

Stomach disease intelligent tutoring system

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Abstract

This paper aims is to present the design and development of an intelligent tutoring system for teaching students about stomach diseases to help and give them a clear idea about stomach ulcer diseases. Furthermore, the researchers designed an intelligent tutoring system with a clear interface including 3D animation with Delphi that show how the ulcer appears in the stomach with more details about the disease, after that there are some questions researchers going to adopt from clinical books about the diseases that show the students how to diagnose the diseases. This system integrated Delphi programming with multimedia elements such as (voice, motion, text, photo, and interactive) to carry out the project. The idea of this paper is considering the intelligent tutoring system for students who are studying medicine to enhance their knowledge and deep understanding about the diseases.

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1. Introduction

Intelligent Tutoring Systems (ITS) are gaining significance in the field of education. A lot of examinations were conducted to show and model student knowledge perfectly, design effective programs and improve instructional methods. The system that the researchers are introducing gives the student who studies medicine the opportunity to learn about stomach ulcer diseases in an effective way. The earlier and traditional assessments usually are time-consuming and have to be managed by the specialist; therefore researchers gathered the data related to diseases from specialists such as medicine doctor in the field of a stomach. Students will see the data in an attractive way by using Delphi programming and 3D design. Helicobacter pylori bacteria (H. pylori), is the utmost common reason of stomach ulcers diseases. This bacterium harms the mucus that defends ones stomach and minor intestine, permitting for stomach acid to burn through. A 35 percent of Americans get H. pylori approximately, as stated by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) [1, 2, 3, 4].

It is blurred how this bacterium spreads, patients who carry H. Pyloric likewise spread it over direct interaction. Many patients get this virus in their childhood, but it infrequently progresses into a peptic ulcer [4]. Formerly, experts used to think that pressure and spiced foods produced ulcers. Nowadays, it is well known that stomach acids and other digestive solutions blister the lining of ones organs and produce ulcers [4]. Individuals, who use or depend on nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), such as ibuprofen, aspirin, and naproxen sodium, are probably to get peptic ulcers. NSAIDs can annoy and harm ones lining. Acetaminophen, or Tylenol, is not counted in this list. Despite the fact that doctors frequently endorse NSAIDs for health situations such as arthritis or joint inflammation, NSAIDs can rise ones threat for getting peptic ulcers. Some of the other risk factors recognized to raise ones risk for getting gastric and duodenal ulcers includes [3, 4].

- 1) One's age greater then 70 years
- 2) Drinking alcohol
- 3) Has history of peptic ulcers
- 4) Smoking
- 5) Uncured stress

Spiced foods do not raise ones risk for ulcers but they can annoy ones stomach more. After food go in from esophagus, stomach starts to release enzymes that support in the digestive process. The pH here is two that deliver the best acidity setting for the take full advantage of action of pepsin, a protein-digesting enzyme. The stomach muscles contract and relax so as to physically mix the food very well with the released enzymes.

Usually food takes from two to five hours in the stomach. After it goes through full digestion, the chime leaves the stomach to go into the little intestine followed by ingress to the huge intestine. The passage of food in and out of the stomach is organized by two muscular valves. Food goes in the stomach from the esophagus in the course of the lower esophageal or cardiac sphincter. Alternatively, the passage of food from the stomach into the intestine takes place through the pyloric sphincter [4].

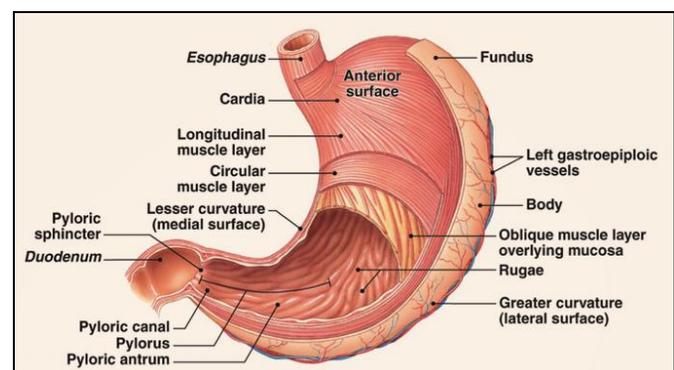


Fig 1: Stomach [4]

Stomach Disease Intelligent Tutoring System was designed and developed using ITSB authoring tools [20].

2. Literature Review

There are a few ITS applications developed in field of educations and instructions. The authors in [1] built an intelligent tutoring system for teaching FOL similarity to assist students in learning logic and helps students to study how to build equivalent formulas in first order logic, authors in [2] presented an Intelligent Tutoring System that mentors diabetics, giving them the ability to develop the necessary capability, In [25] the authors built an Intelligent Tutoring System for Learning Java Objects that will help students to study Java objects by present the area of Java objects and administers automatically generated problems for the students to work out and the system dynamically adopt at run time to the student's individual progress, design and development of diabetes ITS [27], ITS teaching grammar English tenses [24], ITS for teaching advanced topics in information security [16], development and evaluation of the Oracle Intelligent Tutoring System (OITS) [17], ITS for learning Computer Theory [18], e-learning system [8, 15, 24], ADO-Tutor: Intelligent Tutoring System for leaning ADO.NET [33], an agent based ITS for Parameter Passing in Java Programming [14], Java Expression Evaluation [10], Linear Programming [7, 28], an Intelligent Tutoring System for Entity Relationship Modeling [13], an Knowledge-based Intelligent Tutoring System for Teaching Mongo Database [19], Design and Development of an Intelligent Tutoring System for C# Language [29], effectiveness of e-learning [23], computer aided instruction [6], effectiveness of the CPP-Tutor [26], teaching AI searching algorithms [12], teaching database to sophomore students in Gaza [9], and Predicting learners performance using NT and ITS [5], ITS which called CPP-Tutor for helping student to learn C++ Programming Language [11], a comparative study between Animated Intelligent Tutoring Systems (AITS) and Video-based Intelligent Tutoring Systems (VITS) [21].

3. ITS Architecture

Figure 2 shows the architecture used in the current intelligent tutoring system for teaching students Stomach Disease. The architecture consists of four modules: the domain module, student module, pedagogical module and the interface module.

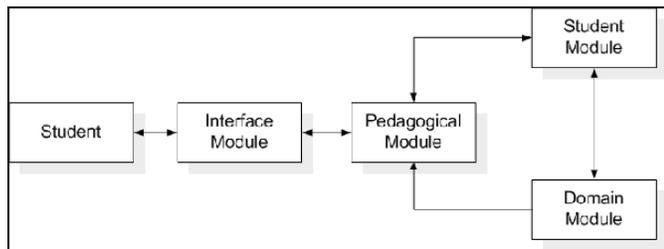


Fig 2: Intelligent Tutoring System architecture used in this research

3.1 Domain Model

The domain module contains the following material to be taught to the students:

- Stomach Ache
- Stomach Disorders
- Stomach Flu see Gastroenteritis
- Stomach Stapling see Weight Loss Surgery
- Stomach Ulcer see Peptic Ulcer
- Stool see Bowel Movement
- Strabismus see Eye Movement Disorders
- Strep Throat see Streptococcal Infections
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3.2 Student Model

Every new student should have his/her own account or profile to be able to use the Intelligent Tutoring Systems such as the course materials, examples, exercise, and statistics. The student profile includes information about students such as student name, student number, date of last visit, current course and overall course, and other and student information. The current score represents score about students for each difficulty level in every lesson. The overall score represent student for all difficulty levels of a lesson.

3.3 Pedagogical Module

It works as a controller that manages the functionality of the system throughout this module; a student can answer questions starting from first difficulty level. If the student got 75% marks or higher in any level, he/she can move to next difficulty level. However, If the student marks below 75% and above 50 % the ITS system force him to repeat exercises of the same difficulty level again. In the case the student get score below 50%, the ITS system force the student to go back and study the related lesson then come back to answer the exercises.

3.4 User Interface Model

User interface was designed to be easy to use and very simple. Figure 2 to figure 7 show the different user interfaces of the intelligent tutoring system for teaching stomach diseases.

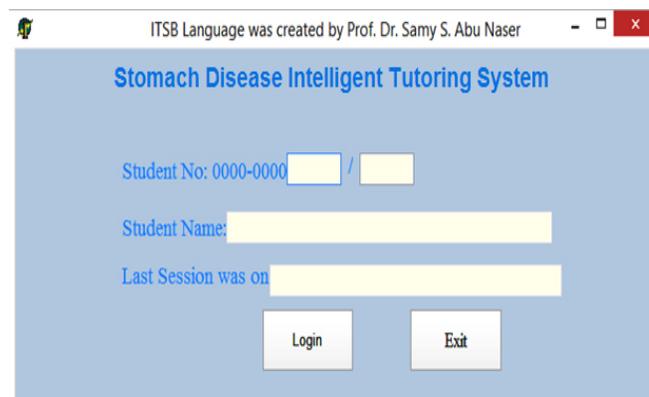


Fig 2: Student Login Form.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Constants Data Entry" with three tabs: "ITS Basic Data", "Students Data", and "Colors". The "ITS Basic Data" tab is active. It contains the following fields:

- Enter Title of The ITS System (English): Stomach Disease Intelligent Tutoring System
- Enter Title of The ITS System (Arabic): نظام الإرشاد الذكي لتعلم مرض المعدة
- Enter location of the Data Base: c:\work
- Enter Name of creator of the ITS (English): Suheir HALmurshidi
- Enter Name of creator of the ITS(Arabic): سهير حسن المرشدي
- Enter the meaning of @ symbol: Float Value
- Enter the meaning of # symbol: Integer Value
- Enter the meaning of \$ symbol: Boolean value
- Enter the meaning of % symbol: Char value
- Enter the meaning of ^ symbol: String value
- Enter User Interface Language: English-الانجليزي

At the bottom, there are "Save" and "Close" buttons.

Fig 3: Form for adding ITS Basic Data.

The screenshot shows the "Students Data" tab in the "Constants Data Entry" window. It contains the following fields:

- Enter Student Number: 20150013
- Enter Student Name: Suheir H.ALMurshidi
- Enter Student Major: Engineering & Information Technology
- Enter Student Grade Point Average: 0
- Enter Student Passed Credits: 0
- Re-Set Student Difficulty Level: 1
- Re-Set Student Problem No: 0
- Re-Set Student Current Score: 0
- Re-Set Student Over All Score: 0
- Re-Set Student Current Lesson: 0

At the bottom, there are navigation buttons and a "Close" button.

Fig 4: Form for adding Students Data.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Questions and Answers Data Entry". It contains the following fields:

- Enter Question Text 1: Do symptoms of intestinal diseases include indigestion, heartburn, nausea, constipation and bloating?
- Enter Question Text 2: (empty)
- Enter Answer Choice 1: T
- Enter Answer Choice 2: F
- Enter Answer Choice 3: (empty)
- Enter Answer Choice 4: (empty)
- Enter Answer Choice 5: (empty)
- Enter Answer Choice 6: (empty)
- Enter Picture link (Optional): Get Pic Name (empty)
- Enter Video link (Optional): Get Video Name (empty)
- Enter Hint for this question: (empty)
- Enter Correct Answers: Choice 1 (0), Choice 2 (1), Choice 3 (empty), Choice 4 (empty), Choice 5 (empty), Choice 6 (empty)
- Level of difficulty: 1
- Choose a lesson: Chapter One

At the bottom, there are navigation buttons and a "Close" button.

Fig 6: Form for adding questions and answers.

The screenshot shows the "Colors" tab in the "Constants Data Entry" window. It contains a table for font settings:

	Background Color	Font Name	Font Color	Font Size
Forms	clInactiveCaption			
Labels		Times New Roman	clHighlight	14
Buttons		Times New Roman	clInfoBk	12
Page Sheet		Times New Roman	clMaroon	11
Richedit	clMemBar	Times New Roman	clBlue	13
List Box	clBtnFace	Times New Roman	clBlue	11
Combo Box	clBtnFace	Times New Roman	clBlue	11
Edit	clInfoBk	Times New Roman	clBlue	11

At the bottom, there are "Save" and "Close" buttons.

Fig 5: Form for adjusting Fonts Name, color and Font Size of all screens of the system.

The screenshot shows a window titled "Suheir H ALmurshidi" with a dropdown menu set to "Choose One Lesson Chapter One". It contains the following elements:

- Buttons: New Problem, Check, Solution, Stats, Close
- Problem # 9, Difficulty Level # 1
- Question text: Do symptoms of intestinal diseases include indigestion, heartburn, nausea, constipation and bloating?
- Answer choices: T (selected), F

Fig 7: Student Exercises form.

4. ITS Evaluation

The evaluation of system was done by teachers, students, and doctors who are specialized in this area. They evaluated the system from their perspective. The evaluation was done in two stages. The stage was for the teachers and the second one was for the students. We took their advices and feedbacks after presenting the system for each group in order to analyze lessons, answers, examples, questions, the design, effectiveness and ease of use.

The results of each group were very acceptable. Their comments were involved in enhancing the material and adding more exercises.

5. Conclusion

ITSs are viewed as future's tutoring system and many studies accomplished in this area. When they are compared to traditional classroom atmosphere, ITSs are quite successful and relatively taking teachers' place, they take on supporting duty for students. In traditional teaching environment, students' differences aren't taken into account.

In this paper, we have designed developed an intelligent tutoring system for students learning diabetes using ITSB authoring tool. The system was developed for students who want to study medicine or increase their knowledge in this field easily and smoothly. System architecture and requirements of students and teachers were taken in consideration of the design of the system. The evaluations of the system have been done by specialist doctors, teachers and students and the results were very acceptable.

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