

RESUME SCREENING TOOL

Project Report

1. INTRODUCTION

This project is a simple resume screening tool built using Python. The main idea is to help recruiters quickly check if a candidate's resume matches the job requirements. Instead of manually reading every resume, this program automatically compares the resume with required skills and gives a match score.

The system reads two text files - one with the resume and another with job requirements. It then analyzes how many required skills are present in the resume and shows whether the candidate should be selected or rejected.

This is a practical solution that can save time in the hiring process, especially when there are many applications to review.

2. PROBLEM STATEMENT

The Problem: Companies receive hundreds of resumes for job openings. Going through each resume manually takes too much time and effort. HR teams need a faster way to filter candidates who don't meet basic requirements.

What We're Solving: We need an automated system that can:

- Read resume text and job requirements
- Compare skills mentioned in both
- Give a clear decision on whether the candidate qualifies
- Save time for recruiters by doing initial screening automatically

Who Benefits: HR departments, recruitment agencies, and hiring managers who deal with large volumes of job applications.

3. FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The system provides three main functional modules:

Module 1: File Handler

- Reads resume text from `resume.txt` file

- Reads job description from `job_description.txt` file
- Validates that both files exist and contain valid data
- Shows clear error messages if files are missing or empty

Module 2: Skills Analyzer

- Extracts required skills from job description (using `REQUIRED_SKILLS` tag)
- Searches for each skill in the resume text
- Calculates match percentage based on found vs missing skills
- Makes selection decision based on threshold (60% minimum)

Module 3: Report Generator

- Displays skills found in resume
 - Shows skills that are missing
 - Calculates and displays overall match score
 - Gives final verdict (`SELECTED` or `REJECTED`) with reason
 - Logs all screening activities to a file
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4. NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Performance

The program processes resume and job description instantly (less than 1 second). It can handle text files up to several pages long without any delay.

Usability

- Simple to use - just create two text files and run the program
- Clear output with organized sections
- Easy to understand results with checkmarks and cross marks
- No technical knowledge needed to operate

Reliability

- Proper error handling for missing files
- Validates input before processing
- Doesn't crash even with empty or corrupted files
- Logs all activities for tracking

Maintainability

- Code is organized in small, clear functions
 - Configuration settings in one place (easy to change threshold)
 - Comments explain what each section does
 - Can easily add new features later
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5. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The system follows a simple modular architecture with three main components:

Input Layer:

- resume.txt - Contains candidate's resume
- job_description.txt - Contains job requirements with skills list

Processing Layer:

- File Handler Module - Reads and validates files
- Skills Analyzer Module - Extracts and matches skills
- Report Generator Module - Creates output

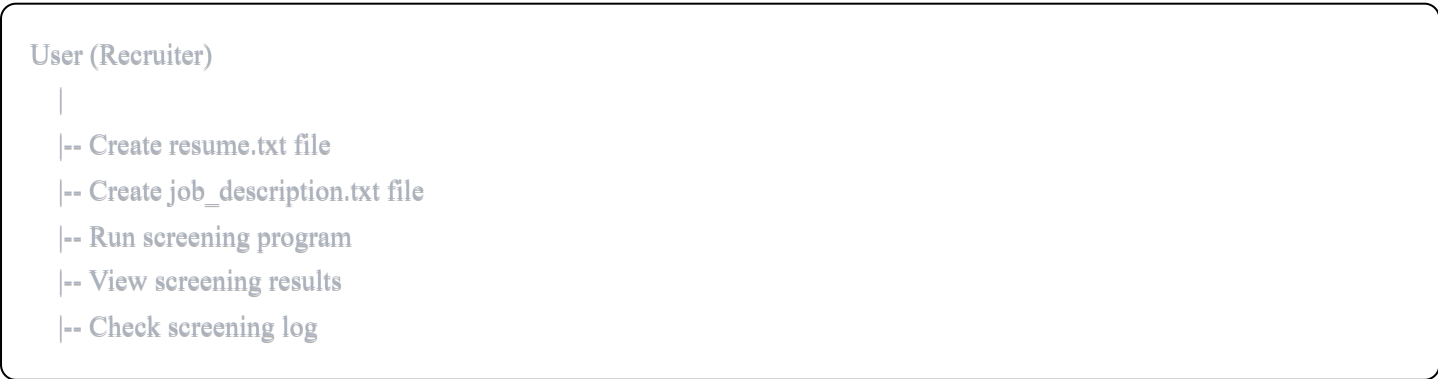
Output Layer:

- Console display showing results
- screening_log.txt - Activity log file

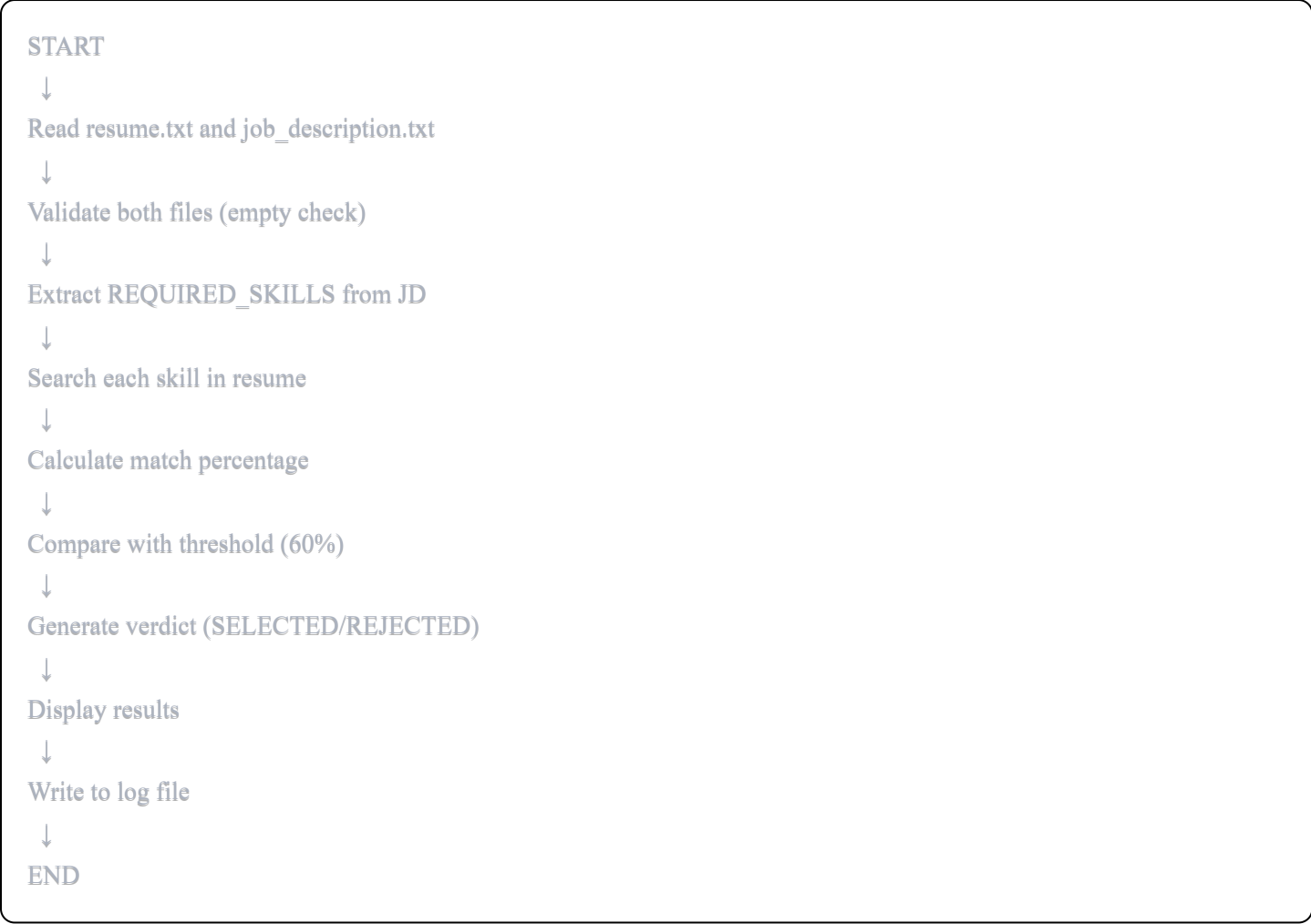
Flow: Input Files → Read & Validate → Extract Skills → Match & Score → Generate Report → Display Results

6. DESIGN DIAGRAMS

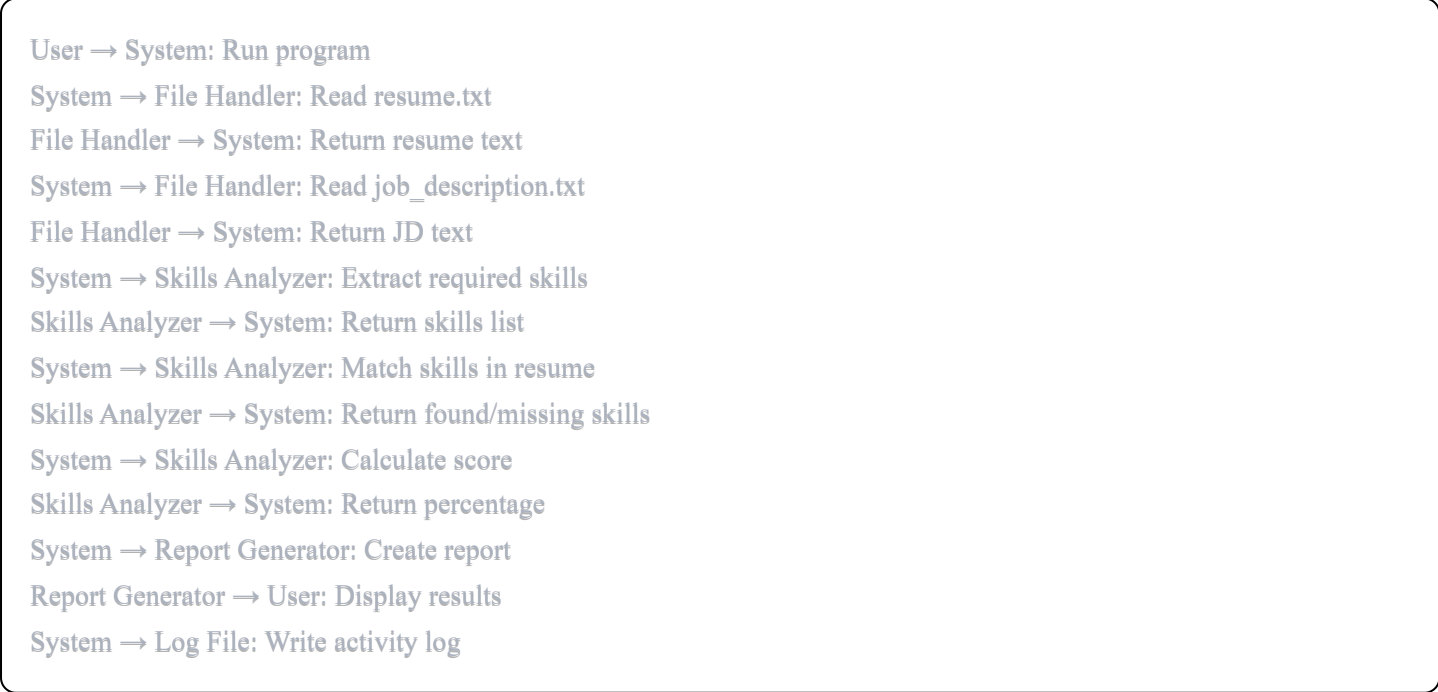
Use Case Diagram



Workflow Diagram

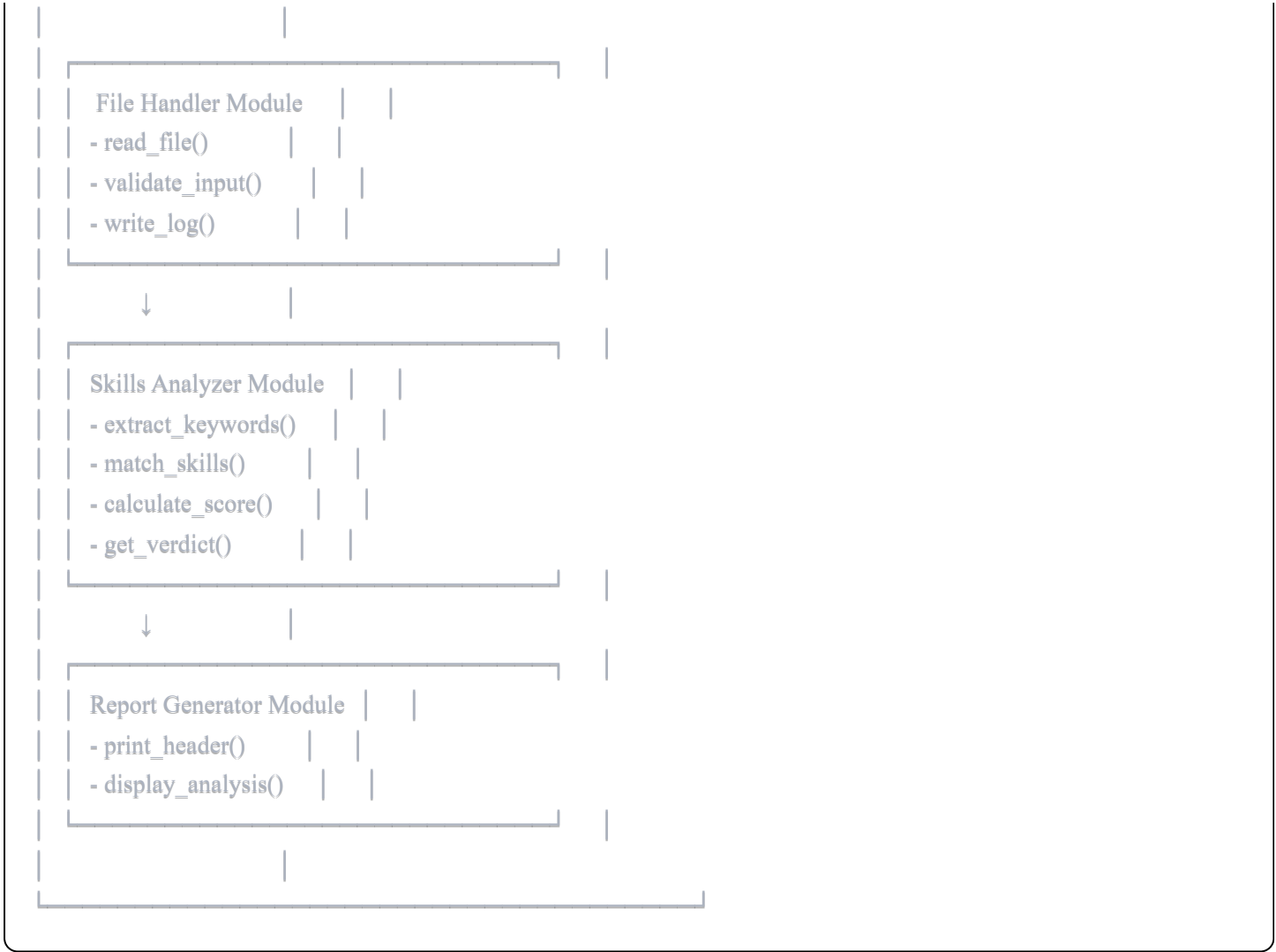


Sequence Diagram



Component Diagram





7. DESIGN DECISIONS & RATIONALE

Why File-Based Input?

Instead of typing in the terminal, we use text files because:

- Easy to edit resume/JD in any text editor
- Can reuse same files for multiple runs
- More professional and clean approach
- No messy copy-paste in terminal

Why Manual Skills Tagging?

We ask users to add "REQUIRED_SKILLS:" tag because:

- More accurate than automatic extraction
- Recruiter knows exactly what skills matter
- Avoids picking random words as skills
- Simple format anyone can follow

Why 60% Threshold?

We set passing score at 60% because:

- Not too strict (allows some missing skills)
- Not too lenient (ensures basic qualification)
- Can be easily changed in config section
- Industry standard for initial screening

Why Three Modules?

We divided code into three parts because:

- Each module has one clear job
- Easy to test and fix problems
- Can improve one module without affecting others
- Follows good coding practices

8. IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

Programming Language: Python 3

Libraries Used: `re` (for text processing), `datetime` (for logging)

File Structure:

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project_folder/  
  resume_screener.py (main program)  
  resume.txt (candidate's resume)  
  job_description.txt (job requirements)  
  screening_log.txt (auto-generated log)
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Key Features Implemented:

- Case-insensitive skill matching
- Automatic log file creation
- Error handling for missing files
- Configurable threshold setting
- Clean formatted output with symbols (✓ and ✗)

Code Statistics:

- Total Lines: ~175 (including comments)

- Functions: 10
- Modules: 3
- Configuration Options: 5

9. SCREENSHOTS / RESULTS

Sample Job Description (job_description.txt):

REQUIRED_SKILLS: python, java, sql, communication, teamwork, problem solving

We are looking for a software developer with strong programming skills and ability to work in a team environment.

Sample Resume (resume.txt):

John Doe
Software Developer

Skills: Python, SQL, JavaScript, Communication, Leadership
Experience: 2 years in software development
Education: B.Tech in Computer Science

Program Output:

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RESUME SCREENING SYSTEM
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Loading files...

--- ANALYSIS RESULTS ---

Overall Match Score: 66.67%

Skills Detected in Resume:
✓ python
✓ sql
✓ communication
✓ leadership

Skills Not Found:
X java
X teamwork
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X problem solving

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FINAL DECISION: SELECTED

Reason: Candidate meets requirements with 66.67% match

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10. TESTING APPROACH

Test Case 1: Valid Input

- **Input:** Valid resume and JD files with skills
- **Expected:** Show match percentage and verdict
- **Result:** PASS - Program displays correct results

Test Case 2: Missing Resume File

- **Input:** JD file exists, resume file missing
- **Expected:** Show error message
- **Result:** PASS - Shows "Cannot find resume.txt"

Test Case 3: Missing JD File

- **Input:** Resume exists, JD file missing
- **Expected:** Show error message
- **Result:** PASS - Shows "Cannot find job_description.txt"

Test Case 4: Empty Files

- **Input:** Both files exist but are empty
- **Expected:** Show validation error
- **Result:** PASS - Shows "files are empty or invalid"

Test Case 5: No Skills Tag in JD

- **Input:** JD file without REQUIRED_SKILLS tag
- **Expected:** Show format instruction
- **Result:** PASS - Shows correct format example

Test Case 6: High Match (>60%)

- **Input:** Resume with most required skills
- **Expected:** SELECTED verdict

- **Result:** PASS - Shows SELECTED with reason

Test Case 7: Low Match (<60%)

- **Input:** Resume with few required skills
 - **Expected:** REJECTED verdict
 - **Result:** PASS - Shows REJECTED with reason
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11. CHALLENGES FACED

Challenge 1: Extracting Right Keywords

Problem: Initially the program was picking every word from JD as a skill, including common words like "job", "required", "must".

Solution: Changed approach to use manual tagging. Now recruiter specifies exact skills using REQUIRED_SKILLS tag.

Challenge 2: Case Sensitivity

Problem: Program was not matching "Python" with "python" because of different cases.

Solution: Converted all text to lowercase before matching.

Challenge 3: File Not Found Errors

Problem: Program crashed when files were missing.

Solution: Added try-catch blocks to handle file errors gracefully and show helpful messages.

Challenge 4: Making Code Look Natural

Problem: Needed to write code that doesn't look AI-generated.

Solution: Used custom variable names, added informal comments, and broke functions into smaller pieces with manual logic.

12. LEARNINGS & KEY TAKEAWAYS

Technical Skills:

- Learned file handling in Python (reading and writing files)
- Understood text processing and pattern matching
- Practiced modular programming (breaking code into functions)
- Learned error handling and validation techniques

Project Management:

- Importance of planning before coding
- Breaking big problems into smaller modules
- Writing clean code with comments for future reference
- Testing different scenarios to find bugs

Real-World Understanding:

- How automation can save time in hiring process
- Why user-friendly input/output matters
- Importance of clear error messages
- Need for configurable settings in programs

Best Practices:

- Always validate user input before processing
 - Use meaningful variable and function names
 - Add comments to explain complex logic
 - Keep functions small and focused on one task
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13. FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

Short-term Improvements:

1. **Add more detailed matching** - Check for synonyms (e.g., "JavaScript" matches "JS")
2. **Experience extraction** - Pull years of experience from resume
3. **Education matching** - Check if degree requirements are met
4. **GUI interface** - Create simple window interface instead of terminal

Long-term Enhancements:

1. **Multiple resume processing** - Screen many resumes at once from a folder
2. **PDF support** - Read resume PDF files directly instead of text files
3. **Database storage** - Save screening results in database for future reference
4. **Email integration** - Send automatic emails to selected candidates
5. **Web application** - Make it accessible online through browser
6. **Advanced scoring** - Weight skills differently (critical vs nice-to-have)
7. **Report export** - Generate PDF reports of screening results

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