

# **REFORMING GENERAL EDUCATION IN SAUDI ARABIA BY THE USE OF LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN NIGHT SCHOOLS**

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## **Abstract:**

Internet technology has become a powerful tool since its advent. New technologies are constantly evolving in the area of communications and they have now become a part of our daily lives. The social and functional role of technology is continually growing and its influence therefore is easily felt in all walks of life. Online learning is a by-product of Internet usage and is instrumental in general education today.

In Saudi Arabia, there is a great need for taking advantage of the whole gamut of information and communications technologies (ICT) in adult education particularly in night schools. The government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is actively encouraging civil society to play a more prominent role in this area; while at the same time encouraging the private sector to play an active role in training and upgrading of professional skills. The Ministry of education has set a number of policies and strategies for adult education both in accordance with international trends and to meet the national requirements. The purpose of this study is to investigate the feasibility, practicality by using new technologies and reforming general education in Saudi Arabia by the use of the Blackboard as the Learning Management System (LMS) in night Schools.

The exploration of this need gives this research its foundation. The goal of this research project is to illustrate the advantages of using ICT as a way to incorporate the distance learning method. Furthermore, the evidence will be presented to professors and educational administrators in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia who need to be aware of the benefits of such a method for online learning.