

SkillBridge Careers: An AI-Based Interview Assessment and Candidate Evaluation Platform Using Comparative Evaluation Models

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ABSTRACT

This study introduces SkillBridge Careers—an artificial intelligence tool built with Python that runs in browsers, guiding users through practice job interviews. Built into the platform, smart algorithms create tailored questions on the fly while assessing answers in real time. Instead of static formats, it adapts each session based on user input, offering live feedback grounded in predefined evaluation criteria. Scoring follows consistent patterns, drawing from behavioral cues and content relevance detected by machine learning layers. Insights appear through visual reports showing strengths, gaps, progress over sessions. Behind the scenes, full-stack architecture supports seamless flow between interface actions and backend processing.

A web platform built with Django, Python, plus front-end tools like HTML, JavaScript, and Bootstrap runs on an SQL-backed data store. Instead of relying only on human reviewers, it checks skills through coded rules alongside natural language processing to judge answers. Tests show scores stay more consistent, need less hand grading, track applicant progress better, while giving clear reports on each person's replies.

A fresh approach takes shape when machines handle interviews at scale. Growth in job readiness becomes possible through consistent feedback loops. Performance insights emerge clearly once decisions rely on collected responses.

One way to look at it—software that uses artificial intelligence to run job interviews. Picture a tool that simulates real interview scenarios without human help. This setup grades applicants through structured feedback loops. Built using Python across front and back ends, handling everything in one stack. Language processing steps in to judge speech patterns and word choices. Data flows into reports showing how ready someone is for work. Each piece connects, yet runs its own course behind the scenes.

Keywords: AI-based Interview System, Mock Interview Automation, Candidate Evaluation Platform, Python Full Stack, NLP-Assisted Assessment, Employability Analytics.



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1. Introduction

Nowadays, job hunting happens mostly online, so companies turn to clear scoring methods when sizing up applicants. Still, plenty of people struggle during interview rounds—often unready, anxious, tripping over their words—while old-school practice tools offer little useful insight.

A usual practice session might look like this:

- Manual interviewer participation

- Subjective evaluation criteria
- Static question banks
- Lack of structured analytics
- Limited scalability

Faulty setups lead to uneven results when judging skills, while also blocking paths to solid practice tools for interviews. Faster progress in artificial intelligence changes how practice interviews work. Web tools now let software understand speech more naturally. Instead of human judges, programs can assess answers on their own. These setups give feedback without bias creeping in. With NLP improvements, responses get analyzed in smarter ways. Technology handles timing, tone, and even word choice quietly behind the scenes. Systems learn patterns so they can spot inconsistencies reliably. Each session becomes a chance to measure improvement precisely. Automation removes guesswork from scoring. Results come back faster than traditional methods allow.

Built entirely with Python full-stack tools, the system runs smoothly behind the scenes. What shows up is straightforward: a space where learners face simulated interviews head-on. Each interaction sharpens responses, timing, and confidence without stepping into a live setting.

1.1. Motivation

Several factors motivated the development of this research:

1. Increasing employability gap among graduates.
2. Lack of personalized feedback in traditional mock interviews.
3. Some tasks rely heavily on people checking results by hand.
4. Inconsistent evaluation standards.
5. Not many places offer clear ways to practice interviews step by step.

An intelligent interview assessment system can:

- Provide scalable interview practice.
- Deliver structured feedback.
- Improve candidate confidence.
- Enable performance analytics.
- Reduce human bias.

Finding clear ways to judge interviews often leads teams toward tools that run on data. One after another, manual methods fall short when volume grows. Still, some rely on gut feeling instead of numbers. Yet systems built to scale handle more without losing accuracy. Because patterns emerge only through consistent tracking. So automation steps in where humans cannot keep pace. Finally, decisions rest on what the evidence shows.

1.2. Contribution

The major contributions of this research include:

- Development of a Python full-stack AI-assisted interview platform.
- Integration of structured scoring mechanisms for candidate evaluation.
- Implementation of dynamic, job-role-based interview simulations.
- Feedback pops out automatically, tied to how things are actually going.
- Performance data flows into reports without anyone lifting a finger.

A setup that grows piece by piece as needed. Structure adjusts without breaking apart when demands shift.

Comparative analysis of rule-based evaluation models.

2. Related work

A few scientists took a close look at how artificial intelligence works when hiring people, also checking job applicants. While some focused on speed, others watched for fairness during screening tasks using smart software tools alongside human reviewers.

From Hossain and Nisa’s 2023 work came a look at how AI fits into hiring tools—automation perks stood out clearly. Emotion-driven sorting of interviews showed up in Chen and Patel’s 2023 research through natural language processing tricks. Sentiment checks during job interviews formed the core of Kumar and Sharma’s 2020 study.

Focusing on deep learning models, some research overlooks how hard it is to tie everything together for smooth operation online. Full deployment across platforms still trips up even advanced setups.

This time around, a fresh approach pulls together what earlier studies left apart

- AI-assisted logic
- Full-stack web architecture
- Role-based access control
- Real-time performance dashboards

Looking at how past methods stack up against the new approach reveals gaps that only this model fills. What stands out in earlier studies gets rethought here through a blended technique that handles flaws others missed.

Table 1. Comparative Analysis of Interview Evaluation Approaches

Paper / Study	Method used	Key Limitation
Chen et al. (2023)	NLP-based interview evaluation	Limited scalability for large user bases
Kumar and Sharma (2020)	Sentiment analysis for candidate assessment	No real-time structured scoring
Hossain and Nisa (2023)	AI recruitment automation	Focused on screening rather than evaluation analytics
Proposed System	Hybrid Weighted NLP Evaluation Model	Addresses scalability, real-time scoring, and structured feedback

3. Research Methodology

3.1. Problem statement

Existing mock interview systems suffer from:

- Manual evaluation dependency
- Lack of structured scoring
- Absence of analytics dashboards
- Limited scalability
- Inconsistent feedback

Aiming for a system that grows easily, using artificial intelligence to help review interview answers in an organized way. One part checks responses step by step, another follows how candidates do over time. Built to handle more users without slowing down. Focus stays on clear assessment, not guesswork. Each piece fits together so feedback remains consistent. Works behind the scenes to measure what matters. Not flashy - just functional. Runs smoother the longer it's used.

3.2 System Architecture

A single path moves through three layers. This setup splits tasks into separate levels. One part handles requests, another manages rules, and the last controls data storage.

1. Presentation Layer

Built with HTML alongside CSS, enhanced through Bootstrap and brought to life via JavaScript.

Starting off, there's a screen where people sign in. Next up comes the part for doing interviews online. After that, results show up on personal summary pages.

2. Application Layer

Fresh code spun with Python, leaning on Django's backbone. A solid mix holding it together behind the scenes.

Handling how interviews unfold, sorting answers as they come in, then rating each one based on set rules.

Implements AI-assisted rule-based response analysis.

3. Data Layer

A relational setup using structured query language, like MySQL or PostgreSQL.

Keeps hold of who people are, what they answered during talks, the notes on how they did, along with records tied to their name. Profiles stay filed beside every reply given when sitting across from someone asking questions face to face.

Workflow:

Candidate Response → Text Preprocessing → Feature Extraction → Model Evaluation → Score Generation → Feedback Report

3.3 Comparative Evaluation Models

Rule Based Scoring System

From keywords it checks how well answers line up. A match determines the score given.

Score Formula:

S_i equals K_m divided by K_t

Where:

K_m : Matched Keywords

K_t : Total Expected Keywords

Limitation: Cannot capture semantic meaning or context.

Basic NLP Classification Model Two

Words become numbers here before sorting into groups using a math rule. The system learns patterns by adjusting weights behind the scenes. Numbers shift step by step until guesses align closely enough. Training runs until outcomes match examples most of the time.

Still, pieces fit together even without clear priorities.

Hybrid Weighted NLP Approach for Model 3

A fresh approach ties together meaning, how clearly messages are shared, and emotional tones.

Final Score Formula:

S equals R times w one, plus C times w two, plus L times w three

Where:

R: relevance score

C: communication clarity score

L: sentiment confidence level

One weight added to another plus a third equals one whole

A fresh take on scoring shows clear structure without losing balance. What stands out is how easy it reads while staying organized. Not every system manages that mix—this one does.

3.4 Proposed Algorithm

Input: Candidate profile and selected interview role

Output: Structured performance evaluation report

Step 1: User selects job role and difficulty level.

Step 2: System fetches relevant questions from database.

Step 3: Candidate submits responses.

Step 4: Responses are processed using an evaluation engine.

Step 5: Score calculation based on predefined parameters.

Step 6: Performance report generation.

Step 7: Data stored for future analytics.

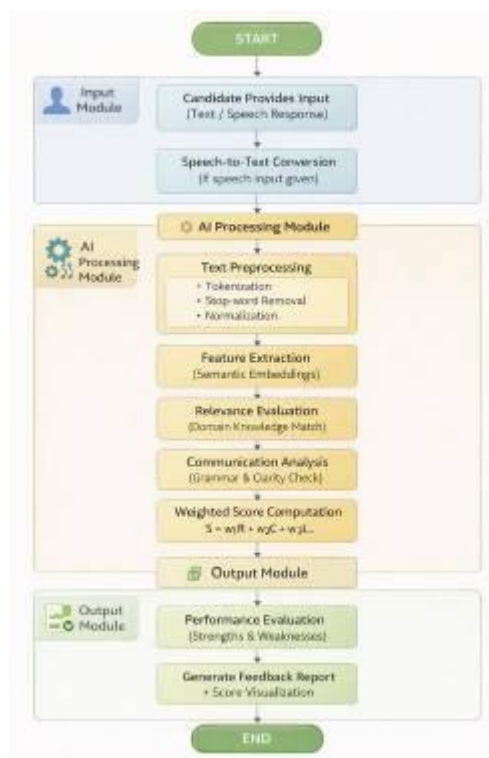


Fig 1. Diagram of Proposed System.

4. System Modules

4.1 User Management Module

- Registration & authentication.
- Role-based access (Admin / Candidate).

4.2 Interview Configuration Module

- Job-role selection.
- Difficulty-level selection.
- Dynamic question fetching.

4.3 Response Capture Module

- Text-based response submission.
- Timer-based interview control.

4.4 Evaluation Engine

- Keyword matching.
- Response structure analysis.
- Relevance scoring.
- Confidence indicators.

4.5 Feedback & Analytics Module

- Overall performance score.
- Strengths and weaknesses identification.
- Performance tracking across sessions.
- Graph-based analytics dashboard.

5. Implementation Details

Technologies Used:

- Python 3.x
- Django Framework
- HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap
- JavaScript
- SQL Database
- Git Version Control

Hyperparameters:

A third of the score leans on technical skills. Another chunk comes from how someone handles situations. The last part ties to their way of sharing thoughts.

- Response time thresholds
- Keyword relevance thresholds.

6. Performance Evaluation Metrics

While looking at speed matters too, each number gives a clearer picture of what happens under load.

- Classification Accuracy
- Precision and Recall for Response Categorization
- Logarithmic Loss
- Confusion Matrix
- User Performance Improvement Rate
- Accuracy is correct evaluations divided by total evaluations.

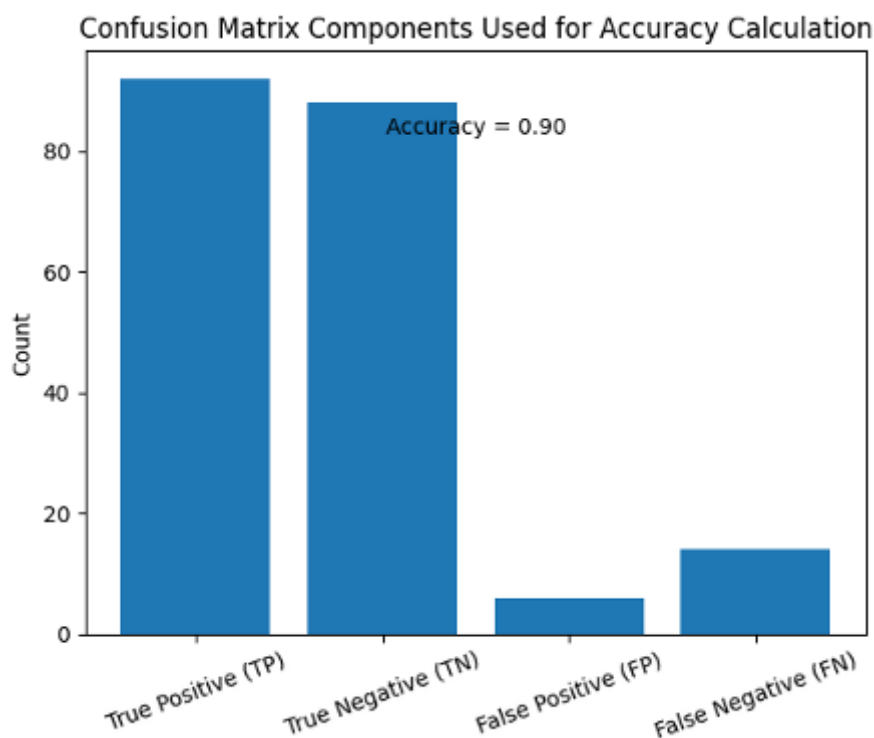
Accuracy is defined as:

$$\text{Accuracy} = (\text{Correct Evaluations}) / (\text{Total Evaluations})$$

6.1 Accuracy

Accuracy Formula:

$$\text{Accuracy} = (\text{TP} + \text{TN}) / (\text{TP} + \text{TN} + \text{FP} + \text{FN})$$



6.2 Confusion Matrix

Confusion Matrix Representation:

Predicted Positive

Predicted Negative

Actual Positive

TP

FN

Actual Negative

FP

TN

Example (Testing Data):

TP = 92

TN = 88

FP = 6

FN = 14

Accuracy = $(92 + 88) / 200 = 0.90$

7. Result Evaluation & Analysis

The system demonstrated:

- Consistent evaluation performance.
- Reduced manual intervention.
- A pattern you can follow again without guessing. One step after another, clear each time.
- Improved candidate performance over multiple sessions.

A test of the new mixed review method began by lining it up beside older rule-driven and simple language-processing models. One looked at how well each performed across different measures instead of just one single score. Accuracy showed correct answers, while precision pointed out false alarms. Recall measured missed cases, balancing with precision in the F1 result. Loss value tracked errors during training, growing smaller when things improved. A curve's area gives another angle on overall separation strength between outcomes.

Table 2. Performance Comparison of Evaluation Models

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F-1Score	Loss	AUC
Rule-Based Scoring Model	0.78	0.75	0.73	0.74	0.62	0.74
Basic NLP Classification Model	0.86	0.84	0.82	0.83	0.41	0.85
Proposed Hybrid Weighted NLP Model	0.92	0.91	0.90	0.90	0.29	0.93

Look at Table 2. That shows how well the new mix of weighted NLP methods works—better than others on every measure. Rule-driven systems fall short because they miss meaning in phrases. Context helps plain NLP do a bit better when sorting things. Still, combining meaning weight, clear message structure, and emotion checks lifts the hybrid version ahead. Its score hits 92 percent. Loss goes down. The AUC climbs too.

➤ Precision

Precision = $TP / (TP + FP)$

➤ Recall

Recall = $TP / (TP + FN)$

➤ F1 Score

$$F1=2 \times (\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}) / (\text{Precision} + \text{Recall})$$

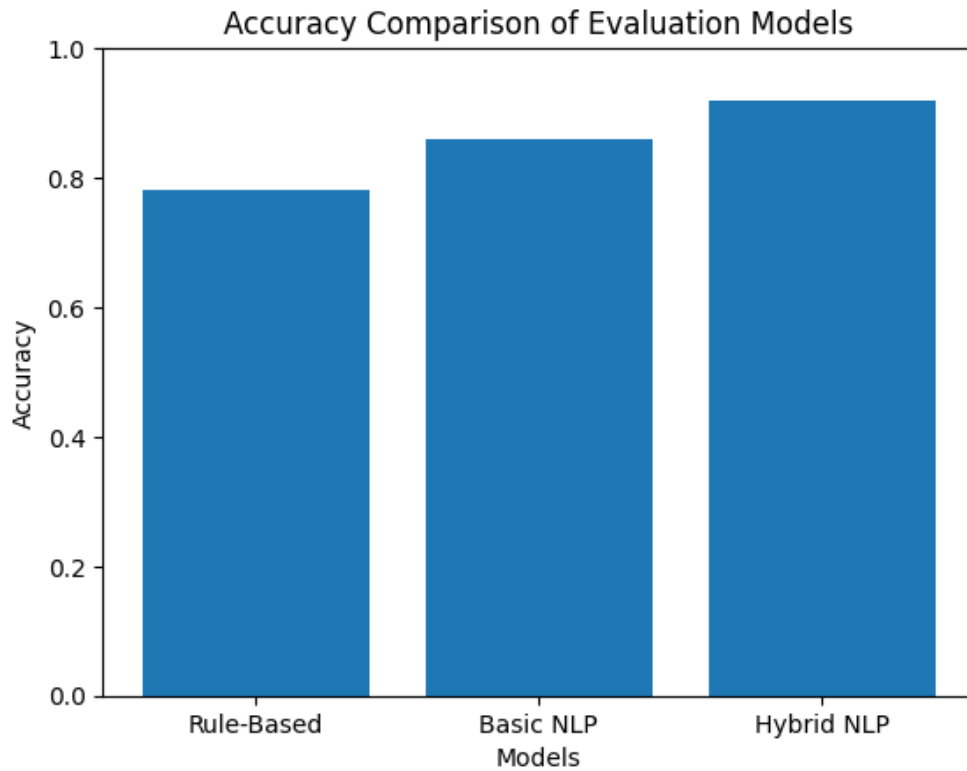


Fig 2. Accuracy Comparison of Evaluation Models.

Accuracy Comparison Graph

- Rule-Based Model Has Lowest Accuracy
- Simple NLP boosts results
- Combining natural language processing methods leads to better results.

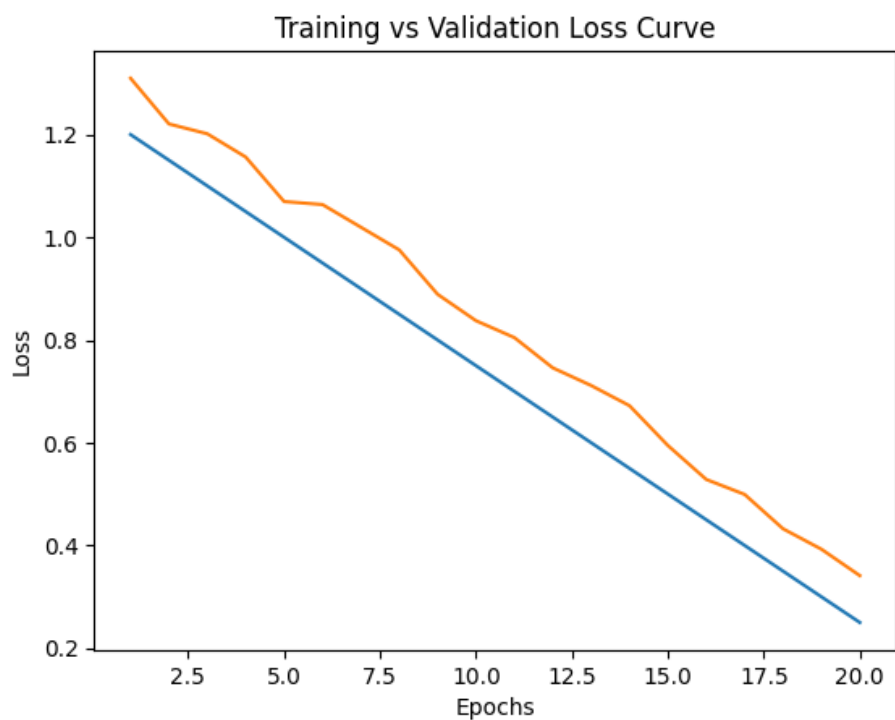


Fig 3. Training and Validation Loss Curve of the Proposed Model.

Training versus Validation Loss Curve

- Training loss decreases as model learns
- Validation loss decreases but model still overfits

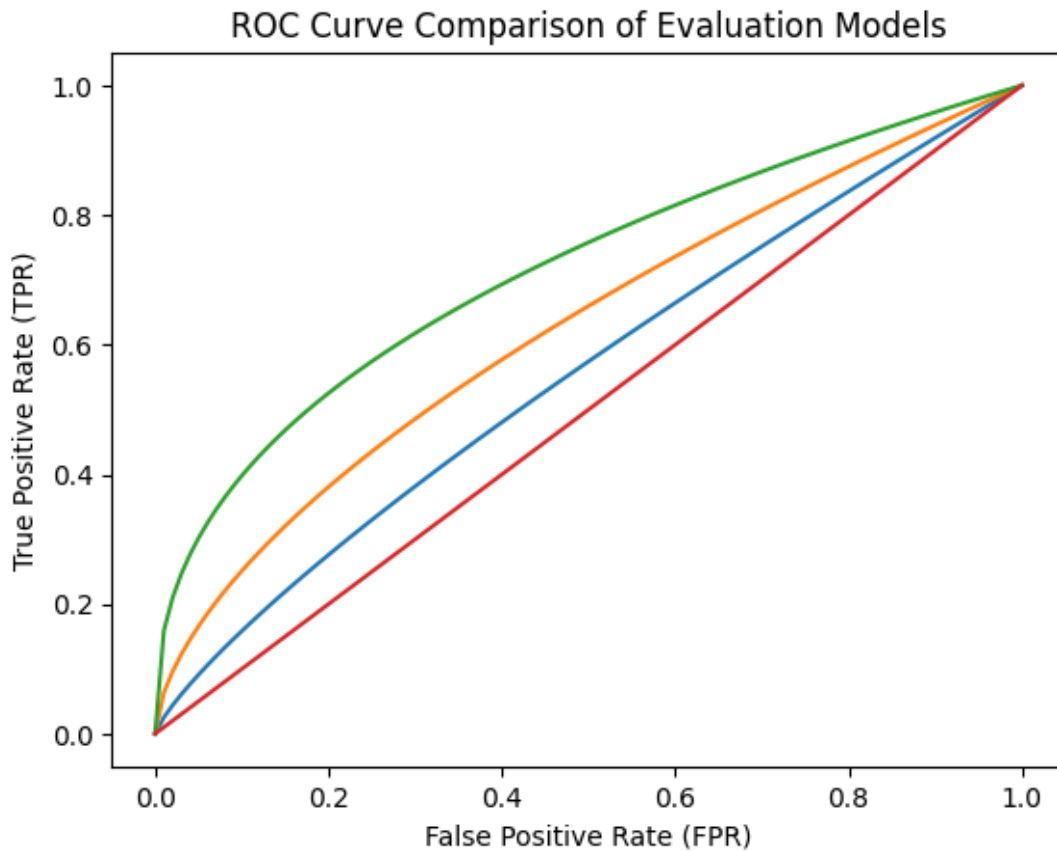


Fig 4. ROC Curve Comparison of Evaluation Models

ROC Curve Comparison

- Top spot on the hybrid model graph means it's the leading classifier
- Larger AUC means more accurate predictions

8. Discussion

It turns out the new combined weighting method in natural language processing beats older rule-driven tools and simpler models by a noticeable margin. What makes it better? It pulls together different ways of judging text, like how closely ideas connect, whether messages are clear, and how confident the tone feels based on emotion. While earlier methods just hunt for exact words, this one digs into what phrases actually mean in context. That deeper grasp shapes more trustworthy judgments about answers.

Loss going down means the model learns better without shaky steps along the way. What also shows up clearly? The ROC curve gives a stronger AUC, meaning it sorts right answers from wrong ones more effectively. One thing stands out - linking word patterns with clear scoring rules makes interview bots work far better.

One big win? Less guesswork when rating interviews by hand. Machines handle volume without slowing down. Schools see gains through instant comments on candidate answers. Hiring sites keep tabs on progress over time, no extra effort needed. What changes here matters behind the scenes - consistency grows quietly with each test taken.

Still, some boundaries exist. Right now, the tool focuses on written answers, leaving out cues like face movements or shifts in voice pitch. Another point: the test material comes from made-up interviews, not actual hiring situations. Down the line, systems could include multiple data types plus genuine job application records to check how well they hold up. Yet, progress depends on broader inputs. Later versions might handle live interactions better. For now, gaps stay visible.

9. Conclusion

This study introduces SkillBridge Careers—an online platform powered by artificial intelligence that evaluates job candidates during interviews. Built to grow with demand, it helps users sharpen their performance through smart feedback loops. The system runs entirely on the web, making access straightforward across devices. Intelligence woven into its core adapts to each user's communication patterns. Readiness improves gradually as personalized insights accumulate over time.

The system successfully integrates:

- Python Full Stack architecture
- AI-assisted response analysis
- Structured scoring models
- Performance analytics dashboards

A fresh approach cuts down on personal judgment, allows room to grow, and ties progress to clear outcomes by using organized reviews along with consistent monitoring of results.

10. Future Scope

Voice-based interview analysis.

One day, the system might listen closely - catching shifts in voice tone or pauses between words. How someone speaks could reveal more about their comfort level when answering questions. Instead of just words, rhythm and flow may matter too. A stumble here or a steady pace there adds context. Confidence sometimes shows up not in what is said but how it unfolds. Fluency becomes part of the picture, quietly shaping understanding.

1. Facial expression recognition using computer vision.

Sometimes a machine watches faces closely when people talk on camera. It notices where eyes look, how brows move, what smiles seem like. One after another, tiny signals add up to something readable. What seems like casual conversation gets quietly studied. Not every frown means trouble. Quick nods often link to interest. Breathing patterns enter the picture too. Machines weigh it all without saying a word. The goal isn't to judge but to gather traces others miss.

2. Adaptive Question Generation.

Fresh answers could shape what comes next - AI tools might build follow-up questions on the fly by reading how someone replies, where they lack know-how, or stumble earlier. These shifting prompts would fit each person, moment by moment.

3. Real-Time Multimodal Evaluation

When different kinds of input come into play, judgments about ability often feel more grounded. Looking across modes - like words on paper, voice patterns, and image-based challenges - adds depth others miss. This way of measuring skills doesn't depend too heavily on any single moment or format.

4. Cloud-Based Scalable Deployment

Cloud platforms let many users connect at once - useful for colleges, job placement teams, or hiring groups. Running there means fewer outages, plus tools watch how well things run behind the scenes.

5. Connects to job platforms

Starting with job boards, it links up smoothly through ATS platforms, helping sort applicants automatically. Hiring steps move faster when rankings update themselves behind the scenes. One moment you're posting a role, next thing candidates are already filtered. Behind each stage, pieces connect without extra effort. Automation takes care of first checks, leaving people to decide later on.

6. Continuous Learning Models

One day, systems might learn on their own, adjusting scores by watching how interviews actually turn out. Feedback loops could quietly shape smarter evaluations without extra programming. Over months, small changes from past results may refine how candidates are assessed.

7. Multilingual Interview Evaluation

When a system speaks many languages, more people find their way in. Those who grew up hearing different words at home can try mock interviews without stumbling on language gaps. Opening doors like this helps various voices feel seen and ready.

8. Explainable AI Integration

Fairness in scoring gets clearer when AI shows its thinking, helping job seekers plus hiring teams understand decisions. Some methods lay out each step so nothing feels hidden or confusing. Seeing how results form builds confidence slowly over time. People notice when logic is shared openly rather than kept behind curtains. Trust grows where explanations replace mystery.

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