

: Integrating Innovation Diffusion Theory and UTAUT to Explore The Influencing Factors on Teacher Adopt E-learning System

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ABSTRACT

With the maturity of information technology and the prevalence of the Internet, network-based E-learning is leading the teaching activity to a broader boundary. In comparison with the traditional teaching activity, network-based E-learning is unlimited by time and space, thus enables more adaptability and flexibility in learning. However, the progress in technology is by no means the guarantee of success. Whether teachers adopt this approach (network-based E-learning) is the critical factor. This research combined the Innovation Diffusion Theory (IDT) by Rogers and Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT) by Venkatesh et al. to establish the framework of our theory, and applied open-source MOODLE as E-learning platform to explore factors that affect teachers' adopting network-based E-learning system. The research subjects in this study are teachers in Changhua County; the investigation is carried out in three stages – holding MOODLE-related workshops, holding E-learning curricula establishing contests and conducting questionnaire surveys. Results in our research show that the perceived attributes of innovation in network-based E-learning system, such as relative advantage, ease of use, compatibility, public image, self-efficacy, and communication channels... etc., all have significant effects on behavior intention, while user behavior is directly influenced by behavior intention and communication channels. Furthermore, using moderators such as genders, age, experience and voluntariness of use as effecting factors in our study shows that only age and voluntariness of use have impact on behavior intention. The research finds out in addition that teachers generally show inclinations to adopt network-based E-learning system in their teaching. However, the actual user behavior is somewhat low. This indicates that teachers are usually overworked, thus have more desire than energy to adopt innovative network-based E-learning system in their teaching activity.

Keywords : Innovation Diffusion Theory ; UTAUT ; MOODLE ; E-learning

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