Parents Teachers Association (PTA) Collection Management System

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Abstract: This study aims to develop a Collection Management System for ISAT U Miagao Campus Parents Teachers Association (PTA) which automates the manual process of collection of payment, and to solve the problems in the inconsistency and inaccuracy of financial reports made every semester. The system was developed using the prototyping model, and a usability metrics were used to evaluate the system’s effective, efficiency, and the level of satisfaction among the clientele. The result shows that the system is 100% effective and efficient which implies that it can successfully complete its task in a shorter period of time. The clientele were very satisfied on the services of the system. Suggestions to improve the process and make it as a multi-user were given.

Keywords: Collection Management, Financial Management, System Development

I. INTRODUCTION

The Parents Teachers Association (PTA) of Iloilo Science and Technology University (ISAT U) Miagao Campus aims to support the University in promoting student’s welfare, it helps the University through infrastructure projects and student’s scholarship. Every enrolment period, a PTA fee is collected and remitted to the treasurer for budgeting and recording. Since the payment is collected manually, the treasurer find it hard to manage the collection, as well as preparation of the financial report which results to inconsistency of financial report, and it takes time to prepare the report of collections made every semester. These problems motivates the researchers to develop an automated system to speed up the collection process as well as generates an accurate financial report.

A. General Objectives

To develop a Collection Management System for ISAT U Miagao Campus Parents Teachers Association (PTA)

B. Specific Objectives

- To create an application that will record student’s payment in the database;
- To generate a daily and summarized financial report;
- To keep track of students who has not paid the PTA Fee;
- To manage financial report in a timely, accurate, and efficient manner;
- To evaluate the system’s effectiveness using the ISO/IEC 9126-4 Usability Metrics; and
- To evaluate the user’s satisfaction on the use of the system.

II. CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Figure 1 shows the Conceptual Framework of the Study which illustrates the input, process, and output.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. System’s Development

The Evolutionary Prototyping Model by Pressman [2] was used in the development of the system. Prototyping is most useful in development of systems having high level of user interactions such as online systems. Systems which need users to fill out forms or go through various screens before data is processed can use prototyping very effectively to give the exact look and feel even before the actual software is developed. Figure 2 shows the Evolutionary Prototyping Model.

B. Requirement Gathering

This step involves understanding the very basics product requirements especially in terms of user interface. In this phase, data from the tourism office will be collected and identified, and the profiling of data will be established.

C. Quick Design

This step involves designing the user interface, graphical design, as well as building the initial requirements of the system.

D. Building Prototype

This step involves building the model, in this phase the actual process is defined, its functionality and interfaces. In this phase, the test data will be supplied to test if the algorithm works and if it displays the correct result.

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E. Customer Evaluation
In this step, the prototype developed is then presented to the customer and the other important stakeholders in the project for testing. A test case will be developed to gather feedbacks. The result of the evaluation will be used for further enhancements in the development of the system.

F. Refine Prototype
In this stage, the feedback and suggestions will be discussed, the changes accepted are again incorporated in the new Prototype developed and the cycle repeats until customer expectations are met.

G. Engineer Product
In this step, the finished product will be implemented and deployed.

H. System’s Evaluation
In evaluating the system, the ISO/IEC 9126-4 Usability Metrics was used. Usability is defined as “the extent to which a product can be used by specified users to achieve specified goals with effectiveness, efficiency and satisfaction in a specified context of use” [1]. The ISO/IEC 9126-4 Metrics recommends that usability metrics should include:

Effectiveness: The accuracy and completeness with which users achieve specified goals
Efficiency: The resources expended in relation to the accuracy and completeness with which users achieve goals.
Satisfaction: The comfort and acceptability of use.

I. Usability Metrics for Effectiveness
Effectiveness can be calculated by measuring the completion rate. Referred to as the fundamental usability metric, the completion rate is calculated by assigning a binary value of ‘1’ if the test participant manages to complete a task and ‘0’ if he/she does not. Effectiveness is represented as a percentage by using this equation:

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\text{Effectiveness} = \frac{\text{Number of tasks completed successfully}}{\text{Total number of tasks undertaken}} \times 100\%
\]

J. Usability Metrics for Efficiency
Efficiency is measured in terms of task time, that is, the time (in seconds and/or minutes) the participant takes to successfully complete a task. The time taken to complete a task can then be calculated by simply subtracting the start time from the end time.

The overall relative efficiency was used in evaluating the system’s efficiency. It uses the ratio of the time users who successfully completed the task in total time taken by all users. The equation is as follows:

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\text{Overall Relative Efficiency} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{R} \sum_{i=1}^{N} n_{ij}t_{ij}}{\sum_{j=1}^{R} \sum_{i=1}^{N} t_{ij}} \times 100\%
\]

Where:
N = The total number of tasks (goals)
R = The number of users
\[n_{ij}=\text{The result of task } i \text{ by user } j; \text{ if the user successfully completes the task, then } n_{ij}=1, \text{ if not, then } n_{ij}=0\]
\[t_{ij}=\text{The time spent by user } j \text{ to complete task } i. \text{ If the task is not successfully completed, then time is measured till the moment the user quits the task}\]

K. Level of Satisfaction
To test the level of satisfaction among the clientele of the system, a researcher-made questionnaire was used to gather the responses. 30 respondents were randomly selected to evaluate the system.

To interpret the scores, the five point Likert scale was used.

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<td>4.21 – 5.00</td>
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<td>2.61 – 3.40</td>
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Mean was used to determine the level of effectiveness of the system. It is computed by adding up all the values in the series and dividing them by their count.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. System’s Effectiveness
In evaluating the system’s effectiveness, the system was tested during the enrolment period for the First Semester and Second Semester of Academic Year 2016-2017.

Total number of tasks completed successfully: 3,120 transactions.
Total number of tasks undertaken: 3,120 task

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\text{Effectiveness} = \frac{3120}{3120} \times 100\% = 100\%
\]

Based on the actual test, the system’s effectiveness is 100% since it successfully completed all the tasks.

System’s Efficiency
The following data shows the result of the evaluation of the system’s efficiency.

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\text{Overall Relative Efficiency} = \frac{\left(\frac{5+7}{5+7}\right) x 100\%}{12} = \frac{12}{12} \times 100\% = 100\%
\]

The system’s efficiency is 100%.
B. Level of Satisfaction

Table 1. Respondent’s Level of Satisfaction on the Services of the System

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<td>1. The ability to store and locate the student records in less amount of time.</td>
<td>4.80</td>
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<td>2. The accuracy of the computation of PTA Fee</td>
<td>4.70</td>
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<td>3. The speed in generating the receipt</td>
<td>4.77</td>
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<td>4. The amount of time spent in processing the payment</td>
<td>4.70</td>
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<td>5. The overall performance of the system</td>
<td>4.70</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>4.73</strong></td>
<td><strong>Very Satisfied</strong></td>
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Table 1 shows the level of satisfaction of the respondents on the services of the system. On the system’s ability to store and locate student’s record in less amount of time, the mean is 4.80, on the accuracy of the computation of PTA fee, the mean is 4.70, on the speed in generating the receipt, the mean is 4.77, on the amount of time spent in processing the payment, the mean is 4.70, and the overall performance of the system, the mean was 4.70. The overall evaluation on the system’s services is Very Satisfied, with a mean of 4.73.

V. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSION

Based on the evaluation of the system, the following conclusions were drawn:

1. The system’s effectiveness is 100%, it implies that the system can successfully complete its task without errors.
2. The system’s efficiency is 100%, it implies that the system can complete its task in a shorter period of time.
3. The system’s clientele is very satisfied with its services

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the preceding findings and conclusions, the following series of actions are recommended:

1. Additional operators must be added in order to speed up the operations, it is suggested that each program will have its own operator.
2. Since the system is stand alone, it is recommended to be networked in order to centralize the data and make it multi-user.
3. Training of additional operators must be conducted to familiarize the system’s operation.

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