

# Forecasting Job Automation Risk Using Machine Learning

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## 1 *Business Understanding*

Advances in artificial intelligence and automation are rapidly reshaping the global labor market. Some occupations face higher risk due to repetitive tasks or strong exposure to emerging technologies, while others remain more resilient because they require complex skills, judgment, or human interaction.

This project uses machine learning models to predict whether a job in 2030 is at High, Medium, or Low risk of automation. Using occupational features such as skills, industry technology growth, AI exposure, salary, education, and experience, we identify which factors most influence risk levels and which model best detects vulnerable occupations. The goal is to provide insights that support workforce planning, reskilling strategies, and future career decision-making.

## 2 *Data Understanding*

```
[93]: import os
import random
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier, plot_tree
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report, \
    confusion_matrix
```

```
[94]: # load dataset
import kagglehub
from kagglehub import KaggleDatasetAdapter

file_path = "AI_Impact_on_Jobs_2030.csv"

df = kagglehub.load_dataset(
    KaggleDatasetAdapter.PANDAS,
```

```

    "khushikyad001/ai-impact-on-jobs-2030",
    file_path,
)

df.head()

```

```

/tmp/ipython-input-2627731732.py:7: DeprecationWarning: Use dataset_load()
instead of load_dataset(). load_dataset() will be removed in a future version.
    df = kagglehub.load_dataset(

```

Using Colab cache for faster access to the 'ai-impact-on-jobs-2030' dataset.

```

[94]:
      Job_Title  Average_Salary  Years_Experience  Education_Level  \
0   Security Guard         45795             28      Master's
1  Research Scientist        133355             20           PhD
2  Construction Worker        146216              2   High School
3   Software Engineer        136530             13           PhD
4   Financial Analyst         70397             22   High School

      AI_Exposure_Index  Tech_Growth_Factor  Automation_Probability_2030  \
0                0.18                1.28                0.85
1                0.62                1.11                0.05
2                0.86                1.18                0.81
3                0.39                0.68                0.60
4                0.52                1.46                0.64

      Risk_Category  Skill_1  Skill_2  Skill_3  Skill_4  Skill_5  Skill_6  \
0           High      0.45    0.10    0.46    0.33    0.14    0.65
1           Low      0.02    0.52    0.40    0.05    0.97    0.23
2           High      0.01    0.94    0.56    0.39    0.02    0.23
3        Medium      0.43    0.21    0.57    0.03    0.84    0.45
4        Medium      0.75    0.54    0.59    0.97    0.61    0.28

      Skill_7  Skill_8  Skill_9  Skill_10
0      0.06    0.72    0.94    0.00
1      0.09    0.62    0.38    0.98
2      0.24    0.68    0.61    0.83
3      0.40    0.93    0.73    0.33
4      0.30    0.17    0.02    0.42

```

Attributes Simulation: Salary, experience, and education were sampled from realistic statistical distributions.

Automation Probability Modeling: - High-risk jobs -> 0.70-0.95 probability - Medium-risk jobs -> 0.30-0.70 - Low-risk jobs -> 0.05-0.30

Categorization: Risk categories (“High”, “Medium”, “Low”) derived from probability thresholds.

Skill Scores: Randomized (0-1) to represent ten skill dimensions like creativity, robotics, and communication.

## 2.1 Basic Understanding of the Data

```
[95]: print("\nShape:", df.shape)
```

Shape: (3000, 18)

```
[96]: print("\nInfo:")
      print(df.info())
```

Info:

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

RangeIndex: 3000 entries, 0 to 2999

Data columns (total 18 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	Job_Title	3000 non-null	object
1	Average_Salary	3000 non-null	int64
2	Years_Experience	3000 non-null	int64
3	Education_Level	3000 non-null	object
4	AI_Exposure_Index	3000 non-null	float64
5	Tech_Growth_Factor	3000 non-null	float64
6	Automation_Probability_2030	3000 non-null	float64
7	Risk_Category	3000 non-null	object
8	Skill_1	3000 non-null	float64
9	Skill_2	3000 non-null	float64
10	Skill_3	3000 non-null	float64
11	Skill_4	3000 non-null	float64
12	Skill_5	3000 non-null	float64
13	Skill_6	3000 non-null	float64
14	Skill_7	3000 non-null	float64
15	Skill_8	3000 non-null	float64
16	Skill_9	3000 non-null	float64
17	Skill_10	3000 non-null	float64

dtypes: float64(13), int64(2), object(3)

memory usage: 422.0+ KB

None

```
[97]: print("\nSummary statistics (numeric):")
      display(df.describe())
```

Summary statistics (numeric):

	Average_Salary	Years_Experience	AI_Exposure_Index	\
count	3000.000000	3000.000000	3000.000000	
mean	89372.279000	14.677667	0.501283	
std	34608.088767	8.739788	0.284004	

min	30030.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	58640.000000	7.000000	0.260000
50%	89318.000000	15.000000	0.500000
75%	119086.500000	22.000000	0.740000
max	149798.000000	29.000000	1.000000

	Tech_Growth_Factor	Automation_Probability_2030	Skill_1 \
count	3000.000000	3000.000000	3000.000000
mean	0.995343	0.501503	0.496973
std	0.287669	0.247881	0.287888
min	0.500000	0.050000	0.000000
25%	0.740000	0.310000	0.240000
50%	1.000000	0.500000	0.505000
75%	1.240000	0.700000	0.740000
max	1.500000	0.950000	1.000000

	Skill_2	Skill_3	Skill_4	Skill_5	Skill_6 \
count	3000.000000	3000.000000	3000.000000	3000.000000	3000.000000
mean	0.497233	0.499313	0.503667	0.490270	0.499807
std	0.288085	0.288354	0.287063	0.285818	0.286050
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	0.250000	0.250000	0.260000	0.240000	0.260000
50%	0.500000	0.500000	0.510000	0.490000	0.500000
75%	0.740000	0.750000	0.750000	0.730000	0.740000
max	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000

	Skill_7	Skill_8	Skill_9	Skill_10
count	3000.000000	3000.000000	3000.000000	3000.000000
mean	0.499160	0.502843	0.501433	0.493627
std	0.288044	0.289832	0.285818	0.286464
min	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	0.250000	0.250000	0.260000	0.250000
50%	0.490000	0.500000	0.500000	0.490000
75%	0.750000	0.750000	0.740000	0.740000
max	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000

### 3 Data Preparation

```
[98]: # duplicates rows
print("\nDuplicates rows:")
print(df.duplicated().sum())
```

Duplicates rows:  
0

```
[99]: # missing values
print("\nMissing values per column:")
print(df.isna().sum())
```

```
Missing values per column:
Job_Title          0
Average_Salary     0
Years_Experience   0
Education_Level    0
AI_Exposure_Index  0
Tech_Growth_Factor 0
Automation_Probability_2030 0
Risk_Category      0
Skill_1            0
Skill_2            0
Skill_3            0
Skill_4            0
Skill_5            0
Skill_6            0
Skill_7            0
Skill_8            0
Skill_9            0
Skill_10           0
dtype: int64
```

## 4 Visualization

### 4.1 Numerical Columns

```
[100]: numeric_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=["int64", "float64"]).columns

# remove skill columns from this list
skill_cols = [c for c in numeric_cols if c.startswith("Skill_")]
numeric_no_skill = [c for c in numeric_cols if c not in skill_cols]

fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 3, figsize = (15, 6))
axes = axes.ravel()
for i, col in enumerate(numeric_no_skill):
    ax = axes[i]
    sns.histplot(
        df[col].dropna(),
        kde=True,
        bins=30,
        ax=ax
    )
    ax.set_title(f"Distribution of {col}")
```

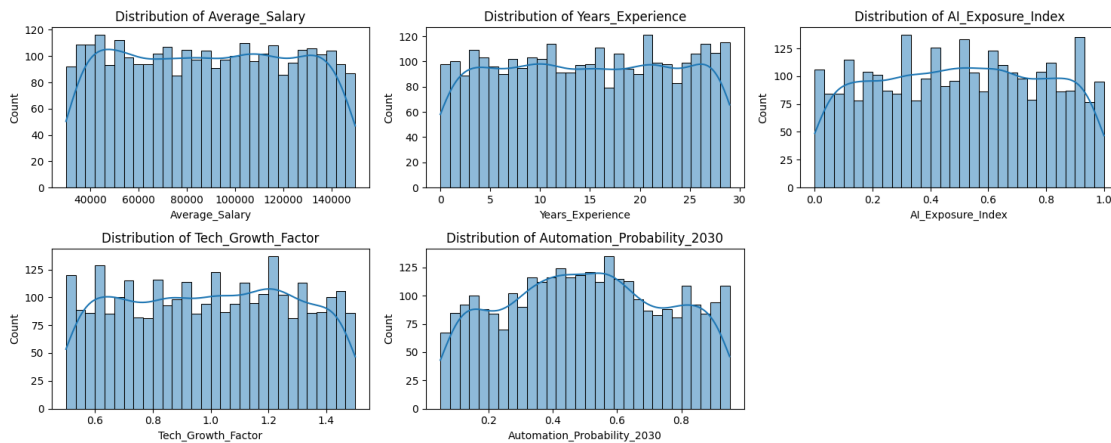
```

ax.set_xlabel(col)

for j in range(i + 1, len(axes)):
    fig.delaxes(axes[j])

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```



```

[101]: # barplot of TEN Skill Scores
fig, axes = plt.subplots(3, 4, figsize = (16,10))
axes = axes.ravel()

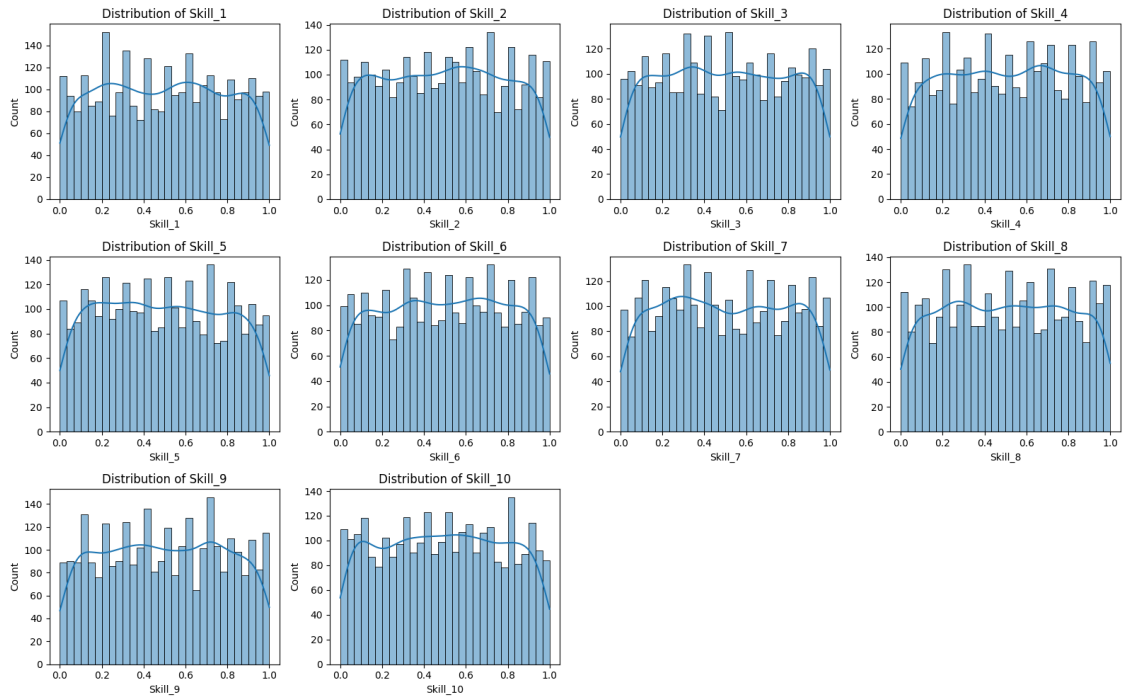
for i, col in enumerate(skill_cols):
    ax = axes[i]
    sns.histplot(df[col].dropna(), kde = True, bins = 30, ax = ax)
    ax.set_title(f"Distribution of {col}")
    ax.set_xlabel(col)

for j in range(i + 1, len(axes)):
    fig.delaxes(axes[j])

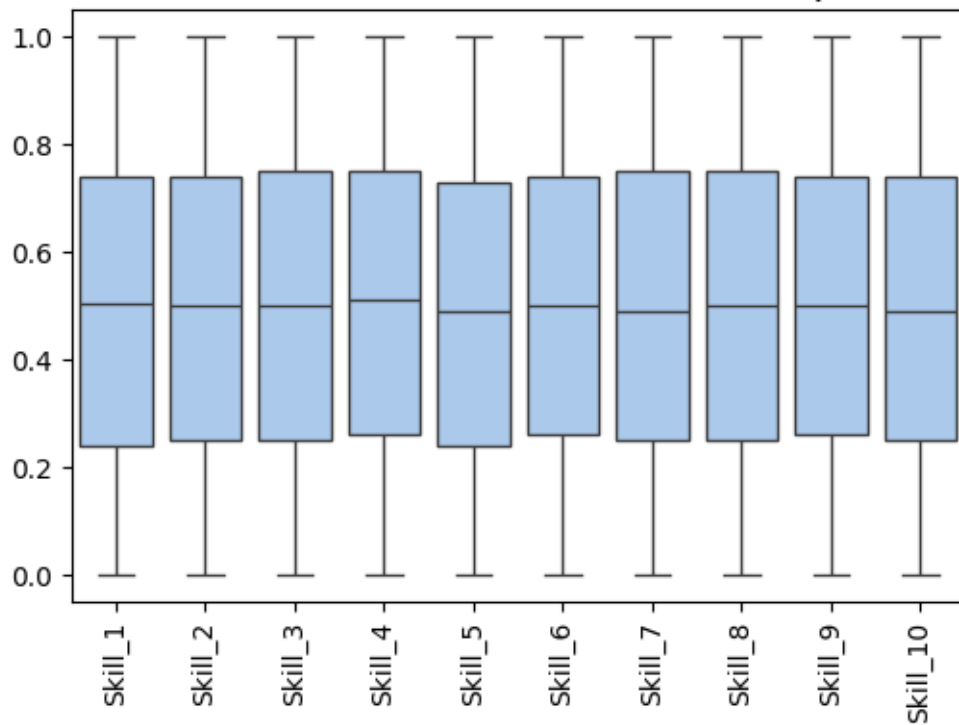
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

# boxplot of TEN Skill Scores
plt.figure(figsize = (6,4))
sns.boxplot(data = df[skill_cols], color = "#a1c9f4")
plt.title("Selected Numeric Features Boxplot", fontsize = 16)
plt.xticks(rotation = 90)
plt.show()

```



Selected Numeric Features Boxplot

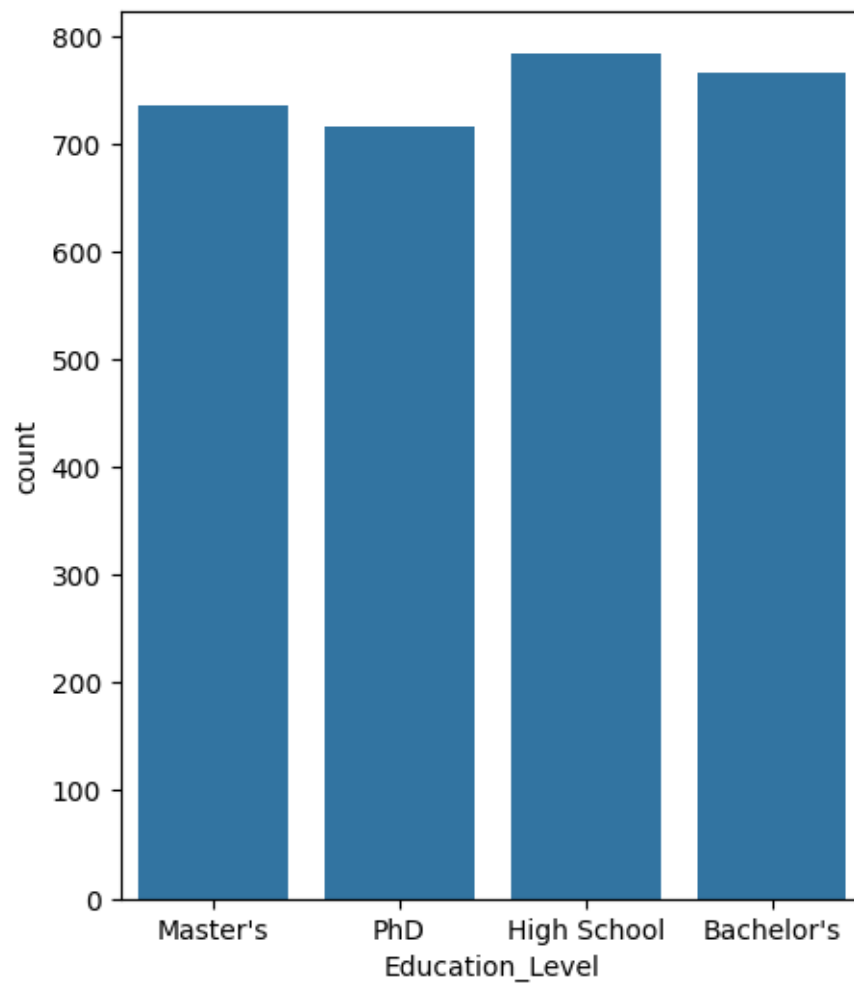


## 4.2 Categorical Columns

```
[102]: print(df['Education_Level'].value_counts())  
plt.figure(figsize = (5,6))  
sns.countplot(data = df, x = "Education_Level")  
plt.xticks(rotation = 0)
```

```
Education_Level  
High School    784  
Bachelor's    765  
Master's      735  
PhD           716  
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

```
[102]: ([0, 1, 2, 3],  
       [Text(0, 0, "Master's"),  
        Text(1, 0, 'PhD'),  
        Text(2, 0, 'High School'),  
        Text(3, 0, "Bachelor's")])
```



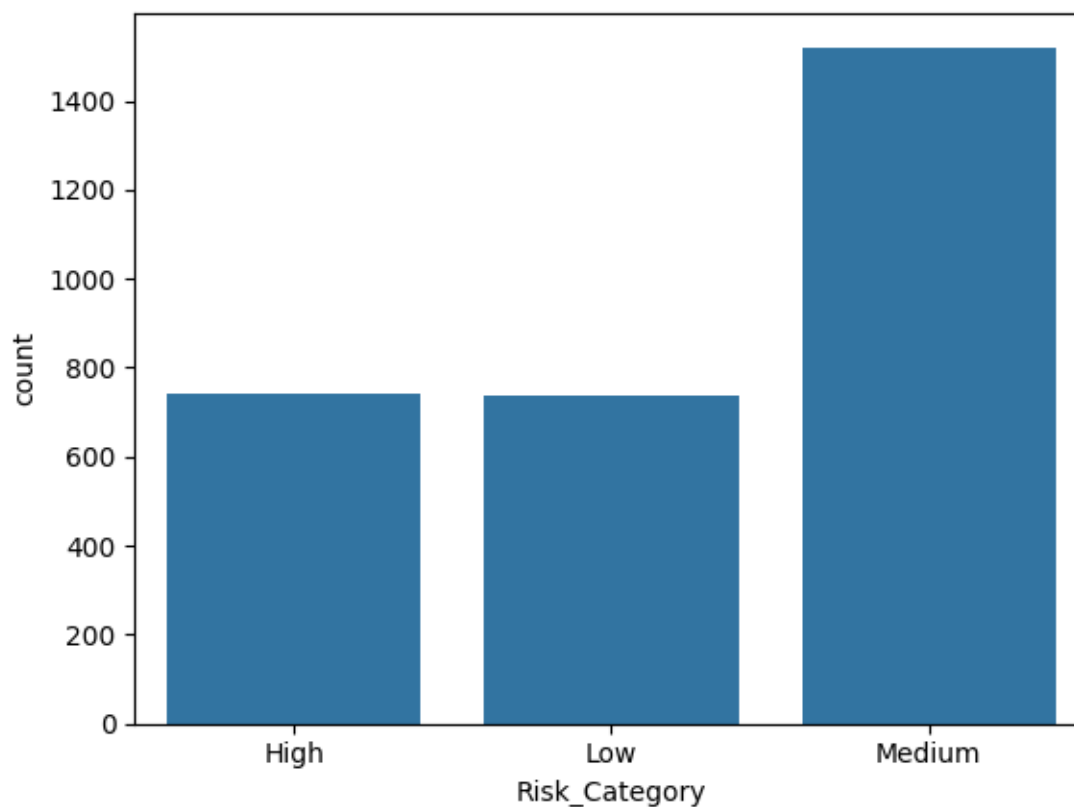


```
[103]: print(df["Risk_Category"].value_counts())

sns.countplot(data = df, x = "Risk_Category")
plt.xticks(rotation = 0)
```

```
Risk_Category
Medium    1521
High       740
Low        739
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

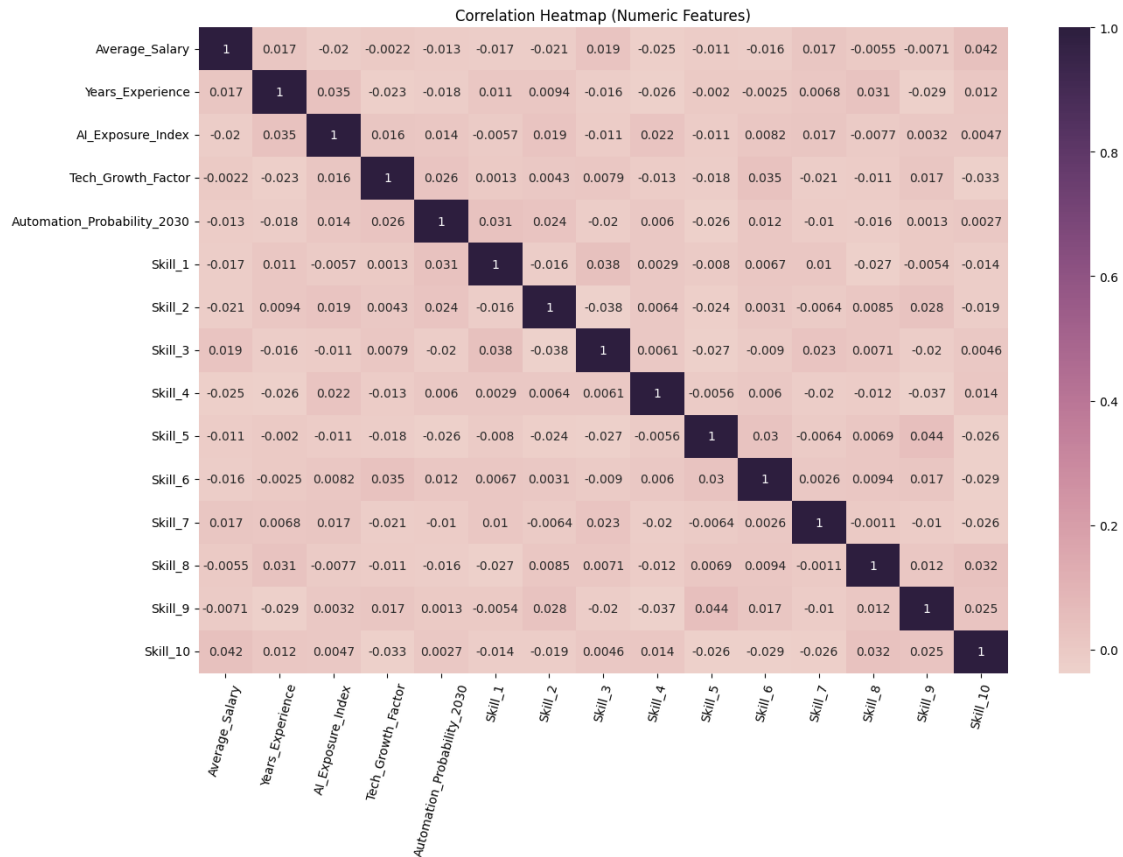
```
[103]: ([0, 1, 2], [Text(0, 0, 'High'), Text(1, 0, 'Low'), Text(2, 0, 'Medium')])
```



### 4.3 Correlation

```
[104]: # ---- Correlation heatmap (numeric only) ----
numeric_cols = df.select_dtypes(include = ["int64", "float64"]).columns
plt.figure(figsize = (14, 10))
corr = df[numeric_cols].corr()
```

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sns.heatmap(corr, annot = True, cmap = sns.cubehelix_palette(as_cmap = True))
plt.title("Correlation Heatmap (Numeric Features)")
plt.xticks(rotation = 75)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



SUMMARY - Most skills (Skill\_1 ... Skill\_10) show no clear correlation with other variables. - The data contains no outliers - AI impact on most jobs is moderate -> most roles are not fully automatable but require monitoring technological changes.

## 5 Prepared for the Models

### 5.1 Prepare features and target for Models

```
[105]: # numeric predictors (we **exclude** Automation_Probability_2030 because it is
# basically the underlying score that created Risk_Category)
numeric_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=["int64", "float64"]).columns.tolist()
numeric_cols.remove("Automation_Probability_2030")

print("\nNumeric features used:")
```

```

print(numeric_cols)

# categorical predictor we want to KEEP
cat_cols = ["Education_Level"]

# build feature matrix and one-hot encode Education_Level
X = df[numeric_cols + cat_cols].copy()
X = pd.get_dummies(X, columns = cat_cols, drop_first = True)

y = df["Risk_Category"]

```

Numeric features used:

```

['Average_Salary', 'Years_Experience', 'AI_Exposure_Index',
'Tech_Growth_Factor', 'Skill_1', 'Skill_2', 'Skill_3', 'Skill_4', 'Skill_5',
'Skill_6', 'Skill_7', 'Skill_8', 'Skill_9', 'Skill_10']

```

## 5.2 Splitting the data

```

[106]: X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
        X, y, test_size = 0.2, random_state = 123, stratify = y
    )

print("\nTrain size:", X_train.shape, " Test size:", X_test.shape)

```

Train size: (2400, 17) Test size: (600, 17)

# 6 Models

## 6.1 Logistic Regression

```

[107]: from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression

lr_clf = LogisticRegression(multi_class = 'multinomial')

lr_clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
lr_pred = lr_clf.predict(X_test)

```

/usr/local/lib/python3.12/dist-packages/sklearn/linear\_model/\_logistic.py:1247:  
FutureWarning: 'multi\_class' was deprecated in version 1.5 and will be removed  
in 1.7. From then on, it will always use 'multinomial'. Leave it to its default  
value to avoid this warning.

```

warnings.warn(
/usr/local/lib/python3.12/dist-packages/sklearn/linear_model/_logistic.py:465:
ConvergenceWarning: lbfgs failed to converge (status=1):
STOP: TOTAL NO. OF ITERATIONS REACHED LIMIT.

```

Increase the number of iterations (max\_iter) or scale the data as shown in:

<https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/preprocessing.html>

Please also refer to the documentation for alternative solver options:

[https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/linear\\_model.html#logistic-regression](https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/linear_model.html#logistic-regression)

```
n_iter_i = _check_optimize_result(
```

```
[108]: # ---- Important Features - Logistic Regression ---
coefs = lr_clf.coef_[0]

importances = (
    pd.DataFrame({
        "Feature": X.columns,
        # use absolute value so positive and negative effects are both "strong"
        "Importance": np.abs(coefs)
    })
    .sort_values("Importance", ascending = False)
)

print("\nTop 15 important features by Logistic Regression:")
print(importances.head(15))
```

Top 15 important features by Logistic Regression:

	Feature	Importance
9	Skill_6	0.019978
3	Tech_Growth_Factor	0.017611
15	Education_Level_Master's	0.016576
16	Education_Level_PhD	0.015579
4	Skill_1	0.015383
8	Skill_5	0.014003
7	Skill_4	0.013602
5	Skill_2	0.012754
6	Skill_3	0.012725
12	Skill_9	0.011299
2	AI_Exposure_Index	0.009324
10	Skill_7	0.003646
1	Years_Experience	0.002681
11	Skill_8	0.001798
14	Education_Level_High School	0.001209

```
[109]: # ---- Accuracy - Logistic Regression ----
acc = accuracy_score(y_test, lr_pred)
print("\nLogistic Regression Accuracy on test set:", round(acc, 3))

# ---- Classification - Logistic Regression ----
```

```

print("\nLogistic Regression Classification report:")
print(classification_report(y_test, lr_pred))

# ---- Confusion Matrix - Logistic Regression ----
labels = np.sort(np.unique(np.concatenate([y_train, y_test])))
cm_lr = confusion_matrix(y_test, lr_pred, labels = labels)

sns.heatmap(pd.DataFrame(cm_lr, index = [labels], columns = [labels]),
            annot = True, fmt = 'd', cmap = 'Blues')
plt.title("Confusion Matrix - Logistic Regression")
plt.xlabel("Predicted"); plt.ylabel("True")
plt.show()

```

Logistic Regression Accuracy on test set: 0.507

Logistic Regression Classification report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
High	0.00	0.00	0.00	148
Low	0.00	0.00	0.00	148
Medium	0.51	1.00	0.67	304
accuracy			0.51	600
macro avg	0.17	0.33	0.22	600
weighted avg	0.26	0.51	0.34	600

/usr/local/lib/python3.12/dist-packages/sklearn/metrics/\_classification.py:1565:  
 UndefinedMetricWarning: Precision is ill-defined and being set to 0.0 in labels  
 with no predicted samples. Use `zero\_division` parameter to control this  
 behavior.

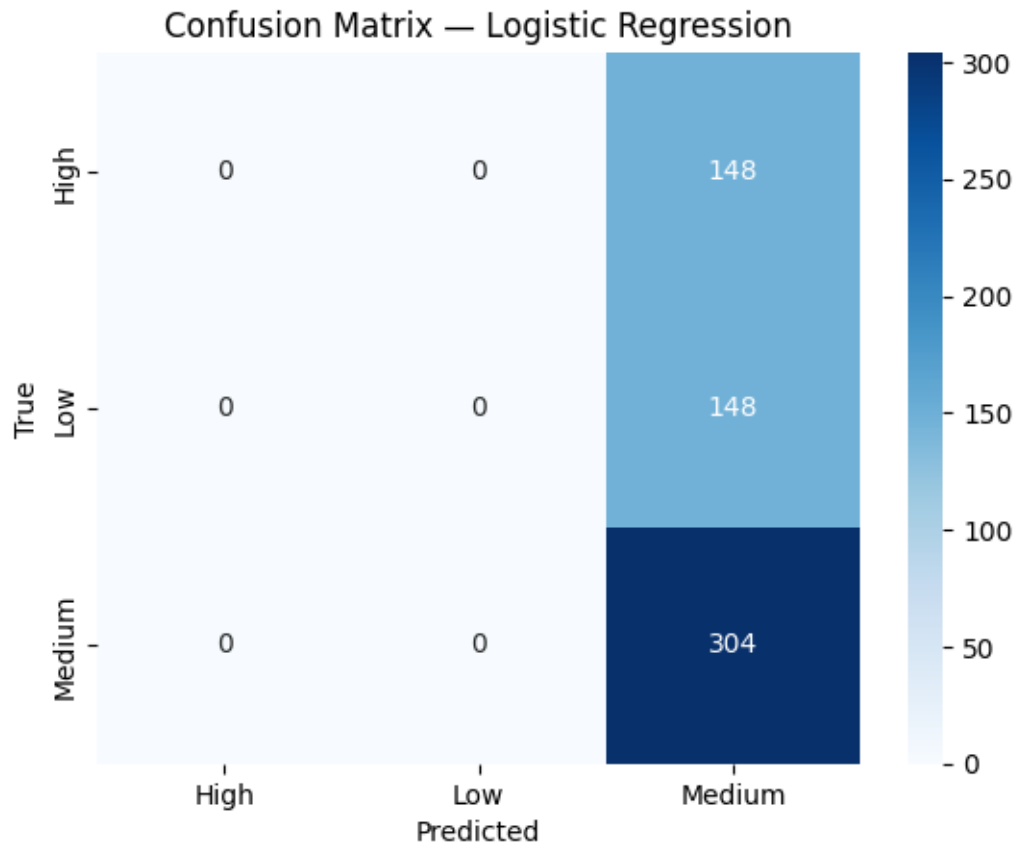
\_warn\_prf(average, modifier, f"{metric.capitalize()} is", len(result))

/usr/local/lib/python3.12/dist-packages/sklearn/metrics/\_classification.py:1565:  
 UndefinedMetricWarning: Precision is ill-defined and being set to 0.0 in labels  
 with no predicted samples. Use `zero\_division` parameter to control this  
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 behavior.

\_warn\_prf(average, modifier, f"{metric.capitalize()} is", len(result))



Logistic Regression - Accuracy = 0.51

About half of the test jobs are predicted correctly.

- Classification report
  - High: precision = 0, recall = 0 -> model never correctly predicts High.
  - Low: precision = 0, recall = 0 -> model never correctly predicts Low.
  - Medium: precision = 0.51, recall = 1.00 -> every job is predicted as Medium, and about half of them are truly Medium.
- Confusion matrix
  - All 600 test observations fall in the Medium predicted column. So the model is basically always saying “Medium risk” and ignoring High/Low.

## 6.2 Decision Tree classifier

```
[110]: from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier, plot_tree
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report, \
      ↪ confusion_matrix

dt_clf = DecisionTreeClassifier(
    max_depth = 5,
```

```

        min_samples_split = 10,
        random_state = 123
    )

dt_clf.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = dt_clf.predict(X_test)

```

```

[111]: # ---- Important Features - Decision Tree ----
importances = pd.DataFrame({
    "Feature": X.columns,
    "Importance": dt_clf.feature_importances_
}).sort_values("Importance", ascending = False)

print("\nTop 15 important features by Decision Tree:")
print(importances.head(15))

```

Top 15 important features by Decision Tree:

	Feature	Importance
12	Skill_9	0.141029
6	Skill_3	0.126207
7	Skill_4	0.099853
8	Skill_5	0.091148
10	Skill_7	0.090164
4	Skill_1	0.081847
0	Average_Salary	0.079320
9	Skill_6	0.070137
1	Years_Experience	0.063720
13	Skill_10	0.059183
5	Skill_2	0.036119
3	Tech_Growth_Factor	0.033710
11	Skill_8	0.027564
2	AI_Exposure_Index	0.000000
14	Education_Level_High School	0.000000

```

[112]: # ---- Accuracy - Decision Tree ----
acc = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
print("\nDecision Tree Accuracy on test set:", round(acc, 3))

# ---- Classification - Decision Tree ----
print("\nDecision Tree Classification report:")
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))

# ---- Confusion Matrix - Decision Tree ----
cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred, labels = labels)

sns.heatmap(pd.DataFrame(cm, index = [labels], columns = [labels]),

```

```

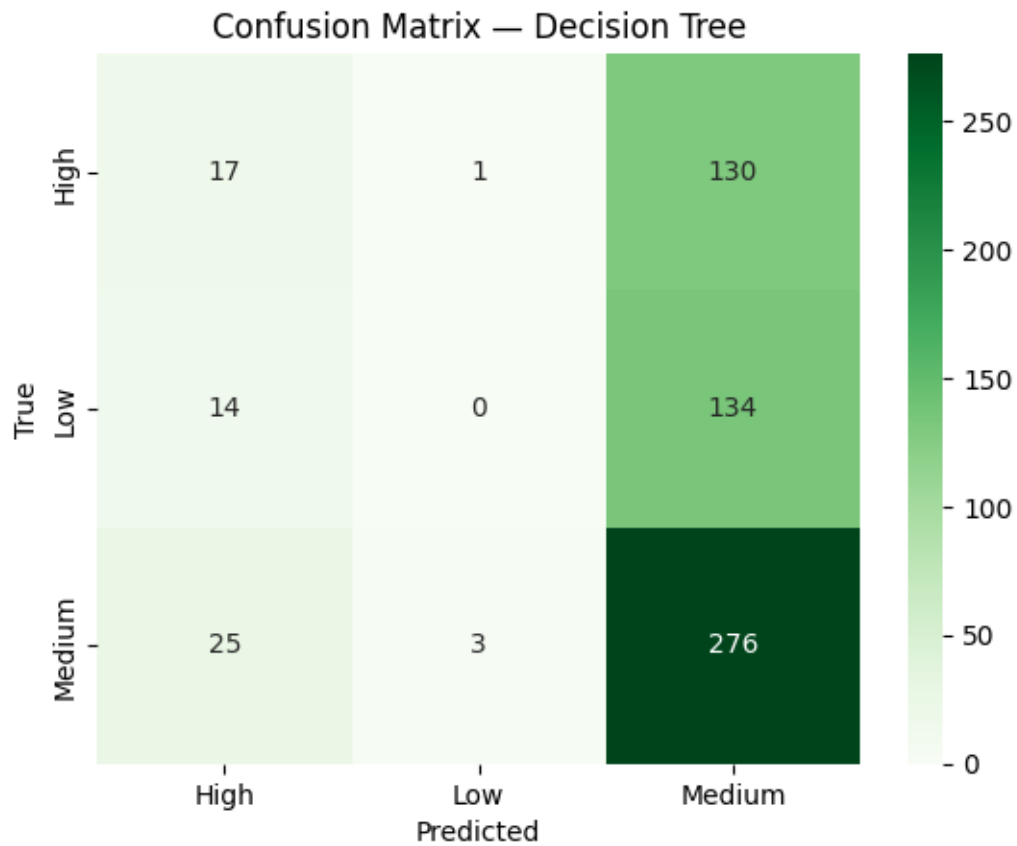
        annot = True, fmt = 'd', cmap = 'Greens')
plt.title("Confusion Matrix - Decision Tree")
plt.xlabel("Predicted"); plt.ylabel("True")
plt.show()

```

Decision Tree Accuracy on test set: 0.488

Decision Tree Classification report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
High	0.30	0.11	0.17	148
Low	0.00	0.00	0.00	148
Medium	0.51	0.91	0.65	304
accuracy			0.49	600
macro avg	0.27	0.34	0.27	600
weighted avg	0.33	0.49	0.37	600





Decision Tree - Accuracy = 0.49

Very similar to logistic regression, slightly lower.

- Classification report
  - High: precision = 0.30, recall = 0.11 -> a few High jobs are caught, but many are missed.
  - Low: precision = 0, recall = 0 -> Low jobs are still not detected.
  - Medium: precision = 0.51, recall = 0.91 -> most Medium jobs are correctly predicted.
- Confusion matrix
  - High and Low jobs are still mostly predicted as Medium,
  - but there are some correct High predictions, which is an improvement over logistic regression.

### 6.3 Random Forest Classifier

```
[113]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
```

```
rf_clf = RandomForestClassifier(  
    n_estimators = 300,  
    max_depth = None,  
    min_samples_split = 5,  
    min_samples_leaf = 2,  
    random_state = 123,  
    n_jobs = -1  
)  
  
rf_clf.fit(X_train, y_train)  
rf_pred = rf_clf.predict(X_test)
```

```
[114]: # ---- Important Features - Random Forest ----  
rf_importances = pd.DataFrame({  
    "Feature": X.columns,  
    "Importance": rf_clf.feature_importances_  
}).sort_values("Importance", ascending = False)  
  
print("\nTop 15 important features by Random Forest:")  
print(rf_importances.head(15))
```

Top 15 important features by Random Forest:

	Feature	Importance
0	Average_Salary	0.078103
6	Skill_3	0.072825
9	Skill_6	0.071808
12	Skill_9	0.071505
3	Tech_Growth_Factor	0.071382
4	Skill_1	0.069597
2	AI_Exposure_Index	0.069089

11	Skill_8	0.068932
5	Skill_2	0.068802
7	Skill_4	0.068468
8	Skill_5	0.068045
10	Skill_7	0.067749
13	Skill_10	0.066784
1	Years_Experience	0.058601
15	Education_Level_Master's	0.009581

```
[115]: # ---- Accuracy - Random Forest ----
rf_acc = accuracy_score(y_test, rf_pred)
print("\nRandom Forest Accuracy on test set:", round(rf_acc, 3))

# ---- Classification - Random Forest ----
print("\nRandom Forest Classification report:")
print(classification_report(y_test, rf_pred))

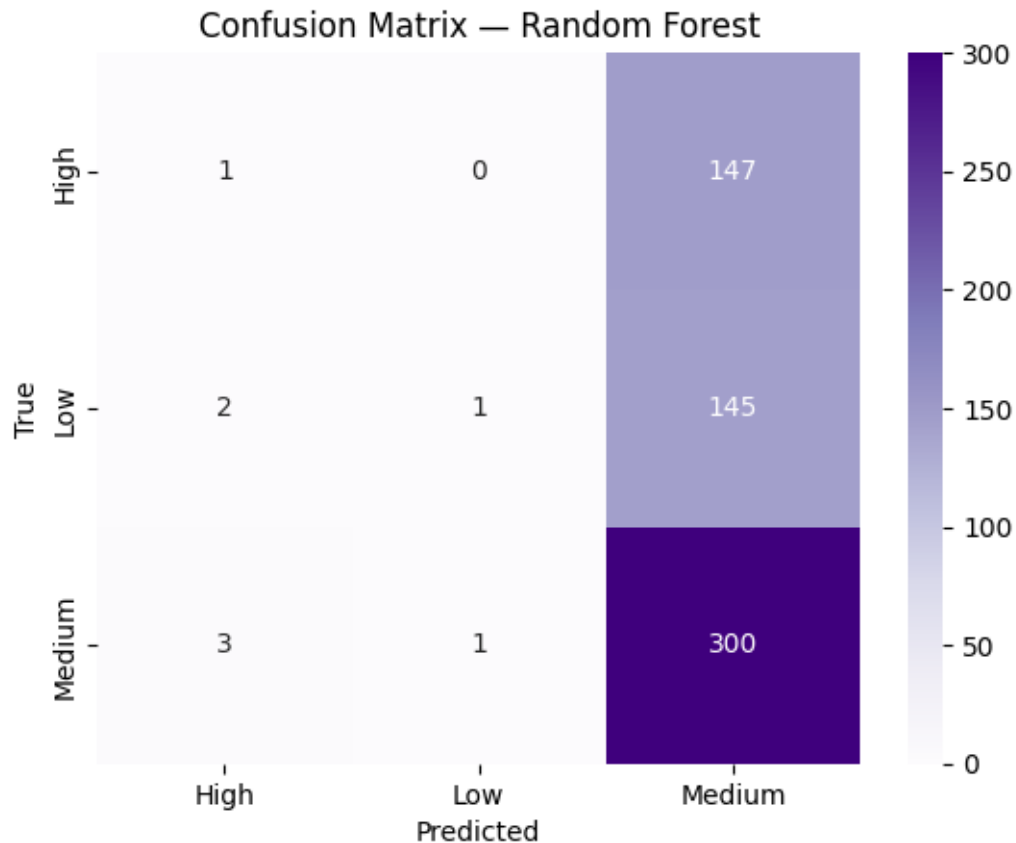
# ---- Confusion Matrix - Random Forest ----
cm_rf = confusion_matrix(y_test, rf_pred, labels = labels)

sns.heatmap(pd.DataFrame(cm_rf, index = [labels], columns = [labels]),
            annot = True, fmt = 'd', cmap = 'Purples')
plt.title("Confusion Matrix - Random Forest")
plt.xlabel("Predicted"); plt.ylabel("True")
plt.show()
```

Random Forest Accuracy on test set: 0.503

Random Forest Classification report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
High	0.17	0.01	0.01	148
Low	0.50	0.01	0.01	148
Medium	0.51	0.99	0.67	304
accuracy			0.50	600
macro avg	0.39	0.33	0.23	600
weighted avg	0.42	0.50	0.35	600



Random Forest - Accuracy = 0.50 About the same as logistic regression.

- Classification report
  - High: precision = 0.17, recall = 0.01 -> almost no High jobs are caught.
  - Low: precision = 0.50, recall = 0.01 -> almost no Low jobs are caught.
  - Medium: precision = 0.51, recall = 0.99 -> almost all jobs are predicted as Medium.
- Confusion matrix
  - Very similar to logistic regression: almost everything is predicted as Medium, with only a handful of High/Low predictions.

## 7 Conclusion

- Type I Error (False Positive)
 

Predicted a job is High-risk when it is NOT High-risk. -> The model over-warns.
- Type II Error (False Negative)
 

Predicted a job is NOT High-risk when it IS actually High-risk. -> The model misses the dangerous cases.

Type II error is worse here because:

Missing a truly High-risk job means you fail to warn someone who needs to prepare for automation risk.

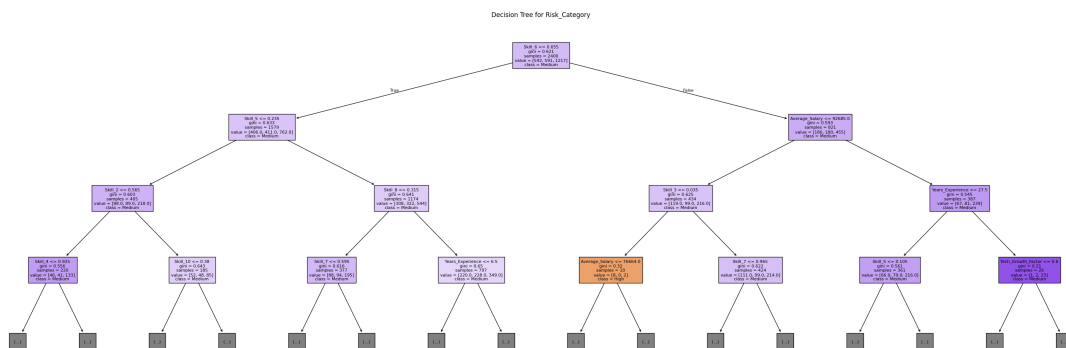
Thus, we want to Minimize Type II error (higher recall for the High class) - Since  $\text{Recall} = \text{TP} / (\text{TP} + \text{FN})$  - Low recall = many false negatives = high Type II error - High recall = fewer false negatives = low Type II error

Models - Logistic Regression High recall = 0.00 - Decision Tree High recall = 0.11 - Random Forest High recall = 0.01

Decision Tree is the best model, because:

It has the highest recall for High-risk jobs. Therefore, it has the lowest Type II error. It is the only model that successfully identifies a meaningful number of High-risk jobs. Logistic Regression and Random Forest almost always predict Medium, so they completely fail to detect High-risk occupations.

```
[116]: # ---- Visualize the Decision Tree ----
plt.figure(figsize = (30, 10))
plot_tree(
    dt_clf,
    feature_names = X.columns,
    class_names = sorted(y.unique()),
    filled = True,
    fontsize = 8,
    max_depth = 3
)
plt.title("Decision Tree for Risk_Category")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



The Decision Tree shows that job skills are the primary drivers in predicting automation risk, with salary and experience playing secondary roles. Jobs that demand stronger, more specialized skill sets are less likely to be classified as high-risk. Meanwhile, jobs with weaker or more routine skill profiles fall into higher automation risk categories.