



COMPUTER-AIDED EDUCATIONAL MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION SYSTEM FOR PRACTICES OF DATABASE COURSE STUDENTS

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Abstract

Courses with practice need additional time for measurement and evaluation of the students. This additional time causes a decrease in the number of practices and educators' performance nevertheless, the measurement and evaluation of many students might not be achieved properly. In order to overcome the difficulties mentioned above, a software which executes the necessary measurement and evaluation for "Database Course" lesson in short time for at the Computer Technologies Laboratory of Usak University.

Each student connects to a remote MySQL database server computer with his/her own computer and sends SQL query to perform practice stage given in Table 1 via MySQL Workbench that Database Management System Software. The designed and implemented software running on the server checks and scores accuracy of the queries of each student.

In this study, classic measurement and evaluation of each student who performed the practice stages given in Table 2 takes about 51 minutes and for the 54 attendants, it takes about half an hour. The designed and implemented software takes about 0.6 seconds for each student and for the 54 attendants; it takes about 34.8 seconds depending on the network performance. Since the developed system reduced the usage time in a ratio of 100 to 1 for the measurement and evaluation, the educational length of duration has become more efficiency.

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INTRODUCTION

Technology is used in the fields like health, communication, industry and education. Therefore, there is very important place of technology in the development of countries. Countries that use technology more effectively become more developed. Computer Technologies are at forefront in more effective use of technology. Therefore, development of technology goes parallel with development of computers.

Education provides expected behavior to individuals and aims at changing his/her behavior. This is must knew that success or failure of the training program and in which degree and which students have the benefit.



Obtaining the degree of success and recognition of those who fail, however, the students measured and evaluated by behavioral changes occurring in is possible (Baykul: 1992) .

Computer Technologies deliver training services to a wider audience from any place more efficiently and more quickly (Dostál, Serafin, Havelka, & Minarcík, 2012). It helps students develop basic skills, it makes teaching process faster and keeps the students more interested and motivated (Schacter, 1999) [K9]. It also provides efficient for preparing and representing training program and course contents in terms of measurement and assessment.

Evaluation in education as a term is a research model about instruction and a method for identifying the most effective teaching methods (ERWIN, 1991). The evaluation should be more controlled, more effective and more durable in order to get more valid, reliable and purposive result. In educational-teaching processes as in other social studies, the teachers can detect the scope of attainments via various assessment and evaluation approaches. These approaches are generally grouped into two subcategories as “traditional” and “alternative” assessments and evaluation (Çalışkan & Kaşıkçı, 2010).

Computer technologies are used effectively to get more valid results in evaluation and measurement. In this study it is aimed to show that alternative evaluation and measurement using computer technologies is more efficient and more rapid than traditional evaluation and measurement methods.

Problem Statement

Education of technical courses demands a lot of practical qualification, which enables achieving of practical experiences and knowledge (Fiksl, 2012). The practices should be done many times to provide permanency. Teachers or Lecturers measure and evaluate this process by students attendance to course and vocational education. This measurement and evaluation are performed whether the practice are at desired level or not.

METHOD

The students apply practice stage prepared by an educator as shown on the blackboard. After the students finished their practice, the educator checks each practice of the students one by one. Then he writes the measured score of practice in the list as in the traditional measurement of method. Practice of every course attendee or student is checked by lecturer one by one in traditional evaluation method of vocational education. Therefore duration of education increases in parallel with the numbers of students. This long duration of measurement and evaluation training has been tried to be eliminated with a software application. This innovative software has been studied in this article.

Structured Query Language

A data query language or tools were needed after Database approach. Firstly, there has been developed a language having mathematical syntax which is called SQUARE, However, this language was abandoned due to its lack of comprehensibility. Therefore an alternative syntax was created. It is called SEQUEL (Structured Query Language) which is similar to English language. Later on this this SEQUEL language, was evolved into SQL to adjust to English pronunciation (Hongsiri, Patcharin, Parames, Watcharee, & Ruenwongsa, 2013).

SQL become very popular and it came into standard use in all platforms. Therefore, it should be known by every technical staff working in the field of database. Having learned the basic database terminology, the students execute commands called query sentences. These commands are written in standard SQL language. Some of these commands are given in Table 1.

Table 1 Some Query Functions and Commands SQL Query Clauses

Query Functions	SQL Commands
Creating a database is the name of e-commerce	CREATE DATABASE Eticaret
Creating a Database Table Structure named users and Specifying Column Properties	CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS kullanicilar (KullaniciNo integer(11),Ad varchar(50),Soyad varchar(50));
Users Viewing Table Structure	DESC Kullanicilar;
Users All Records in Table View	SELECT * FROM kullanicilar

Computer Software

The specified application is controlled by trainer and applications are scored based on whether or not the right after students performed the steps in Table 2. In the traditional method these scores are written to the list consists of the practice steps with the student information in Figure-6. Student applications to be controlled individually by the instructor and points to be written to the list extend the training period. The check of practice within training time decreasing the duration and made more efficient than conventional methods are performed in the experimental using the developed software.

Table 2 :The Practice Stages

No	The Practice Stages
1	The Creation of a Database
2	The Select of Character Set to Database
3	The Creation of a Database Table Column and its properties
4	The Insert of Data to Database Table
5	The Select of Data
6	The Update of Data
7	The Delete of Data
8	The Creation of Index
9	The Creation of View
10	The Alter of Table

Flow Chart of the designed and implemented software is shown in Figure 1.

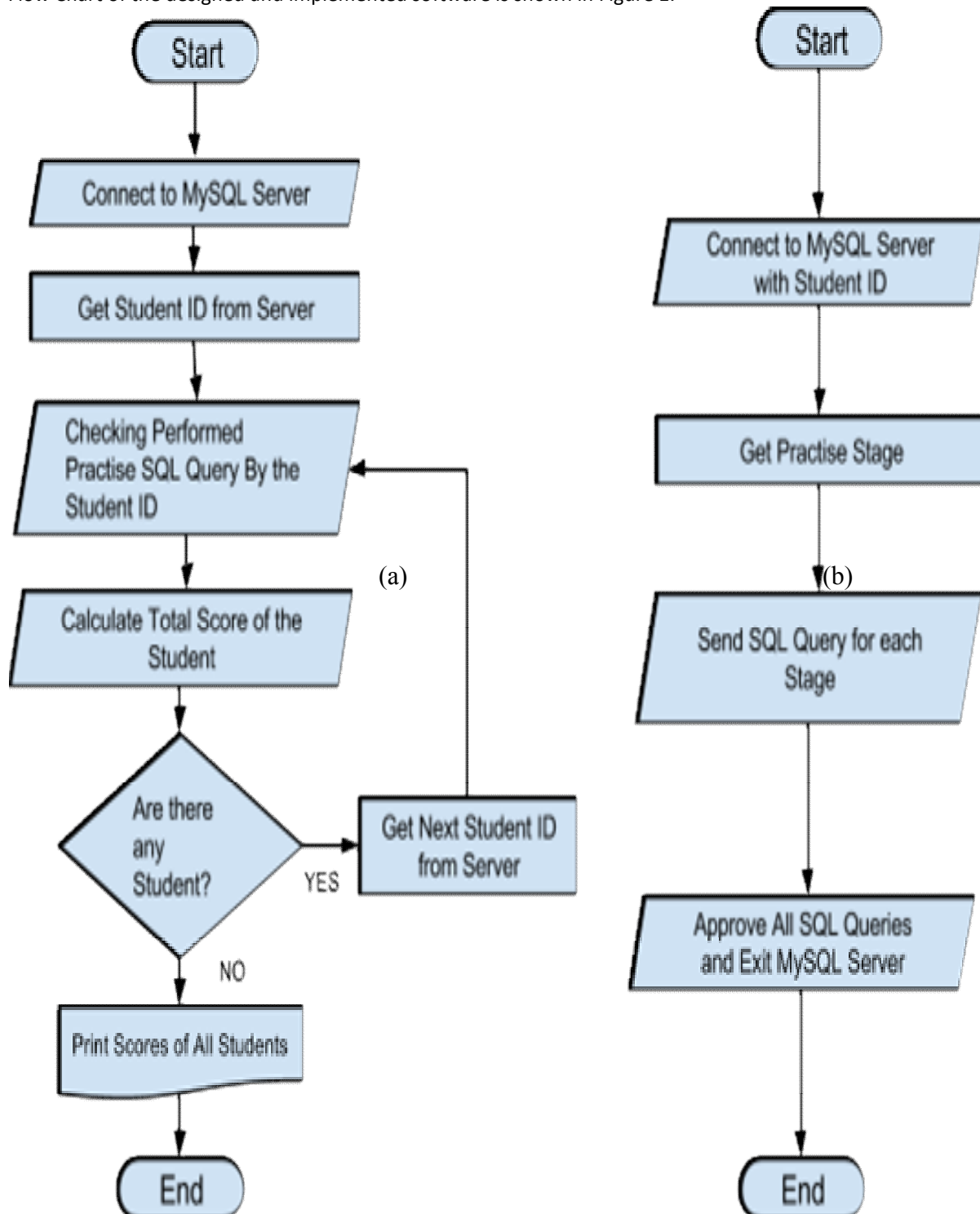


Figure 1 Flow Chart of the designed and implemented software (a) Educator Side, (b) Students Side

At the first, trainers add into the software each student the practical steps respectively. Some of these stages are shown in Table 2 and Adding Screen Practice Steps is shown in Figure 2.

Lecturer	Lec. Hüseyin COŞKUN		
Duration	50 minutes		
Practice Subject	E-Commerce Web Site		
NO	PRACTICE STAGE & CONTROL SQL QUERY		SCORE
1	PRACTICE STAGE	Create a Database for Using in E-Commerce Web Site CONTROL SQL QUERY <code>CREATE DATABASE ECommerce</code>	20
2	PRACTICE STAGE	Select a Character Set to Database for International Using CONTROL SQL QUERY <code>SET CHARACTER SET utf8; SET COLLATION_CONNECTION = 'utf8_turkish_ci';</code>	20
3	PRACTICE STAGE	Create a Database Table Column and its properties for this 4 object Products,Custo CONTROL SQL QUERY <code>CREATE TABLE Products (ProductID INTEGER(11) PRIMARY KEY AUTO_INCREMENT, ProductName VARCHAR(11), Category VARCHAR(50),</code>	20
4	PRACTICE STAGE	Insert of Data to Database Table for Products,Customers,Sales CONTROL SQL QUERY <code>INSERT INTO Customers (MemberID, Name, Surname, Address, Email, City, Phone) VALUES (1, 'Ahmet', 'Beyaz', 'Kargıyaka Mah. No:23', 'ahmet@beyaz.com', 'Istanul', '905324567890');</code>	20
5	PRACTICE STAGE	Select of Data of Product for Sales use Relations Database Query CONTROL SQL QUERY <code>SELECT * FROM Product AS P AND Sales AS S WHERE P.ProductID=S.ProductID</code>	20
Go Back			Save Practice Stages

Figure 2: Adding Screen Practice Steps for Educators

Each student chosen from Table 1 in the overall practice steps in a particular subject are to perform at the specified time. Each student's performances are checked by the software developed for this practice and giving points designated for each correct application to students, score of student's practice is calculated. Practice Detail Screen for students is shown in Figure 3 and SQL Query Screen for each practice stage is shown Figure 4.

Student ID	132155001		
Name and Surname	Yakut ÖZCAN		
Total Score	100 points (20*5)		
Duration	50 minutes		
Practice Subject	E-Commerce Web Site		
NO	PRACTICE	OPERATION	SCORE
1	Create a Database for Using in E-Commerce Web Site	Enter SQL Query	20
2	Select a Character Set to Database for International Using	Enter SQL Query	20
3	Create a Database Table Column and its properties for this 4 object Products,Customers,Sales,Categories	Enter SQL Query	20
4	Insert of Data to Database Table for Products,Customers,Sales	Enter SQL Query	20
5	Select of Data for Sales use Relations Database Query	Enter SQL Query	20

Figure 3: Practice Stage Screen for Students


Practice Stage	Create a Database for Using in E-Commerce Web Site
Enter SQL Query	CREATE DATABASE ECommerce
Message	 1 row(s) returned
<input type="button" value="Show Practice List"/> <input type="button" value="Run Query"/> <input type="button" value="Save Query"/>	

Figure 4: SQL Query Screen for Student

The applications made by the student as to identify issues and the intended practical stages are checked by educator with computer software. Practice Control Screen for educator is shown in Figure 5.

Lecturer	Lec. Fatih BOZKURT				
NO	PRACTICE SUBJECT	NUMBER OF STAGE	NUMBER of STUDENT	TOTAL SCORE	OPERATION
1	E-Commerce Web Site	5	54	100	<input type="button" value="Control Practice"/>
2	Library	5	54	100	<input type="button" value="Control Practice"/>
3	Hospital	6	54	90	<input type="button" value="Control Practice"/>
4	Car Technical Service	4	54	80	<input type="button" value="Control Practice"/>
5	SuperMarket	4	54	80	<input type="button" value="Control Practice"/>

Figure 5: Practice Control Screen

FINDINGS

Traditional Method of Measurement and Scoring

In the traditional method the list has prepared in Figure 6, the performed practice have been checked and scored by educator. The checking and scoring process time in the traditional method for a total of 54 students took 51 minutes. This time period is equal to a course time.

Practice Subject	E-Commerce Web Site		Total Score	100 points (20*5)			
Practice Duration	50 minutes		Time	51 minutes for 54 student			
NO	Surname Name	1.Stage Score	2.Stage Score	3.Stage Score	4.Stage Score	5.Stage Score	TOTAL
1	ALBAYRAK BRAHIM MUSTAFA	10	10	15	20	20	75
2	DOGMEN SONCA	15	15	10	15	10	65
3	ISLAM ERHAT	20	10	15	20	10	75
4	SIMAN DENIZ HAN	20	10	20	20	20	90
5	YAVUZ YUSUF	10	10	10	10	15	55
6	ISCAN HALIT	10	15	20	20	20	85
7	CEylan ENIS	10	15	20	20	10	65
8	YARICI SAHAN	10	15	20	20	20	85
9	AYDOGAN ERBEN	15	15	20	10	10	70
10	MUSTAFA FATMATUL TEHRA	15	10	20	20	20	85
11	ERIK MUHAMMAD	20	10	20	10	10	70
12	SUNEL MURAT	10	0	10	20	0	40
13	SUREN MELER ULKAY	15	15	0	0	0	30
14	AKKUS HUSRI	20	20	10	15	15	80
15	DOYMAZ NURBA	20	15	10	5	20	70
16	ISCAN HAN	20	20	20	20	10	90
17	YAVUZ ERHAT ERBEN	10	10	10	10	10	50
18	AYDOGAN ERBEN	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	ISCAN HAN	10	10	10	10	20	60
20	ISCAN HAN	20	10	15	20	20	85
21	ISCAN HAN	10	10	10	10	10	50
22	ISCAN HAN	15	15	15	0	0	45
23	ISCAN HAN	10	10	20	20	20	80
24	ISCAN HAN	10	10	10	20	20	70
25	ISCAN HAN	10	10	15	20	20	75
26	ISCAN HAN	15	15	10	15	10	65
27	ISCAN HAN	20	10	15	20	10	75
28	ISCAN HAN	20	10	20	20	20	90
29	ISCAN HAN	10	10	10	10	15	55
30	ISCAN HAN	10	15	20	20	20	85
31	ISCAN HAN	10	15	20	20	20	85
32	ISCAN HAN	10	15	20	20	10	65
33	ISCAN HAN	10	15	20	20	20	85
34	ISCAN HAN	15	15	20	10	10	70
35	ISCAN HAN	15	10	20	20	20	85
36	ISCAN HAN	20	10	20	10	10	70
37	ISCAN HAN	10	0	10	20	0	40
38	ISCAN HAN	15	15	0	0	0	30
39	ISCAN HAN	20	20	10	15	15	80
40	ISCAN HAN	20	15	10	5	20	70
41	ISCAN HAN	20	20	20	20	10	90
42	ISCAN HAN	10	10	10	10	10	50
43	ISCAN HAN	0	0	0	0	0	0
44	ISCAN HAN	10	10	10	10	20	60
45	ISCAN HAN	20	10	15	20	20	85
46	ISCAN HAN	10	10	10	10	10	50
47	ISCAN HAN	15	15	15	0	0	45
48	ISCAN HAN	10	10	20	20	20	80
49	ISCAN HAN	10	10	10	10	10	50
50	ISCAN HAN	15	15	15	0	0	45
51	ISCAN HAN	10	10	20	20	20	80
52	ISCAN HAN	10	10	10	10	10	50
53	ISCAN HAN	15	15	15	0	0	45
54	ISCAN HAN	10	10	20	20	20	80

Figure 6: Traditional Practice Check List

Computer-Aided Method of Measurement and Scoring

The checking and scoring process in the computer-aided method for a total of 54 students took 34.8 seconds. (Practice control made by developed computer software with 34.8 seconds to control 54 students took place in such a short time).

Practice Subject		E-Commerce Web Site					Total Score	100 points (20'5)
Practice Duration		60 minutes					Execution Time	34.8 seconds for 54 students
NO	Surname Name	1.State Score	2.State Score	3.State Score	4.State Score	5.State Score	TOTAL	
1	ALBAYRAK İBRAHİM MERT	10					35	
2	GÖÇMEN GONCA	20	0	20	20	0	60	
3	SAĞLAM BERHAT	20	0	10	20	20	70	
4	ŞİMAN DENİZ HAN	20	15	20	10	20	85	
5	ŞAHİN TUĞDEMİR	0	0	15	15	0	30	
6	ÖZCAN YAKUT	0	15	15	20	0	50	
7	CEYLAN ENES	10	15	10	15	15	65	
8	ÇAKICI KAĞAN	20	20	15	20	15	90	
9	AYDOĞAN ERDİNÇ	20	0	10	20	10	60	
10	MUSTAK FATMATÜL ZEHRA	15	15	15	10	10	65	
11	ERİK MUHAMMED	10	20	15	20	20	85	
12	GÜREL MURAT	0	20	0	10	0	30	
13	BÜREN MELEK OLCAY	20	0	20	20	0	60	
14	AKUŞ HALİSİ	0	10	20	10	20	60	
15	DOYMAZ KÜBRA	10	20	15	10	20	75	
16	AKGÜN RAMAZAN	0	0	20	15	10	45	
17	TUNA MEHMET BUĞRAHAN	0	0	10	10	20	40	
18	AYILMAZ MEHMET	0	20	20	15	15	70	
19	UYGUN İBRAHİM	0	20	10	15	0	45	
20	BAVRAM DİLEK	15	20	10	20	0	65	
21	ÇOBAN İSLEYMAN	0	15	10	20	15	60	
22	DEMİRTAŞ ABOULLAH	10	0	20	15	15	60	
23	ÖZTEMÜR ÇİHAN	20	15	10	20	0	65	
24	YURDUKUL KORAY	15	10	15	10	10	60	
25	ÖNDER FEVZİ	20	15	0	15	0	50	
26	YAREN TOLGAYHAN	0	10	20	20	15	65	
27	TURGUT BURAK	0	10	0	10	15	35	
28	YUSUFLU ROYAL	0	0	10	20	15	45	
29	DURMUŞ KACIR	10	10	20	15	15	70	
30	SARI MABULE	15	0	20	10	20	65	
31	ERÖZ EŞE	0	10	15	0	15	40	
32	YILMAZ MERVE BUŞRA	10	10	15	20	20	75	
33	ALTAY İSLEYMAN	0	20	20	10	10	60	
34	İMAL MUŞERREF	0	0	0	0	0	0	
35	ÖZÇELİK ÖZGÜHAN	20	0	20	10	10	60	
36	YÜKSEL MEHMET ALİ	15	0	0	15	0	30	
37	AYNA MUHAMMET EMİN	20	20	10	10	20	80	
38	ÖZCAN NAZİFE GÜL	10	10	20	20	20	80	
39	ÖZCAN ÖZGE	0	20	20	20	0	60	
40	ÖZTAN GİZEM	15	20	15	0	20	70	
41	ERDEBALI BELDA	10	20	10	15	15	70	
42	YÜKSEL MUSTAFA	0	0	10	20	15	45	
43	TAŞCI EZGİ	10	0	15	20	20	65	
44	UÇAR FARUK	0	10	15	10	10	45	
45	ALTAY EMRE	20	20	10	15	0	65	
46	ÖZTİM UĞUR CAN	15	10	10	20	20	75	
47	ÖZTİN EDA	10	20	0	15	0	45	
48	KAPLAN ŞAHİR	0	15	15	0	0	30	
49	SAĞLAM AYŞUN	10	20	10	20	20	80	
50	YILMAZ ALİ ÖSMAN	15	20	20	0	15	70	
51	TÜRK ERAY	20	15	0	0	10	45	
52	ÇETİN TAHİRİN	10	15	10	10	0	45	
53	AKYÜZ FATMA	10	0	20	10	0	40	
54	ERTAŞ HALİL	0	10	10	0	0	20	

Figure 7: Computer-Aid Practice Check List

Process time of both methods are comparing in Figure 8. According to this diagram it is understood that the difference between the two duration of the methods is too large compared and duration of the traditional methods, 1 minute per student is increasing proportionally according to increase in the number of students, duration of the computer aid method, 0.01 seconds per student is increasing proportionally according to increase in the number of students.

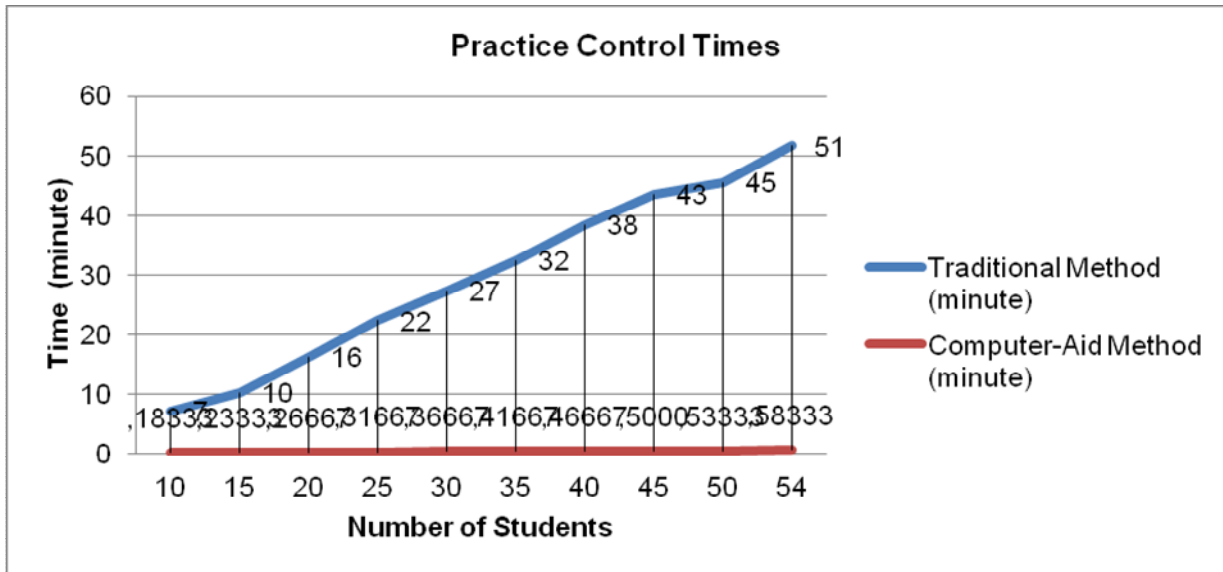


Figure 8: Practice Control Times

The developed software to perform measurement and evaluation process run on fast server computer and Windows Server 2012 operation system. The Server computer has Intel Xeon E3-1220 (3.10GHz 8MB) Quad Core processor, 4 GB PC3-10600E 1333 MHz ECC DDR3-SDRAM, 1 TB SATA 3.5" NHP HDD hard disk and 1Gb 2-port 330i Adapter Ethernet card. Database software is MySQL 5.6.

DISCUSSION AND RESULTS

Velocity

According to findings it is shown that the computer aid method is more effective compared the traditional method. The measurement practice time is decreased in computer aid method and the time problem caused by traditional method has been eliminated. Therefore more time can be allocated more effectively education.

Statistical Evaluation

The computer aid measurement and evaluation of practice stages offers more efficient way in the examination of the statistical evaluation. Average scores of practice stages of "Ecommerce Web site" issue are shown in Figure 9. Statistical information of the student's practice success has been achieved faster with computer software

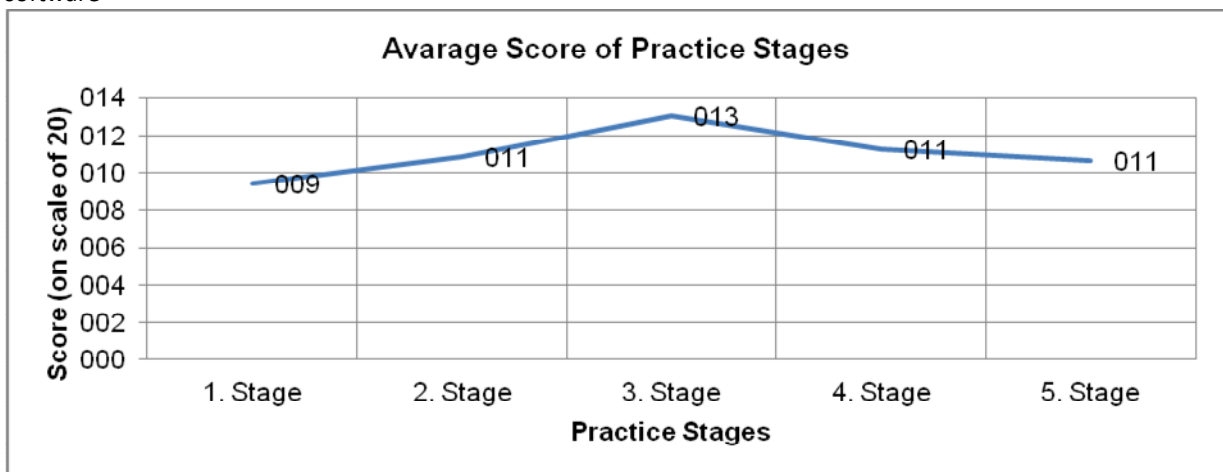


Figure 9: Average of Practice Stage of E Commerce Web Site