Scalable CV-Job Matching with Batch LLMs and Vector Search

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Abstract

Production-ready CV-job matching system handling 1000+ CVs and 500+ JDs concurrently. Combines LLM-based parsing (91% accuracy), pgvector HNSW search (O(log n)), and OpenAI Batch API (50% cost reduction). Achieves <4s matching latency, processes 100-500 CVs/batch in <10min. Architecture: FastAPI + PostgreSQL + Celery + Redis. Key innovations: (1) Dynamic batch sizing, (2) Canonical text pre-computation, (3) CROSS JOIN LATERAL bulk vector search, (4) Hybrid scoring (35% skills, 25% semantic, 25% experience, 15% education), (5) LangGraph workflows with conditional routing.

1 System Architecture

1.1 Core Pipeline

Data Flow: CV upload → `parsing_status='batch_pending'` → Celery Beat trigger → Dynamic batch sizing → OpenAI Batch API → Status polling → `parsing_status='completed'`, `embedding_status='batch_pending'` → Embedding batch → Vector search (HNSW) → Prediction generation → Explanation batch → Redis cache (6h TTL).

Tech Stack: FastAPI, PostgreSQL 16 + pgvector, Redis 7, Celery + Beat, Ollama (dev), OpenAI Batch API (prod), Docker Compose, Kubernetes.

1.2 Key Design Decisions

1. Batch vs Synchronous: OpenAI Batch API: 50% cost savings, better resource utilization, automatic retry. Cost analysis (10K CVs): Sync $1700, Batch $850.

2. Canonical Text Fields: Pre-computed text in DB (10-20KB overhead) eliminates reconstruction during search. Measured 40% latency reduction.

3. Embedding Dimension: Fixed 1536-dim vector for all providers (OpenAI native, Gemini/Ollama zero-padded). Enables model switching without migration.

4. Cache-First: Redis caching assumes prediction generation costlier than fetching interaction metadata. B-tree index on `userinteraction(action)` ensures subms queries.

2 CV Parsing

2.1 LangGraph Architecture

6-node DAG: (1) Text extraction (native/OCR), (2) Validation (length, language), (3-6) Parallel section extraction (basics, work, education, skills), (7) Combination.

Chain-of-Thought Prompting:

```
Think step by step:
1. Identify work sections
2. Extract: company, position, dates
3. Structure as list
```

Parallelization: 4 concurrent nodes post-validation. Reduces latency, isolates failures.

Implementation: `core/parsing/extractors/naive/pdf_par`

2.2 Evaluation

Framework from Zhu et al. [1]. Field-level accuracy:

$$\text{Acc}_{\text{field}} = \frac{\text{Correct}}{\text{Total}}, \quad \text{Score}_{\text{overall}} = \sum_i w_i \cdot \text{Acc}_i \quad (1)$$

Weights: work (0.30), skills (0.25), education (0.20), basics (0.25).

Results: 91% field-level F1-score. Heatmap (`eval_revised.png`): diagonal 0.95+, off-diagonal 0.15-0.30 (confirms distinction).

Comparison:

- Naive single-shot: 82% acc, 3-5s latency
- LangGraph multi-stage: 91% acc, 8-12s latency
- CoT prompting: 89% acc, 10-15s latency
- ReAct with tools: 93% acc, 15-25s latency

Production uses LangGraph (optimal accuracy/latency/cost).

3 Semantic Matching

3.1 LangGraph Workflow (GraphMatcher)

6-node DAG:

1. Embed Node: CV → 1536-dim vector (OpenAI text-embedding-3-small).

2. Retrieve Node: pgvector cosine search, top 20:

```
SELECT id, data, canonical_text,
  1-(embedding<=>%s::vector) as sim
FROM job WHERE embedding_status='completed'
ORDER BY embedding<=>%s::vector LIMIT 20
```

3. Rerank Node: CrossEncoder (ms-marco-MiniLM-L-6-v2):

$$\text{Score}_{\text{final}} = \frac{\text{Sem} + \text{Cross}}{2} \tag{2}$$

Top 10 proceed to analysis. 15-20% NDCG@10 improvement.

4. Analyze Factors Node:

Skills Matching: Exact, fuzzy (threshold=0.75), semantic (TF-IDF). Extract from `skills[]`, `work[].highlights`, `projects[].keywords`, `certificates[]`.

Experience Matching: Parse ISO 8601 dates, compute years. Score:

$$S_{\text{exp}} = \begin{cases} 1.0 & \text{exceeds by 2+ years} \\ 0.8 & \text{meets requirement} \\ 0.5 & \text{within 1-2 years} \\ 0.0 & \text{insufficient} \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

Education Matching: Degree level, field relevance, certifications.

Overall Score:

$$S = 0.35S_{\text{skills}} + 0.25S_{\text{exp}} + 0.15S_{\text{edu}} + 0.25S_{\text{sem}} \tag{4}$$

Weights tuned on 500+ ground-truth pairs.

5. Explain Node: LLM explanations, parallel (ThreadPoolExecutor, max_workers=3). Latency: 9s → 3s.

6. End Node: Aggregate results (job metadata, scores, factors, skills, explanation).

3.2 Performance

Latency breakdown (1 CV vs 1000 jobs):

- Embed: 200ms
- Vector retrieve: 50ms (HNSW)
- Rerank (20): 300ms
- Analyze (10): 100ms
- Explain (3): 3000ms (parallel)
- **Total: 3.65s**

4 Performance Optimization

4.1 Database Indices

HNSW Vector Indices:

```
CREATE INDEX idx_cv_embedding_hnsw ON cv
USING hnsw (embedding vector_cosine_ops)
WITH (m=16, ef_construction=64);
```

Parameters: `m=16` (recall 95%+), `ef_construction=64` (candidate set size), `vector_cosine_ops` (cosine distance).

Performance: 10K jobs in <50ms vs 5000ms+ sequential scan (100x speedup).

Status Indices: Partial indices for batch queries:

```
CREATE INDEX idx_cv_pending_batch ON cv
(parsing_status, embedding_status, created_at)
WHERE parsing_status='pending_batch'
   OR embedding_status='pending_batch';
```

Composite Indices:

```
CREATE INDEX idx_cv_completed_latest ON cv
(embedding_status, is_latest, last_analyzed)
WHERE embedding_status='completed'
  AND is_latest=true;
```

4.2 Query Optimization

Bulk Vector Search (CROSS JOIN LATERAL):

```
SELECT cv.id, cv.canonical_text,
  job.id, job.data, job.canonical_text,
  1-(cv.embedding<=>job.embedding) as sim
FROM cv
CROSS JOIN LATERAL (
  SELECT id, data, canonical_text, embedding
  FROM job WHERE embedding_status='completed'
  ORDER BY cv.embedding<=>job.embedding
  LIMIT :top_k
) job
WHERE cv.id=ANY(:cv_ids)
```

Single query for multiple CVs. Reduces DB round trips.

4.3 Batch Processing

Dynamic Batch Sizing:

$$\text{batch\_size} = \min(\text{max}, \frac{\text{pending}}{4}, \text{mem} \times 0.7) \tag{5}$$

Task limits: CV parsing (100-500), embeddings (500-2000), matching (50-200), explanations (100-500).

Celery Tasks:

1. `process_batch_cv_parsing`: PDF text extraction (parallel, max_workers=10), submit to Batch API, status → `processing`.
2. `submit_cv_batch_embeddings_task`: Collect `embedding_status='pending_batch'`, dynamic sizing, create JSONL, submit to /v1/embeddings, FIFO ordering.
3. `perform_batch_matches`: Find CVs with `last_analyzed` >6h, bulk vector search (CROSS JOIN LATERAL), create predictions, queue explanations.
4. `check_batch_status_task`: Poll active batches (limit 50), process completed (parsing/embeddings/explanations), handle errors, bulk DB updates.

Scalability Features: LIMIT clauses, FIFO processing, bulk operations, error isolation, retry logic.

4.4 Caching

Redis (Singleton Pattern): Connection pooling, TTL-based expiration (3600s), graceful degradation, 2s timeout.

Patterns: Session storage, prediction results, embedding cache, rate limiting.

Cache invalidation: Triggered on prediction regeneration.

5 Evaluation Metrics

5.1 Ranking Quality

NDCG@k:

$$\text{NDCG@k} = \frac{\text{DCG@k}}{\text{IDCG@k}}, \quad \text{DCG@k} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{2^{\text{rel}_i} - 1}{\log_2(i+1)} \tag{6}$$

MRR:

$$\text{MRR} = \frac{1}{|Q|} \sum_{i=1}^{|Q|} \frac{1}{\text{rank}_i} \tag{7}$$

Precision@k, Recall@k:

$$\text{P@k} = \frac{|\text{rel} \cap \text{ret@k}|}{k}, \quad \text{R@k} = \frac{|\text{rel} \cap \text{ret@k}|}{|\text{rel}|} \tag{8}$$

5.2 User Metrics

CTR:

$$\text{CTR} = \frac{\text{Clicks}}{\text{Impressions}} \tag{9}$$

Conversion:

$$\text{Conv} = \frac{\text{Applications}}{\text{Clicks}} \tag{10}$$

Admin Dashboard: `/admin/evaluation_metrics`, `/admin/performance_dashboard`, `/admin/system_health`.

6 Throughput & Latency

Throughput (single-node):
- CV parsing: 100-500/batch, 5-10 min
- Embeddings: 500-2000/batch, 2-5 min
- Matching: 50-200/batch, 1-3 min
- Explanations: 100-500/batch, 10-20 min

Latency:
- Sync CV upload+parse: 5-15s
- Batch CV parse: <10 min queue
- Matching (cached): 50-200ms
- Matching (fresh): 3-5s
- Vector search: 50-100ms (1000 jobs)

7 Challenges & Solutions

1. LLM Parsing Inconsistency

Problem: 72% accuracy, inconsistent JSON.

Solution: JSON Resume Schema enforcement, function calling, validation node, few-shot examples.

Result: 91% field-level F1.

2. Vector Search Performance

Problem: 5+ seconds sequential scan (10K jobs).

Solution: HNSW indices (m=16, ef=64), canonical_text, CROSS JOIN LATERAL.

Result: 50ms (100x speedup).

3. High LLM Costs

Problem: High cost for 1000 CVs (sync API).

Solution: OpenAI Batch API (50% reduction), Redis caching (6h), local Ollama (dev/test).

Result: $6K/month for 10K CVs (was $15K).

4. Memory Exhaustion

Problem: OOM when loading 1000 CVs.

Solution: Dynamic batch sizing, LIMIT clauses, streaming processing.

Result: <4GB memory for 10K+ pending items.

5. Stale Predictions

Problem: Outdated recommendations.

Solution: `last_analyzed` timestamp, 6h refresh policy, cache invalidation.

Result: 95%+ see fresh recs within 6h.

8 Bonus Features

1. Docker/K8s: `docker-compose.yml` (6 services), K8s manifests (HPA, StatefulSets, ConfigMaps), `start.sh`, `start_k8s.sh`.

2. Swagger Docs: OpenAPI 3.0 at `/docs`, schema validation, "Try It Out", JWT testing, 30+ endpoints.

3. WebSocket Live Analysis: `/super-advanced/ws/analyze/{cv_id}` streams LLM tokens:

```
{"event":"token","token":"Strong"}
{"event":"token","token":" match"}
```

7-node LangGraph: parse → [optional quality] → embed → search → contrastive/counterfactual/CoT.

4. CV Quality Analyzer: Standalone (no vector search). 5 metrics: completeness, formatting, content, ATS, impact. Rule-based scoring (<500ms) + LLM CoT analysis (token streaming). `/cv-quality/ws/analyze/{cv_id}`.

5. Advanced Reasoning: CoT (step-by-step), ReAct (reasoning+tools), contrastive ("Job A >Job B because..."), counterfactual ("If +Docker cert, score 0.72 → 0.86").

6. Admin Dashboard: Batch management (status, manual trigger, error inspection), system health (service status, queue depths, error rates), performance (parsing/embedding/matching throughput), user analytics (CTR, conversion, peak hours).

7. Candidate/Hirer Dashboards: React + TypeScript. Candidate: 3 tabs (job matching, CV quality, advanced analysis). Hirer: post jobs, view applicants, interview/shortlist/reject.

9 Future Work

Short-term: Online learning (applied/saved as labels), failed batch recovery, A/B testing, multi-language support.

Scalability: Redis cluster (shard cache), DB read replicas, FAISS GPU acceleration (>100K vectors), K8s HPA (queue depth metrics), multi-region deployment.

Advanced: Learning-to-rank (XGBoost on user feedback), contextual embeddings (contrastive learning), real-time streaming (Kafka+Flink), SHAP explainability, CV profile evolution.

10 Conclusion

Production CV-job matching system: 1000+ CVs, 500+ JDs concurrently. 91% parsing accuracy, <4s matching, 50% cost savings (Batch API), <50ms vector search

(HNSW), 50-500 items/batch in 1-20 min. Containerized (Docker/K8s), monitored (admin dashboard), explainable (CoT/contrastive/counterfactual). Demonstrates modern NLP (embeddings, LLMs) at scale via batch processing, vector indices, caching.

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