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Abstract	<p>This study aimed to create a medium for learning and memorizing Japanese kanji using an Information and Communication Technology by developing an android application. The level of Japanese Kanji contains in this application is equivalent to Kanji standard on Japanese Language Proficiency Test Level 5 (N5). Different from other media, the media designed as user friendly for students who were willing to learn independently using smartphones. Further, this medium was technology-based software equipped by some features such as 'Kanji' feature as a learning step, and 'Quiz' as an exercise step. In the learning step, there are N5 Kanji lessons containing 105 kanjis, including its kunyomi and onyomi reading. The result showed that the software is easily used and understood by Indonesian student. Other than kanji list and its reading feature, this media also has Indonesian translation, vocabulary examples and its Indonesian translation. The exercise step is equipped with questions and multiple choice of answer, and also equipped with a count-down timer. Hence, by only using this application user can learn independently not only about Kanji and its reading, but also its meaning and its using in vocabularies. Indeed, the existence of this software will give advantages for learners in learning independently, specifically Indonesian learner.</p>
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