

THE ROLE OF THE INTERNET IN MODERN EDUCATION

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This work tackles different aspects of using Internet in education.

Internet is a vital tool for students in 21st century because of the following reasons:

1) It promotes students' independent learning

Practically, anything you need to know can be found on-line. There is a question of the data and source credibility, but it can still serve as an educational resource for students. Without help from parents and teachers, students can just look up their lessons online. Unlike regular textbooks, electronic books and web-based content are updated on real-time basis, feeding students with the most current information. Hence, helping them become more knowledgeable even outside the classroom. [1]

2) Online libraries

Online libraries play a very important role in education. They make it possible to find the rarest books, which gives students the opportunity to get all the necessary information without leaving home. [2]

3) Improving the quality of education

With resources more accessible and in great abundance, the cost of textbooks is likely to decrease. Students may no longer need to buy a textbook, if it is converted for educational purposes, the Internet can be used: as a source of additional information to improve knowledge and implement educational projects; teachers - when preparing for lessons, as well as a source of regulatory and organizational information. [3]

4) Distance learning

Information technologies have brought new tools and ways of learning to the educational space. First of all, it concerns distance education, which is becoming increasingly popular today. The difference between distance education and other forms of education is that it provides an individual lesson plan. A certain teacher works with each distance-learning student. He or she gives the student advice, checks tests and work, helps prepare for exams. The communication between them is carried out on-line. Study materials the student receives in electronic form. In addition, the student can choose the sequence of study of disciplines and the speed of work. [1]

The Internet is a vital tool in 21st century as explained above although it may result in a lack of interest in studying, as everything is accessible online or through data saved in a computer or mobile devices. Integrating technology in education has its advantages and disadvantages, but proper implementation might help keep the drawbacks to a minimum. Better planning is necessary. [4]

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