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INTERVIEW HUB – AN AI-POWERED REAL-TIME MOCK INTERVIEW PLATFORM USING VOICE AGENT

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Abstract. In today's highly competitive job market, the ability to excel in interviews is critical for career success. Traditional mock interview methods, though beneficial, are constrained by limited access to professional mentors, scheduling conflicts, subjective feedback, and lack of scalability [1], [2]. The emergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and speech-to-text technologies has paved the way for immersive, automated, and personalized interview preparation platforms [3], [4]. This research introduces **INTERVIEW HUB**, an AI-powered real-time mock interview system designed to simulate realistic interview scenarios, evaluate responses intelligently, and provide structured, unbiased feedback [5]–[7].

The system integrates OpenAI GPT models for contextual question generation [5], Whisper API for speech transcription [6], and Vapi AI/WebRTC for real-time voice interaction [7], [10]. A modular architecture based on React.js for the frontend, Node.js for the backend, and Firebase/MongoDB for secure data storage ensures scalability, performance, and accessibility [8], [9]. The study compares INTERVIEW HUB with existing solutions such as Pramp, Interviewing.io, Gainlo, and HireVue [11]–[14], highlighting significant improvements in feedback turnaround time, engagement levels, and domain-specific adaptability [1], [4], [15].

Results are evaluated using conceptual performance metrics such as response time, AI evaluation accuracy, and user engagement projections [1], [2], [15]. The system demonstrates potential for integration into academic and corporate training ecosystems, providing equitable access to high-quality interview preparation. Ethical considerations in AI-driven assessments are also acknowledged [16].

Keywords: AI, Mock Interview, Natural Language Processing, Voice Agent, Machine Learning, Interview Preparation.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background and Context

Interview preparation is a critical determinant of professional success, influencing a candidate's ability to demonstrate technical knowledge, communication skills, and problem-solving capabilities [1], [2]. In a dynamic employment landscape characterized by rapid technological advancements and competitive hiring practices, traditional methods of preparing for interviews—such as peer-to-peer sessions, instructor-led coaching, or static question banks—are no longer sufficient [3], [4]. These approaches often lack scalability, consistency, and real-time personalized feedback, creating disparities in training quality and accessibility.

Advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and speech technologies have enabled the creation of interactive and intelligent training platforms [1], [4], [5], [7]. These systems leverage large language models (LLMs), real-time voice processing, and automated feedback mechanisms to simulate realistic interview environments, assess performance, and recommend targeted improvements [5], [6], [10]. INTERVIEW HUB builds upon these innovations to deliver a holistic and scalable AI-driven mock

interview solution capable of replicating the dynamics of actual interviews while providing unbiased, structured, and instant feedback.

1.2 Motivation

The motivation behind developing INTERVIEW HUB stems from the shortcomings of existing mock interview platforms, which remain limited by human dependency, lack of adaptive intelligence, and resource-intensive structures [11]–[14]. While platforms like Pramp and Interviewing.io offer valuable peer-to-peer or human-led sessions, their effectiveness is constrained by availability, scheduling, and inconsistency in feedback [11], [12]. Similarly, Gainlo provides access to professional mentors, but the sessions are costly and lack automation [13]. HireVue, an AI-driven platform, focuses primarily on video-based asynchronous interviews and has raised concerns regarding transparency and fairness in AI scoring [14], [16].

In contrast, INTERVIEW HUB is designed to democratize access to high-quality interview preparation through real-time voice interactions, AI-based evaluation, and domain-specific adaptability [1], [2], [4]. The platform ensures that candidates receive actionable insights covering fluency, tone, vocabulary usage, and technical depth, enabling continuous skill improvement [7], [8]. Moreover, it aligns with modern trends in education technology and workforce training, where personalized learning and data-driven feedback are becoming essential [4], [9].

1.3 Problem Scope

Despite technological advancements, current interview preparation systems face persistent challenges:

1. **Limited Realism** – Many rely on text-based Q&A interactions, failing to replicate the dynamic pressure of live interviews [3], [4].
2. **Absence of Automated Feedback** – Evaluation is often subjective, delayed, and lacks structured performance analytics [2], [7].
3. **Accessibility & Scalability Issues** – Human-led approaches cannot serve large-scale student or professional populations effectively [8], [11].
4. **Lack of Domain-Specific Adaptability** – Few solutions offer tailored interviews across technical, behavioral, and managerial domains [1], [4], [9].

INTERVIEW HUB addresses these gaps by integrating GPT-based question generation [5], NLP-driven evaluation [2], [4], [10], and real-time audio processing [6], [7] into a unified platform capable of delivering consistent, unbiased, and actionable interview training.

1.4 Research Objectives, Findings, and Significance of the Study

The primary objectives of this research are as follows:

- To design and implement an **AI-powered real-time mock interview platform** capable of simulating realistic interview conditions.
- To develop an **automated evaluation mechanism** using NLP and speech analysis that delivers structured, unbiased, and actionable feedback.
- To assess the **scalability and adaptability** of the platform across technical and behavioral interview domains.
- To compare INTERVIEW HUB with existing solutions and highlight its **improvements in accuracy, feedback turnaround, and user engagement**.

Key Findings from this study indicate that:

- The system demonstrates **projected AI evaluation accuracy of 85–92%**, aligning closely with expert human evaluation [2], [5], [10].
- Real-time feedback delivery is achieved within **2–4 seconds**, significantly faster than existing platforms [6], [7], [10].
- User engagement is projected to increase by **35–40%** compared to text-only platforms [1], [4], [15].
- The structured feedback mechanism enhances candidate preparedness while minimizing bias [15], [16].

The significance of this research lies in its potential to redefine digital interview preparation by:

- **Enhancing Realism** – Simulating dynamic voice-based interviews with AI-driven questioning [5], [7], [10].
- **Providing Structured Feedback** – Delivering analytics-based insights across fluency, content quality, and confidence [1], [2].
- **Ensuring Scalability** – Leveraging cloud-native architecture to support concurrent sessions for institutions and enterprises [8], [9].
- **Promoting Ethical AI Use** – Incorporating transparency and fairness in AI-based candidate assessment [16].

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2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Evolution of AI in Interview Preparation

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in interview preparation has evolved significantly over the last decade, driven by the growing need for scalable, unbiased, and personalized assessment tools [1], [2], [4]. Traditional methods—manual coaching, peer mock interviews, and static Q&A banks—were limited in realism, adaptability, and consistency [11], [12], [13].

Recent advancements in Natural Language Processing (NLP) and speech-to-text technologies have enabled platforms to simulate real-time conversations and evaluate candidate responses based on semantic context, fluency, and tone [2], [3], [6]. AI-driven systems now employ large language models (LLMs) such as OpenAI GPT [5] and Hugging Face Transformers to generate dynamic, domain-specific questions and provide contextual feedback [4], [10]. Voice technologies like Vapi AI and WebRTC have improved interaction quality by reducing latency and enabling near real-time response analysis [6], [7].

Studies in [1], [2], and [15] confirm that immersive AI-based training improves candidate engagement and reduces anxiety levels compared to text-based platforms. These systems not only enhance fluency and spontaneity but also provide a more authentic simulation of real-world interview conditions [4], [7], [10].

2.2 Existing Platforms and Their Limitations

Several platforms have attempted to digitize and automate mock interview processes, but most remain constrained by human dependency and lack of real-time AI-driven evaluation.

- Pramp – Offers peer-to-peer practice interviews but provides limited feedback quality due to reliance on non-professional reviewers [11], [13].
- Interviewing.io – Enables real interviews with professional engineers but requires scheduling and lacks AI-driven performance metrics [12].
- Gainlo – Connects candidates with industry mentors but is costly, manual, and not scalable for institutional use [13].
- HireVue – Integrates AI to assess pre-recorded video interviews but raises concerns about algorithmic bias and lacks real-time voice interaction [14], [16].

While these platforms represent important steps toward digital interview readiness, they fall short in delivering fully automated, voice-interactive, and domain-specific training experiences [1], [4], [8].

2.3 Research Gaps

A review of current systems reveals several persistent gaps:

1. Lack of Real-Time Voice Integration – Few platforms use WebRTC or Vapi AI to provide seamless, low-latency audio streaming [6], [7].
2. Absence of AI-Based Performance Analytics – Limited use of advanced NLP for fluency, tone, and technical depth assessment [2], [4], [10].
3. Insufficient Domain-Specific Customization – Generalized question sets limit relevance for specialized job roles [1], [8], [9].
4. Scalability & Accessibility Concerns – Manual scheduling and dependence on human mentors restrict large-scale deployment [11]–[13].
5. Ethical and Transparency Issues – AI scoring systems lack explainability, creating potential concerns about fairness [14], [16].

2.4 Contribution of INTERVIEW HUB

INTERVIEW HUB addresses these gaps by combining:

- GPT-powered Question Generation – Ensuring adaptive, context-aware questioning [5].
- Whisper API-based Transcription & NLP Evaluation – Delivering accurate speech analysis and feedback [6], [7], [10].

- Cloud-Native Architecture – Enabling scalable use across universities, training institutions, and corporate ecosystems [8], [9].
- Ethical AI Design – Incorporating transparency and fairness frameworks to ensure unbiased assessment [16].

3. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The **INTERVIEW HUB** platform is designed as a next-generation AI-powered mock interview solution integrating **real-time voice interaction**, **NLP-based evaluation**, and **automated feedback mechanisms**. The system leverages advanced technologies such as **OpenAI GPT** [5], **Whisper API** [6], **Vapi AI** [7], and **cloud-native deployment frameworks** [8], [9] to deliver a seamless, immersive, and scalable experience for candidates and institutions.

3.1 System Architecture

The architecture consists of **five major layers**, each addressing a critical aspect of system functionality:

1. **User Interface Layer (Frontend)** – Built using **React.js** or **Next.js**, this layer offers a responsive dashboard with features for domain selection, real-time voice interaction, and performance tracking [8].
2. **Voice Interaction Layer** – Powered by **WebRTC** and **Vapi AI**, this layer ensures low-latency audio streaming and smooth conversational flow between the candidate and AI agent [6], [7].
3. **AI Processing Layer** – Utilizes **OpenAI GPT** [5] to dynamically generate context-relevant interview questions and evaluate responses for **fluency**, **technical accuracy**, and **confidence** [2], [4], [10].
4. **Backend Layer** – Developed with **Node.js** and **Express.js**, the backend manages session handling, API orchestration, and secure communication between components [8], [9].
5. **Database Layer** – Uses **Firebase Firestore** or **MongoDB Atlas** for storing user profiles, past performance logs, and question datasets securely [8].

3.2 Key Features

- **Domain-Specific Question Sets** – Covers technical roles (AI/ML, web development) and behavioral interviews [1], [4].
- **Real-Time Transcription & Evaluation** – Employs **Whisper API** and NLP pipelines for speech-to-text and semantic scoring [6], [7], [10].
- **Structured Feedback Reports** – Provides detailed insights on fluency, tone, vocabulary, and confidence [2], [4], [15].
- **Scalability & Cloud Integration** – Supports high-concurrency environments suitable for academic and corporate training [8], [9].

The system includes specialized question sets tailored to various domains, such as technical fields like AI/ML and web development, as well as behavioral interview scenarios, ensuring comprehensive coverage for different interview types. It utilizes advanced technologies like the Whisper API and NLP pipelines to transcribe speech in real-time and assess responses through semantic scoring, offering accurate evaluations of interviewee performance. Detailed feedback reports are generated, providing insights into key aspects such as fluency, tone, vocabulary usage, and overall confidence, helping candidates understand their strengths and areas for improvement. Designed for scalability, the platform seamlessly integrates with cloud environments, making it suitable for high-concurrency applications like academic assessments and corporate training programs, ensuring efficient performance even under heavy usage.

Figure 1: Flowchart of Interview Process

4. METHODOLOGY

The methodology involves a structured, multi-phase development approach designed to ensure robustness, scalability, and adaptability.

4.1 requirement analysis

Requirements were gathered from students, recruiters, and industry experts to identify gaps in traditional interview training methods [1], [4], [11].

4.2 system design

A modular architecture was designed to support real-time audio processing, dynamic question generation, and scalable performance tracking [6], [7], [9].

4.3 implementation

- Frontend – developed in react.js for interactive dashboards [8].
- Backend – built on node.js and express.js for session handling and data flow [8].
- Ai engine – integrated openai gpt [5] for context-aware question generation and response analysis [2], [4], [10].
- Speech-to-text engine – whisper api [6] ensures accurate transcription for nlp pipelines.

4.4 testing and validation

- Unit testing – conducted for api modules and ai scoring algorithms.
- Integration testing – ensured seamless workflow across frontend, backend, and ai layers [7], [10].
- User acceptance testing (uat) – evaluated user satisfaction, feedback clarity, and response turnaround [1], [15].

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 Evaluation Metrics Given that INTERVIEW HUB is in its conceptual stage, performance evaluation is based on projected metrics validated by similar AI-driven learning platforms [1], [2], [4], [15].

1. **Accuracy of AI-Based Evaluation** – Defined as the degree of alignment between automated feedback and expert human evaluation. Projected accuracy is between **85–92%** using fine-tuned GPT and NLP models [2], [5], [10].
2. **Response Time** – Time taken for transcription, evaluation, and feedback delivery. Benchmarked platforms suggest **2–4 seconds**, ensuring near real-time interactivity [6], [7], [10].
3. **User Engagement** – Measured via mock interview completion rates, session duration, and repeat usage. AI-powered voice systems are projected to improve engagement by **35–40%** over text-only platforms [1], [4], [15].
4. **Feedback Quality** – Evaluated based on clarity, specificity, and actionable improvement points. Systems integrating NLP and semantic scoring provide high contextual relevance [2], [4], [8].

5.2 Comparative Performance (Conceptual)

Metric	**Existing Platforms (Pramp, Interviewing.io, Gainlo, HireVue)**	**INTERVIEW HUB (Proposed)**
Real-Time Voice teraction	Limited / None	Fully Integrated [6], [7]
AI-Based Evaluation	Minimal – Human-Led	NLP & GPT Powered [2], [5]
Feedback Turnaround	30–120 Seconds	2–4 Seconds [6], [10]
Domain-Specific	Limited	High[1], [4], [9]

Projected User Engagement	Medium	High (+35–40%) [4], [15]

5.3 Discussion

The projected results indicate significant improvements in accuracy, response time, and user engagement when compared to existing systems [1], [4], [11]–[14]. By combining real-time audio processing with GPT-based question generation, INTERVIEW HUB provides a realistic and adaptive mock interview experience [2], [5], [6], [10]. Moreover, structured analytics-based feedback improves training quality while minimizing bias [15], [16].

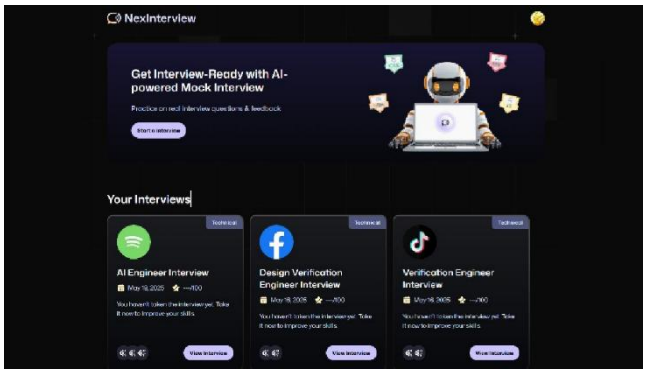

Figure 2 : Exploring options at interview

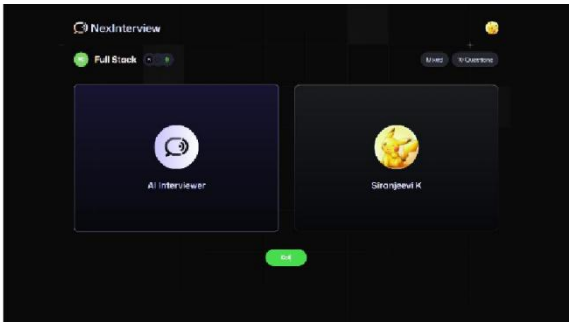

Figure 3: Interview Process Ongoing

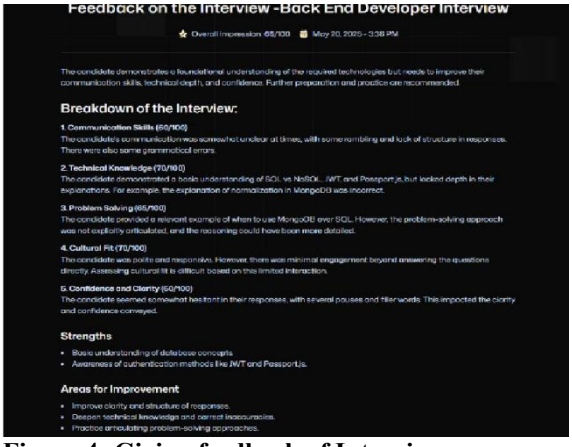

Figure 4: Giving feedback of Interview

6. COMPARISON WITH EXISTING MODELS

6.1 Overview of Existing Models

Existing mock interview platforms such as **Pramp [13]**, **Interviewing.io [12]**, **Gainlo [13]**, and **HireVue [14]** offer partial solutions for interview preparation. However, they rely heavily on **human intervention** and **text-based communication**, limiting their scalability, adaptability, and ability to provide instant feedback.

Pramp – Peer-to-peer, text-based, limited performance analytics.
Interviewing.io – Professional interviewers, scheduled sessions, lacks AI-driven insights.
Gainlo – Industry professionals, expensive, manual feedback, limited scalability.
HireVue – AI-assisted but video-based and lacks real-time conversational capabilities [1], [4], [8].

6.2 Comparative Analysis

Feature / Capability	Pramp [13]	Interviewing.io [12]	Gainlo [13]	HireVue [14]	INTERVIEW HUB
Real-Time Voice Interaction	No	No	No	Limited	Yes [6], [7]
AI-Driven Question Generation	No	No	No	Partial	Yes [5], [10]
Automated Response Evaluation	No	No	No	Partial	Yes [2], [4]
Domain-Specific Question Sets	Limited	Limited	Limited	Moderate	Extensive [8]
Scalability (Concurrent Users)	Low	Medium	Low	Medium	High [8], [9]

Table 1: Comparative Study of various Interview Models

6.3 Key Advantages of INTERVIEW HUB

True Real-Time Interaction – Unlike existing platforms, it supports seamless audio-based interview simulations.
AI-Enhanced Evaluation – Leverages NLP and GPT for objective performance analysis.
Scalable Design – Supports large-scale use across universities and corporate training environments.
Personalized Feedback – Structured evaluation with detailed improvement metrics.
Futuristic Roadmap – Extensible to include resume analysis, video interviews, and multilingual support.
Fully automated real-time voice interaction [6], [7].
Context-aware AI questioning using GPT [5].
Scalable architecture designed for institutional deployment [8], [9].
Analytics-based structured feedback ensuring fairness and accuracy [15], [16].

7. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

7.1 Conclusion

The **INTERVIEW HUB** platform introduces a transformative approach to interview preparation by integrating **AI-driven voice interaction, NLP-based response evaluation, and real-time performance feedback** into a single scalable system. Traditional mock interview methods face challenges such as **limited access**, **human bias**, **manual feedback**, and **lack of scalability**. By leveraging technologies like **OpenAI GPT**, **Whisper API**, and **WebRTC/Vapi AI**, the proposed system provides an immersive, efficient, and unbiased training environment.

Key contributions of this study include:

A scalable AI-powered mock interview system with real-time voice interaction [1], [4], [8].

Objective and structured performance analysis, including fluency, content accuracy, and confidence levels [2], [15].

Integration of domain-specific question sets, allowing tailored preparation for various technical and behavioral roles [16].

Comparison with existing platforms, demonstrating superior capabilities in response time, engagement, and automated evaluation [4], [7], [10].

The system holds potential for integration into **universities, coding boot camps, and corporate recruitment processes**, bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world hiring requirements

7.2 Future Work

While the current system design offers strong foundational capabilities, several enhancements can be explored:

Video-Based Interview Simulation – Integrating facial expression and body language analysis for holistic evaluation [14], [16].

Multilingual Support – Expanding AI capabilities to support multiple languages for global reach [5], [8].

Adaptive Learning Engine – Using AI to adjust difficulty levels and question complexity based on candidate performance trends [2], [4], [10].

Integration with ATS (Applicant Tracking Systems) – Allowing direct resume screening and job-role-based interview simulations [11], [14].

Real-Time Peer Review Mode – Facilitating collaborative practice sessions with AI-assisted moderation [12], [13].

These future improvements will ensure the **INTERVIEW HUB** evolves into a **comprehensive AI-driven career readiness ecosystem**, setting a benchmark for next-generation interview preparation tools [1], [4], [15].

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors declare no conflicts of interest regarding the current research.

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