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Utilization of Online Radio for Learning Media. Case study at Universitas Terbuka

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Abstract

Technology has created a revolution in the various sectors such as health, trade, government, and education as well. In educational sector, the use of educational technology will improve the quality of education, the amount of enrolment, and the ease of learners to follow the whole process of learning. Faced with the geographical conditions of the area which consists of various islands and diverse terrain textures, Indonesia requires innovation in the educational process. A qualitative research was conducted at Universitas Terbuka to explore a format design of online radio as one of learning media that can be followed by the students all over Indonesia. Collecting data using interviews with IT experts, Instructional design expert, literature studies and other supporting documents. The results showed that online radio has a highly flexible medium for students as well as tutors. The tutor has a chance to improve their learning material by sharing and discussing with another tutor based on their learning experiences. The students have a chance to learn a learning material from various learning materials given by another tutor from another tutorial classes, so that they can improve their understanding about their course materials. The students also has a chance to choose the tutorial class they like. Besides, they can communicate well with the UT's students all over Indonesia.

Keyword : online radio, learning media, disseminating of learning materials

1. Introduction

Advances in technology have revolutionized the systems and procedures of the transaction in all aspects of life. Technology through a variety of social activities, such as communication, information exchange faster scrolling. Similarly, transactions work faster and more efficiently. The advent of new communication technologies also creates changes in media, print media originally ranks first in the consumption of news / publications but is currently experiencing a shift in the print media quantity, community prefers electronic media / digital to enjoy a wide range of information including news.

In the world of education, technological advances also affect the organization of learning. Originally providing education that runs in the conventional, classroom-based and face-to-face has changed, that the transfer of science can do electronic / digital. The phenomenon of learning systems like this have been done on the various levels of education from primary school to university.

The Open University as a college long distance currently have implemented the concept of digital learning system, in which various materials learning materials accessible to students online.

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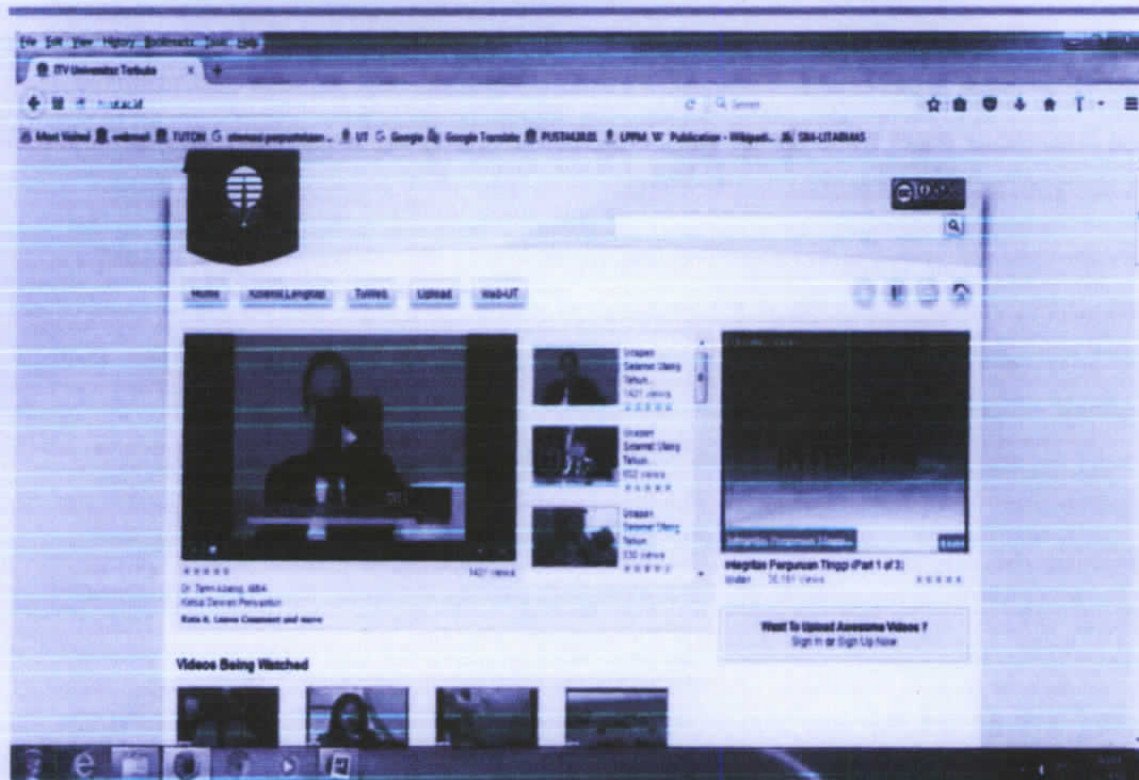
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Implementation of online learning base include online tutorials, lab cleaning. For an online tutorial activity students receive learning materials from teachers, complete the quiz, independent exercises and discussions. From the results of the survey on-line tutorial activities identified that 75% of the classes provided active student.

Distance education system used by UT using the duality system means that most systems use procedures manual, such as the implementation of tutorial-face organized only at regional offices (UPBJJ), registration for students who use the package curriculum that must be present for register at regional offices, the implementation of new student orientation, and other academic activities that can not be accommodated digitally. On the other hand academic activities are also conducted electronically as an online tutorial that applies to all of the courses that can be attended by students wherever they are, access to material the modules are packaged in a digital format that can be enjoyed on the menu in virtual reading room, teaching materials non-print consisting of multimedia-based material, dry lab, feature video, radio feature, CAI (computer assisted instruction).

Along with the development of technology, protocols for access to course materials is also changing, UT students can access the course materials more flexible. Printed teaching materials which also includes content-based audio, video, multimedia contained in the Open Source Learning (SUAKA-UT) shows that digital-based lecture material has pretty much been developed by UT and its presence is helping students understand the learning materials.

Here is the user interface facility non-print instructional materials contained video based on open learning resources (SUAKA-UT).



Facilities online learning resources that are listed in the portal UT (<http://www.ut.ac.id>) do not use a base-line radio / internet radio. In fact, from the media, radio has the advantage among others, (1) the coverage area, (2) the material can be repeated, (3) media prices relatively affordable, (4) for this type

of online radio is very flexible broadcast material can be adapted to the needs local students. (5) Radio as a medium has the ability to realize the education equity for the community.

Online radio or internet radio is one of the latest technological advances which have not been utilized by the UT as a medium to provide assistance to students in an effort to minimize the difficulty of accessing the learning materials contained in the portal UT UT-based video. This online radio is one of the flexible strategy can be used by UT students. The material adapted to the needs of students, as well as to directly interact with teachers.

With the characteristics of UT students are scattered bring understanding and accessing information about the concepts learned at UT are not the same. For students who are in urban areas easier access through electronic media and minimal barriers, a visit to the office of UT (Central, UPBJJ) too easily. On the other hand also found minimal UT students access to information from the UT both of side media information and location of residence to the office UT (Central, UPBJJ) far enough. Such a condition is affecting success in their learning process.

Through the medium of radio as one means of communication UT students can receive academic and administrative information. They can find out the schedule, which was held at UT's academic, administrative matters such as registration procedures, and materials are delivered via radio tutorial.

2. Research Purpose

The purpose of this study was to identify the learning radio profile and online radio design as a means of learning support for students Open University. In this paper has been prepared material to build the online radio.

3. Method

Research will be conducted with several approaches, which aspects need to easily receive distance learning material system, aspects of the availability of online radio as a means of distance learning and online aspects of the procedure for the use of radio communication media distance learning materials.

For the needs of input materials research study will be conducted the data collection to identify management especially learning material information required by UT students, characteristics and radio profiles, operating system oline radio, online radio performance and management.

Analysis in this study will be conducted using qualitative methods, to get the output in the form of recommendations online radio utilization as a resource that can be used to support distance learning system.

Research case study online radio use media as a means of learning at the Open University in view of the efforts that need to be done in order to provide equitable learning aid that is fair to all students of

UT. Outcomes of this research is the design of radio-online according to the characteristics of UT students.

4. Problems Formulation

1. What opportunities for the utilization of online radio for distance learning media?
2. How could the use of radio as a means of helping online learning for students?

5. Discussion

5.1. Function Digital Media For Higher Education Distance

Distance education has the characteristics:

- The separation of students by faculty
- The use of media as a means of student aid
- Students have the freedom to determine the course pursued
- Having a learning time flexibility

The Open University as a higher education distance very rely heavily on media as a means of giving learning aid for students. Open University (UT) media as an aid student learning consists of print media: material teaching materials (BMP) or modules, and teaching materials based electronics include teaching material non-print: lecture material-based multimedia, dray lab (virtual lab), the video feature , radio feature, cai (computer assisted instruction). This electronic-based -materi material gathered in an open learning resource database (SUAKA-UT). The source-source learning accessible to students free of charge. Meanwhile, to increase students' knowledge library reference or UT also provide learning resources that can be accessed internet technologies such as journals, research collection, -UT modules packaged electronics that can be enjoyed through the virtual reading room facility (RBV).

The use of technology in distance education has a very big role especially in the current era of technology, allows each student to learn at any time.

Research conducted by Safitri, heni and Herawati (2011) regarding the students 'perception of the use of virtual laboratory that focuses on the material practice on virtual laboratoium shown that with the use of technology that is in manifest into a virtual laboratory is able to cultivate students' interest and avoid saturation. This is because students require things that are interesting, new, and can be enjoyed when the students are learning.

Based on interviews with information technology experts, instructional design experts and student can be obtained the results as the table below.

Table 1. Interests of different stake holders

<i>Responden</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Opinion</i>
Students	Barriers to learning	restricted access
	Needs access to learning materials	Have many choices facilities / access in the learning process
<i>Information technology expert</i>	Long distance learning facilities	UT-based learning resources in Multimedia. Among others: Internet TV, Drylab, CAI. This facility felt still less to help students in learning
	Recomendation	Radio online presence is required to prov access to learning materials selection facilities.
<i>Instructional design experts</i>	The advantages of online radio	Radio online delivery of material can be repeat and learning materials can be customized needs local students

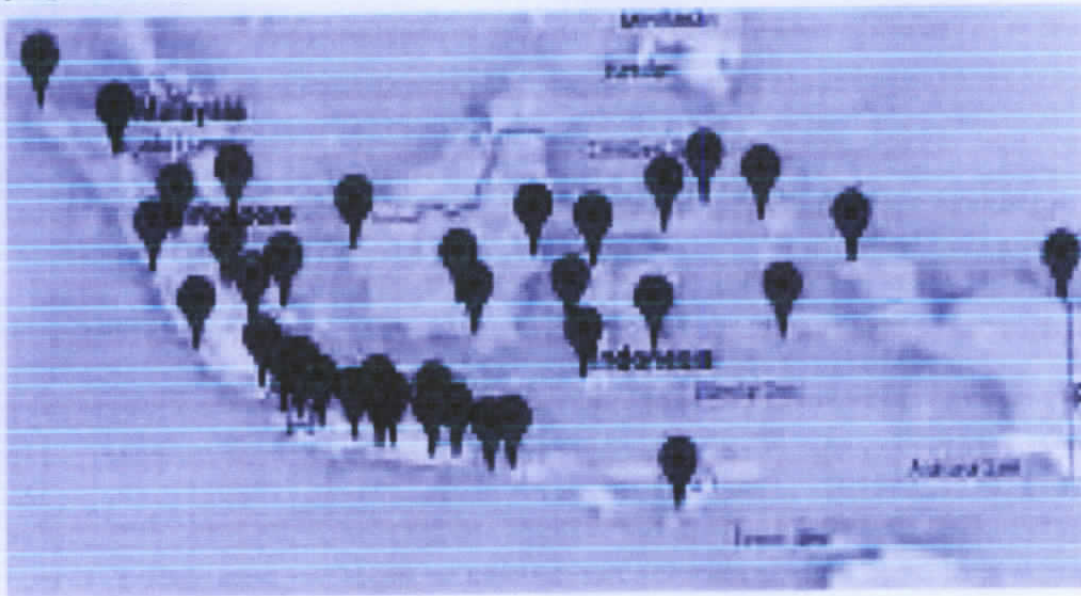
Here is a matter of learning resources that are used by the UT to assist students in the learning process

Table 2. Learning resources used by UT to assist students learning process

<i>Learning Aid</i>	<i>Media Format</i>	<i>Material information</i>	<i>Design</i>	<i>Facility providers</i>
Digital library	Html	e-Jurnal e-book virtual reading room Research	Students access the library collection ut anytime	Library
Tutorial online	Hypertext Audio- video	Audio Video Audio Video Learning materials in the first half	Question and answer Discussion Case study	Online tutorials
<i>ITV /internet tv</i>	Audio-video	Lecture materials	Learning materials	Open Education resources (SUAKA)- UT
<i>Material enrichment courses</i>	Audio-video	Lecture materials	Learning materials	Open Education resources (SUAKA)- UT

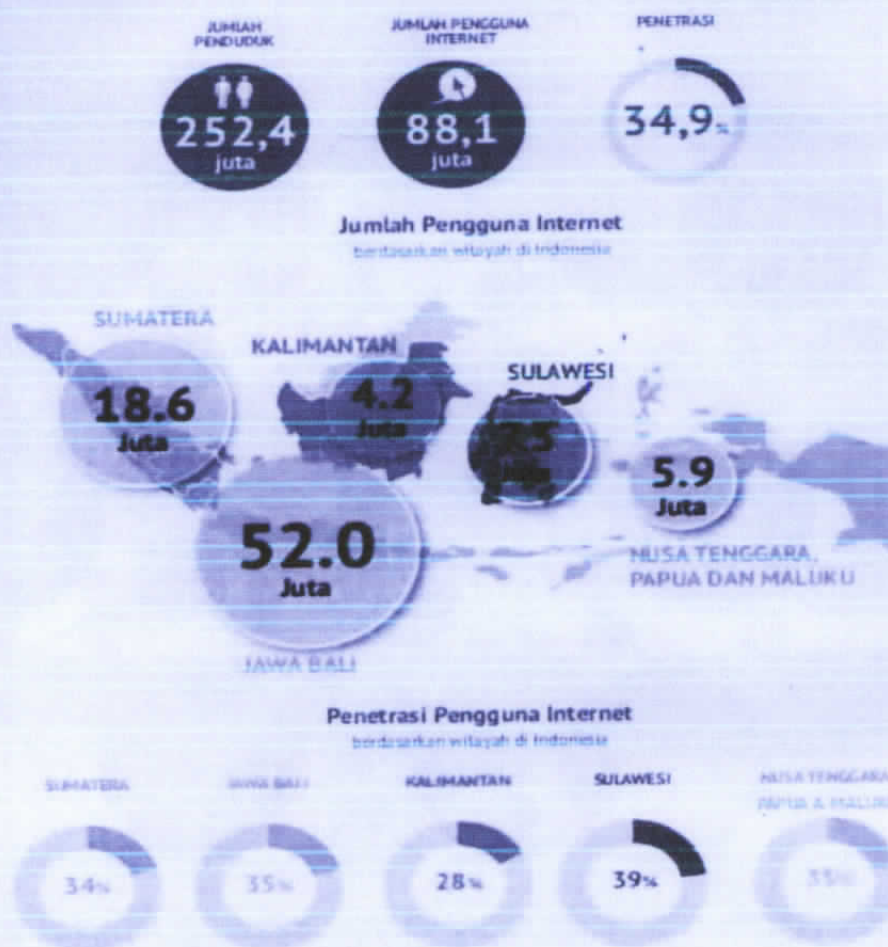
From a number of learning support materials for students of the majority of text-based and multimedia. The aid of learning resources based in audio which is operated via radio online / internet radio has not been performed by the UT. Even though the internet radio is the way

students learn more fleksibal. Because in addition to learning materials can be repeated with the construction of streaming radio in various areas will help each student a UT to select content that is needed. The following is a mapping 39 office units of distance learning programs / regional offices (UPBJJ) - UT in the regions.



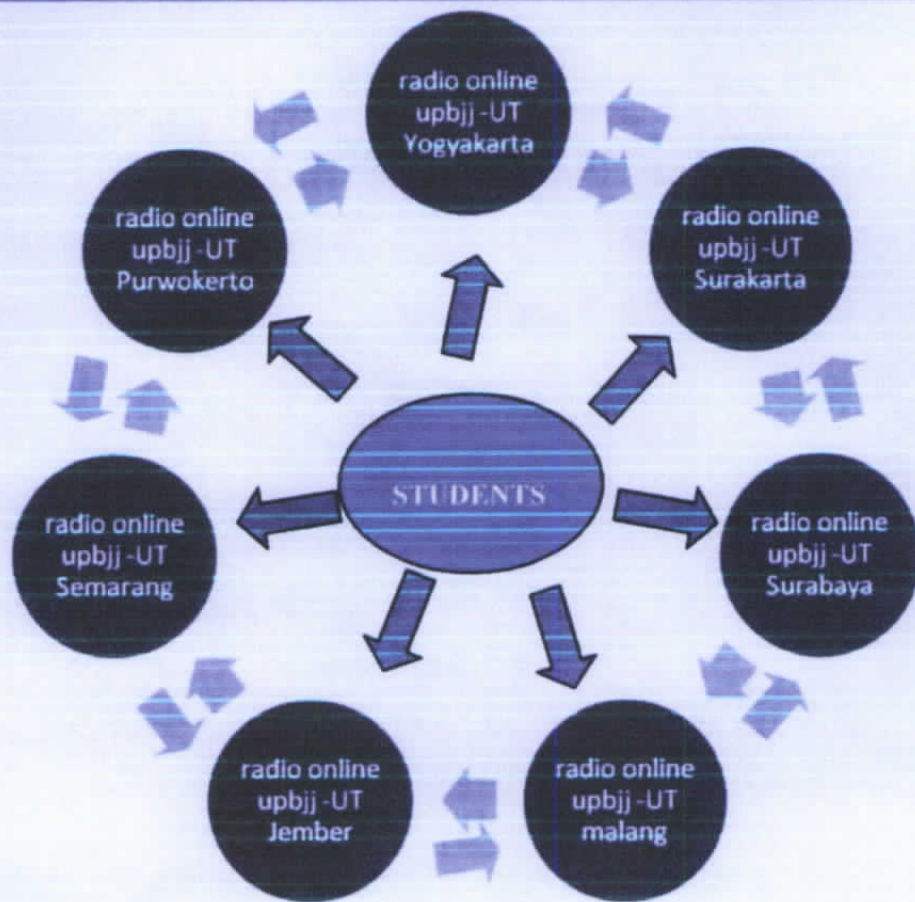
Given the very broad range of both in Indonesia and abroad, the study aid for students of UT is required. Radio online presence not only help the learning of students in the Indonesian territory, but also UT students who are outside the country such as Malaysia, Singapore, Hongkong, Taiwan, south korea, country-states in the region such as the Middle East, Saudi Arabian, Iran, Egypt ,

Indonesia has a range of internet that allows each UPBJJ make online radio accessible by UT students. Here's reach of the Internet in Indonesia. (Source APJII) Indonesian Internet Service Provider Association) - The Association of Indonesian Internet service providers (APJII) disclose the number of Internet users in Indonesia years to reach 88 million people by the end of 2014. Based on population, the highest number of Internet users is the province of West Java as much as 16.4 million, followed by 12.1 million users eastern Java and central Java 10.7 million users.



With the wide reach of the Internet allows any area containing UT students can communicate with each other. The existence of radio as a medium of communication will help students learn the material in lecture materials.

The following illustration of the interaction of online radio communications built in each UPBJJ-UT / regional offices.



This position will allow many options for UT students learn through any online radio in accordance with the necessary learning materials.

Analogous to: <http://www.radioonline.co.id>



By synchronizing these two models online radio UT will be provide an alternative for students to determine the hours of study, necessary learning materials.

5. 2. Online radio / streaming radio / internet radio

Radio as a medium of mass communication has many advantages including cost price, the coverage is quite extensive and can accommodate participation in significant amounts. Online radio / Internet radio is a medium that is very flexible. If each of the regional offices are online radio / radio streaming will have the opportunity for students to exchange information on the lecture material.

Besides the radio can be broadcast over the participation of various parties is possible. With these advantages is strategic radio media are used as a means of disseminating information. For streaming radio has a very wide range of broadcast coverage can be said to reach the whole world.

A. Basic Law of Broadcasting

The legal basis which can be used as a foothold on radio broadcasts are:

1. Law No. 36 Year 1999 on Telecommunication (State Gazette 1999 No. 154, Supplement to State Gazette No. 3881);
2. Government Regulation No. 52 Year 2000 on the Provision of Telecommunication (State Gazette No. 107 of 2000, Supplement to State Gazette No. 3980);

3. Government Regulation No. 53 of 2000 on the Use of Radio Frequency Spectrum and Satellite Orbit (State Gazette No. 108, Supplement to State Gazette No. 3981);

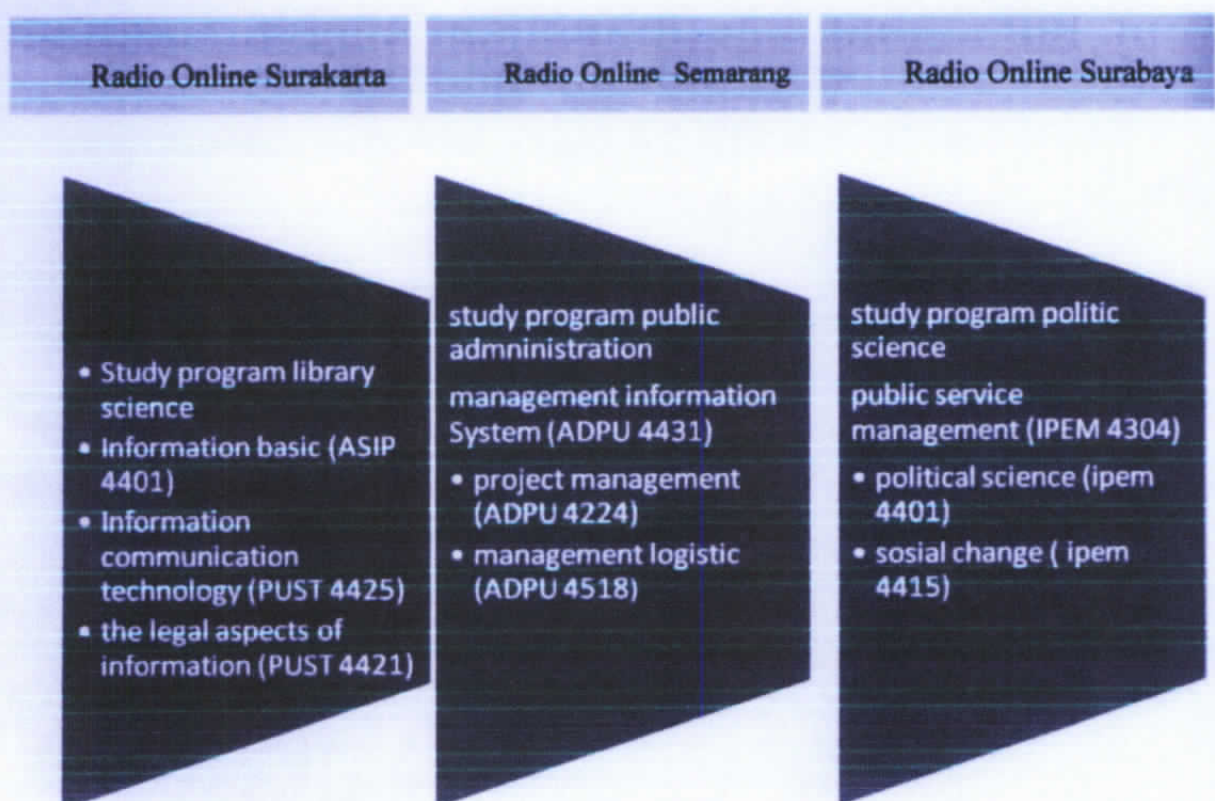
The legal basis of the above position the radio spectrum given radio frequency as the natural resources are limited, so its use should be regulated by a separate Act. As natural resources are limited radio frequencies need to be utilized optimally.

The existence of streaming radio is quite popular in the community, it can be seen from the increasing number accompanies number of conventional radio. This means that the majority of conventional radio facilitate its media streaming. The number of streaming radio in Indonesia reaches approximately 91 radio.

B. Design material online radio UT

UT online radio is designed as a means of UT students help in learning who is able to feed that choice for UT students to choose, to communicate between the existing online radio.

Here's designs on online radio



Based on the above picture looks online radio broadcast in Surakarta UPBJJ tutorial library studies program, with course the basics of information, communications and information technology, and legal aspects of information. Meanwhile in UPBJJ Semarang online radio broadcast tutorial program

with courses of study Public Administration Management Information System, Project Management and Logistic Management,. While UPBJJ Surabaya radio broadcast tutorial Political Sciences program, with courses Introduction to Political Science, management of public services and social changes. The illustration above shows that each UPBJJ can broadcast radio content online in accordance local students. With online radio performance characteristics, the UT students can do online radio options according to their needs.

6. Conclusion

The existence of online radio plays an important role to provide learning assistance to students. With regional offices / UPBJJ that exist throughout Indonesia has the potential to provide equitable access to learning resources for students. With online radio presence in every regional office / UPBJJ provide an option for students to participate in academic information such as tutorials, discussions according to their needs. This is because every region has a diverse student karakteirstik. To build a presence online radio needs to be prepared

1. Content-based learning can be formatted audio
2. Identify the subjects that will be used as the material tutorial

7. Recommendation

Setting up adequate bandwidth so that the Internet as a media / online radio broadcasting frequencies

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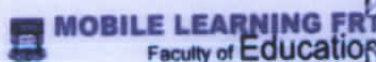
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