

AI

Speaking and Writing Assessment

SPEAKER:

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Abstract

The ability to assess student writing and speaking with AI is now here. There has been a lot of discussion about the dangers, concerns of AI on education. But much of this is quite abstract. As a developer of open source software solutions for language teachers, those dangers and concerns are very real for us. They are problems we need to solve because we are tasked with building the very tools that will deliver AI to the classroom. We have been under constant pressure from our users to make an AI speaking and writing assessment tool. In this presentation I will explain how we built the assessment tool, and talk about the use cases we were targeting, the concerns we had, and the decisions we made.

Biography

Justin Hunt is the founder of Poodll, a solution for language teachers. Poodll for Moodle is used in hundreds of schools and universities and organizations around the world. Justin is originally from New Zealand but is based in Japan where he has worked for over 25 years in both software development and teaching. As a language teacher and software developer he is deeply interested in improving the way languages are taught and learnt. And excited about the opportunities that recent technology has opened for language learners and teachers.

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