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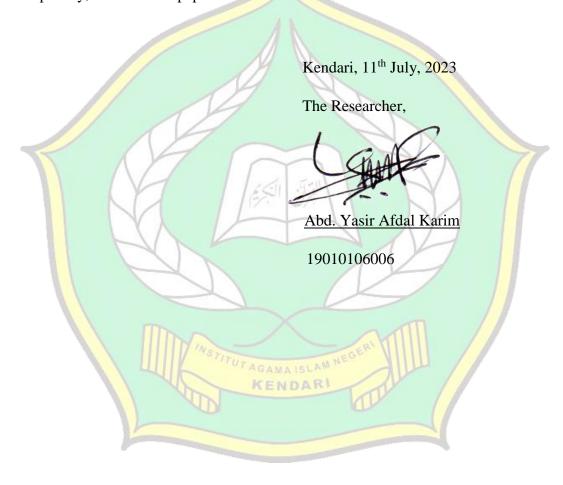
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This study intends to explore the challenges of EFL learners in preparing digital comic content based on the final project during their fifth-semester in foreign language teaching media class (FLTM). The participants were five EFL learners who had finished their own digital comic. The online reflection and semistructured interviews were used to obtained the qualitative data for the study. The results of the data analysis indicated that there are two challenges in preparing digital comic content, as first technology-oriented difficulties which consist of; a lack of knowledge of digital tools, lots of digital tools that need to be applied, some digital tools are inconvenient to access, and a lack of a good network, and second design process which consists of; confused to determine the topic and the concept, complicated to make a storyboard, and problems in recording voice. This inquiry found that EFL learners have the most challenges in preparing digital comic content at the stage design process. This study could specifically that digital comic content can play a role in supporting the level of creativity of EFL learners in making digital teaching media and guiding them that teaching media nowadays is not only about flashcards, etc, but can be more innovative by using technology.

Keywords: case study; EFL learners; foreign language teaching media class; preparing digital comic content

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

DC : Digital Comic

EFL : English Foreign Language

TPACK : Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge

FLTM : Foreign Language Teaching Media

TEFL : Teaching English Foreign Language

TOD : Technology-oriented Difficulties

DP : Design Process

DOD : Design-oriented Difficulties

