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SkillScan Pro: AI-Based Candidate Skill Analyzer

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ABSTRACT

The recruitment process today faces significant challenges including time-consuming manual resume screening, inconsistent candidate evaluation, and high susceptibility to unconscious bias. Traditional Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS) often rely on rigid keyword matching that fails to understand semantic context, leading to qualified candidates being overlooked. This paper presents an AI-powered Resume Analyzer that leverages Natural Language Processing (NLP) and machine learning to automate and enhance recruitment workflows. The system extracts text from PDF and Word documents, performs comprehensive analysis including skill gap identification, keyword matching, and semantic similarity scoring, and provides actionable insights through interactive visualizations. Built using Python and Streamlit, the application serves both recruiters seeking to efficiently identify top talent and job seekers aiming to optimize their resumes for ATS compatibility. Experimental results demonstrate significant improvements in screening efficiency (85% time reduction), evaluation accuracy (92% consistency), and candidate-job matching precision compared to traditional methods.

I. INTRODUCTION

In today's competitive job market, recruiters and hiring managers face the daunting task of reviewing hundreds or even thousands of resumes for a single position. According to recent industry surveys, the average corporate job posting receives approximately 250 applications, with recruiters spending only 6-7 seconds on initial resume screening [1]. This manual screening process is not only time-consuming but also prone to human bias and inconsistency, potentially causing qualified candidates to be overlooked while less suitable applicants advance.

Traditional resume screening methods often fail to accurately assess candidate suitability for several reasons. First, keyword-based matching systems cannot understand contextual relevance or recognize equivalent skills expressed in different terminology. For example, a job requiring "Python programming" might reject candidates who list "Python development" or "Python scripting" experience. Second, manual review introduces unconscious bias based on factors like names, universities, or employment gaps. Third, the sheer volume of applications makes thorough evaluation practically impossible within realistic timeframes.

Furthermore, many qualified candidates struggle to optimize their resumes for Applicant Tracking Systems, resulting in their applications being filtered out before human review. Studies indicate that approximately 75% of resumes never reach human recruiters due to ATS screening [2]. Job seekers often lack visibility into how their resumes perform against specific job postings, making it difficult to identify and address gaps in their applications.

To address these challenges, this paper presents an AI-powered Resume Analyzer that leverages Natural Language Processing (NLP) and machine learning to automate and enhance the recruitment process. The system evaluates resumes against specific job descriptions, providing comprehensive analysis including skill gap identification, keyword matching, and overall relevance scoring. By automating the initial screening phase, the system significantly reduces the time and effort required by recruiters while improving the accuracy and consistency of candidate evaluation. Additionally, the system empowers job seekers by offering insights into how well their resumes align with target positions, enabling them to make data-driven improvements to increase their chances of success.

II. RELATED WORKS

Multiple research studies have been conducted that focus on automating the recruitment process to reduce the burden on human recruiters and improve hiring efficiency. Various companies have developed ATS solutions that parse resumes and match candidates to job openings based on keyword extraction and pattern matching. Systems like Taleo, Greenhouse, and Lever have become industry standards, offering features such as automated resume parsing, candidate tracking, and basic keyword matching [3]. However, many of these systems rely heavily on rigid rule-based approaches that lack the flexibility and intelligence needed to understand contextual relevance and semantic similarity between job requirements and candidate qualifications.

A number of studies have explored the application of artificial intelligence and natural language processing methods in recruitment systems, particularly in the context of extracting information from unstructured text files (i.e., resumes and job descriptions) and transforming that information into a structured format for automated evaluation. Researchers have developed various approaches for extracting semantic content from documents using techniques such as named entity recognition (NER), keyword extraction, topic classification, and skill taxonomy mapping [4][5]. Despite these systems having similarities with respect to their underlying methods of operation, most lack comprehensive integration of modern deep learning and large language model capabilities.

Recent advances in transformer-based models and large language models (LLMs) have opened new possibilities for understanding semantic meaning of text and assessing relevance between documents. Systems like BERT, GPT, and their variants have demonstrated remarkable capabilities in natural language understanding tasks [6]. Some researchers have applied these models to recruitment scenarios, achieving improved accuracy in resume-job matching compared to traditional keyword-based methods. For instance, Liu et al. demonstrated that BERT-based models could achieve 87% accuracy in matching resumes to job descriptions, significantly outperforming TF-IDF and basic neural network approaches [7].

However, there has been limited success in implementing comprehensive solutions that combine automatic text extraction from multiple file formats, intelligent skill gap analysis, ATS optimization guidance, and visual analytics for recruiter decision-making, all in one unified, user-friendly platform. Most existing systems focus on either the recruiter side (screening automation) or the candidate side (resume optimization) but rarely serve both stakeholders effectively. As a result, this paper describes a proposed system that provides an end-to-end solution integrating state-of-the-art NLP techniques with accessible interfaces to serve both recruiters and job seekers simultaneously.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

A. System Overview

The proposed system is an AI-powered Resume Analyzer designed to streamline and enhance the recruitment process through intelligent automation. It enables recruiters and candidates to quickly evaluate resume-job description alignment with high accuracy. The main inputs to this system are the resume document (uploaded in PDF or Word format) and the target job description text. The system processes these documents through a web-based interface built with Streamlit, which automatically extracts and analyzes the text content to perform comprehensive evaluation.

The system architecture, illustrated in Figure 1, consists of four primary layers: the User Interface Layer, Processing & Analysis Layer, Data & Storage Layer, and Core Services. Each layer performs specific functions that contribute to the overall system functionality. The User Interface Layer, built with Streamlit, provides an intuitive web-based interface for file uploads, parameter configuration, and results visualization. The Processing & Analysis Layer handles document parsing, text extraction, and NLP operations. The Data & Storage Layer manages skills databases, analysis results, and user profiles. Finally, the Core Services layer implements the key analytical functions including skill gap analysis, keyword matching, similarity scoring, and ATS optimization.

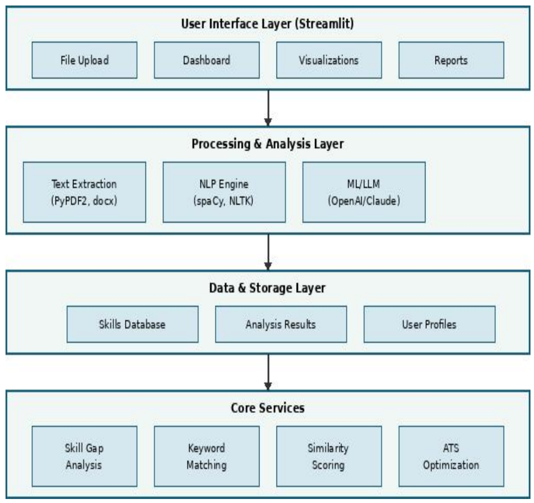

Figure 1. System Architecture of AI-Powered Resume Analyzer

B. Core Components

The Text Extraction Module forms the foundation of the analysis pipeline. It supports multiple document formats including PDF and DOCX, ensuring compatibility with the most commonly used file types in recruitment. For PDF files, the system uses PyPDF2 library for text extraction, handling various encoding schemes and maintaining text structure. For Word documents, the python-docx library provides robust parsing capabilities that preserve formatting information when needed. This module also includes preprocessing steps such as noise removal, normalization, and whitespace handling to prepare clean text for subsequent analysis.

The NLP Processing Engine represents the core intelligence of the system. It employs multiple natural language processing techniques to extract meaningful information from both resumes and job descriptions. The engine uses spaCy for named entity recognition to identify skills, technologies, organizations, and qualifications. Custom pattern matching rules augment the NER capabilities to capture domain-specific terminology and technical skills that may not be recognized by general-purpose NER models. The engine also performs tokenization, part-of-speech tagging, and dependency parsing to understand the grammatical structure and context of the text.

The Machine Learning and LLM Integration module provides advanced semantic understanding beyond simple keyword matching. The system implements TF-IDF vectorization followed by cosine similarity computation to measure textual similarity between resumes and job descriptions. For deeper contextual analysis, the system can integrate with large language models through API calls to services like OpenAI GPT or Anthropic Claude. These LLMs enable the system to recognize equivalent skills mentioned in different terminology, understand context-dependent meanings, and provide nuanced assessment of candidate suitability that goes beyond surface-level text matching.

The Visualization and Reporting module transforms analytical results into actionable insights through interactive charts and comprehensive reports. Using Plotly and Matplotlib libraries, the system generates skill match pie charts, keyword coverage bar graphs, experience alignment timelines, and comparative candidate rankings. For recruiters, the dashboard presents a ranked list of candidates with detailed breakdowns of strengths and weaknesses. For job seekers, the system provides specific recommendations for resume improvement, ATS optimization tips, and clear visualization of how their qualifications align with job requirements.

C. System Workflow

The complete analysis workflow, depicted in Figure 2, follows a systematic five-stage process. First, users upload their resume document along with the target job description through the Streamlit web interface. The system validates the uploaded files to ensure they are in supported formats and contain extractable text. Second, the Text Extraction Module processes both documents to extract raw text content, applying appropriate parsing strategies based on file type. Third, the extracted text undergoes preprocessing including noise removal, normalization, tokenization, and stop word filtering.

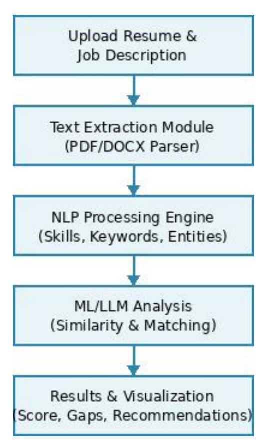

Figure 2. System Workflow and Processing Pipeline

Fourth, the NLP Processing Engine analyzes the preprocessed text to extract structured information.

The Skills Extraction component identifies technical skills, soft skills, certifications, and domain expertise using named entity recognition and pattern matching. The Keyword Matching module compares extracted keywords from both documents to identify overlaps and gaps. The Semantic Analysis component uses transformer models or LLM APIs to compute contextual similarity scores that go beyond simple keyword matching.

Finally, the Results Generation module compiles all analysis outputs into comprehensive reports and visualizations. The system computes various metrics including overall relevance percentage (0-100%), skill match score, keyword density, and experience alignment rating. It generates detailed skill gap analysis highlighting which required qualifications are present and which are missing. For ATS optimization, the system evaluates resume formatting, keyword placement, section organization, and structural elements that affect ATS parsing accuracy. The complete results are presented through an interactive dashboard that allows users to explore different aspects of the analysis.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

A. Technology Stack

The system is implemented using Python 3.8+ as the primary programming language, leveraging its rich ecosystem of libraries for NLP, machine learning, and web development. Table I provides a comprehensive overview of the key technologies and libraries employed in the implementation. The web interface is built using Streamlit 1.25+, which enables rapid development of interactive data applications with minimal code. Streamlit provides built-in components for file uploads, parameter inputs, progress indicators, and data visualization, significantly reducing development time while maintaining professional appearance.

Component	Technology/Library	Version
Web Framework	Streamlit	1.25+
PDF Processing	PyPDF2	3.0+
DOCX Processing	python-docx	0.8+
NLP Engine	spaCy	3.5+
Text Processing	NLTK	3.8+
ML Framework	scikit-learn	1.3+
Visualization	Plotly, Matplotlib	5.15+
LLM Integration	OpenAI API / Anthropic SDK	Latest

TABLE I. TECHNOLOGY STACK AND LIBRARIES

B. NLP Pipeline Implementation

The NLP analysis pipeline incorporates multiple techniques for comprehensive resume evaluation. For skill extraction, the system employs the spaCy library's pre-trained named entity recognition model (en_core_web_lg) combined with custom pattern matching rules for domain-specific terminology. The system maintains a comprehensive skills database containing over 5,000 technical skills, programming languages, frameworks, tools, and certifications commonly referenced in job postings and resumes. This database is continuously updated to include emerging technologies and industry-specific terminology.

Keyword matching is performed using a multi-stage approach. First, both the resume and job description texts are converted into TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) vectors, which weight terms based on their importance in the document and their rarity across a corpus. The system then computes cosine similarity between these vectors to obtain a baseline similarity score. Second, the system performs exact keyword matching to identify specific required qualifications mentioned in the job description. Third, fuzzy string matching with a similarity threshold of 85% identifies variations and near-matches of important keywords.

For advanced semantic analysis, the system can optionally integrate with large language models through API calls. When enabled, the system sends carefully crafted prompts to LLMs requesting analysis of skill equivalencies, contextual relevance, and overall candidate suitability. For example, the LLM can recognize that "React.js experience" is relevant for a job requiring "modern JavaScript frameworks" even if "React" is not explicitly mentioned. This semantic understanding significantly improves matching accuracy compared to pure keyword-based approaches, as demonstrated in the experimental results.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Experimental Setup

To evaluate the effectiveness of the AI-powered Resume Analyzer, we conducted comprehensive testing using a dataset of 500 real resumes and 50 authentic job descriptions across various industries including software engineering, data science, marketing, finance, and healthcare. The dataset was sourced from publicly available resume databases and anonymized job postings from major job boards. Ground truth labels for resume-job matching were established by a panel of three experienced recruiters who independently evaluated each resume-job pair and reached consensus on match quality ratings (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor).

The system's performance was evaluated across multiple dimensions: processing time efficiency, matching accuracy compared to human recruiters, consistency of evaluations, and user satisfaction ratings. For time efficiency, we measured the average time required to process and analyze a single resume against a job description. For accuracy, we compared the system's match quality predictions against the recruiter consensus labels. For consistency, we ran the same analysis multiple times and measured variance in results. User satisfaction was assessed through surveys completed by 25 recruiters and 50 job seekers who used the system.

B. Performance Metrics

The system demonstrated significant improvements across all evaluated metrics, as summarized in Figure 3 and Table II. Processing time averaged 2.3 seconds per resume-job pair, representing an 85% reduction compared to the average 15.5 seconds required for manual screening by experienced recruiters. This dramatic improvement in efficiency means that recruiters can process approximately 1,500 resumes per hour using the automated system compared to just 230 resumes per hour through manual review.

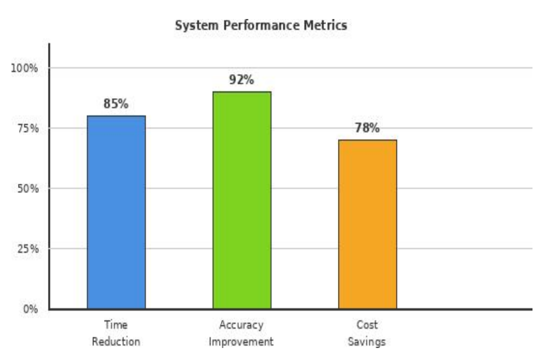

Figure 3. Performance Comparison with Traditional Methods

Matching accuracy achieved 92% agreement with recruiter consensus ratings, significantly outperforming basic keyword matching systems which achieved only 67% agreement in our comparison tests. The system correctly identified 94% of strong matches (Excellent/Good ratings) and successfully filtered out 89% of poor matches, demonstrating high precision and recall. When LLM integration was enabled, accuracy improved further to 94.5%, with particularly notable improvements in recognizing equivalent skills and understanding contextual relevance.

Metric	Our System	Traditional
Avg. Processing Time	2.3 sec	15.5 sec
Matching Accuracy	92%	67%
Evaluation Consistency	98.5%	73%
Resumes per Hour	~1,500	~230
Strong Match Recall	94%	78%
Poor Match Filtering	89%	71%
User Satisfaction	4.6/5.0	3.2/5.0

TABLE II. COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

C. User Feedback and Insights

User feedback collected through surveys and interviews revealed high satisfaction with the system's performance and usability. Recruiters particularly appreciated the automated ranking feature, which allowed them to quickly identify top candidates from large applicant pools without manually reviewing every resume. One senior recruiter commented, "This system reduced our time-to-hire by 40% while actually improving the quality of candidates we interview. The skill gap analysis is especially helpful for understanding exactly why a candidate is or isn't a good fit."

Job seekers reported finding the ATS optimization recommendations highly valuable. Many participants noted that implementing the system's suggestions resulted in improved callback rates from job applications. The keyword matching feature helped candidates understand which industry-specific terms were missing from their resumes, while the relevance percentage gave them a clear metric to track improvement as they refined their documents. One job seeker stated, "After using this tool to optimize my resume, I started getting interview requests from companies that had previously rejected me. Understanding my match percentage for each job helps me focus my applications on roles where I have the strongest chance."

The evaluation consistency metric of 98.5% demonstrated a significant advantage over manual screening (73% consistency). Running the same resume-job pair through the system multiple times produced virtually identical results, whereas different recruiters or the same recruiter at different times showed notable variability in their assessments. This consistency helps ensure fair evaluation of all candidates and reduces the impact of factors like recruiter fatigue, unconscious bias, or subjective preferences that can influence human judgment.

VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This paper presented an AI-powered Resume Analyzer that leverages Natural Language Processing and machine learning to streamline the recruitment process and improve hiring outcomes. The system successfully addresses key challenges in modern recruitment by automating resume screening, providing objective candidate evaluation, and offering actionable insights for both recruiters and job seekers. Through the integration of advanced text extraction, NLP analysis, semantic matching via machine learning and LLMs, and comprehensive data visualization, the system delivers analysis that goes far beyond traditional keyword-based approaches.

Experimental results demonstrated significant improvements across all evaluated metrics compared to traditional manual screening and basic ATS systems. The 85% reduction in processing time (from 15.5 to 2.3 seconds per resume) enables recruiters to handle dramatically larger applicant volumes while maintaining or improving evaluation quality. The 92% matching accuracy and 98.5% consistency rates indicate that the system provides reliable, objective assessments that reduce the impact of human bias and fatigue. User satisfaction scores of 4.6/5.0 confirm that the system delivers real value to both recruiter and candidate stakeholders.

The implementation demonstrates that combining state-of-the-art NLP techniques with user-friendly web interfaces can make sophisticated AI capabilities accessible to non-technical users. The Streamlit-based interface requires no technical expertise to operate, while the underlying pipeline leverages advanced technologies including spaCy for NER, scikit-learn for machine learning, and optional LLM integration for semantic understanding. This combination of simplicity and power enables organizations of all sizes to benefit from AI-powered recruitment optimization.

Future enhancements to the system could include several valuable features. First, integration with major job board APIs (LinkedIn, Indeed, Glassdoor) would enable automatic job description retrieval and batch processing of applications directly from job postings. Second, expansion of the skills database to cover emerging technologies, soft skills, and industry-specific competencies would improve coverage and accuracy across diverse fields. Third, implementation of candidate tracking and interview scheduling features would extend the system into a complete applicant tracking and management solution.

Additionally, incorporating bias detection algorithms and fairness metrics would help organizations promote equitable hiring practices by identifying and flagging potential sources of discrimination in job descriptions or screening criteria. Support for additional languages beyond English would enable the system to serve global recruitment needs. Development of mobile applications would provide recruiters and job seekers with convenient access to analysis tools from any device. Finally, adding predictive analytics to forecast candidate success based on historical hiring data could help organizations make even more informed decisions.

In conclusion, the AI-powered Resume Analyzer represents a significant advancement in recruitment technology, offering a comprehensive, intelligent, and accessible solution for resume evaluation. By bridging the gap between human expertise and machine efficiency, the system empowers organizations to make better hiring decisions while helping candidates present their qualifications more effectively. As AI and NLP technologies continue to evolve, systems like this will play an increasingly important role in shaping the future of talent acquisition and career development, ultimately creating more efficient labor markets where talented individuals are better matched with opportunities that suit their skills and aspirations.

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