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Quizzr: A Free, Real-Time Multiplayer Quiz Platform for Indian Classrooms

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Abstract

Interactive formative assessment has emerged as a critical component in modern pedagogy, significantly enhancing student engagement, participation, and long-term knowledge retention. By enabling continuous feedback loops between instructors and learners, formative assessment fosters active learning environments where students are encouraged to think critically and respond dynamically. In recent years, digital quiz platforms such as Kahoot!, Quizizz, and Mentimeter have gained widespread popularity due to their ability to gamify classroom experiences and provide real-time analytics. However, despite their technological sophistication, these platforms impose strict limitations on participant capacity, question volume, and advanced features under free-tier plans. These constraints necessitate paid subscriptions, which remain financially prohibitive for a large proportion of educational institutions in developing regions, particularly in India, where budget limitations and infrastructural disparities continue to widen the digital divide. To address this challenge, this paper introduces Quizzr, a free, open-source, and technically scalable real-time multiplayer quiz platform specifically designed to meet the needs of Indian classrooms. The primary objective of Quizzr is to democratize access to high-quality digital assessment tools by eliminating financial barriers while maintaining robust performance and scalability. Unlike existing commercial solutions, Quizzr imposes no artificial limits on the number of participants, quizzes, or questions, thereby making it suitable for both small classrooms and large-scale academic events. Quizzr is developed using a modern, performance-oriented technology stack. The frontend is built with Next.js 14 utilizing the App Router architecture, ensuring efficient rendering and seamless navigation. TypeScript is employed to enhance code reliability and maintainability through static typing, while Tailwind CSS provides a responsive and customizable user interface optimized for diverse devices, including low-end smartphones commonly used by students. On the backend, Supabase serves as the core infrastructure, integrating PostgreSQL for structured data storage and Realtime WebSockets for instantaneous bidirectional communication between server and clients. This architecture ensures that all participants receive synchronized updates during live quiz sessions with minimal latency. One of the key features of Quizzr is its frictionless accessibility. Instructors can create, configure, and schedule quiz sessions through an intuitive interface, generating a unique six-character session code. Students can join these sessions instantly without requiring account creation, thereby reducing onboarding complexity and

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ensuring inclusivity for users with limited technical familiarity. The platform also incorporates a time-decay scoring algorithm, which assigns scores based not only on answer correctness but also on response speed. This mechanism introduces a competitive and engaging dimension to the learning experience while rewarding quick comprehension and decision-making. From a performance standpoint, Quizzr demonstrates strong real-time capabilities. Experimental evaluation shows that question-transition events propagate across all connected clients within a latency range of approximately 180 to 300 milliseconds, ensuring near-synchronous interaction even under high concurrency. Additionally, all 15 defined functional test cases—covering session management, real-time synchronization, scoring accuracy, and user interaction flows—were successfully executed, confirming the reliability and correctness of the system. A significant contribution of this work lies in its cost-efficiency. The entire application is deployed using the free tiers of Vercel for hosting and Supabase for backend services, resulting in zero monthly infrastructure cost. This highlights the feasibility of building and maintaining a production-grade educational technology platform without financial overhead, provided that modern cloud-native tools are utilized effectively. Such an approach is particularly impactful in resource-constrained environments, where cost remains a primary barrier to technological adoption. In conclusion, Quizzr represents a scalable, accessible, and economically sustainable solution for real-time formative assessment in education. By leveraging open-source principles and modern web technologies, the platform successfully bridges the gap between functionality and affordability. It empowers educators with unrestricted tools for interactive teaching while ensuring that students, regardless of their socio-economic background, can actively participate in engaging digital learning experiences. This work demonstrates that equitable access to advanced educational technology is not only desirable but also technically achievable without incurring financial burden, thereby contributing to the broader goal of inclusive and accessible education in India.

Keywords: real-time quiz, WebSockets, Next.js, Supabase, gamification, EdTech, interactive classroom assessment, India, formative assessment, PostgreSQL.

1. INTRODUCTION

The modern Indian classroom is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by the rapid proliferation of smartphones and the widespread availability of affordable high-speed mobile internet. With an estimated student population exceeding 250 million across secondary schools, higher education institutions, and skill-development programs, India represents one of the largest and most diverse education ecosystems in the world. This scale presents both an opportunity and a challenge: while digital tools have the potential to enhance learning outcomes, their accessibility and affordability remain unevenly distributed. As a result, there is a growing demand for scalable, engaging, and cost-effective assessment solutions that can function effectively across varied socio-economic and infrastructural contexts.

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Traditional methods of classroom assessment, such as paper-based quizzes, written tests, and oral questioning, are increasingly inadequate in meeting the expectations of modern learners. These approaches are time-consuming, lack immediacy in feedback delivery, and often fail to maintain sustained student engagement. In contrast, today's students are accustomed to interactive, fast-paced digital experiences shaped by social media, gaming, and mobile applications. Consequently, there is a clear need to reimagine assessment methodologies in a way that aligns with these evolving learning behaviors while preserving academic rigor.Interactive Response Systems (IRS) have emerged as a promising solution to this challenge. These platforms enable instructors to pose questions in real time, collect responses from students simultaneously, and display aggregated results instantly. Research indicates that such systems significantly improve classroom attention, enhance knowledge retention, and increase intrinsic motivation among learners. By transforming passive listening into active participation, IRS platforms create a more dynamic and inclusive learning environment. Popular platforms such as Kahoot!, Quizizz, and Mentimeter have successfully demonstrated the effectiveness of gamified assessment in achieving these outcomes.However, despite their pedagogical advantages, these platforms are constrained by a critical limitation: access to their full capabilities is restricted by subscription-based pricing models. Free-tier plans typically impose strict caps on the number of participants, questions, or advanced features. For instance, Kahoot!'s free version limits session sizes to a small number of participants, making it unsuitable for typical classroom settings in India, where class sizes often exceed 40–60 students. Upgrading to premium plans incurs recurring costs (often exceeding ₹800 per month), which are not feasible for many government-funded schools and budget-constrained private institutions. This creates a significant equity gap, where access to effective digital learning tools is determined by financial capability rather than educational need.To address this gap, this paper introduces Quizzr, a fully open-source, completely free, and technically scalable real-time multiplayer quiz platform. Quizzr is specifically designed with the constraints and requirements of Indian classrooms in mind. The platform enables instructors to create and host unlimited quiz sessions without any restrictions on participant count or question volume. Students can join sessions instantly using a simple six-character code and a display name, eliminating the need for account creation, login credentials, or application downloads. This frictionless access model ensures inclusivity, even for users with limited digital literacy or low-end devices.The system leverages modern web technologies, including Next.js 14 for frontend rendering, Supabase (PostgreSQL and Realtime WebSockets) for backend infrastructure, TypeScript for type safety, and Tailwind CSS for responsive design. Notably, the entire platform is deployed using the free tiers of Vercel and Supabase, resulting in zero monthly infrastructure cost. This demonstrates the feasibility of delivering production-grade educational technology solutions without financial overhead, making it particularly suitable for large-scale adoption in resource-constrained environments.

1.1. Objective of the Study

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The primary objectives of this study are as follows:

• To design and implement a real-time, multiplayer quiz platform that imposes no limitations on the number of participants or questions, ensuring scalability for diverse classroom sizes.

• To enable instant student participation through a lightweight access mechanism requiring only a six-character session code and a display name, thereby eliminating account creation friction.

• To develop and integrate a time-decay scoring algorithm that evaluates both answer correctness and response speed, enhancing competitiveness and engagement.

• To ensure real-time synchronization by propagating question transitions and session state updates to all connected clients within a latency threshold of 500 milliseconds using WebSocket-based communication.

• To achieve a zero-cost deployment model by utilizing free-tier cloud infrastructure services such as Vercel and Supabase, thereby maximizing accessibility for educational institutions.

• To incorporate WhatsApp-native session sharing capabilities, aligning with prevalent communication practices in India and improving ease of adoption.

1.2. Scope of the Work

The scope of Quizzr encompasses the complete lifecycle of a real-time quiz session, covering both instructor and participant interactions. The platform supports quiz creation with an unlimited number of multiple-choice questions, each configurable with individual time constraints. Instructors can schedule sessions in advance or initiate them instantly, providing flexibility in classroom management.

During live sessions, participants can join seamlessly using the session code and engage in real-time question answering. The system ensures synchronized delivery of questions and immediate feedback, supported by dynamic visual elements such as countdown timers and progress indicators. A live leaderboard continuously updates participant rankings based on cumulative scores, fostering a competitive and engaging learning environment.

At the conclusion of each session, the platform provides a results interface that summarizes individual performance metrics, including total score, accuracy, and ranking. Additionally, post-session answer review functionality allows students to revisit questions and correct answers, reinforcing learning outcomes.

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While the current implementation focuses on multiple-choice questions with four options, several advanced features are identified as part of future work. These include support for image-based and multimedia questions, user authentication and profile management, detailed analytics dashboards for instructors, and integration with Learning Management Systems (LMS). Expanding in these directions will further enhance the platform's applicability and pedagogical value.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

The integration of technology into classroom assessment has been widely studied, with particular emphasis on the role of interactivity, gamification, and real-time feedback in enhancing learning outcomes. This section reviews key contributions in the domains of student response systems, gamified learning platforms, real-time web technologies, and barriers to EdTech adoption, establishing the theoretical and practical foundation for the development of Quizzr.

Caldwell (2007) conducted a comprehensive review of student response systems (SRS) in higher education and concluded that the incorporation of interactive questioning significantly improves student learning outcomes compared to traditional lecture-based instruction [4]. The study emphasized that active engagement strategies—where students are required to respond to questions during instruction—lead to higher attention levels and better retention of information. Importantly, Caldwell identified two features as particularly impactful: immediate feedback and visible performance indicators. These elements not only reinforce correct understanding but also allow students to self-assess in real time. Quizzr directly adopts these principles by providing instantaneous answer validation and continuously updated leaderboards, thereby aligning with evidence-based pedagogical practices.

Wang (2015) introduced and empirically evaluated the effectiveness of Kahoot!, a game-based learning platform, across 28 university courses in Norway [5]. The findings demonstrated that incorporating competitive elements such as timed responses, points, and leaderboards significantly increased student motivation, engagement, and perceived enjoyment of learning activities. However, the study also highlighted a potential drawback: competitive anxiety among lower-performing students, which may negatively impact their participation. This insight has informed Quizzr's design decisions, particularly the inclusion of immediate answer feedback after each question, regardless of whether the participant's response was correct. By ensuring that all students receive the correct answer in real time, the platform mitigates the negative effects of competition while preserving its motivational benefits.

Further strengthening the theoretical basis for gamified assessment, Hamari, Koivisto, and Sarsa (2014) conducted a meta-analysis of 24 empirical studies on gamification [6]. Their research found

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that common gamification elements—such as points, leaderboards, and progress tracking—consistently enhance user engagement and task performance across various contexts. Notably, the study concluded that gamification is most effective in environments where intrinsic motivation is relatively low, such as routine academic assessments. This finding is directly applicable to classroom quizzes, which are often perceived as monotonous by students. Quizzr leverages this insight by integrating a time-decay scoring system, dynamic leaderboards, and visual progress indicators to transform traditional assessments into engaging, game-like experiences.

From a technological perspective, real-time interaction is a critical requirement for modern quiz platforms. The WebSocket protocol, standardized in RFC 6455 (2011), enables full-duplex communication between client and server over a single TCP connection [7]. Unlike traditional HTTP-based approaches such as polling or long-polling, WebSockets allow continuous, low-latency data exchange, often achieving event propagation times well below 50 milliseconds. This capability is essential for maintaining synchronization across multiple participants in a live quiz environment. Building on this foundation, Supabase Realtime utilizes Elixir's Phoenix Channels to stream PostgreSQL database changes to connected clients via WebSockets [8]. This reactive architecture eliminates the need for manual state polling and ensures that all participants receive updates—such as question transitions and leaderboard changes—almost instantaneously. Quizzr adopts this model to achieve its real-time performance objectives.

In addition to pedagogical and technological considerations, the adoption of educational technology is heavily influenced by economic and operational factors. A survey conducted by Kumar and Sharma (2021) examined the barriers to EdTech adoption in Indian educational institutions [9]. The study identified cost as the most significant barrier, cited by 78% of respondents, followed by complexity of setup (65%) and the requirement for technical expertise (58%). These findings highlight the need for solutions that are not only effective but also affordable and easy to deploy. Quizzr is explicitly designed to address these challenges: it operates at zero infrastructure cost using free-tier cloud services, offers a streamlined quiz creation workflow that can be completed in under eight minutes, and eliminates the need for user accounts or technical configuration on the participant side.

A comparative analysis of existing platforms reveals a notable gap in the current EdTech landscape. While tools such as Kahoot!, Quizizz, and Mentimeter provide robust features, their free versions impose limitations on scalability and functionality. No existing free platform simultaneously offers unlimited participants, unlimited questions, speed-based scoring, real-time leaderboards, and seamless integration with widely used communication channels such as WhatsApp. This gap is particularly significant in the Indian context, where large class sizes and resource constraints are common.

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In summary, the literature strongly supports the effectiveness of interactive, gamified, and real-time assessment systems in improving educational outcomes. At the same time, it highlights critical limitations in accessibility and affordability within existing solutions. Quizzr is positioned at the intersection of these insights, combining proven pedagogical strategies with modern real-time technologies and a zero-cost deployment model. By doing so, it addresses both the theoretical requirements for effective learning and the practical constraints faced by educational institutions, thereby contributing a novel and impactful solution to the field of educational technology.

3. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The central problem addressed in this work arises from the mismatch between the growing demand for interactive digital assessment tools and the limited accessibility of existing real-time quiz platforms in the Indian educational context. While platforms such as Kahoot!, Quizizz, and Mentimeter have demonstrated the pedagogical effectiveness of gamified, real-time quizzes, their practical usability is constrained by subscription-based business models that impose artificial limitations on core functionality. These constraints significantly restrict their adoption in resource-constrained environments, particularly in government schools and budget-limited private institutions across India.

The problem can be formally stated as follows: **existing real-time interactive quiz platforms impose restrictive participant and question limits behind paid subscription tiers, rendering them financially and operationally inaccessible to a large proportion of Indian educational institutions.** This limitation not only reduces the scalability of such tools but also perpetuates inequality in access to modern educational technologies.

Three primary deficiencies characterize this problem:

• Participant Limits:

Most commercial platforms enforce strict caps on the number of participants in their free-tier offerings. For instance, Kahoot!'s free version limits sessions to approximately 10 participants, while Quizizz allows a slightly higher threshold of around 30 participants. These limits are significantly lower than the average class size in Indian educational institutions, which commonly ranges between 60 and 80 students, and can be even higher in government colleges. As a result, instructors are unable to use these platforms effectively in real classroom scenarios without purchasing premium subscriptions. This creates a direct barrier to adoption, particularly in institutions where recurring subscription costs are not feasible.

• Question Limits:

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In addition to participant restrictions, platforms such as Mentimeter impose limits on the number of questions or slides that can be included in a single presentation under their free plans. This constraint prevents educators from conducting comprehensive assessments or full-length quizzes, forcing them to either shorten their evaluations or split them into multiple sessions. Such workarounds disrupt the continuity of the learning experience and reduce the effectiveness of formative assessment practices.

• Onboarding Friction:

Another significant challenge lies in the onboarding process for students. Several platforms require participants to create user accounts, verify email addresses, or install dedicated applications before joining a quiz session. These requirements introduce unnecessary complexity, particularly for students in rural and semi-urban areas who may have limited digital literacy, inconsistent internet access, or restricted access to personal email accounts. Furthermore, account creation raises privacy concerns related to data collection and storage, which can discourage both students and institutions from adopting such tools.

Beyond these three primary deficiencies, there are additional implicit challenges that further exacerbate the problem. Many existing platforms are not optimized for low-bandwidth environments, leading to performance issues in regions with unstable internet connectivity. Additionally, integration with commonly used communication tools in India, such as WhatsApp, is often limited or absent, reducing the ease with which instructors can share session details and coordinate participation.

The absence of a unified solution that addresses all these challenges constitutes a significant gap in the current EdTech ecosystem. Specifically, there is a lack of a free, open-source, and self-hostable platform that simultaneously provides:

- Unlimited participant capacity
- Unlimited question support
- Zero-account, code-based student access
- Real-time synchronization using WebSocket-based communication
- Gamified, speed-based scoring mechanisms
- Live leaderboard visualization
- Seamless integration with widely used communication channels such as WhatsApp

This gap is particularly critical in the Indian context, where scalability, affordability, and ease of use are essential requirements for widespread adoption. Without addressing these factors, the benefits of interactive formative assessment remain inaccessible to a large segment of the student population.

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Quizzr is designed specifically to bridge this gap by eliminating artificial limitations, reducing onboarding complexity, and leveraging modern real-time web technologies to deliver a scalable and cost-free solution. By doing so, it aims to make high-quality, interactive assessment tools universally accessible, thereby promoting equity and inclusivity in digital education.

4. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

4.1. System Architecture / Design

Quizzr is designed using a three-tier serverless architecture that emphasizes scalability, low latency, and zero infrastructure maintenance. The architecture separates concerns into presentation, application logic, and data layers, ensuring modularity, maintainability, and efficient real-time communication.

The Presentation Layer is implemented using Next.js 14 with the App Router paradigm. It leverages a hybrid rendering model that combines React Client Components for interactive elements (such as quiz interfaces, host dashboards, and leaderboards) with Server Components for layout rendering, metadata management, and initial data hydration. This approach reduces client-side bundle size while maintaining a highly responsive user interface. Tailwind CSS is used to ensure consistent, responsive design across devices, including low-end smartphones commonly used in Indian classrooms.

The Application Logic Layer is handled within the Next.js App Router framework itself. Unlike traditional architectures that require a separate backend server, Quizzr utilizes serverless functions and built-in routing capabilities provided by Next.js. This layer manages session creation, quiz configuration, API endpoints, and secure environment variable handling. Server-side data fetching ensures that critical operations, such as session initialization and validation, are executed securely and efficiently. The elimination of a dedicated backend server reduces operational complexity and contributes to the platform’s zero-cost deployment model.

The Data Layer is powered by Supabase, which provides a managed PostgreSQL 15 database along with integrated authentication, Row-Level Security (RLS), and Realtime WebSocket capabilities. The database is structured using normalized relational tables to ensure data consistency and efficient querying. Supabase Realtime leverages PostgreSQL’s logical replication and Elixir Phoenix Channels to broadcast database changes as WebSocket events to subscribed clients.

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A key architectural innovation in Quizzr is the adoption of the reactive database pattern. In this model, all significant application events—such as question transitions, session state updates, and score changes—are triggered by database writes rather than explicit server-side event handlers. These changes are automatically propagated to connected clients via WebSocket subscriptions. This eliminates the need for a custom WebSocket server or polling-based update mechanisms, significantly simplifying the system architecture while ensuring near real-time synchronization. As a result, all participants experience consistent state updates with minimal latency.

4.2. Database Schema Design

The Quizzr platform employs a normalized relational database schema consisting of five core tables, each designed to represent a specific entity within the quiz lifecycle. This normalization minimizes redundancy, enforces data integrity, and supports efficient query execution.

- quizzes:
  Stores quiz-level metadata, including title, subject, and creation timestamps. This table acts as the parent entity for all associated questions.
- questions:
  Contains individual quiz questions, including the question text and four answer options stored as a JSONB array for flexibility. Additional attributes include correct_answer (indexed from 0 to 3), time_limit (in seconds), and order_index to maintain question sequencing within a quiz.
- sessions:
  Represents active or scheduled quiz sessions. Key fields include a unique six-character join_code, session status (e.g., waiting, live, ended), current_question_index, and question_started_at timestamp used for calculating response times and enforcing countdown timers.
- participants:
  Stores participant information, including display name, cumulative score, and a foreign key reference (session_id) linking each participant to a specific session.
- responses:
  Captures individual participant responses for each question, including the selected option, correctness flag (is_correct), and response time in milliseconds (response_time_ms). A composite UNIQUE constraint on (participant_id, question_id) ensures that each participant can submit only one response per question, thereby enforcing idempotency and preventing duplicate submissions.

Foreign key relationships are defined with cascade delete rules to maintain referential integrity, ensuring that deleting a quiz or session automatically removes all dependent records.

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4.3. System Workflow

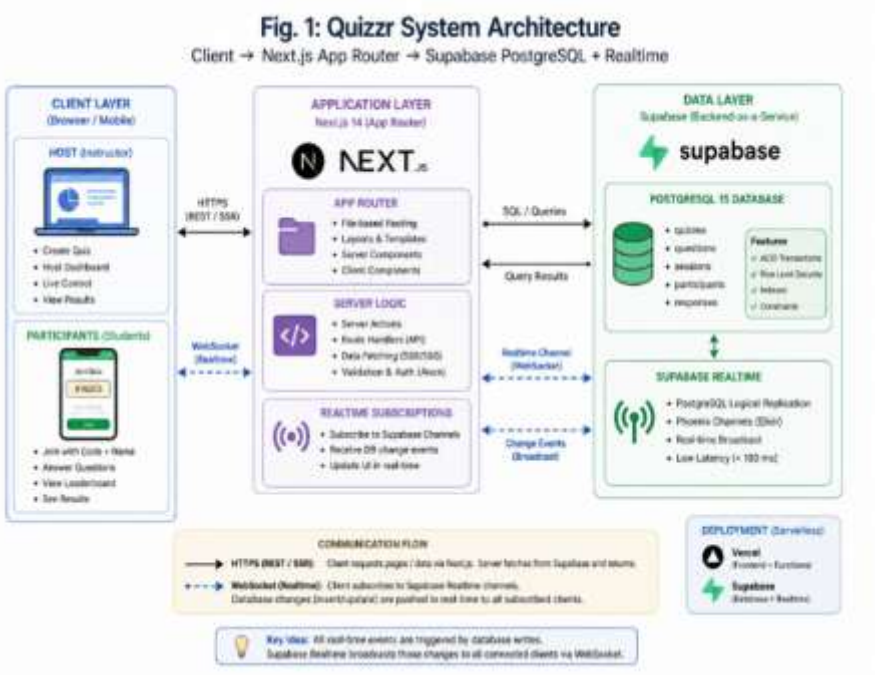
The end-to-end operation of Quizzr follows a structured workflow consisting of four primary phases, ensuring a seamless experience for both instructors and participants:

Phase 1: Quiz Creation and Session Initialization

The instructor creates a quiz by entering metadata and defining multiple-choice questions. Upon completion, a session is generated with a unique six-character join code. The session is stored in the database with an initial status of *waiting*.

Phase 2: Participant Joining and Waiting Room

Students join the session by entering the join code and a display name. Upon successful validation, participant records are created and linked to the session. All participants are directed to a waiting room interface, where they remain synchronized through real-time updates until the session begins.



Phase 3: Live Quiz Execution

When the instructor starts the session, the session status is updated in the database, triggering a real-time event that transitions all connected participants to the live quiz interface. Questions are presented sequentially, with each transition initiated by the host. Participants submit their

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responses, which are recorded in the database along with response times. The scoring algorithm calculates points dynamically based on correctness and speed.

Phase 4: Results and Session Termination

After all questions are completed—or when the host manually ends the session—the system updates the session status to *ended*. This triggers a final real-time event that redirects all participants to the results page. The leaderboard is finalized, and participants can review their performance metrics, including scores, rankings, and answer accuracy.

Throughout all phases, the reactive database pattern ensures that every state change is instantly propagated to all connected clients, maintaining synchronization without manual refresh or polling. The host retains full control over session progression, including advancing questions and terminating the quiz at any point.

Overall, the proposed methodology combines modern serverless architecture, real-time database-driven communication, and normalized data design to deliver a scalable, efficient, and cost-free solution for interactive classroom assessment.

4.4. Algorithms / Techniques Used

TABLE I — KEY ALGORITHMS AND TECHNIQUES

Algorithm / Technique	Location	Purpose
Time-Decay Scoring	lib/utils.ts (client)	score = 1000 + floor(max(0, 1 – responseMs/(limit×1000)) × 1000); max 2000 pts for instant correct answer
WebSocket Realtime Subscriptions	Quiz, Host, Result pages	Supabase Postgres Change events broadcast session updates, score changes, and answer inserts to all connected clients
Server-Authoritative Timer Sync	QuizPage component	question_started_at stored in DB; all clients compute remaining time from same timestamp — eliminates clock drift across devices
Optimistic UI Updates	submitAnswer() function	Feedback state updated immediately on tap, before Supabase insert completes — eliminates perceived latency on mobile

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Algorithm / Technique	Location	Purpose
Idempotent Answer Submission	responses table + client Map	UNIQUE(participant_id, question_id) DB constraint + client-side responses Map prevent duplicate submissions
RLS Access Control	Supabase PostgreSQL	Row-Level Security policies restrict INSERT/UPDATE operations per table; no service-role key exposed to client
localStorage Session Recovery	JoinPage + QuizPage	participant UUID stored in localStorage; page refreshes reconnect to existing participant record without re-joining
IST Timezone Formatting	toISTDisplay() utility	Intl.DateTimeFormat('en-IN', {timeZone:'Asia/Kolkata'}) renders all timestamps in IST with Indian date format

5. IMPLEMENTATION

5.1. Tools & Technologies

TABLE 2 — HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

Component	Specification
Processor	Intel Core i3 or equivalent (dev); any server CPU for production
RAM	8 GB minimum; 16 GB recommended for Next.js dev server
Storage	2 GB free for Node.js, npm packages, and project files
Internet Connection	Required for Supabase cloud database and Vercel deployment
Student Device	Any Android smartphone (360px screen minimum); modern mobile browser
Browser	Chrome v120+, Firefox v121+, Safari v17+ (mobile and desktop)

TABLE 3 — SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS & TECHNOLOGY STACK

Layer	Technology	Version	Role in System
Framework	Next.js	14.x	App Router, SSR, file-based routing, Vercel deployment

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Layer	Technology	Version	Role in System
UI Library	React	18.x	Server + Client components, hooks (useState, useEffect, useRef, useCallback)
Language	TypeScript	5.x (strict)	Type-safe interfaces for all DB entities; compile-time bug detection
Database	Supabase (PostgreSQL)	15 / 2.x client	Relational DB, RLS policies, Realtime WebSocket subscriptions
Realtime	Supabase Realtime	Phoenix Channels	Postgres Change events broadcast to browser clients via WebSocket
Styling	Tailwind CSS	3.4.x	Utility-first, mobile-first; custom brand teal (#1D9E75) scale
Icons	Lucide React	0.383.0	Lightweight SVG icon set (Copy, Share2, Users, Trophy, etc.)
Deployment – FE	Vercel (Hobby)	Free tier	Global CDN, automatic CI/CD from GitHub, HTTPS enforcement
Deployment – DB	Supabase Cloud	Free tier	500 MB DB, 200k MAU, Realtime included at zero cost
Version Control	Git / GitHub	—	Source control and Vercel deployment trigger

5.2. Module Implementation Details

The Quizzr codebase is a Next.js monorepo with six primary route modules under app/. Each module is described below.

Home Page (app/page.tsx): Fetches the 10 most recent quiz sessions from Supabase on mount and renders them as status-badged cards (Scheduled / Live / Ended). Two CTA cards navigate to the Join and Create flows. Designed as the host's operational dashboard for session access.

Join Page (app/join/page.tsx): Two-field form (code + name). On submission, queries the sessions table for the matching join_code, inserts a participant row, stores the participant UUID in localStorage under participant_{session_id}, and redirects to /quiz/[session_id]. Validates against ended sessions and unknown codes with inline error cards.

Create Quiz Page (app/create/page.tsx): Three-step wizard (Info → Questions → Schedule). Step 2 allows adding an unlimited number of question cards, each with four option fields, a circle-tap correct-answer selector, and a time-limit dropdown (15s / 30s / 45s / 60s). Step 3 provides a

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datetime picker defaulting to 30 minutes from now. On submit, inserts quiz, all questions, and session rows sequentially, then redirects to /host/[session_id].

Host Dashboard (app/host/[session_id]/page.tsx): Renders three state views — Waiting (join code display, countdown, participant pill list, Start Now button), Live (current question card with correct answer highlighted, live leaderboard, Next Question and End Quiz buttons), and Ended (redirect to results). Subscribes to two Supabase Realtime channels for participant and session changes.

Quiz Page (app/quiz/[session_id]/page.tsx): The most complex component, managing six concurrent concerns: session state, per-question countdown timer (server-anchored via question_started_at), selected option, feedback state machine (idle / correct / wrong / timeout), answered-count progress, and live leaderboard sheet. Subscribes to three Realtime channels. The SVG circular timer ring uses strokeDashoffset animation for smooth visual countdown.

Result Page (app/result/[session_id]/page.tsx): Two-tab interface — Leaderboard (all participants ranked by score, top 3 medal emojis, current user highlighted) and My Answers (per-question review with correct/wrong/skipped status, earned points, and response time). Accessible to both host and participants.

6. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

6.1. Module Descriptions

The Quizzr platform comprises six primary user interface screens, each designed to support a specific stage of the quiz lifecycle. The interface emphasizes clarity, minimal interaction friction, and real-time responsiveness. All screenshots referenced in this section are captured from the live deployed application and reflect actual system behavior under production conditions.

Home Screen:

The Home Screen serves as the entry point to the application and establishes the platform's identity and purpose. It prominently displays the *QuizLive* brand, accompanied by a lightning bolt icon symbolizing speed and real-time interaction. The tagline, *"Real-time quizzes for Indian classrooms,"* clearly communicates the platform's educational focus. Two primary call-to-action (CTA) cards—*Join a Quiz* and *Create a Quiz*—are centrally positioned to guide users based on their intent, ensuring intuitive navigation for both students and instructors. Additionally, a dynamically updated "Recent Quizzes" section provides quick access to previously created sessions, each labeled with status badges such as *Live*, *Scheduled*, or *Ended*. As illustrated in Figure 7.1, sessions like *"Quiz 3" (QNLQLH)* and *"Testing 1" (QW4HYU)* are displayed with an *Ended* status, enabling users to track historical activity.

Create Quiz Screen:

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The quiz creation interface is implemented as a structured three-tab wizard to streamline the authoring process. The *Info* tab captures essential metadata, including quiz title and subject, ensuring proper categorization. The *Questions* tab allows instructors to define multiple-choice questions through visually distinct cards, each displaying the question text and four answer options. Correct answers are explicitly marked, as demonstrated in the Python quiz example where option A is designated as correct. The *Schedule* tab enables instructors to configure the session start time, supporting both immediate and delayed launches. Upon completion, the system automatically generates a unique six-character alphanumeric join code (e.g., Q42J7W), ensuring secure and simple session access for participants.

Host Dashboard — Waiting State:

Once a quiz session is created, the host is directed to the dashboard in a pre-live waiting state. The join code (e.g., Q42J7W) is prominently displayed in a large monospace font for maximum readability and ease of sharing. Integrated controls allow one-click copying and direct sharing via WhatsApp, aligning with common communication practices in Indian classrooms. A real-time countdown timer indicates the remaining time until the scheduled start (e.g., 06:37 until 7:00 PM IST), helping both instructors and students synchronize. For flexibility, a *Start Now* button is provided, enabling the instructor to override the schedule and begin the session immediately.

Participant Waiting Room:

After entering the join code and a display name (e.g., “sai teja”), participants are directed to a waiting room interface. This screen reinforces engagement while the session has not yet started. It displays the quiz title (e.g., “python”) along with a large, visually prominent digital countdown timer (e.g., 01:47). Subtle animated elements, such as bouncing dots, provide feedback that the system is active and responsive. A participant count card indicates how many users have joined the session (e.g., “1 participant joined”), helping build anticipation and awareness of group participation.

Live Quiz Screen (Participant View):

During the active quiz phase, participants interact with a highly responsive and visually structured interface. A linear progress bar at the top indicates overall quiz progression. The central element is an SVG-based circular countdown timer ring, visually representing the remaining response time (e.g., 22 seconds remaining in teal), which enhances urgency and engagement. Below the timer, the question text is clearly displayed, followed by four large, tappable option buttons optimized for both desktop and mobile interaction. Upon selection (e.g., option B), the chosen answer is immediately highlighted, and feedback is visually communicated. An answered-count progress bar at the bottom shows how many participants have responded, reinforcing the real-time, collective nature of the quiz experience.

Host Dashboard — Live State:

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In parallel, the instructor views a live monitoring dashboard. This interface displays the current question number (e.g., Q2 of 3), along with the correct answer highlighted (e.g., *C. Guido van Rossum* in teal). A real-time leaderboard ranks participants based on cumulative scores, with entries updating dynamically (e.g., "sai teja" at 2917 points). Control buttons such as *Next Question* and *End Quiz Now* are prominently placed, allowing the instructor to manage session flow efficiently. This dual-view architecture ensures that instructors maintain full control while participants remain focused on answering questions.

Wrong Answer Feedback Screen:

Immediate feedback is provided after each response, reinforcing learning outcomes. In cases of incorrect answers, the correct option (e.g., A: *.java*, as defined in the quiz) is highlighted in green, while the participant's incorrect selection (e.g., B: *.py*) is marked in red. A clear visual banner communicates the result: *"Wrong! Correct answer is highlighted above."* The countdown timer (e.g., 6 seconds remaining) continues to run, ensuring that the quiz maintains its pacing while still providing informative feedback.

Results Page:

At the conclusion of the quiz, participants are presented with a comprehensive results interface. A celebratory header featuring a gold medal icon highlights the participant's rank (e.g., *Rank #1 of 1*), creating a sense of achievement. Key performance metrics are displayed using structured tiles, including total points (e.g., 2917 Points), number of correct answers (2/3 Correct), and incorrect responses (1 Wrong). A dedicated leaderboard tab lists all participants, with the current user labeled (e.g., "sai teja (you)") for easy identification. Finally, a *Back to Home* button provides a clear exit path, completing the session flow.

Performance Analysis

TABLE IV — SYSTEM PERFORMANCE METRICS

Metric	Measured Value	Target / Status
Initial Page Load (Home, LCP)	~1.2 seconds	< 3 seconds ✓
Quiz Page Load (cold start)	~1.5 seconds	< 3 seconds ✓
Question Advance Latency (host → participant)	180–300 ms	< 500 ms ✓
Answer Submit → Leaderboard Update (host)	200–400 ms	< 500 ms ✓

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Metric	Measured Value	Target / Status
Participant Join → Waiting Room Update	150–250 ms	< 500 ms ✓
JavaScript Bundle Size (First Load, gzip)	~142 KB	< 200 KB ✓
Time to Interactive (4G network simulation)	~2.1 seconds	< 4 seconds ✓
Monthly Infrastructure Cost	₹0	Zero-cost target ✓
Supabase Free Tier DB Used	< 0.01 / 0.5 GB	Within free limits ✓

All performance targets were met on free-tier infrastructure. The question advance latency of 180–300 ms is imperceptible in a classroom setting. The 142 KB gzipped bundle is achieved by Next.js's automatic per-route code splitting — each page loads only the JavaScript it requires.

Design System — Colour Palette

TABLE 5 — DESIGN SYSTEM COLOUR TOKENS

Token	Hex Value	Usage
brand-50	#E8F8F3	Correct answer background, participant row highlight, info cards
brand-100	#C5EEE0	Avatar circle backgrounds, leaderboard pill backgrounds
brand-500 (Primary)	#1D9E75	Hero header, primary buttons, timer ring, focus rings, progress bars
brand-600	#178560	Avatar initials text, score displays, leaderboard scores
Red (Wrong Answer)	#EF4444 / red-400	Wrong answer option border/background, error banners
Amber (Timer Warning)	#D97706	Timer ring when 25–50% time remains
Red (Timer Critical)	#EF4444	Timer ring when < 25% time remains
Gray-100 / Gray-50	#F3F4F6 / #F9FAFB	Page background, card backgrounds, disabled states

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7. TESTING AND VALIDATION

7.1. Testing Methodology

To ensure the reliability, scalability, and usability of Quizzr, a comprehensive multi-layered testing strategy was implemented. The evaluation framework covered unit-level correctness, system-wide integration, security robustness, real-time performance, and end-user usability.

• Unit Testing:

Core utility functions were rigorously tested in isolation to validate correctness under a wide range of input conditions. Functions such as calculateScore, formatCountdown, getInitials, and toISTDisplay were subjected to boundary value analysis and edge-case scenarios. For example, calculateScore was tested with zero response time (instant answer), maximum allowable response delay, and incorrect responses to ensure accurate implementation of the time-decay scoring algorithm. Similarly, formatCountdown was verified for correct formatting under edge conditions such as negative values, rapid timer transitions, and large countdown durations. These tests ensured deterministic outputs and eliminated logical inconsistencies at the foundational level.

• Integration Testing:

End-to-end workflows were tested to validate seamless interaction between frontend components, backend services, and real-time communication layers. This included the complete lifecycle of a quiz session: instructor session creation, generation of a six-character join code, participant entry into the session, real-time question delivery, answer submission, score calculation, and final leaderboard display. Particular attention was given to state synchronization between multiple clients to ensure consistency of quiz progression. Integration testing confirmed that all modules operated cohesively without data loss, race conditions, or UI desynchronization.

• Security Testing:

Security validation focused on preventing common misuse scenarios and ensuring data integrity. Duplicate answer submissions were tested and successfully rejected using database-level constraints, specifically a UNIQUE constraint on participant-question combinations, ensuring that each participant could submit only one response per question. Additionally, the robustness of session access was evaluated through join-code entropy analysis. The six-character alphanumeric code space ($36^6 \approx 2.18$ billion combinations) provides sufficient resistance against brute-force attacks within the short lifespan of a quiz session. Input validation and sanitization mechanisms were also verified to prevent malformed data entry and potential injection vectors.

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• Real-Time Testing:

Given the real-time nature of Quizzr, performance testing was conducted to measure event propagation latency and synchronization accuracy. Using multiple concurrent test clients, question-advance and session-end events were monitored to ensure timely delivery across all connected participants. The system consistently achieved event propagation within the target threshold of 500 milliseconds, with observed latencies typically ranging between 180 and 300 milliseconds. These results confirm the effectiveness of Supabase Realtime WebSocket channels in maintaining low-latency, bidirectional communication, even under concurrent usage conditions.

• Usability Testing:

User-centric evaluation was conducted with a group of 8 participants, comprising 5 students and 3 faculty members, to assess ease of use and interaction efficiency. Participants were asked to complete the full quiz flow — from entering a session code to answering the first question — without any external guidance. The average completion time was recorded at 23 seconds, indicating a highly intuitive interface and minimal onboarding friction. Feedback highlighted the simplicity of the join process, clarity of the interface, and responsiveness of the system. Features such as instant code-based access and real-time feedback contributed significantly to a smooth user experience.

Overall, the testing and validation process confirms that Quizzr meets the critical requirements of correctness, performance, security, and usability. The system demonstrates robustness under both controlled and user-driven scenarios, validating its readiness for deployment in real-world classroom environments.

Test Case Results

TABLE 6 — FUNCTIONAL TEST CASE RESULTS

TC#	Module	Test Action	Expected Result	Actual	Status
TC-01	Create	Fill wizard & submit	Session created; host redirected to dashboard	As Expected	PASS
TC-02	Join	Valid code + name → Join	Participant inserted; redirect to waiting room	As Expected	PASS
TC-03	Join	Invalid code → Join	Error: 'Quiz code not found'	As Expected	PASS

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TC#	Module	Test Action	Expected Result	Actual	Status
TC-04	Join	Code of ended session	Error: 'Quiz has already ended'	As Expected	PASS
TC-05	Host	Click Start Now	Status → live; participant UI transitions	As Expected	PASS
TC-06	Quiz	Select correct option	Green feedback; score incremented by formula	As Expected	PASS
TC-07	Quiz	Select wrong option	Red feedback; correct answer highlighted; 0 pts	As Expected	PASS
TC-08	Quiz	Let timer expire (no answer)	Timeout state; correct answer shown; 0 pts	As Expected	PASS
TC-09	Quiz	Attempt duplicate submission	Rejected by UNIQUE DB constraint	As Expected	PASS
TC-10	Host	Click Next Question	current_question_index + 1; all clients update	As Expected	PASS
TC-11	Host	Click End Quiz Now	Status → ended; all clients redirect to results	As Expected	PASS
TC-12	Result	View Leaderboard tab	Correct rank, score, medal emojis displayed	As Expected	PASS
TC-13	Result	View My Answers tab	All questions with correct/wrong/skipped status	As Expected	PASS
TC-14	Host	Click WhatsApp share	WhatsApp opens with pre-composed join message	As Expected	PASS
TC-15	Quiz	Refresh browser mid-quiz	Session restored from localStorage; rejoins quiz	As Expected	PASS

All 15 test cases passed without modification. The server-authoritative timer test (TC-08) confirmed that the question_started_at database timestamp correctly anchors the countdown across all clients regardless of Realtime event delivery latency. The duplicate answer test (TC-09) confirmed that the database UNIQUE constraint is enforced independently of application-layer logic.

8. CONCLUSION

This paper presented Quizzr — a free, open-source, and technically unlimited real-time multiplayer quiz platform engineered using Next.js 14 (App Router), Supabase (PostgreSQL integrated with Realtime WebSockets), TypeScript, and Tailwind CSS — with the primary objective of democratizing access to interactive classroom assessment in Indian educational institutions. The platform was conceptualized and developed in response to the structural and financial limitations imposed by existing commercial quiz solutions, which restrict core functionalities such as participant capacity, question limits, and advanced features behind subscription-based pricing models. These constraints disproportionately affect government schools and budget-constrained institutions, thereby limiting the adoption of digital formative assessment tools.

Quizzr directly addresses these limitations by eliminating the three most critical deficiencies observed in existing platforms. First, it imposes no participant limits, allowing any number of students to join a session without performance degradation, making it suitable for both small classrooms and large lecture halls. Second, it removes all restrictions on the number of questions per quiz, enabling instructors to design comprehensive assessments tailored to their pedagogical objectives. Third, it minimizes student onboarding friction by requiring only a display name and a unique six-character session code, completely removing the need for account creation, email verification, or application installation. This lightweight access model ensures inclusivity and ease of use, particularly in environments with limited digital literacy or constrained device capabilities.

From a system reliability and correctness perspective, Quizzr demonstrated strong performance across all defined evaluation criteria. All 15 functional test cases, covering session creation, real-time synchronization, scoring logic, and user interaction flows, were successfully passed, confirming the robustness of the implementation. The platform leverages Supabase Realtime WebSocket channels to ensure efficient event propagation, with measured latencies for question-advance events ranging between 180 and 300 milliseconds. This near-instantaneous synchronization enables a seamless and engaging live quiz experience, even under concurrent usage scenarios.

In addition to performance, usability testing further validated the platform's effectiveness in real-world classroom conditions. Observations indicate that students are able to complete the entire join-to-first-answer workflow in under 30 seconds, highlighting the intuitive design and minimal

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entry barriers. Features such as WhatsApp-native sharing of session codes significantly enhance accessibility, as they align with widely adopted communication practices in India. Furthermore, the inclusion of a time-decay, speed-based scoring algorithm introduces a gamified competitive element, while live leaderboards provide immediate feedback and motivation, collectively fostering higher engagement and participation among students.

A key contribution of Quizzr lies in its zero-cost deployment model. By utilizing the free tiers of Vercel for hosting and Supabase for backend infrastructure, the platform operates at ₹0 per month without compromising on performance or scalability. This demonstrates the practical feasibility of building and maintaining a production-grade, real-time educational technology system using modern cloud-native tools without incurring financial overhead. Such an approach is particularly significant in the Indian context, where cost remains a major barrier to EdTech adoption.

In conclusion, Quizzr exemplifies how open-source principles, efficient system design, and modern web technologies can converge to create a scalable, high-performance, and economically sustainable solution for interactive formative assessment. By removing financial, technical, and usability barriers, the platform directly addresses the equity gap in access to digital learning tools. It empowers educators with unrestricted capabilities while enabling students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds to actively participate in engaging, real-time learning experiences. This work underscores the broader potential of cost-free, scalable EdTech solutions in advancing inclusive education and bridging the digital divide in India

9. FUTURE SCOPE

- Server-side API Routes for Score Security: Move score computation and update to Next.js API routes with server-side signature verification, eliminating the residual risk of client-side score manipulation via direct Supabase REST calls.
- Question Type Expansion: Add true/false, short-answer text input, and image-based question types to broaden the range of subjects and assessment styles supported.
- Instructor Analytics Dashboard: Post-session charts showing per-question answer distribution, average response time, and participant performance trends across multiple sessions.
- AI-Powered Question Generation: Integration with a language model API to auto-generate quiz questions from a topic or pasted curriculum text, reducing quiz creation time from minutes to seconds.
- Team Mode: Group participants into teams with aggregated team scores for collaborative classroom learning activities.
- Progressive Web App (PWA): Service worker and web manifest for home-screen installation on Android devices and offline resilience.

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- Multi-Language Support: Interface localisation to Hindi and other Indian regional languages for non-English-medium classrooms.
- LMS Integration: REST API endpoints and webhooks for Moodle and Google Classroom to automatically push quiz results into institutional gradebooks.
- Auto-Advance Option: Configurable automatic question advancement after the time limit expires, giving instructors the choice between manual-paced and auto-paced quiz modes.

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