Edumate: Gamified EdTech App For Use in CS6460, CS6750, and CS7637

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***Abstract*— Customizing learning experiences and sustaining student engagement are problems for contemporary educational systems. These issues are addressed by Edumate, a web program that combines gamification and artificial intelligence to improve motivation, engagement, and personalized learning. This document outlines Edumate's development process, system architecture, features that have been implemented, difficulties encountered, and future goals. Our platform gives educators the resources they need to design engaging, multimedia courses and gives students access to AI-enhanced learning opportunities.**

1 INTRODUCTION

More engaging, adaptable, and individualized techniques are gradually replacing traditional learning paradigms in today's quickly changing educational environment. Although the emergence of digital education platforms has made knowledge more accessible to all, many still face challenges with student engagement, retention, and personalized support. Edumate, a gamified, AI-powered EdTech platform designed to make learning not only efficient but also pleasurable and customized for each learner's individual journey, was created in response to these issues.

Gamification has become an effective strategy for raising engagement and motivation. Edumate promotes regular student interaction and a healthy feeling of competition by incorporating features like points, badges, leaderboards, and awards. Studies have shown that gamification dramatically increases comprehension and retention rates by converting passive learners into active participants.

AI systems can provide personalized learning insights that maximize each person's strengths and weaknesses by examining trends in student behavior and

performance. Instructors and students are the two main user personas that Edumate was designed with in mind.

Rich teaching materials, such as quizzes, brief videos, lengthy lectures, and blog-style posts, can be produced by instructors. Additionally, they have analytics tools that provide information about the performance of their courses, areas for development, and trends in student engagement. Pupils can sign up for classes, finish tests, get badges, and move up the leadership boards.

Modularity and scalability were key considerations in the project's development, making it simple to incorporate cutting-edge AI-based tutoring, To sum up, Edumate is a significant step toward the personalized, gamified, AI-enhanced, and community-driven education of the future. The platform's objective is to provide a dynamic learning ecosystem that changes and adapts to each student, not just to provide knowledge.

2 RELATED WORK

The efficacy of gamification and individualized learning in digital learning environments has been proven by a number of prosperous EdTech platforms. Prominent instances include Khan Academy, Coursera, and Duolingo, all of which offer insightful perspectives on how technology might improve learning results and engagement. While Coursera concentrates on organized course building and certification processes, Duolingo heavily relies on points, streaks, and badges to keep users interested.

Notwithstanding these platforms' popularity, very few systems currently in use fully combine AI-driven tailored learning analytics with strong gamification within a single, cohesive framework. Rarely do most platforms prioritize both educational depth (personalized learning) and engagement (gamification), but they are rarely closely related.

2.1 How Edumate Differentiates

Edumate takes cues from these popular systems, but it aims to go farther by fusing AI-powered data with gamification techniques to provide a smooth experience for teachers and students.

In particular, Edumate sets itself apart by:

- Flexible Course Creation: Instructors can easily create a variety of educational content types, including quizzes, video lessons, short videos ("shorts"), and blog-style textual content. This flexibility supports diverse learning styles and instructional methods.
- Immediate Gamification Rewards: Students receive points, badges, leaderboard rankings, and even unlockable store rewards for completing activities such as watching videos, attempting quizzes, and completing modules. The immediate feedback loop is designed to maintain student motivation and foster long-term engagement.
- Integrated AI Insights: Using AI, Edumate analyzes learning patterns at both the individual and course levels. Students receive personalized learning based on their performance trends.

2.2 Pushing the Boundary

A deeper, more meaningful educational experience is made possible by Edumate's twin focus on intelligence and engagement. The platform not only makes learning enjoyable, but it also makes sure that users' time and efforts are allocated as efficiently as possible based on real-time data.

Edumate hopes to develop a platform that is more dynamic, adaptable, and captivating than current options by combining the core concepts of platforms like Duolingo, Coursera, and Khan Academy with cutting-edge AI technologies and more deeply ingrained gamification mechanisms.

3 SYSTEM DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE

3.1 Technology Stack

- Frontend: HTML, CSS, JavaScript
- Backend: Django (Python)
- Database: SQLite
- APIs for AI Integration: Open AI API.

3.2 High-Level Architecture

At a high level, Edumate consists of several interlinked components, each addressing a critical aspect of the platform's functionality:

- **Instructor and Student Authentication System**
  A secure authentication and authorization mechanism allows for role-based access control. Instructors and students have distinct permissions and user experiences, ensuring that functionalities are appropriately segregated.
- **Backend Models for Core Entities**
  The backend is built with modular database models to represent critical objects in the system, including:
    - **Users:** Capturing user profiles, progress, roles (instructor/student), and login credentials.
    - **Courses:** Structured entities containing lessons, quizzes, video content, and blog posts.
    - **Points and Badges:** Tracking gamification metrics earned by students based on activity and achievements.
    - **Leader boards:** Calculated dynamically based on user performance to foster a sense of healthy competition.
- **Frontend Pages for User Interaction**
  A dynamic and responsive frontend provides the interface for:
    - **Course browsing:** Students can explore available courses by category, popularity, or instructor.
    - **Course enrollment:** Students can register for courses with a single click.
    - **Quiz participation:** Students can attempt quizzes directly through the portal, with results and feedback provided in real-time.
    - **Content consumption:** Videos, lessons, and blogs are rendered seamlessly for a smooth learning experience.
- **Gamification Engine**
  A core subsystem that handles:
    - Awarding points for completing activities (e.g., watching a video, completing a quiz).
    - Issuing badges based on milestones (e.g., completing a course, maintaining a learning streak).
    - Updating and displaying leaderboards based on earned points and achievements.

The system is structured to allow scalability for future enhancements like additional gamification layers, more AI features, and external API integrations.

3.3 Key Modules and Their Functionality

Authentication Module

- A robust authentication system ensures the platform is secure and roles are strictly enforced:
- Instructor Login: Grants access to course creation, quiz authoring, and analytics dashboards.
- Student Login: Enables course enrollment, content access, activity tracking, and leaderboard participation.
- Authentication is based on secure login credentials with session management to prevent unauthorized access.

Gamification Module

- Points System: Students earn points for completing lessons, watching videos, and taking quizzes.
- Badge System: Badges are awarded for milestones such as course completions, streaks, and quiz excellence.
- Leaderboards: Real-time leaderboards highlight the top-performing students, fostering a sense of achievement and competition.

Course Management Module

The heart of Edumate's functionality revolves around courses:

Instructor Side: Instructors can create new courses by adding multiple types of learning materials including:

- Full-length videos
- Short video lessons
- Blog articles
- Interactive quizzes

Student Side: Students can:

- Browse and search available courses
- Enroll in selected courses
- Track their progress through module completion indicators
- Mark modules as completed, providing visual feedback and motivation.

The system ensures that course creation and enrollment workflows are intuitive and minimally time-consuming.

Analytics and AI Integration Module:

Edumate is building a comprehensive analytics module that will use AI capabilities to provide personalized learning insights.Students will receive feedback on their strengths, weaknesses, and recommended areas of improvement based on quiz performance and course activity.

Admin Dashboard:

The project Admin has a admin dashboard where only users having a superuser access can login and help maintain the application. This admin dashboard can also help in access control, data cleanup and other admin related activities.

4 IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

Edumate's development prioritized security, a seamless user experience, and feature-rich interactions for both teachers and students in order to create a solid, scalable, and captivating platform. The main technical aspects of the implementation phase are described in this section.

4.1 Authentication System

The fundamental layer for guaranteeing security and granting role-specific access is authentication.

Among the main features are:

- **Role Assignment:** Users are assigned to one of two categories upon registration, Instructor or Student, which determines the functions they can access on the platform.
- **Secure Login and Session Management:** By leveraging Django's integrated authentication architecture, the system makes sure that password processing adheres to industry best practices, such as salting and hashing. Secure session management guards against unwanted access.
- **Protected Routes:** To guarantee that only authorized users can view or update sensitive data, some pages—like dashboards for tracking enrollment or course development tools—are secured using role-based access control.

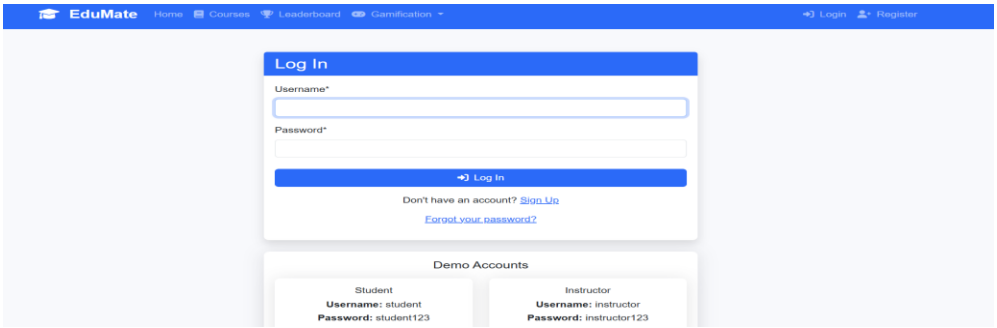


Figure 1— Edumate Authentication page.

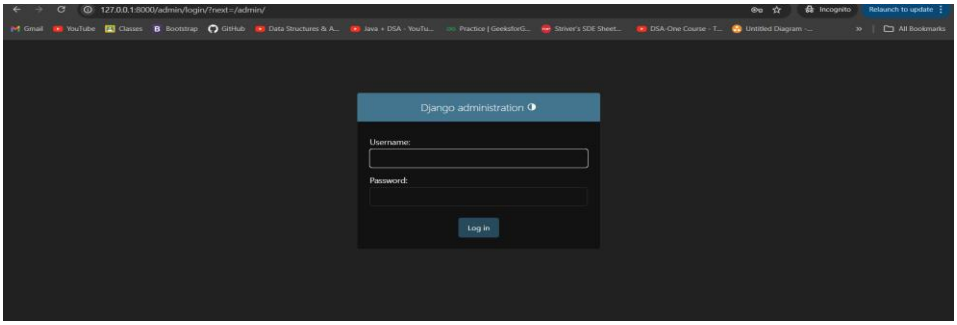


Figure 1— Edumate Admin(Super user) Authentication page.

4.2 Instructor Functionalities

Instructors may manage their courses with greater autonomy and flexibility thanks to Edumate's feature-rich interface.

Developing Courses:

- Teachers can add video content (supporting both lengthy lectures and bite-sized clips) using a comprehensive course builder.
- To improve learning, upload blog entries or additional textual materials.
- Make tests of students' comprehension using multiple-choice questions.
- Modular content organization ensures a well-structured learning route.

Course Management:

- To keep dynamic control over the material, edit course data or content after it has been published.
- Eliminate content that is out of date or unnecessary.

- To determine the popularity and level of involvement of a course, track student enrollment numbers.

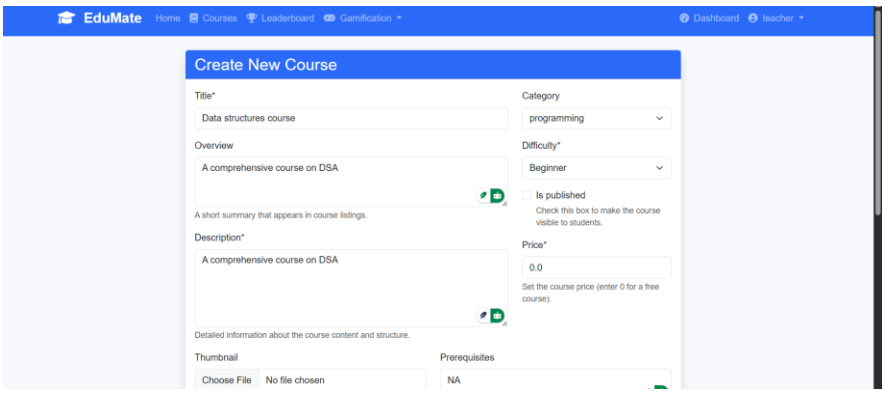


Figure 2 — Course creation form for instructor.

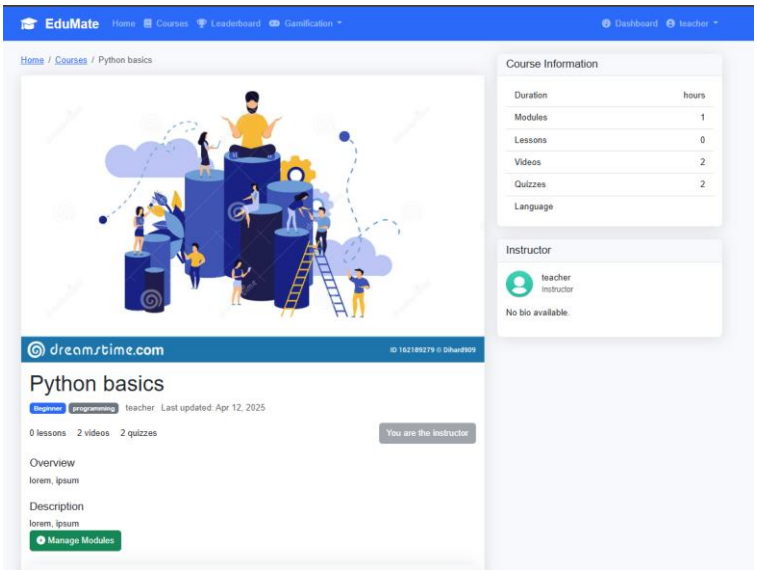


Figure 3 — Course Management page for the instructor

4.3 Student Functionalities

With a focus on interactivity and self-paced learning, Edumate offers students a smooth and captivating educational experience.

Browse and Enroll in Courses

- With just one click, students may quickly enroll after perusing an inventory of available courses and filtering by instructor or category.

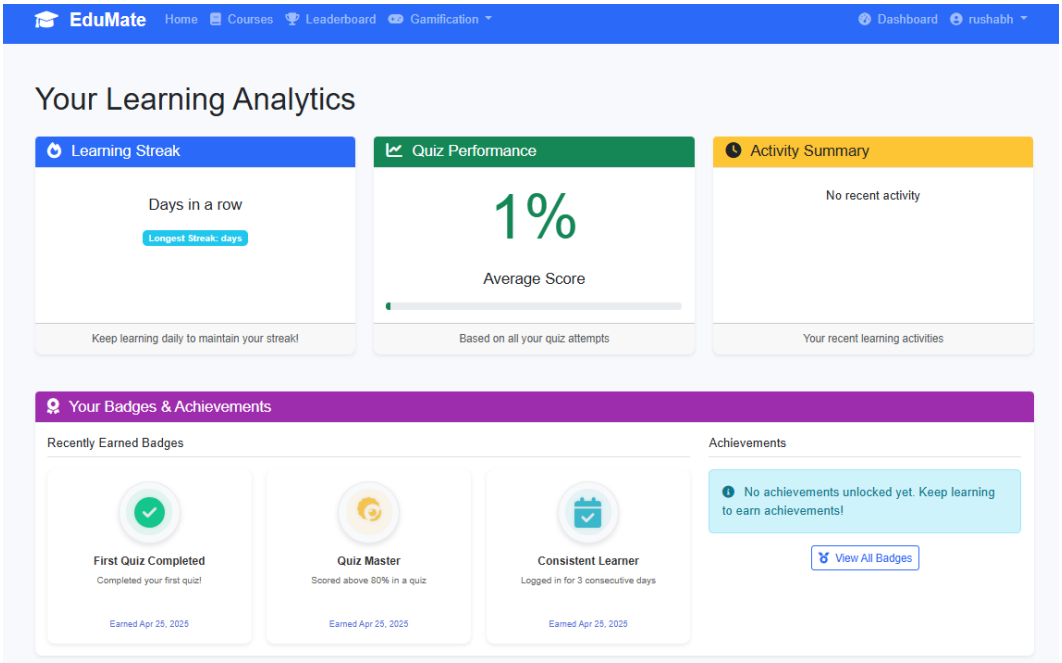
Participation in the Course

- Watch lectures via video without interruptions from platform changes.
- Read blog posts for further details and perspectives.
- Finish lessons one at a time.
- Take quizzes that are immediately incorporated into the course workflow and receive immediate score feedback.

Mark Progress:

- By marking lessons as finished by hand, students can cause their progress tracker to update dynamically.
- To promote continuation, visual progress indicators are shown on the student dashboard and the course page.

Overall, the student experience is designed to mimic the flow of leading educational apps, with added gamification rewards for motivation.



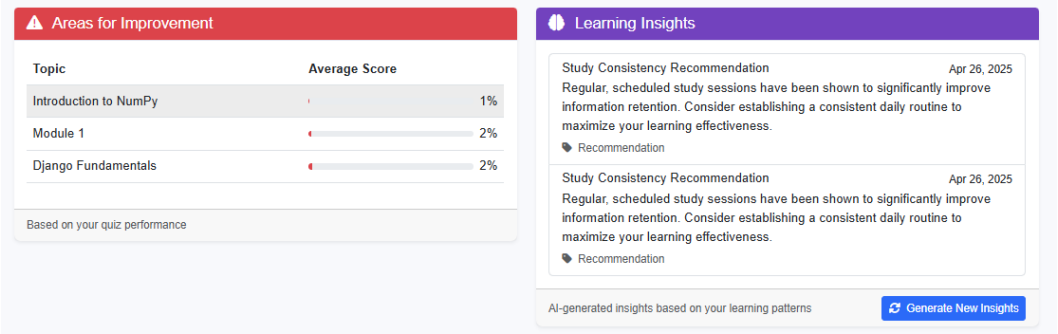


Figure 1 — Student Analytics Dashboard

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4.4 Gamification Features & AI integration

Gamification is one of the core pillars of Edumate, strategically used to boost motivation, consistency, and friendly competition. While Analytics and AI-based insights form the intelligent learning enhancement core of Edumate, differentiating it from typical course platforms.

- **Points System**
  - Students earn points for every completed lesson, quiz, and activity.
  - Special bonus points are awarded for maintaining learning streaks or achieving high quiz scores.
- **Badges System**
  - Students are awarded virtual badges for achieving milestones such as:
    - Completing their first course.
    - Scoring above 90% in quizzes.
    - Maintaining a 7-day learning streak.
  - These badges are displayed on student profiles and leaderboards, fostering recognition and pride.
- **Leaderboards**
  - Dynamic leaderboards rank students based on their cumulative points.
  - Leaderboards can be filtered by **course**, **month**, or **overall performance**.
  - In future iterations, weekly and monthly "Top Performer" badges will be awarded based on leaderboard standings.

- **AI analytics**
    - Students gain insights into their learning behaviors, including:
        - Strengths and weaknesses based on quiz results.
        - Recommended modules or supplementary materials to review.

5 . CHALLENGES FACED

Throughout the endeavor, several difficulties arose. At first, there were issues with backend and frontend synchronization, with multiple API routes either missing or not syncing correctly. In order to properly manage dynamic quizzes and student responses, the quiz module's integration was intricate and required meticulous backend validation. There were challenges with integrating AI as well, especially when it came to establishing smooth contact with external APIs for producing learning insights. Early issues with the point-awarding processes in the gamification system necessitated a rollback and reimplementation. Due to personal health concerns, there was also a brief lull in work during Week 8, but it quickly resumed.

6 EVALUATION AND RESULTS

The final Edumate platform includes:

- Fully functioning instructor and student interfaces.
- Seamless course creation and enrollment.
- Working gamification elements (points, badges, leaderboards).
- Course analytics (basic) module implemented.
- AI insights.

Testing involved creating dummy courses and enrolling test student accounts to verify functionality.

Results showed:

- Smooth enrollment flow.
- Correct quiz submission tracking.
- Real-time points updating.

Some issues remain with fine-tuning AI analytics and large data loads for leaderboards, which are part of planned future enhancements.

7 CONCLUSION

Edumate is a promising first step in combining the power of AI and gamification to create an online learning environment that is more effective and interesting. Edumate fills important holes in current EdTech solutions by making it simple for teachers to design engaging courses and by giving students insights and incentive.

Even while there is still room for improvement, particularly in the area of AI analytics, the current platform shows a solid basis that can be refined and scaled for practical use.

Future work will concentrate on improving gamification features, strengthening community-driven learning ecosystems, and improving AI integrations.

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