

Applications Of Artificial Intelligence In Human Resource Management

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Received: 03 Jan, 2023 Accepted: 16 Feb, 2023 Published: 28 June, 2023 ¹Dr. Irshad Ghulam ²Farishta Gull Copyright @Author Corresponding Author: *Dr. Irshad Ghulam	<i>This research explores the transformative applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Human Resource Management (HRM). As organizations increasingly seek to enhance operational efficiency and improve employee experiences, AI technologies emerge as powerful tools for streamlining HR processes. This study examines various AI applications, including recruitment automation, employee engagement analytics, performance management, and predictive analytics for workforce planning. By analyzing case studies and conducting interviews with HR professionals, the research highlights how AI-driven solutions can optimize talent acquisition, reduce bias in hiring, and foster a more engaged workforce. Additionally, the paper discusses the ethical considerations and challenges associated with implementing AI in HRM, such as data privacy and the potential for algorithmic bias. The findings indicate that while AI can significantly enhance HR capabilities, its successful integration requires a careful balance between technology and human oversight. This research contributes to the understanding of AI's role in shaping the future of HRM, offering insights for practitioners aiming to leverage AI effectively while maintaining a focus on employee welfare and organizational culture.</i>

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1. Introduction

The application of AI in the area of human resource management (HRM) is gradually attracting more interest. AI is increasingly being used in HR to help reduce repetitive tasks and administrative burdens so that HR professionals can concentrate on strategic tasks such as making more informed decisions about human resources, adopting a strategic approach to managing human capital, and creating a work environment that enhances employee well-being. The integration of AI into the HRM process, however, involves some benefits and some challenges (Chowdhury et al.2022).

AI in HRM has applications in recruitment, employee engagement measurement, training and development, and performance management. Machine learning can increase the efficiency of talent scouting and improve predictions to reduce turnover rates, which leads to a reduced indirect cost of hiring. This is also particularly true in cases where the available data are large and need to be analyzed to identify key patterns that can assist in decision-making. Those trends are also being aided by technological developments in the field of artificial intelligence, especially in datasets that are growing, either at a fast or traditional rate. In HRM, data-driven approaches are proliferating. The effectiveness and efficiency of HRM within the organization are important. Unfortunately, there is still middle ground that emerges as the benefits of big data and using AI technologies are considered. Furthermore, the impact and embeddedness of current AI practices in the field of HRM are by nature complex, and although futuristic, the ethical issues surrounding the use of AI will continue to evolve, and practitioners would need to consider such developments in applying practical HRM. Additionally, consideration needs to be given to ethical concerns for AI and its use within an HRM context. This guidance on ethical issues, coupled with recent world events and technological development, suggests that AI needs to be developed going forward. The objective of this paper is to provide an overview of the current status and application of AI in the field of human resource management (HRM). The paper highlights the transformation brought about by AI in the HR field (Burström et al., 2021).

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2. Recruitment and Selection

A variety of AI applications support the recruitment and selection process in HRM. The use of AI in the recruitment process has increased significantly. These applications can reduce unwanted masses of applications, decrease the time to fill open positions, predict the relevance of a person for the organizational context, or the probability of performing on a job. From a more technical point of view, AI systems can also be used to source a scarce talent pool, for example, through a targeted advertisement. This means that the posting of a job is tailored in such a way that it addresses a predefined talent pool with a specific set of relevant characteristics. The goal in these cases is to increase the possibility that a small number of well-matched candidates apply or are identified directly by the company with algorithms analyzing and integrating data from various sources, such as behavioral data from the past, talent management databases, or social networking sites. Moreover, these applications can be used to contact potential candidates or customers in a virtual way through the use of AI robots. In sum, AI systems can support the recruitment process in a number of ways.

The benefits of AI tools for these recruitment purposes are, first, that they can help companies attract employees with high potential in an already automated process. This is particularly interesting when it comes to high-volume recruitment. Second, such tools can be used in combination for online learning personalization and improvement of digital interfaces for candidates and employees. This can help to make an employee's career path more predictable for the purpose of career support and development. Again, the use of AI tools can help to reveal patterns that indicate career dreams and clarify and possibly guide employee emotional reactions using chatbots. However, it is crucial to collaborate with recruitment professionals before the subsequent implementation of AI at each stage of the process to ensure the legality of the prediction, as well as to get them to share and discuss the ethical aspects of their applications (Chowdhury et al.2022).

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2.1. Automated Resume Screening

Automated resume screening plays an integral role in the application of AI in HR, either at the stage of the recruitment process or as an approach to optimize the application process. AI systems can quickly process huge volumes of resumes, the criteria of which are specified and ranked either by the job specification or by the hiring company. The in-built algorithms search and match percentages and scores in order to select candidates that meet the criteria either wholly or to a specified level. Proprietary algorithms can determine which of the shortlisted candidates should continue to the interview stage. It is not, therefore, only about 'who,' because the system can also determine, up to a point, the 'best fit' of the candidate. Despite potential experiences of success, less control within these systems holds potential challenges; for example, the over-reliance on these specific systems and failure to recognize their limitations. In order to decipher applications appropriately, recruiters should be able to recognize when and where technology may need formatting differently to operate more effectively. The ambition is that the technology is developed to work as an aid and not as an overall replacement for human judgment.

A common application of automated resume screening is the Applicant Tracking System. Once restricted to large organizations to facilitate the management of large applicant numbers, ATS systems are now generally used. In the UK and U.S., 90% of major companies use ATS since it is reasonably straightforward to implement and has a quick return on investment. Research findings have indicated that candidates are up to 31% more likely to withdraw from an application process if it takes longer than expected, in particular, at the 'acknowledgement of application' stage. Automated systems can significantly reduce the high volumes of applicants by automating the initial part of the applications process. Research further suggests that up to 300 applications for a job can be expected with an open job advertisement. Youthful organizations have reported that before they used an application system, 50% of their staff time was spent reviewing applications. By using ATS, they have seen their management time drop from 9 hours per position to less than 2 hours. Organizations have reported a 68% time-saving on average. A variety of case studies available

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advocate the widespread use of automated resume screening in large organizations (Rakova et al.2021).

2.2. AI-powered Interviews

AI-powered interviews mark a significant shift in the recruitment landscape in HRM. These technologies allow for standardized and structured interviews to occur at scale. Each company's system contains an interview content library of video, audio, and text-based questions. The interviewee will interact with digital interfaces and their responses are automatically graded, scored, quantified, and ranked or text analyzed. Some technologies extract data on non-verbal cues, such as facial expressions. Multiple studies test the claim that technology can predict future job success and person-organization fit from these inputs. Companies that can provide hard numeric data on outcomes such as performance, longer tenure, and promotion track due to using predictive interviews have done so. These systems are designed to both reduce interview time and increase the standardization of questions to evaluate the "whole person."

There is support for these claims. Machine learning models do perform better than humans by collecting a variety of responses from different candidates, and some non-verbal data might offer incremental predictive validity. AI's ability to score responses means the system is automated and removes human bias from the process. These claims simplify the reality – non-verbal data continues to be hotly debated and scrutinized, yet such claims ignore other and opposing research. For example, one study calculated that video interviewing software was only able to predict a small percentage of employee performance ratings. The system's metrics were only modestly related. This research questions the capability of AI to predict job performance.

3. Employee Engagement and Retention

Leveraging AI technology, organizations can enable real-time feedback through a range of AI tools, including chatbots, web-based dashboards, and mobile apps, to capture employee insights. Typically, dashboards and scorecards under AI analytics help in getting snapshots of engagement levels. Human Resource Management

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professionals also use other AI tools for sentiment analysis to gauge employee morale and satisfaction. There is a growing focus on engaging employees, looking beyond traditional assessments. An increasing number of organizations are using AI-facilitated communication and engagement tools to assess the level and quality of dialogue within the organization, sentiment analysis, employee contribution, and leader visibility and credibility. Organizations are using coalition tools that offer cooperation and AI-enhanced analysis on the health of initiatives, projects, and employee engagement conducted on corporate in-house social media platforms.

Many new AI tools dot the market in employee engagement, but possibly one of the most effective uses applies to data scientists who are using machine learning and predictive analytics to extract diverse characteristics about people to determine such data patterns as the primary contributor to employee turnover. When an organization undertakes a major initiative to foster employee engagement, much is invested in better understanding employee needs and aspirations, gauging HR capabilities, identifying gaps, developing and deploying actions to close these gaps, and evaluating the results. A heuristic predicts employee engagement using direct feedback on work experiences. Among several dimensions, the tool measures pay satisfaction of employees. Results are proffered for employers through case studies. Smart HR tools mushroom in the industry. Measuring engagement rates by using effective AI tools may enhance an organization's ability to identify how employees are engaged with any program that the organization launched. In recent years, AI applications have ramped up in the HRM sector to gather instant feedback on work experience sore points of employees. The deepest of the employees interact with the AI chatbot regarding day-to-day issues (Rajagopal et al.2022).

4. Training and Development

There are many ways AI can be applied in training and development to experiment with new tools or fundamental paradigm changes. One area is to create adaptive learning environments that change to adapt to the learner's needs. Compared to classroom settings, AI-based features can provide learners with more personalized attention, meeting a wide range of abilities, and allowing learners to learn at their own

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pace. In addition, AI can help institutions identify which employees are likely to be successful and in which occupations, highlighting the importance of training programs based on labor market research. The technology is designed to collect previous hiring data, which will then be used to evaluate new candidates based on their answers to questions asked during the interview.

AI should also aid in the continual evaluation and improvement of training programs. Institutions collect data and perform analysis, such as on graduation and attrition rates, debt ratios, default rates, average freshman retention, transfer-out rates, as well as graduate and transfer rates, to review the effectiveness of programs and make decisions for the future. Based on the data collected, the institutions examined the potential impact of decisions they would make on campus and made the necessary changes. Competency management programs have the data needed to develop training programs that offer employees the chance to enhance the abilities they are most concerned with. AI would have this same capability, though with much more data, it is much more complicated. Terminating AI-enabled designs that bear the least return on investment would be a dramatic innovation. AI will also provide a wealth of information on the efficacy of training programs. If everybody who took the VR welding analysis wiped out, we would be compelled to re-examine and modify the curriculum. The U.S. has established an AI platform for community colleges that allows them to anticipate employer talent requirements, align curricula to these standards after collecting feedback, and then evaluate the success of their training programs. The platform has a blueprint for developing these programs and collects a wealth of detail on different plans and techniques so that community colleges may compare the strategies and procedures used by different institutions when developing their courses. In the training business, firms are currently offering software to assess the effectiveness of various learning instruments. Since the entire project is data-driven, these programs can continuously enhance the programs. The programs are usually filled throughout the year, with new data points being introduced and compared to those that existed last year or in the past. If the substitution has a more significant prospect of subsequent employment, it is performed (Tippins et al.2021).

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4.1. Personalized Learning Paths

Personalized learning paths are critical applications of AI in the training and development sector of HRM. The extension of e-learning systems to personalized learning is becoming increasingly important, especially in business where employees share the commonality of lifelong learning. AI algorithms can analyze individual employee performance data to design customized training programs and learning resources to maximize their performance according to the company's expectations, eventually inspiring their loyalty and reducing their turnover intention. Employees who have experienced this kind of training are inclined to be more satisfied and to intensify their contribution. The training period will be reduced, and the skill acquisition rate will be accelerated. Moreover, identifying an effective personalized learning path can be supported by KSA indicators. AI may be suitable for recommending skill development keywords or key points in a resume, relevant employment aspects in the form of resources such as books, written content, course descriptions, personalized learning resources, and surveys on specific content of career development. In a learning management system, the recommendations of enterprise and study contents should be personalized. The thing to note here is that learning paths should be adaptable to take into consideration the learning assessment. Jobs, Tech, and Kiron Campus programs were conceived as innovative employers' initiatives to enhance workforce capabilities and overall organizational performance by enabling access to learning and development opportunities that are highly relevant to functional roles, current labor market trends, and future strategic goals. The aim is to provide a free learning resource to boost employees' skills in the three areas of learning: digital, business, and soft skills. In addition to providing access to learning resources for current employees, effective application of AI will also allow organizations to offer additional learning resources to potential new employees visiting the recruiting page of the platform, directly aiding in recruitment efforts by offering access to and knowledge of highly relevant and useful learning resources for their desired position. The 'one-size-fits-all learning' paradigm is outdated in today's rapidly changing workplace. HR leaders are shifting their focus from making investments in traditional learning and development programs to developing agile,

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individualized growth programs that help workers learn more effectively and accelerate their ability to succeed in their current positions. A corporate learning platform uses a recommendation engine to suggest a personalized learning path for employees. The software tracks and analyzes employee performance and uses that data to guide the creation of a customized plan. It can direct employees to specific learning sessions that will target their unique areas for improvement, notify a manager if an employee is falling behind, and offer just-in-time training suggestions. An employee advocacy platform enables HR managers to deliver personalized training materials based on an employee's social activity, influence, interests, and location. Furthermore, new companies use AI to guide learning in many contexts, from analytics of subscription usage to recommendation engines and more (Enholm et al.2022).

5. Performance Management

Earlier, humans were at the center of designing new digital performance management systems. The organization provided periodic training on techniques to provide and receive feedback. However, by integrating AI, individuals are given continuous feedback based on their day-to-day output, which is constructed to make them feel more concerned about any mistakes or poor performance at work. People could be constantly evaluated based on internal surveys conducted by the company. AI can be used not just to create but also to evaluate performance. Data analytics can be employed to set key performance indicators for different roles in the organization and continually monitor people's performance against the agreed targets, without human bias.

In periods past, the reward system was shrouded in mystery. Such uncertainty used to create unnecessary anxiety and agitation among employees. However, numerous vendors today have started offering robust predictive analytics solutions for setting rewards for each employee. The predictions are expected to be based on custom-built algorithms, which are demonstrated to be free from human biases and improvisations. Organizations are increasingly becoming performance-driven and objective in their rewards systems. Data-driven insights are altering the very essence of the

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performance appraisal process. Using data, HR functions are reimagining how to inspire and nudge performance. But like any tool, data analytics also comes with many challenges. Relying on data per se might increase objectivity, but the underlying tools themselves might be biased. Data can be backward-looking and might not incorporate a human factor or life situations that need empathy and sensitivity.

The power balance between employees and managers has changed dramatically. AI enables employees to defend themselves, whereas earlier they had no access to data. Only bottom-line employees are required to do work. Allocation of many passive workers against star performers and rainmaker employees requires a shift in managerial thinking and behavior. Some jobs today are seeing more than a fourfold increase in job applications as reduction has become a trend. Using the AI tool, HR professionals can guide employees to explore better fits as per the scientific data. Current performance management systems supported by myriad HR software applications are also structured around getting more engagement time from employees. Employees are encouraged to participate in goal setting, give weekly feedback, recognize peers, publish content, and get likes, create an individual development plan, identify a mentor – the list is endless. AI can automatically damage attempts to generate interest levels. To generate more input, most surveys surround the employee with their work and organizational feelings (Kinkel et al., 2022).

5.1. 360-degree Feedback

One of the promising areas to use AI in performance management is the 360-degree feedback approach. This mechanism accumulates information supplied by an employee's surroundings – managers, direct reports, co-workers, and even clients, in order to provide a comprehensive picture of an employee's performance. This helps to ensure that an employee is not being evaluated based only on the supervisor's relationship with them. The main advantage of multi-rater feedback is the reduction of bias. AI can handle the aggregation of data provided by people in the system, thus securely preserving confidential communication.

Furthermore, 360-degree feedback can provide a consistent way to measure observable skills and competencies that will result in success within the organization. This type of feedback identifies patterns and trends based on the data provided, which

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can often be personal perceptions concerning one's behavior. The AI can scan, detect, and even group words and expressions that indicate clusters of feedback, and if the same pattern persists for a specific individual or at a certain division or talent level, it might trigger the need to improve and start training in that specific skill according to the needs of the company by proposing training materials, workshops, etc. As 360-degree feedback may, at times, be viewed as negative, it is important for the response to be constructive. Irrationality in feedback can lead to actions that are not productive. Feedback should be as fact-based as possible and give examples to back up any information provided. As AI can categorize, it can also determine if the feedback is constructive or not, not only by the words but also by the fact if the criticism is open in order to improve the receiver's performance. However, practices need to align with confidentiality and data protection regulations when using employee data. Feedback is then compared and drilled down to understand where objectives were met and where there may be disagreement, thus providing clear areas for improvement.

6. Ethical Considerations and Future Trends

The use of deep learning techniques in machine decision-making algorithms raises many ethical and privacy concerns. It is difficult to visualize the impact of not being selected for a job, armed with credentials that a machine learning algorithm does not consider. How does the use of this technology impact an applicant's personal morale? The storage of vast datasets also presents the risk of data protection and privacy claims. The practice of algorithmically ranking or sifting employees can broadly be characterized as a "black box" process, with some software platforms heavily protecting their code. There is an increasing backlash against this "black box" approach, with some calling for organizations to open the "algorithmic locks" of their machine learning systems. While this would go some way in appeasing data security and privacy advocates, it does not address the diversity and ethical concerns.

Given the potential for AI to transform HRM and organizations in radical ways, more research is needed to guide practitioners and educate employees on the potential implications of these systems within a firm's employment structure. Critically, organizations need clear guidelines for the use of AI tools. While the rise of big data

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and automation brings with it a real concern for job displacement, advancements may create “a new class of human-machine collaborative skills,” and the argument can be strengthened to suggest that technological advancements may require a workforce to engage in reskilling or upskilling endeavors. With these future trends and impacts in mind, HRM must continue to investigate and promote innovation in this sector, while holding an ethical mirror to their activities. This research concludes with an encouragement for future dialogue, considering this review as just the beginning of scholarly intervention regarding the use of AI and machine learning practices by practitioners and HR theorists (Trocin et al.2021). Furthermore, given the practical guidance suggested herein, human resources should be preparing for controversy in this area. Ethical and moralistic HR approaches will need to be implemented strategically as HRM becomes swamped by a whirlwind of technologically advanced devices. It is crucial for HR and organizational leadership to adopt a proactive stance on these ethical dilemmas as they unfold (Tschang & Almirall, 2021)

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