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Annotation

The purpose of this work is to create a website to help teachers of a school or a gymnasium in the preparation of small trainings in physics. Also, in principle, the site can be used for other school subjects and communication between students and students among themselves in the process of studying. Now site address is <u>http://www.peegel.ee/game</u>

When writing the site, the programming languages of the PHP, JavaScript (JQuery) were used, CSS Framework Twitter BootStrap and the MySql database.

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Introduction, background

Training through the Internet has existed for at least 10 years and only has a tendency to increase its volume, here I would like to refer to an article "5 Top Trends in Education Technology 2015" by Aaron Skonnard^[1]:

" ... the education sector is continuing to increase its investment in technology related to learning. Ed tech funding jumped 55 percent in 2014 with no signs of slowing down, according to CB Insights. A report from Global Industry Analysts (GIA) predicts that the global e-learning market will reach \$107 billion in 2015 ..."

As I understand it, the general trend in Internet education is that serious courses are being created, both text and video, students cheat them and pass some tests. I'm not going to compete with such giants as http://www.khanacademy.org/, http://www.codeschool.com or https://www.coursera.org.

There is one more adjacent niche in training - computer games training. Children, schoolchildren have always loved and will love to game, so I would like to work in my work to combine games with the training course. And the material of the course can be prepared by the teacher himself.

There is another inconvenient moment in the above sites - they are all only in English. In my work, in principle, I set out to create a multilingual website with the principal possibility in the future to add more languages. At the moment, support is provided for 3 languages: Estonian, Russian, English. It is also possible to copy the texts of the courses from one language to another, since some questions contain numbers and formulas that are equally written in all these languages.

Objectives of this master' Thesis:

- 1. Identify the software used to create the site
- 2. Describe in detail the scenarios of the site
- 3. Describe the possibilities of working with the site for different kinds of users
- 4. Describe the project database for the site
- 5. ERD of Data Base
- 6. Describe the general principles of the program code
- 7. Process of work with the website for the simple user
- 8. Process of work with the website for the teacher
- 9. Process of work with the website for the scholar

1. Identify the software used to create the site

The following software was used to create the site:

- PHP version 5.2.12
- MySQL -Client API version 5.0.51a with PDO support
- JavaScript
- JQuery Framework, version 2.2.3
- CSS Framework Twitter Bootstrap
- Graphics editor Photoshop for raster graphics

It is a practically standard set of LAMP - Linux, Apache, MySQL and PHP. It has been made because of its full free of charge for the end user. The final version of the website was placed on the virtual server of provider ZON E.EE

When programming the website I was it is used generally programming model MVC .

Has been created and was used own small Framework from 15 classes of PHP.

CSS Framework Twitter Bootstrap has been used in order that the website could be the worker both for big screens and for mobile devices - phones or tablets.

2. Describe in detail the scenarios of the site

Game target:

Gamer goes from one end of a game field to another and must save of our life. In the course of passing of the game field the player has to answer questions which to him will be asked by opponents dragons. In case of the correct answer the result in the form of points registers in the database. Wrong answers are also fixed in the database for the next analysis.

Enemies/opponents:

Gamer can to use against enemies weapon or knowledge (this is she/he choise) – but, if gamer use weapon, then lose power, life or puncts, if gamer use knowledge he/she loses nothing.

Opponents divide by 2 type: simple and hard (dragons).

Simple enemies can ask simple questions – simple formulas or excercises.

Ddragons can to ask difficult questions: for many variants of answers or little esse - in this case in game must to join in game teacher, this it means that the assessment of the answer will be postponed for later time or this option can to use in control work in class?

Game protsess:

When game started game he/she have life, movement across the field decrease life on every cells:

- Sand/groud minus 1 puncts
- Grass minus 2 puncts
- Forrest minus 3 puncts
- Water minus 4 puncts
- Mountains mountains can be not passable at all or to demand specialtransport

Some types of obstacles, for example gate, can demand additional calculations, for example the current or tension for opening of the electric lock.

Tools/weapons:

In start game gamer can to choise tools or weapon, if hero type have big life then can to use not big power weapon and on the contrary – if hero has power weapon he life in start is not big.

Tools or weapons also can be to meet in the field it is casual, but it isn't frequent.

Some types of tools or the weapon can have batteries, which demand recharge. Can load them electric dragons who ask thus questions about the subject Electricity.

Life:

As was writed earlier in game start gamer receives life, when he/she go to filed, it life loses, also loses life when contacts with enemies.

Life restoration types:

- Objects on game field, which happen (onions, berries, mushrooms, flags)
- Points from dragons with right answers

Characters:

One user can use untill 5 characters, They can difficult type, name, tools and others. If character is dead (life=0%) it becomes inaccessible to the user, but info can to save in database.

Of course yet not all this scenario is realized in full. Development process of any software never stops.

The general template of the website looks as follows:



Figure 2.1. Site general view

3. Describe the possibilities of working with the site for different kinds of users

On the website there can be 4 types of users:

- Simple user
- Scholar
- Teacher
- Site administrator

Simple user

Can play/use any not private courses.

Scholar

Sees only courses of the teacher, but can at desire pass into regime of the simple player

Teacher

Can create courses, create and attach to them the Scholars, can pass into regime of the pupil or simple user and back into the mode of Teacher

. This option is necessary in order that the teacher could look at a course from the point of view of Simple user or Scholar

4. Describe the project database for the site

Database - 19 Tables:

Users and equipment

Name	Description			Several details (fields)
Users	Gamers, teachers,	admins	and	Id – id of User
	moderators (if need)			Name
				Lastname
				Nick
				Email
				Pass
				Date_reg – User's registraion date
				Tel – phone of User
				Role field:
				0- simple user
				1 - scholar

		2 Tanahar (may to grants the sources)
		2 - Teacher (may to create the courses)
		Reg_complete
		Reg_code
		admin
		10- moderator
		100- admin
Heroes	Heroes types with descriptions	Idh
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		En
		Ru
		Dee
		Den
		Dru
		life
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Ellellies	Enemies types with descriptions	Ide
		Ee
		En
		Ru
		Dee
		Den
		Dru
		power
Arm	weapons, tools and medicine objects,	Ida
	description and maximum power	Idh - type of heroes, witch can to have
		this arm
		Ee
		En
		Ru
		Dee
		Den
		Dru Demonstration for this and
-		Power – maximum for this arm.
Persons	Players can create them	\underline{Idp} – id of person
		Id – id of gamer
		Name
		Idh – type of hero
		Sex
		Avatar
		Health – if =0, person is dead \otimes
		Start_date
		End_date
		Field –the array which describes a
		condition of the game field
		Ida - the remained power of arm
		Row – position on game field
		Col - position on game field
		Power –
		Idc – id of course

Courses, questions, answers ...

Name	Description	Several details (fields)
Areas	Areas of knowledge – mathematica, physics, electronics May consist info in tree form	IDAR – id of cource Ee En Ru Dee Den Dru Parent ban
Courses	Courses names	IDC – id of course Numbers – count of questions in course Ee En Ru Dee Den Dru Start Idar – area id Private ban Parent
Questions_types	Questions types descriptions on several languages	<u>Idqt</u> Ee En ru
Questions		 IDO – autoincr. key Idc – id of cource Ee En Ru Type – 0- simple number's answer 1 -yes/no 2 - 1 variant of answer from many varinants of answers (radio buttons) 3 some versions of answers (checkboxes) 4 – simple text answer 5 - yes/no + simple text answer

		 6 - 1 variant of answer from many variant of answers (radio buttons) + simple text answer 7 - some versions of answers (checkboxes) + simple text answer Img - 0/1 - yes or no image, associated with question Ban - 0/1
Answers	Answers for questions	 <u>Idq</u> – id of question <u>Idv</u> – variant of answer: 0- text or number variant 1 / 2 – yes/no 0-15- choise from variants <u>Idq+Idv</u> – complex key Points – for this variant of answer (in text ansewer case – max points) EE – answer on estonian language EN – answer on english language RU – answer on russian language Ban - (0/1)
Game_ans	Gamer's answers	Idga – autoincrement key Idp – person Idq – question id Variants – answers variant in binary format Date_reg - moment Points – summ of points
Gam_ans_text	Answers of gamers if question need also text answer	*
Course_auth	Authorship of courses. One course may have one and more authors	<u>Idc</u> - course id <u>Id</u> – teacher's id <u>Idc+Id</u> – complex key
Teach_school	communication between the teacher, the schoolar and the course	$\frac{\mathbf{Idt}}{\mathbf{Ids}} - \text{ id of teacher}$ $\frac{\mathbf{Ids}}{\mathbf{Idc}} - \text{ id of scholar}$ $\frac{\mathbf{Idc}}{\mathbf{Date} - \text{ reg}} - \text{ registraton date}$ $\frac{\mathbf{Ban}}{\mathbf{Date}} - (0/1)$
Dragons	Dragons with whom questions are associated	Idp– id of personIdq – id of questionRow-dragon position on gamefieldCol-dragon position on gamefield

Tables for site service ...

Name	Description	Several details (fields)	
Langs	Codes of languages	<u>IDL</u> – id of language	
		Lang - code of language	
Menu	Menu of site for several	<u>IDM</u> – id of course	
	languages	Ee	
		En	
		Ru	
		Parent	
		Ord	
		Pages	
		Add_info	
Words	The dictionary of inscriptions in	<u>kw</u>	
	different languages	Ee	
		En	
		ru	
Texts	The dictionary of large volumes	kw	
	of the text in different languages	Ee	
		En	
		ru	

5. ERD of Data Base

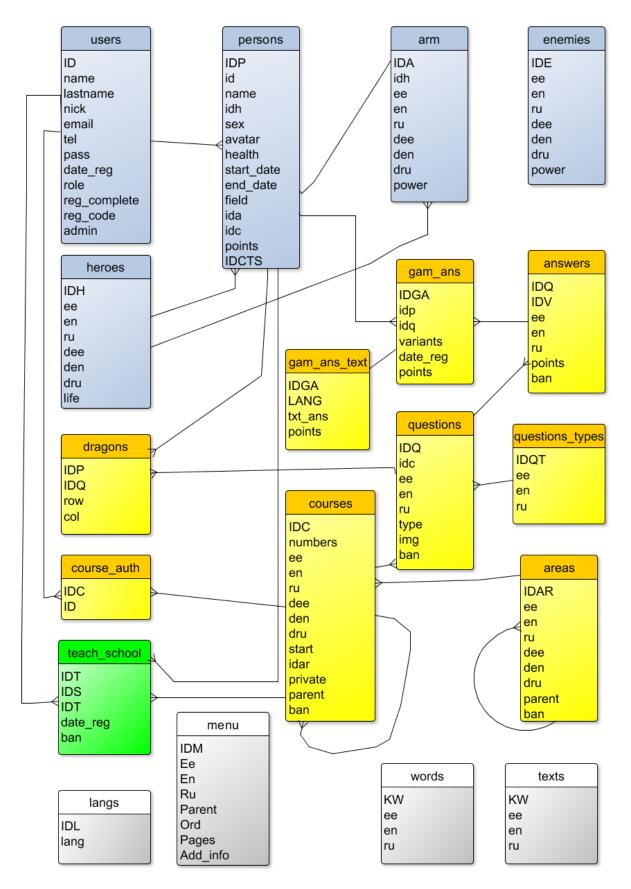


Figure 5.1. ERD of Data Base

6. Describe the general principles of the program code

The general principle when developing a code was in use of MVC model: Model-View-Controller. Proceeding from it the code of the website has been distributed to the 3 main folders:

- View
- Model
- Controller

All graphic content is in the view/img folder. JavaScript is in the "js" folder and PHP classes in "classes" folder. Overall picture of folders of the website such:

game	^	Name	Date modified	Туре
📙 admin		Answer.class.php	14/05/2017 11:27	PHP File
📙 bootstrap		🥮 AreasThemes.class.php	09/05/2017 03:01	PHP File
🔒 classes		🧾 DbPDO.class.php	15/05/2017 02:46	PHP File
📙 controller		🧾 Field.class.php	01/06/2016 21:16	PHP File
jquery		🧾 Hero.class.php	01/05/2017 01:33	PHP File
js		🧾 MyList.class.php	01/06/2016 21:16	PHP File
,-		🧾 MyMail.class.php	30/06/2016 10:08	PHP File
		🧾 MyRadio.class.php	01/06/2016 21:16	PHP File
view view		🧾 MySelect.class.php	01/06/2016 21:16	PHP File
bootstrap		🧾 MyTag.class.php	01/06/2016 21:16	PHP File
CSS		🧾 Question.class.php	16/05/2017 02:30	PHP File
📙 img		🥅 RegComplete.class.php	03/07/2016 17:21	PHP File
jquery		🧾 RegMail.class.php	10/07/2016 00:44	PHP File
		🧾 Scholar.class.php	29/04/2017 15:24	PHP File
		🧾 Teacher.class.php	03/05/2017 04:14	PHP File

Figure 6.1. Folders and files of the website

In the main folder of the website there are only 3 files:

- Index.php
- Config.php
- Logout.php

In the index.php file there is only a connection of a cofigrator.php file and basic elements of a template from the view folder, see Figure 6.2

1 6	⊒ php</th
2	<pre>include('config.php');</pre>
3	
4	
5	<pre>include("view/head.php");</pre>
6	<pre>include("view/menu.php");</pre>
7	<pre>include("view/topmenu.php");</pre>
8	<pre>include("view/body.php");</pre>
9	<pre>include("view/footer.php");</pre>
10	

Figure 6.2. Content of index.php file

And already in the body.php file templates of all pages of the website are connected.



Figure 6.3. Content of body.php file

To connect files of controllers and a data model at the config.php file there is a code:

- include(model/\$page"."Model.php);
- include(MY_ROOT.'controller/'.\$page.'Controller.php');

JavaScript by every page is connected in the file footer.php by a code:

<script src="bootstrap/js/jquery-2.2.3.min.js"></script>

<script src="bootstrap/js/bootstrap.min.js"></script>

<script src="js/<?php echo "\$page\$subpage.js" ?>"></script>

7. Process of work with the website for the simple user

A simple user can register himself in the appropriate form, after which a link will be sent to him on the mail.

Then the user can confirm his registration by clicking on the link in his mailbox.

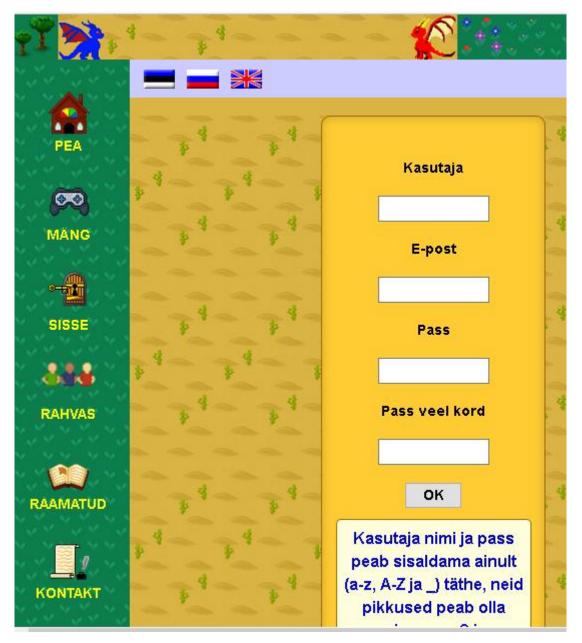


Figure 7.1. Registraion form view

After completion of registration the simple user can create the game characters at once and choose courses for playing the game. The course can be chosen:

- absolutely casual
- casual of concrete area of knowledge
- a concrete course from concrete area

Also simple user can see results of passing of the game/test on a subpage of My Heroes.

8. Process of work with the website for the teacher

The user wishing to work as the teacher can be registered at first as the ordinary user then to contact the site administrator.

It is necessary in order that the site administrator has put down to such user in the table *users* in the field of *admin* value "10" - it grants to the teacher the right to work as the moderator.

In mode of the moderator the teacher can create own courses (see Figure 8.1) and create accounts for the scholars – Figure 8.2. Also he can look through results of passing of tests by the scholars - Figure 8.3.

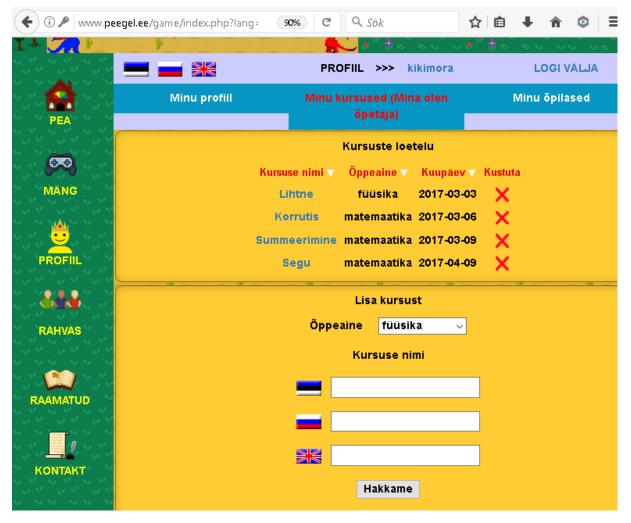


Figure 8.1. Page of creation of courses

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	55	ASSAASSA3	NATA	IVANOVA	Q	- X
	70	koljapetrov	KOLJA	PETROV	Q	X
	71	koljapetrov1	KOLJA	PETROV	Q	X
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Figure 8.2. Page of creation of scholars accounts

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44 44 4	80	iei	25.0
	76	vn	10.0
	74	VBMV	25.0
RAAMATUD	73	BB	25.0
13473473	67	vvv	20.0
	63	υυυ	15.0
	53	vnbnb	20.0
	40	222	25.0

Figure 8.3. Page of view of scholars accounts

9. Process of work with the website for the scholar

After the teacher has created accounts for school children, he can give them their user names and passwords. If a student comes in with this username, he can see only the course that the teacher signed him in the list of courses. After passing the test / game, the student can see the test results on the subpage of MyHeroes. Moreover, incorrect responses are also recorded in the results table:

	View hero NR 99							
	Hero Name: BNM							
Nr	Nr Question Attempts Points							
6	2 X 2 = 4	1	5.0					
7	3 X 3 = 10	1	5.0					
11	A = 4 * 5 - 20	1	10.0					
12	Mis on 2 arvete 12 korrutise 1 0.1 resultaat 13 2 * 5 > 3 * 4 1 5.0							
13								
14	5 * X = 10	1	5.0					
15	Result 22-11*2 is:	2	5.0					
	Points sum: 35.1							
	OK							

Figure 9.1. Result of test

In addition, the student still has the opportunity to switch to a simple user mode and to believe in school mode.

Conclusion

As a result of the work, some working site-framework was created for further use and expansion. Many functions I would like to add.

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