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Measurement of Online User Information Literacy Satisfaction: An Empirical Study

ABSTRACT

Digital world of 21st century is undergoing enormous world over transformation into a connected mesh of information literate members having high information processing capacity. The effective utilization of digital information resources is becoming a reason of competitive advantage for organizations. E-Government initiatives are taken by governments around the world to enhance user information management capacity. This new scenario, the user satisfaction constructs needs to be reconsidered due to information being its integral ingredient. In this study, user information literacy satisfaction has been introduced as an emerging construct indicating the satisfaction of an information literate person. A model was developed and tested showing two antecedents of user information literacy satisfaction as perceived portal quality and perceived portal value. The study was carried out on users of information portal (www.hec.gov.pk) of higher education commission, Pakistan. Respondents are research scholars at master level who interact HEC portal frequently. Data was collected through an adapted instrument on a 5-point Likert scale from 260 respondents. The results showed existence of significant and positive causal relationships between predictors and outcome variables. Findings, however, recognize the existence of information literacy satisfaction and requires further investigation and adaption of the construct.

Keywords: Information Literacy, User Information Literacy Satisfaction, E-Government, Perceived Portal Quality, Perceived Portal Value.

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Introduction

Information has become a leading strategic resource in 21st century (Johnston & Webber, 2003). Rapidly changing information and communication technology is enabling worldwide communication more efficient day by day (Farmer & Henri, 2008). Modern information society is transforming all institutions into a global information resource centre of inter connected opportunities where societies are now global communities creating and sharing knowledge (Rafiq & Ameen, 2012). Governments and business have adopted online banking system where they are carrying out online digital transactions on a regular basis (Nemat, 2011). In Pakistan electronic government initiative was taken in 2002 with the aim to provide a better governance with a low cost, transparent and efficient services to citizen (EGD, 2005). With this, government organizations were transformed into digital entities and started handling inefficiencies, improving transparency and other quality related issues in its operations thus building citizen trust (Bertot, Jaeger & Grimes, 2010). User appraisal of these online systems is becoming essential (Stowers, 2004; Wang, Bretschneider & Gant, 2005; Horan & Abhichandani, 2006). User Satisfaction is an important and highly adopted measure for measuring user acceptability of an online system. It is highly desired that the measure be tested and employed in research studies to understand user online satisfaction (Xiao & Dasgupta, 2002). Higher education sector of Pakistan is working with a mandate to enhance education and research standards in the country (Rafiq & Ameen, 2012). However, a small scale research efforts were made to study the higher education sector. This paper is focusing on user information literacy satisfaction as an outcome construct and studied on HEC information portal for its potential to satisfy information literacy needs of users. Findings are important to understand online user perspective in order to design better e-government services.

Literature Review

Now a days, everyone is experiencing a rapid transformation in economic, social, cultural and political domains due to a progression of ICT. This global village of information society provides opportunities to communicate in a real time round the globe (Rafiq & Ameen, 2012). e-Initiatives in the form of e-health, e-learning, e-democracy, e-government, is taking place and organizations are shifting from analogue machines to electronic government (United Nations, 2008). Almost all the countries in Asia has shown phenomenal growth in last two decades due to IT-friendly policies and initiative by governments (Ameen & Gorman, 2009). IT sector in these countries is showing unmatched progress and adaptation of hand held devices, mobile phones, personal computers, networks and wireless technologies (Rafiq & Ameen, 2012).

Pakistan has shown a significant development in almost all indicators of IT sectors in the recent past and its progress is still continued. Pakistan is among top five nations with high internet deployment and in South Asian Region (UNCTAD, 2009). The immense deployment of ICT is also found in private and public lives of individuals in Pakistan. Government of Pakistan is fully supporting IT sector with its flexible policies and incentives in order to attract foreign investors. The IT Policy in August 2000 was a first step towards digitization in Pakistan. Later in October 2002, an essential step was taken by setting up the Electronic Government Directorate (EGD). Electronic government initiatives by government of Pakistan were stated to cater work efficiencies and reducing citizen dissatisfaction and complaints (Shafique & Mahmood, 2008). Government departments are public offices where citizen access and exchange of information for their desired purpose. These government departments has brought cost effective ICT enabled e-Government information systems in use to bring efficiencies in their work processes (Bertot, Jaeger & Grimes, 2010). Electronic government, refers to the setup of ICT meant to deliver government information services to its users (West, 2004). E-government provides an efficient alternative to government authorities and public at large to access and utilize information with speed, time and place flexibility (Muir & Oppenheim, 2002; Evans & Yen, 2006). By effective use of ICT and e-government adoption significant improvements can be achieved in the developing countries (Imran & Gregor, 2007).

Higher education sector is one of the top agenda by the Government of Pakistan since 2000 and many reforms were made during this period. The University Grants Commission (UGC) was transformed into Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan, in September 2002 with broader mandate to regulate and enhance research and education quality in higher education sector (Rafig & Ameen, 2012). They upgraded existing faculty standard and introduced performance based tenure-track system. They offered scholarships for M.Phils and PHD students in local and foreign universities. HEC funded research, travel grants and conferences for local faculty. One of the key initiatives taken by HEC was implementation of digital library in 2004 with the objective of supporting and promoting research activities in Pakistan. Large number of research scholars and students of higher education are utilizing these online resources. HEC National Digital Library Program (HEC-NDL) provides access of high end eresources of peer reviewed journals, citations, articles, e-books (Bhatti, Chohan & Asghar, 2014). With the advent of ICT in Pakistan, students are able to compete with international standards in their academics and research (Bhatti, 2012). Besides other services, HEC portal also launched online support for degree attestation and verification.

Information Literacy

In this fast paced infusion of information technology, individuals lives are full of opportunities and choices in their personal and professional affairs. They maintain this status by being a fully knowledgeable and information literate (Shapiro & Hughes, 1996). The present information society is composed of multi-skilled individuals possessing IT literacy as their core competency (Doyle, 1994; Haberle, 2002). 21st century has brought information revolution after a successful era of industrial revolution where acquiring of information literacy contains opportunities for individuals (Rafique, 2014). Literacy is among primary indicators of economic and social development. With the advent of IT revolution, the term literacy has been stretched as information literacy by researchers in order to accommodate the notion with information society (Ameen & Gorman, 2009).

Information literacy is a qualitative descriptive phrase combining literacy and information together. IL refers to individual ability to recognize, locate and use information effectively (American Library Association, 1989; Bruce, 2002; Johnston & Webber, 2003). Information literacy represents individual capability to acquire and use information for effective decision making (Behrens, 1994; Webber & Johnston, 2000; Basili, 2008). IL refers to a learning environment where individuals are involved in satisfying their learning needs by interacting with the information environment for academic empowerment and lifelong learning (Bruce, 2004; Mahmood & Mehmood, 2017). Information literacy is considered as contributing factor towards cultural, social and economic developments needs of present information society (Webber & Johnston, 2000). Digital libraries are now emerging as new paradigm shift from existing paper based libraries. This has completely changed the dynamics of library system (Bekele, 2002; Bhatti, Chohan & Asghar, 2014). This change has positively impact on research, teaching and learning (Dorner, 2004).

A research by Bhatti (2012) emphasized that IL is required to improve quality of higher education and research and is considered as an essential requirement. There exist only a few studies on the topic of information literacy with its practical implications. However, the concept is now gaining attention by researchers and academicians (Ullah & Ameen, 2014; 2015; 2016). The higher education in Pakistan is working towards the development of culture of lifelong learning for creating well informed community of learners with information literacy is essential in expanding the individual competencies (Rafique, 2014).

User Information Literacy Satisfaction

The use and adaptation of the online electronic services are renowned for digital connectivity and customer satisfaction, but their adaptation and acceptability by citizen is important and receiving concern among researchers and developers. Users are expecting effective information service delivery as a means to get satisfaction from these resources (Musso, Weare & Hale, 2000; Stiftung, 2002; Gilber & Balestrini, 2004; West, 2004). The customer satisfaction represents a complex phenomenon about understanding, measuring and fulfilling the needs and expectations of potential customers. This highlights customer orientation and measuring the marketing performance in pursuit of company objectives (Karadeniz, 2015). Customer satisfaction is a customer feeling grounded on the comparison amongst expectations and perceived service performance (Kotler & Armstrong, 2005). Customer satisfaction is the indicator of business performance and boosts repeat purchases, customer loyalty and positive word of mouth (Munusamy, Chelliah & Mun, 2010). Research has shown that satisfied customers promotes company image to five or six other people whereas dissatisfied customers damage it upto ten other people who look for other alternatives (Angelova & Zekiri, 2011). Measuring and evaluating customer satisfaction helps keeping customers loyal, happier and keeping long term relationship for gaining competitive advantage (Angelova & Zekiri, 2011). It also keeps marketer aware about customer pre and post purchase behaviour (Karadeniz, 2015).

In the field of digital marketing, a term customer or user information satisfaction is used. UIS refers to a mix of attributes of a digital product and represents information system effectiveness (Giese & Gote, 2000). UIS is a subjective measure of information system success and shows the extent of belief about potential of IS to fulfil user information requirements. According to Cyert and March (1963) an information system that fulfils user needs reinforces satisfaction otherwise it gives dissatisfaction from a system (Ives, Olson & Baroudi, 1983). Theoretical foundation of satisfaction is based on number of research studies (Herzberg et. al., 1959; Oliver 1980; Churchill and Surprenant, 1982; Bailey & Pearson 1983; Ives et al., 1983; Doll & Torkzadeh, 1988; DeLone & McLean, 1993;2003; Fornell et al., 1996; Spreng et. al. 1996; Athanassopoulos, 2000; Mosahab et al., 2010). These studies have adopted satisfaction as an indicator of IS success. In marketing literature, CS is considered as perceived value of its quality attributes (Hallowell, 1996). Work on information system success is most cited studies in recent IS literature.

Researcher has mostly followed subjective measures to understand user feeling and opinion about use of IS (Doll & Torkzadeh, 1988; Davis, 1989; DeLone & McLean, 1993; 2003; Eighmey, 1997; Loiacono et al,

2000; Aladwani & Palvia, 2002; Barnes & Vidgen, 2005; Palmer, 2002; Stefani & Xenos, 2008; Loiacono, 2000). DeLone and McLean (1993, 2003) . They incorporated system quality, service quality, information quality, user satisfaction and net benefits in their proposed model. The SERVQUAL is a renowned instrument to measure service quality (Parasuraman, Zeithamal & Berry 1988). Online information resources provide a feel of modified environment and potentials (Dziuban, Moskal, Kramer & Thompson, 2013). Studies have pointed out a significant change in response behavior due to vast accessibility and abundance of online information which have put impact on their satisfaction with online information resources (Tustin, 2010).

In order to understand factor effecting user adoption of IS resources; further insight into user information literacy satisfaction is required (Wind et al., 2002). Based upon forgone review it can be stated that user information literacy satisfaction can be conceptualized as a perceived measure that describes the satisfaction level of a user of online information system based on the literacy level that he attained from it.

Perceived Quality and Information System Success

The quality websites are dynamic and user friendly and provide satisfaction to its visitors. A user satisfaction is an indicator of quality (Elangovan, 2013). Quality of an online system is its fitness for the purpose it has been designed. Two major aspects of quality are 'design' and 'customer opinion'. Recent studies have preferred users opinion in judging quality of a web site and success of an information system (Delone & Mclean 2003). Researchers have developed a number of models to explain IS Success. One of the most renowned model is Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) by Davis (1989) based on the theory of planned behaviour and the theory of reasoned action (Ajzen & Fishbein , 1975). TAM has initiated a debate on success of information system from user perspective by incorporating user perceived measures. Another revolutionary contribution was made by DeLone & McLean (1992) on his detailed review of IS success literature published during the period 1981-1987. There were many extensions and refinements based on Davis's (1989) and DeLone & McLean (1992) studies and findings (Seddon & Kiew, 1996; Seddon, 1997; Molla & Licker, 2001; DeLone & McLean, 2003; Zhu & Kraemer, 2005). A study conducted by Borrego et. al. (2007) has highlighted user preference in e-resources. Studies have shown that quality measure as useful indicators of user satisfaction (Loiacono & Taylor, 1999; Perkins & Yuan, 2000; Stafford & Stafford, 2001; Notess, 2004; Byrnes & Rosenthal, 2005; Arif & Kanwal, 2009).

H1: "A positive and significant relationship exists between PPQ and UILS"

Perceived Value

Recent research studies on satisfaction are largely dominated by TAM, which was cited in large number of research studies (Eighmey, 1997; Loiacono & Taylor, 1999; Stafford & Stafford, 2001; Palmer, 2002; Carter & Belanger, 2004; Reddick, 2004; Kumar, Mukerji, Butt & Persaud, 2007; Stefani & Xenos, 2008). TAM was based on individual behaviour for acceptance of technology. TAM introduced perceived measures to provide insight about user opinion about IS quality and value. TAM included two predictors; Ease of Use (EOU) and Perceived Usefulness (PU). PEOU and PU act as motivators predicting usage intention and satisfaction (Westbrook, 1980; Bhattacherjee, 2001). According to Yoon and Uysal (2005) main use of information technology is seen in communication, search, ecommerce and entertainment. Motivation plays a key role in pushing individual towards use of technology for their desired reasons (Swaminathan, Lepkowska-White & Rao, 1999).

Researchers had shown that job satisfaction is predicted by intrinsic and extrinsic motivating factors (Daft, 2005). Intrinsic motivation refers to happiness and enjoyment received by participating in an activity that results in satisfaction (Deci & Ryan, 1985). Mannan and Naved (2009) showed high internal motivation to use online journals. In the recent research literature, perceived playfulness is used as a measure to represent internal motivation. Moon and Kim (2001) studied motivational theories and utilised perceived playfulness in predicting the adoption of web resources by extending TAM. Hara and Kling (1999) mentioned motivation as a force behind satisfaction (Agarwal & Karahanna, 2000; Moon & Kim, 2001; Ahn, Ryu & Han, 2007). Extrinsic motivation is explained as external reinforcer having instrumental value as a result of an activity such as perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use (Moon & Kim, 2001). These are categorized as external reinforcers such as rewards and incentives that encourage individuals to perform.

H₂: "A positive and significant relationship exists between PPV and UILS"

RESEARCH FRAMEWORK AND METHODOLOGY

The literature review and objectives of the study lead us to develope a theoretical model as shown in Figure-1 (Davis, 1986; Davis, Bagozzi, & Wars, 1989; Moon & Kim, 2001).

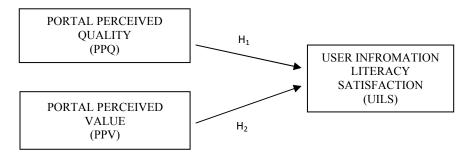


Figure 1: Research Model

This model used perceived measures; PPQ, PPV and UILS. PPQ and PPV predicting UILS. Perceived Portal Quality measures the user opinion about quality features of a HEC web portal system, service and information quality. Perceived Portal Value construct measures perceived opinion about the use of HEC web portal and represents internal and external motivation. User Information Literacy Satisfaction represents the information literacy satisfaction drawn from the use of the HEC web portal.

Study followed positivist stream with deductive approach using quantitative empirical analysis. The survey method using convenience sampling with cross sectional methodology was adopted for data collection through self-administered instrument. The study population includes research scholars studying in various universities in Islamabad. The sample frame was drawn from scholars from International Islamic university (IIU), Federal URDU University (FUUAST) and Quaid-E-Azam University (QAU). Respondents are students doing research studies in business, commerce and computer science department and are regularly interacting with HEC portal to fulfill their academic and career related needs.

Total of 400 questionnaires were distributed with a request for volunteer participation in this survey. 260 filled questionnaires with 65% response rate were selected for final analysis. Initially, a pilot study was carried out on 35 selected participants in order to refine instrument regarding question wordings and language simplification for face and content validity (Churchill, 1979; Parasuraman, Zeithaml & Berry, 1988).

For this research study, existing scales were adapted (Loiacono, 2000; Moon & Kim, 2001; Loiacono et al., 2002). Webqual scale is recommended to analyze a website quality (Loiacono et al., 2002). This

study also adopted WebQual approach for evaluating the overall user satisfaction. WebQual instrument measures subjective quality through users opinion about usability, service and information quality of the website (Kim & Eom 2002). This study has adapted WebQual4 version of instrument for measuring perceived portal quality HEC Portal (Barnes & Vidgen, 2005; Elangovan, 2013). The scale for measuring PPV was adapted from the scale used by Moon & Kim (2001) which contains twenty seven items for internal and external motivation based on his work on extended TAM. For UILS, a scale developed by Horan & Abhichandani (2006) has been adapted containing four items. The information about gender, course, shift and semester was also collected from each respondent to have demographic profile of respondents. Scale is designed on 5-point Likert type interval scale. Respondents rate the portal (www.hec.gov.pk) using a 5-point Likert type interval scale ranging from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree) (Calli et al., 2013). EFA and CFA were carried out before undergoing model testing (Vila, Kuster & Aldas, 2005). Statistical packages SPSS Ver 21 and AMOS Ver 21 were used for the analysis.

Exploratory Factor Analysis (EFA)

EFA using principal component factor with varimax rotation was performed to extract underlying structure of 53 items (Karadeniz et al, 2015). Four factors with low cross-loading were removed from the scale resulting 49 items used for further analysis. Results shown Kaiser- Meyer-Olkin (KMO) index for measuring the sampling adequacy for online service was 0.970 (Kaiser, 1974). Bartlett's Test of Sphericity was found significant at p=0.001 and assures the strength of relationships between variables under study. The Cronbach's Alpha statistics indicate high reliability and internal consistency value of 0.973. Cronbach Alpha values for PPQ, PPV and UILS are 0.993, 0.993 and 0.845 respectively (Morgan et. al., 2004; Yang, Watkins & Marsick, 2004). This permits the research to proceed with factor analysis. Correlation matrix indicates existence of linear relationship among measures and establishes discriminant validity as cross-construct correlations among all dissimilar measures is low. Table 1 shows correlation matrix with descriptive statistics.

Table 1
Correlation Matrix and Descriptive Statistics

Variables	N	Mean	S. D	Skewness	Kurtosis	Correlat	ion Matrix	
						PPQ	PPV	UILS
PPQ	260	3.325	1.2936	426	-1.428	1	0.079	0.260**
PPV	260	3.563	1.2882	632	-1.336	0.079	1	0.320**
UILS	260	3.201	1.1580	346	-1.152	0.260**	0.320**	1

^{*.} Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

The results of Total Variance Explained indicate three extractions of factors with eigenvalues > 1 higher bearing overall cumulative value of 86.021%. These three factors accounted for 42.298%, 38.079% and 5.644% of the variance respectively as shown in table-2.

Table 2 *Total Variance Explained*

(Componen	t.Initial Eige	envalues	Extraction	on Sums	of Square	dRotatior	Sums	of	Squared
_				Loading	S		Loading	S		
	Total	% of	Cumm. 9	% Total	% of	Cumm. %	Total	% of	Cι	ımm. %
		Variance			Variance			Variance		
-	1 22.008	44.914	44.914	22.008	44.914	44.914	20.726	42.298	42	.298
2	2 17.844	36.417	81.331	17.844	36.417	81.331	18.659	38.079	80	.377
:	3 2.298	4.691	86.021	2.298	4.691	86.021	2.766	5.644	86	.021

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

The rotation component matrix shows the three groups of constructs loaded by factors converged in 4 iterations using the varimax rotation method. Rotated matrix also shows no concern of convergent and discriminant validity as no cross loadings existed and all items are separated and grouped with their respective constructs. Appendix shows rotation matrix and commonalties values. Items having commonalities below 0.40 and loading less than 0.50 were removed (Norusis, 1985; Hair et al., 1998).

Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA)

CFA is recommended to confirm EFA results and before doing further analysis (Thompson, 2004). The results of CFA verify the construct validity and composite reliability of scale (Figure-2).

^{**.} Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

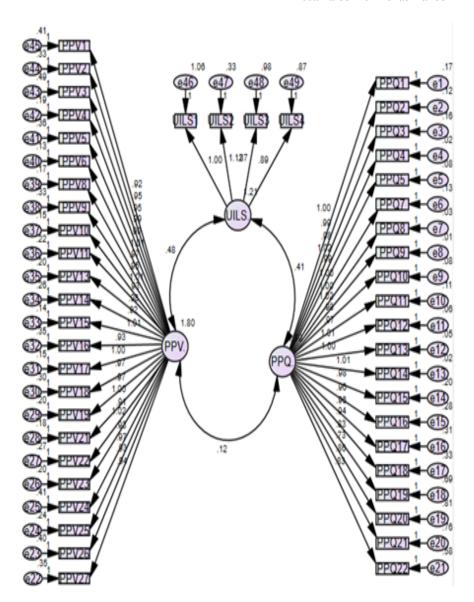


Figure 2: CFA Model Analysis

CFA was carried out using AMOS 21 in order to confirm factorial validity of measures (Vila et al., 2005; Hair et al. 2006). Results showed the good model fit with the data as shown in Table 3.

Table 3
The goodness of fit indices of the measurement model

	CMIN/DF	CFI	TLI	NFI	RMSEA	SRMR
Calculated Values	2.620	0.931	0.928	0.893	0.079	0.0337

Validity analysis was further carried out using Stat Tools Package developed by Gaskin (2016) on AMOS results. Results demonstrated no concern for validity and reliability (Fornell & Larcker, 1981; Zait & Bertea, 2011; Gaskin, 2016). Table-4 shows values for composite reliability, average variance explained for convergent values, maximum shared squared variance (for discriminant validity) and correlation matrix of three measures of PPV, PPQ and UILS.

Table 4

Correlation matrix and Validity Analysis

	CR	AVE	MSV	PPV.	PPQ.	UILS.	
PPV.	0.994	0.908	0.077	0.953			
PPQ.	0.988	0.784	0.100	0.067	0.885		
UILS.	0.850	0.589	0.100	0.277	0.316	0.768	

Result shows that all model fit indices meet the requirements for SEM analysis (Hair, Black, Babin & Anderson, 2006). A lower value of GFI < 0.9 still meet the requirement suggested by Baumgartner & Homburg (1996); Doll, Xia and Torkzadeh (1994) which states that any value greater than 0.8 is acceptable.

Table 5

Demographic characteristics

Variable	Category	Frequency	Percentage
Course	MBA	167	64.2%
	CS	93	35.8%
Shift	Morning	224	86.2%
	Evening	36	13.8%
Gender	Male	209	80.4%
	Female	51	19.6%
Semester	4th	67	25.8%
	5th	73	28.1%
	6th	61	23.5%
	7th	59	22.7%

Hypothesis Testing

Hierarchical multiple regressions (HMR) was carried out to test the model and controlling the confounding effect of demographic variables (Gender, Age, Empstatus, Institstatus, and Designation). Conditions of regressions were tested and were found satisfactory before running the regression.

H₁: A positive causal relationship exists between PPQ and UILS

The causal impact of PPQ on UILS is examined in H₁. In the first model all confounding variables were entered whereas in model-2 both confounding and actual predicting variables was entered.

Table 6 *Model Summary*

Model	R	R ²	Adj. R ²	S.E. of	Change Statistics				
				Estimate	R ²	F	df1	df2	Sig.
					Chg.	Chg.			F Chg.
1	$.099_{a}$.010	010	1.16364	.010	.500	5	254	.776
2	$.277_{b}$.077	.055	1.12589	.067	18.316	1	253	.000

a. Predictors: (Constant), Desgination, Gender, Institstatus, Empstatus, Age, Dependent Variable: UILS

b. Predictors: (Constant), Desgination, Gender, Institstatus, Empstatus, Age, PPQ

Results have shown that Model-1 is statistically insignificant with p > 0.05. The model-2 is statistically significant F(1, 253)= 18.316. The multicollinearity check was done by using VIF and tolerance values. Results showed that both values fall within the acceptable range (Fox, 1991; Cohen et. al., 2003). The standardised residual values (-2.207, 2.126) and cook test value (0.027) fall within the recommended range. Anova and coefficient tables are shown in Appendix. The regression revealed the positive causal relationship between PPQ and UILS (β = .260, p < .05). The hypothesis H1 is accepted.

H₂: A positive causal relationship exists between PPV and UILS

The causal impact of PPV on UILS is examined in H₂. In the first model all confounding variables were entered whereas in model-2 both confounding and actual predicting variables was entered.

Table 7

Model Summary

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Model	R	R ²	Adj. R ²	S.E. of	Change Statistics								
				Estimate	R^2	F	df1	df2	Sig.				
					Chg.	Chg.			F Chg.				
1	.099a	.010	010	1.16364	.010	.500	5	254	.776				
2	.332 ^b	.110	.089	1.10527	.100	28.535	1	253	.000				

a. Predictors: (Constant), Desgination, Gender, Institstatus, Empstatus, Age b. Predictors: (Constant), Desgination, Gender, Institstatus, Empstatus, Age, PPV

Dependent Variable: UILS

Results have shown that Model-1 is statistically insignificant with p > 0.05. The model-2 is statistically significant F(1, 253)= 28.535. The multicollinearity check was done by using VIF and tolerance values. Results showed that both values fall within the acceptable range (Fox, 1991; Cohen et. al., 2003). The standardised residual values (-2.148, 2.235) and cook test value (0.029) fall within the recommended range. Anova and coefficient tables are shown in Appendix. The regression revealed the positive causal relationship between PPV and UILS (β = .318, p < .05). The hypothesis H_2 is accepted.

Discussion

In the contemporary world, it is getting more and more significant to increase the customers' satisfaction. The proposed model of this research is composed of perceived measures in order to access information literacy satisfaction of users of HEC portal. The study is designed to analyse the predicting strength of perceived portal quality (PPQ) and perceived portal value (PPV) for user information literacy satisfaction (UILS). In place of generic measure of satisfaction a new measure has been developed and tested using extended TAM approach as predictors of UILS. In order to test the hypothesis, hierarchical multiple regressions tests were run to measure the impact of predictors in the model on UILS and by controlling the confounding effect of demographic variables. Conditions of regressions were tested and were found satisfactory before running the regression. Result has shown a significant positive causal relationship between predictors and UILS. Results have shown that UILS is influenced by user perception about quality features and delivery mechanism of information portal. The analysis of causal relationships and significance and direction in results has helped in predicting user behaviour for acceptance of online system. These findings also supported existing research (Yi & Hwang 2003; Ahn et al., 2007; Roca & Gagne 2008).

As per requirement of study objective, the subjects included in this study remained fairly homogeneous in terms of their use, purpose and search preferences. However, generalization can be improved by including users from different walks of life other than research scholar as there is large number of users exist for other uses of portal as well. Similarly, users of android hand held machines such as mobile phones, and tablets could also be included and by including more demographic variables for more generalized results an. also be designed by including more demographic factors. This study collected data from research scholars whereas the model has full potential to be tested on other populations carrying diversified demographics. A quantitative approach has been used in this research. However, qualitative research can also provide more insight about the portal. Cross sectional data collection approach was followed to avoid methodological issues attached with longitudinal study design with multiple administration of instrument.

Conclusion

This research has incorporated new construct to measure user satisfaction from online systems as 'user information literacy satisfaction UILS '. The inclusion of literacy with information is justified due to high level of digital dependency and adoptability in this age of information society. Extended TAM approach was adapted to develop perceived measures predicting UILS. Causal direction were proposed and confirmed between predictors and outcome variables. Results have justified the utilization of new satisfaction measure. Results are important and demands for adapting the scale for UILS in research studies for online information systems. Designers and developers of these online systems can focus on information literacy satisfaction requirements of their systems with respect to users perspective of quality and value.

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Appendix

Table: Scale Items with Rotated component values

Item	1	2	3	Communalities
UILS1			.746	.639
UILS2			.847	.801
UILS3			.788	.661
UILS4			.776	.650
PPV1	.897			.806
PPV2	.913			.849
PPV3	.880			.791
PPV4	.946			.899
PPV5	.903			.821
PPV6	.947			.906
PPV8	.953			.916
PPV9	.923			.863
PPV10	.951			.915
PPV11	.939			.889
PPV13	.945			.897
PPV14	.931			.873
PPV15	.956			.918
PPV16	.909			.831
PPV17	.948			.909
PPV18	.904			.835
PPV19	.913			.851
PPV21	.943			.903
PPV22	.923			.861
PPV23	.941			.892
PPV24	.894			.810
PPV25	.936			.886
PPV26	.894			.812
PPV27	.908			.838
PPQ1		.958		.922
PPQ2		.967		.939
PPQ3		.960		.925
PPQ4		.986		.975
PPQ5		.975		.955
PPQ7		.962		.933
PPQ8		.983		.970
PPQ9		.987		.978
PPQ10		.974		.954
PPQ11		.968		.945
PPQ12		.977		.957
PPQ13		.979		.963
PPQ14		.985		.973
PPQ15		.951		.908
PPQ16		.935		.877

PPQ17	.928	.863
PPQ18	.922	.872
PPQ19	.823	.700
PPQ20	.772	.598
PPQ21	.829	.694
PPQ22	.849	.732

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis. Rotation Method: Varimax with Kaiser Normalization Rotation converged in 4 iterations

Table: ANOVA Table

Mod	el	Sum of Sqr.	df	Mean Sqr.	F	Sig.
	Regression	3.384	5	.677	.500	.776
1	Residual	343.928	254	1.354		
	Total	347.312	259			
	Regression	26.602	6	4.434	3.498	.002
2	Residual	320.710	253	1.268		
	Total	347.312	259			

Table: Coefficients Table

Mode		Unsto	I. Coeff.	Std.Coeff.	t	Sig.	Collinearit	y Stats.
	_	В	Std. Err.	Beta	_		Tolerance	VIF
	(Constant)	3.734	.996		3.748	.000		
	Gender	011	.214	005	054	.957	.483	2.071
1	Age	005	.252	003	021	.983	.216	4.622
•	Empstatus	194	.161	125	-1.200	.231	.360	2.781
	Institstatus	053	.226	021	233	.816	.498	2.007
	Desgination	092	.284	040	323	.747	.260	3.841
	(Constant)	3.055	.977		3.128	.002		
	Gender	067	.207	028	323	.747	.481	2.079
	Age	068	.244	036	278	.781	.216	4.639
2	Empstatus	189	.156	122	-1.213	.226	.360	2.782
	Institstatus	017	.218	007	077	.939	.498	2.010
	Desgination	060	.275	026	218	.827	.260	3.844
	PPQ	.233	.054	.260	4.280	.000	.988	1.012

Dependent Variable: UILS

Predictors in the Model: (Constant), Designation, Gender, Institstatus, Empstatus, Age, PPQ

Table: ANOVA Table

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
	Regression	3.384	5	.677	.500	.776
1	Residual	343.928	254	1.354		
	Total	347.312	259			
	Regression	38.243	6	6.374	5.218	.000
2	Residual	309.069	253	1.222		
	Total	347.312	259			

Table: Coefficients Table

Model		Unstd. Coeff.		Std. Coeff.	t	Sig.	Collinearity Stats.	
	_	В	Std. Error	Beta	-	Tolerance	VIF	VIF
1	(Constant)	3.734	.996		3.748	.000		
	Gender	011	.214	005	054	.957	.483	2.071
	Age	005	.252	003	021	.983	.216	4.622
	Empstatus	194	.161	125	-1.200	.231	.360	2.781
	Institstatus	053	.226	021	233	.816	.498	2.007
	Designation	092	.284	040	323	.747	.260	3.841
2	(Constant)	2.727	.965		2.826	.005		
	Gender	027	.203	012	135	.892	.483	2.072
	Age	019	.239	010	080	.936	.216	4.623
	Empstatus	155	.153	100	-1.008	.314	.359	2.788
	Institstatus	104	.215	041	486	.627	.497	2.011
	Designation	063	.270	027	235	.814	.260	3.843
	PPV	.286	.054	.318	5.342	.000	.992	1.008

Dependent Variable: UILS

Predictors in the Model: (Constant), Designation, Gender, Institstatus,

Empstatus, Age, PPV