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Introduction

The president of the republic of Uzbekistan Islam Abduganievich Karimov speaking about the future of Uzbekistan underlines that “Harmonious generation is the future guarantee of prosperity”.

It is our task, to prepare and teach professionally competent and energetic personnel, real patriots to see them in the world depository of science and culture. In this plan the notional program about training personnel was worked out on the formation of new generation of specialist. “With the high common and professionally culture, creative and social activity, with the ability to orientate in the social and political life independently, capable to raise and solve the problems to the perspective¹”.

Here the notable place is assigned to the general applied linguistics which carries responsibility for such socially and scientifically important sphere of knowledge as theory of grammar, methods of language training, translation theory and so on.

The subject matter of our qualification paper is to make the electronic manual on the topic “Globalization”.

The aim of the qualification paper is to make the electronic manual on the topic “Globalization”. Besides that to learn the selecting eBooks.

In accordance with the presented aim the following **tasks** are put forward in the scientific work:

- To study basis of compiling E-books;
- To study the history of e-books;
- To study advantages and disadvantages of e-books.

The novelty of the work is that the electronic manual on the topic “Globalization” which have not been researched yet; moreover studying the

¹ Kadrlar tayyorlash milliy dasturi: Toshkent 1997, 35 bet

compiling E-books. We have analyzed the electronic manual on the topic “Globalization” for the first time.

The actuality of the work is to ease and solve the quotes related to the problem of eBooks in English Grammar by giving comparative definitions analytically. And to show out the principles of compiling ebooks.

The theoretical significance of the work is that the results of the scientific work can be used in the course of lectures and seminars in English Grammar and also can be useful for those who study in the sphere of linguistics.

The practical significance of the qualification paper is that the results of the research can be useful in practical lessons like grammar, interpretation of the text and etc.

As the **research material** we have used the book “Touch the future” for graduate students. Besides that, we studied up to date American, British and other foreign eBooks on international websites related to the scientific work.

Structurally our qualification paper consists of the following: Introduction, two chapters and their paragraphs, conclusion followed by the list of used literature during the research and the presentation material for the E-manual on the topic “Globalization”.

Chapter I Theoretical basis of compiling E-books using the material on “Touch the future”

1.1. The history of creation e-book

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² <http://aalbc.com/survey.htm>

sometimes omitted, perhaps because the digitized text was (at least initially) a means to developing an index and concordance, rather than as a published edition in its own rights.

Alternatively, electronic books are considered by some to have started in the early 1960s, with the NLS project headed by Doug Engelbart at Stanford Research Institute (SRI), and the Hypertext Editing System and FRESS projects headed by Andries van Dam at Brown University. The former ran on specialized hardware, while the latter ran on IBM mainframes. FRESS documents were structure-oriented rather than line-oriented, and were formatted dynamically for different users, display hardware, window sizes, and so on, as well as having automated tables of contents, indexes, and so on. All these systems also provided extensive hyperlinking, graphics, and other capabilities. Van Dam is generally thought to have coined the term "electronic book", [citation needed] and it was established enough to use in an article title by 1985. FRESS was used for reading extensive primary texts online, as well as for annotation and online discussions in several courses, including English Poetry and Biochemistry. Brown faculty made extensive use of FRESS; for example the philosopher Roderick Chisholm used it to produce several of his books. For example, in the Preface to *Person and Object* (1979) he writes "The book would not have been completed without the epoch-making File Retrieval and Editing System..." Brown's leadership in electronic book systems continued for many years, including navy-funded projects for electronic repair manuals; a large-scale distributed hypermedia system known as Inter Media; a spinoff company Electronic Book Technologies that built Dyna Text, the first SGML-based book-reader system; and the Scholarly Technology Group's extensive work on the still-prevalent Open eBook standard. Despite the extensive earlier history, it is commonly reported that the inventor of the e-book is Michael S. Hart. In 1971, Hart was given extensive computer time by the operators of the Xerox Sigma V mainframe at the University of Illinois. Seeking a worthy use of this resource, he created his first electronic document by typing the United States

Declaration of Independence into a computer (this of course would not fulfill the "book length" criterion some require). Project Gutenberg was launched afterwards to create electronic copies of more books.

One early e-book implementation was the desktop prototype for a proposed notebook computer, the Dyna book, in the 1970s at PARC: a general-purpose portable personal computer capable of displaying books for reading. In 1992, Sony launched the Data Discman, an electronic book reader that could read e-books that were stored on CDs. One of the electronic publications that could be played on the Data Discman was called The Library of the Future.

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³ <http://aalbc.com/survey.htm>

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