**Project Documentation: Experience Report Website**  
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**1. Project Summary**

The purpose of this web application is to provide a platform where users can **anonymously write and publish experience reports** (testimonials) about their doctoral experiences **without registering**. These reports will include **school-grade-style evaluations**, which will be averaged to provide a ranking system.

The platform aims to:

* Promote transparency and visibility into doctoral experiences.
* Enable anonymous communication between viewers and report authors.
* Provide filtering and ranking features for easy navigation and usability.
* Maintain administrator control over content (edit/delete permissions).

**2. Core Features & Page Structure**

**Main Pages**

1. **Homepage:**
   * Navigation menu to all pages.
2. **Report Submission Page:**
   * Multi-step/tabbed animated form for writing testimonials.
   * Captures general info, grading (school style 1–6), and report text.
3. **Published Reports Page:**
   * Lists all approved reports.
   * Includes filter options (by date, location, school grade, etc.).
   * Anonymous contact form per report.
4. **Ranking Page:**
   * Reports ranked by average of submitted grades.

**Supplementary Pages**

1. **Administrator Contact Page:**
   * Contact form to message the website admin (Sven).
2. **Imprint Page:**
   * Legal disclosure (as per German law if applicable).
3. **Data Privacy Page:**
   * GDPR-compliant data handling policies.

**3. Functional Requirements**

* **No user account required** for report submission or viewing.
* Reports are **moderated by the administrator** (Sven) with edit/delete rights.
* Reports can be filtered and sorted based on characteristics (e.g., date, location, grade).
* Viewers can **anonymously contact authors** through a secure contact form.
* Each report has multiple category-based grades; the average determines its rank.
* Content will be in English with easily editable fields for translation.

**4. Form Structure (Submission)**

**General Information**

* Country (Dropdown)
* City (Dropdown)
* Institution: University (Dropdown/Text)
* Degree Program (Dropdown)
* Specialization (Text)

**Doctoral Details**

* Report Title
* Status: Finished / Cancelled / In Process
* Time Frame (Start – End)
* Grades (1–6 or optional values):
  + Supervision
  + Working Conditions
  + Communication/Availability
  + Teamwork
  + Scope of Work
  + Project Implementation
  + Remuneration (Grade or "Without Remuneration")

**Experience Report**

* Long text field for detailed testimonial
* Author’s email (for anonymous communication only)

**5. Technology Stack**

| **Component** | **Technology** | **License Type** | **Monthly Cost** |
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| Frontend | **ReactJS** | MIT (Open Source) | $0.00 |
| Styling | **TailwindCSS** | MIT (Open Source) | $0.00 |
| Backend API | **ExpressJS** | MIT (Open Source) | $0.00 |
| Database | **MongoDB Atlas** | Free Tier / Paid | Free – $9.00+ |

Total Minimum Monthly Cost: **$0.00 (Free Tier Setup)**  
Scalable infrastructure for production may add optional hosting/database costs.

**6. Optional Costs (Premium/Scaling)**

| **Item** | **Description** | **Cost** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| MongoDB Atlas Tier | Scaling based on data/storage/traffic | From $9.00/month |

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