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Developing a Workplace English Digital Course for Omani Employees in Petroleum Industry

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Abstract

This study is part of a considerable project that the researchers endeavour to accomplish upon approaching the findings. The project aims to develop a training digital courseware offering English for the workplace (EWP) for petroleum staff and technicians in Oman industry. The study aims to explore the needs of the Omani petroleum staff regarding the English language skills and workplace competence when developing the digital course. The study is shaped and guided by the approaches of ESP and learner needs. The data were collected via two methods, the survey questionnaire and semi-structured interviews. Data analysis explored several key findings and themes that are identified in terms of linguistic and workplace needs. The obtained needs-based results will be considered for the upcoming step of development of an effective and engaging course that suits the modern workplace setting and digital age.

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