

A Systematic Review of Technology-Enhanced Self-Regulated Language Learning

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ABSTRACT: The role of self-regulated learning in language learning has been widely acknowledged, and there is a growing number of studies on technology-enhanced self-regulated language learning (SRLL). This systematic review aims to provide a holistic picture of existing studies in this area by identifying the characteristics of published studies, the research methods used to evaluate SRLL effectiveness and the role of technology in SRLL. The review covered 34 empirical studies focusing on SRLL that were published from 2011 to 2020. The results showed varied characteristics of technology-enhanced SRLL studies, dominance of the use of quantitative methods, greater focus on examining students' SRLL outcomes instead of their processes, and the role of technology in supporting the performance phase of students' SRLL instead of the entire SRLL process. These findings have implications for using technologies to facilitate and examine the holistic process of students' SRLL.

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1. Introduction

Online learning systems, especially mobile applications, are widely used in many educational contexts, including language teaching and learning. The boundaries between formal and informal language learning, classroom-based learning and out-of-classroom learning activities have become blurred and interconnected with the rapid development of wireless communication networks and mobile devices (Sharples et al., 2016). As this new environment provides unprecedented opportunities for language learning, learners should develop self-regulated learning (SRL) skills to succeed. They must set goals and schedule efficiently while participating in online learning activities (Yeh et al., 2019; Zhou & Wei, 2018).

SRL refers to an active, constructive process through which learners set learning goals and then attempt to monitor, regulate, and control their cognitive and metacognitive process and learning behaviours (Pintrich, 2000). It is also an essential component of lifelong learning to cope with the challenges of the twenty-first century (Lehmann et al., 2014; Zheng et al., 2018). Many studies have shown that SRL is positively related to students' learning outcomes (Chen et al., 2014; Lai et al., 2018). Zimmerman (2002) posited that self-regulatory processes are teachable. To improve learning outcomes, students must engage in effective SRL processes in planning and setting goals, monitoring their learning process and evaluating their whole learning performance (e.g., Azevedo et al., 2018; Lai et al., 2018). Interventions are necessary to support students in developing SRL (Yang et al., 2018; Yeh et al., 2019). In recent years, the number of studies on SRL in online learning environments has soared. In these works, researchers have focused on trends in measurement and intervention tools for SRL (Araka et al., 2020), the correlation between SRL strategies and academic achievement in online higher education (Broadbent & Poon, 2015), approaches to supporting SRL in online learning (Wong et al., 2018), the relationship between SRL and mobile learning (Palalas & Wark, 2020) and the relationship between SRL and learning analytics in online learning (Viberg et al., 2020). However, reviews of technology-assisted self-regulated language learning (SRLL) are scarce.

Preliminary studies in the field of language learning have investigated SRLL mediated by technologies, such as in reading (e.g., Chen et al., 2014; Zheng et al., 2018; Serrano et al., 2018), writing (e.g., Ducasse & Hill, 2019) and vocabulary learning (e.g., Chen & Hsu, 2020). By contrast, papers on the learning effectiveness of SRLL have had various foci, such as language learning outcomes (Chen et al., 2019), SRL strategies (Chen & Lee, 2018) and SRL skills (Yeh et al., 2019). A number of studies have shown that technology-enhanced learning environments can provide technological affordances for improving language learning outcomes and fostering SRL skills (Hromalik & Koszalka, 2018; Shyr & Chen, 2018; Woottipong, 2022). According to other studies, technology is not positively related to language learning outcomes (e.g., Chen & Lee, 2018) or SRL skills (e.g.,

Seifert & Har-Paz, 2020). This inconsistency in findings may be caused by the design of technology-assisted learning environments. A well-designed technology-enhanced learning environment can help learners regulate their learning, determine where and when to learn, cultivate their SRL behaviours and sustain their interest in SRL (Shih et al., 2010).

Therefore, in addition to exploring the characteristics of empirical SRL studies in terms of the publication years and learner types, this review study explored how SRL effectiveness was investigated and the role of technology in these SRL studies. To understand the trends of SRL in language learning and the potential of using technology to cultivate language learners' SRL skills and improve their learning performance, this systematic review examined technology-enhanced SRL studies published in the past 10 years with the following questions:

RQ1: What were the characteristics of SRL studies in terms of their publication years and learner types?

RQ2: What research methods were adopted to examine SRL effectiveness in the reviewed studies?

RQ3: What role did technology play in supporting SRL in the reviewed studies?

2. Method

Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) was applied to guide this systematic review (Moher et al., 2015) to ensure the rigour and quality of the review process. The search strategy, selection criteria and data coding and analysis in this review are presented below.

2.1. Search strategy

First, the major relevant terms used in the literature, including synonyms and alternative spellings, were identified. The following search string was then used to search for relevant articles: (“self-regulated” OR “self-regulatory” OR “self-regulation”) AND (“language learning” OR “reading” OR “writing” OR “speaking” OR “grammar” OR “vocabulary”) AND (“technology” OR “computer” OR “mobile” OR “tablet” OR “phone”). The data for this study were selected from the following academic journal databases: Educational Resources Information Centre (ERIC), Web of Science (WOS), Wiley and ProQuest. These databases are widely used in educational studies (Bano et al., 2018; Lee, 2019; Lin & Lin, 2019). The search only involved peer-reviewed articles that could be retrieved online to ensure a high quality of the selected articles (Hung et al., 2018). Endnote was used to track each identified citation and to manage and document the imported databases throughout the search process.

2.2. Selection criteria

Inclusion and exclusion criteria were applied to eliminate irrelevant studies. As illustrated in Table 1, the study had to be (1) published in English, (2) dated from 2011 to 2020 inclusively, (3) an empirical or case study, and (4) in a technology-enhanced language learning environment. Only articles from peer-reviewed journals were selected. Other types of publications, such as theses, book reviews and conference papers, were not included. This criterion is widely used in other literature reviews to maintain a high quality of selected papers (e.g., Lin et al., 2019; Shadiev & Yang, 2020; Zainuddin et al., 2020; Zou et al., 2019). In addition, special needs education research, including studies involving participants with dyslexia, was eliminated for the following reasons. First, such studies are commonly excluded from literature reviews related to technology-assisted language learning environments (e.g., Bano et al., 2018; Zou et al., 2019). Second, special needs education should be approached carefully and that technologies for individuals with autism spectrum disorders or cognitive disabilities are complex and deserve further investigation. During our literature search, we observed an increase in the amount of attention paid to SRL with technology in the field of special education (e.g., Ben-Yehudah & Brann, 2019; Hughes et al., 2019).

The search of online databases resulted in 466 articles. A total of 345 articles remained after the removal of duplicates, and their titles and abstracts were scanned. Two researchers were involved in the selection process to avoid selection bias. All articles were examined by both researchers; researcher A found 136 articles to be relevant, and researcher B considered 122 articles relevant. The titles of these articles were documented in Excel by two authors and compared one by one. In total, 136 articles were selected for further analysis.

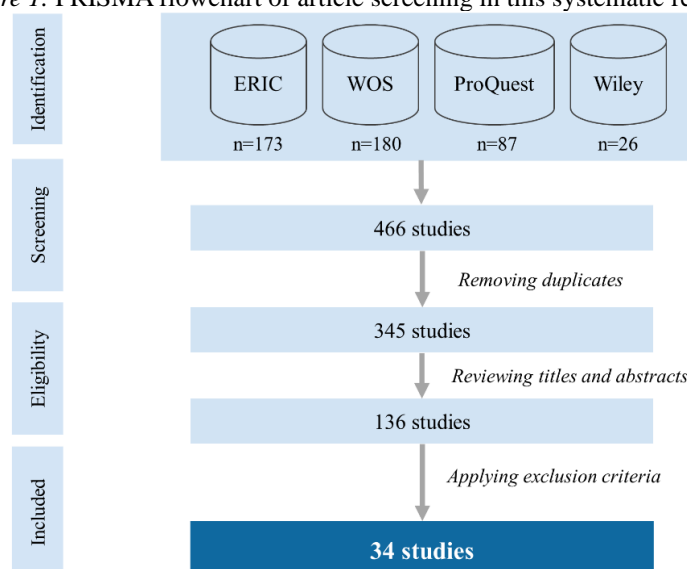
Table 1. Exclusion and inclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published in English • Published from 2011 to 2020 • Empirical studies and case studies • In technology-enhanced language learning environments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published in other languages • Not in technology-enhanced learning environments • A thesis/editorial/book review/conference paper • Inadequate information on research design and data analysis • Literature review and conceptual studies in nature • Special needs education research

The three researchers applied inclusion and exclusion criteria (see Table 1). The first author applied these criteria to all papers for study selection. The second author randomly checked the results by examining twenty papers. All questions related to article selection were resolved by the three authors together in a discussion. This process was guided by Bano et al. (2018) and Shadieff and Yang (2020). Finally, 34 papers were deemed eligible for the review. Among the cases included by Llorens et al. (2016) and Serrano et al. (2018) in their multi-case studies, only those related to this review were selected.

To sum up, the study selection process, which was based on PRISMA (Moher et al., 2015), is illustrated in Figure 1. A total of 34 articles (see Appendix A) were considered eligible for the review.

Figure 1. PRISMA flowchart of article screening in this systematic review



2.3. Data coding and analysis

All the selected papers were coded and analysed using content analysis. The first research question concerned the characteristics of the SRL studies' publication years and learner types. As for the publication years, the distribution of the selected papers in 2011–2020 was analysed. About the learner types, due to the weakness in metacognition of young learners (van Loon & Roebbers, 2017), SRL cultivation might be sensitive to age. Researchers have different opinions on whether children younger than six years can use metacognitive strategies (Dignath & Büttner, 2008). There are also studies suggesting that children aged 7 to 8 years self-evaluate less compared with those aged 11 to 12 years (Paris & Newman, 1990). Paris and Winograd (1999) state that children's metacognition develops during schooling from the age of 5 to 16 years (Paris & Winograd, 1999). On this basis, in addition to categorising learners in terms of educational levels, we distinguished lower and higher primary school students. Hence, learners were classified into six sub-categories: (1) 6 years old and below, (2) 7–9 years old, (3) 10–15 years old, (4) 16–18 years old, (5) undergraduate and/or postgraduate, and (6) workplace adult learners.

The research methods used to evaluate learning effectiveness were coded and analysed to address the second research question. These approaches were categorised as quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods. The durations of the studies were classified into the following categories, which were adapted from Hwang and Fu (2019): one session, short term (< 10 weeks), intermediate term (11 weeks to 4 months) and long term (> 4

months). The evaluation of SRL was divided into four categories: (1) assessing student language learning outcomes, (2) assessing students' SRL (e.g., self-efficacy, attitudes, SRL strategies used, SRL skills behaviours) (Ardasheva et al., 2017; Panadero et al., 2016), (3) assessing both language learning outcomes and SRL, and (4) exploring the technology-enhanced SRL profiles of students.

As for the third research question, first, technology was categorised as self-developed or third-party technology. The former referred to technology explicitly designed by researchers to investigate its use in teaching and learning, whereas the latter meant commercial software or technology that was developed by a third party. The types of technology were coded as mobile devices (e.g., mobile phones and iPads), desktop personal computers (PCs), and multiple devices. Multiple devices referred to the presence of more than one type of device in the study. Second, the learning settings, which referred to the contexts in which these technologies were employed, were divided into the following categories, which were based on Bano et al. (2018): formal settings, informal settings, multiple settings and not specified. Formal settings referred to traditional learning environments, such as institutionalised settings (e.g., public schools and universities); informal settings included learning spaces apart from formal learning settings, such as homes, subways, gardens and supermarkets; multiple settings referred to combinations of formal and informal learning experiences; not specified meant that no specific learning context was indicated in the study. Lastly, the role of technology in supporting SRL processes was coded in terms of Zimmerman's (2002) SRL model, which is widely acknowledged in the field (Dignath et al., 2008; Panadero, 2017). According to Zimmerman (2002), SRL processes consist of the following phases: forethought, performance and self-reflection. The forethought phase involves task analysis (e.g., goal setting and strategic planning). In the performance phase, students monitor their processes. Finally, the self-reflection phase includes self-judgment and self-reactions to learning performance and outcomes. These phases were used to analyse and address the third question.

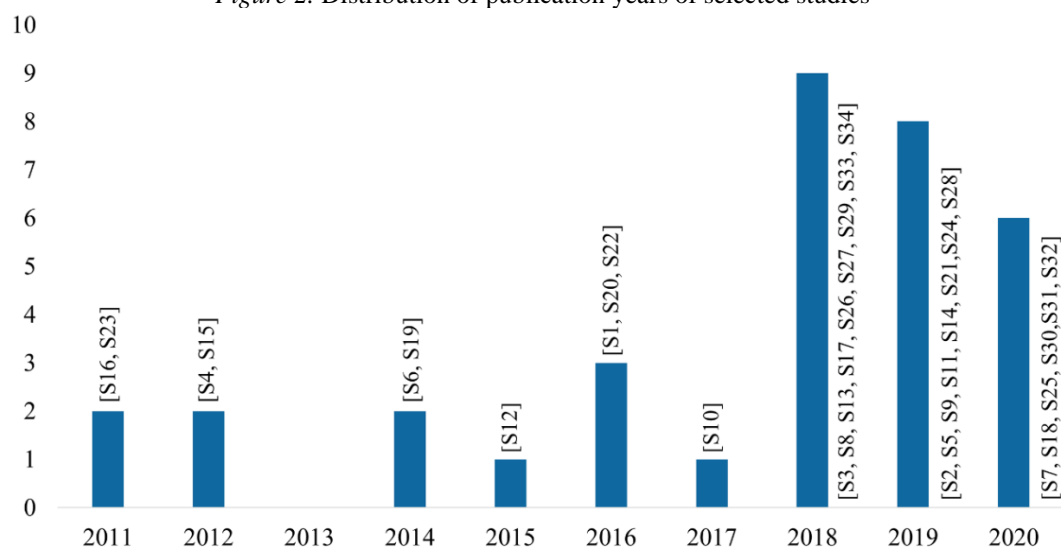
In piloting the coding scheme, two researchers coded eight articles together and discussed the coding results until a consensus was reached. After that, the same two researchers independently coded the 26 remaining articles. Cohen's kappa, which was calculated to measure the inter-rater reliability about the role of technology in terms of Zimmerman's (2002) SRL model, was 0.91, which was considered perfect (Stemler, 2004). In finalising the coding results of the 34 selected articles, the three researchers discussed any discrepancy by conducting face-to-face discussions and by rechecking points of disagreement until a consensus was reached.

3. Results

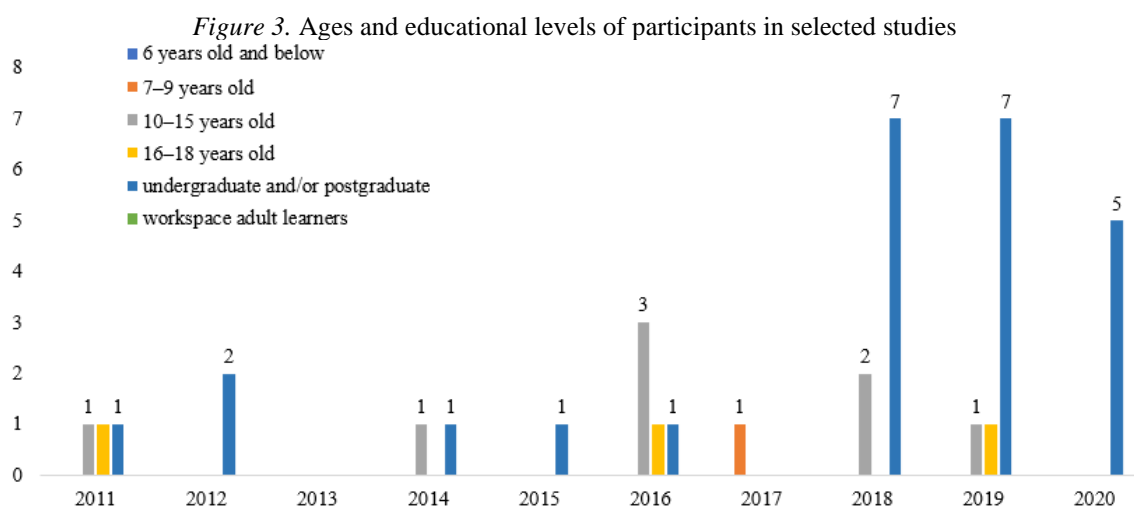
3.1. Study characteristics in terms of the publication years and learner types

Figure 2 shows the distribution of the publication years of the 34 selected articles over the past 10 years (2011–2020). The number of empirical research papers dramatically increased from 2017 to 2018 but declined between 2018 and 2020.

Figure 2. Distribution of publication years of selected studies



As for the learner types, Figure 3 shows that approximately 73.5% of the studies were conducted in higher education. Eight studies involved participants between the ages of 10 and 15 years, followed by three studies conducted among participants between the ages of 16 and 18 years. Only one study focused on participants aged 7 to 9 years. No study involved participants aged below 6 years or workplace adults.



3.2. Research methods adopted to examine SRL effectiveness

The SRL learning effectiveness was examined in the selected studies via different research methods. Eighteen studies (53%) primarily adopted quantitative research methods and mainly aimed to investigate the effectiveness of developed mobile applications or learning systems for SRL. A total of 12 studies (35%) employed mixed research methods and four studies (12%) adopted qualitative research methods to explore students' SRL experience. Twelve papers (35%) were intermediate-term studies, and eight were short-term studies (23%). Six studies (18%) were conducted in one session each, whereas five (15%) were long-term (longer than four months) studies.

Among the 34 studies, 10 studies adopted non-experimental research designs and investigated students' self-regulated technological profiles. In these studies, students were free to choose and adopt various tools to regulate their language learning. Among these 10 studies, seven described how students used technology to regulate their language learning experience in online environments using closed-ended survey questionnaire (Tao et al., 2020), interviews (Lai & Gu, 2011; Lei, 2018; Wang & Chen, 2020), participant-made videos (Chien, 2019), open-ended survey questionnaires (Lai & Gu, 2011; Su et al., 2019) and reflective journals (Hromalik & Koszalka, 2018). In addition, six studies mainly employed questionnaires and correlational analysis to understand the underlying relationship between SRL factors.

The 24 remaining studies were conducted using experimental research designs. Eighteen studies (52.9%) investigated both language and SRL outcomes, whereas six studies (17.6%) only focused on self-regulation. Detailed information is presented in Table 2. Among the 24 studies, 18 (52.9%) investigated students' language learning outcomes. Quizzes were primarily adopted to assess students' improvement in language learning. Only one study used students' e-portfolios, where students recorded their oral production to assess the progress of their oral performance (Torres et al., 2020).

As for evaluating students' SRL, 20 studies (83.3%) used surveys, including questionnaires, self-reports and interviews. Six studies employed log data to analyse students' SRL-related behaviours while interacting with the studied technologies. For example, Chen et al. (2014) used data recorded on a digital reading annotation system (DRAS) of the achievement index of learning time, effort level, reading rate, concentrated learning and degree of understanding of learned courseware to assess students' SRL skills. Lee and Chan (2018) traced students' behaviours on the My-Pet-Shop system to explore SRL behavioural patterns. Kondo et al. (2012) analysed time spent on Nintendo DS mobile devices. Llorens et al. (2016) mainly analysed students' behaviours recorded online to indicate self-regulation strategies and decision-making; these recorded behaviours were the number of times students decided to revisit text or questions and the decisions made by the students at specific times. Roussel (2011) recorded students' physical movements of the mouse during a listening task to indicate their ability to regulate their listening in language learning. Serrano et al. (2018) measured students' monitoring

accuracy by calculating the number of right or wrong answers in non-search decisions to help them regulate their use of text information in reading. Moreover, four studies involved teachers' observation (Ferreira et al., 2017; Ghufroon & Nurdianingsih, 2019; Karami et al., 2019; Torres et al., 2020). Ferreira et al. (2017) considered teachers' perspectives by asking them to rate their students' SRL using a questionnaire. Ghufroon and Nurdianingsih (2019) used an observation protocol to document in-class teaching and learning for analysis. In the study of Karami et al. (2019), teachers' field notes were used to triangulate students' surveys in order to understand their SRL in English writing. Similarly, teachers' journals which included observations of students' performance were used by Torres et al. (2020) to explain students' strategy use in developing their English speaking skills.

Table 2. Summary of 24 studies assessing student language-related and/or SRL

Paper ID	Language learning outcomes								SRL			
	Focus						Data sources		SRL ability/strategy	Data source		
	V	W	M	R	S	L	Qz	Others		Survey	Log data	Observation
S1					x				x	x		
S3				x					x	x		
S5	x							x	x	x		
S6				x				x	x		x	
S7			x					x	x	x		
S8	x							x	x	x	x	
S10			x					x	x	x		x
S11		x							x	x		x
S12	x							x	x	x		
S14		x						x	x	x		x
S15			x					x	x		x	
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S25			x					x	x	x		
S26				x				x	x		x	
S27	x							x	x	x		
S31					x				x	x		x
S33				x				x	x	x		
S34				x				x	x	x		

Note. V = vocabulary; W = writing; M = mixed language learning outcomes; R = reading; S = speaking; L = listening; Qz = quizzes.

3.3. Role of technology in supporting SRL

Table 3 presents the technologies, devices, tool descriptions and learning settings in the 34 selected papers. A total of 15 studies (44.1%) used self-developed applications or systems. The rest investigated the use of technologies developed by third parties. Regarding the adopted devices, 16 studies (47%) employed desktop PCs, 11 studies (32%) used mobile devices and seven studies (21%) adopted multiple devices. In addition, 10 studies (29%) employed free-to-use technology, but seven of them did not specify Web 2.0 technologies and applications (Al Fadda, 2019; Çelik et al., 2012; Chien, 2019; Hromalik & Koszalka, 2018; Lai & Gu, 2011; Su et al., 2018; Tao et al., 2020).

The majority of studies (55.9%) were conducted across multiple learning contexts (e.g., classrooms and homes). The rest occurred in formal settings (35.3%) or informal settings (Çelik et al., 2012; Lai & Gu, 2011; Zhai et al., 2018). More studies were conducted in informal settings in the first five years (2011–2015) than in the next five years (2016–2020). Overall, the distribution of learning contexts indicated that SRL research was conducted more frequently in multiple settings.

Table 3. List of technologies, devices, tools descriptions and learning settings in the selected studies

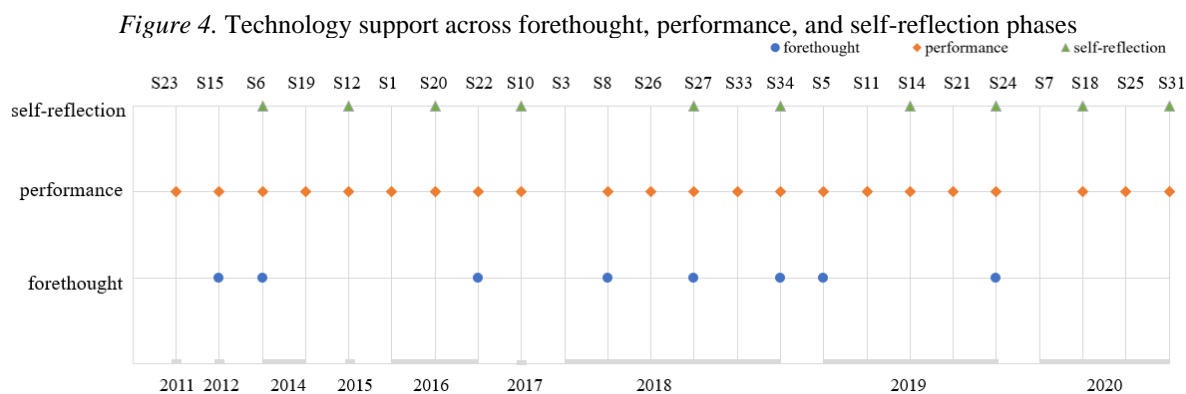
Paper ID	S	T	Devices	Tools description	Learning settings
S1	x		O	automatic speech recognition (ASR)	multiple
S2		x	M	multiple tools	multiple
S3		x	O	multiple tools: dictionaries, WhatsApp, camera, internet search engines, notes, and recorders	multiple
S4		x	M	multiple tools	informal
S5	x		O	EVLAPP-SRLM: an English vocabulary learning app with a self-regulated learning mechanism	formal
S6	x		D	a digital reading annotation system (DRAS): an SRL mechanism combined with useful annotation functionalities that can annotate digital texts in the HTML format	formal
S7	x		O	mobile virtual reality environment (VRE)	multiple
S8	x		D	My-Pet-Shop: an educational game to enhance young children's learning of English vocabulary	formal
S9		x	M	multiple tools	multiple
S10	x		D	an adapted Moodle platform	formal
S11		x	D	multiple tools: Grammarly, Google docs and Microsoft Word.	multiple
S12	x		O	a calibration scheme: using a preview or review process for individual learners	multiple
S13		x	M	multiple tools	multiple
S14		x	D	e-portfolio: Edmodo	multiple
S15		x	O	the Nintendo DS Lite: DS More Training for the TOEIC Listening and Reading Tests	multiple
S16		x	M	multiple tools	informal
S17		x	O	WeChat: free software provided by China mobile	multiple
S18	x		O	the ARCAUW application: using the software Unity for Mobile AR.	formal
S19		x	D	Google docs-Web-based collaboration tool	multiple
S20	x		D	Read&Answer: record students' search behaviour while reading	formal
S21		x	D	computer-mediated discussions	multiple
S22		x	D	podcast	formal
S23		x	D	recorders	formal
S24	x		D	the prompts added in the guidelines of the assignments or reading texts as hyperlinks and opened in small pop-up windows	multiple
S25		x	O	Mobile tools: WhatsApp, Nearpod, Quizlet and Google Apps	multiple
S26	x		D	TuinLECweb: an intelligent tutoring system that teaches monitoring and self-regulation strategies	formal
S27	x		D	Flip2Learn system	formal
S28		x	D	Wikis	multiple
S29	x		D	multiple tools: an online learning system	formal
S30		x	M	multiple tools: a learning management system and other web 2.0 technologies	multiple
S31		x	M	multiple tools: voice recorder, e-portfolio, colour cards, visual dictionaries, google translator	multiple
S32		x	O	YouTube videos	multiple
S33	x		D	biofeedback	informal
S34	x		O	a mobile self-regulated learning system	formal

Note. x = Yes; S = self-developed; T = third party; M= multiple devices; O= mobile devices; D= desktop PCs.

As 10 studies did not explicitly define the features of Web 2.0 technologies or mobile applications to support SRL, only 24 studies could be further analysed by focusing on how they were designed to facilitate students' SRL processes based on the three phases of SRL (Zimmerman, 2002).

As shown in Figure 4, 21 of the 24 studies adopted technologies that focused mainly on supporting part of the SRL process, such as by providing monitoring affordances in the performance phase, where students could review their learning status. Eight studies highlighted the setting of goals. Ten studies assisted self-regulated

learners in self-reflection. However, only four studies supported the whole process of SRL (Chen et al., 2014; Saks & Leijen, 2019; Shyr & Chen, 2018; Zheng et al., 2018). Chen et al. (2014) adopted an SRL mechanism with a DRAS to support students' reading. The students set learning goals via a self-monitoring table, and they monitored their performance using radar plots. Students could make a self-evaluation. In Saks and Leijen (2019), prompts were added to the learning assignments to assist students' SRL. In addition, Shyr and Chen (2018) adopted the Flip2Learn system to facilitate university students' vocabulary learning and enhance their self-regulatory skills. Furthermore, Zheng et al. (2018) developed a mobile SRL system to assist university students' reading by helping them set goals, make plans, monitor their learning processes and self-evaluate.



4. Discussion

This systematic review provides a synthesis of key findings on the current research status about technology-enhanced SRL from 2011 to 2020 in terms of (1) study characteristics in terms of their publication years and learner types, (2) research methods used to evaluate SRL effectiveness, and (3) the role of technology in SRL.

4.1. Study characteristics

This review indicates that publications on technology-assisted SRL generally increased during the 10-year period. Among the 34 reviewed papers, only seven were published from 2011 to 2015; the rest were published after 2015. Nonetheless, the number of publications declined between 2018 and 2020. Moreover, over 60% of the studies were conducted in tertiary education contexts, followed by secondary school and primary school contexts. These results echo previous findings that many studies on technology-enhanced language learning were conducted in universities (Chang & Hung, 2019; Broadbent & Poon, 2015). Papers targeting kindergarten students are rare. This is probably due to the limited metacognitive abilities of young learners (Alvi & Gillies, 2021; Marulis et al., 2020). Furthermore, some studies (e.g., Bohlmann et al., 2015; Pahiriray, 2021) have revealed that young learners' capability is related to their language ability, which is still under development at their age. Nevertheless, some empirical studies have indicated that preschool children already begin developing an ability for SRL (Lockl & Schneider, 2002; Dignath et al., 2008). The effects of SRL training during development among young learners should be examined. Therefore, future technology-enhanced SRL research can focus more on younger learners, particularly those younger than 9 years.

Additionally, no study on this topic has been conducted on workplace adult learners. The concept of lifelong learning is receiving increasing attention. The results of this study suggest the need to determine how to help workplace adult learners develop SRL skills with technology.

4.2. Research methods

Over half of the studies ($n = 18$) mainly adopted quantitative research methods, and the majority lasted less than four months. As for SRL evaluation, 18 studies analysed both language and SRL outcomes, six studies (17.6%) assessed self-regulation only and 10 studies (29.4%) explored student technology-enhanced SRL profiles using non-experimental research designs. Technology-enhanced SRL had a generally positive effect on language learning outcomes, affective/psychological learning outcomes and students' SRL. For language learning outcomes, quizzes were used in most of the studies. Regarding SRL, the measurements heavily relied on self-report data. However, self-report instruments, such as questionnaires and interviews, were usually deployed

before and/or after the treatment; therefore, students might have overestimated their responses (Roth et al., 2016). Although self-report instruments can reveal students' attitudes and feelings, they can be biased, considering that they depend on how learners perceive themselves. As argued by Greene and Schunk (2017), self-report instruments capture students' perceptions of self-regulation but fail to understand how learners change or adapt self-regulation processes while engaging in learning.

Studies on learners' technology-enhanced language learning (e.g., Lai & Gu, 2011; Shyr & Chen 2018; Zheng et al., 2016) have particularly highlighted factors contributing to technology-enhanced EFL learners' SRL. However, none of these studies examined students' SRL behaviours and the relationship between these behaviours and students' language learning outcomes. Current research on technology-enhanced SRL pays little attention to specific SRL behaviours or strategies of individual learners (Li et al., 2020), that is, learning patterns that share characteristics with SRL behaviours. Only six out of the 34 studies traced students' specific behaviours as indicators of SRL. Some studies have acknowledged the value of using log data derived from technology-enhanced environments as SRL indicators (Araka et al., 2020; Azevedo et al., 2018; Panadero et al., 2016; Winne et al., 2019). Thus, future research can apply mixed research methods to elucidate the characteristics of students' SRL behaviours through longitudinal studies, thereby enriching student perceived SRL with real-time behaviour log data.

Four studies involved teachers' observation (Ferreira et al., 2017; Ghufron & Nurdianingsih, 2019; Karami et al., 2019; Torres et al., 2020). The role of teachers in learning design and interpretation of learning analysis drawn from log data is drawing growing interest (McKenney & Mor, 2015; Persico & Pozzi, 2015; Wen & Song, 2020). Researchers state that teachers should be empowered with necessary analytics knowledge to ensure evidence-based learning support (Ndukwe & Daniel, 2020). It would be interesting to understand language teachers' professional development in teacher inquiry and learning analytics. Such an understanding, along with findings on the characteristics of students' SRL behaviours obtained using log data, would be useful in designing and deploying SRL environments.

4.3. Role of technology

Desktop PCs were the primary devices adopted in the reviewed studies. However, the use of mobile devices increased from 2015 (e.g., Hwang & Fu, 2019; Lin & Lin, 2019). This may be due to the increasing popularity of the use of mobile devices in education in recent years. Because of such proliferation of mobile devices, learning is no longer limited to specific contexts. However, only three studies (8.8%) investigated students' SRL outside the classroom. Lai (2017) suggested that successful language learners often attribute their success to active engagement with the target language beyond the classroom. The findings of this study indicate that further studies can be proposed to explore self-initiated learning activities beyond the classroom and means of supporting learners' SRL with mobile technologies in the future.

In terms of the role of technology in supporting SRL, only four out of the 24 studies examined the entire process of SRL (Chen et al., 2014; Saks & Leijen, 2019; Shyr & Chen, 2018; Zheng et al., 2018). Many models theorise SRL processes, but they share a common understanding that the regulation process should be cyclical and that different phases can influence one another (Panadero, 2017; Zimmerman, 2000). Researchers can design a more systematic tool for supporting all phases of SRL in the context of language learning.

5. Conclusion

The findings of this review identify critical research gaps and have implications for future studies on technology-enhanced SRL. First, this paper presents a systematic review from an analysis of 34 studies published from 2011 to 2020 that focused on investigating SRL in technology-enhanced learning environments. Most of these studies were conducted in tertiary education contexts. Thus, future research may target younger learners, particularly those below the age of 9 years. In addition, the majority of these studies were conducted among undergraduate students. Little is known about postgraduate students' SRL in technology-assisted learning environments. Second, this study sheds light on capturing log data to understand the dynamic nature of SRL and develop technology to support the whole process of SRL. Log data can trace individual events in sequence but cannot explain why learners act in the observed ways and how they characterise their cognitive and metacognitive strategies (Bernacki, 2017). Therefore, comprehensive measurements are needed to understand students' SRL in future research. Prospective studies should utilise technologies to assist students' entire SRL and examine their SRL behaviours. Third, the findings show that technology has been adopted to support the

performance phase of students' SRL more than the two other phases (forethought and self-reflection). More attention should be given to examining students' SRL outcomes than their SRL behaviours.

This review has several limitations. First, the review was not exhaustive; only English-language papers were selected, and data were obtained from only four databases. We will include the Scopus database in our future systematic literature review. Second, in view of the exclusion rate in the study selection in this review, we will specify the subject domains (e.g., language learning, education, and technology) and set the article types (e.g., peer-reviewed articles, workshop papers, and conference papers) when searching databases in the first stage, which may help lower the exclusion rate. Finally, our coding scheme may not be the only possible approach to addressing the research questions. It is therefore suggested that more comprehensive ways of reviewing studies should be investigated and applied in future studies.

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Appendix A. List of selected studies

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