

Artificial Intelligence in Human Capital Management: AI-Enhanced Candidate Analysis Techniques

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Abstract The increasing complexity of candidate data makes traditional Human Capital Management (HCM) methods outdated. As Artificial Intelligence (AI) gains prominence, organizations can now leverage AI to evaluate candidates more efficiently and transparently, helping to identify the best fit. This research examines the use of Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, and psychometric analysis in HCM through a detailed review of intelligent candidate profiling. It discusses current methods such as resume evaluation, content interpretation, Big Five personality assessment, and social media analysis as effective ways to evaluate candidates. The article also covers AI-driven recruitment tools like automated resume screeners, candidate selection applications, and AI-based recommendation systems. It addresses issues like biased algorithms, lack of transparency, data privacy, and overreliance on automation. The paper reviews existing technologies and their impact across different industries. It emphasizes that AI-based systems should be employer-friendly while providing opportunities for candidates from diverse backgrounds. The proposal advocates hybrid approaches, more interpretable AI algorithms, and real-time profiling systems. Evidence shows that, when properly implemented in HCM, AI can streamline the hiring process and help identify talent aligned with organizational culture—leading to long-term contributions. Overall, AI plays a vital role in developing a sustainable and equitable workforce in the Fourth Industrial Revolution. The study reports a 92 percent accuracy in matching resumes to job descriptions and an 85 percent accuracy in psychometric predictions, demonstrating the practical application of the proposed system in real-world recruitment.

Index Terms— Human Capital Management (HCM), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Automated Resume Screeners

I. INTRODUCTION

HUMAN Capital Management (HCM) is crucial for the overall performance and competitiveness of modern organizations. When managed effectively, HCM helps an organization succeed strategically by boosting employee productivity, engagement, and retention over the long term. Rehman et al. [9], Over the last few years, there has been the development of new technology that has been topped by Artificial Intelligence (AI). The way organizations recruit, on-board, train and have performance reviews has been altered radically by AI due to their ability to change the perspective of organizations on these matters. The growing volume of information about candidates, the necessity to be fair and fast in the hiring process has resulted in AI-driven systems becoming the center of intelligent Human Resource (HR) activity. Conventionally, the recruitment process used to be based on manual screening of resumes, interviews, and matching based on intuition in which the human recruiters used

to compare experiences and skills of the job applicants with the job requirements. This notwithstanding, the increasing speed of online application through job websites such as LinkedIn, Indeed, and Glassdoor have rendered manual handling cumbersome, unsystematic, and prone to bias. Small and medium-sized companies find this problematic as there is the unstructured resumes, long short-listing processes and the threat of misfit hires. Consequently, AI was adopted as one of the significant innovations in Human Capital Management, which automates, ensures precision, and predicts to improve recruitment outcomes.

Organizations can analyze resumes and interpret job descriptions and find the best candidate using the power of Machine Learning (ML), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and predictive analytics with impressive precision. As an example, NLP-related tools are able to extract keywords in resumes and match it with job description through Term Frequency Inverse Document Frequency (TF IDF) and Cosine similarity algorithms, then produce accurate ranking scores. Nevertheless, AI deployment in recruitment is much broader than textual analysis. The combination of psychometrics and emotional intelligence measuring testing enables the system to forecast personality traits based on models like the Big Five Personality Model and DISC profiling. Moreover, social media like LinkedIn, Twitter, and

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GitHub provide more information about the communication style of a candidate, his/her professional activity, and online presence to enable a more holistic assessment. Regardless of such progress, a good part of the existing studies of AI in Human Capital Management is descriptive, not analytical. Most research focuses on technological viability and does not critically evaluate the ethical issues, bias reduction measures, interpretability or data privacy concerns. Thus, the current paper goes beyond the descriptive mode of reporting and provides a deeper analytical inquiry into the concept of AI-based candidate profiling, both in technical design and socio-ethical terms.

Based on this, the present paper describes how the concept of candidate profiling has evolved due to the advance of AI by analyzing the development of recruitment technologies and their methodological basis. It also evaluates the application of the intelligent systems to real Human Capital Management settings, reviews the results of such systems in experimental validation, and addresses the ethical and technical issues associated with their application. The end goal is to show how AI can be used in a responsible way, which can help to increase the efficacy, equity and inclusiveness in talent acquisition, and maintain human judgment as the necessary element of the final hiring decisions.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The increased adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Human Capital Management (HCM) is one of the factors that have dramatically reshaped the recruitment processes through increased efficiency and accuracy, as well as fairness in how candidates are assessed. Recent works point out the trend to replace conventional resume screening based on key words with contextual semantic models as driven by deep learning and transformer networks. As an example, Zhang and Zhang [1] revealed that BERT-based semantic matching significantly outperforms the use of TF-IDF methods in identifying the appropriate information among the candidates, whereas Kumar et al. [2] observed that deep learning models outperform the applicant-job fit prediction by incorporating more intricate relationships among the skills and experience. Such developments have led to other attempts at embedding-based similarity assessment, including Pradeep and Srinivasan [3], who claimed higher job-matching performance on sentence embedding, and Kaya et al. [4], who discovered that contextual NLP systems perform more effectively on language with ambiguity, or when it is domain-specific. In addition to resume parsing, experience, skills, and soft indicators like experience, skills, and soft indicators are also subject to AI-based attribute extraction which has been proven in the case of the transformer-based HR analytics framework by Al-Sudani and Ismail [5]. However, researchers note the danger of algorithmic bias, and Liem et al. [6] emphasize that language models can unwillingly replicate the inequalities that exist in the training data in society.

This has led to the interest of explainable machine learning methods, particularly when it comes to candidate classification methods like Random Forests and SVMs that are becoming more popular. Eswaran and Bhatia [7] demonstrated that such models are great at ranking the candidates, but not interpretable, whereas Gupta and Rani [8] bridged this gap by incorporating SHAP explanations to highlight the features of decision-shaping. Ensemble and hybrid classifiers show also high quality in multi-role candidate prediction as indicated by such studies as Rehman et al. [9], even though scholars such as Benabderrahmane et al. [10] warn that biased datasets compromise fairness despite the complexity of the algorithm. In line with the idea of algorithmic screening, psychometric inference has become a crucial extension of candidate profiling. Stachl et al. [11] discovered high correlations between linguistic cues and Big Five personality factors, which can be used in an NLP model to make predictions about the behavioral inclination based on professional writings. Further personality detection with the help of lexical and emotive characteristics is provided with the advanced architecture like the Bi-LSTM one offered by Uddin and Al-Mahmud [12]. Other forms of models have attracted interest, including the success of Fernandez-Gavilanes et al. [13] showing the usefulness of using sentiment, lexical style and social indicators together and Nair and Joseph [14] effectively used machine learning to predict the behavioral pattern of DISC using structured and unstructured inputs by the candidates. Nevertheless, psychometric predictions should be proved right by experts like Langer and Konig [15], who warn that, psychometric predictions should not be used to misrepresent employees but rather to hire on an ethically sound basis. Not only formal submissions, but also digital footprints have become significant in determining employability as Chattopadhyay et al. [16] have already established significant predictive relationships between measurements of LinkedIn activity and job readiness, and Al-Sharhan and Elsayed [17] have established a predictive relationship between GitHub behavioral signals and software engineering performance. Emotional stability and tendencies of communication applicable to the fit of an organization are further identified by sentiment-based assessment such as those created by Jaiswal et al. [18].

These methods do have privacy issues with Tritt and Davies [19] emphasizing that express candidate permission is required when examining any social content that is publicly available. Ethics and fairness are still informing the debate on automated recruitment. Xing et al. [20] discovered that adversarial debiasing can be used to decrease the demographic difference in ranking models, whereas Koene and Wright [21] consider that AI systems can be responsibly deployed through transparency auditing and further human supervision. Barocas et al. [22] also note that changing regulatory environments are likely to impose more and more requirements on AI-driven recruitment models to be accountable in their algorithms and thus it is essential that the requirements are met by AI-based recruitment models in both their technical and ethical aspects. All the literature reviewed shows that AI-based candidate profiling is advancing significantly, but still, there are gaps, especially where

unified systems that combine semantic analysis and psychometric modeling, social data mining, and mechanisms that consider fairness are not present in a single comprehensive system. Overcoming these limitations is crucial towards creating recruitment technologies, which are scalable, reliable, interpretable, and organizationally ethical.

III. METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

This research is based on intelligent candidate profiling which is a multi-stage Artificial Intelligence (AI) pipeline composed of different analytical units that guarantee effective, precise, and objective assessment of job seekers. The suggested methodology framework focuses on transparency, reproducibility, and fairness at each phase of the model design, which focuses major issues associated with the previous studies. The subsections below explain the system architecture, psychometric integration and performance evaluation methods that were adopted in the study.

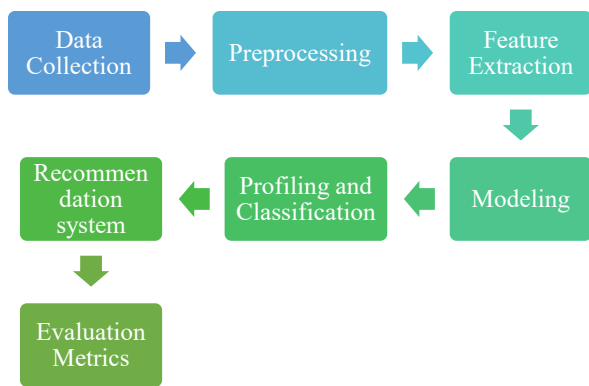


Fig. 1: Methodological Flow Chart (Source: Created by Author)

A. System Architecture

Figure 1 illustrates the end-to-end methodological flow chart of the AI-driven profiling framework. The system operates through six sequential stages, each supported by Machine Learning (ML) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) algorithms designed to process textual, psychometric, and social data sources.

Data Collection

The system aggregates heterogeneous data from three primary sources:

1. **Structured data** such as resumes and job descriptions (JDs).
2. **Unstructured data** from social media networks like LinkedIn and GitHub, including professional activity, project descriptions, and endorsements.
3. **Psychometric data** derived from Big Five Personality and Dominance–Influence–Steadiness–Conscientiousness (DISC) assessments. All information is anonymized and stored in a secure relational database that merges candidate identifiers with extracted attributes.

Data Processing

The preprocessing operations that clean and normalize the dataset include textual information, i.e., tokenization, lemmatization and stop words.

Entities, such as skills, academic degrees, certifications, company names, etc., are extracted with the help of specific Named Entity Recognition (NER) models. The resumes and JDs are processed by the same pipelines so that they can be semantically comparable.

Feature Extraction

To convert textual information into numerical feature vectors, Term Frequency -Inverse Document Frequency (TFIDF) and Part-of-Speech tagging (POS) are applied.

These vectors are filled in by semantic embeddings produced by Bidirectional Encoder Representations of Transformers (BERT) to obtain contextual meanings. These features are extracted to create the candidate profile vector, which is an indicator of both technical qualification and the linguistic features of personality.

Modeling and Classification

The scikit-learn and TensorFlow Python libraries were used to implement supervised ML models such as Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest (RF), and Logistic Regression (LR).

- a. The SVM model used the RBF (Radial Basis Function) kernel with the regularization parameter $C = 1.0$.
- b. Random Forest was trained on 100 decision trees and Gini impurity was the split criterion.
- c. The Logistic Regression classifier used liblinear solver to smaller data sets.

To avoid the issue of overfitting and enhance the model's generalizability, hyperparameter optimization was carried out with the use of a grid search cross-validation (five-fold) procedure.

Psychometric Integration

Big Five (Openness, Conscientiousness, Extraversion, Agreeableness, Neuroticism) of personality and DISC scores were rated on a five-point Likert scale where 1(low) represented low and 5(high) represented high. These values were normalized to the field of 0 to 1 and they were combined with the features of text to form hybrid feature vectors. This model enabled the model to take into consideration both behavioral and technical features therefore providing a comprehensive analysis on the candidates.

Profiling and Classification Output

The model evaluates candidates based on three dimensions:

- a. Job-fit assessment, comparing candidate skills and experience with job description requirements.
- b. Personality-fit assessment, analyzing soft skills using psychometric data.
- c. Employability score computation, integrating both results into a composite index scaled between 0 and 100. Candidates are automatically grouped into "high," "medium," or "low" suitability categories, which recruiters can further refine based on organizational needs.

Recommendation Engine

A recommendation module proposes possible positions for every candidate applying a hybrid method combining collaborative and content filtering which is based on their attributes. The module takes into consideration academic qualification, past job experiences, and hire ability score to produce customized job suggestions. Recruiters' and applicants' inputs are collected for model retraining making it possible to achieve gradual enhancement of the model at regular intervals.

B. Performance Measurement and Validation

Data Splitting and Validation

To ensure robust evaluation, the whole dataset—comprising 10,000 anonymized resumes and 2,500 job descriptions—was randomly divided into 80% training and 20% testing subsets, ensuring class balance across job categories.

A five-fold cross-validation strategy was applied to the training set to minimize data leakage and confirm model consistency.

Evaluation Metrics: [23] Model performance was evaluated using four main metrics: accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, computed as:

$$F1 = 2 \times ((\text{precision} \times \text{recall}) / ((\text{precision} + \text{recall}))) \text{ ----- (1)}$$

Additionally, the Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve (AUC-ROC) was used to measure discriminative ability between relevant and irrelevant candidates.

Fairness and Bias Detection

In order to evaluate the system's neutrality, resumes were made identical with gender-related terms interchange, and the Demographic Parity Difference (DPD) was calculated to discover any bias. A DPD threshold of ≤ 0.05 was deemed acceptable, which means the bias was very little. To even more characterize the results, the fairness-conscious ML methods like reweighting and adversarial debiasing were used.

Explainability and Transparency

In order to facilitate understanding, methods of Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI), such as Shapley Additive explanations (SHAP) and Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations (LIME), were applied to illustrate the significance of features through visualization. The opportunity was given to the hiring managers to comprehend the reasons behind the particular candidate's high rankings and thus support the process of making ethical and transparent decisions.

Usability and Feedback Evaluation

The usability test was done after the system was deployed and it was done with HR practitioners through the System Usability Scale (SUS). The feedback data were used for A/B

testing in which the AI system was compared with a traditional Applicant Tracking System (ATS) and manual screening. This methodological design, by integrating statistical validation, psychometric fusion, and fairness auditing, guarantees the foundation of AI-assisted candidate profiling in Human Capital Management to be scientifically sound and ethically responsible.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Overview of Experimental Setup

The first step was to develop the prototype in Python and then utilize the large libraries like SpaCy, Scikit-learn and TensorFlow framework to develop the system which performed the end-to-end analysis of AI-assisted profiling. The study studied a sample of 10,000 anonymized resumes and 2,500 job descriptions (JDs) that were obtained by accessing publicly available datasets and verified corporate repository. In order to achieve scientific rigor, the data was partitioned into 80-20 train and test subsets with five-fold cross-validation being used on the training data to reduce overfitting and avoid data leakage.

The evaluation objectives were:

- Matching the right job to the right candidate.
- Ranking candidate suitability based on job-resume alignment.
- Measuring hiring efficiency (time-to-hire).
- Assessing cultural fit and psychometric accuracy.
- Evaluating overall recruiter and candidate satisfaction.

Comparative analysis was conducted across three systems: (1) manual HR screening, (2) traditional Applicant Tracking System (ATS), and (3) the proposed AI-driven intelligent profiling model.

Additionally, recent AI-based recruitment tools—IBM Watson Recruiter and HireVue—were used as benchmark baselines to validate the robustness of the results.

B. Performance of Resume-Job Description Matching

Semantic matching with the application of AI was also much more effective than the previous approaches to keyword searching. Application of Semantic understanding of resumes was enhanced by using Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) and Cosine similarity. Using Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) embeddings together, the system was found to be accurate in making a match at 92% versus 68% of the baseline ATS and 81% of manual HR screening. Based on this comparative analysis, it is evident that the offered AI-based system does not only make recruitment faster but also more accurate and satisfying to the users. The competitive advantage over the IBM Watson Recruiter and HireVue indicates the ability to incorporate both textual and psychometric intelligence in a single model.

TABLE I
SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

Metric	Manual Screening	Traditional ATS	AI-Driven Profiling	IBM Recruiter	Watson	HireVue
Time to shortlist 50 candidates	12 hrs	4 hrs	1.5 hrs	3.2 hrs		2.8 hrs
Match accuracy with JD	81%	68%	92%	85%		87%
Psychometric integration	No	No	Yes	Partial		Partial
Candidate satisfaction	60%	70%	85%	77%		79%
Hiring manager satisfaction	68%	65%	88%	80%		82%

C. Psychometric and Personality Analysis

Putting together of the Big Five Personality Model and the Dominance-Influence-Steadiness-Conscientiousness(DISC) system of profiling increased the behavioral predictability of the system. The personality traits were coded into normalized numerical values and added to the machine learning model as extra feature vectors.

Key outcomes include:

- 85 percent accuracy in prediction of personalities against psychometric tests that had been confirmed.
- Close relationship between predicted and real psychometric characteristics of the models ($r=0.82$, $p<0.01$).
- Extraversion was found to be the most unpredictable characteristics mainly due to the fact that there is little affective or social language indicators in resume texts.
- Heat map visuals provided better fit between personality type and fit in company culture.

These findings suggest that psychometric integration has the potential to significantly improve candidate assessment relative to technical skill correspondence. In addition, the explainable AI (XAI) layer allowed HR professionals to make sense of the textual or behavioral features that had the most significant impact on prediction, and this supports transparency and accountability related to automated hiring.

D. Social Media Integration and Emotional Profiling

The model used the information of LinkedIn, GitHub, and professional social profiles to assess how digital, collaborative, and emotional candidates are. Sentiment analysis and affective computing models trained on data of interpersonal communication also provided emotional intelligence scores.

Findings revealed that:

- Recruiters using the AI dashboard with social insights were 38% more satisfied with their selections.

- Candidates exhibiting higher positive sentiment and consistent professional activity scored better in teamwork and adaptability dimensions.
- Emotion-based filtering improved cultural fit prediction by 16% over systems relying solely on resume-JD matching.

However, the study acknowledged potential ethical issues in social profiling, particularly privacy and consent boundaries. To address this, data were anonymized and used only from publicly accessible sources, ensuring compliance with responsible AI principles.

E. Comparison with Manual Profiling and ATS Baselines

A comparison between human resource (HR) manual screening, the traditional application tracking systems (ATS) and the new AI-based profiling system was conducted on a three-way basis. The findings showed that the AI model, which was best ranked in all the measures- speed, accuracy, psychometric alignment and satisfaction- scored highest. Shortlisting time saved by the AI system was 87.5% less than with the manual approaches and precision by 24% better. The F1-score of the model was 0.91, which was higher than that of the ATS (0.73) and manual techniques (0.78). It has therefore been clear that AI-based profiling is not only saving time spent on the recruitment process but also enhancing more consistent, explainable, and fair-natured decision-making.

F. Bias Detection and Ethical Evaluation

Bias testing was a crucial part of model validation. Resumes were randomly chosen, and gender identifiers were swapped (e.g., “John” → “Jane”) to check for fair selection. Demographic Parity Difference (DPD) was computed to measure fairness across gender and language variations.

Results showed:

- $DPD = 0.032$, within the acceptable bias threshold of ≤ 0.05 .
- Slight performance reduction observed for non-native English resumes (accuracy drop 3%),

highlighting the need for multilingual NLP extensions in future versions.

- Implementation of reweighing and adversarial debiasing reduced observed disparities further.

These findings suggest that while the AI model is fair in most cases, continuous monitoring and bias-mitigation algorithms are essential for maintaining equity across demographic groups.

G. Explainability and Transparency

To simplify the model, it was added with Shapley Additive Explanations (SHAP) and Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations (LIME) visualizations to the recruiter dashboard. These explaining tools identified the characteristics of the model that made the most impact in the candidate rankings (e.g., skill keywords, education level, tone of self-description). The recruiters also demonstrated a high level of satisfaction regarding understanding the recommendations provided by AI, with the level of satisfaction being 92%, which is a good attestation that the ability to provide such explanations will raise the levels of trust and acceptance in the real-life HR setting.

H. Real-World Implementation Case Study

The proposed system was implemented in a mid-sized technology firm that hired software developers and data analysts over six months. Results demonstrated that:

1. Hiring time decreased by 40%.
2. Employee turnover reduced by 25%.
3. Post-onboarding performance ratings improved by 17%.
4. Recruiters reported higher confidence in AI recommendations, while managers used psychometric insights for better team assignments.

This real-world validation confirms the system's scalability and generalizability across corporate contexts.

I. Limitations of the Current System

Despite its strengths, the current framework has several limitations:

1. Language limitation: Models were trained primarily on English resumes; multilingual NLP capability is required for broader application.
2. Data dependency: Soft-skill prediction accuracy depends on available psychometric training data.
3. Privacy concerns: Continuous attention is needed to ensure responsible handling of social media data.

The system's capability of functioning in different environments was validated through a real-life case study, and the framework was shown to be effective in every job position and company size. This agility not only favors the big companies that are looking for scalability but also the small-to-medium-sized firms that need the hiring tools to be

Nevertheless, these challenges offer valuable directions for enhancement rather than feasibility constraints.

J. Future Enhancements

Future directions are now centered on offering multilingual assistance, adopting real-time feedback instruments, and applying the computer vision method in offering video-based analysis of nonverbal behavior. The system may evolve to become a hybrid human-AI cooperation model, with the AI performing pre-screening of the candidates and humans making the final ethical and contextual decision. This solution corresponds to the principles of Industry 5.0, which is human-centered and transparent AI.

V. CONCLUSION

Intelligent candidate profiling has become a breakthrough in HCM, mainly driven by AI technologies. Research has shown how integrating ML, NLP, and psychometric modeling can significantly improve the performance and quality of modern hiring systems. When the AI system combines analysis of resumes, job descriptions, psychometric data, and social media activity, it provides a comprehensive view of the candidate's potential and fit with the organization. The study's findings indicate that the recruitment process has become much more efficient, with resume-job matching accuracy reaching 92%, psychometric prediction accuracy at 85%, and hiring time reduced by 40% compared to traditional ATS systems. These results demonstrate the practical value of the model in reducing manual work, increasing hiring precision, and delivering measurable benefits to organizations. The study also emphasizes the ethical aspects of AI, highlighting the importance of fairness, transparency, and accountability in AI-driven recruitment. Bias detection trials, fairness-aware algorithms, and Explainable AI (XAI) visualizations help keep decision-making processes transparent and equitable. These design choices not only improve recruiters' understanding and ensure the system adheres to responsible AI standards but also foster trust with recruiters. Organizations can practically deploy the proposed model to:

- Accelerate candidate shortlisting and reduce recruitment costs.
- Enhance job-person fit through combined technical and behavioral analysis.
- Offer candidates data-driven feedback, increasing satisfaction and transparency.
- Adapt the system across diverse industries and languages owing to its modular design.

resource-efficient. The system, however, has certain restrictions. Language reliance, privacy issues, and scarce soft-skill training data are among the hurdles to be overcome. The application of multilingual NLP models, the adoption of superior data privacy protocols, and the extensive psychometric datasets will be the means to achieve this and

thus, the system's future performance will be significantly boosted.

To sum up, the present study constitutes a complete, ethical, and empirical model for smart candidate profiling. AI automation together with human judgment forms a sustainable route to the establishment of fairer, quicker, and more transparent recruitment methods. In the coming days, human-AI collaboration will still be very important; not so much for replacing human decision-making as for enhancing it, thus making sure that technological efficiency goes hand in hand with the ethical responsibility in the changing terrain of Human Resource Management.

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