

ADOPTING CBD WITH REUSE IN THE KEZB E-COMMERCE WEBSITE
DEVELOPMENT BY USING WORDPRESS CMS APPLICATION

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ABSTRACT

The development of e-Commerce website is complex and time consuming. It required specific amount of technical knowledge and very costly in order to successfully develop a complete beautiful e-Commerce website. However, these days, there is a new Software Engineering (SE) strategy introduced replacing the traditional way of developing website by automating the development process. This strategy promoted the use of reusable component to develop a complete website named Component-Based Development (CBD) design strategy. Unfortunately, still there are many organizations or business entities that keeps on invest in high cost website development. An adoption of CBD approach can actually reduce the development time and cost. The software project of KEZB e-Commerce Website development is used as case study case in this report. This project focuses on adopting a CBD design strategy by using WordPress Content Management System (CMS) to develop the e-Commerce website. On top of that, other SE practices such as standard documentation, modelling technique, and development model is used throughout the development lifecycle. The selection of these practices is according to characteristics of project and organization's nature. There are two (2) processes introduced in CBD design strategy which are design for reuse and design with reuse. In this project, the e-Commerce website will be designed and developed by adopting the design with reuse process by using selected design tools. The largely used design tool that follows the key concept of reuse is CMS. CMS is a developing tools or computer application that enables the creation and alteration of the digital content easily without the need of technical knowledge. The standard for documentation used in this project is the DoD Standard. At the end of this project Software Requirement Specification (SRS) and Software Design Document (SDD) are produced. Waterfall model is selected as a development methodology which comprises of Requirement, Analysis, Design, Implementation, Testing and Deployment phase. However, Testing phase is not conducted in this project due to time constraint. Other than that, UML modelling technique is used as a notation in developing the analysis and design model. Overall, the CBD design strategy with reuse process can rapid the development process and ensure a high quality software product; CMS application is a cost effective and helpful development tools; and software documentation and methodology can be used to manage and keep track software project effectively.

ABSTRAK

Pembangunan laman web e-Commerce adalah kompleks dan mengambil masa. Ia memerlukan pengetahuan teknikal dan adalah sangat mahal untuk membangunkan laman web e-Commerce yang lengkap dan cantik. Walau bagaimanapun, kini terdapat strategi pembangunan Kejuruteraan Perisian (SE) yang baru diperkenalkan menggantikan cara tradisional untuk membangunkan laman web dengan mengautomasikan proses pembangunan. Strategi ini menggalakkan penggunaan komponen yang boleh diguna semula untuk membangunkan laman web lengkap yang dinamakan strategi reka bentuk Pembangunan Berasaskan Komponen (CBD). Malangnya, masih terdapat banyak organisasi atau entiti perniagaan yang masih melabur dalam pembangunan laman web yang berkos tinggi. Penggunaan CBD sebenarnya boleh mengurangkan masa pembangunan dan kos. Projek pembangunan Laman Web e-Commerce KEZB digunakan sebagai kes untuk kajian kes dalam laporan ini. Projek ini memberi tumpuan kepada penggunaan strategi reka bentuk CBD dengan menggunakan Sistem Pengurusan Kandungan (CMS) WordPress untuk membangunkan laman web e-Commerce. Selain itu, amalan lain SE seperti piawai dokumentasi, teknik pemodelan, dan model pembangunan akan digunakan di sepanjang kitaran hayat pembangunan. Pemilihan amalan-amalan ini adalah berdasarkan ciri-ciri projek dan sifat organisasi. Terdapat dua (2) proses yang diperkenalkan dalam strategi reka bentuk CBD iaitu reka bentuk untuk digunakan semula dan reka bentuk dengan penggunaan semula. Dalam projek ini, laman web e-Commerce akan direka bentuk dan dibangunkan dengan menggunakan proses reka bentuk dengan penggunaan semula dengan menggunakan alat reka bentuk yang dipilih. Alat reka bentuk yang sebahagian besarnya digunakan yang mengikuti konsep penggunaan semula adalah CMS. CMS adalah alat pembangunan atau aplikasi komputer yang membolehkan penciptaan dan pengubahan kandungan digital dengan mudah tanpa memerlukan pengetahuan teknikal. Piawai untuk dokumentasi yang digunakan dalam projek ini adalah Piawai DoD. Pada akhir projek ini, Spesifikasi Keperluan Perisian (SRS) dan Dokumen Rekabentuk Perisian (SDD) dihasilkan. Model Air Terjun dipilih sebagai kaedah pembangunan yang terdiri daripada fasa Keperluan, Analisis, Rekabentuk, Pelaksanaan, Pengujian dan Penggunaan. Walau bagaimanapun, fasa Pengujian tidak dijalankan dalam projek ini kerana kekangan masa. Selain dari itu, teknik pemodelan UML digunakan sebagai notasi dalam membangunkan model analisis dan reka bentuk. Secara keseluruhan, strategi reka bentuk CBD dengan proses penggunaan semula boleh mempercepatkan proses pembangunan dan memastikan produk perisian yang berkualiti tinggi; aplikasi CMS adalah alat pembangunan yang kos efektif; dan dokumentasi perisian dan kaedah pembangunan boleh digunakan untuk mengurus dan memantau projek perisian dengan berkesan.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

API	Application Program Interface
B2B	Business To Business
B2C	Business To Consumer
CBD	Component-Based Development
CMS	Content Management System
CSS	Cascading Style Sheet
DOD	Department Of Defense
EZK	Eliz, Zain & Kadariah
FAQ	Frequently Asked Question
FPX	Financial Process Exchange
GUI	Graphical User Interface
HTML	Hypertext Markup Language
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
ICT	Information Communication technology
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
ISO	International Standards Organization
KEZB	Koperasi Eliz Zain Berhad
MIL STD	Military Standard
PDPA	Personal Data Protection Act
PDR	Preliminary Design Review
PHP	Hypertext Preprocessor
SDD	Software Design Document
SDLC	Software Development Lifecycle

SDM	Software Development Methodology
SE	Software Engineering
SEO	Search Engine Optimization
SQL	Structured Query Language
SRS	Software Requirement Specification
SSR	Software Specification Review
SWEBOK	Software Engineering Body of Knowledge
UML	Unified Modelling Language
XP	Extreme Programming

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CHAPTER 1

PROJECT OVERVIEW

1.1 Introduction

Integrating information technology and communication aspects in the business operation is a new paradigm in business industry. The use of technology in the business is crucial for business competitiveness. A websites or webpages is one of the technology elements that are widely used in business. It can be used by individual, company, or organization as one of the commercialization effort. In business normally website is used as a commercial website. The management of the commercial always deal with several activities such as marketing, supply chain, sales and reporting. These activities can be improved with the used of e-Commerce website as a medium of information dissemination and data processing.

In this project, the development of the e-commerce website called KEZB Website should be one of the commercialization efforts that can ease the managerial process of the Koperasi Eliz Zain Berhad (KEZB). The KEZB Website will be used as a data processing method to ease the administrator to manage order, stock and generate report. At the same time KEZB Website will act as a platform for KEZB to market and sell their products and services directly to consumer. Consumer can get information and buy products online.

In this chapter, the background study of the project, including project objectives, scope, importance, deliverables and plan will be discussed.

1.2 Company Background

EZK Group is a business consortium consisting mainly of a Legal Firm, Messrs. Eliz, Zain & Kadariah, and a Cooperative Society, Koperasi Eliz Zain Berhad (KEZB), with a few subsidiaries under the wings of KEZB. The Legal Firm is under the supervision of two partners, whilst KEZB is the business arms under the management of the appointed employees of the Legal Firm. Aside from the normal legal works undertaken by the Legal Firm, EZK Group envisages to expand its businesses via KEZB through the numerous subsidiaries under it and through various ventures it has currently undertaken and contemplates to undertake in the near future, domestically and abroad. The EZK Group's organizational structure is as illustrated in Figure 1.1 below.

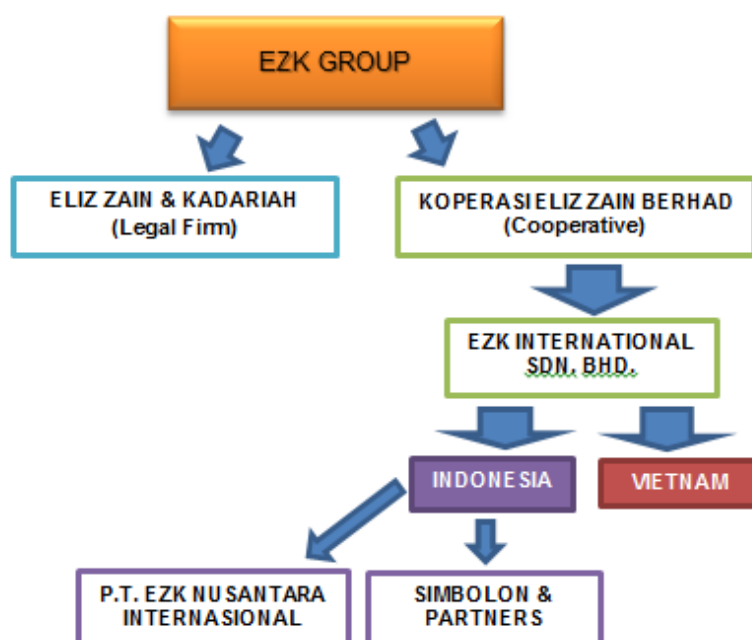


Figure 1.1 EZK Group Organization Chart

Koperasi Eliz Zain Berhad (KEZB) is a co-operative (co-op) established in 2015 and registered under the Malaysia Co-operative Commission. The members consist of the current and former employees of the Legal Firm of Eliz, Zain & Kadariah and their related family-members. The main objective in establishing KEZB is to enhance the financial standing of its members via its business activities.

Currently, KEZB is involves in retail such as selling products direct to consumers, primarily on offline basis through opening kiosk and actively joining public events. The products are either owned by KEZB or sourced from independent suppliers.



Figure 1.2 KEZB's Logo

1.3 Background of the Problem

EZK Group is a non-tech organization which does not practice any software practices in their daily business operation and there is no in-house development team. Due to that, they are lacking in term of knowledge regarding software development. Previously, EZK Group subcontracts the software project to the outside vendor without having continuous involvement and communication throughout the development process. The development process is not transparent throughout the project lifecycle.

On top of that, there is no policy in term of subcontracting software project is established within the organization and vendor. For that reason, EZK Group are having problem in managing software project. They cannot keep track and influence the project progress as there is no contractual document is being made. In result, they always ended up paying for the project that does not meet their needs and expectations. What they really want is not covered and catered at the end of the project.

At the same time, EZK Group is looking into alternatives to support and solves the problems in the current business operation of one of its subsidiary which is KEZB. The current workflow of KEZB involves sourcing products, transportation, marketing, retailing, stock checking and managing suppliers. This requires a number of man powers to manage the overall operation. Since KEZB is just established, its human resources are limited in term of number and experience. This affects the overall performance of the KEZB.

KEZB used manual data processing in their management. They manually manage and handled their data such as order, customer, supplier, and stock by using paper based system. This requires lots of effort to process the data manually. For example, there are many product available for retail and they need to keep record the stock manually. Sometimes, when receive many orders or sales; they failed to record all the transaction systematically. This situation will cause problem when KEZB want to audit their account as the total sales and stock is not telly.

The manually processed data does not only consume large amount of effort but time as well. For example, stock checking and updating requires some times to go through one by one of all the stock available in the warehouse. The stock must be updated frequently to ensure the process of supply chain is sufficient for specific time period. Failed to update stock frequently will cause the inventory shortage risk. This has led to the problem of stock shortage because KEZB cannot update their stock systematically.

Furthermore, the manually processed data is not stored in the proper database. KEZB frequently claimed that data retrieving is difficult as they need to manually search and sort the data. This is due to the data are not synchronize. On top of that, the possibility of data loss is high because they just depend on paper based record which can be misplaced or missing.

Besides that, the marketing and promotional activity to advertise the product is effort and time consuming. KEZB need to frequently design and produce

pamphlet or brochure to introduce their new product. This type of marketing tool needs an extra effort and creativity to engage consumer more effectively by presenting the product information and benefits. As the pamphlet is paper based, the information representation is limited and less attractive. On top of that, the use of social media to promote products also needs a very responsive effort. Frequent update is required to ensure effective business interaction. KEZB is having limited time and resources to entertain and manage their business interaction through their social media.

Therefore, in order to move forward, KEZB needs software documentation to manage software project effectively. By using proper documentation, KEZB can keep track the future work progress by the vendor. Apart from that, the used of web-based information system can systematically support and automate the KEZB business administration online such as retailing, stock checking, product sorting, report generating and marketing, complementing the existing conventional business operation.

1.4 Project Objectives

The objectives of the project are named below:

1. To study on the Content Management System (CMS) applications for e-Commerce website.
2. To identify the requirement needed for KEZB e-Commerce Website.
3. To design the KEZB e-Commerce Website based on the Component-Based Development (CBD) design strategy.
4. To develop the KEZB e-Commerce Website using selected CMS application.

1.5 Project Scope

The scope of the project is listed as follow:

- Propose the use of Project Requirement Document to record the preliminary business needs and expectations.
- To prepare Software Requirement Specification (SRS) during the requirement gathering phase and Software Design Document (SDD) during the design phase following the DoD-Std-2167A standard.
- To develop the KEZB e-Commerce Website using CMS application that will be used by user and administrator to facilitate and support the business operation of the cooperative.

1.6 Project Importance

This project is important because of the following:

1. Apply software engineering practices during the development of the website will educate stakeholders on the software development process.
2. Introduce software development document as a contractual document will help in managing the software project effectively.
3. The organization will have its own officially website to assist in promoting its services.
4. The e-Commerce website will give a systematic and cost efficient way of conducting business. The organization can reduce the business cost such as renting business property, advertising and labour cost.
5. The e-Commerce website will be used as a medium for information and communication.
6. The use of e-Commerce website will help the organization to widen the business market and develop market prospects because internet usage is widespread.

7. The e-Commerce website will provide opportunities for suppliers and distributors to collaborate in marketing their product and gain mutual benefit.

1.7 Project Deliverables

The deliverables of this project are as follow:

1. Literature review on Content Management System (CMS) applications.
2. Software Requirements Specification (SRS).
3. Software Design Document (SDD).
4. E-Commerce website.

1.8 Project Schedule

The planning for this project is described in Table 1.1.

Table 1.1: Project Planning

Activities	Start	Finish	Duration
INITIATION - Ice breaking meeting - Discussion on possible project	23/01/2017	27/01/2017	4 days
REQUIREMENT - Requirement Elicitation - Preparing Project Requirement Document (PRD) - Review and approval	30/01/2017 03/02/2017 08/02/2017	03/02/2017 08/02/2017 13/02/2017	5 days 6 days 6 days
ANALYSIS - Requirement Analysis - Prepare Software Specification Requirement (SRS) - Review and decision making	13/02/2017 20/02/2017 28/02/2017	24/02/2017 27/02/2017 03/03/2017	1 weeks+ 1 weeks+ 4 days

PROJECT 1: PROPOSAL - Write Chapter 1-5 report	06/03/2017	30/03/2017	3 weeks+
DESIGN - Preliminary design - Prepare Software Design Document (SDD) - Review and decision making	03/04/2017 11/04/2017 18/04/2017	10/04/2017 17/04/2017 19/04/2017	1 weeks+ 1 weeks 2 days
IMPLEMENTATION - Installation and setup - CMS customization - Plugins installation - Unit Testing	20/04/2017 25/04/2017 03/05/2017 15/05/2017	21/04/2017 02/05/2017 12/05/2017 17/05/2017	2 days 1 week 1 weeks+ 3 days
PROJECT 2: PROJECT REPORT - Write Chapter 1-7 report - Prepare user manual & demonstration/presentation - Handover deliverables & Project Closure	18/05/2017 08/06/2017 15/06/2017	07/06/2017 14/06/2017 16/06/2017	3 weeks 5 days 2 days

1.9 Chapter Summary

This chapter provides an overview of the developed project by outlining the background study of the organization. Then, the background of the problem is discussed following by defining the project objectives, scope, importance, deliverables and schedule. The literature review of this project is conducted and discussed in next following chapter.

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