

Internet Usage habits of Undergraduate Students in Mumbai

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Abstract

Internet has become integral part of life in present times, especially for younger generation. The objective of the present study was to investigate the amount of time that students in Mumbai are spending on internet and social networking site such as Facebook and also to learn about for what purpose students are using internet and Facebook. Seventy students participated in the study and t-test analysis of the data showed that there are gender differences in the amount of time spent on internet and Facebook and the reasons for using internet. Girls used internet more for academic purpose and Facebook for maintaining contacts with their existing friends while boys used internet extensively for chatting and entertainment and Facebook for maintaining contacts. No gender differences were found on Big Five Personality Factors.

Keywords: Internet use, Internet Usage Questionnaire, Ten Item Personality Inventory(TIPI)

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