

# Online Voting System: The UJ Experience

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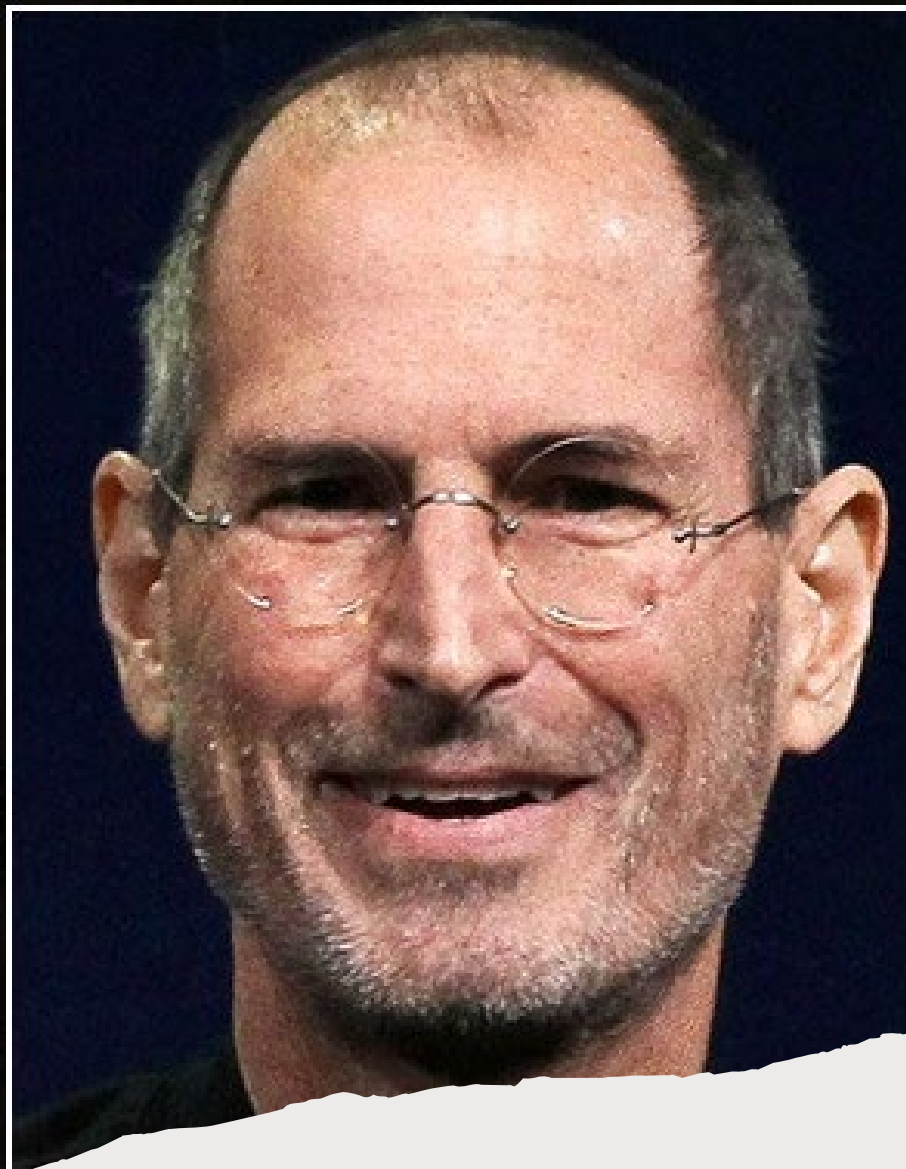


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# Introduction

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Innovation is the ability to see  
change as an opportunity - not a  
threat

— *Steve Jobs* —

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Functional System

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Stakeholder Engagement

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Risk Mitigation



# Governance for Elections

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# Governance for Elections

- Nominations and Elections resides within the Registrar's Portfolio.
- The Division of Corporate Governance is responsible for the Elections within the University.
- UJ conducts elections for Statutory Committees, the Student Representative Council, Convocation, Candidates for Senior Positions and Interview Panels.
- In executing the nominations and election process the Corporate Governance Division engages with various stakeholders in the University.
- A guiding document to inform elections needs to be in place.
- Data Integrity is of crucial importance.
- Auditors are appointed to review the nomination and election process.



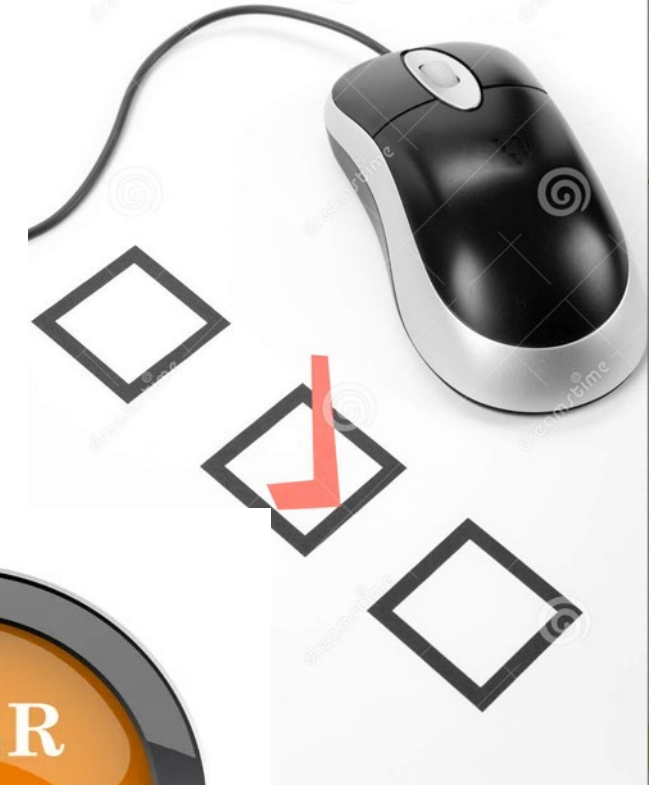
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- Conduct Awareness Campaigns.
- Demonstration on functionality of system to a random sample of voters.
- Create a user-friendly Voter guide.
- Utilisation of a generic email address for queries and assistance.
- Dedicated helpdesk.





# Functionality of Online Voting System

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# Functionality of Online Voting System

- Restricted Access Control.
- Test environment exists for mock set-up and testing of functionality.
- Reports are available (including logfiles).
- Multiple elections can be run simultaneously.
- System set up according to requirements of a particular election.
- Additional information available such as CV of candidates.
- Secure system, electronic ballot.
- Instantaneous results.



# Benefits and Challenges

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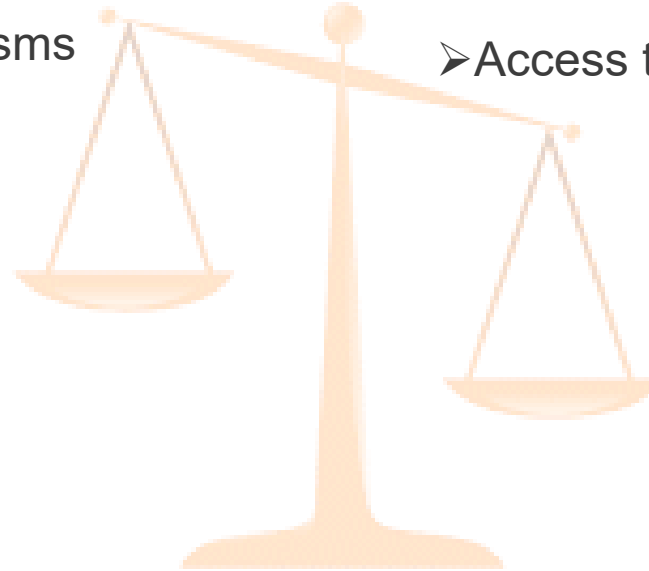
# Benefits and Challenges

## Benefits

- No queues
- Election process is open and transparent
- Compliant and control mechanisms
- Convenient and accessible
- Voting is anonymous
- Secure and Confidential
- Human error is minimised
- Multiple reports are available

## Challenges

- Mindset Change
- User Challenges
- Access to smartphones and computers



# Concluding Remarks

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# Questions

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