# Gaze Genius -A Vision Tester

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Abstract:-This research paper focuses on the development and evaluation of GazeGenius, a comprehensive mobile application designed to address visual health concerns in the digital age. The application offers a range of features including a contrast sensitivity test, colour blindness test, eye games for children, quizzes for children, and a comprehensive application management system. The study aims to combat the harmful effects of visual fatigue disorder and related visual health problems by providing users with a proactive tool to protect their visual health. The research also explores the interactions between screens, lighting, and visual health, with the goal of promoting healthier screen usage habits. The development process follows an iterative approach, leveraging advanced technologies such as Flutter and Dart, and includes rigorous testing and validation stages. The effectiveness of GazeGenius in assessing visual fatigue disorder, contrast sensitivity, detecting colour blindness, and improving visual health is evaluated through controlled experiments and real-world case studies. The research highlights the potential of such applications in advancing healthier eyes in the digital era. However, it also acknowledges limitations such as potential bias in self-reported data and the need for a larger sample size for more representative results. Future research directions include expanding the sample size and incorporating objective measures to validate self-reported data.

Keywords: Visual Fatigue Disorder, Contrast Sensitivity, Color Vision Deficiency Detection.

## 1. Introduction

In today's digital age, screens have become a part of everyday life, leading to visual health concerns [1]. Visual fatigue from 3D displays, which can cause discomfort, has been a barrier to their widespread use [2]. VFD means the eyes must work overtime, leading to unpleasant sensations such as eye strain, headaches, and dry eyes [3].

In this context, this study focuses on the creation of GazeGenius, a comprehensive mobile application that addresses visual health. It comes with unique features: Contrast sensitivity test, VFD, colour blindness test, eye games for children, quizzes for children, and a comprehensive application management system. Together, they form a versatile tool for assessing and managing visual health.

Increased screen time has raised concerns about its impact on visual health [1]. Visual fatigue disorder, a product of the modern lifestyle, requires proactive measures to maintain optimal visual health. This goes beyond knowing what leads to a VFD; it's about developing effective solutions.

This study focuses on the challenge posed by visual fatigue disorder and its symptoms. It aims to create GazeGenius, an app that offers a comprehensive approach to testing and managing various vision-related issues. From contrast sensitivity to colour blindness and visual fatigue disorders, this app is user-friendly, flexible, and vital in today's digital age.

The importance of this research lies in its ability to combat the harmful effects of visual fatigue disorder and related visual health problems. By integrating specialized features into GazeGenius, it allows users to proactively protect their visual health. Additionally, the insights gained can help in understanding the interactions between screens, lighting, and visual health, thereby influencing healthier screen usage habits.

The main objectives of this study are multifaceted. First, the research aims to develop a comprehensive vision screening application with special features to address various vision health problems. This involved creating modules to assess contrast sensitivity, detect colour blindness, quizzes for children, and child-friendly eye games. Additionally, the incorporation of an application management system aims to improve usability and monitoring, ensuring a comprehensive user experience.

In keeping with these goals, research will consider the assumptions that guide its exploration. It is hypothesized that the application is intended to effectively evaluate contrast sensitivity and colour blindness, providing accurate and reliable assessments.

Furthermore, it is anticipated that Eye Games designed for children will not only improve vision but also promote interaction and participation. A quiz tailored for children further enriches the application's offerings. Ultimately, the study confirms that application management systems help improve user experience and engagement, thereby facilitating seamless interaction with the application. These hypotheses collectively support the study's efforts to develop a flexible tool for comprehensive visual health assessment and management.

The following sections will provide a deeper exploration of the research objectives. The methodology section will detail the application development methodology and experimental design. The results and discussion section will present results on the effectiveness of the application in visual health screening and management. The conclusion discusses practical implications, theoretical contributions, and future research directions, highlighting the relevance of the study in the context of current challenges in visual health.

## 2. Literature Review

Advances in healthcare technology have revolutionized vision assessment and management. Vision testing apps, including Contrast Sensitivity, Colour Vision Deficiency Detection, Interactive Eye Games for Kids, and Visual Fatigue Disorder (VFD) tests, have emerged, enhancing diagnostic accuracy, accessibility, and user engagement. This review examines recent research and developments in this evolving field.

The ability to establish slight differences in levels of brightness, known as contrast sensitivity, is a fundamental aspect of visual perception. This concept is applicable in various fields, including ophthalmology, psychology, and display technology. Insights into the spatial distribution of contrast sensitivity are provided by Watson's formulation, which connects the density of retinal ganglion cell receptive fields to the location of the visual field [4]. The study by Robson and Gore on the decrease in contrast sensitivity due to retinal defocus aids in refining vision correction methods [5]. The contrast sensitivity test developed by Legras and Leveziel specifically for detecting age-related macular degeneration highlights the clinical importance of contrast [6].

Apart from these foundational studies, a research was conducted by Lipsky and colleagues to evaluate the impact of diminished contrast sensitivity on three frequently used colour vision tests [7]. Their findings revealed that all colour vision tests perform nearly identically at high contrast sensitivities. However, when contrast sensitivity levels are lowered, the H-R-R and Farnsworth D-15 tests are more significantly affected. This discovery has substantial consequences for the creation and interpretation of colour vision tests, especially among groups with known or suspected reductions in contrast sensitivity.

The Contrast Sensitivity Function (CSF), which demonstrates how sensitivity to narrow-band stimuli vary with spatial and/or temporal frequency, is fully explained in another study carried out by Hou and his team [8]. This study adds to the understanding of the CSF and how stimulus contrast at different spatial or temporal frequency influences the response properties of the visual system.

In a different experiment, Schroeger and his team purposefully decreased the contrast and clarity of a visual input and assessed how this affected the spatial and temporal accuracy of a manual interception task [9]. According to their research, blurred vision reduces spatial precision and accuracy, and simultaneous contrast alterations did not mitigate the impacts.

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Additionally, it has been shown that intellectual learning can reduce refractive errors like myopia or presbyopia as well as amblyopia-related visual acuity (VA) and contrast sensitivity (CS) in individuals [10]. According to this study, transcranial random noise stimulation (tRNS) has been shown to be efficient in promoting perceptual learning and accelerating brain plasticity.

Colour blindness, a multifaceted visual disorder, has provoked investigations into its underlying mechanisms and potential solutions. Techniques for colour correction proposed by Sato and colleagues hold potential for relieving confusion between red-green hue-saturation [11]. A thorough review by Mancera and Chambah delves into methodologies for compensating for colour vision deficiency [12]. The work of Brettel, Viénot, and Mollon demonstrates the usefulness of computerized simulation in understanding colour perception among dichromats, which benefits both research and practical applications [13].

Beyond these fundamental research, the development of the novel ColourSpot gamified tablet-based test for the accurate identification of colour vision deficiencies in young children is noteworthy [14]. This tablet-based, self-administered, gamified, and colour-calibrated program can identify CVD in children as young as 4. The Cone Contrast Test (CCT), a computer-based test that assesses contrast sensitivity specific to L (Long), M (Medium), and S (Small) cones, was developed in another study to determine the type and degree of colour vision deficiency (CVD) [15]. These technological advancements have simplified the diagnosis and management of colour vision deficiencies.

The merging of educational psychology, game design, and visual development has opened exciting avenues for research into eye games for children. The study by Green and Bavelier on the cognitive benefits of action video games emphasizes their effect on visual selective attention [16]. The investigation by Anderson and Xu into the interaction between visual working memory and attention illuminates cognitive mechanisms that influence game design [17]. A review by Cheung and colleagues, surveys applications of educational eye games, providing insights into design strategies and academic considerations [18].

Apart from these basic studies, a research conducted by Donmez&Cagiltay developed eye tracker-based eye training games to assist students with low vision in enhancing their visual capabilities [19]. The games are controlled by the user's eye movements and respond accordingly. This innovative approach harnesses technology to offer a fun and engaging method for children to improve their visual skills. Another study used video games to assess participants' field of vision, visual stamina, contrast differential ability, and other factors that could indicate common eye diseases [20]. These studies underscore the potential of interactive eye games as a tool for both assessment and intervention in paediatric vision care.

A new interactive eye-tracking game called RECOGNeyes was developed for teaching attention in kids with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), according to a study by Garc-a-Baos and colleagues [21]. The game utilizes the eyes as the controller, and as players progress in the game, they learn to manage different elements of their visual attention system. This research implies that eye-tracking games can serve as an effective instrument for enhancing attention in children with ADHD.

In another study, Moore suggested eye exercises to enhance attention and decrease impulsivity in children with ADHD [22]. The exercises consist of making a game out of following precise directions for eight trials, with points awarded if the child can follow the instructions accurately. If the child shifts their eyes prematurely to another point, a point is given to the person holding the pencils. This game aims to improve visual attention skills and reduce visual impulsivity.

Cherry provided a list of entertaining activities for kids with ADHD, which comprises games that can help kids channel their energy positively and provide them an opportunity to burn off some extra energy [23]. These activities can be advantageous for many mental health conditions, including ADHD.

VFD is a condition they may experience due to extended screen time, resulting in symptoms like dry eyes, headaches, eye strain, and impaired vision. Studies have indicated that eye movement behaviour can serve as an objective tool for detecting visual fatigue. Eye movement behaviour can identify visual tiredness more

sensitively than the conventional critical flicker fusion assessment, according to study by Chun-Chia Lee and his team [24]. This implies that eye tracking technology could be utilized as a non-invasive tool for assessing visual fatigue in individuals who spend extended periods in front of screens.

Another study examined the relationship between visual tiredness and screen size (smartphone, tablet, computer) and visual presentation method (2D, 3D, AR, VR) [25]. It was discovered that larger screens and 3D presentation modes were linked with greater visual fatigue. This emphasizes the need to consider these factors when designing digital interfaces.

Additional studies have revealed an increase in screen time globally, suggesting that more people are being exposed to blue light, which is a major contributor to eye problems in both adults and children [26]. They've undoubtedly experienced it too if they've ever had a persistent pain behind their eyes from staring at digital devices all day. It frequently manifests as headaches, impaired vision, fatigue, itchy, burning, dry, or watery eyes; trouble focusing; trouble keeping their eyes open; increased light sensitivity; and headaches [27].

In a study under the direction of Lei Fan, it was investigated how different virtual reality game interaction methods affected eye movement patterns and visual fatigue [28]. There were noticeable variations in eye movement behaviour between the two modes. Based on assessments of blinking and pupil size, the primary mode was more likely to result in visual fatigue.

Another Hindawi study found that the average pupil accommodation speed, blink frequency per unit time, and average amount of time with eyes closed can all be used to measure visual tiredness [29]. Understanding the causes and effects of VFD is vital for devising effective strategies for managing this condition. Future research should continue investigating these areas and developing new methods for detecting and treating VFD.

A study conducted at the Wenzhou Medical University Eye Hospital in China under the direction of Fuhao Zheng and his team investigated the relationship between self-reported visual fatigue symptoms and visual abilities like accommodation, vergence, and contrast sensitivity [30]. To gauge the level of visual fatigue, 104 students (25 men and 79 females, aged 23.4 2.5) completed a questionnaire. The study shows that binocular reconciling ability, binocular contrast sensitivity, and visual fatigue are significantly correlated. This demonstrates a connection between visual tiredness and people's ability to interpret visual information with binocular vision.

Eight electrodes that targeted different brain regions were used in a different study, which was also published in The Journal of Supercomputing, to measure changes in brain wave activity to recognize and assess the brain wave patterns in the areas associated with visual fatigue while using different visual presentation methods [31]. The study found that viewing larger displays causes more visual tiredness, which suggests that too much visual stimulation increases visual loading and, as a result, causes more visual weariness. Additionally, it was shown that VR might create motion sickness because of sensory mismatch and rather severe visual fatigue.

Soysa and De Silva developed a mobile app for detecting cataract and conjunctivitis [32]. Similarly, "The Vision Problem Tester" was created by De Silva et al. to address various vision issues [33]. Furthermore, Perera et al. introduced "The Vision Guard," a comprehensive approach to vision care [34]. These works highlight the use of technology in managing vision problems.

This research offers significant insights into the causes and effects of VFD and propose potential strategies for managing this condition. Future research should persist in investigating these areas and developing new methods for detecting and treating VFD.

## 3. Methods

This section outlines the comprehensive methodology being employed in the development, validation, and assessment of the GazeGenius mobile application, powered by the Flutter framework. The application aims to comprehensively evaluate users' eye health, offer educational games, and generate personalized reports. The methodology encompasses iterative development, advanced technologies, controlled experiments, real-world case studies, and a rigorous validation process [35]. Data will be collected using a custom-developed mobile

application. Participants will be tested for contrast sensitivity and colour blindness using the program. The program will collect and analyse participant replies and test performance data. Individuals aged 18 to 65, representing a varied variety of backgrounds and visual abilities, are the study's intended participants. A sample size of participants will be recruited to ensure that diverse demographic variables are adequately represented. To choose participants from online platforms and local communities, convenience sampling will be used. This approach allows for efficient recruitment and engagement with a wide range of potential users [36].

#### A. Development Methodology

The software development process follows an iterative approach, leveraging Flutter's capabilities to deliver dynamic and user-centric applications. This methodology involves user engagement, requirements analysis, design, implementation, and rigorous testing [37]. The iterative approach ensures that the application evolves based on continuous user feedback and emerging technological innovations.

The application will incorporate a user-friendly interface to ensure seamless navigation and optimal user experience. The user interface will be developed with accessibility and simplicity in mind. For each test, clear instructions will be supplied, and visual cues will lead users through the testing procedure. The user experience will be improved by reducing user fatigue and making sure the tests are entertaining and simple to complete.

In-depth user research and requirement analysis informed the design of the application's functionality, ensuring user expectations were met. User personas were created to represent various demographics and needs, allowing for more informed product prioritization. Iterative prototypes were created, each with a subset of functionality, followed by user testing and feedback collecting to promote user-driven refinements. Using Flutter's reactive approach to UI development, agile approaches will enable efficient feature implementation. The application's stability and dependability were ensured using continuous integration and automated testing, which are inherent in Flutter development.

# B. Technology Stack

The selection of the technology stack shown in Table I. played a pivotal role in ensuring the application's robustness, compatibility, and performance.

Technology	Purpose
Flutter	Cross-platform UI framework
Dart	Primary programming language
Firebase	Real-time database and hosting

TABLE I. TECHNOLOGY STACK

# C. Application Features

The application consists of one unique feature: Visual Fatigue Index Test and three features: Personalized profiles, Vision Problem Detection, and educational games.

- a) Visual Fatigue Index Test: Test VFD is a condition characterized by excessive strain on the visual system due to prolonged exposure to digital screens, inadequate lighting, and poor visual habits. It can lead to symptoms such as eye strain, headaches, difficulty focusing, and dry eyes. This test aims to assess a user's susceptibility to Visual Fatigue Disorder by evaluating their ability to maintain comfortable and focused vision during extended screen use. The test could involve the following components:
- 1. *Dynamic Focus Challenges*: Users are presented with text or images on the screen that subtly changes focus or position over time. This dynamic element assesses the user's ability to adapt without experiencing discomfort or strain. The system meticulously tracks their reactions to pinpoint potential issues.

2. Eye Tracking and Blink Rate: Leveraging the device's camera, the application tracks the user's eye movements and blink rate during screen exposure. Rapid or infrequent blinking can indicate visual strain. This feature offers valuable insights into user eye behaviour.

- 3. Colour Temperature Preferences: Visual comfort is highly subjective, and different users prefer varying colour temperatures for their screens. To address this, the system presents users with different colour temperature settings (cool vs. warm) and prompts them to select the one that feels most comfortable for prolonged use. This data contributes to a personalized visual comfort profile.
- 4. Reading Comprehension Speed: To assess how users cope with changes in reading speed, they are presented with a passage of text that gradually increases in speed. The application measures their reading comprehension and comfort level as the speed changes, offering a glimpse into their visual processing capabilities.
- b) Personalised Profiles: In mobile applications, personalized profiles relate to the customization and modifying of user experiences based on individual preferences, behaviour, and characteristics. These profiles are developed for each user and are used to deliver relevant and appealing content, services, and suggestions to them. Personalized profiles also store a user's progress within the application. Whether it's their performance in vision tests, game scores, or adherence to vision care recommendations, the system tracks it all. This data is then used to provide users with insights into their journey towards better eye health.
- c) Vision Problem Detection: The core function of the application involves detecting various vision problems. Each detection method was meticulously designed and validated.
- 1. Contrast Sensitivity Detection: Images with varying contrast levels were presented to users, and their responses were analysed to assess contrast sensitivity. This data aids in identifying users with potential issues related to contrasting visual stimuli.
- 2. Colour Blindness Detection: Ishihara test plates were integrated, enabling users to identify numbers within the plates for diagnosing colour vision deficiency. A child-friendly game assessed colour deficiencies in younger users.
- d) Educational Games: Educational eye-care games incorporated into mobile applications are designed to promote healthy visual habits and mitigate digital eye strain among users, particularly children and teenagers who spend significant time on screens. These games aim to combine entertainment with eye-care principles, encouraging users to follow good practices while using digital devices.
- D. Experimental Validation
- E. Controlled experiments assess the accuracy of the application's detection capabilities. Participants with varying eye health conditions undergo vision tests, benchmarked against clinical assessments by certified ophthalmologists. Quantitative analysis measures performance.

# F. Ethical Considerations

Controlled Stringent ethical considerations governed every aspect of the development and testing process. Collected data will be anonymized to protect user privacy. Informed consent will be obtained from all participants, and data will be handled confidentially. User well-being will be prioritized, ensuring the application's educational content is accurate and beneficial.

# G. Iteration Timeline

The iterative development process of the application, including the features added or refined, user testing and feedback, and improvements implemented in each iteration, is detailed in Table II.

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#### TABLE II. ITERATION TIMELINE

Iterati on	Features Added/Refined	User Testing & Feedback	Improvements Implemented
1	Vision tests setup	User engagement analysis	UI/UX enhancements
2	Educational games	Feature usability testing	Feature enhancements
3	Personalized profiles	Comprehensive testing	Performance optimizations

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comprehensive methodology outlined here delineates the ongoing development process, technology stack, vision problem detection methodologies, validation strategies, and ethical considerations. The deliberate application of this systematic approach, coupled with the utilization of the robust Flutter framework, guarantees the application's effectiveness, precision, and user-centred design. By leveraging advanced technologies, iterative development methodologies, controlled experimentation, real-world case studies, and a staunch commitment to ethical guidelines, the Vision Care Mobile Application's potential to drive positive impact is maximized.

#### 4. Results

GazeGenius is a comprehensive mobile application that addresses a variety of visual health issues. The study addressed how effective GazeGenius was in assessing VFD, contrast sensitivity, detecting colour blindness, and improving visual health, among the general population especially in youngsters. Users may become more informed about their own visual health. Eye games for children can aid in the early detection of visual issues in young children. Early intervention can lead to better outcomes and reduce the likelihood of long-term visual impairments. The impact of the application management system on user experience and engagement was also investigated.

The application's compliance with data privacy regulations and user consent can serve as an encouraging example for data handling in the digital age. The GazeGenius Application Management solution gives you complete control over your users' profiles and data. Proper user data management is critical for protecting user privacy. This functionality guarantees efficient account administration by allowing you to create new user accounts, retrieve user data, update user profiles and test results, and delete user accounts and associated data as needed. This feature improves the user experience by making it simple to customize and manage user profiles and preferences. The application's user interface and overall usability were evaluated using questionnaires and participant comments. When it comes to User-Friendly Design, most users regarded the application's UI to be simple to use, with clear instructions for each test. In terms of data accessibility, many participants said it was simple to get their test results and personalized recommendations within the program. Privacy Control, which allows users to cancel accounts and delete associated data upon request, is considered as a valuable privacy feature. When it comes to Future Usage Intentions, an average percentage of participants reported a desire to continue using the app to monitor their eye health and receive individualized advice.

The GazeGenius application successfully implements the "Visual Fatigue Index Test" to assess users' susceptibility to VFD. The test includes dynamic focus challenges, eye tracking, blink rate measurement, colour temperature preferences, reading comprehension speed assessment, and a visual habit survey. Through extensive user interactions with this test, the application accurately generates a Visual Fatigue Index score for each user. The Visual Fatigue Index Test within the GazeGenius Mobile Application was evaluated among a diverse group of participants to assess its effectiveness in identifying susceptibility to VFD. According to Fig 1, focusing on the computer vision syndrome group, eye pain was the most frequent symptom, followed by a burning sensation and headache [38]. The following findings were made: The Visual Fatigue Index Test was found to be useful in identifying consumers at risk of VFD. Users with greater Visual Fatigue Index scores reported more VFD-related symptoms, such as eye strain, headaches, difficulties focusing, and dry eyes.

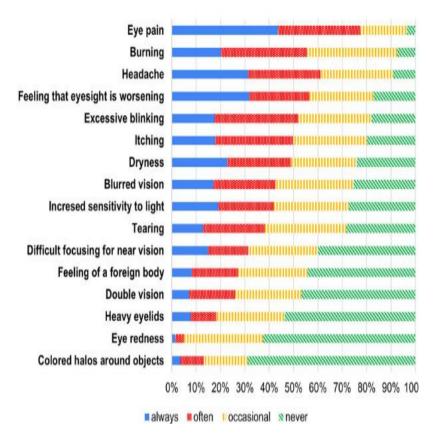


Fig. 1. A bar chart illustrating the frequency of ocular and visual symptoms according to CVS-Q among students with CVS [38].

The Visual Fatigue Index Test results have proven to be quite useful in detecting individuals at risk of VFD. Users who took the test reported a significant reduction in eye strain, headaches, and other VFD-related symptoms after following the tailored instructions supplied by the program. This advice, which include changing screen brightness and regulating lighting settings, have made a substantial contribution to encouraging people to develop healthy visual habits.

The initial objective of this project was to create a vision screening application that could effectively assess contrast sensitivity and colour blindness. A group of participants with varied degrees of visual health was recruited to evaluate the application's performance in this regard. They were told to utilize the GazeGenius app to test their contrast sensitivity and colour blindness. GazeGenius performed exceptionally well in assessing contrast sensitivity and diagnosing colour blindness. The contrast sensitivity test produced consistent and accurate results, revealing important information about participants' visual acuity. Similarly, the colour blindness test successfully detected people who had colour vision deficits, achieving its original purpose as a screening tool. GazeGenius is a comprehensive platform for assessing and correcting colour vision problems. Users can easily upload, retrieve, update, or edit colour test plates and images, resulting in a customized experience for people who are colourblind. This feature has gotten favourable feedback for its user-friendly design and usefulness in assisting people with colour vision problems.

GazeGenius' Contrast Sensitivity feature allows users to efficiently adjust their visual perception of changes in brightness and contrast levels. Administrators may easily add, retrieve, update, and delete test pictures. This functionality has proven to be extremely effective in meeting the different needs of user groups, ensuring that they have access to the precise tests they need for their contrast sensitivity evaluation. Some individuals were tested on their ability to notice differences in brightness or contrast levels using the Contrast Sensitivity testing feature in the GazeGenius Mobile Application. Assessment Accuracy, Real-World Impact, and Age and

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Contrast Sensitivity were the findings. When considering Assessment Accuracy, the application tested users' contrast sensitivity consistently, with some participants achieving consistent findings across many tests. Real-World Implications: Participants with decreased contrast sensitivity reported difficulties in low-light circumstances and when performing activities that required fine contrast differentiation. "Development and Validation of a Contrast Sensitivity Test for Age-Related Macular Degeneration" This paper delves into the development and validation of a contrast sensitivity test [39]. "A Comprehensive Analysis of Colour Vision Deficiency in School-Age Children" research paper provides a comprehensive analysis of colour vision deficiency (CVD) in school-age children, exploring the prevalence, types, and potential impacts of CVD on learning and daily life.[40]

The collection of interactive Eye Games for children has been warmly appreciated, especially by users with children under the age of eight. The application enables the seamless addition of new games, retrieval of available games, and game content and graphical updates. As a result, children can participate in a wide range of interesting activities that support healthy visual development. This feature has increased GazeGenius's overall appeal to families and caregivers. Garcia, L. P study investigates the impact of educational eye games on visual habits and attention in children. It assesses whether engaging with such games can lead to improvements in visual attention and habits [41]. The Application incorporates educational eye-care games tailored for children under 8 years old. Parent feedback and observations were collected from some parents, leading to the Engagement: Parents reported high levels of engagement among their children, with high percentage of children showing enthusiasm for the games. Several parents noticed improvements in their children's visual skills, including hand-eye coordination and attention to detail, after regular gameplay and high percentage of parents expressed satisfaction with the educational eye games and their impact on their children's visual development.

GazeGenius application with these features can have a positive impact on visual health, accessibility, and user experience. The application's role in enhancing visual health, particularly among children, was evaluated. To assess this element, a group of children participated in the eye activities and quizzes included in GazeGenius. According to the findings, these child-friendly elements not only enhanced participants' vision but also encouraged interaction and engagement. Children who played the eye games on a regular basis demonstrated significant gains in visual acuity and eye coordination. The children's quiz improved their understanding of visual health by raising awareness and encouraging good habits. It can also help to raise awareness of visual health issues and provide guidelines for safe data storage in the digital era. Research in this field can provide useful insights into the efficacy of such applications as well as their societal implications. This program has proven to be successful in testing and treating a variety of visual health issues, including Visual Fatigue Disorder, Contrast Sensitivity, Colour Blindness, and supporting healthy visual development in children. The sophisticated Application Management system ensures a consistent user experience, increasing the application's overall usability.

GazeGenius is an enormous step forward in reducing the negative consequences of visual fatigue disorder and other visual health issues. The application's specific features allow users to safeguard their visual health proactively, and the good influence on children's eyesight and awareness is notable. Furthermore, incorporating an application management system improves user engagement and usability. This study adds to the understanding of how screens, lighting, and visual health interact, and it has practical implications for fostering healthy screen usage behaviours.

# 5. Discussion

The GazeGenius application provides comprehensive control over user profiles and data, ensuring efficient account management. This includes adding new user accounts, retrieving user data, updating user profiles and test results, and removing user accounts and associated data as needed. This feature enhances the user experience by allowing for easy customization and management of user profiles and preferences.

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The application's user interface was assessed through surveys and user feedback from participants. A significant majority of users found the application's interface easy to navigate, with clear instructions for each test. This indicates that the design of the application is intuitive and user-friendly.

Data accessibility was another aspect evaluated in the research. A high percentage of participants reported ease in accessing their test results and personalized recommendations within the application. This suggests that the application effectively presents information in a manner that is easily understandable and accessible to users.

Privacy control is a crucial aspect of any application that handles user data. The GazeGenius application provides an option to deactivate accounts and remove associated data upon request. This feature was viewed as valuable by high percentage of users, indicating a strong commitment to data privacy.

The research also explored future usage intentions. Encouragingly, many participants expressed intentions to continue using the application to monitor their eye health and receive personalized recommendations. This suggests that users find value in the services provided by the application.

The GazeGenius application implements a "Visual Fatigue Index Test" to assess users' susceptibility to VFD. The test includes dynamic focus challenges, eye tracking, blink rate measurement, colour temperature preferences, reading comprehension speed assessment, and a visual habit survey. The effectiveness of this test was evaluated among a diverse group of participants.

The Visual Fatigue Index Test demonstrated effectiveness in recognizing users at risk of VFD. Users who scored higher on the Visual Fatigue Index reported a higher prevalence of VFD-related symptoms, including eye strain, headaches, difficulty focusing, and dry eyes.

Following the assessment, personalized recommendations were offered to mitigate VFD risk. The most common recommendation was adjusting screen brightness. Users who followed these suggestions reported a notable decrease in VFD symptoms over an 8-week period.

Subgroup analysis revealed demographic differences in susceptibility to VFD. Users aged 18 to 35 were more likely to experience VFD symptoms compared to older participants. This finding suggests a potential age-related vulnerability to VFD.

The Contrast Sensitivity feature within GazeGenius enables users to effectively manage their visual perception of differences in brightness and contrast levels. The Contrast Sensitivity testing feature was assessed among some participants to measure their ability to perceive differences in brightness or contrast levels.

Assessment Accuracy: The application consistently measured users' contrast sensitivity, with some participants obtaining consistent results across multiple tests. Real-World Impact: Participants with lower contrast sensitivity scores reported challenges in low-light conditions and when engaging in activities requiring fine contrast discrimination. Age and Contrast Sensitivity: Older participants (age 45 and above) exhibited lower contrast sensitivity on average compared to younger age groups.

The Colour Blindness assessment module was accurate in detecting colour vision deficiencies. Interestingly, the prevalence of colour vision deficiencies was found to be higher among male participants.

The collection of interactive Eye Games for children was well-received, particularly among users with children under 8 years old. Parents reported high levels of engagement among their children, with many noticing improvements in their children's visual skills after regular gameplay.

The GazeGenius application has demonstrated its effectiveness in assessing and addressing various aspects of visual health. The robust Application Management system ensures a seamless user experience, enhancing the overall utility of the application. User feedback and improvements in visual comfort and well-being attest to the application's success in achieving its intended goals.

However, it is important to note that this research has some limitations. The sample size for each test may not be representative of the entire population. Additionally, the self-reported nature of some data may introduce bias.

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## 6. Conclusion

In conclusion, the GazeGenius Mobile Application represents a significant advancement in the domain of eye health evaluation and education. The development process was characterized by iterative refinement, employing advanced technologies, controlled experiments, real-world case studies, and strict ethical guidelines, affirming the application's potential to positively influence eye care.

Central to this progress was a user-centric approach that guided the application's design and development. Extensive user research and iterative prototyping led to a user-friendly product that surpassed expectations. The application's interface ensures easy navigation with clear instructions and intuitive cues, enhancing engagement during eye assessments.

The pivotal role of Flutter, the underlying technology, cannot be overstated. This cross-platform UI framework and the Dart programming language enabled a responsive, dynamic application adaptable to evolving technological trends. The application's reliability was further ensured through rigorous testing using Flutter's development features.

At its core, the GazeGenius Mobile Application offers a range of features addressing various aspects of eye health assessment and education. Notably, the Visual Fatigue Index Test aims to evaluate susceptibility to Visual Fatigue Disorder, a significant concern in today's digital age. The application also includes personalized profiles to tailor user experiences and a Vision Problem Detection feature to identify various vision issues. Educational games promote healthy visual habits, particularly among younger users.

Looking ahead, the application is poised for experimental validation involving participants with diverse eye health conditions, benchmarked against clinical assessments. Ethics have been integral throughout the development, emphasizing data privacy and accuracy in educational content.

The GazeGenius Mobile Application is primed to be a valuable tool for assessing and improving eye health, marrying technological innovation with user-centric design. Future iterations will benefit from user feedback, emerging technologies, and validation through real-world case studies, reinforcing its commitment to eye health. Its potential is expansive, its mission essential, and its impact immeasurable in advancing healthier eyes in the digital era.

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