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# E-GOVERNMENT IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: THE IMPORTANCE OF DIGITALIZATION AND ITS SOLUTIONS TO EXISTING CHALLENGES

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## ABSTRACT

*This paper examines the impact of digitalization on public administration and the development of e-government systems. It discusses how digital reforms enhance transparency, efficiency, and accountability while exploring the main challenges governments face in their digital transformation. The study also highlights international best practices and focuses on Uzbekistan's progress within the "Digital Uzbekistan 2030" strategy. It argues that successful digital governance requires not only technological infrastructure but also strong leadership, legal modernization, and citizen participation.*

**KEYWORDS:** *E-Government, Digitalization, Public Administration, Governance, Innovation, Uzbekistan.*

## INTRODUCTION

The rapid advancement of digital technologies has reshaped how governments deliver public services. E-government represents a paradigm shift from traditional bureaucratic systems toward integrated, citizen-centered models. Through digitalization, public institutions are adopting innovative approaches to improve transparency, efficiency, and accessibility. This shift aligns with the global agenda for sustainable development and good governance, emphasizing open data, inclusion, and technological innovation.

## LITERATURE REVIEW.

The concept of e-government has evolved from simple electronic service delivery to comprehensive digital governance ecosystems. According to the OECD (2023), digital government integrates policy-making, service delivery, and data management through technology. Scholars such as Heeks (2006) and Margetts (2019) emphasize that digitalization transforms the relationship between citizens and the state, reducing administrative burdens and fostering accountability. The theoretical framework of this study builds upon public value theory, which links digital innovation to public trust and participatory governance. The Role of Digitalization in Public Administration. Digitalization plays a central role in transforming how public institutions work and communicate with citizens. It helps governments become more transparent, efficient, and responsive. Digital systems make it easier to track decisions and transactions, which reduces corruption and strengthens public trust. They also allow faster and more cost-effective services by cutting down unnecessary paperwork and automating routine tasks**.** In addition, digital tools make decision-making more evidence-based. When data is collected and analyzed through modern technologies such as artificial intelligence or big data systems, policies can be shaped more accurately according to real needs. Citizen participation is another key benefit. Online platforms, mobile applications, and feedback systems give people a direct way to interact with the government and express their opinions. Estonia's "X-Road" infrastructure is a good example of how different government agencies can share information smoothly. It allows people to access most public services from one place without repeating the same process several times. Existing Challenges in E-Government Systems. Although the advantages of e-government are clear, many countries still face several difficulties. One major problem is the fragmentation of data systems. In many cases, ministries or local departments use separate databases that are not connected, which slows down service delivery. Another serious challenge is the lack of digital skills among civil servants. Without proper training, even advanced technologies cannot function effectively. Governments also need to address cybersecurity threats, as large networks are more exposed to hacking and data leaks. Finally, legal and ethical frameworks often do not keep up with rapid technological change. Questions about data privacy, digital rights, and online identity protection still need stronger regulations.

Solutions Through Digitalization. To overcome these barriers, governments need to take comprehensive measures. Creating unified digital platforms is one of the main priorities, as it ensures smooth data exchange between institutions. Another important step is to improve digital literacy by organizing training for public employees and citizens, helping them adapt to new technologies confidently.

Cybersecurity must also be treated as a national priority. Building secure digital infrastructure and adopting international standards can help protect sensitive information. Furthermore, updating

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legislation in line with modern digital practices will create a safer and more transparent environment for users.

Many countries have started forming digital transformation units within ministries to coordinate reforms, monitor progress, and promote innovation in public services.

**International Best Practices.** Some countries have already achieved remarkable results in digital governance. Estonia, for instance, offers almost all public services online through its digital identity system, making government operations fast and accessible. South Korea's "Government 3.0" program focuses on citizen-centered governance, encouraging openness and cooperation among institutions. Singapore uses artificial intelligence and data analytics to forecast public needs and improve decision-making.

These examples show that successful digital governance depends on three main factors: interoperability among systems, citizen trust, and continuous policy support. Governments that invest in these areas are more likely to achieve effective and sustainable e-government solutions.

The Case of Uzbekistan. Uzbekistan has made visible progress in developing its e-government system, especially after launching the "Digital Uzbekistan 2030" strategy. One of the main achievements is the creation of the Unified Interactive Public Services Portal (my.gov.uz), which allows citizens to receive many government services online without visiting state offices in person. The government has also worked on integrating databases and improving broadband internet coverage, which has increased efficiency and accessibility. However, there are still some issues that need attention. Many institutions still face problems with data interoperability, meaning that different systems cannot always share information effectively. Another difficulty is the lack of qualified staff who can manage digital platforms and ensure smooth operation. Public awareness about digital services is also an important factor. Some citizens are not fully familiar with how to use online services or do not completely trust digital systems. To address these gaps, the government has focused on training civil servants, raising digital literacy, and strengthening cybersecurity to protect user data and maintain public confidence. Overall, Uzbekistan's experience shows that digital transformation is a long-term process. While much has been achieved, continued investment in human resources, technology, and legal frameworks will be necessary to reach the goals of "Digital Uzbekistan 2030." Conclusion. Digitalization is not only a matter of technology but a fundamental reform in the way governments operate. Introducing e-government systems changes the structure of public administration by making it more transparent, efficient, and citizen-oriented. When done successfully, it builds stronger trust between the state and its citizens and encourages more active participation in governance.

To keep moving forward, governments need to focus on human capital development, modern legal systems, and data security. Learning from international experience, such as Estonia, South Korea, and Singapore, can help countries like Uzbekistan design policies that match their national context.

In conclusion, e-government is a powerful tool for creating open and accountable governance. Its success depends not only on digital tools but also on strong leadership, cooperation across institutions, and the active engagement of society as a whole.

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