Encourage Students' Perseverance with Badges



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Overview



Gamification is the use of game design elements in non-game contexts [1]. One of contexts is education that has widely adopted gamified techniques on student engagement. There are a wide variety of techniques, such as points, leaderboards, direct competitions, stickers or badges. Badges is one of awarding tools that can stimulate student learning [2, 3]. To leverage students' learning, this research explored badge awarding which is held on lab session.

Aims and Objectives

- To stimulate student's learning
- To encourage students to do lab practices correctly
- To indicate which students have been trained on specific tasks





Activity

Target Group: 3rd year students in IT program at Walailak university in 2019

Tool: Moodle (https://elearning.wu.ac.th)

course trophy (1) Break a lab practice into 10 stepping milestones For each milestone,

- (2) Design and define badges
- (3) Build a rubric score for badge achievement
- (4) Award badges to students who can pass the criteria
- (5) Give feedback to students and mark their progress along the way
- (6) Give trophies to students who scored the goal







Outcome

- More perseverance in doing tasks students completing the training in a timely manner
- Do tasks more accurately students have good score
- No absent or late because students do not want to miss a badge



Impact: Some Quotes from Students







Future Development of Project

Digital badges system as viable alternative learning credentials [2, 3]

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