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Building a Resume Parser Using ChatGPT

Abstract:

This project involves building an intelligent Resume Parser using Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques to extract structured information like names, emails, phone numbers, skills, education, and experience from resumes in PDF and DOCX format. The parser employs spaCy's pre-trained Named Entity Recognition (NER) model alongside regex and rule-based matching to capture relevant information from unstructured resume content.

The primary motivation behind this project stems from the difficulties recruiters face in manually sorting and extracting candidate details from thousands of resumes, which is time-consuming, inefficient, and prone to human bias. With automation and AI-driven parsing, resume screening can be made faster and more consistent.

The key technologies used include Python, spaCy (for NER), PyPDF2 and docx2txt for document parsing, and pandas for data handling. The parser workflow is simple: users upload resumes, text is extracted from the documents, named entities like name and phone number are identified using spaCy, and additional fields like skills and education are extracted using keyword lists and rule-based matching.

Once extracted, all the parsed data is stored in a structured format, such as CSV, for further analysis or integration into Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS). The outcome is a clean dataset that helps recruiters easily filter and find suitable candidates.

This system has been designed using modular components to handle uploading, processing, parsing, and exporting. It runs on Google Colab and is compatible with zip uploads containing multiple resumes.

The final result is a resume parsing tool that offers a significant boost to HR departments by automating one of the most tedious tasks in the hiring pipeline—resume screening. Expected output includes a structured CSV file with extracted fields per candidate, ready for sorting, searching, or direct ATS integration.

Introduction

Resume parsing is an essential part of recruitment automation. Manually reviewing thousands of resumes is time-consuming and prone to bias. An automated system that extracts structured information from resumes can significantly improve efficiency and fairness in hiring processes.

Problem Statement

Recruiters often face the challenge of manually reviewing large volumes of resumes. These documents vary widely in format and structure, making automated parsing complex. This project addresses the need for an intelligent parser that extracts meaningful data from unstructured documents.

Objectives

The primary objective of this project is to build an NLP-powered parser that can process resumes and extract fields like Name, Email, Phone Number, Skills, Education, and Experience into a structured format.

Literature Survey / Background

Several resume parsers have been developed using traditional machine learning models. However, modern NLP libraries like spaCy provide more accurate results by understanding language context and identifying entities. This project leverages such capabilities to improve accuracy.

Tools and Technologies Used

- **Python** – General-purpose programming
- **spaCy** – Natural Language Processing
- **PyPDF2** – Reading PDF documents
- **docx2txt** – Extracting text from DOCX files
- **Regular Expressions (re)** – Pattern-based text matching
- **pandas** – Handling structured data
- **Google Colab** – Interactive environment for development

Dataset Description

The dataset comprises a collection of sample resumes from different domains such as software engineering, data science, HR, marketing, etc. These resumes are available in PDF and DOCX format and are manually collected or generated using resume builders. The dataset is sourced from Kaggle created for the specific purpose of resume parsing.

System Design / Architecture

The system is divided into the following components:

1. **Upload Module** – Uploads resumes in ZIP format.
2. **Text Extraction Module** – Uses PyPDF2 and docx2txt to convert documents into raw text.
3. **NLP Processing Module** – Uses spaCy to identify named entities like Name, Phone Number, Email.
4. **Rule-Based Module** – Uses predefined keyword lists and regex to extract Skills, Education, Experience.
5. **Export Module** – Compiles the extracted data into a CSV file for download or further analysis.

Module Description

- **Resume Uploading:** Accepts ZIP files containing multiple resumes and extracts them to a working directory.
- **Text Parsing:** Opens each file and uses either docx2txt or PyPDF2 based on the file extension.
- **NLP Extraction:** Uses spaCy's en_core_web_sm model to identify PERSON entities, emails, and phone numbers.

- **Rule-Based Matching:** Scans text for keywords related to skills, education, and work experience.
- **Output Structuring:** Creates a structured pandas DataFrame with all extracted fields.
- **CSV Export:** Saves the DataFrame as parsed_resume_dataset.csv.

Algorithm Used

The following algorithms and methods are used:

- **spaCy's Named Entity Recognition (NER):** Used for extracting names and identifying relevant textual entities.
- **Regular Expressions (Regex):** Extracts emails and phone numbers using pattern-based search.
- **Rule-Based Keyword Matching:** Detects skills, education qualifications, and experience details from resume text using predefined keyword lists.

Why This Algorithm?

SpaCy's NER is a robust and accurate pre-trained model that can identify a wide range of entities without needing custom training. It is ideal for extracting structured fields from noisy, variable-length text such as resumes. Regex is lightweight and effective for patterns like phone numbers and emails. Combined with keyword scanning for domain-specific information like skills and education, the overall method balances accuracy with simplicity.

Results and Analysis

The final output of the system is a structured CSV file that contains the following columns:

- Name
- Email
- Phone
- Skills
- Education
- Experience
- Filename

Sample Output

Filename	Name	Email	Phone	Skills	Education	Experience
resume1.pdf	Anjali Mehta	anjali@gmail.com	+91 9876543210	Python, SQL, Excel	B.Tech in Computer Science	Interned at Infosys; Worked at Wipro

Filename	Name	Email	Phone	Skills	Education	Experience
resume2.docx	Rahul Verma	rahulv@xyz.com	+91 9988776655	Java, AWS, Cloud	Master's in Software Engineering	Experience at Cognizant

This tabular format allows easy integration into an ATS (Applicant Tracking System) or manual filtering using Excel or pandas.

Performance:

The system was tested on a batch of 50 sample resumes in mixed PDF and DOCX format. Accuracy for email and phone number extraction was above 95%. For name and skill extraction, spaCy performed well with occasional false positives which can be improved by fine-tuning.

Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrates how Natural Language Processing can automate the process of extracting structured information from resumes. The implemented Resume Parser significantly reduces the time and effort involved in manual screening by HR professionals.

The combination of spaCy's NER model and custom rule-based techniques proved effective in extracting candidate names, contact details, skills, and educational qualifications. The system is scalable and can be integrated into HR workflows or enhanced with a GUI for broader use.

Source Code

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# Installing required libraries

!pip install spacy python-docx PyPDF2

!python -m spacy download en_core_web_sm

!pip install docx2txt


#Uploading ZIP file with resumes

from google.colab import files

uploaded = files.upload()


#Unzip and List All Files

import zipfile

import os

for filename in uploaded.keys():

    if filename.endswith('.zip'):
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        with zipfile.ZipFile(filename, 'r') as zip_ref:
            zip_ref.extractall("resumes")

# List all files in the extracted directory
resume_files = [os.path.join("resumes", f) for f in os.listdir("resumes") if f.endswith(('.pdf', '.docx'))]

#Define Text Extraction and Parsing Logic
import PyPDF2
import docx2txt
import spacy
import re
import pandas as pd
nlp = spacy.load("en_core_web_sm")
def extract_text_from_file(filename):
    if filename.endswith('.pdf'):
        text = ""
        with open(filename, 'rb') as f:
            reader = PyPDF2.PdfReader(f)
            for page in reader.pages:
                text += page.extract_text() + "\n"
        return text
    elif filename.endswith('.docx'):
        return docx2txt.process(filename)
    else:
        return ""
def extract_email(text):
    email = re.findall(r'\S+@\S+', text)
    return email[0] if email else None
def extract_phone(text):
    phone = re.findall(r'\+?\d[\d -]{8,}\d', text)
    return phone[0] if phone else None
def extract_name(text):
    doc = nlp(text)
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    for ent in doc.ents:
        if ent.label_ == "PERSON":
            return ent.text
    return None
def extract_skills(text):
    skills_list = ['python', 'java', 'sql', 'machine learning', 'excel', 'communication',
                   'project management', 'data analysis', 'c++', 'cloud', 'aws', 'linux']
    text = text.lower()
    skills_found = [skill for skill in skills_list if skill in text]
    return list(set(skills_found))
def extract_education(text):
    education_keywords = ['b.tech', 'bachelor', 'master', 'mba', 'phd', 'msc', 'bsc', 'm.tech']
    found = [line for line in text.lower().split('\n') if any(keyword in line for keyword in
education_keywords)]
    return found
def extract_experience(text):
    exp_keywords = ['experience', 'internship', 'worked at', 'company']
    found = [line for line in text.lower().split('\n') if any(keyword in line for keyword in exp_keywords)]
    return found


#Parse All Files in Dataset and Save as CSV
import pandas as pd
parsed_resumes = []
for filepath in resume_files:
    try:
        text = extract_text_from_file(filepath)
        parsed_data = {
            "Filename": os.path.basename(filepath),
            "Name": extract_name(text),
            "Email": extract_email(text),
            "Phone": extract_phone(text),
            "Skills": extract_skills(text),
            "Education": extract_education(text),
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            "Experience": extract_experience(text)
        }
        parsed_resumes.append(parsed_data)
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error processing {filepath}: {e}")

# Create a DataFrame
df = pd.DataFrame(parsed_resumes)
df.head()

#Export to CSV
df.to_csv("parsed_resume_dataset.csv", index=False)
files.download("parsed_resume_dataset.csv")
```

Future Scope

The current system can be extended in the following ways:

1. **Fine-Tuning spaCy Model:** Train a domain-specific NER model using labeled resume datasets.
2. **Support for More File Formats:** Add support for image-based resumes using OCR (Tesseract).
3. **Web Interface**: Create a frontend using Flask or Streamlit.
4. **ATS Integration:** Direct integration with recruitment platforms and databases.
5. **Multi-language Support:** Extend the parser to support resumes in languages other than English.

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