



LITERATURE STUDY OF FREE APPLICATIONS OF THE ISLAMIC ECONOMY IN THE PLAY STORE

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ABSTRAK

Setiap ponsel Android yang terdaftar dengan akun Gmail biasanya akan otomatis terpasang aplikasi Google Play atau Play Store. Play store merupakan toko online yang menyediakan berbagai macam aplikasi. Aplikasi dapat diperoleh melalui download secara gratis maupun berbayar. Aplikasi di play store memiliki banyak kategori, antara lain aplikasi kategori Buku dan Referensi dan aplikasi kategori Pendidikan. Tujuan penelitian menemukan aplikasi ekonomi islam gratis di play store. Sampel dalam penelitian ini adalah aplikasi ekonomi islam gratis di play store kategori pendidikan dan kategori buku & referensi. Metodologi penelitian ini adalah penelitian kualitatif dengan menggunakan teknik studi literatur (dokumentasi) pada play store. Hasil kajian menunjukkan enam aplikasi ekonomi syariah gratis di play store. Setiap aplikasi memiliki kelebihan dan kekurangannya masing-masing. Namun secara keseluruhan, semua aplikasi ekonomi islam ini memberikan materi ekonomi islam yang singkat, padat dan gamblang.

Kata Kunci: *Ekonomi, Aplikasi Ekonomi Islam Gratis, Play Store.*

ABSTRACT

Every Android phone registered with a Gmail account will usually automatically be installed with the Google Play or Play Store application. Play store is an online store that provides various kinds of applications. Applications can be obtained via download for free or paid. Applications in the play store have many categories, including applications in the Books and Reference category and Education category applications. This study aims to find free Islamic economic applications in the play store. The sample in this study is a free Islamic economics application in the play store category of education and the category of books & references. This research methodology is qualitative research using literature study techniques (documentation) on the play store. The study results show six free Islamic economic applications in the play store. Each application has its advantages and disadvantages. But overall, all of these Islamic economics applications provide short, concise and explicit Islamic economics material.

Keywords: *Economic, Free Islamic Economics App, Play Store*



INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, we must keep almost all humans from carrying out their lives using technology. The technology humans use is diverse, including the internet and Android phones—sold android phones for the first time in October 2008 (Wikipedia, 2022). Every Android phone registered with a Gmail account will usually automatically be installed with the Google Play or Play Store application. Play store is an online store that provides various kinds of applications. Applications can be obtained via download for free or paid. Applications in the play store have many categories, including applications in the Books and Reference category and Education category applications.

The play store application for the Books and Reference category is a book application in the form of a soft file that can be used as a learning reference. The Play Store application for the Education category is an application that explains various materials on a theme, for example, the economic theme. Explanation of the material provided by the Play Store application for the Education category can be in the form of readings, dictionaries, questions and answers, simulations, calculation methods, etc.

The play store application for the Books and Reference category and the Education category provides various themes, one of which is the theme of Islamic Economics. Islamic economics is an economy based on Islamic principles. The study of Islamic economics later became known as Islamic economics and finance (Handoko, 2020). While research in topics covered by Islamic economics and finance has a history of more than a century, the claim that Islamic economics and finance are considered a new paradigm for economic research has been made consistently and thoughtfully by researchers in this field since 1976 (Iqbal, 2021). Islamic Economics and Finance are unique because of their interdisciplinary nature (Ali, 2008). Based on the explanation above, the researcher is interested in researching "Literary Study of Free Islamic Economics Applications on the Play Store". Choose the reason for choosing a free application so that you can obtain more information during the research.

RESEARCH METHODS

This research method is qualitative descriptive research. There are no numbers to collect data and display research results in this qualitative research. Qualitative research has the main objective, namely to describe and explore (Siyoto, Sandu and Sodik, 2015). This study tries to describe and reveal free Islamic economic applications found in the play store. Took the data in this study from the play store. The research variable that will be studied in this study is the free Islamic economics application found in the play store. The data obtained in this study are secondary data (documents in the form of applications) from the play store. The population in this study is a free Islamic economics application on the play store. The sample in this study is a free Islamic economics application in the play store category of education and the



category of books & references. Data collection techniques in this research use a documentation study on the play store.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

To find free Islamic economics applications in the play store, researchers used the keywords 'Islamic Economics' and 'Sharia Economics' in the 'Search' column in the play store. Free Islamic economic applications based on search results on the play store are as follows:

1. Ekonomi Islam

This educational category application explains various economic problems based on Islamic guidance. Some of the discussions in this application include Important Rules in Muamalah; Muslim Trader Ethics; Debts in Community Life; Rasulullah's Instructions for Debtors; Debt Ethics; Pawn Law in Islamic Fiqh; Fatwa Regarding Pawnshops; Non-Commercial Riba; Riba = Hard in the Hereafter; Conventional Banks; Paper Currency Laws; Ta'awun vs Conventional Insurance; Fatwas Regarding Insurance; Multi Service Financing; Repent from Haram Treasure; Distribution of Inheritance and Details of Distribution of Inheritance.



Source: Play Store

Figure 1. Ekonomi Islam Application

Syaban offers this application. Released on October 27, 2016, downloading it only requires 2.53 MB. This application has been downloaded over a thousand times and has a rating of 4.6. This application contains material (reading) about Islamic Economics. There are 17 chapters on Islamic Economics which are explained in this application. Each chapter is further divided into several sub-chapters so that the explanation of this application's material can be pretty complete. The advantage of this application is that the Islamic Economics material provided is quite complete. The drawback lies in the limited features selected by the user. That's because there is only a "search" feature in this application. Then the keywords that can type in "search" are only the same as the name "Chapter".

2. Hukum Ekonomi Islam

This book & reference category application is like a book on Islamic Economic Law in the form of a soft file that can be used as a learning reference.



Source: Play Store

Figure 2. Menu Display of the Ekonomi Islam Application



Source: Play Store

Figure 3. Hukum Ekonomi Islam Application

ImamStudio offers this application. Released on November 6, 2017, and to download it only requires 8.29 MB. This application has been downloaded over ten thousand times and rated 4.7². This application contains material about Islamic Economic Law. There are 8 main chapters discussed in this application material. Each chapter is further divided into several sub-chapters. The material explained in each subchapter is also quite a lot and dense. Apart from that, there is also material other than Islamic Economic Law, including material on jinns, almsgiving, the sunnah of the prophet, prayers etc. The advantage of this application is that it not only provides material on Islamic Economic Law but also explains other Islamic material. The researcher believes this application's drawback is that a new screen display does not appear when the "Menu" column is selected. Then there are still typos in this application.



Source: Play Store

Figure 4. Menu Display of the Hukum Ekonomi Islam Application

3. Hadits Tentang Ekonomi Islam Terlengkap

This book & reference category application contains hadiths about Islamic economics. This application is like a hadith about Islamic economics in the form of a soft file.



Source: Play Store

Figure 5. Hadits Tentang Ekonomi Islam Terlengkap Application

Blessings Always Apps offers this app. Released on April 15, 2018, downloading it only requires 3.47 MB. This application has been downloaded more than a thousand times and has a rating of 4.7. This application provides little material about Islamic Economics, and even then, it only contains tiny arguments from the Al-Quran and Hadith about Islamic Economics. Most of the material in this application is a collection of prayer readings. It is a prayer related to worship and daily life. The advantage of this application is that it not only provides material about the hadiths of Islamic Economics but also explains other Islamic material. Researchers argue that the weakness of this application is the inconsistent name of the application with the content in it. The application's name says "the complete hadith on Islamic economics," but the hadith material on Islamic economics is very little.



Source: Play Store

Figure 6. Menu Display of the Hadits Tentang Ekonomi Islam Terlengkap Application

4. Kamus Ekonomi Syariah Offline

This educational category application provides various vocabularies and terms in Islamic economics. If someone needs help finding the meaning of a term in Islamic economics, this offline application is worth a try. There are tens of thousands of sharia



economic words with their meanings in this application. The features of this application are:

- a. Full offline, all data is stored offline, and no internet connection is needed.
- b. There are tens of thousands of terms in Islamic economics.
- c. Search (search) terms or words.
- d. Bookmark favourite terms or words.
- e. Interesting quiz to train to understand sharia economic terms.
- f. Users can add terms that are not yet in this application.
- g. There are 12 attractive colour theme choices.



Source: Play Store

Figure 7. Kamus Ekonomi Syariah Offline Application

Azklabs Mobile offers this app. Released on January 27, 2018, downloading it only requires 5.98 MB. This application has been downloaded over a thousand times and rated 4.3⁷. Another advantage of this application is that there is a "History" option which indicates which term the user selected/read the last time he used the application. When an attempt was made to search for the term Islamic Economics by using all the letters of the alphabet, only the terms from the letters v and x were missing. This is considered reasonable because most Islamic economic terms come from Arabic, and in Arabic, there are no letters v and x. Researchers argue that this application has no drawbacks.



Source: Play Store

Figure 8. Menu Display of the Kamus Ekonomi Syariah Offline Application

5. Kamus Ekonomi Syariah

This education category application is like a pocketbook filled with Islamic economics dictionaries. The light application can be used when you run out of internet data packages. Users can also add new words to this dictionary to add to this application's collection of Islamic economic terms.

This application also makes it easy for users to share with friends or on social media about the words and meanings contained in this dictionary. This application is also equipped with a bookmarks feature.



Source: Play Store

Figure 9. Kamus Ekonomi Syariah Application

Azklabs Ant Bee Dev offers this app. Released on April 3, 2017, downloading it only takes 3.23 MB. This application has been downloaded over a thousand times and has a rating of 4.4. In general, this application is similar to the previous application number 4 (Offline Sharia Economic Dictionary). However, the features in this application are not as many as in the Offline Sharia Economic Dictionary application. The advantage of this application is that there are two display options when this application is used, namely the display of light and dark modes. There is also a "History" option which shows which terms the user selected/read the last time he used the application. Similar to the previous application, when an attempt was made to search for the term Islamic economics by using all the letters of the alphabet, only the terms from the letters v and x were missing. This is considered reasonable because most of the term Islamic Economics comes from Arabic, and in Arabic, there are no letters v and x. The researcher argues that the application's weakness is not finding the "add new word" menu. Even though the information contained in this application is conveyed that users can add new words. Then there is still a typo in the Bookmark feature.



Source: Play Store

Figure 10. Menu Display of the Kamus Ekonomi

6. Ekonomi Syariah

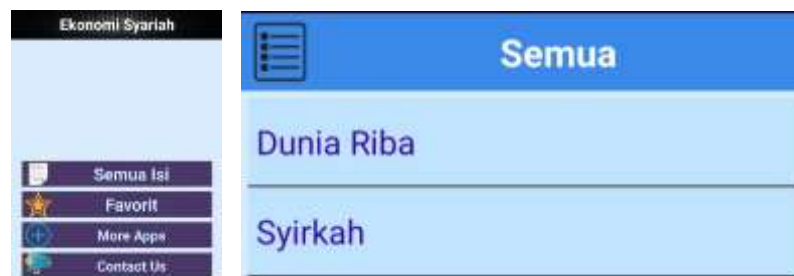
This book & reference category application is an ebook-shaped application about Islamic economics. Dilapedia offers this application. Released on January 15, 2015, downloading it only takes 1.08 MB. This application has been downloaded over ten thousand times and rated 4.3.



Source: Play Store

Figure 11. Kamus Ekonomi Syariah Application

This application is like an ebook containing material about Islamic economics. There are 21 chapters discussed in this application—submission of the material on the application in the form of direct reading material and question-and-answer reading material. The material provided is quite complete. The advantage of this application is that it not only provides material on Islamic Economics but also explains material on economic practices in everyday life from a sharia perspective, for example, Multi Level Marketing and dropshipping. The researcher argues that the drawback of this application is that the appearance of the application is too monotonous, as shown in the image below.



Source: Play Store

Figure 12. Menu Display of the Ekonomi Syariah Application

CONCLUSION

Based on the results of qualitative research using literature study techniques (documentation) on the play store, it can be concluded that free Islamic economics applications on the play store consist of two categories, namely the education category

and the book & reference category. There are six free Islamic economic applications in the play store. The six applications are Islamic Economics, Islamic Economic Law, Complete Hadith on Islamic Economics, Offline Islamic Economics Dictionary, Islamic Economics Dictionary and Islamic Economics. Free Islamic economic applications in the play store are included in the education category, namely the Islamic Economics application, the Offline Islamic Economics Dictionary and the Islamic Economics Dictionary. A free Islamic economic application that is included in the book & reference category, namely Islamic Economic Law, Hadith About Complete Islamic Economics and Sharia Economics. The six free Islamic economic applications on the play store do not require a large amount of quota to download and install them on android gadgets. Each application has its advantages and disadvantages. But overall, all of these Islamic economics applications provide short, concise and explicit Islamic economics material.

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