

# IMPORTANCE OF TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTES AND DISTRIBUTION OF NEW EDUCATION: A CRITICAL STUDY

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### Abstract

Higher education institutions (HEIs) are experiencing a fast transition as a result of external causes such as developing technology in a world where perpetual change and innovation are the norm. The rapid pace of technological advancement in the field of education is a significant factor influencing the strategy and growth of educational distribution instruments in HEIs. This has consequences for academic practise, stakeholder getting of new technology, also HEI organizational assemblies, among other things. Nevertheless, there is no information regarding use of cutting-edge educational technology in HEI settings, especially in regards to divergent stakeholder opinions on the effectiveness of skill in teaching and learning. This literature review addresses this deficiency by examining the findings and conclusions of 46 empirical research papers that examine the challenges associated with implementing technology across a wide variety of institutional settings, subject areas, technologies, also participant outlines. Findings from research indicate that hypothetical outlines pertinent to technology combination in academic practises, metrics to device post-implementation achievement, and the perspectives of stakeholders on the efficacy of technology combination conclusions are all crucial dimensions for developing effective pathways to instructive skill application. In order to facilitate the creation of effective implementation strategies, this research provides a framework that incorporates the following five factors: knowhow, participant insights, theoretical discipline, achievement measures, besides theoretical outlines. Decision-makers at HEIs who are tasked with re-engineering intricate sequence distribution schemes in order to include emerging knowhows as well educations in conducts that optimise their value to students and teachers would benefit from this research.

Keywords – Higher Education Institutions (HEI'S), Technological Advancement, Decision Makers .

### Introduction

Effective and efficient management of technology is essential to the continued success of educational institutions at all levels. Some of the most salient reasons why technology management in higher education is so crucial to the dissemination of cutting-edge knowledge are as follows:

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Improvements in the Classroom: Online learning platforms are made possible by technological advancements, giving students universal access to instructional materials. Multimedia and interactive material integration improves the educational experience and increases student engagement and retention.

Organisational Effectiveness: The use of technology has allowed for the automation of formerly labor-intensive and prone to mistake admissions, registration, grading, and scheduling processes. Effective data storage and management systems simplify the administration of administrative data such as student records and faculty profiles. Cooperation on a Global Scale: Technology has facilitated international cooperation and exchange programmes, broadening students' horizons beyond their local communities. Tools for online collaboration allow students and teachers to collaborate on projects even when they are in different locations.

Customised Instruction: Technology facilitates the introduction of adaptive learning systems that modify their instruction to meet the specific requirements of each learner. In order to analyse student performance and make data-driven choices to improve teaching techniques, educational technology delivers data analytics tools. Studying and Creating New Things: sophisticated Research Tools: Technology offers researchers with sophisticated tools and resources for data analysis, modelling, and collaboration, supporting creativity and cutting-edge research. Possession of Means: Researchers now have access to an unprecedented trove of scholarly materials because to the proliferation of online databases, journals, and collaborative platforms.

Education for the Professions: Technology has made it possible to provide courses and training programmes online, enabling employees to maintain a high level of professional development without having to relocate. Webinars and other forms of online conferencing have made it possible for teachers to engage in professional development opportunities without leaving their classrooms. Building Up the System: Investment in digital infrastructure, including high-speed internet, strong networks, and up-to-date hardware, is essential for providing uninterrupted online teaching and management.

Dissemination of Innovative Teaching Methods: A more adaptable and engaging learning environment may be achieved via the use of blended learning models, which are made possible with the help of technological advancements. Technology supports microlearning strategies, which divide large amounts of material into smaller, more manageable chunks that students may study whenever they choose. Competitiveness, improved educational results, and student preparation for the needs of a quickly expanding globalised world all depend on good technology management in higher education institutions. When new technologies are introduced into higher education, new educational models emerge, giving teachers and students more options for how and when they study.

# Literature Review

In recent years, there has been a rise in the acceptance and use of instructional technology at institutions of higher learning. Januszewski and Molenda (2008) define instructional technology

as "the scientific as well as moral practise of promoting education and enhancing achievement by developing, implementing, and supervising suitable technology-related procedures and instruments". In this case, the Association for Educational Communications and Technology provides the explanation. EdTech, which stands for "educational technology," is the application of computing resources to instructional environments with the aim of enhancing learning and performance outcomes.

It is worth mentioning, nevertheless, that incorporating EdTech in higher education is not devoid its obstacles (Cabaleiro-Cervio & Vera, 2020; Laufer et al., 2021). Consequently, it is crucial for HEIs to carefully weigh the pros and cons of deploying these kinds of innovations prior to doing so. According to Peters et al. (2014), investigating elements including the many parties concerned, the setting, and the techniques that might aid with execution is part of "academic research into issues regarding adoption". Research on implementation also examines the efficacy of current pedagogical practises by probing the "What are we doing?" question. A status update, please. I mean, why? When, where, and what method? If so, why? Century and Cassata (2016), p. 169. Measures of 'acceptability, adoption, appropriateness, practicality, fidelity, implementing expenses, protection, and longevity' (Peters et al., 2013) are often used to assess the achievements or success of the execution activities. As a consequence, our research questions focused on how the strategy performed in practise.

Stress and anxiety (Fernandez-Batanero et al., 2021) and e-leadership (Arnold & Sangrà, 2018); acceptance (Grani & Marangunia, 2019); efficiency (Delgado et al., 2015); as well as imaginative thinking (Henriksen et al., 2021) are just some of the areas that have been studied in literature reviews about EdTech in the past decade. This study fills this need by doing both a quantitative evaluation of the available research on EdTech installations at HEIs and an in-depth examination of factors such as location, field of study, way of gathering data, technological advances, and procedure. We utilised the PRISMA technique to compile the appropriate literature, and NVIVO to thematically classify the qualitative information. We aren't going to be delving into the specifics of any one piece of technological advances, but rather exploring the field of EdTech as a whole.

Here is how the rest of the paper is laid out. The methods used in this investigation are described in the next section. In the next section, both tabular and graphical representations of the findings are provided. The qualitative analysis that follows describes the coding system arrived at via inductive iteration on the selected articles. After that, a short debate and a framework for the future of EdTech in HEIs are offered. Finally, the limits are discussed, and a summary is presented, in the conclusion.

# **Objectives of the study**

1. Investigating the utilization of technology management tools within higher education institutes to understand the diverse strategies employed for efficient administration.

2. Assessing the perspectives of various stakeholders in the higher education sector regarding the adoption and impact of emerging administrative software, thereby gauging the significance of incorporating new educational technologies.

## **Research methodology**

Implementation studies with an exploratory orientation, such as those studying the use of EdTech at higher institutions, could benefit from a detailed assessment of relevant past research. Therefore, we combine the best features of narrative and systematic methods to literature reviews. This hybrid method utilises a descriptive narrative strategy to conduct the review, allowing the primary findings and concepts to take centre stage, and a systematic search method to identify both included and excluded criteria for the choosing of the literature.

Boolean operators (And, Or, and Not) allowed for a wide variety of keyword combinations. When possible, truncation and wildcarding were utilised instead of the platform-specific lemmatization and stemming tools. One author conducted a search of academic databases in January of 2023. After initially searching for relevant articles on the selected databases, we came up with 234 results. Eighty-one were left off the list because they were either duplicates, PDFs couldn't be found, the authors weren't listed, or the articles weren't written in English. After that, we manually reviewed the remaining names to ensure they were legitimate members of the intended demographic. All of the work was considered, not just the abstract or the title or the keywords. Another author checked the search to double-check its correctness and reduce the likelihood of bias. These two researchers used the inclusion and exclusion criteria to identify which publications were relevant. In the end, 46 papers were included. More information regarding the screening technique is presented in Figure 1.

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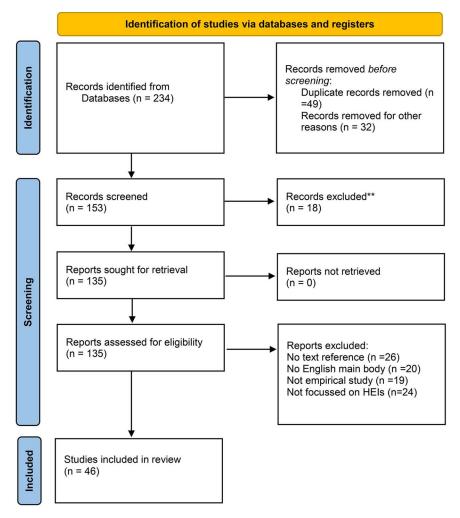


Fig. 1 PRISMA flow diagram portraying presence/prohibiting procedures for object assortment.

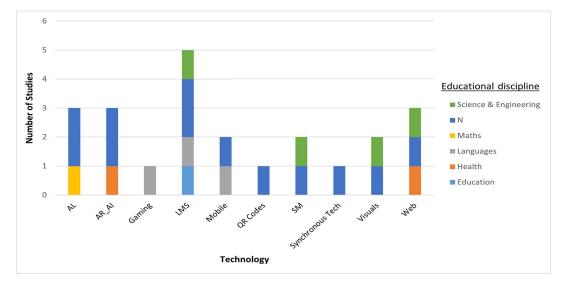


Fig. 2 Circulation of knowledges by correction emphasis.

## **Technology-based instruction**

In this part, we will discuss the five categories of technology that emerged from our study: learning management systems (LMSs) and associated technologies, communicating knowhows, imagining besides mobile knowhows, web-based gears, and social media. The research was considered according to the primary technology addressed in each publication. The imagining and mobile knowhows groups remained included in the conversation since some research absorbed on imagining approaches that employed moveable mobile strategies.

Teaching techniques and methods in LMS contexts were too reviewed by Tsai (2015), who cautioned that conventional education approaches can lead to inacceptable outcomes when practical to online distribution modalities. Massive open online courses (MOOCs) are similar to LMSs in that they are also accessible online. Massive open online courses (MOOCs) are online detachment education programmes that welcome an infinite number of students from anywhere in the biosphere with an internet assembly. The effectiveness of massive open online courses (MOOCs) as perceived by its users was investigated. Comparing mixed delivery to conventional classroom instruction revealed no significant differences in learning efficacy. However, research on the efficiency of massive open online courses (MOOC) for teaching foreign languages found that the success of MOOCs is affected by two factors: the availability of the internet and the students' mental state.

## **Collaborative instruments**

According to our taxonomy, "interactive educational technologies" are those that promote student engagement via the use of digital learning materials. A evaluation of audience reaction to the system T1-Nspire, which lets learners to express their comprehension of mathematical principles via an accessible displaying tool; a study of the use of concurrent online learning circumstances; and a study looking into the use of a web-based supply- again device that improves students' the capacity to get and indicate on peer and teacher reactions regarding assigned assignments all address problems corresponding to the use of collaborative resources that enable the sharing of knowledge in the classroom. Three separate studies have shown that student learning may be enhanced when students have access to tools that promote collaboration and the exchange of ideas.

# **Opinions from relevant parties**

When assessing how innovative technologies affect instructional methods, there are a wide range of stakeholder concerns to take into account. Students, instructors, educational institutions, material suppliers, accrediting organisations, and businesses are the primary stakeholders in elearning. Our analysis found that classroom teachers and students were the most common informants on the efficacy of EdTech, followed by business leaders and policymakers. We have categorised and aggregated the perspectives of research examining stakeholder views of the efficacy of EdTech in terms of overarching facilitators, obstacles, and difficulties to its implementation, which we describe below. The obtainability of proper practical assistance in addition mobile device convenience to LMS systems are also key implementors of student adoption of knowhow in flipped-classroom contexts. Self-directed learning is a major tenet of flipped classroom models, and the widespread accessibility of technological advancements like mobile phones is crucial to this goal. Appropriate pedagogical methods are also contributing to the widespread use of EdTech. Pedagogies linked with employing EdTech in sequence distribution were recognised as the key driver of application achievement in a research on manipulating influences to embrace technology-enhanced learning in medical schools.

Different Problems Future-looking HEI EdTech implementation calls for stakeholder participation to shape plans and strategies to overcome significant implementation obstacles. Higher education institutions (HEIs) are intricate learning ecosystems with distinct problems that need for systemic solutions supported by sound pedagogical practises fused within the delivery mechanisms of technology-enhanced course delivery architectures.

## Discussion

Methods used in the studies all reflect the researchers' interest in answering questions about implementation, such as those pertaining to the influence of various stakeholders, the impact of contextual factors, and the efficacy of various implementation strategies. However, it is also evident that better advice is required due to the diverse array of approaches.

# **Consequences for Higher Education Institutions:**

Our research revealed numerous considerations relevant to the difficult task of selecting an EdTech plan of action that would optimise relevance to various organisational participants, as was described above. To this end, we provide a framework (Fig. 3) that incorporates the perspectives of technology, stakeholders, educational punishment, performance measurements, as well as philosophical foundations to inform choices about EdTech deployment.



Fig. 3 Outline for EdTech application in HEIs

The technology element takes into account the functions and characteristics of feasible EdTech systems. This research paper focuses on the use of digital resources in education, including online educational management systems (LMSs), participatory technology, social networking sites, graphical tools, mobile devices, and online instruments. For the higher education institution (HEI) society to successfully integrate EdTech, input from stake holders is essential. The accessibility of sufficient technical assistance for cutting-edge technology is an example of an enabler; the failure of students and teachers to adjust to new methods without proper training is an example of a barrier; and the lack of accessible software choices which enable students to maximise the most of the freshly constructed facilities is an example of difficulties that may be identified by both students and teachers. The choice of educational technology (EdTech) is frequently contingent on the subject matter being taught.

## Conclusion

The decision-making process for integrating educational technology is intricate and multi-faceted, necessitating involvement from a wide range of stakeholders. When deciding how to incorporate new technologies into preexisting course delivery frameworks, HEIs must think about more than just the technical and pedagogical value of a technology of interest. They must also think about the acceptance of the technology by stakeholders, the difficulties of implementing the technology, the theoretical basis for using the technology, and the metrics by which the technology will be evaluated. This research reviewed empirical studies conducted over the last decade that probed EdTech implementation phenomena across a wide variety of subject areas, technological platforms, stakeholder groups, and institutional settings. This paper synthesises the views of stakeholders on EdTech execution with the investigator reports and academic performance indicators to identify prevalent technology in education, obstacles to execution, adoption structures, and assessment metrics which underpin successful utilisation of EdTech assets in complex HEI circumstances. Therefore, we provide a model for EdTech adaptation decision-making that considers five core elements (technologies, stakeholders beliefs, intellectual subject matter, evaluation metrics, and scientific foundations) when making EdTech decisions.

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