

## **Virtual Laboratory-Based Inquiry Restoration: Anderson's Knowledge Dimension Assessment**

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### **Abstract**

This study assesses the Virtual Laboratory-Based Inquiry Restoration (VLab-InR) model's effectiveness in enhancing students' factual and procedural knowledge. Developed as a virtual science lab alternative, especially useful during COVID-19 restrictions, the model structures science experiments in a digital environment. A quasi-experimental design with 42 students in two non-randomized groups, A and B, was employed. Pre- and post-assessments measured knowledge gains, and a questionnaire gauged student response. Data analysis using an independent t-test showed significant improvements, with a moderate normalized gain in both groups. Group A had a higher average increase than Group B. Students rated VLab-InR positively, with an approval average of 91.58%. Findings suggest VLab-InR effectively enhances factual and procedural knowledge and fosters critical thinking through virtual simulations, offering a practical solution for science learning in the digital age.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Learning recovery is indispensable to face the challenges of the current information technology era. In this context, the knowledge dimension of Anderson, such as factual and procedural knowledge, plays an important role in supporting this development. This statement is in line with the opinion of Prisecaru (2016), which states that in the 21st century, the mastery of factual and procedural knowledge is needed to face global challenges.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, learning at school was carried out online, so students could not carry out offline experimental activities in the physics laboratory. In fact, this direct experiment activity is needed to deepen students' factual and procedural knowledge. The results of Elvanisi et al. (2018) research in Indonesia show that students' thinking skills are still low, especially in terms of factual and procedural knowledge at the secondary school level.

To overcome this problem, the implementation of the VLab-InR Model offers an effective solution. The VLab-InR model allows students to conduct virtual simulations of scientific experiments, helping them understand factual and procedural concepts that cannot be obtained through regular online learning. Gunawan et al. (2019) mentioned that computer simulation as a teaching medium is an important component in modern learning systems, especially in the context of

science education. Through this model, students can practice factual knowledge, such as recognizing measuring instruments and their functions, as well as procedural knowledge, such as how to use tools, conducting experiments, creating tables and graphs, and displaying other science skills (Ladwig et al., 2012; Yustiana et al., 2018; Tapia, 2018; Vukic et al., 2020; Mills, 2022). Various studies show that virtual laboratories (VLab) are also able to improve student learning outcomes (Susantini, 2016; Luo, 2020).

Bloom's revised taxonomy, which includes factual knowledge, conceptual, procedural, and metacognitive dimensions, can be used as a guide in developing more complex cognitive processes (Ladwig et al., 2012; Yustiana et al., 2018; Tapia, 2018; Vukic et al., 2020; Mills, 2022). Factual knowledge helps students recognize and remember basic information that can be expressed orally or in writing (Zainuddin, 2010; Surif et al., 2012), while procedural knowledge includes the step-by-step skills necessary to understand the facts and scientific concepts studied. In line with that, Aini et al. (2021) emphasized that the mastery of factual knowledge by science and mathematics teachers is essential for teaching basic concepts, even though procedural knowledge is often overlooked.

Thus, both factual and procedural knowledge serve as a necessary foundation to support a comprehensive understanding of science experiments, as well as relevant in managing cognitive burdens that affect the learning and teaching process (Mazumder et al., 2019; Ladwig et al., 2012).

## **Literature Review**

The experimental results obtained will be the same as the results of the Physics Laboratory (Plab) Model. The virtual laboratory (VLab) overcomes some of the shortcomings of the VLab, namely: it is not possible for students to acquire thinking skills and information technology awareness. Physiologists believe that each type of laboratory has its own advantages, so the challenge is how to combine the two laboratories in a complementary way to achieve a learning effect (Abdulwahed & Nagy, 2011; Heradio et al., 2016), for example, researched by Wong et al., (2020) found that applying VLab and Microcomputer-Based Lab could help students understand the purpose of the experiment and increase student interest. A comparison of the results of these two groups suggested the integration of VLab and Microcomputer-Based Lab to facilitate student learning. Arista & Kuswanto, (2018); Haddade et al., (2023), combines a virtual physics laboratory with an android smartphone, the learning quality is very good.

VLab-InR Model, consists of five steps, i.e. problem identification, formulating hypotheses, data collection, data interpretation, conclusions (Raja, 2016). Factual experiment, i.e. the relationship between heat and changes in object temperature; the relationship between heat and changes in the state of matter, (3) the influence of salt on the melting point of ice (Ladwig et al., 2012; Yustiana et al., 2018; Tapia, 2018; Vukic et al., 2020; Mills, 2022). Virtual Laboratory (VLab) can improve learning outcomes (Susantini, 2016; Luo, 2020; Kartimi et al., 2023; Rihatno et al., 2023).

### ***Factual Knowledge***

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terminology knowledge includes specific names, detailed knowledge and particular places (Gani et al., 2011; Jiamu, 2012; Hong & Yang, 2018; Gamero et al., 2022; Tawil et al., 2023).

### ***Procedural Knowledge***

This knowledge can be new or adapted to specific contexts. Indicators include subject-specific expertise, algorithms, techniques, and methods (Jiamu, 2012; Hong & Yang, 2018; Eyina et al., 2019; Bintang et al., 2020; Giorgioa, 2020; Hermayawati, 2020; Klau, 2020; Zemljak and Virtič, 2022).

## **RESEARCH METHOD**

This research employed a between-group design using quasi-experiments pretest and posttest methods (Allen, 2017; Ramdani et al., 2021).

Table 1. Research Design (Ramdani et al., 2021)

Group	Pretest	Treatment	Posttest
A	O <sub>1</sub>	X	O <sub>2</sub>
B	O <sub>3</sub>	X	O <sub>4</sub>

This study involved two group A (21 participants), group B (21 participants). The study was conducted to broaden understanding of the Vlab-InR model. Both Group A and Group B were given instructions using the VLab-InR model. The handling of the groups was adapted to include both asynchronous and synchronous online session. The effectiveness of the VLab-InR was determined based on the following criteria: (1) A statistically significant increase in factual and procedural scores is observed , (2) The mean factual and procedural scores fall within the moderate range , (3) The average normalized gain in factual and procedural scores differs significantly between Group A and Group B, (4) The effect size is categorized as moderate , (5) The percentage of student responses falls within the 'good' category.

### ***Implementation Model VLab-InR***

The implementation of the VLab-InR model consists of several steps:

1. **Introductory Activities.** Students respond to the delivery of learning objectives by preparing experimental virtual lab simulation software and worksheets, asking or proposing problem identification, and gathering information related to factual and procedural indicators.
2. **Core Activities.** Students create various experimental VLab simulations based on worksheets, observe variables in each investigation, formulated hypotheses about the relationship between the investigated variables, test hypotheses by conducting VLab simulation experiments, and create tables and graphs using observational data.
3. **Data Analysis Strengthening Activities.** Student analyze data from hypothesis testing by making explanations or arguments based on their findings; predicting, inferring and creating relationship equations between manipulated, response and control variables; identifying discrepancies with established

concepts, principles, and theories; and repeating experiments if the hypotheses are rejected.

4. **Evaluation Activities.** Students practice answering questions related to factual and procedural indicators online using google forms and prepare for discussion.

### **Validasi dan Reliabilitas Instrument**

The factual instrument consists of 20 items, while the procedural instrument includes 10 items. Both test have a score range of 0-1. Additionally, a response questionnaire comprising 6 items was utilized. The two instruments were validated by three physics education experts. Validation analysis was performed using Gregory method (Arlini et al., 2017) as shown in Table 2. To calculate the internal consistency coefficient value (internal validation) equation (1) was used, and the category determination is presented in Table 3. The validation results indicate that the factual dan procedural test, as well as the response questionnaire, each have an internal validation value greater than 0.8, which falls into the high category. Therefore, these instruments are deemed suitable for use in this study.

**Table 2. Gregory's validation analysis tabulation**

	Expert Assessment	
	Weak Relevance (Score 1 or 2)	Strong Relevance (Score 3 or 4)
Assessment is worth 1 or 2	A	B
Assessment is worth 1 or 2	C	D
Internal Consistency Coefficient (Internal validation) = $\frac{D}{A + B + C + D}$		(1)

If both experts assign weak relevance, it is classified as A. When the first expert assigns strong relevance and the second expert assigns weak relevance, it is classified as B. If the first expert assigns weak relevance and the second expert assigns strong relevance, it is classified as C. Finally, if both experts assign strong relevance, it is classified as D.

**Table 3. Validation category (Arlini et al., 2017)**

Interval	Category
> 0.8	High
0.4-0.8	Medium
<0.4	Low

Reliability analysis of factual, procedural tests and response questionnaires was conducted to calculate the percentage of agreements between the two raters whose data was binary (i.e., “yes” or “no”). The formula used is Formula (2) as described by Fuadi et al. (2015). The results of the reliability analysis were as follows: 100% for the factual and procedural tests; and 99% for the response questionnaires. Both results are above the lower limit which is greater than the lower limit of the reliability coefficient (0.75), indicating that all research instruments are reliable.

$$\text{Percentage of Agreement} = \frac{\text{Agreement}}{\text{Disagreement} - \text{Agreement}} \times 100\% \quad (2)$$

### VLab-InR Model Effectiveness

The VLab-InR model increases student factual and procedural understanding through the use of questions. The factual component includes the following indicators: (1) terminology knowledge encompasses specific names, (2) detailed knowledge pertains to specific places (Gani et.al., 2011; Jiamu, 2012; Hong & Yang, 2018; Gamero et al., 2022). For procedural knowledge: (1) subject-specific expertise and algorithms, (2) subject-specific techniques and methods, (3) investigation procedures (Jiamu, 2012; Hong & Yang, 2018; Eyina et.al., 2019; Bintang et.al., 2020; Giorgioa, 2020; Hermayawati, 2020; Klau, 2020). The scores obtained from the learning process are used to determine categories as shown in Table 4 (Lestari et al., 2021).

$$n - g = \frac{x_m - x_n}{100 - x_n} \quad (3)$$

The normalized gain (g) is calculated, where Xm represents the post-test score and Xn represents the pre-test score.

Table 4. The normalized gain categories

interval	category
$g > 0.7$	high
$0.3 \leq g \leq 0.7$	medium
$g < 0.3$	low

To conduct important analyses, the implementation of the VLab-InR Model and independent sample tests were carried out. Afterward, statistical calculations were performed using formula (4) and Formula (5) (Lestari et al., 2021).

$$\text{Effect size} = \frac{\text{mean of posttest score} - \text{mean of pretest score}}{\text{standard deviation}} \quad (4)$$

Table 5. The Effect Size Categories (Lestari et al., 2021)

Interval	Category
$0 - 0.20$	weak effect
$0.21 - 0.50$	modest effect
$0.51 - 1.00$	moderate effect
$> 1.00$	strong effect

Application of the VLab-InR Model questionnaire. Were. Analysis of formula (5) is used.

$$P = \frac{\sum K}{\sum N} \times 100\% \quad (5)$$

P represents the percentage of student responses,  $\sum K$  is the total score achieved by students, and  $\sum N$  is the highest score achieved by students.

Table 6. The Category of Students percentage response (Lestari et al., 2021)

Interval	category
81 - 100	very good
61 - 80	good
41 - 60	adequate
21 - 40	not good
0 - 20	bad

The VLab-InR Model encompasses the following key aspects: (1) significant increase in factual and procedural score; (2) Moderate average factual and procedural normalized gain score; (3) Mean factual and procedural normalized gain score between Group A and Group B, (4) Moderate effect size; (5) High percentage of positive responses.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The VLab-InR Model is a learning restoration approach that can enhance student factual and procedural knowledge. The model comprises five phases: (1) identification of problems, (2) construct hypotheses, (3) Data collection, (4) Analysis and interpretation of results, (5) repetition. Factual tests on group A and group B are shown in the Table 7 and Table 8.

Table 7. Tests of Normality Factual

Factual	Kolmogorov-Smirnov			Shapiro-Wilk		
	Statistic	df <sub>1</sub>	Sig.	Statistic	df <sub>2</sub>	Sig.
Pretest	0.140	21	0.200	0.917	21	0.076
Posttest	0.145	21	0.200	0.960	21	0.507
normalized gain	0.100	21	0.200	0.972	21	0.785

In Table 7, the significance values for the pretest are 0.076, for posttest are 0.507, and for normalized gain are 0.785. These results indicate that the pretest, posttest, and normalized gain scores exhibit a normal distribution.

Table 8. Tests of Normality Factual

Factual	Kolmogorov-Smirnov			Shapiro-Wilk		
	Statistic	df <sub>1</sub>	Sig.	Statistic	df <sub>2</sub>	Sig.
Pretest	0.138	21	0.200	0.955	21	0.420
Posttest	0.181	21	0.071	0.962	21	0.548
normalized gain	0.105	21	0.200	0.972	21	0.770

In Table 8, the significance values for the pretest are 0.420, for the posttest are 0.548, and for the normalized gain are 0.770. These results indicate a normal distribution for the pretest, posttest, and normalized gain score. Procedural tests on Group A and Group B are shown in Tables 9 and 10.

Table 9. Tests of Normality Procedural

Procedural	Kolmogorov-Smirnov			Shapiro-Wilk		
	Statistic	df <sub>1</sub>	Sig.	Statistic	df <sub>2</sub>	Sig.
Pretest	0.156	21	0.200	0.950	21	0.342
Posttest	0.126	21	0.200	0.929	21	0.129
N-gain	0.140	21	0.083	0.867	21	0.090

In Table 9, the significance values for the pretest are 0.342, for the posttest are 0.129, and for the normalized N-gain are 0.090. These results indicate a normal distribution for the pretest, posttest, and normalized N-gain scores.

Table 10. Tests of Normality Procedural

Procedural	Kolmogorov-Smirnov			Shapiro-Wilk		
	Statistic	df <sub>1</sub>	Sig.	Statistic	df <sub>2</sub>	Sig.
Pretest	0.138	21	0.200	0.950	21	0.340
Posttest	0.126	21	0.200	0.929	21	0.129
normalized gain	0.124	21	0.131	0.834	21	0.132

In Table 10, the significance values for the pretest are 0.340, for the posttest are 0.129, and for the normalized gain are 0.132. These results indicate a normal distribution for the pretest, posttest, and normalized gain scores.

The normalized gain normality test of students factual scores for Group A and Group B is shown in Table 11.

Table 11. Test of Normality

Group	Kolmogorov-Smirnov			Shapiro-Wilk		
	Statistic	df <sub>1</sub>	Sig.	Statistic	df <sub>2</sub>	Sig.
A	0.100	21	0.200	0.972	21	0.785
B	0.105	21	0.200	0.972	21	0.770

In Table 11, the significance values for Group A and Group B normalized gain data are 0.785 and 0.770, respectively. These results indicate the both Group A and Group B exhibit a normal distribution.

The normalized gain normality test of students procedural scores for Group A and Group B is shown in Table 12.

Table 12. Tests of Normality

Group	Kolmogorov-Smirnov			Shapiro-Wilk		
	Statistic	df <sub>1</sub>	Sig.	Statistic	df <sub>2</sub>	Sig.
A	0.122	21	0.053	0.867	21	0.079
B	0.129	21	0.063	0.834	21	0.072

In Table 12, the significance values for the normalized gain data are 0.079 for Group A and 0.072 for Group B, respectively. These results indicate the both Group

A and Group B exhibit a normal distribution. The homogeneity test of students factual and procedural normalized gain is shown in Table 13.

Table 13. Homogeneous test of variance

	N	F	Sig.
Factual	21	0.661	0.130
Procedural	21	0.116	0.527

In Table 13, the significance value for the factual and procedural normalized gain data is above 0.05. These results indicate that the two samples are homogeneous.

The effectiveness of the VLab-InR Model was evaluated using students factual and procedural test by applying VLab-InR Model before and after its implementation. this evaluation included pretest, posttest, normalized gain scores of students applying the VLab-InR Model in Group A and Group B.

Table 14. Average Factual Score

	Group	
	A	B
Pretest	30.90	36.52
Posttest	90.33	69.95
normalized gain	0.53	0.52

Table 14, show the value the student's in applying the VLab-InR Model in group A and group B. This student's factual knowledge scores after implementing VLab-InR Model, in the a for group A and group B.

Table 15. Test of Paired

Pretest-	Group	N	Mean	S	df	t	Sig. (p)*
Posttest	A	21	-40.42	19.11	20	-9.69	.000
	B	21	-33.2	14.12	20	-10.84	.000

\*p =.05

Tabel 15 show the students performance in applying the VLab-InR Model for Group A and Group B, including the significant (p) values for pretest and posttest scores, as well as the teacher skill scores in applying the VLab-InR Model for both groups. The average procedural scores for Group A and Group B are presented in Table 16.

Table 16. Average Procedural core

	Average Score	
	Group A	Group B
Pretest	61.61	61.63
Posttest	75.57	75.57
normalized gain	0.31	0.32

Table 16 show the scores the student's in applying the VLab-InR Model in Group A and Group B. These scores represent the students procedural knowledge after the implementing of the VLab-InR Model for both groups.

Table 17. Test of Paired

Pretest-Posttest	Group	N	Mean	S	df	T	Sig. (p)*
	A	21	-10.95	10.53	20	-4.76	.000
	B	21	-11.23	10.50	20	-4.90	.000

\*p =.05

Table 17 shows the students performance in applying the VLab-InR Model for Group A and Group B, including the significance (p) value for pretest and posttest scores, as well as the teacher skill scores in applying the VLab-InR Model for both groups.

The results of the independent samples t-test of students average normalized gain scores in factual knowledge for Group A and Group B are presented in Table 18.

Table 18. Test of Independent Samples

	$\alpha$	significant value
not	0.05	0.421
Equal variance	0.05	0.421
not assumed		

The results of the independent Samples t-test for the students average normalized gain scores in procedural knowledge for Group A and Group B are presented in Table 19.

Table 19. Test of Independent Samples

	$\alpha$	significant value
not	0.05	0.346
Equal variance	0.05	0.347
not assumed		

The results determining the effect size of the VLab-InR Model are presented in Table 20.

Table 20. Test of Effect Size

Group	Effect Size			
	Factual	Category	Procedural	Category
A	2.76	strong effect	0.90	moderate effect
B	1.24	strong effect	0.67	moderate effect

Table 20 shows the effect size values for students factual knowledge in applying the VLab-InR Model in Group A and Group B, which are 2.76 and 1.27, respectively, categorized as strong effects. The effect size values for students procedural knowledge in applying the VLab-InR Model in Group A and Group B

are 0.90 and 0.67, respectively, categorized as moderate effects. These results fulfill the requirements for the effectiveness of the VLab-InR Model based on the data and are a key finding of this research.

The results of students responses to the VLab-InR Model are presented in Table 22 with an average response score of 91.58%.

Table 22. The Results of Student Response

No.	Statement	Percentage (%)	Category
1	VLab-InR Model Instructions are very interesting and new	94.22	Very good
2	VLab-InR Model material is very interesting and new	92.56	Very good
3	New attractive VLab-InR Model worksheets	90.33	Very good
4	The learning atmosphere in the VLab-InR Model is fun	90.34	Very good
5	After learning activities using the VLab-InR Model, the factual is increasing	90.33	Very good
6	After learning activities using the VLab-InR Model, the procedural is getting better	91.67	Very good
Average		91.58	Very good

Student activities in the VLab-InR Model include developing knowledge of thermology, specific elements, new scientific information, discovering concepts, principles, scientific theories, as well as thinking and collaborating, observing, measuring, conducting scientific investigations, interpreting data, and drawing conclusions. Giorgioa et al. (2020) argue that factual and procedural indicators can be effectively trained during the learning process.

The application of the VLab-InR Model demonstrated its ability to enhance both factual and procedural knowledge. This finding validates the VLab-InR Model effectiveness in fostering these competencies. Wong et al. (2020) found that the VLab-InR Model can increases student interest and improves learning outcomes.

Form Table 7-11, the results of the normality tests for factual and procedural data indicated that all samples are normally distributed. Table 16 reveals a significant value of 0.000, smaller than the threshold of 0.05, indicating a significant improvement in factual knowledge. The t-values of -9.69 and -10.84 confirm this. In Table 18, the t-values of -4.76 and -4.90 demonstrate that posttest scores for procedural knowledge are significantly greater than pretest scores. These findings highlight the increase in both factual and procedural knowledge after applying the VLab-InR Model, supporting its effectiveness in training these indicators. This finding indicates that the VLab-InR Model can be applied to train factual and procedural indicators.

Surif et al, 2012; Vallance et al, 2017; Tomljenović, 2020, assert that procedural and conceptual knowledge can be cultivated through learning activities. Virtual laboratories offer an interactive platform for teachers and students, especially in the context of 21st century technology advancements. Factual and procedural

knowledge represent higher-order thinking skills that can be nurtured both in the classroom and science laboratories (Miller & Hudson, 2017; Nicole et al. al., 2017; Macias-Romero, 2018; Fitria, 2019; Lenz, 2019; Eyina et al, 2019; Blažević and Klein, 2022)

The effect size analysis for factual knowledge in Groups A and B yielded value of 2.70 and 1.24 categorized strong effects. For procedural knowledge, the effect size were 0.90 and 0.67 categorized as moderate effects, fulfilling the effectiveness criteria for the VLab-InR Model. Active student participation in virtual laboratory activities fosters creativity through inquiry-based (Tanase, 2011; Nicole, 2017; Rukminingsih, 2020; Svensson, 2021; Pushenko, 2021).

Computer-generated virtual reality simulations provide interactive results, helping students develop factual and procedural knowledge (Vallance et al., 2017; Untu et al., 2020; Vučić et al., 2020; Blažević & Klein, 2022). The percentage of positive student responses to the VLab-InR Model reached 90.22%. This indicates that learning activities encourage active students engagement in task such as information through observation, problem-solving, hypothesis testing, data processing, data presentation, analysis, reasoning, drawing conclusions, creating equations, and reflection on investigations (Vallance, 2017; Saks, 2021; Son, 2022; Widiana et al., 2020; Wuryaningrum et al., 2020; Yilmaz & Yalçın, 2022).

Students using VLab-InR Model conduct experiments virtually via the Physics Education Technology (PhET) simulation Website <http://phet.colorado.edu>, (2021). Prihatiningtyas et al. (2013), Sinulingga et al. (2016), Saputra et al. (2020), Hung & Tsai, (2020) suggest that applying PhET simulations in science education enhances student engagment and learning outcomes. There is a strong correlation between virtual experimental activities and the development of higher-order thinking skills (Herga et al., 2015; Penn & Mavuru, 2020; Tawil et al., 2023). Thus, the VLab-InR Model significantly improves both factual and procedural knowledge.

## CONCLUSION

The VLab-InR Model has been proven effective in enhancing students factual, procedural knowledge. This effectiveness is demonstrated by a significant increase in factual and procedural knowledge ( $\alpha = .05$ ), the average normalized gain for factual knowledge in groups A and B was -9.69 and -10.84, respectively. Similarly, the average normalized gain for procedural knowledge in groups A and B was -4.76 and -4.90 respectively.

The effect size for factual knowledge in groups A and B was 2.76 and 1.24, respectively, categorizing both as having a of strong effect. For procedural knowledge, the effect sizes were 0.90 and 0.67 for groups A and B respectively, falling into the moderate effect category. These results indicate that both groups meet the effectiveness criteria for the VLab-InR Model.

Additionally, the average student response to the VLab-InR Model was 91.58%, highlighting its success as an alternative approach for virtual science practices. The model effectively trains students in factual and procedural knowledge , making it a valuable tool for higher education settings.

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