

Chapter 8

Catch a Word Keypad Application as a Solution to Reduce the Rudeness of Digital Communication

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ABSTRACT

The development of technology and information is happening quite swiftly. In fact, the term “information society” is employed, implying that the community’s main goal is the communication of knowledge. Technology comes in numerous forms, including computers, mobile devices, and the internet. Mobile phones may be used by anyone to access the internet, making the marriage of the two technologies particularly suited. Although using social media has numerous benefits, cyberbullying is regrettably on the rise, particularly in Indonesia. Cyberbullying can be fatal and have a negative impact on a victim’s social life, academic progress, physical health, and mental well-being. The author wants to provide a solution to the aforementioned problems by creating a keyboard or keypad application for all Indonesians, but especially for those who use social media. One can install this Catch a Word program on mobile devices like smartphones, tablets, and iPads. The author thinks that this revitalization can significantly affect Indonesians, particularly Indonesian youth.

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BACKGROUND

Technology and information development are currently moving very quickly. Because of the advancement of modern technology, society appears to be pampered. There is no need to bother going to a physical meeting to greet one another, have fun, or even do business. Everything can be done with contemporary technology. As a result, the phrase “information society” came into usage, which denotes that the primary activity carried out by the community is the provision of information. There are many different sorts of technology, such as computers, mobile phones, and the internet. Anyone can access the internet through a mobile phone, making the combination of the internet and mobile phones particularly appropriate. We can exchange information regardless of geographic location, time, or other factors thanks to the internet and mobile phones. Social media is still used in the contemporary digital era for the distribution of information. Based on data from DataReportal (2022), social media users in Indonesia account for 68.8% of the country’s total population. This demonstrates that the internet is the main source of information for more than half of Indonesia’s population.

Speaking of social media, we are aware that each social media site has its own policies, such as an age restriction. Some social media sites, including Twitter and Tiktok, limit the age of their members by only permitting those over the age of 13. With this regulation, though, will young people who are not yet of legal age be exempt from using social media? Obviously not. By changing their birth year, many kids today outsmart their age. Isn’t this prohibited? Even children have engaged in illegal activities to gain access to social media; what is it about adults who already use it? Although there are many advantages to using social media, cyberbullying is unfortunately on the rise, especially in Indonesia. According to Microsoft’s Digital Civility Index research from May 2020, with a presentation of 43% hoax and fraud victims, 27% hate speech victims, and 13% discrimination victims, Indonesia ranks top as the most disrespectful country in the Asia Pacific. This statistic raises serious concerns, and it can be inferred that social media, technological advancements, and the level of internet usage in Indonesia, particularly in relation to social media, all contribute to the prevalence of cyberbullying. Cyberbullying can harm a victim’s emotional and physical health, as well as their social life, academic success, and even their life.

Everybody’s mental health differs from one another and goes through developmental dynamics. Because, in essence, people have problems that need to be solved utilizing a variety of approaches. There are many people who occasionally struggle with mental health issues. A person’s mental health, according to (Fakhriyani, 2019), is a state that enables their physical, intellectual, and emotional growth to proceed as well as possible and in harmony with that of others, enabling them to

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