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# A New Approach to PBL in Banking and Financial Information Systems Classes

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**Abstract:** One Information Systems study program with a focus on the banking and finance industry is the one at the Perbanas Institute of Information Technology (FTI). One of the courses that defines this Information System study program is the Banking and Financial Information System Course. Some students feel that the technique does not encourage them to be actively engaged in class, even though the instructors have utilized topics related to the Banking and Finance subject and have employed a learning approach that combines lectures and group discussions. Ultimately, the expectation that students can comprehend and resolve the issues presented by the teacher is subpar due to their lack of engagement. Consequently, a new approach to education is required, and that approach is problem-based learning. Through this method, students are encouraged to take an active role in their own education, develop their critical thinking skills, and ultimately answer the issues that are presented to them. **Keywords:** technique, class, group work, paradigm, and inquiry-based examination

#### Introduction

1. The majority of instruction in Indonesian classrooms, from primary schools to universities, takes the style of one-way lectures, which discourages student participation. Because they are reliant on the teacher for all of their information, children lack the ability to think critically and creatively. If this trend keeps up, Indonesian college grads will be unable to hold their own against their international counterparts, and the country's educational system will continue to deteriorate. One Information Systems study program with a focus on the banking and finance industry is the one at the Perbanas Institute of Information Technology (FTI). Starting in 1983, students have been enrolled in the Information Systems study program. The program has presented learning models to each professor in the belief that they would provide the greatest learning. One of the courses that defines the Information Systems study program at Perbanas FTI is the Banking and Financial Information System Course. In 2012, this class first became available. On the whole, lecturers have extensive experience in the banking and financial industry and are therefore well-versed in the subject matter and its complexities. Teachers have included banking and finance-related challenges in their lessons to help pupils see how what they are learning is relevant to real-world situations. Teachers use methods like lectures and small-group work to get their students involved in class, but some students feel that these approaches don't go far enough. This could be because students still feel uncomfortable speaking up in class, are too embarrassed to ask questions, aren't wellprepared for the material, or don't look for answers elsewhere (like the internet). Due to the kids' lack of engagement,

In the end, it's not ideal to assume that pupils can comprehend and answer the difficulties presented by the teacher. As a result, a paradigm shift is required in the field of education, and problem-based learning offers just that. By applying what students have learned in the classroom to real-world scenarios, students become active participants in their own education, develop stronger critical thinking skills, and ultimately benefit from a more student-centered approach to learning (Azlin Norhaini Mansor, et al., 2014). (Indri Anugraheni, 2018).

## 2. Literature Review

Problem Based Learning (PBL) is essentially a set of teaching models that use problems as a focus to develop problem solving skills, material and self-regulation (Eggen and Kauchak, 2012), PBL also prepares students to think critically and analytically, and to search for and use appropriate learning resources according to Dutch (1994) cited in M. Taufik Amir (2009). Problem-based learning strategies have the main characteristic that is the first is a series of learning activities, meaning that students not only listen to lectures or memorize but emphasize the activities of students in thinking, communicating, processing



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data, and concluding. Second, learning activities are directed to solve problems. In the learning process there is a need for problems to be examined. Third, problem solving is done using a scientific approach to thinking. This thought process is carried out systematically and empirically (Sanjaya, 2006). Problem solving itself is divided into three characteristics, namely problem solving is a cognitive activity, but influenced by behavior. Then the results of problem solving can be seen from the actions in looking for problems. Furthermore problem solving is a process of manipulating actions from prior knowledge (Wina, 2009).

Difference vs. PBL OTHER METHODS (Savin: Badin, 2000 & Moust, Bouhuijs, Schmidt, 2001) as followed in (M. Taufiq Amir, 2009)

- 1. Lecture: Information is presented and discussed by educators and students
- 2. Case or case study: Case discussion is usually done at the end of the lecture and is always accompanied by a discussion in class about the material (and its sources) or concepts related to the case. Various related materials and questions are given to students
- 3. PBL: Written information in the form of problems is given before class begins. The focus is how learners identify their own learning issues to solve problems. Relevant material and concepts are found by the learners themselves

## 7 Steps of the PBL Process

In the PBL process the teacher must be prepared with all the necessary tools (problems, supplementary forms, etc.). Learners must also understand the process, and have formed small groups where each group runs a 7-step process (M. Taufiq Amir, 2009).

Step 1: Clarifying terms and concepts that are not yetclear; step 2: Formulate the problem; Step 3: Analyze the problem; step 4: Organize ideas and systematically analyze them deeply; step 5: Formulate learning objectives; step 6: Look for additional information from other sources (outside of group discussion); Step 7: Synthesize (combine) and test new information, and make reports for lecturers / classes.

# 3. Methodology

The methodology used in this study is qualitative. Data were collected using questionnaires and interviews, which involved two instructors in the Banking and Financial Information System course and ten students. Questions given to students and instructors are arranged to find out how learning has been carried out so far, and how they think about PBL learning.

The instructors interviewed have more than ten years of teaching experience and they are also practitioners in the Banking world. So far the teachers have never used the teaching model with PBL, the learning methods they do are with lectures, case studies and discussions. Ten students interviewed were students who had taken the Banking and Financial Information System course.

## 4. Discussion and Results

#### **Discussion:**

Data obtained from the results of interviews andquestionnaires with students are:

- With the current learning methods, namely lectures, discussions and case studies, have not made all students actively involved in class. With the learning that has been carried out at the moment, there are still some students who are reluctant to discuss and are difficult to work with.
- The Banking and Finance Information System course has been equipped with examples or cases / problems regarding Information Systems that exist in the world of Finance and Banking, but often students do not understand important terms in the banking world, this causes difficulties for students in solving cases that are was given.
- All students answer that the current learning needs to be developed.
- Some students have heard about the problem based learning model, and they stated that this model is suitable for this course.

Data obtained from the results of interviews and questionnaires with instructors are:

- The instructor states that the current learning methods, namely lectures, discussions and case studies, have stimulated some students to be active in class, but in group work there are still a few students who are ignorant just following along with their friends.
- The instructor also states that learning applied to this subject has increased students' understanding even though it has not



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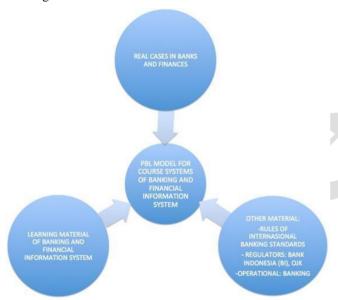
been maximized

- the learning that is currently applied has used cases / problems regarding information systems that exist in thebanking and financial world.
- The instructor believes that a new learning model needs to be made to be able to further enhance student activityin the classroom and improve students' critical abilities so that they can solve the given problem.

From the results of interviews and questionnaires both with students and with teachers, it is known that there are still many weaknesses that occur in learning in the Banking and Financial Information Systems course. Since students are students, learning should be more independent, they must be more active in looking for information outside, not only depending on the material inthe class given by the instructor, the cases given to the course should be able to trigger students to Critical thinking, students must have the courage to share information they know or ask questions that they do not yet know, and the teacher has more role as a facilitator who directs and provides input so that learning runs smoothly and optimally.

# 5. Results

So that learning in the Banking and Finance Information Systems course can be maximized, it is necessary to create problem based learning model of learning that is felt to be very suitable, as discussed above. Therefore, based on the input, it is proposed that the Problem Based Learning model is divided into several stages. The first stage, based on interviews with several instructors who are also practitioners at one of the leading private banks, obtained an initial overview of what can form PBL learning model.



Picture 1: PBL models and their constituents

The second stage is to look back at the suitability of the learning model for this course in Banking and Financial Information Systems.

The third stage is to prepare tools that will be used to facilitate this learning. The toolkit is: a form for students in the form of meetings, for teachers in the form of meetings and assessment forms overall. Besides that, a student feedback form is also prepared on the teacherimplementing the PBL process (Taufiq, 2009)

The things that need to be prepared in learning Problem Based Learning, use a 7 Step process, namely:

Step 1: Clarifying terms and concepts that are not yetclear.

The study program that conducts this course is Information Systems not economics or banking, sostudents do not have a strong basis for Banking and Financial material, so it is very important to have a common perception of the terms used in the world offinancial banking. Clarification of the concepts of banking and finance must be clear so that students can understand easily, especially in the world of banking many terms that are sometimes not understood by ordinary people.



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#### Step 2: Formulate the problem

Formulating the problem is difficult for students, but students must be able to formulate the problem with their own language on a case given by the teacher. The case given is a case in connection with banking and finance that has occurred a lot lately.

#### Step 3: Analyze the problem

After being given a case in connection with banking and financial material by the instructor, students conduct group discussions, learners share their knowledge witheach other in connection with the issues discussed, thenanalyze it critically. At this stage all students must beactive.

Step 4: Organize ideas and systematically analyze them deeply.

After the students have done the analysis, then analyzed more deeply, and seen how related to one another.

Step 5: formulate learning objectives

The group can formulate the learning objectives of banking and financial information system courses, such as:

- What is the Indonesian Banking Architecture (ATPI)?
- What are ATPI's targets?

Step 6: Look for additional information from other sources

To enrich information related to banking and finance, students can obtain it by reading a lot of textbooks, or by supporting IT to search for it via the internet, namely by extracting the reading in writing (not just copy paste directly) and write the source clearly.

Step 7: Synthesize and test new information

In this step the group has been able to synthesize, combineand communicate things that are relevant.

# 6. Conclusions and Suggestions

## **Conclusion:**

During this learning method applied to the subjects of Banking and Financial Information Systems in the Perbanas IKPIA Information Systems study program is still using lectures and discussions only, this causes students to be less independent in seeking information, students are less active in discussions, still shy and afraid of being wrong in asking. Similarly, the problems given by teachers in class are not immediately responded critically by students. Even though learning at this time is still comfortable, all students expect that this learning can be developed so that all students can be active. Likewise, the instructor realizes that the current learning process is not optimal, not all students want to be active in class discussions, it seems that there are some students who are only following their friends. Therefore proposed a PBL model for this course, with the existence of PBL it is expected that all students can be more independent and active in lectures.

### **Suggestion:**

In order for PBL to run optimally, the teacher as a facilitator must be able to stimulate students to actively ask questions, discuss. Teachers must also be prepared with problems, supplementary forms and other supporting.

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