use (SPE) has a positive effect on students' perceptions of usefulness (SPU).

2.2. Flow Experience

The concept of flow experience which was first proposed by [23] is used as a benchmark to determine an experience in accessing information systems. The flow of experience, is also a representation of a person's perception and experience of the use of information systems. This will give encouragement to someone involved in the system to limit themselves to every activity that exists. [24] Says that flow experience is developed and can be measured and analyzed so that flow experience affects customer satisfaction and a person's behavior in the future.

In online activities, internet users will get a different experience. This will have the impact that internet users must master their own environment as well to get a good experience [25].

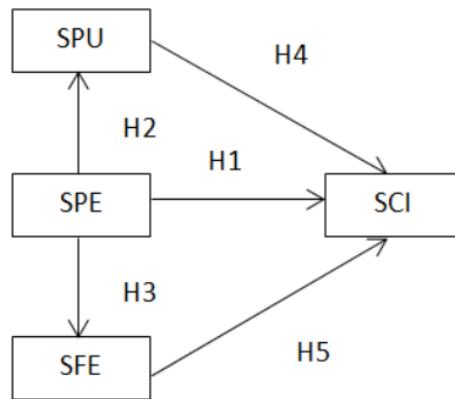
In another study it was explained that comfort and concentration are the two most important factors in the flow experience [26]. In another study [7] explained that the ease of flow of experience is an important positive factor for e-mail users. [25] also showed that the flow experience and perceived comfort for the user have a strong relationship. Therefore, we hypothesize:

H4: Student perceived ease of use (SPE) has a positive effect on student flow experience (SFE).

In another study, flow experience can be used to analyze and predict a person's sustainability and intention to carry out online activities [25]. Therefore, we hypothesize:

H5: Student flow experience (SFE) has a positive effect on student continuance intention (SCI).

From the above explanation, we synthesize the related constructs and propose a research model to explain and predict students' continuance intention towards online multimedia learning adoption (as shown in Figure 1).



Figures. 1. Hypotheses Development and Research Model

Notes: Student perceived usefulness (SPU), Student perceived ease of use (SPE), Student flow experience (SFE), Student continuing intent (SCI).

3. Research Method

3.1. Instrument Design

Empirical data were collected through a questionnaire. They are divided into two parts of the user's personal information; age, education, occupation, experience of using multimedia online learning and frequency of use, and theoretical construction of the proposed model to measure user perceptions of continued use of multimedia online learning. A questionnaire with a seven-point Likert scale was distributed to 523 students from January 20, 2016 to April 15, 2016.

The construction and source scale items are: Continue intention: four items adapted from [27] [28]. Ease of use and perceived usefulness: both of the four items were slightly modified from [29] and [30] Experience flow: four items were adopted from [25].

3.2. Sampling Method

The research used a purposive sampling method as there were 523 valid samples taken from online learning students. Respondents must have a qualification that has participated or are participating in multimedia online learning to facilitate improved external validity. (as shown in Table 1).

Tables. 1. Present the Demographics of the Respondents

Characteristics of the subjects	Number	%
Gender		
Male	321	61.38
Female	202	38.62
Age		
Under 20 years	120	22.94
20-25 years of age	300	57.36
27-33 years old	103	19.69
Education		
High school	120	22.94
Under graduate students	300	57.36
Graduate students	103	19.69
Experiences		
6 Months	120	22.94
1 Year	300	57.36
More than 1 year	103	19.69

4. Results

4.1. Outer model

In PLS, the relationship between indicators and latent constructs is referred to as the outer model [31]. To test the reliability of each existing construction (construct item) required Cronbach and composite reliability with a construction value of 0.7 or more, which means that the existing construction is acceptable and reliable. Table 2 shows that Factor Loads and reliability tests are in accordance with predetermined indicators. To test the construct validity, in this study two methods were used, namely the convergent validity test and the discriminant validity test. As the theory put forward by [32] which states that a construction can be declared convergent validity if the load factor value on each indicator has a value greater than 0.5, and the average extracted variance (AVE) value is greater than 0.5, and the composite reliability value is greater than 0.7. Table 2 shows that all constructs are in accordance with the theory proposed by [32].

Furthermore, to test the discriminant validity, the formula is used that the square root of the AVE must be greater than the correlation coefficient of the construction [33]. In Table 3 and Table 4, each of the existing constructs is in accordance with the validity test criteria.

Table. 2. Reliability Analysis and Convergent Validity

Construct	Measurement item	Factor loading/coefficient	Cranach's Alpha	AVE	Composite Reliability
SCI	SCI1	0.860	0.922	0.762	0.941
	SCI2	0.862			
	SCI3	0.932			
	SCI4	0.821			
	SCI5	0.887			
SFE	SFE1	0.862	0.917	0.750	0.938
	SFE2	0.854			
	SFE3	0.825			
	SFE4	0.904			
	SFE5	0.884			
SPE	SPE1	0.886	0.945	0.819	0.958
	SPE2	0.920			
	SPE3	0.913			
	SPE4	0.876			
	SPE5	0.930			
SPU	SPU1	0.863	0.915	0.746	0.936
	SPU2	0.848			
	SPU3	0.820			
	SPU4	0.903			
	SPU5	0.882			

Notes: Student perceived usefulness (SPU), Student perceived ease of use (SPE), Student flow experience (SFE), Student continuing intent (SCI).

Tables. 3. Correlation Matrix

	SCI	SFE	SPE	SPU
SCI	0.873			
SFE	0.813	0.866		
SPE	0.805	0.877	0.905	
SPU	0.812	0.807	0.816	0.864

Note: Student perceived usefulness (SPU), Student perceived ease of use (SPE), Student flow experience (SFE) Student continues intention (SCI).

4.2. Common method variance testing

In each study using the questionnaire survey method, the main problem found by researchers is the problem of common method variance (CMV). This happened because some people who responded to the questionnaire were less serious. Based on suggestions [34], in this study we designed a questionnaire that had gone through a rigorous process, where we designed a questionnaire based on the advice of experts in the field of information systems and learning systems, then we used journal references that had good credibility, and the last one was pre-test. -test to modify the semantics of the questionnaire. In addition to the Harman single factor test, we used the CMV presence test [35]. The basic assumption of the Harman single factor test is that CMV is confirmed when one factor can explain most of the covariance of the variables present. From the test results, it is known that these factors fail to explain 50% of the existing variance, meaning that the existing questionnaire does not indicate the presence of CMV.

4.3. Inner Model

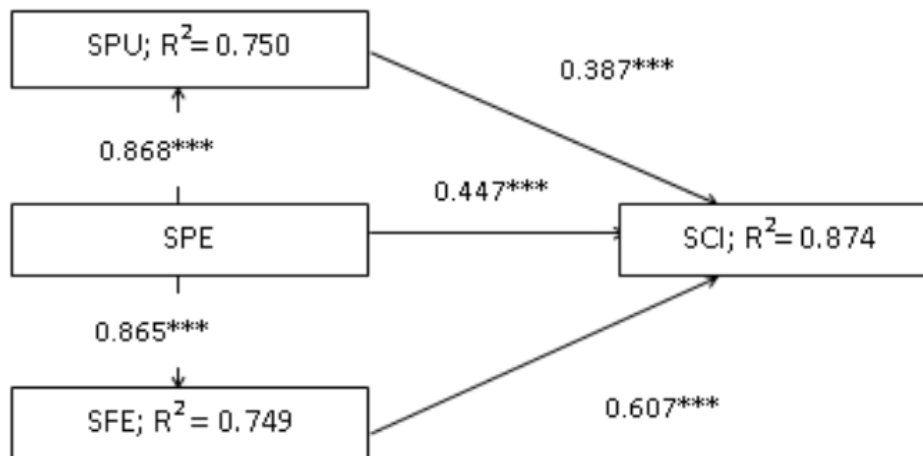
Determining the structure of the path between the PLS is called inner construction model. To examine the results of the significance of hypotheses, the reference value used is the t-value, and the results of hypothesis can be seen in Table 3 and Figure 2. From these displays, five hypotheses formulated in the research were answered.

Tables. 4. Summary of Hypothesis Testing Results

Hypothesis	Path	Standardized path coefficient	t-value	Supported
H1	SPE -> SCI	0.447***	4.520	Yes
H2	SPE -> SPU	0.868***	13.279	Yes
H3	SPE -> SFE	0.765***	11.398	Yes
H4	SPU -> SCI	0.509***	1.260	Yes
H5	SFE -> SCI	0.607***	1.811	Yes

Note1: **p-value < 0.01; ***p-value < 0.001.

Note2: Student perceived usefulness (SPU), Student perceived ease of use (SPE), Student flow experience (SFE), Student continued intent (SCI).



Figures. 2. Inner Model and Path Coefficient

Note1: **p-value < 0.01; ***p-value < 0.001.

Note2: Student perceived usefulness (SPU), Student perceived ease of use (SPE), Student flow experience (SFE), Student continuing intent (SCI).

4.4. Mediating effects

Path analysis only shows the direct effect of the variables. To assess indirect or mediating effects, the four pathways shown in Table 5 were tested using the Sobel Test, Aroian Test and Goodman Test. The test results in Table 5 are all significant, indicating that student flow experience (SFE) and student perceived usefulness (SPU) mediate the effects of other variables as expected.

Tables. 5. Mediation Effects Testing

Constructs	Construct relationships	T-value of path coefficients	Sobel test's z-value	Aroian test	Goodman test
SPE-SPU-SCI	SPE -> SPU	13.279	1.254**	1.251**	1.258**
	SPU -> SCI	1.260			
SPE-SFE-SCI	SPE -> SFE	11.398	1.789**	1.782**	1.795**
	SFE -> SCI	1.811			

Note1: **p-value < 0.01; ***p-value < 0.001.

Note2: Student perceived usefulness (SPU), Student perceived ease of use (SPE), Student flow experience (SFE), Student continuing intent (SCI).

5. Discussion, Conclusion and Future Works

5.1. Discussion

Effects of students' perceived ease of use on students' continuation intentions (H1)

The results showed that students' perceived ease of use (SPE) had a significant effect on students' continuing intentions towards online multimedia learning (SCI). [16] It was found that perceived ease of use is an important factor in the early stages of system use. The importance of ease of use can affect students' understanding of web content. As a result, students will increase motivation for learning activities.

The effect of students' perceived usefulness on sustained intention (H2)

The results showed that the benefits felt by students directly influenced students' intention to continue. This is in line with the findings mentioned by [10] and [22] that perceived usefulness is more important than perceived ease of use in predicting acceptance of new technologies. To improve the usefulness of online learning multimedia, it is important that online learning providers have an accurate understanding of user needs and design appropriate multimedia content.

The effect of students' perceived ease of use on perceived usefulness (H3)

This study has confirmed that students' perceived ease of use has a positive effect on students' perceived usefulness, consistent with the findings of most studies of the extended TAM model. The ease of use of students also has a direct effect on students' intentions to continue online multimedia learning. This finding is consistent with previous research on hedonic information systems [20]. Therefore, online learning providers are advised to design multimedia interfaces, content and interactions that are very easy to use and follow, especially for new students.

Effects of student perceived ease of use on flow experience (H4)

From the analysis it is explained that the ease of use felt by students has a positive effect on the experience of student flow. In other words, online learning multimedia that can be used easily has an impact on students in controlling their activities quickly and easily and for learning. This is part of the flow experience. Student flow experience is a theory that describes the relationship between human activities and computers, which is a process in which a person explores information systems in detail. This experience will have an impact on one's satisfaction and one's feelings to carry out further exploration of information systems [25].

The importance of students' perceived ease of use has been discussed previously through its indirect effect on students' perceived usefulness. This has a similar indirect effect through flow experiences as discussed below.

The effect of students' flow experience on students' continuation intentions (H5)

From our research we conclude that the experience of student flow has a positive effect on the continuing intention of online multimedia learning. In a previous study [7] suggested that flow experience is a feeling that arises from human-computer interaction. During this period students will learn and interact through online multimedia systems, this will result in new experiences for students. Therefore, the experience of student flow has a direct impact on students' behavior towards multimedia online learning and also determines the intention to continue using. In another study [25] identified that flow experience has been an important predictor of online systems.

5.2. Conclusion

It is very important to understand the factors that determine students' continuing intention in online multimedia learning. This study has found that positive student perceived benefits, student ease of use and student flow experience all have positive effects on students' continuance intentions. The larger the indicators correspond to the higher the intention to sustain. This study found a positive effect on students' perceived usefulness, and students' perceived ease of use on students' flow experiences. Significant results of student perceived benefit and student flow experience were obtained in most of the relationships as expected. Significant results were found in all relationships as expected. Since the researcher used an online questionnaire, there may be some bias in the answers given by students who do not use multimedia content often.

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