

SMART SCHOOL SYSTEM (S³)

(CASE STUDY: FOUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN TORORO DISTRICT)

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ABSTRACT

Students' continuous academic assessment over time and development of a general customizable computerized system framework for students' assessment are two interesting research areas that are given little attention in Uganda's secondary school institutions. Accurate and appropriate decision making by the school management and academic performance quality enhancement are both driven by accurate students' continuous assessment over time. A qualitative research done using observation, interviews and studying existing systems revealed that though a number of schools have embraced the use of automated report card systems, the concentration has been only on termly assessment and report production and development of specialized systems for individual schools. This project aims at the analysis, design and development of a web based computerized decision support system that assists its users to track the performance of students over time, view students' performance statistics in form of graphs and numerical information for accurate decision-making process. Apart from that, this project looks at also developing a general customizable computerized system that can be used by a wider number of institutions. This report booklet also looks at related researches, the extensions that would result into more powerful systems, advantages, challenges and limitations of the web-based system developed.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

CD	Compact Disk
CSS	Cascading Style Sheets
DSS	Decision Support Systems
ERD	Entity Relationship Diagram
HTML	Hypertext Markup Language
PHP	Hypertext pre-processor
SDLC	Systems Development Life Cycle
SIMS	School Information Management System
SQL	Structured Query Language
WWW	World Wide Web

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