

ProctoAI-AI Powered Remote Exam Proctoring System

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ABSTRACT

The growing trend of using online learning platforms has raised the issue of conducting safe and secure exams for students. Issues ranging from unauthorized access, cheating to lack of structured evaluation systems make online examination systems less effective than expected.

ProctoAI is a project that aims at developing an AI-based online examination system that ensures structured examination process. This system uses role-based management, allowing professors to create and conduct examinations while allowing students to participate in the exams upon authentication.

In addition, the system is built with integrity in mind by ensuring controlled access, timed tests and structured result generation. Activity monitoring techniques like monitoring of screen changes and monitoring log are incorporated in the system but on a preliminary basis.

The system has undergone tests on the major features such as user authentication, creating examinations, exam participation and result generation and it proved to be superior compared to other online examination systems.

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INTRODUCTION

The advent of online education and digital learning has made considerable changes to how examinations are conducted. The rising popularity of remote learning is making many educational institutions implement systems for taking online examinations. Although they come with benefits like flexibility and convenience, there are also several issues connected with security, fair conduct, and correct assessment of learners that these systems face.

The primary difficulty associated with online examinations is the lack of a controlled environment, in which it would be impossible to guarantee that students are not employing unauthorized means, such as looking for answers on other tabs. Another issue with currently available exam tools is the absence of mechanisms for user management and structured organization of access and results.

be able to enter the system in order to participate in them.

ProctorAI's primary goal is to develop a solution that will be both practical and efficient in providing online examination services by bringing together the aspects of structuring examinations along with the necessary security mechanisms. The software is intended to help solve the problems experienced during online examinations while at the same time offering transparency to both the students and professors.

In an effort to overcome the mentioned challenges, the presented project introduces ProctoAI, which stands for a secure and organized remote examination system. It allows users to conduct and take exams in an online environment. The proposed tool is based on a role-playing principle according to which professors will be able to design and manage exams whereas learners will

BLOCK DIAGRAM

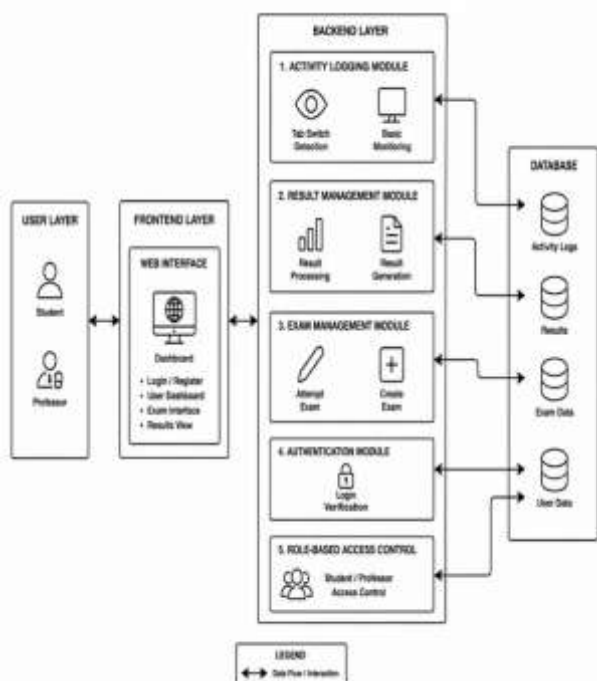


Figure 1. ProctoAI System Architecture

The block diagram of **ProctoAI** illustrates the overall system architecture and the interaction between different components. For better understanding, the system is divided into four main parts: User Layer, Frontend Layer, Backend Layer, and Database. Each layer performs specific functions and communicates with the other layers to ensure smooth operation of the system.

1. User Layer

The User Layer is composed of two key actors: the Student and the Professor, as illustrated in the left part of the diagram. It acts as the starting point of the system and the place from which all activities are initiated. The student uses the login feature to enter the system, access his dashboard, and attempt an exam during the allocated time. The professor controls the examination process by creating exams and assigning questions and marking the test results. From the diagram, it is clear that communication between this layer and the Frontend Layer occurs through a two-way channel.

2. Frontend Layer

Frontend Layer serves as the medium between the users and the application as depicted in the above diagram. This layer contains the Web Interface which includes all the visual parts like the login, registration page, user dashboard, exam interface, and result interface. Whenever there is any action performed by the user, like login, starting an exam, or displaying the result, the

action is processed at the frontend layer and then the request is sent to the backend layer for processing. In the same way, the answer received from the backend is sent back to the user through the frontend layer.

From the arrows in the above diagram, we can see that the Frontend Layer is in constant communication with the User Layer and the Backend Layer.

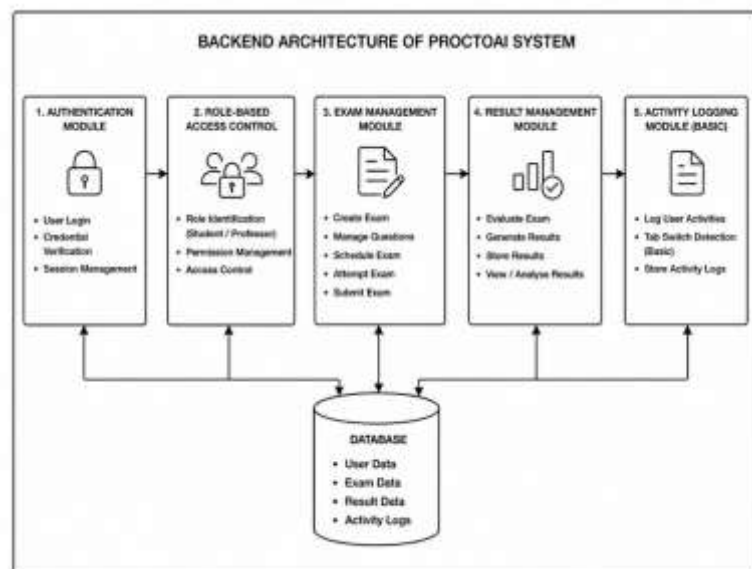


Figure 2. Backend Architecture

3. Backend Layer

ProctoAI's backend layer block diagram consists of various interconnected modules that describe the functioning of the system internally. The first module that gets activated after user login is the Authentication Module, which verifies the authenticity of the users who are logging in. On successful authentication, the request gets forwarded to the Role-Based Access Control module, wherein the user identity is determined based on whether he is a student or a professor.

Once the access is granted, all the activities related to exams get executed in the Exam Management Module, wherein the exams are created by the professor, and attempts are made by students to take the exams. After completion of the test, the results are calculated using the Result Management Module. Along with these modules, there is an Activity Logging Module to log some basic actions of the user.

All these modules have connectivity with the Database where all the information is stored.

4. Database Layer

Database Layer refers to the layer that stores all the data necessary for the proper functioning of the ProctoAI. According to the diagram above, this layer is the central

point that stores all the data and is connected to all the modules in the backend.

The database layer has several different types of data that include user data, exam data, results, and activity logs. All the modules in the backend will interact with this layer when there is a need to store new data or retrieve data from the storage layer.

As illustrated using arrows in the diagram above, there is constant data interaction between the backend and the database.

WORKING OF SYSTEM

The working mechanism of the proposed system, i.e., ProctoAI, involves a number of steps. It is ensured through the use of the web application interface that all steps of taking online exams take place securely and efficiently. In the first step, the users, either students or professors, log into the system through the web application. The login credentials of the user are authenticated by the authentication module of the system. On successful validation of the login credentials of the user, he/she is identified as either a professor or a student based on the role assigned. The appropriate dashboard is shown to the user.

In case of professors, they have total control over their exams. They are allowed to create a new exam for students by providing necessary information such as exam questions, marks, and exam time duration. The information related to exams is saved in the database for future use by the professors in managing the exams, if needed. The generated exam results are available to the professors so that they can evaluate the performance of students.

The students who have successfully logged into the application can see the list of exams allotted to them. They can choose the exam they wish to attempt within the given time frame. The process of answering these questions and submitting the answers can be achieved through the interactive interface offered by the system. The examination will be conducted in a way that the student proceeds from the beginning of the exam to the end in a continuous manner.

During the process of conducting an exam, the application performs the most rudimentary tasks of monitoring what the user is doing. In particular, if the candidate switches windows during the examination, that action will be recorded and saved by the application. Although these monitoring mechanisms do not help to prevent all kinds of unfair practices, they provide certain basic functions of monitoring the activity.

Once the exam is completed, the responses provided by the user will be sent to the back-end of the system. The results generation module processes the answers and determines the grade based on predefined criteria. The obtained grade is saved in the database and can be accessed by the student and the professor.

Throughout the entire process, the backend system continuously communicates with the database to store and retrieve information such as user details, exam data, results, and activity logs. This ensures data consistency, reliability, and smooth system operation. The overall workflow, from login to result generation, is handled in a systematic manner, ensuring that each stage functions correctly.

Existing Systems / Literature Survey

There are various existing online examination and e-learning platforms that offer valuable features to develop secure and efficient online exams platform. The functions performed by these systems include digital examinations, user management and results generation. These systems however do not provide certain aspects such as monitoring, security and workflow management.

Google Forms / Basic Online Exam Systems

Used for conducting basic online examinations.

Features such as form questions, automatic marking and result generation are available.

Shortcomings: Does not support authentication, role based access and monitoring.

Moodle

Is an open source Learning Management System extensively used for education purposes.

Conducts online examinations, assignments and result management.

Shortcomings: Additional plugins are required for advanced features like proctoring and monitoring.

Google Classroom

Offers digital classroom management and assignment support.

It is easy to use and accessible to both students and teachers.

Shortcomings: Has limited security and monitoring features during online examinations.

AI-Based Online Proctoring Systems

Utilizes various tools including webcam monitoring, facial recognition and activity monitoring.

Improves transparency during online examination process.

Shortcomings: Complex implementation and monitoring accuracy depends on system conditions.

Traditional Online Examination Systems

Main function is conducting exams and generating results.

Makes process more efficient and accessible.

From the analysis of the systems available, it can be noted that most of the available systems concentrate on either conducting the exams or rely on sophisticated monitoring systems. This gap is filled by ProctoAI as it provides a holistic approach with secure user login, role-based access, exam management, result management, and also basic logging.

ADVANTAGES OF THE SYSTEM

Role-based Access Control

- Offers individual access and functionalities for both the students and professors.
- Improves the organizational and management capability of the system.

Secure Examination Environment

- The authentication and login system prevents any kind of hacking.
- It is a systematic approach towards examination.

Online Availability

- Both students and professors can access the system irrespective of their geographical locations.
- Eliminates the need for the conventional examination environment.

Automatic Result Evaluation

- The results are automatically calculated upon completion of the exam.
- Saves time in evaluating results.

Exam Management

- Makes it easier for the professor to create and conduct the exam.
- Makes exam management easy and efficient.

Activity Monitoring

- Has the feature of tab-switching monitoring.
- Maintains basic transparency while conducting examinations.

Centralized Data Management

- Centralized storage of user data, examination data, results and activity data.
- Improved consistency in accessing the data.

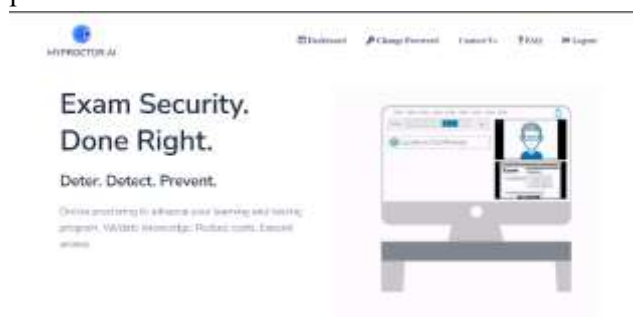
Easy to Use Interface

- An easy-to-use interface.

RESULT

The designed system called MyProctor.ai has efficiently developed an internet-based examination platform integrated with automatic proctoring facility. The system has been tested for both roles of professor and student, and all its modules have been working efficiently.

Upon logging into the website after a successful registration process, the users are directed to the relevant dashboards based on their respective roles. Professor's dashboard comprises features such as exam creation, question generation, question management, student supervision, result publication, and result viewing. On the other hand, the student dashboard comprises attending examinations, examination history, and result publication.



Login Interface

The examination creation module can effectively generate examinations based on various features like subject, topic, exam ID, password, duration, starting time, finishing time, and proctoring style. It creates objective, subjective, and practical types of tests. The question generation module is effective in generating questions based on the input content. This saves the efforts of the professor in creating questions manually.

During the testing phase, the students attempt the exams via a controlled interface accompanied with the timer. After submitting their answers, these answers are saved in the database. The objective-type questions get evaluated automatically, whereas the subjective and practical questions are manually evaluated.

CREATE EXAM [OBJECTIVE]

Subject

Topic

Start Date

Start Time

End Date

End Time

Exam Password

CSV Upload
 No file chosen

Exam Creation

Monitoring module records student actions during the test process. It includes monitoring activities such as capturing instances of window switching on the browser, monitoring using webcams, measuring sound level, time stamps, images, etc. The above can be reviewed later by the professor from the student monitoring section.

Result Module shows successful display of students' test results. The professor has an option to view the results and publish test results, while the student views the published result from his or her dashboard.



Test ID	CSV	Test	Topic	Share
exam001	CSV	Test	Python	Share
exam002	CSV	Test	C++	Share
exam003	CSV	Test	Python	Share
exam004	CSV	Test	Java	Share
exam005	CSV	Test	JavaScript	Share
exam006	CSV	Test	PHP	Share

Exam History and Result

Finally, therefore, the project's output will be an operational online examination and proctoring system where exam management, user authentication, monitoring of user activities, and publication of results will be integrated together.

The exam history module displays the list of exams created by the professor or attempted by the student.

It helps users view previous exam details such as test ID, subject, topic, duration, date, and exam status.

This module provides an organized record of all conducted and attempted examinations.

APPLICATIONS

1. Educational Institutes

The software could be used by various educational institutes such as schools, colleges, and universities for

the purpose of conducting examinations on an online basis in a more organized way.

2. Remote Learning Environment

The use of ProctoAI could also benefit in remote learning environments where students take classes and examinations through their respective online accounts.

3. Competitive Exams

The software could be used for the purpose of conducting competitive tests, practice examinations, aptitude tests, or other such examinations.

4. Skill Assessment

The system can also prove to be useful for various training institutes and organizations in conducting certification exams and skill assessment exams.

5. Digital Result Management

This software could also assist in maintaining a record of student academic performance digitally by generating results in digital format.

6. Controlled Examination Environments

Controlled access and login could be facilitated in order to conduct online examinations in such cases as well.

7. Distance Learning Program

Various universities that conduct distance learning programs can make use of the software for conducting tests.

8. College Internal Evaluations

The platform can be utilized for administering college-level unit tests, assignments, and internal examinations for each semester.

9. Candidate Screening and Assessment

The system can be modified to conduct candidate screening and assessment tests online.

10. Online Examination Management System

The project can be used as an online examination management system wherein all aspects of the examination process, such as exam creation, taking, and grading, are managed from within a single system.

11. R&D Purposes

The system can be utilized as a prototype for conducting further research on online examination security, role-based examination systems, and user activities.

12. Paperless Examination System

ProctoAI facilitates the reduction of paper usage through digitization of the entire examination and evaluation process.

CONCLUSION

ProctoAI is a well-established tool that helps conduct online examinations within a structured environment. Given the increasing use of online examination in remote learning programs, there is a demand for reliable online examination tools that ensure security and efficiency. ProctoAI caters to this need by developing an examination portal where the communication between professors and students takes place via defined functions and roles.

In its implementation, ProctoAI has managed to incorporate significant features such as authentication, role-based authorization, examination management, and automated result generation. This way, the professors are able to conveniently manage their examinations, and students gain access to examinations through the interface provided by the system. All processes starting from login, up to examination, and even to result announcement, follow a structured process. The database layer plays a critical role in ensuring the consistency of the process through secure storage of data including users' information, examination details, and results.

In addition to the core examination functionalities, the system also includes basic activity tracking mechanisms such as tab-switch detection at a preliminary level. Although these monitoring features are not highly advanced, they provide a basic level of transparency and support controlled examination environments. The primary focus of the project remains on building a practical and reliable examination management system rather than depending entirely on automated monitoring techniques.

The system has been tested for major functionalities including login validation, exam handling, result processing, and database operations, and it demonstrates stable and satisfactory performance in these areas. The modular architecture and clear separation of layers improve the maintainability, scalability, and overall understanding of the system.

In conclusion, ProctoAI presents a practical solution to common challenges faced in online examinations. By combining secure access, role-based workflow, organized result management, and structured system design, the project provides a reliable and efficient platform suitable for academic and educational use.

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