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ABSTRACT

The rapid advancement of technology has been affecting our daily lives nowadays. Anywhere we look, modern technology is present. This global phenomenon has changed the way we look at things. The power of this technology is presented to us via the help of multimedia sets. Modern approach in learning can be very effective using the Multimedia presentation. With proper utilization and implementation, this method will be of much value to the students as well as the faculties.

The **Multimedia on the Outer World on Focus in Astronomy (MMOWFA)** is a multimedia system designed to provide information on the basic concepts of Astronomy. It can be likened to a book made more interesting with enhanced graphics that would encourage young people of today to learn more about Science and Technology, which is designed to supplement and not replace formal education. MMOWFA will also serve as an individualized learning kit to allow students to study Astronomy at their own pace.

The proponent's endeavor would focus only on topics that deal with Astronomy in particular like the *birth, models and theories of the Solar System, sun, nine planets, asteroids, comets, meteorites, models and theories of the Universe, its size and expansions, types and shapes of galaxies and their clusters, star classes and clusters, other incredible space objects, nebulae, constellations, space observatories and explorations in outer space, telescopes, rockets, satellites, spaceships, astronauts, eclipses and moon.* MMOWFA will be made to cater particularly to the intermediate levels (Gr.VandVI) and to 1st Year high school students of St. Joseph College, Noveleta School, Grace Academy School who have Astronomy as part of their curriculum. The subject matter would not touch on other Science subjects such as matter, energy, motion, biological science and the like. Thus, it is the author's tasks to come up with a Multimedia – a modern technique that will not in any way replace the conventional method of teaching the subject matter but rather assist in the customary way of instructing the subject. Discussion will be done by using computer with the teacher assistance to monitor the advancement learning capabilities of each student. It imparts not only significant

knowledge but also entertain the students. Multimedia technology was utilized due to the technology ability to facilitate faster learning to stimulate the audio and visual senses. Different forms of media such as text, pictures, graphics, video, animation and sounds are combined so that users can experience and learn the basics of Astronomy with fun and more appealing compared to the materials that are usually used in schools.

The researcher applied various methods of research in order to develop the software. The proponent distributed sets of questionnaires to different schools. She found out that 100% agreed to the implementation of multimedia as an effective learning tool. She also conducted interviews to some intermediate and high school teachers to ask their opinions and ideas about it when being implemented in schools.

Based from the methods being used, the researcher was able to gather the desired information needed for the software to be fully developed.

The developer hopes that the software product would satisfy all its intended users, and that it would be of help even to the teachers. This would lessen the hazardous task of making and using visual aids in the classroom. Eventually, may this product contribute to the improvement of Philippine education.