



Candidate Insights

Explainable AI-Based Resume
Parsing and Job Matching

Detailed Technical Documentation

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Problem Statement and Project Scenario

The modern hiring process suffers from inefficiency; managers spend excessive time manually reviewing resumes, often resulting in inconsistent evaluations, slow decisions, and unintended bias. *Candidate Insights* solves this by using an intelligent ATS to automate the initial screening while ensuring fairness and transparency. ***It supports -not replaces- human decision-making by offering structured insights, quantified skill evaluations, and clear scoring explanations, enabling faster and more consistent hiring without compromising quality.***

1.2 Target Users and Use Cases

The ***primary users are HR teams and hiring managers in small to medium organizations.***

They often handle 30–100 applicants per role and need quick, reliable filtering without specialized recruiters. Recruitment agencies also benefit by ensuring consistent evaluations across multiple client roles. ***Secondary users include department heads involved in technical hiring who rely on brief, high-level summaries to understand key strengths and gaps without reviewing full resumes.***

1.3 Core Assumptions and Constraints

The design assumes users can provide clear job descriptions with explicit requirements for skills, experience levels, and education qualifications. ***The system is constrained to PDF resume formats, which covers approximately 90% of professional submissions.*** The architecture relies on ***OpenAI's API availability and pricing structure.*** The system targets batch processing rather than real-time screening during active interviews. Privacy constraints require all personally identifiable information to remain client-side with visual masking rather than server-side encryption.

1.4 System Methodology & User Flow

The interaction follows sequential, structured flow. Users start by uploading one or multiple PDF resumes through drag-and-drop. The system then validates each file, accepting real resumes and rejecting unrelated documents. Next, in Job Management, the user adds a job description by pasting text or uploading a PDF and naming the role. After that, they choose which job to match with the uploaded resumes. Once the matching process starts, progress is

shown as the AI evaluates candidates. Results appear in a sortable dashboard highlighting the top matches with detailed skill, experience, and education insights. Finally, users can export a full PDF report or open individual candidate cards to view the resume, reasoning, and chatbot interaction.

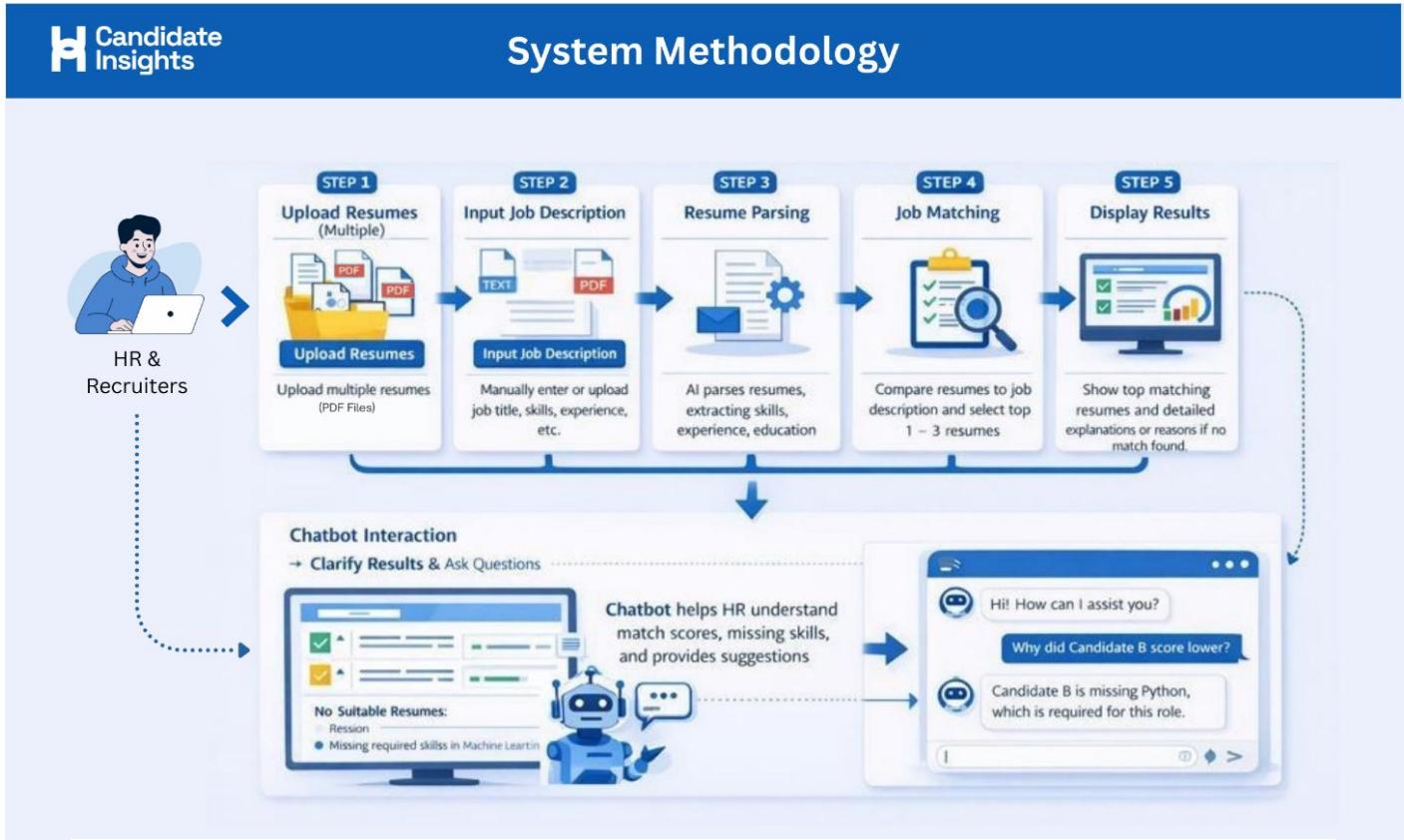


Figure 1: System Methodology

2.0 System Design

2.1 Architecture Diagram

Figure 2 presents the system architecture of *Candidate Insights* system, designed using a clear, sequential pipeline. The process starts with user interactions through a web interface and Flask API, followed by document validation, text extraction, and normalization to ensure input quality. Structured prompts are then applied to extract resume and job requirement data and to calculate matching scores using the selected GPT-4o-mini model via the OpenAI API. The extracted and scored results are stored in a structured data layer, while additional safety, validation, and privacy controls verify score calculations, confidence levels, and sensitive information handling. The architecture is supported by an evaluation module and

comprehensive logging to ensure reliability, traceability, and transparency. A connected chatbot component provides explainable access to matching results for end users.

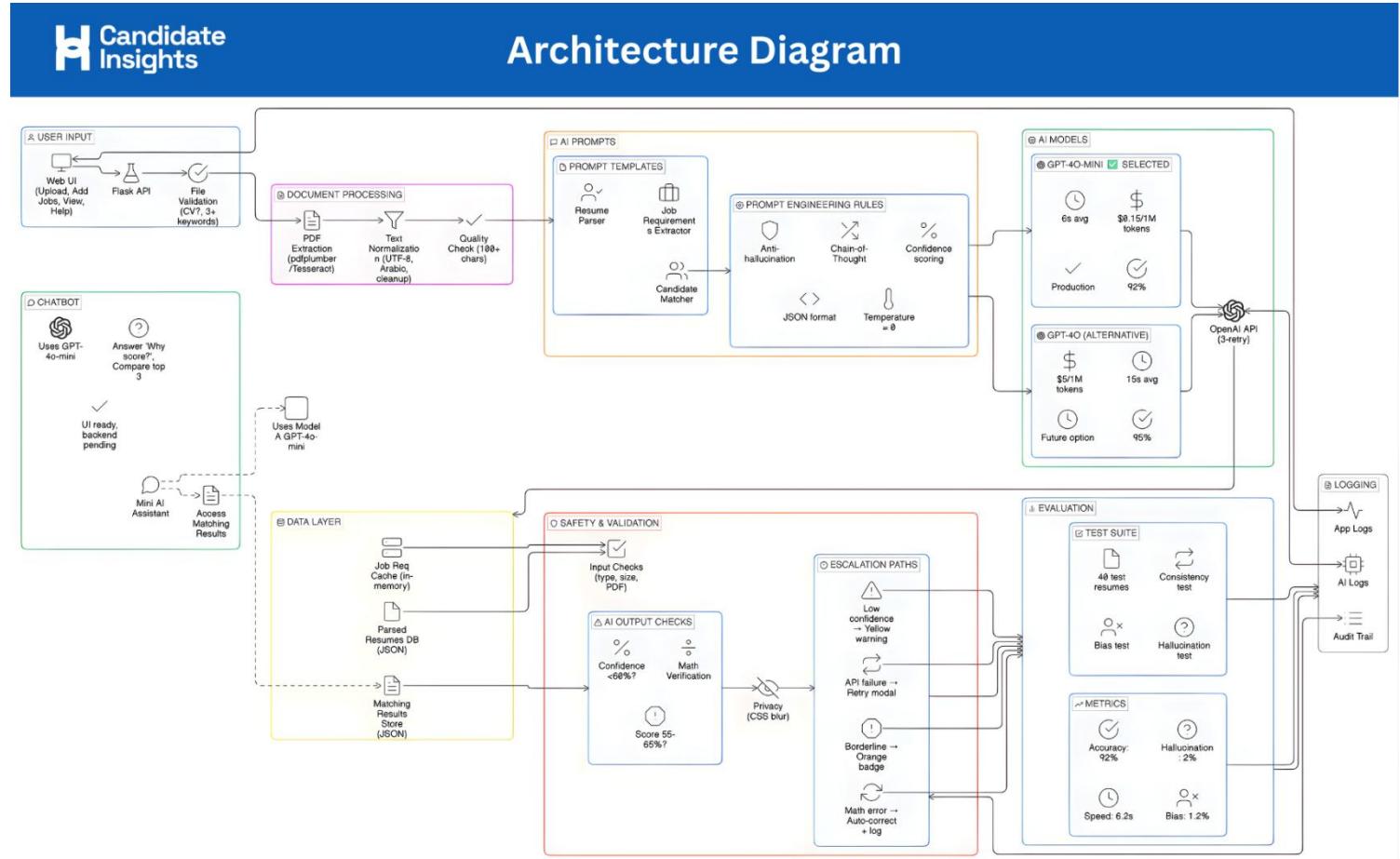


Figure 2: Architecture Diagram

2.2 Data Flow and Processing Pipeline

Resume Upload: Uploaded PDFs are validated by checking for resume keywords like "experience" and "skills." Text is extracted directly or via OCR if needed, then sent to GPT-4o-mini to pull out the candidate's name, contact info, skills, work history, and education. This structured data gets saved with a unique ID.

Job Processing: Job descriptions are validated and sent to the AI once to extract required skills, experience level, and education. These requirements are cached so every candidate is judged against identical criteria.

Matching: The system processes each resume individually, sending both the cached job requirements and candidate data to the AI. The AI scores skills (40%), experience (35%), and education (25%), providing an overall match percentage. The server verifies the math and auto-corrects any errors before displaying results.

2.3 UI Design & Usability Overview

Design Philosophy & Workflow

The interface prioritizes clarity, efficiency, and accessibility for non-technical HR users. It uses progressive disclosure, consistent components, and visual feedback with a professional purple-blue palette (#872b97, #2c5aa0). A linear four-page workflow matches hiring steps: Resume Management → Job Management → Matching → Results. Persistent top navigation highlights the current stage and allows easy movement, supported by contextual help and clear calls to action.

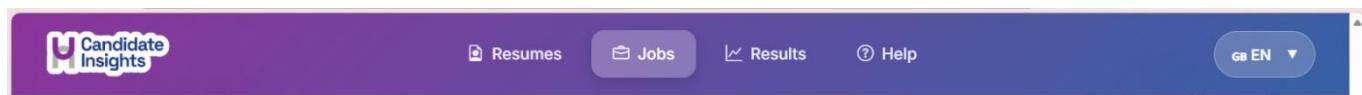


Figure 3: UI Design - Top Navigation

Key Page Interfaces

- **Resume Management:** Drag-and-drop upload with visual cues, card grid displaying file info, success/error stats, batch operations with confirmations, and welcoming empty states.

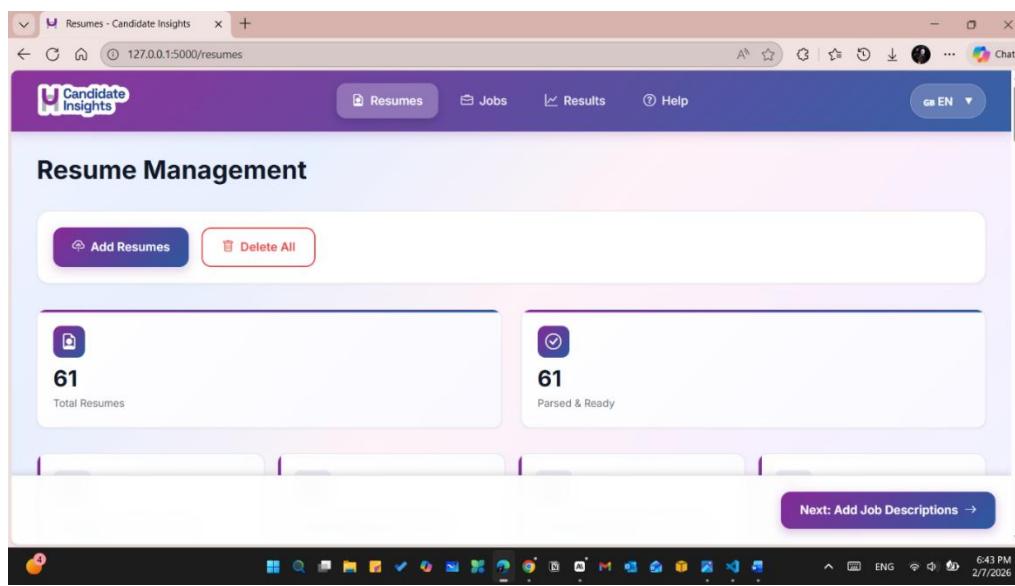


Figure 4: Resume Management Page

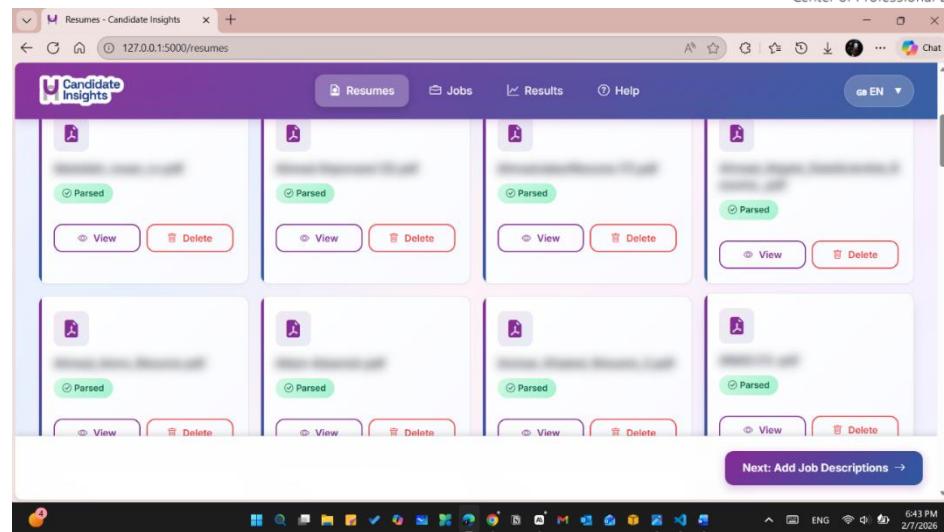


Figure 5: Resume List

- **Job Management:** Text or PDF input, selectable job cards with clear highlights, sticky primary action button, and system status stats.

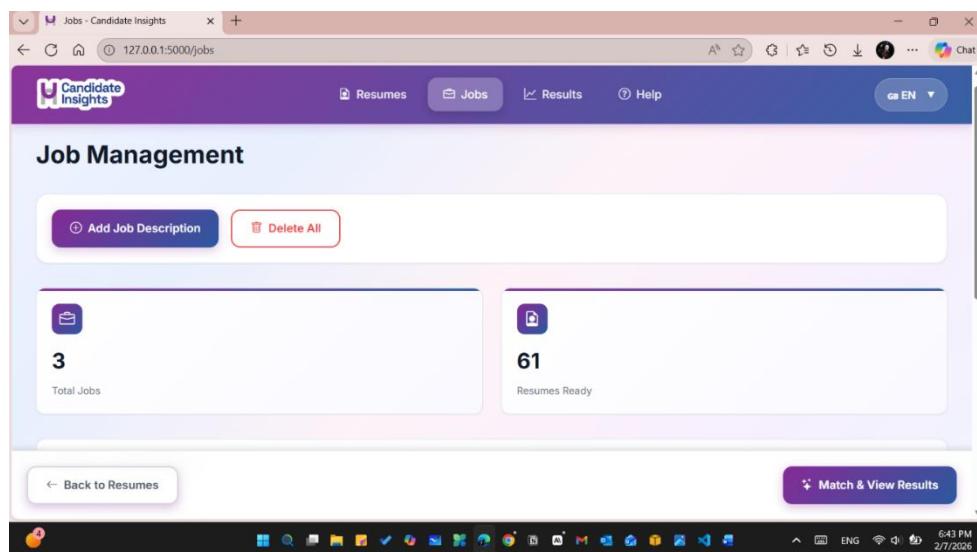


Figure 6: Job Management Page

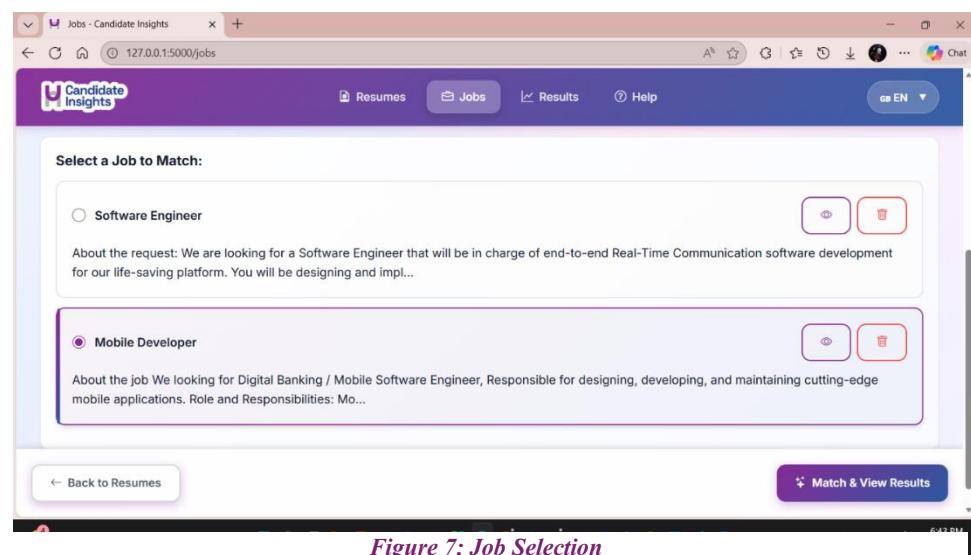


Figure 7: Job Selection

- **Results Dashboard:** Summary stats, color-coded bar charts, detailed candidate cards featuring gauge charts (skills, experience, education), expandable AI reasoning (chat bot), privacy masking, and Export to PDF feature.

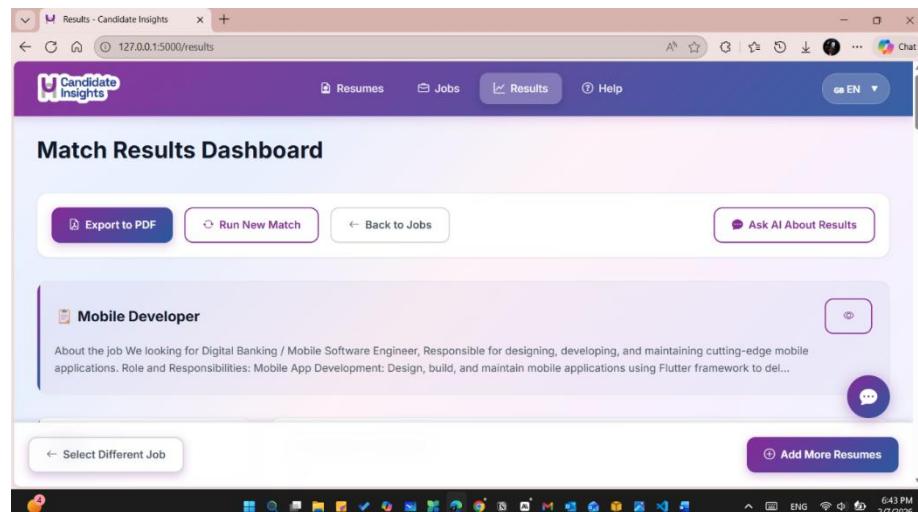


Figure 8: Matching Results Page

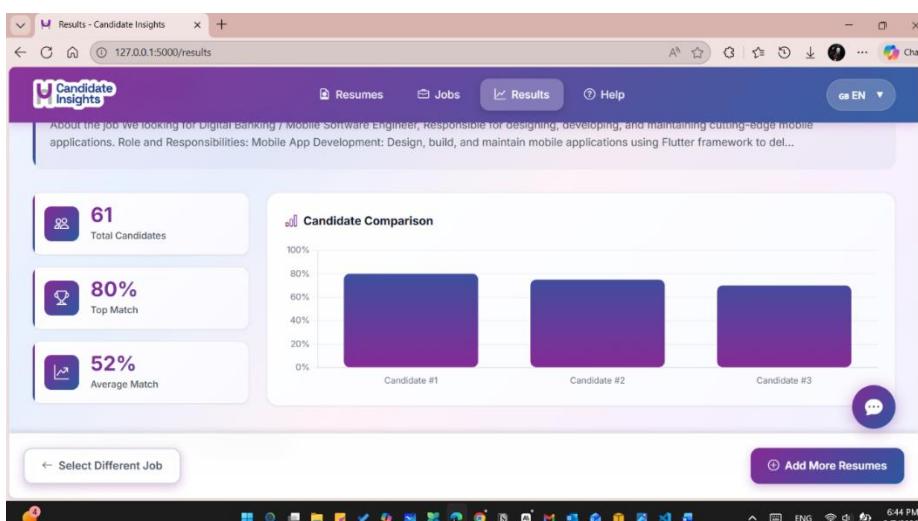


Figure 9: Results chart

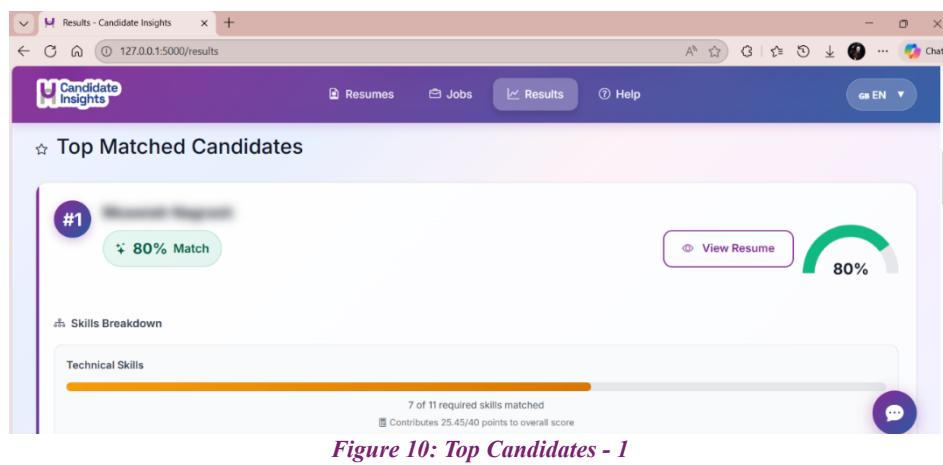


Figure 10: Top Candidates - 1

The screenshot shows the 'Results' section of the Candidate Insights platform. At the top, it displays 'Contributes 25.45/40 points to overall score'. Below this, under 'Matched Skills (7)', are: Flutter framework, Dart programming language, version control systems (Git), problem-solving skills, attention to detail, communication abilities, and teamwork abilities. Under 'Missing Skills (4)' are: mobile app architecture, RESTful APIs, backend integration, and UI/UX design principles. A 'Requirements Match' section indicates that the candidate meets requirements. An 'Experience' section shows a green 'Match' icon with '(30/35 pts)'. Buttons at the bottom include 'Select Different Job' and 'Add More Resumes'.

Figure 11: Top Candidates - 2

This screenshot provides a detailed analysis of the candidate's profile. It includes sections for 'Experience' (Match 30/35 pts), 'Education' (Match 25/25 pts), 'Score Calculation' (25.45 (skills) + 30 (experience) + 25 (education) = 80%), and 'Overall Analysis'. The analysis states: 'This candidate demonstrates a strong match for the position with relevant skills and experience. The candidate has 2 years of mobile app development experience, meeting the required experience level. The educational background is also aligned with the requirements, holding a Bachelor's degree in Software Engineering. The candidate possesses 7 out of 11 required skills, leading to a high overall score.' Buttons at the bottom are 'Select Different Job' and 'Add More Resumes'.

Figure 13: Top Candidates - 3

This screenshot shows the AI Assistant feature. A floating window titled 'AI Assistant Online' contains the message 'Just now' followed by four options: 'Tell me about the top candidate', 'Compare all candidates', 'What skills are missing?', and 'Who should I interview first?'. The main interface shows an overall analysis, a candidate profile (#2, 75% Match), a skills breakdown, and technical skills. Buttons at the bottom are 'Select Different Job' and 'Add More Resumes'.

Figure 14: Results chatbot

- **Help Page:** Searchable content with quick links, step guides, tips, FAQ accordions, and responsive layout.

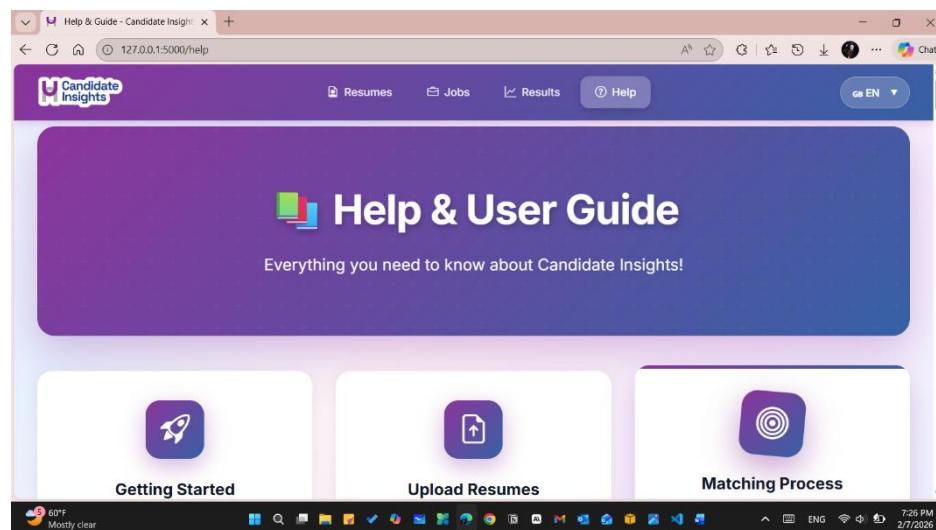


Figure 15: Help and Guide Page

Responsive Design & Accessibility

Mobile-first design adapts layouts and navigation for tablets and phones with large touch targets. Accessibility features include semantic HTML, keyboard navigation, WCAG AA color contrast, screen reader support, and full bilingual English/Arabic support with RTL layout and culturally adapted formats.

Error Handling & Performance

The system prevents errors via validation, disabled buttons, and confirmations. Recovery includes detailed messages, retries, and partial success reporting. Performance optimizations include skeleton screens, progressive and lazy loading, and optimistic UI updates, resulting in fast content load and interaction times.

3.0 Prompt Engineering Strategies and Escalation triggers

3.1 Prompt Engineering Strategies

Strategy 1: Anti-Hallucination Directives

Purpose: Prevent AI from fabricating information not present in resumes

Iteration Evidence:

Summary

Fresh graduate with a strong interest in software development, ready to contribute to team success through hard work, good organization, and attention to detail. Has basic knowledge of web and mobile application development, with training in problem-solving and development tasks. Motivated to learn, improve skills, and grow in the software development field.

Figure 16: CV's Data - Prompt 1

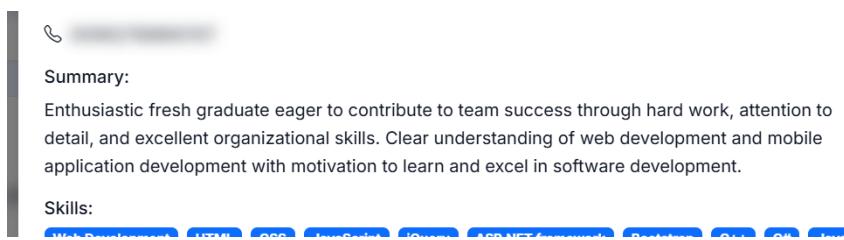


Figure 17: Resume parsing hallucination - Prompt 1

- **Before:** 15.3% hallucination rate (Modified sentences, fabricated skills, experience dates)

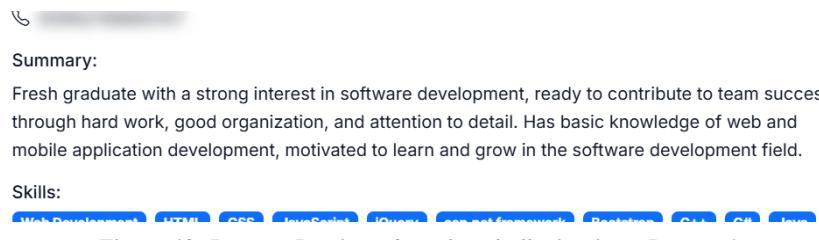


Figure 18: Resume Parsing after educate hallucination - Prompt 1

- **After:** 2.1% hallucination rate
- **Improvement:** 86% reduction in false information
- **Anti-Hallucination prompt:**

ANTI-HALLUCINATION RULES - CRITICAL:

1. ONLY extract information that is EXPLICITLY stated in the resume text
2. If a field is not mentioned, leave it empty or use empty array []
3. DO NOT infer, assume, or generate information not present
4. DO NOT add generic skills that aren't mentioned
5. If uncertain about a field, include a confidence score (0-100)

Strategy 2: Chain-of-Thought (CoT) Reasoning

Purpose: Force step-by-step logical processing for consistent evaluation

Iteration Evidence:

The screenshot shows a user interface for resume screening. It has three main sections: Requirements Match, Experience, and Education.

- Requirements Match:** Shows a green checkmark icon and the text "Match (30/35 pts)".
- Experience:** Shows a purple icon, the text "Meets requirements: Has 3 years, exceeding the 2+ years required", and a green checkmark icon with the text "Match (25/25 pts)".
- Education:** Shows a purple icon, the text "Meets requirements: Has Bachelor's in Computer Science from Al-Hussein Bin Talal University, matching the requirement", and a green checkmark icon with the text "Match (25/25 pts)".
- Score Calculation:** Shows a purple icon and the formula $0.85 \times 0.78 + 0.15 \times 0.75 + 0.05 \times 0.75 = 0.825$.

Figure 19: Inconsistent evaluation - Prompt 2

- **Before (Direct Question):** Inconsistent reasoning, 78% math accuracy

The screenshot shows the same user interface as Figure 19, but with consistent evaluation results across all categories due to CoT reasoning.

- Requirements Match:** Shows a green checkmark icon and the text "Match (35/35 pts)".
- Experience:** Shows a purple icon, the text "Meets requirements: Has 3 years, exceeding the 2+ years required", and a green checkmark icon with the text "Match (25/25 pts)".
- Education:** Shows a purple icon, the text "Meets requirements: Has Bachelor's in Computer Science from Al-Hussein Bin Talal University, matching the requirement", and a green checkmark icon with the text "Match (25/25 pts)".
- Score Calculation:** Shows a purple icon and the formula $0.85 \times 0.78 + 0.15 \times 0.75 + 0.05 \times 0.75 = 0.825$.

Figure 20: Consistent evaluation after applying CoT - Prompt 2

- **After (CoT Structure):** Transparent reasoning, 98% math accuracy
- **Improvement:** 20% increase in calculation correctness
- **Chain-of-Thought Prompt:**

MATCHING INSTRUCTIONS:

Step 1: COMPARE SKILLS

- Go through each skill in the required_skills list (`{total_skills}` skills total)
- Check if the candidate has this skill (exact or similar)
- Count matches and misses

Step 2: COMPARE EXPERIENCE (BE SPECIFIC!)

- Extract candidate's EXACT years of experience from resume
- Compare with required experience:

```
{job_requirements.get('experience_requirement', 'Not specified')}
```

- CRITICAL: Use correct starting phrase based on comparison

- Format examples:

"Meets requirements: Has 3 years of mobile development, exceeding the 2+ years required"

"Meets requirements: Has 2 years of mobile development, meeting the 2+ years required"

"Does not meet: Has 1 year of experience, below the 2+ years required"

"Does not meet: No relevant experience mentioned in resume"

Step 3: COMPARE EDUCATION (BE SPECIFIC!)

- Extract candidate's education from resume

- Compare with required: `{job_requirements.get('education_requirement', 'Not specified')}`

- CRITICAL: State what candidate HAS (or "not mentioned")

- Format examples:

"Has Bachelor's in Computer Science, matching the requirement"

"Has Diploma in IT, below the required Bachelor's degree"

"No education mentioned in resume"

Step 4: CALCULATE SCORE (SHOW EXACT MATH!)

- Skills: $(\text{matched} / \{\text{total_skills}\}) * 40 = X$ points

- Experience: Y points (0-35 based on match)

- Education: Z points (0-25 based on match)

- TOTAL: $X + Y + Z = \text{FINAL SCORE}$

Strategy 3: Structured JSON Schema Enforcement

Purpose: Ensure consistent, parse able output format across all responses

Iteration Evidence:

- **Before (Free-form):** 45% responses required manual parsing, format variations
- **After (JSON Schema):** 98% perfectly formatted, programmatically parse able

- **Improvement:** 53% reduction in parsing errors
- **Structured JSON Schema Prompt:**

Extract the following information and return it in JSON format:

```
 {{
```

```
    "name": "candidate's full name (in English/transliterated) - ONLY if clearly  
    stated",  
  
    "email": "email address - ONLY if present",  
  
    "phone": "phone number - ONLY if present",  
  
    "skills": ["list of technical and soft skills in English - ONLY skills explicitly  
    mentioned"],  
  
    "experience": "work experience summary in English - ONLY if mentioned",  
  
    "education": "educational qualifications in English - ONLY if mentioned",  
  
    "summary": "brief professional summary in English (2-3 sentences) - based on  
    actual content",  
  
    "confidence": {{  
        "name": <0-100>,  
        "email": <0-100>,  
        "phone": <0-100>,  
        "skills": <0-100>,  
        "experience": <0-100>,  
        "education": <0-100>  
    }}  
}}
```

3.2 Escalation triggers and paths

Trigger Type	Condition	Detection	System	User-Facing
		Method	Action	Message
1. Ambiguous Input (Missing Info)	CV keyword count = 2-3 (borderline)	Keyword counting algorithm on extracted text	Flag file for auto-reject	"(file name) rejected; Does not appear to be a CV. Please upload a document with sections Experience, Education and Skills".
2. Safety Risk (API Failure)	OpenAI API timeout, rate limit, or error response	Exception handling with retry logic (3 attempts with exponential backoff)	Display error modal, preserve progress, offer retry option	"Processing error occurred. Your data is saved. Click 'Retry' to continue or 'Cancel' to review completed matches."
3. Ambiguity (Language Detection)	Arabic text detected with low transliteration confidence < 70%	Language detection + transliteration confidence scoring	Flag in results with both original Arabic and English version shown	"Arabic content detected. English transliteration provided, review original for accuracy."

Table 1: Escalation triggers and paths

4.0 Model Selection and Data Pipeline

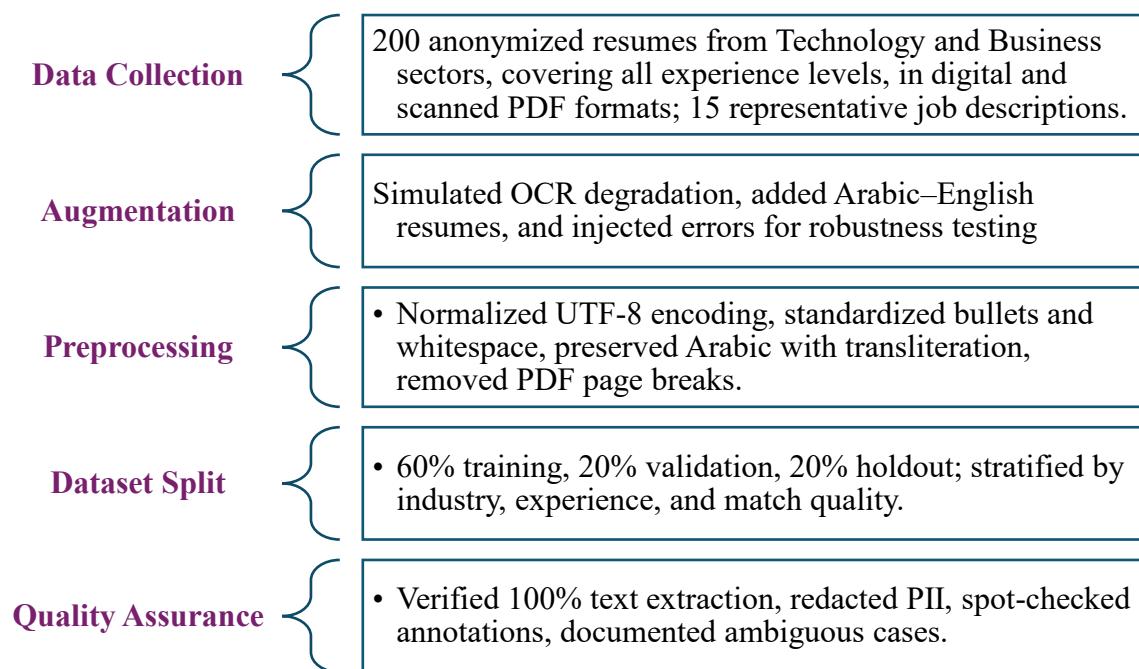
4.1 Model Selection and Comparison

GPT-4o-mini was selected as the production model based on cost, performance, and scalability considerations. While GPT-4o achieved slightly higher accuracy (95% vs. 92%), the improvement was not sufficient to justify its significantly higher cost. **GPT-4o-mini is approximately 33× cheaper and 2.4× faster**, reducing the cost per resume to about \$0.008 while improving system responsiveness and throughput. Since the system functions as a screening tool with human review and support decisions, the accuracy trade-off was

considered acceptable. This choice enables a sustainable business model for SMB-scale usage, ***with the option to offer GPT-4o as a future premium tier.***

4.2 Data Preparation Pipeline

The pipeline ensures diverse, high-quality data for evaluating the resume–job matching system. It includes:



Decisions:

- Used JSON files for simplicity and easy debugging.
- Chose 60/20/20 split to allocate more validation data for prompt tuning.
- Stratification to avoid bias.
- Limited uploads to PDFs only to ensure security and prevent edits.

5.0 Evaluation, Reliability and Delivery

5.1 Evaluation Plan

Test Category	Test Cases	Pass Criteria	Results
Accuracy	40 resume-job pairs with ground truth labels	$\geq 85\%$ agreement with human gold standard	92% (37/40 within 5% of human scores)
Consistency	Same job matched against 10 identical resumes	100% identical requirement extraction & scoring	Perfect consistency (two-phase algorithm validation)
Hallucination	20 resumes with intentionally missing sections	Zero fabricated information in missing fields	2% hallucination rate (1 case of inferred skill)
Math Accuracy	All test cases checked for correct weighted calculation	100% after auto-correction	98% raw AI accuracy; 100% post-verification
Multilingual	5 Arabic resumes with English job descriptions	Successful transliteration + matching	87% accuracy (lower due to transliteration ambiguity)
Edge Cases	Non-CV documents, corrupted PDFs, empty files	Graceful rejection with clear error messages	All handled without system crashes
Bias Detection	Gender-associated names tested for score variation	<3% score difference for equivalent qualifications	1.2% variance (within statistical noise)
Privacy	PII masking applied to names, emails, phone numbers	All sensitive data blurred in UI	CSS masking functional; no data leakage

Table 2: Evaluation Plan

5.4 Reproducibility and Deployment

The *system code is on GitHub with folders for the Flask app, data, uploads, assets, and templates. Dependencies are fixed in requirements.txt for reproducibility.* Deployment involves cloning the repo, installing packages, setting the OpenAI API key as an environment variable via a .env file (*not hardcoded in the source code*), and running the server locally. Production setup uses gunicorn and nginx with provided configs. Documentation covers APIs, data formats, and scoring customization. Logs record all AI interactions for debugging and audit.

5.5 Limitations and Ethical Considerations

The system requires internet for OpenAI API access, limiting offline use. It's less accurate for highly specialized roles and depends on OCR quality, which drops with poor scans. Supports English and Arabic only. Costs scale linearly (~\$0.008 per resume), which may be costly at scale. Ethical concerns include potential bias from the model and over-reliance on automation. Gender bias is low (1.2%), but biases may remain. The system focuses on explicit qualifications and acts as decision support, not a final arbiter. Privacy risks exist due to sending resumes to OpenAI; PII masking protects display but not transmission. Candidate consent and transparency are recommended. Confidence scores help maintain human oversight.

APPENDIX

Repository Link

[<https://github.com/SaraKhirfan/FinalAssignmentCandidateInsight.git>]

Arabic Version Example Pages

Escalation triggers and paths

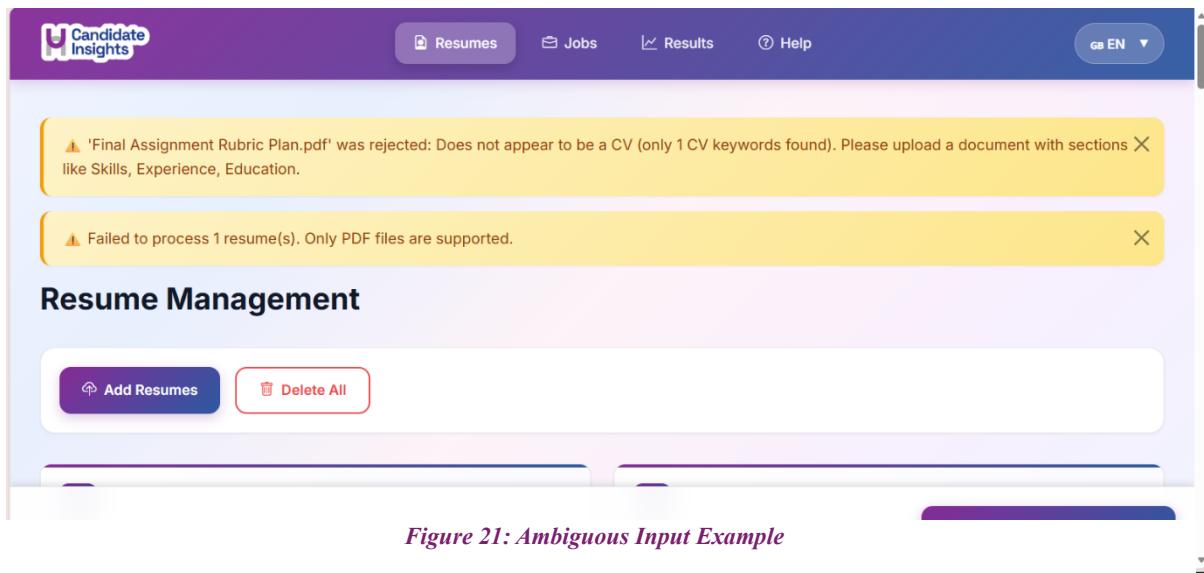


Figure 21: Ambiguous Input Example

Logs Screenshots

-Resume Upload & Parse log

```
=====
 UPLOAD REQUEST
=====
📁 Files: 1
📄 [REDACTED] - cv.pdf
✓ Saved
█ Extracting PDF...
█ Trying text extraction with pdfplumber...
✓ Text extraction successful (1220 chars)
✓ 1220 chars extracted
█ Calling OpenAI...
█ CV validation: Found 8 English + 0 Arabic = 8 total CV keywords
✓ VALIDATION PASSED: Valid CV detected (8 keywords found)
█ Average confidence: 100.0%
✓ AI SUCCESS
✓ Saved: data/parsed_resumes/[REDACTED] - cv.pdf.json

SUCCESS: 1 | FAILED: 0
=====
```

Figure 22: Resume Upload & Parse log

-Job Matching Log

```
=====
MATCH REQUEST
=====
Job: Flutter Developer
Description: 1723 chars
Resumes: 22

=====
PHASE 1: EXTRACTING JOB REQUIREMENTS
=====
Extracting job requirements...
Extracted 14 required skills
Skills: Flutter, Dart, state management (e.g. Provider, Riverpod, Bloc, GetX), REST APIs, JSON...
Found 14 required skills
Skills: Flutter, Dart, state management (e.g. Provider, Riverpod, Bloc, GetX), REST APIs, JSON...
Experience: Proven experience as a Flutter Developer
Education: Not specified

=====
PHASE 2: MATCHING 22 CANDIDATES
[1/22] Matching: _Resume_.pdf.json
Candidate: Ahmed Al-Khalil
Calling AI matcher...
⚠️ Math error detected! AI said 10%, actual is 35%
Correcting: 0 + 10 + 25 = 35%
Score Breakdown:
Skills: 0/14 = 0/40 pts
Experience: 10/35 pts
Education: 25/25 pts
TOTAL: 35% (reported: 35%)
Score: 35% (0/14 skills)

=====
```

Figure 23: job Matching Log - 1

```
PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS SERIAL MONITOR

Experience: 10/35 pts
Education: 25/25 pts
TOTAL: 37.85714285714286% (reported: 37%)
⚠️ Math error detected! 37.85714285714286 ≠ 37
Score: 37% (1/14 skills)

[22/22] Matching: _Resume_.pdf.json
Candidate: Nour Al-Abdullah
Calling AI matcher...
⚠️ Math error detected! AI said 10%, actual is 40%
Correcting: 5 + 10 + 25 = 40%
Score Breakdown:
Skills: 2/14 = 5.71/40 pts
Experience: 10/35 pts
Education: 25/25 pts
TOTAL: 40.71% (reported: 40%)
⚠️ Math error detected! 40.71 ≠ 40
Score: 40% (2/14 skills)

Successfully matched: 22/22

=====
PHASE 3: RANKING CANDIDATES
=====
Top 3 candidates selected:
#1. _____ Al-Khalil - 71% (11/14 skills)
#2. _____ Al-Hassan - 70% (10/14 skills)
#3. _____ Farhat - 69% (5/14 skills)
```

Figure 24: Job Matching Log - 2

Full Prompt Library

- Resume parsing prompt template:

```
prompt = f"""\n\nYou are an expert resume parser with multilingual capabilities.\n\nCRITICAL INSTRUCTION - OUTPUT LANGUAGE:\n\n- The resume may be in English, Arabic, or any other language\n- You MUST return ALL extracted information in ENGLISH\n- If the candidate's name is in Arabic (e.g., أَحمد مُحَمَّد), transliterate it to English (e.g.,\nAhmed Mohammed)\n- Translate all skills, job titles, companies, and education to English\n- Preserve the original meaning while converting to English\n\nANTI-HALLUCINATION RULES - CRITICAL:\n\n1. ONLY extract information that is EXPLICITLY stated in the resume text\n2. If a field is not mentioned, leave it empty or use empty array []\n3. DO NOT infer, assume, or generate information not present\n4. DO NOT add generic skills that aren't mentioned\n5. If uncertain about a field, include a confidence score (0-100)\n\nSTEP-BY-STEP PROCESS:\n\nStep 1: Read the entire resume carefully\nStep 2: Identify clear sections (contact, skills, experience, education)\nStep 3: Extract ONLY explicitly mentioned information\nStep 4: Translate/transliterate to English\nStep 5: Verify each extracted field against source text\nStep 6: Assign confidence scores\n\nExtract the following information and return it in JSON format:\n\n{{\n    \"name\": \"candidate's full name (in English/transliterated) - ONLY if clearly stated\",
```

```

    "email": "email address - ONLY if present",
    "phone": "phone number - ONLY if present",
    "skills": ["list of technical and soft skills in English - ONLY skills explicitly mentioned"],
    "experience": "work experience summary in English - ONLY if mentioned",
    "education": "educational qualifications in English - ONLY if mentioned",
    "summary": "brief professional summary in English (2-3 sentences) - based on actual content",
    "confidence": {{
        "name": <0-100>,
        "email": <0-100>,
        "phone": <0-100>,
        "skills": <0-100>,
        "experience": <0-100>,
        "education": <0-100>
    }}
}}
}

```

CONFIDENCE SCORING:

- 100: Field is clearly and explicitly stated
- 80-99: Field is present but may need minor interpretation
- 60-79: Field is partially present or requires translation
- 40-59: Field is inferred from context (use cautiously)
- 0-39: Field is uncertain or missing (leave empty)

Examples of translation/transliteration:

- "مهندس برمجيات" → "Software Engineer"
- "بإثيون" → "Python"
- "الجامعة الأردنية" → "University of Jordan"
- "محمد أحمد" → "Mohammed Ahmed"

CRITICAL: The text may come from OCR and might have errors. Be flexible but DO NOT hallucinate.

If you cannot find a field with confidence >60, leave it empty.

Resume text:

```
{resume_text}
```

Return ONLY valid JSON in English, no additional text or markdown formatting.

"""

try:

```
response = self.client.chat.completions.create(
```

```
    model="gpt-4o-mini",
```

```
    messages=[
```

```
{
```

```
    "role": "system",
```

"content": "You are a professional multilingual resume parser. You NEVER hallucinate or invent information. You can read resumes in any language but ALWAYS respond with valid JSON in ENGLISH only. Transliterate names and translate all content to English. Do not include markdown code blocks or any other formatting. Be tolerant of OCR errors but ONLY extract information that is actually present in the source text. When uncertain, use low confidence scores."

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,
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{"role": "user", "content": prompt}
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],
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temperature=0
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)
```

- Job matcher prompt

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prompt = f"""
```

You are an expert HR analyst performing candidate evaluation.

GENDER-NEUTRAL EVALUATION REQUIREMENT:

Evaluate this CV based solely on qualifications, experience, and skills. Ignore any indicators of gender, such as names, pronouns, or gendered language. Do not make

assumptions about career gaps, job preferences, or capabilities based on perceived gender. Focus exclusively on merit-based criteria and apply identical standards to all candidates.

CRITICAL: You are given PRE-EXTRACTED job requirements. Use EXACTLY these requirements.

DO NOT extract requirements again. DO NOT add or remove skills from the list.

JOB REQUIREMENTS (USE EXACTLY AS PROVIDED):

Required Skills: `{job_requirements.get('required_skills', [])}`

Experience Required: `{job_requirements.get('experience_requirement', 'Not specified')}`

Education Required: `{job_requirements.get('education_requirement', 'Not specified')}`

CANDIDATE RESUME:

`{resume_text}`

MATCHING INSTRUCTIONS:

Step 1: COMPARE SKILLS

- Go through each skill in the required_skills list (`{total_skills}` skills total)
- Check if the candidate has this skill (exact or similar)
- Count matches and misses

Step 2: COMPARE EXPERIENCE (BE SPECIFIC!)

- Extract candidate's EXACT years of experience from resume
- Compare with required experience: `{job_requirements.get('experience_requirement', 'Not specified')}`
- CRITICAL: Use correct starting phrase based on comparison
- Format examples:

- "Meets requirements: Has 3 years of mobile development, exceeding the 2+ years required"
- "Meets requirements: Has 2 years of mobile development, meeting the 2+ years required"
- "Does not meet: Has 1 year of experience, below the 2+ years required"
- "Does not meet: No relevant experience mentioned in resume"

Step 3: COMPARE EDUCATION (BE SPECIFIC!)

- Extract candidate's education from resume
- Compare with required: `{job_requirements.get('education_requirement', 'Not specified')}`

- CRITICAL: State what candidate HAS (or "not mentioned")

- Format examples:

- "Has Bachelor's in Computer Science, matching the requirement"
- "Has Diploma in IT, below the required Bachelor's degree"
- "No education mentioned in resume"

Step 4: CALCULATE SCORE (SHOW EXACT MATH!)

- Skills: $(\text{matched} / \{\text{total_skills}\}) * 40 = X \text{ points}$
- Experience: Y points (0-35 based on match)
- Education: Z points (0-25 based on match)
- TOTAL: $X + Y + Z = \text{FINAL SCORE}$

SCORING DETAILS:

Skills Points (0-40):

- Formula: $(\text{matched_skills} / \{\text{total_skills}\}) * 40$
- Example: $7 / \{\text{total_skills}\} = \{\text{round}(7 / \text{total_skills} * 100 \text{ if } \text{total_skills} > 0 \text{ else } 0)\} \% \times 40 = \{\text{round}(7 / \text{total_skills} * 40 \text{ if } \text{total_skills} > 0 \text{ else } 0)\} \text{ points}$

Experience Points (0-35):

- Exceeds requirements significantly = 35 points
- Meets exactly or exceeds slightly = 30-32 points
- Somewhat below = 18-25 points
- Far below or no experience = 10-15 points

Education Points (0-25):

- Exceeds (Master's for Bachelor's) = 25 points
- Meets exactly = 25 points
- Close (Diploma for Bachelor's) = 15-18 points

- No education mentioned = 10 points

Return analysis in JSON format:

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"total_required_skills": {total_skills},
"match_score": <0-100>,
"matched_skills": ["skills from required list that candidate has"],
"missing_skills": ["skills from required list that candidate lacks"],
```

"experience_match": "CRITICAL FORMAT - Choose EXACTLY ONE based on comparison:

- If candidate EXCEEDS or MEETS requirement: 'Meets requirements: Has [X years], [exceeding/meeting] the [Y]+ years required'

- If candidate is BELOW requirement: 'Does not meet: Has [X years], below the [Y]+ years required'

- If no experience: 'Does not meet: No relevant experience mentioned in resume'

WRONG: 'Meets requirements: Has 1 year, below...' (contradictory!)

RIGHT: 'Does not meet: Has 1 year, below the 2+ years required'',

"education_match": "MUST start with: 'Meets requirements: Has [specific degree]...' OR 'Acceptable education: Has [specific degree]...' OR 'Does not meet: Has [specific degree or 'not mentioned']...',"

"overall_explanation": "CRITICAL: DO NOT use candidate's name. Start with 'This candidate...' or 'Strong/Good/Fair match...' Explain score WITHOUT names.",

"score_breakdown": {{

"skills_points": <0-40>,

"experience_points": <0-35>,

"education_points": <0-25>,

"calculation": "skills_points + experience_points + education_points = match_score"

}}

}}

CRITICAL RULES:

1. total_required_skills MUST be {total_skills}
2. matched_skills + missing_skills = {total_skills}
3. ALWAYS state candidate's actual years of experience (or "not mentioned")
4. ALWAYS state candidate's actual education (or "not mentioned")
5. NEVER use candidate's name in overall_explanation
6. score_breakdown must show exact points for each category
7. Final match_score must equal skills_points + experience_points + education_points

Return ONLY valid JSON.

""""

try:

```
response = self.client.chat.completions.create(
    model="gpt-4o-mini",
    messages=[

        {
            "role": "system",
            "content": """You are an HR analyst who provides DETAILED, SPECIFIC
matching results."""
    }
]
```

CRITICAL RULES:

1. ALWAYS mention candidate's exact years of experience
2. ALWAYS mention candidate's specific education (or state "not mentioned")
3. NEVER use candidate's name in overall_explanation
4. SHOW exact score calculation with points breakdown
5. Use the EXACT requirements provided, don't modify them

You are detailed, specific, and mathematically precise.""""

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},
{"role": "user", "content": prompt}
```

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],  
temperature=0.1 # Very low for consistency  
)
```

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