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AI-POWERED PLACEMENT COACH:AN INTELLIGENT SYSTEM FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT PREPARATION

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ABSTRACT :

Getting ready for campus placements can be difficult because students have to prepare for several areas at the same time, such as aptitude, coding, technical subjects, resumes, and interviews. Most students use different websites and materials for each area, which can make preparation less organized. The AI-Powered Placement Coach is designed to bring these activities into one system. It helps students practice placement questions, attend mock interviews, review their resume, understand their weak areas, and receive suggestions for improvement. The system can also keep track of previous scores so that students can see whether they are improving over time. The main purpose of this project is to make placement preparation more structured, personalized, and easier for students to follow.

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I. Introduction

Campus placement is one of the important stages in a student's college life. Companies usually conduct several rounds before selecting candidates, including aptitude tests, coding rounds, technical interviews, and HR interviews. Students therefore need to prepare in many areas instead of concentrating on only one subject.

In practice, students often use different platforms for different types of preparation. This makes it harder to understand their overall progress and decide what to study next. The AI-Powered Placement Coach is proposed as a single platform where students can practice, receive feedback, and monitor their improvement. The system uses artificial intelligence mainly to make the preparation process more personalized and interactive.

II. Problem Statement

Placement preparation is often scattered across question banks, coding websites, videos, notes, and mock interviews. Even when good resources are available, students may not clearly know which topic needs more attention. The same preparation plan is also not suitable for everyone. For example, one student may need more aptitude practice while another may be weak in technical interviews. The project aims to solve this problem by creating a centralized system that evaluates student performance and gives suitable practice and feedback based on individual needs.

III. Objectives

The main objective is to build an AI-based platform that supports students during placement preparation. The system provides aptitude and technical practice, coding preparation, mock interview support, resume analysis, performance tracking, feedback, and personalized recommendations. It also helps students identify their strong and weak areas instead of preparing without a proper direction.

IV. Literature Survey

Artificial intelligence is increasingly used in education for personalized learning, automated evaluation, question generation, and student support. Natural-language processing makes it possible for a system to understand written answers and provide useful feedback. AI-based conversational systems can also simulate interview-style interactions and allow students to practice repeatedly.

Large language models can generate questions, explain concepts, and review descriptive answers. However, AI-generated feedback is not always perfect. For this reason, a placement coaching system should use clear evaluation criteria and present AI feedback as guidance for improvement rather than as a final recruitment decision.

V. Proposed System

The proposed system is a web-based AI placement preparation platform. After logging in, a student can access different modules such as aptitude, technical questions, coding practice, mock interviews, resume analysis, and performance reports. The backend manages student information, questions, responses, scores, and previous activity.

The AI component is used where flexible language understanding is useful, especially for generating practice questions, reviewing descriptive responses, conducting mock interviews, and suggesting improvements. Scores from different activities are stored so that the system can identify repeated weak areas and recommend what the student should practice next.

VI. System Architecture

The system follows a modular architecture. The student interacts with the web interface, while the backend handles user data, assessments, scoring, and communication with the AI service. When an activity is completed, the result is stored in the database. The analytics and recommendation components use the stored results to update the student's progress and suggest the next activity.

Stage	Input -> Process -> Output
Profile	Student information -> profile creation -> preparation baseline
Assessment	Question + response -> evaluation -> score
Interview	Interview question + answer -> AI review -> feedback
Resume	Resume content -> analysis -> suggestions
Analytics	Previous scores -> analysis -> strengths and weaknesses
Recommendation	Performance data -> prioritization -> next practice activity

TABLE I. MAIN STAGES OF THE AI-POWERED PLACEMENT COACH

VII. Methodology

A. Student Profile and Initial Assessment The student first creates a profile and completes an initial assessment. This gives the system a basic idea of the student's current preparation level.

B. Practice Sessions The student can choose aptitude, technical, coding, interview, or resume-related activities. Questions can come from a prepared question bank or be generated with AI according to the selected topic and difficulty.

C. Evaluation and Feedback Objective questions are checked using correct answers. Descriptive and interview answers can be reviewed using criteria such as correctness, relevance, clarity, and completeness. The student receives simple feedback showing what was done well and what needs improvement.

D. Performance Tracking Scores from completed activities are stored and grouped by topic. This allows the system to show progress and identify areas where mistakes occur frequently.

E. Recommendation Based on recent performance, the system suggests suitable topics or activities for the next practice session.

VIII. Workflow

The workflow begins when the student logs in and selects a preparation module. The system provides a practice activity and collects the student's response. After evaluation, the score and feedback are displayed and saved. The progress dashboard is updated, and the system recommends the next area to practice.

1. Student Login / Profile
2. Initial Skill Assessment
3. Select Preparation Module
4. Receive Practice Questions or Activity
5. Submit Response
6. Evaluate Performance
7. Display Feedback and Recommendation
8. Update Progress Dashboard

FIGURE 1. END-TO-END PLACEMENT COACH WORKFLOW

IX. Web Portal and User Interaction

The web portal is kept simple so that students can easily move between preparation modules. The dashboard shows available practice areas and recent performance. After completing an assessment or interview, the student can view the score, feedback, and suggested improvement areas. This reduces the need to check multiple platforms during preparation.

X. Core Modules

The system contains several major modules. The Aptitude Module covers quantitative, logical, and verbal questions. The Technical Module can include programming, DBMS, operating systems, computer networks, OOP, and other placement subjects. The Coding Module provides programming problems. The Mock Interview Module allows students to answer technical and HR questions in an interview-like format. The Resume Module reviews resume content and suggests improvements. Finally, the Analytics Module shows scores and progress across different topics.

XI. Error Handling and Reliability

The application should provide clear messages when a student submits an empty answer, uploads an unsupported resume file, loses connection, or when the AI service is unavailable. AI-generated feedback should also be treated carefully because it may occasionally contain incorrect or incomplete suggestions. Using fixed scoring rules for important assessments can improve consistency.

XII. Computational Resources

The project can be developed on a normal modern computer. The exact hardware requirement depends on how the AI component is implemented. A locally hosted language model may require more RAM and processing power, while an online AI service reduces local requirements but needs internet access. The system also requires database storage for profiles, questions, results, feedback, and progress information.

XIII. Results and Discussion

The proposed system provides a common platform for different placement preparation activities. Instead of only showing marks, it uses the results to identify areas where the student needs more practice. This makes the preparation process more focused. Students can also look at previous scores and understand whether their performance is improving. The actual effectiveness of the system can be measured later through student testing and comparison of performance before and after regular use.

XIV. Advantages

The major advantage of the system is that it combines several placement preparation activities in one place. Students can practice at any time and receive feedback immediately. The system can also provide different recommendations for different students instead of giving everyone the same preparation plan. Since the design is modular, new subjects and features can be added later.

XV. Limitations

AI feedback may not always match the judgment of an experienced interviewer or faculty member. The system may also find it difficult to evaluate confidence, body language, and other non-verbal interview skills unless audio or video features are added. Coding evaluation requires good test cases, and resume suggestions may vary depending on the job role. Therefore, the system is best used as a preparation tool along with faculty guidance and real mock interviews.

XVI. Future Enhancement

The project can be improved by adding voice-based mock interviews, speech analysis, company-specific preparation, adaptive question difficulty, multilingual support, job-description matching, study schedules, and gamified progress tracking. With user consent, future versions may also include video-based interview practice. Integration with secure coding environments could make programming assessment more complete.

XVII. Conclusion

The AI-Powered Placement Coach is designed to make placement preparation easier to manage and more useful for individual students. It brings aptitude, technical practice, coding, interviews, resume review, and progress tracking into one system. The main idea is simple: students practice, receive feedback,

understand their weak areas, and then work on the areas that need the most attention. With further testing and improvement, the system can become a useful support tool for students preparing for campus placements.

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