

# Performance Assessment Comprehensively Based on Project Learning Related to Critical Thinking: A Bibliometric Analysis

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**Abstract:** This study aims to find out a comprehensive performance assessment using project-based learning and improving critical thinking. The method of writing articles through literature studies published in 2010-2022 uses descriptive qualitative bibliometric analysis with the Perish 8 and VOSviewer applications, from 1000 articles sourced from journals, books, conferences, proceedings, and other literature sources that have been screened in the Google Scholar (GS) and Scopus databases with the Perish 8 application, researchers only take articles sourced from journals, namely 343 articles and only 1 09 articles are Scopus with 45 articles that are on quartile one (Q1), 34 articles on quartile two (Q2), 23 Articles at quartile level three (Q3) and 7 articles are at level quartile four (Q4) to be used as a reference for literature studies in conducting further article reviews. The results of the bibliometric analysis qualitatively found that there was a relationship between comprehensive performance assessment based on project-based learning and critical thinking.

**Keywords:** Critical thinking; Performance assessment; Project Based Learning.

## Introduction

In the learning curriculum, especially in the science learning curriculum, there are so many innovative and cutting-edge ideas. One of these innovative forms is the assessment orientation applied, namely performance-based assessment (Performance Assessment) which is an assessment that is carried out in an integrated manner with teaching and learning activities. Assessment of student learning outcomes includes knowledge (cognitive), attitudes (affective), and skills (psychomotor) embodied in Audouin's thinking and acting habits (Audouin et al., 2012). Therefore, according to Anastasi (2013) in assessing these three domains, it is not enough just to use test assessment techniques. Project Based Learning (PjBL) is an innovative learning model or approach, which emphasizes contextual learning through complex activities. In project-based learning, students become more actively encouraged, and teachers facilitate and evaluate both their meaningfulness and their application in everyday life. In project-based learning, students play an active role in

completing project tasks and are responsible for solving problems with various activities in the project work process to be able to improve the abilities of students (Sobral, 2021).

This learning helps students in growing knowledge about the concepts learned, the application of project-based learning has many benefits for students in addition to being able to increase children's creativity as well as being able to solve a problem (Sims, 2012). Project-based learning also blends science, technology, history, and society, to direct students in the investigation of problems in society and foster a passion for more effective learning.

However, in its implementation, the project-based learning model still has challenges that must be faced by teachers or students. The challenge faced by this learning model is learning that prioritizes the process and students who are the center of learning while so far learning is centered on the teacher, not on the students, students are required to understand and master the learning material only. Through the implementation of project-based learning, students will learn

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independently and build attachments with other students to gain an understanding of the topic being studied at that time. Thus, this project-based learning model cannot be used when the skills for self-study have not been mastered by students (Lyhne et al., 2020).

Teachers must use various variations, strategies, models, as well as approaches in implementing the learning process, project-based learning is one of the learnings that is being promoted in the independent learning curriculum. Innovative learning and more emphasis on student-centered learning with the final result in the form of projects, project-based learning is considered to be able to improve critical thinking skills that are important for students to have which is one of the higher-order thinking skills (Bensley et al., 2021), critical thinking, there are several scopes including analysis, synthesis, and evaluation (Sudirman et al., 2022). This skill is useful for facing the conditions that exist in society, especially the development of science and technology which is growing rapidly. Therefore, it is necessary to conduct a study to find out that a comprehensive performance assessment based on project learning can improve critical thinking skills.

**Method**

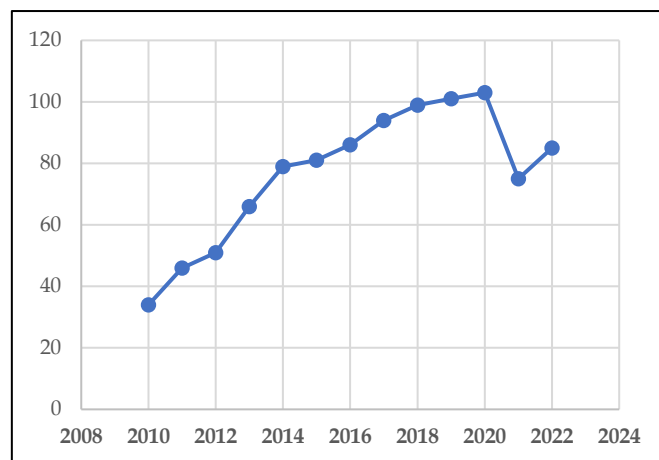
Writing this article through a literature review using bibliometric methods with a qualitative approach, this literature search was carried out on the Google Scholer (GS) database using the Perish 8 or Publish Application with the keyword "Performance Assessment, Project Base Learnings, and Critical Thinking". The search results are converted into an excel file, then the data is tabulated in the form of added graphics and further interpretation using VOSViewer qualitatively. The screening results selected for further analysis are those whose sources are from articles indexed by Scopus in quartile 1 to quartile 4.

**Result and Discussion**

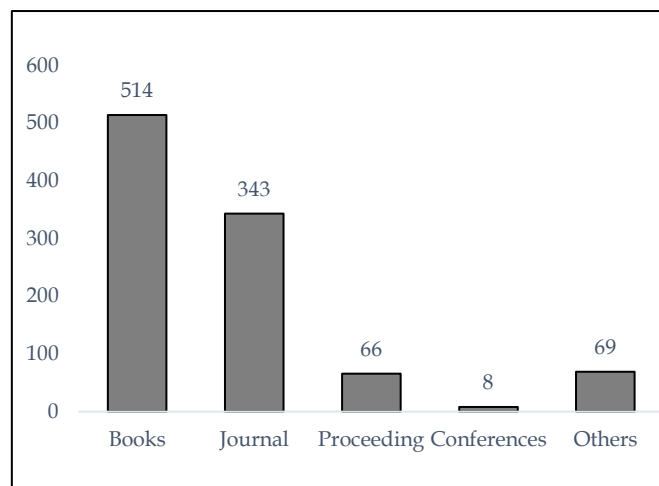
The results of literature screening using the Perish application on the Google Scholer (GS) database found 1000 publication documents sourced from books, journals, conferences and proceedings, and other documents in the range of 2010 to 2022 as shown in Figure 1.

Based on Figure 1 from 2010 to 2019 there is a tendency to increase the number of publications every year related to the topics analyzed, this means that researchers from various countries are consistent in researching learning assessments related to performance associated with critical thinking skills. Meanwhile, from 2020 to 2021 there was a decrease in the number of publications related to this research topic due to the

impact of Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19) which had an impact on the world of education to conduct research and publication of scientific papers. After the decrease in transmission of the impact of Covid-19, the number of studies and publications began to increase again, this can be seen by the increase in the number of publications in 2022. The search results of 1000 articles (Figure 2) came from a book of 514 articles, a Journal of 343 articles, 66 articles sourced from article proceedings and 8 conferences, and sourced from other documents of 69 articles.

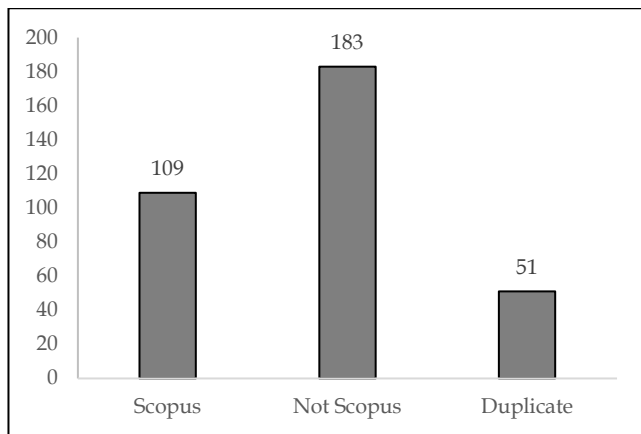


**Figure 1.** Literature screening using perish application in 2010-2022



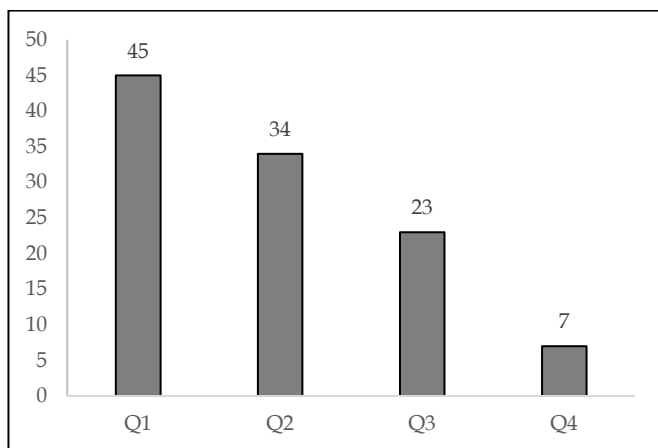
**Figure 2.** Result of article document screening using perish application

Based on Figure 2 it can be interpreted that most of the article writing related to the topic of writing this article is sourced from journals, namely 343 articles. Of the 343 articles are based on Figure 3. There are 109 articles indexed by Scopus, 183 articles that are not indexed by Scopus, and 51 articles that are duplicates.



**Figure 3.** Results of checking the article index through the Scimago application

Of the 343 articles that came from journals, only 109 articles indexed by Scopus were used for systematic literature review in writing this article, based on Figure 4 it was found that of the 109 articles indexed by Scopus, 45 articles were in Q1, 34 of Q2 articles, 23 of Q3 articles and 7 articles that were at Q4 level. This means that most of the articles used in the further analysis in this study were at most at quartile one (Q1).



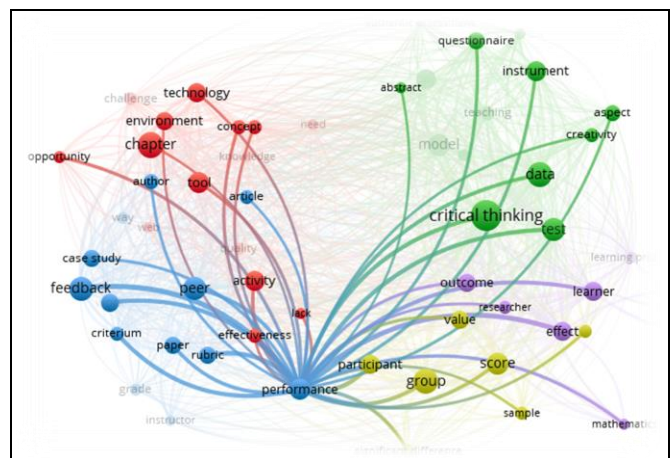
**Figure 4.** Results of quartile Scopus indexed articles

Based on the VOSviewer analysis of keywords from this research topic, obtained in Figure 5. Based on the figure, it can be interpreted that the publication is related to the study of the research topic.

*Comprehensive Performance Assessment*

Analysis results with the VOSviewer application in Figure 6 show that performance assessment correlates with critical thinking and the presence of feedback during the learning process in groups, this allows group learning times there is an assessment process that involves students and applies their knowledge or understanding and skills in practical activities or scientific research as well as the formation of feedback in

the process where students give questions and make responses in groups or discussion groups to allow assessments to be carried out throughout the learning process, allows students to be actively involved in every process so that understanding of concepts and critical thinking is formed. This is reinforced by Sridharan et al. (2019) who stated that collaborative learning with performance assessment can be used to develop knowledge outcomes, communication, and collaboration skills as well as motivation.



**Figure 5.** Performance assessment analysis with the VOSviewer application

Furthermore, Martín-Raugh et al. (2022) state that the intended skill, in this case, is performance or performance (performance), either performance in the form of physical actions in the form of body movements or limbs in doing something. Thus, it deals with the psychomotor realm in Bloom's taxonomy. Performance is also related to the brain performing mental processes or thought processes to produce something. In this case, according to Shavelson et al. (2019) relates to the cognitive realm or domain. Performance can be a combination of physical performance and brain performance. The term psycho also denotes mental processes.

Assessment or assessment is an assessment of aspects of performance both physical and or mental performance demonstrated by students (Shavelson et al., 2019), both before learning (placement assessment) (Chen et al., 2022), during the learning process (formative assessment) (Rear, 2019), and after the learning ends (Xiao et al., 2019). Assessment or assessment of attitude aspects is also an assessment related to the affective aspects that students demonstrate, both before learning, during the learning process, and after learning ends (Deveze et al., 2022). Through theoretical and practical studies, it is hoped that an educator will be able to assess or access aspects of skills/performance and affective aspects of students,







actions to be taken and being able to communicate with others in making a strategy, namely by collaborating or working together; (5) have the ability to give conclusions, which can be done by deducting and inducing or considering the results of deduction and induction and can make and determine judgments in considering something.

Project-based learning according to Kulkarni et al. (2018) applies skills and knowledge in developing solutions to the problems encountered so that it is considered to increase metacognition in children. This has to do with the ability to think critically is something metacognitive. Metacognitive has a sense of one's awareness of the ability to observe using and also assess learning progress independently. The ability to solve problems logically and reflectively carried out by students means that it can happen if the metacognitive in students increases, this can increase the ability to think critically in students because the ability to solve problems logically and also reflectively it is one of the abilities in critical thinking because in thinking is managing, transforming and manipulating the information obtained in the memories or memories possessed by each individual in a diverse and different distinctive way in thinking activities (Zandvakili et al., 2018).

## Conclusion

Comprehensive performance assessment through Project-based learning related to critical thinking skills means that performance assessment with a Project-based learning model can improve students' thinking ability in designing and finding their solution to a problem, increasing creativity, constructing or discovering new concepts and experiences, and being able to solve a problem based on the creativity he has so that it will improve his learning outcomes.

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