# The Effect Of Utilizing Google Search Features In Answering Religious Problems (Study Case : Student In Semarang)

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# **Abstract**

The purpose of making this journal is as a study of the influence of the phenomenon of the dependence of the millennial generation, especially that which occurs in students in Semarang in responding to the challenges of the times. The case referred to in this case is the use of the google search feature in answering religious problems faced. The respondents we use are students in Semarang, namely UIN Walisongo students, Dinanuswantara students, Diponegoro University students and Muhammadiyah Semarang University students. From the results of the research conducted, it was found that for indicators of use, almost all students used google search to answer their religious problems, religious issues that were often searched for were about Fiqh, Law and others. The virtual world is a free medium, so that various information can be accessed easily. If this information is retrieved without filtering, there will be a misunderstanding in understanding the answers. The method used in this journal is the analysis of various related journals. In addition, this journal also uses a quantitative descriptive method with this type of survey research.

**Keywords**: effect, google search, religious problem.

# **INTRODUCTION**

Technological developments that every year develop increasingly sophisticated. technology that has experienced a significant increase is smartphones. On smartphones there is a google search feature, the use of google search is diverse. The beneficiary is, among others, to find what we are looking for, for example, problems in religion. Almost people search for problems with google search without knowing the source that has been proven true or not. Students studying and studying religious knowledge on social media display symptoms with a tendency to increase along with technological developments in the current era of globalization. This assumption is based on a number of survey data and research on increasing internet users.(Maiyana, According to Wilson, information searching behavior (information searching bahavior) is an effort to find information used by information searches when interacting with information systems. Every information user is aware of a need that must be met for the continuity of his daily activities.(ARKAN, 2018)

The rapid development of technology at this time, has unwittingly changed all social arrangements in society, including settlement of religious problems. In other words, learning to find religious information becomes easy and practical. To be able to read the Al-Qur'an and know various kinds of problems in religion, you don't have to ask directly with the Ustadz or Kyai, but simply by having a google search on your smartphone you can find various sources of information. In searching for religious issues, it has now reached wide reach with the google search. This study is focused on students in Semarang by paying attention to the effect of using a search engine machine (google search) in answering religious issues.

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#### Literature Review

Information and Communication Technology (Information and Communication Technology) consists of two concepts, namely Information Technology and Communication Technology. Information technology is the use of electronic equipment, especially computers to store, analyze and distribute any information, including words, numbers and images . Information technology is a technology used to process data, including processing, obtaining, compiling, storing and manipulating data in various ways to produce quality information, namely information that is relevant, accurate, and timely. Information technology has two aspects, namely the hardware aspect. and software.(Idris, 2015)

Technology is now increasingly sophisticated, technology seems to be the teacher for all lines of life's problems. One aspect of information technology is software tools. Software software is an information technology device that is designed to be lighter and more practical. The output of the most familiar software tool is google search. Google search is one of several search engine machines that are quite popular with its users. Google Search or with a longer name called Google Web Search or simply Google (Wikipedia, Google Search, 2016) is an information search engine through a web interface using internet facilities. (Haq, 2017) Google is a search engine founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin of Stanford University in 1995. Backrub is the name of the search engine the two of them eventually created. Backrub did not last long, as the two founders eventually chose "Google" as a replacement name. The mission "to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and usable."(Sari, 2017)

The internet seems to be a basic necessity for Indonesian society. According to data published in kominfo.go.id, Indonesia is ranked 6th in internet use in the world arena. The boom in internet users does not rule out the possibility for users to explore more deeply the use of the internet. This looting of internet use has displayed millions of web pages, one of which is a religious website. One implementation of the existence of the internet is widely used as a problem solving. Google search has long existed as a popular search engine. With the number of religious web pages available, it is not difficult

for internet users to look for issues related to religion on them. With this internet, it makes it easier for its users to share knowledge and religious values through religious forums. Religious problems that are searched through google search vary, starting from the problem of Fiqh, Knowledge of Kalam, Muamalah, and so on. Various religious issues, especially those related to Islam, can be easily resolved. However, our dependence on the internet as a problem solving is not necessarily justified. There needs to be a teacher as a companion and guide, considering that the internet is a free world, all information can be received without being hindered. (Halim & Rahim, 2017)

Not all sophisticated things get one-sided value. Everything has two sides, both positive and negative. The ease of obtaining and sharing information is fueled by the presence of the internet which has changed everything. Search engines like google make it easy for someone to find any information in a short time. (Setiawan, 2017) Some examples of the positive impact of using google search are that it can be used as a field of information for the fields of education. culture, etc., the information obtained will be easier to find, its use is more practical and does not take time. (Lestari, 2015)In addition, with this google search feature, users can widely access all pages of knowledge, especially regarding religious issues. All views on the problem are usually presented more broadly with various views of scholars. This is what sometimes becomes the reason for choosing to use google search in solving religious problems.(Wilkins, Batumalai, & Jasmi, 2019)

Various positive impacts of using the "Google" information finder are known in the public. Not only positive impacts but also negative impacts from the use of Google that not many people know so far. Not all results that appear on the Google site are sites that always provide validity of data only because of the position in the order that appears in the Google window. Unfortunately what happens is that there are still many people who directly trust the results of these searches and apply them in life because of the effects of positions and rankings that are considered reliable. Keep in mind that fake information is easy to find on the internet. Research shows that most of the information on health sites on the internet has significant errors, both in terms of quality, (Sari, 2017). At the beginning of the 21st century globally, religious education began to be considered to enter formal education(Aown, 2011). The application of religious education in formal education has made some internet users increasingly use the internet as secondary reference seekers. This is the reason why it is difficult to filter information on the internet in response to religious problems faced(Helland, 2005)

# **Methods**

This research used quantitative descriptive method with survey research type. According to Yusuf (2014: 48), says that: "Survey research is a systematic investigation in collecting information related to an object of study, using a structured questionnaire or list of questions".

The population in this study were students in Semarang, while the samples we used were 180 students from UIN Walisongo, 95 students from Diponegoro University, 98 students from Dianuswantara University, and 77 students from Muhammadiyah Semarang University. The number of samples that the authors got was 450 students. Data collection in this study was carried out by sharing the google form link in which there are several questionnaires to be filled out by respondents. After obtaining the data, the writer then analyzes the data that has been obtained to then be correlated or compared with existing theories which will then be generalized through drawing conclusions.

#### **Results**

Indicator 1

Table 1. Intensity of Use

Indicator	Percentage (%)		
	Ever	Never	
Intensity of Use	91	9	

Indicator 2

Table 2. Problem Topics

Indicator	Percentage (%)		
	Fiqh	Law	Others
Problem Topic	38	37	30

# **Indicator 3**

Table 3. Confirmation of Validity

Indicator	Percentage (%)		
	Yes	Not	
Confirmation of Answer Validity	90	10	

#### **Discussions**

From the results of research conducted through survey research, it was found that 91% of students in Semarang used the google search feature in answering the religious problems they faced. This means that students in Semarang often use google search as a mode of responding to religious problems. Its practical system is one of the reasons why they chose it, not only that some students also expressed the reason why they chose this google search, namely because of their "ignorance" to ask ustadz, besides that some students also said that to be able to ask ustadz or teachers or kyai sometimes have time constraints, so it is more practical, they use google search.

According to Kominfo on its web page (kominfo.go.id), it is revealed that Indonesia is in the 6th highest rank in its internet usage. In fact, according to E-marketers, Indonesia is expected to shift Japan to 5th place with 112 million users. It is possible that the high internet usage in Indonesia is the reason for the high use of the google search feature among students in Semarang.

The religious issues that are often sought are regarding law as much as 32%, 38% of Figh and 30% of other religious sciences. Naturally, students with religious universities such as UIN Walisongo and Muhammadiyah University of Semarang often use this feature, considering that in both universities, religious material is quite complex. Other religious sciences include kalam, prayer and so on. Figh science ranks first, as we know Figh science is the science that explains the syara 'laws related to amaliyah which is sought to obtain from clear propositions (thafshili). Not surprisingly, Fiqh science is quite a difficult science, where the decision to issue a problem must be based on arguments, such as the Al-Qur'an and Al-Hadith. This is what could be a strong foundation for students of UIN Walisongo and Muhammadiyah University of Semarang who prefer to solve problems related to fiqh through this google search feature. These religious issues are often used for discussions either during lectures or in regular discussions. Various religious issues, especially those related to Islam, can be easily resolved.

The use of this feature, especially for solving religious problems, certainly has an impact. The impact can be positive and negative. With the results of the survey research that the author conducted, at the point of confirming the validity of the answers, students tended to confirm it. Can be through teachers, chaplains and lecturers. As many as 90% of the respondents confirmed it and 10% of the respondents only accepted it without confirming validity of the answers obtained. Confirmation of the validity of the answer really needs to be done, because this is related to religious issues. In addition, this can also be a positive or negative impact of surfing on google search. The use of google search can have a positive impact because with this feature, students are quite helpful in finding learning references. Not only that, it also makes it more practical and less time consuming. Even by using this feature, students become broader by reading several different sources of material. However, with a note, you must confirm the validity of the answer. Moreover, this is related to religious issues which have a very high urgency, and cannot be arbitrary. The use of google search can also have a negative impact, if students do not confirm through the cleric or teacher. As we all know, the online world is a vast world, all directions of information can be accessed easily. The danger is when we as users do not know who the author is, how the author's background is and also the clarity of the web address. A small example, is that we can be trapped in the portal of radicalism, then without knowing deeply how the writer is, we are influenced by all his thinkers without exception. And unfortunately, without us knowing it, we are trapped in thoughts that turn out to be radicals. Keep in mind that fake information is easy to find on the internet. Research shows that most of the information on health, religious, and internet sites has significant errors, both in terms of quality, accuracy and also the completeness of the data provided. Therefore, it is necessary to confirm the answer. There needs to be a teacher as a companion and guide, considering that the internet is a free world, all information can be received without being hindered. we get caught up in thinking that it turns out to be radical. Keep in mind that fake information is easy to find on the internet. Research shows that most of the information on health, religious, and internet sites has significant errors, both in terms of quality, accuracy and also the completeness of the data provided. Therefore, it is necessary to confirm the answer. There needs to be a teacher as a companion and guide, considering that the internet is a free world, all information can be received without being hindered. we get caught up in thinking that it turns out to be radical. Keep in mind that fake information is easy to find on the internet. Research shows that most of the information on health, religious, and internet sites has significant errors, both in terms of quality, accuracy and completeness of the data provided. Therefore, it is necessary to confirm the answer. There needs to be a teacher as a companion and guide, considering that the internet is a free world, all information can be received without being hindered. accuracy and completeness of the data provided. Therefore, it is necessary to confirm the answer. There needs to be a teacher as a companion and guide, considering that the internet is a free world, all information can be received without being hindered. accuracy and completeness of the data provided. Therefore, it is necessary to confirm the answer. There needs to be a teacher as a companion and guide, considering that the internet is a free world, all information can be received without being hindered.

# **Conclusion**

The description of the use of the google search feature in answering student religious problems in Semarang is quite high, where the topics that are often searched for are the science of fiqh, law, and so on. Fiqh science ranks first on religious issues which are often searched through google search, followed by matters relating to law. The internet is a free world, all information can be received without being hindered. accuracy and completeness of the data provided. Therefore, it is necessary to confirm the answer. Confirming the validity of the answer is very necessary, considering the information is not necessarily valid, so we need a teacher to guide it. It can be concluded, that the

use of the google search feature in answering student religious problems in Semarang has a very positive and negative effect.

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