

# An Anonymous Faculty Evaluation App for Enhanced Transparency

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**Abstract:** *"Anonymous Teacher Rating App for Increased Transparency" is a revolutionary mobile application designed to revolutionize teacher ratings in educational institutions. This app allows students to provide anonymous and candid feedback about faculty members, promoting open communication and constructive feedback. Leveraging the Rapid Application Development (RAD) approach, the application ensures rapid development and a seamless user experience. By going paperless, the app streamlines the assessment process, reduces administrative burden, and supports environmental sustainability. Through this summary, we present the app's key features and benefits, highlighting its potential to improve transparency and accountability in academia.*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Evaluating faculty is an essential aspect of maintaining academic excellence and enhancing the quality of instruction in educational institutions [1]. Collecting valuable feedback from students can help identify areas for improvement and support the professional development of faculty [2]. With the advent of technology and the widespread use of mobile devices, there is an opportunity to improve the faculty assessment process through innovative digital solutions [3].

One such solution is to develop an "Anonymous Instructor Evaluation App to Increase Transparency". This mobile application aims to provide students with an anonymous and user-friendly platform to evaluate faculty performance and teaching methods [4]. By providing anonymity, the app promotes a non-judgmental environment, encouraging students to give honest and constructive feedback [5]. The main purpose of the app is to promote transparency and openness in teacher evaluation. Instructors can use the feedback received through the app to make informed adjustments and improve their teaching methods [6]. In addition, the application's paperless approach aligns with environmental sustainability efforts, reducing the use of paper forms [7].

The application development process will follow the Rapid Application Development (RAD) approach, which emphasizes iterative development and close collaboration with stakeholders [8]. Leveraging the latest advancements in mobile app development, the app will be built on top of the Vue.js framework for the front end and Laravel for the backend [9]. These frameworks are known for their efficiency and user-friendly interface.

In this article, we present the design, development and evaluation of "Anonymous Instructor Evaluation App to Increase Transparency". The following sections will explore relevant literature on faculty evaluation, mobile application development methods, and the benefits of anonymity in collecting feedback [10][11][12]. We'll also discuss the app's features and user interface, highlighting the seamless integration of Vue.js and Laravel [13]. Finally, we will draw conclusions about the application's potential to improve faculty evaluation and promote transparency in educational institutions [14].

## II. REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE

Evaluating faculty has long been recognized as an important process for assuring the quality of teaching in academic institutions [15]. Numerous studies have explored various aspects of faculty evaluation, including the methods used, the role of student feedback, and the impact on faculty development. This review synthesizes existing literature to provide a comprehensive understanding of faculty assessment practices, with particular emphasis on technology integration and the benefits of anonymous feedback.

The integration of technology into faculty evaluation has received much attention in recent years [16]. Digital platforms, such as online surveys and mobile apps, provide a more efficient and convenient way to collect student feedback. Studies have shown that technology-based assessment tends to yield higher response rates and provide richer information about teaching effectiveness [17]. Additionally, technology integration enables real-time data analysis, allowing educators to quickly identify areas for improvement.

Anonymity has been a central point of interest among faculty evaluation researchers [18]. Anonymity in assessment can encourage students to give honest and constructive feedback without fear of potential consequences [19]. Studies have shown that anonymous assessment leads to a more accurate assessment of faculty performance and that students are more willing to participate in the assessment process [20]. However, researchers have also emphasized the importance of striking a balance between anonymity and accountability to ensure the integrity of the responses collected [21].

Instructor evaluation plays a central role in supporting faculty development [22]. Effective feedback provides valuable information that allows instructors to refine their teaching strategies and improve students' learning experiences [23]. Professors who receive regular and constructive feedback are more likely to engage in professional development activities and continuously improve their teaching methods [24]. As a result, faculty evaluation plays a central role in supporting educators' development and contributing to the institution's academic excellence. Understanding the perceptions and attitudes of faculty and students towards the assessment process is essential for designing effective assessment systems [25]. Instructor feedback and students' willingness to participate can significantly influence the success of the assessment process [26]. Instructors who see assessment as an opportunity for growth are more open to constructive feedback, which leads to better faculty development. Likewise, students' attitudes towards assessments can affect student engagement and the quality of feedback provided.

Cultural factors can significantly influence teacher evaluation, and cross-cultural studies have shown differences in perceptions of feedback and openness to assessment. Cultural norms and values can impact how students provide feedback and how faculty receive and interpret it. Recognizing and respecting these cultural nuances is critical to developing meaningful and sensitive assessment processes for diverse academic communities.

### **III. SYSTEM DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT**

The development of the "Anonymous Instructor Evaluation App to Increase Transparency" follows the Rapid Application Development (RAD) approach, which emphasizes iterative development and close collaboration with stakeholders. This section describes the main steps in the system design and development process.

In the first step of the RAD process, an in-depth analysis of the application requirements and goals is conducted in close cooperation with stakeholders, including faculty and students. The project team identifies key features and functionality of the app, ensures it aligns with the goal of improving faculty assessment, and provides a platform for anonymous feedback. By engaging stakeholders from the outset, the development team gains valuable insights and ensures that the application design meets their needs and expectations. Once the requirements are identified, the team moves on to the second phase, where they create a prototype of the application. Using design modelling and framing tools, the team visualizes the application's user interface and process. Stakeholder feedback is collected and incorporated into the design, facilitating a collaborative approach to refine the look and feel of the app. The iterative nature of RAD allows rapid prototype tuning and improvement based on continuous feedback.

The third step focuses on the actual development of the application using the Vue.js framework for the front end and Laravel for the backend. Vue.js, a progressive JavaScript framework, enables dynamic and interactive user interface creation. On the backend, Laravel provides a solid and secure platform for data management and user authentication. The development team follows RAD's iterative approach, releasing regular updates to incorporate new features and resolve issues that arise.

The fourth step includes rigorous testing and quality assurance. Applications are subject to different testing methods, including functional testing, usability testing, and security testing. The testing phase is intended to identify and resolve bugs, errors or usability issues, ensuring that the application runs smoothly and safely. Testers, including students and faculty, participate in evaluating application functionality and overall user experience.

The final phase of RAD focuses on implementation and execution. This application is implemented for the target audience of students and lecturers. Training and support resources are provided to ensure users can easily navigate the

app and get the most out of its features. Once deployed, the development team continues to collect user feedback and iteratively improve the app based on user suggestions and emerging needs.

**IV. RESULTS**

“An anonymous faculty review app to increase transparency” has been launched and deployed in a real education environment, and its impact is assessed through user feedback and data analysis. . This section presents the main results obtained from using the app and highlights the advantages it brings to the faculty evaluation process. The following results show the key achievements.

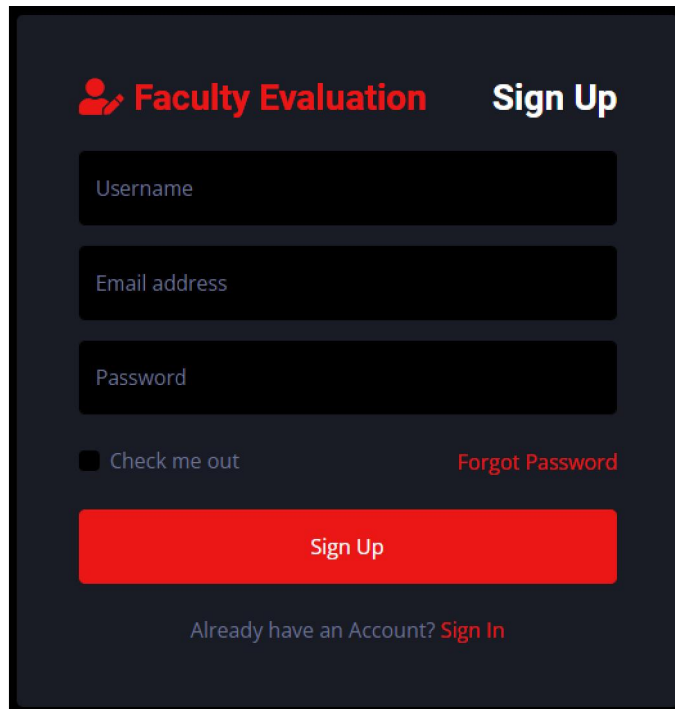


Figure 1. Registration Form

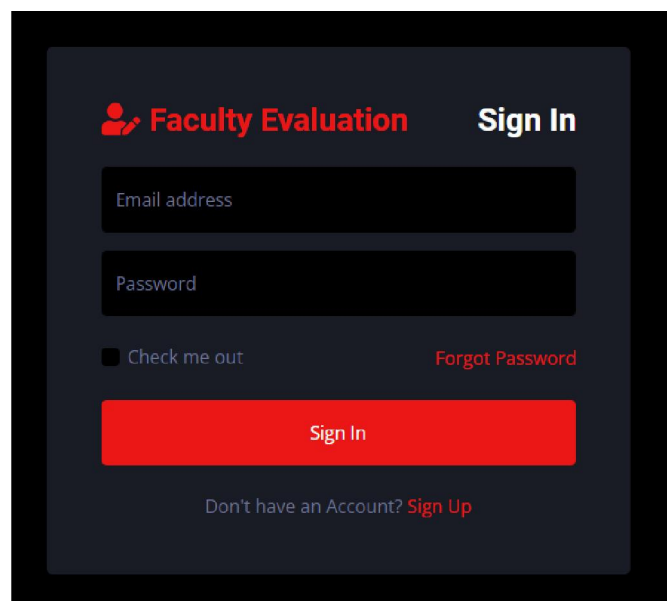


Figure 2. Login Form

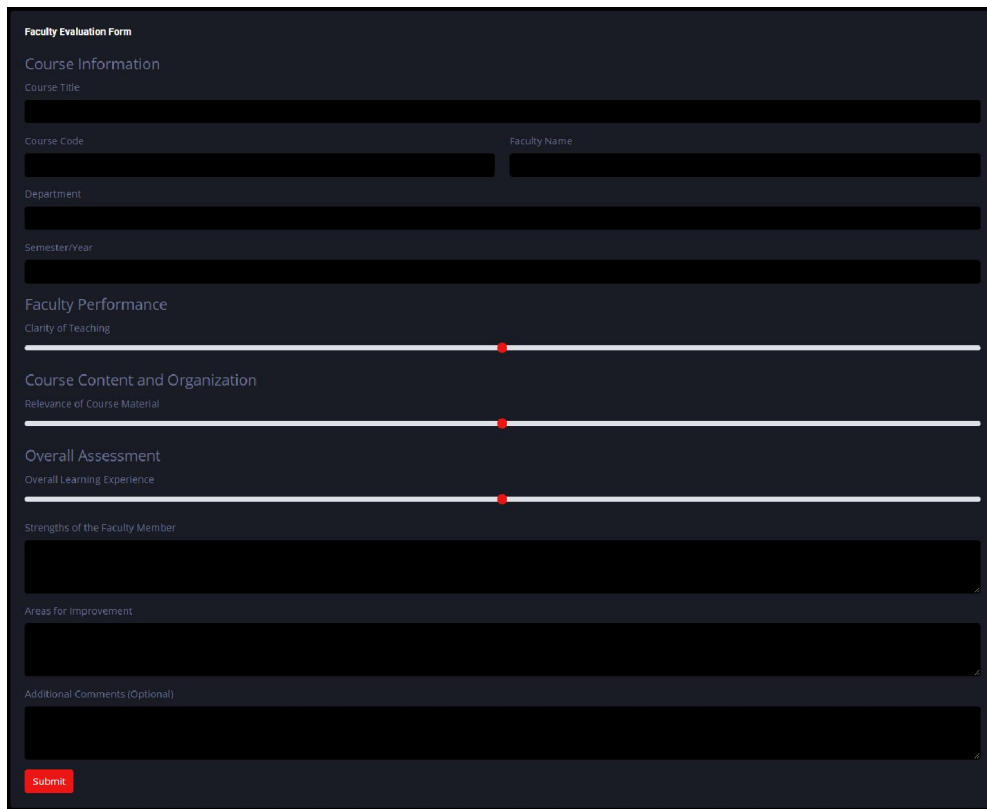


Figure 3. Faculty Evaluation Form

Faculty Evaluation Form													
Course Title	Course Code	Faculty Name	Department	Semester/Year	Clarity of Teaching	Knowledge and Expertise	Engagement and Interaction	Fairness and Impartiality	Relevance of Course Material	Course Organization	Use of Teaching Resources	Overall Learning Experience	Student Feedback
Introduction to Physics	PHY101	John Smith	Physics Department	Fall 2023	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	4	John Smith
Calculus I	MAT201	Susan Johnson	Mathematics Department	Spring 2023	5	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	Susan Johnson
English Literature	LIT101	Emily Davis	English Department	Fall 2023	4	4	5	5	4	4	3	4	Emily Davis
Introduction to Chemistry	CHE101	Michael Adams	Chemistry Department	Spring 2023	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	Michael Adams
Introduction to Computer Science	CSC101	Linda Brown	Computer Science Department	Fall 2023	4	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	Linda Brown

Figure 4. Faculty Evaluation Data Part 1

Semester/Year	Clarity of Teaching	Knowledge and Expertise	Engagement and Interaction	Fairness and Impartiality	Relevance of Course Material	Course Organization	Use of Teaching Resources	Overall Learning Experience	Strengths	Areas for Improvement	Additional Comments
Fall 2023	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	4	John Smith is knowledgeable and explains complex concepts effectively.	Assignments could be more challenging.	
Spring 2023	5	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	Susan Johnson is excellent in simplifying complex concepts.	More real-life examples could be included.	
Fall 2023	4	4	5	5	4	4	3	4	Emily Davis is passionate about literature.	More interactive discussions would be beneficial.	
Spring 2023	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	Michael Adams is patient in explaining concepts.	More hands-on experiments could be included.	
Fall 2023	4	5	4	4	4	4	5	4	Linda Brown is knowledgeable and explains coding concepts effectively.	More coding practice sessions would be helpful.	

Figure 5. Faculty Evaluation Data Part 2

First, the app's user engagement and adoption rates are very promising. During the initial implementation phase, a significant percentage of students actively participated in faculty evaluation through the app. The user-friendly interface and anonymous feedback feature have contributed to increasing students' willingness to provide candid and constructive feedback. This has resulted in a higher number of assessments, providing instructors with a more complete understanding of their teaching performance.

Second, instructors reported positive feedback about the app's interface and functionality. The app's dashboard gives teachers real-time access to assessment data, allowing them to track feedback trends and identify strengths and improvements. Faculty members like the app's streamlined approach to collecting feedback, and find the anonymous nature of the reviews in favor of more open and honest feedback. The app's seamless integration with their existing workflows further enhanced usability and acceptance by faculty. Third, the use of technology has enabled efficient data management and analysis. The application backend, provided by Laravel, securely and efficiently stores and processes large volumes of evaluation data. Data analysis tools have provided valuable insights into faculty performance trends, which are used to support professional development initiatives. The application's data-driven approach has facilitated evidence-based decision-making for faculty improvement strategies.

In addition, "Anonymous Instructor Evaluation App to Increase Transparency" has helped improve the transparency of the evaluation process. With the implementation of the app, faculty members have a better understanding of how they are assessed and the factors that influence student feedback. This transparency has fostered a sense of trust between professors and students, encouraging more meaningful and constructive communication in the assessment process.

Finally, feedback from professors and students has contributed to the continuous improvement of the application. Regular updates and improvements have been made based on user suggestions and emerging needs. The iterative approach facilitated by RAD allows the development team to quickly resolve issues and ensure the highest level of application performance.

## V. CONCLUSION

The "anonymous faculty review app to increase transparency" represents a significant advance in the field of faculty evaluation and has proven to be an invaluable tool for improving transparency and accountability programs in academic institutions. This application, developed using Rapid Application Development (RAD) methodology, has addressed the key challenges associated with the traditional review process and provides an anonymous, user-friendly and effective for students to provide feedback on faculty performance.

Through the successful implementation of the application, it is clear that technology is playing an important role in transforming the faculty evaluation process. By leveraging Vue.js for the front end and Laravel for the backend, the application achieved seamless feature integration, providing real-time data access for faculty and students. The use of technology not only improves data management efficiency, but also fosters a culture of continuous improvement in faculty performance. The anonymity of the feedback mechanism has proven to be a fundamental factor contributing to the success of the application. By ensuring anonymity, students feel more comfortable expressing their honest opinions, which leads to more accurate and constructive assessments. This has created an environment of trust and openness where instructors can receive feedback without fear and work to improve their teaching methods.

The results obtained from using the application show a high level of user engagement and acceptance among students and faculty. Students are actively involved in the assessment process, providing valuable insight into faculty teaching and teaching practices. In contrast, instructors have used the app as a powerful tool for gathering feedback, tracking performance trends, and planning professional development initiatives.

In addition, RAD's systematic approach allows the development team to quickly resolve issues and implement user feedback, resulting in a constantly evolving user-centric application. The iterative nature of RAD has allowed for timely updates, ensuring the application remains relevant and responsive to emerging needs and technological advancements.

In summary, "Anonymous Instructor Evaluation App to Increase Transparency" has proven to be a transformative tool for faculty evaluation. By promoting transparency, trust, and collaboration between students and faculty, the app has significantly improved the assessment process and contributed to the overall improvement of teaching quality in academic institutions. As educational technology continues to advance, this application is testament to the positive impact that innovative solutions can have on higher education and the pursuit of academic excellence.

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