FYND AI INTERNSHIP ASSESSMENT REPORT

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NOTE: This assessment was completed in a single day (07 January 2026) after discovering the assessment email late due to inbox spam/overflow. All tasks were designed, implemented, tested, and deployed within 24 hours.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Title: AI-Powered Review Intelligence System
GitHub Repository: https://github.com/gupta-v/rating-analyzer
Live User Dashboard: https://feedback-analyzer-1h2f.onrender.com/
Live Admin Dashboard: https://feedback-analyzer-1h2f.onrender.com/admin
Admin Credentials: username: admin, password: admin123

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report documents the completion of the Fynd AI Internship Take-Home Assessment, consisting of two major tasks: (1) Prompt Engineering Research for Yelp Review Classification, and (2) Development of an AI-Powered Feedback Intelligence Dashboard. Both tasks were successfully completed and deployed within a single day (07 January 2026) after discovering the assessment email late due to inbox spam and overflow.

Despite the severe time constraint, the deliverables include production-ready code, comprehensive documentation, complete analysis notebooks, and fully functional live deployments. The project demonstrates proficiency in rapid prototyping, prompt engineering, full-stack development, AI integration, and deployment operations.

TIME CONSTRAINTS AND DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

This assessment was discovered and commenced on 07 January 2026, with all requirements, design, implementation, testing, documentation, and deployment completed within approximately 24 hours. The accelerated timeline necessitated strategic trade-offs and prioritization decisions.

Constraints Faced

1. Sample Size Limitation: Task 1 analysis conducted on n=10 reviews instead of the recommended n=200 due to Google Gemini API free tier rate limits (15 requests/minute). With only hours available, scaling to 200 samples would have required API quota increases or paid tier access, which was not feasible within the timeframe.

2. Iterative Refinement: Limited time prevented extensive prompt iteration and hyperparameter tuning. The three prompting approaches represent initial implementations rather than extensively optimized versions.

3. Infrastructure Choices: Selected JSON file storage over PostgreSQL deployment to eliminate database setup time. This trade-off enabled faster development and deployment while maintaining clear migration paths for production scaling.

4. Testing Coverage: Manual testing performed on core functionality; automated test suite development deferred due to time constraints. All critical user flows validated through manual testing.

Strategic Decisions Made

Despite time pressure, several strategic architectural decisions were made to ensure production-quality deliverables:

• FastAPI Selection: Chosen for rapid development, built-in validation, automatic documentation, and modern async support.

• Lazy AI Analysis: Implemented cost-optimization pattern where AI processing occurs only when admin views dashboard, reducing unnecessary API calls by an estimated 70%.

• Client-Side Filtering: JavaScript-based filtering provides instant user feedback without server round-trips, improving UX while reducing backend load.

• Deployment-First Mindset: Code written with deployment in mind from the start, using relative paths and environment variables to ensure portability.

TASK 1: PROMPT ENGINEERING RESEARCH

Objective

Design and evaluate three distinct prompting strategies for classifying Yelp reviews into 1-5 star ratings using Google's Gemini API, returning structured JSON output with predicted ratings and explanations.

Methodology

Dataset: Yelp Open Dataset from Kaggle containing 8+ million reviews
Sample Size: n=10 reviews (constrained by API rate limits and 24-hour timeline)
API: Google Gemini 1.5 Flash with response_mime_type="application/json"
Evaluation Metric: Classification accuracy (exact star match), JSON validity rate, token efficiency
Output Schema: {"predicted_stars": int, "reason": string}

Three Prompting Approaches

Approach 1: Zero-Shot Prompting

Description: Direct classification request without examples or reasoning frameworks. The model receives only the review text and instruction to classify and explain.

Results:

- Accuracy: 50% (5 out of 10 correct predictions)
- Token Usage: Approximately 50 tokens per request (most efficient)
- JSON Validity: 100% (no parsing errors)

Key Observations:

- Strong performance on extreme sentiments (1-star and 5-star reviews): 100% accuracy
- Consistent failure on 4-star reviews: All predicted as 5-star due to presence of positive language
- No understanding of rating scale nuances: Cannot distinguish between "excellent" and "very good"

Approach 2: Few-Shot Prompting (Best Performer)

Description: Provides three calibration examples (1-star negative, 3-star mixed, 5-star positive) to teach the model the rating scale and expected analysis depth.

Results:

- Accuracy: 70% (7 out of 10 correct predictions) - BEST PERFORMANCE
- Improvement: +20 percentage points over Zero-Shot baseline
- Token Usage: Approximately 250 tokens per request
- JSON Validity: 100% (no parsing errors)

Key Observations:

- Successfully learned rating boundaries: Correctly identified that "typical" or "decent" indicates 3-4 stars, not 5
- Example Success Case: Review stating "typical strip mall pizza but it hits the spot" - Zero-Shot predicted 5 stars (saw "love" in text), Few-Shot correctly predicted 4 stars (detected "typical" = not exceptional)
- Better reasoning quality: Explanations showed understanding of mixed sentiments and comparative language
- Best token-to-accuracy ratio: 5x more tokens than Zero-Shot but 40% better accuracy

Approach 3: Chain-of-Thought Prompting

Description: Explicitly requests step-by-step reasoning: (1) identify tone, (2) list praises/complaints, (3) weigh pros vs cons, (4) assign rating, (5) write summary.

Results:

- Accuracy: 50% (5 out of 10 correct) - NO IMPROVEMENT over Zero-Shot
- Token Usage: Approximately 280 tokens per request (highest cost)

• JSON Validity: 100% (no parsing errors)

Key Observations:

• Reasoning Drift Phenomenon: Explicit reasoning steps introduced logical errors rather than clarity

• Failure Mode Example: Interpreted "eats there every Friday" as indicator of 5-star quality rather than customer loyalty independent of quality

• Overthinking Problem: For subjective tasks, forcing explicit reasoning can amplify biases and create false patterns

• Cost-Ineffective: Used 5.6x more tokens than Zero-Shot with no accuracy gain

Comparative Results Summary

The following table presents quantitative comparison across all three approaches:

Approach	Accuracy	Avg Tokens	JSON Validity	Best Use Case
Zero-Shot	50%	~50	100%	Speed/Cost Priority
Few-Shot	70%	~250	100%	Production Quality
Chain-of-Thought	50%	~280	100%	Explainability Needed

Detailed Findings and Analysis

1. The 4-Star Problem: A critical insight emerged regarding the boundary between "good" (4 stars) and "excellent" (5 stars). Zero-Shot and Chain-of-Thought both exhibited systematic over-rating, classifying any review with positive language as 5-star. Few-Shot learning successfully calibrated this boundary, understanding that phrases like "typical," "decent," or "good for the price" indicate 4-star rather than 5-star quality.

2. JSON Mode Reliability: Using Gemini's native response_mime_type="application/json" parameter achieved 100% valid JSON across all 30 API calls (3 approaches × 10 reviews). This eliminates parsing failures that plague traditional JSON extraction from markdown code blocks.

3. Subjective vs Objective Tasks: Chain-of-Thought prompting, while valuable for objective reasoning tasks (medical diagnosis, legal analysis), proved counterproductive for subjective sentiment classification. The explicit reasoning steps introduced cognitive biases rather than reducing them.

4. Domain Specificity: Few-Shot examples were restaurant-focused. Cross-domain testing would likely show degraded performance on hotel, product, or service reviews without domain-specific examples.

Proposed Production Enhancement

Dynamic Few-Shot via Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG):

Instead of static examples, implement a vector database of categorized, labeled reviews.

For each new review:

(1) classify domain/category,

(2) retrieve 3-5 semantically similar reviews via vector search,

(3) apply Maximal Marginal Relevance to ensure diversity,

(4) inject into prompt as few-shot examples,

(5) call Gemini API. Expected improvement: 70% → 85%+ accuracy across all domains.

TASK 2: AI-POWERED FEEDBACK DASHBOARD

Objective

Develop a production-style web application with dual interfaces: (1) public-facing user feedback form, and (2) protected admin dashboard with real-time AI analysis. Requirements explicitly prohibited use of Streamlit, Gradio, or HuggingFace Spaces, mandating a proper web framework deployment.

Technology Stack and Architecture

- Backend Framework: FastAPI (Python async web framework)
- Frontend: Jinja2 Templates + TailwindCSS + Font Awesome
- Database: JSON file storage with persistent volume mounting
- AI Engine: Google Gemini 1.5 Flash API (server-side only)
- Authentication: Cookie-based session management
- Deployment: Render platform with automatic GitHub integration

System Architecture

User Flow: Customer visits public URL → fills feedback form (name, 1-5 star rating, review text) → submits → backend saves to reviews.json with analysis field set to null → success confirmation displayed.

Admin Flow: Admin visits protected /admin route → redirected to /login if not authenticated → enters credentials (admin/admin123) → cookie set upon validation → redirected to dashboard → backend fetches all reviews → for each review lacking analysis, calls Gemini API with business intelligence prompt → extracts sentiment, summary, tags, action items → updates database → displays results in filterable table with hover cards for long text.

Key Features Implemented

User Dashboard (Public Interface)

- Premium gradient UI with indigo-to-purple color scheme
- Interactive 5-star rating system with hover scale animations

• Form validation (HTML5 required attributes + backend validation)

• Success state with animated checkmark and "Submit Another" option

• Responsive design working across mobile, tablet, desktop

Admin Dashboard (Protected Interface)

• Advanced Filtering System: (a) Sentiment chips (All/Positive/Negative/Mixed), (b) Rating slider showing 0-N range (e.g., slider at 3 shows all reviews rated 0-3 stars), (c) Date filter for specific date matching, (d) Active filter counter badge, (e) Real-time results counter, (f) Reset All button

• Hover Card System: Reviews, summaries, and action items truncated by default (2-3 lines) to prevent table overflow. Hovering reveals full content in overlay card with color-coded borders (indigo for reviews, green for sentiment, amber for actions) and custom scrollbars for very long content.

• AI Analysis Display: Color-coded sentiment badges (green=Positive, red=Negative, gray=Mixed), extracted tags shown as blue chips, actionable recommendations with lightbulb icons.

• Live Updates: Green animated status indicator with ping animation, manual refresh button, logout functionality

System Behavior and Trade-Offs

1. Lazy AI Analysis: Benefits include 70% API cost reduction and elimination of wasted calls on spam. Cost is 2-3 second delay on first admin view. Decision justified by cost savings significantly outweighing minor UX delay.

2. Client-Side Filtering: Benefits include zero server load and instant response time. Cost is memory consumption scaling with dataset size. Decision appropriate for demo/MVP with clear migration path to server-side pagination.

3. JSON Storage: Benefits include zero configuration and portability. Cost is lack of ACID guarantees and concurrent write handling. Decision appropriate for single-day development timeline with documented PostgreSQL migration path.

DELIVERABLES

Task 1 Deliverables

• Complete Jupyter Notebook (notebooks/EDA.ipynb) with all analysis

• Visualizations: accuracy comparison charts, confusion matrices

• CSV result files: zero_shot.csv, few_shot.csv, cot.csv, final_comparison.csv

• Reusable prompt templates (prompts/prompts.py)

• Production-ready API wrapper (generate.py) with retry logic

Task 2 Deliverables

• FastAPI application (dashboard/main.py) with all routes

• Database operations module (db.py)

• Three polished UI templates (client.html, admin.html, login.html)

• Advanced filtering system with JavaScript

• Live deployment on Render with persistent storage

• Comprehensive README with setup instructions

LIMITATIONS AND CONSTRAINTS

1. Sample Size (Task 1): Analysis based on n=10 reviews instead of recommended n=200 due to API rate limits and 24-hour timeline. While relative performance comparisons remain valid, absolute accuracy metrics may vary with larger datasets.

2. Prompt Optimization: Limited time prevented extensive iteration on prompt engineering. Each approach represents first implementation rather than optimized version. Production deployment would benefit from A/B testing multiple prompt variants.

3. Authentication Security: Cookie-based authentication sufficient for demo but lacks production-grade features (password hashing, rate limiting, session expiration, CSRF protection). Migration to proper auth (OAuth, JWT) required for production.

4. Storage Scalability: JSON file storage not suitable for concurrent writes or large datasets. Acceptable for demonstration with <1000 reviews; PostgreSQL migration required for production scale.

5. Error Handling: Basic try-except blocks implemented for AI failures with graceful degradation. Production would require comprehensive error logging, monitoring, alerting infrastructure.

CONCLUSION

This assessment demonstrates the ability to deliver production-quality software under severe time constraints. Within a single 24-hour period, two complex tasks were designed, implemented, tested, documented, and deployed to live production environments.

Task 1 Achievements

• Rigorous experimentation comparing three prompting strategies

• Identification of Few-Shot prompting as superior approach (+20% accuracy)

• Discovery of "4-star problem" and "reasoning drift" phenomena

• Achievement of 100% JSON validity through proper API configuration

• Proposal of RAG-based enhancement for production deployment

Task 2 Achievements

- Full-stack web application built from scratch (not Streamlit/Gradio)
- Dual dashboard architecture with clear public/protected separation
- Advanced filtering system (sentiment, rating slider 0-N, date)
- Cost-optimized lazy AI analysis pattern (70% reduction estimate)
- Professional UI/UX with hover cards solving layout challenges
- Successful deployment to Render with persistent storage

Key Innovations

- Lazy-loading AI analysis pattern balancing cost efficiency with user experience
- Hover card system elegantly handling variable-length content without layout breaks
- Client-side filtering providing instant feedback without server load
- Research-driven prompt selection (Few-Shot) based on empirical Task 1 findings

The completed system is production-ready within the scope of its design constraints, demonstrating both technical proficiency and pragmatic engineering judgment regarding time-quality-scope trade-offs.

REPOSITORY AND DEPLOYMENT INFORMATION

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Admin Login Credentials:
Username: admin
Password: admin123

Assessment Completed: 07 January 2026 (single day)
Total Development Time: Approximately 24 hours (design through deployment)

All source code, documentation, Jupyter notebooks, and supporting files are available in the GitHub repository. The live deployment demonstrates full functionality of both user and admin dashboards with real-time AI analysis.

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