

Innovations for 21st Century Assessment Authoring: A Collaboration Between OAT and LIST

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Assessment Technologies (OAT), home of TAO, the leader in digital assessment software, and the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) are pleased to announce an innovative collaboration aimed at revolutionizing web-based assessment item generation through the integration of Generative AI technology. This strategic partnership seeks to enhance the creation, accessibility, and quality of AI-generated educational content while reinforcing Luxembourg's position as a hub for innovation in AI-driven test item generation.



Advancing the Future of Assessment Authoring

This groundbreaking initiative is driven by both business and research objectives that align with the shared vision of OAT and LIST. A key focus is enhancing competitiveness by modernizing web-based authoring platforms with Generative AI, optimizing user experience, and significantly reducing the time and effort required for assessment creation.

The project also aims to develop an intuitive and accessible assessment authoring tool that complies with international accessibility standards (WCAG 2.1 AA), ensuring usability for educators of all backgrounds. Additionally, the integration of automated item generation will enable assessment authors to efficiently generate test items from informational sources, streamlining the review and revision process.

Through embedding AI-powered item generation within online learning platforms, the initiative seeks to expand market opportunities and improve compatibility with educational software. Furthermore, the project prioritizes instructor support by making AI-driven innovations user-

friendly, ultimately enhancing the quality and effectiveness of assessment content. Finally, by leveraging LIST's expertise, this collaboration will foster worldwide innovation, creating a globally distinguished AI-based solution that emphasizes the quality and reliability of AI-generated test items.

Research-Based Objectives:

Quality Assurance: Developing robust methodologies to ensure explainability, correctness, and ethical bias mitigation in AI-generated assessment items.

Pioneering a Reliable Solution: Unlike competitors who claim to use Generative AI for assessment generation, OAT aims to be the first to integrate built-in quality assurances, drawing from its extensive expertise in digital assessment solutions.

LIST plays a crucial role in this initiative by providing its deep expertise in AI explainability and ethical AI considerations, ensuring that the generated test items are not only innovative but also reliable and trustworthy. This partnership firmly positions OAT as a leader in AI-driven assessment technology, enhancing its global competitiveness while fostering local technological advancement.

A Transformative Step in AI-Driven Education

The collaboration between OAT and LIST represents a significant leap forward in AI-powered educational assessment. By merging research excellence with state-of-the-art technology, this initiative is set to redefine the efficiency and quality of assessment authoring, benefiting educators and institutions worldwide. Furthermore, this project underscores Luxembourg's role as a center for AI innovation in education technology.

About Open Assessment Technologies

"Our collaboration with LIST represents a groundbreaking step in modernizing web-based assessment authoring through Generative AI. By prioritizing quality assurance in AI-generated test items, we are not only enhancing efficiency and accessibility for educators but also setting new standards for reliability in digital assessment." – Mack K. Machida, Co-Chief Executive Officer

TAO, from Open Assessment Technologies, is the leading digital assessment solution for education and career advancement. Modular, customizable, and interoperable by design, TAO empowers users to break free from proprietary constraints, eliminate costly licensing fees, and take full control of their testing resources. Available in more than 82 languages, TAO has facilitated the delivery of over 100 million tests worldwide.

For more information about TAO, please visit: <http://www.taotesting.com>

About Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology

"Our expertise in the development of AI-enhanced systems will be key to helping OAT select and integrate LLMs as part of their generation strategy. For LIST, this application domain presents an

exciting opportunity to test the low-code and generative techniques we are developing as part of our FNR PEARL BESSER project.” – Jordi Cabot, Head of the Software Engineer, RDI Unit at LIST

The Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) is a Research and Technology Organization (RTO) operating under the authority of the Ministry of Research and Higher Education. Dedicated to developing competitive, market-driven product and service prototypes, LIST collaborates with public and private stakeholders to drive innovation.

With over 710 employees—nearly 80% of whom are researchers or innovators—LIST is active in the fields of information technology, materials, space resources, and environmental sciences. By transforming scientific knowledge into advanced technologies, data-driven solutions, and intelligent tools, LIST helps European citizens make informed choices, supports public authorities in decision-making, and enables businesses to grow.

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