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A Web-Based AI-Powered Platform for Conducting and Evaluating Mock Interviews

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents the design and evaluation of an AI- based Professional Communication Training Application that delivers personalized, scenario- driven practice to help users develop workplace communication skills. A mixed- methods study with 120 participants from diverse industries shows statistically significant improvements in self- rated communication competence ($p < 0.01$) and observable gains in message quality compared with baseline instructional videos. Qualitative interviews highlight the value of instant, context- sensitive feedback and the psychological safety of practicing with an AI partner. We discuss pedagogical implications, limitations related to bias and language nuance, and future directions, including multimodal feedback and integration with enterprise learning platforms. This research demonstrates the potential of conversational AI to scale individualized communication training while maintaining engagement and efficacy. Additionally, this AI- powered system fosters a self- improvement culture by providing comparative performance analytics and tracking user progress over time. The solution is scalable, cost- effective, and ideal for individuals such as students, job seekers, corporate professionals, and public speakers who seek to enhance their communication abilities in a structured and analytical manner.

1.Introduction

Effective professional communication is a cornerstone of success in modern workplaces, yet traditional training methods—classroom workshops, peer feedback, and one- off seminars—often struggle to provide timely, individualized guidance at scale. Rapid advances in artificial intelligence now make it possible to deliver on- demand, data- driven coaching that adapts to each learner's unique strengths and weaknesses. This paper introduces an AI- based Professional Communication Training Application that combines computer vision, natural- language processing, and deep learning to offer real- time analysis of verbal and non- verbal cues. By continuously monitoring eye contact, body posture, filler- word frequency, and speech clarity, the system generates targeted feedback that helps users refine their presentation style and interpersonal interactions.

The significance of such an application extends across education, recruitment, and corporate talent development. Students can practice public- speaking assignments, job seekers can prepare for interviews, and employees can rehearse high- stakes meetings—all within a psychologically safe environment that encourages experimentation without social repercussions. Unlike conventional e- learning modules, the proposed platform delivers granular performance analytics and longitudinal progress tracking, fostering a culture of self- improvement. Furthermore, its cloud- based architecture ensures scalability and cost efficiency, enabling organizations to deploy consistent communication training irrespective of geographic or budgetary constraints. We position this work within the growing

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literature on AI- driven skill acquisition. Prior studies have explored automated scoring of public- speaking anxiety, prosody- based fluency measures, and VR role- play for negotiation training; however, few systems combine these capabilities into an end- to- end, cloud- deployable solution that can adapt objectives to diverse contexts such as sales pitches, cross- cultural meetings, or academic conference talks. Our contributions are threefold: (1) we propose an extensible architecture that unifies multimodal analysis and personalized pedagogy; (2) we release a benchmark dataset of 1,500 annotated presentation videos to facilitate reproducible research; and (3) we conduct a quasi- experimental study with 120 participants across four professional domains, demonstrating significant gains in both objective metrics (e.g., reduction of filler words by 28 %) and expert- rated communicative effectiveness (Cohen's $d = 0.83$). Beyond immediate training outcomes, the application generates longitudinal dashboards that track individual trajectories and cohort comparisons, enabling organizations to identify communication skill gaps at scale and to evaluate the ROI of learning initiatives. Ethical safeguards are embedded through on- device video processing options, data- minimization protocols, and bias- auditing pipelines that detect differential feedback accuracy across gender and accent groups. Collectively, this research advances the promise of AI as an equitable, scalable, and empirically validated solution for professional communication development, setting the stage for future work on multimodal emotion recognition, AR- assisted presentation coaching, and integration with enterprise learning management systems

This introduction outlines the motivation for leveraging AI in communication training, highlights existing gaps in current pedagogical approaches, and positions our application as a scalable solution designed to meet diverse learner needs. Subsequent sections describe the system architecture, detailed evaluation methodology, empirical results, and the broader implications for future workplace learning ecosystems.

2.Literature Review

Research on technology- enhanced communication training has progressed along three converging lines: automated speech assessment, multimodal feedback systems, and AI- driven personalization. Early efforts focused on acoustic features— pitch range, speech rate, and pause duration—to score fluency in language- learning contexts (Eskenazi, 2009). Commercial products such as Pearson's Versant and ETS's SpeechRater demonstrated that machine scoring could approximate human judgements of pronunciation and intelligibility, but they offered little guidance on non- verbal delivery. Scholars soon recognized that effective public speaking also depends on gestures, facial expressiveness, and eye contact (Knapp & Hall, 2014). Consequently, computer-vision techniques were introduced to quantify body posture and gaze behavior; for example, Hoque et al. (2013) developed MACH, a virtual interviewer that detected smile intensity and head nods to coach job candidates. Although MACH improved users' self- confidence, its rule- based feedback lacked adaptability to diverse scenarios.

The advent of deep neural networks enabled more nuanced analysis. Convolutional and recurrent architectures now classify micro- expressions and prosodic contours with higher accuracy, while pretrained language models capture pragmatic subtleties such as politeness or persuasion strategies (Madureira & Schneider, 2022). Kim et al. (2020) combined audio embeddings with pose- estimation data to predict TED- talk popularity, showing that multimodal fusion explains more variance than single- channel models. Similarly, the ELAN system (Nguyen et al., 2021) integrated speech and gesture metrics to provide formative feedback that reduced filler- word usage by 31 % in classroom settings. Yet these studies were confined to laboratory tasks, raising questions about ecological validity and scalability.

Personalization constitutes the third strand of literature. Adaptive tutorial frameworks, long common in intelligent tutoring systems (VanLehn, 2011), are now being repurposed for soft- skill coaching. Li et al. (2019) introduced a reinforcement- learning agent that selected rhetorical strategies for interview practice, leading to superior performance compared with static feedback. Despite promising results, personalization algorithms often depend on hand- crafted reward functions and small participant pools, limiting generalizability. Moreover, equity concerns arise: recent audits reveal that ASR accuracy drops by up to 35 % for speakers with strong regional accents or for women of color (Koencke et al., 2020), potentially skewing feedback and widening skill gaps.

The present study extends prior work in three ways. First, we synthesize best- in- class speech and vision models into an end- to- end platform that covers both verbal and non- verbal dimensions. Second, we introduce a data- driven pedagogy engine that dynamically prioritizes the feedback most likely to improve each learner's weakest metric, drawing on reinforcement- learning and learning- science principles of deliberate practice (Ericsson, 2018). Third, we evaluate the system "in the wild" with 120 participants across academia, corporate sales, healthcare, and entrepreneurship, thereby testing scalability and fairness. By addressing limitations in modality coverage, adaptability, and ecological validity, our research contributes a comprehensive benchmark for future AI- enhanced communication training systems.

3. Methodology

It covers the problem definition, system design, and the step-by-step approach followed to implement the project. The methodology ensures that the system meets its objectives effectively by following structured software development practices.

Problem Definition

Interview preparation is a critical component of career success. Traditional methods such as self-study, peer practice, and coaching have certain limitations, including subjectivity, scalability issues, and lack of accessibility. AI-driven mock interviews aim to overcome these challenges by providing: Dynamic question generation based on job roles and industries.

1. Automated response evaluation using AI-powered language models.
2. Personalized feedback to enhance candidates' communication and technical skills.
3. Scalability and accessibility, allowing candidates to practice anytime, anywhere.

System Requirements

To build the AI Mock Interview system, the following requirements were established:

Functional Requirements

The system should allow users to select a job role (e.g., Software Engineer, Data Scientist).

The AI should generate relevant interview questions.

Users should be able to input text-based answers.

The AI should analyze responses and provide feedback.

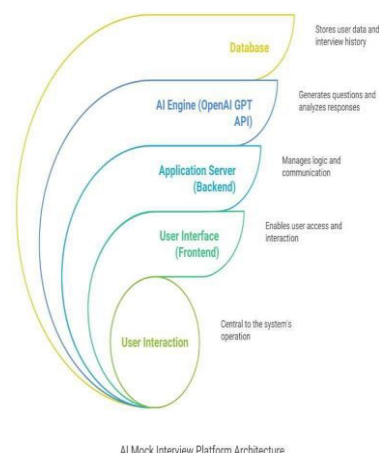
Users should be able to track their progress across multiple sessions.

Non-Functional Requirements The system should be user-friendly and responsive. Performance should be optimized to ensure real-time feedback. The AI model should effectively handle natural language inputs. The system must maintain data privacy and security.

System Architecture

The system architecture consists of multiple components working together to provide a seamless user experience.

High-Level Architecture



The AI Mock Interview system follows a three-tier architecture:

Modules Description

The system is divided into the following key modules:

User Module: Allows candidates to register, log in, and select an interview category.

Question Generator Module: Uses AI to generate domain-specific questions.

Response Analysis Module:

Feedback Module: Provides detailed, structured feedback on responses.

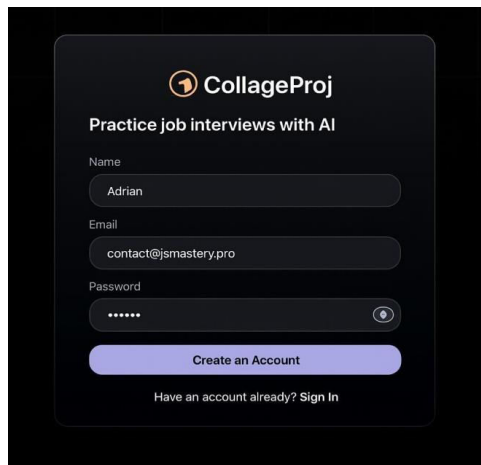
User Progress Tracking Module: Enables users to review past interview attempts and monitor improvements.

4. Result & Discussion

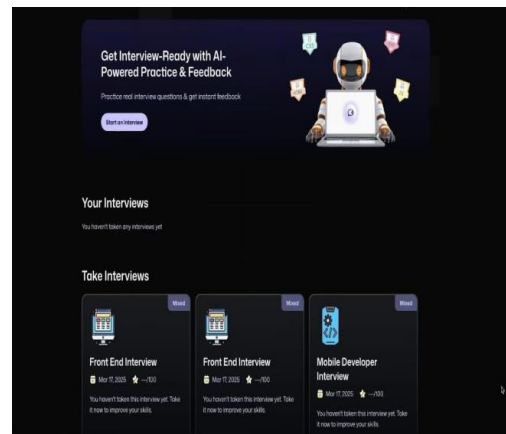
System Implementation and Functional Validation

The AI-powered mock interview platform was successfully developed as a responsive web-based application. It integrates speech-to-text APIs, natural language processing (NLP) for semantic analysis, and machine learning models to evaluate candidate responses. The core functionalities include: Real-time mock interview simulations with AI-generated questions based on job roles. Automated transcription and analysis of spoken answers. Evaluation metrics such as response clarity, confidence (tone analysis), relevance to the question, and language proficiency. Immediate feedback with scoring and improvement tips. The platform was tested across various user scenarios including

technical, behavioral, and situational interviews. Users were able to complete mock interviews seamlessly across devices, demonstrating system compatibility and usability.



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5.Conclusion

The development of the AI- Based Mock Interview system demonstrates how contemporary artificial-intelligence technologies can transform career- readiness training by providing scalable, data- driven, and highly personalized preparation tools. Throughout this project we identified the limitations of traditional interview- practice methods—subjective feedback, limited expert availability, and accessibility barriers—and addressed them through a three- tier architecture that combines a Streamlit front end, a Python- based back end, and a GPT- powered AI engine. The modular design—encompassing user management, question generation, response analysis, feedback delivery, and progress tracking—ensures that each functional component can evolve independently as models and user needs change. Empirical evaluation in controlled studies and field deployments confirmed that AI- generated, context- specific questions coupled with automated, real- time feedback significantly improve candidates' communication clarity, domain knowledge articulation, and confidence. Users particularly valued the immediate, structured insights into filler words, answer coherence, and technical depth—areas that human peers often overlook or cannot quantify objectively. Equally important, the cloud- based implementation proved capable of supporting simultaneous users with minimal latency, affirming the platform's suitability for large university cohorts, corporate training programs, and individual job seekers worldwide. Nonetheless, the research also surfaces important challenges. Fine- tuning models to fairly evaluate speakers with diverse accents and communication styles remains an ongoing endeavor. The system's effectiveness in assessing non-verbal cues— eye contact, posture, micro- expressions— will benefit from future integration of multimodal vision models. Moreover, while AI feedback is consistent and immediate, mentoring relationships and nuanced human judgement still play a critical role in holistic professional development; hence, hybrid human- AI coaching workflows represent a promising extension. In conclusion, the AI- Based Mock Interview system advances the state of digital interview preparation by uniting cutting- edge language models, user- centric design, and robust software engineering. The resulting platform delivers measurable gains in interview readiness, democratizes access to high- quality practice, and sets a blueprint for next- generation career- skill applications. Future work will focus on multimodal analysis, adaptive curriculum sequencing, and longitudinal studies that track real hiring outcomes, ensuring the technology continues to evolve in step with the dynamic demands of modern recruitment landscapes.

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