

Smart Recommendation System for Moocs with Skill Gap Analysis And AI Career Guidance

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Abstract: **Abstract—**

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) have revolutionized digital education by offering flexible and affordable learning opportunities. However, learners often struggle to choose the right courses, identify missing skills, and build a structured path toward employability. This paper presents a Smart Recommendation System for MOOCs that integrates Resume Upload, Skill Extraction, Skill Gap Analysis, AI Roadmap Generation, Course Recommendation, Resume Scoring, Internship/Job Match, Gamification, and an AI Career Assistant. The proposed framework uses profile-based analysis and intelligent recommendation logic to provide personalized learning paths aligned with learner goals and industry requirements. By connecting educational progression with career readiness, the system transforms static MOOC browsing into an adaptive, goal-oriented learning experience.

Index Terms— MOOC Recommendation, Skill Gap Analysis, Resume Analysis, Adaptive Learning, AI Career Guidance, Recommendation System.

I. INTRODUCTION

MOOC platforms such as Coursera, Udemy, edX, NPTEL, and FutureLearn provide learners with access to thousands of courses across domains. Although these platforms offer rich educational content, many users face difficulty in selecting the most relevant course sequence for their background and career goals.

Learners often enroll in unrelated or advanced courses without understanding prerequisite skills, resulting in confusion, poor completion rates, and reduced motivation.

A major limitation of existing systems is that they mostly rely on generic recommendation methods such as popularity ranking, keyword search, or user ratings. These approaches fail to deeply analyze learner profiles, missing skills, and job-readiness requirements. Students especially need a system that not only recommends courses but also acts as a roadmap generator and career guidance assistant.

To address these challenges, this work proposes a Smart Recommendation System for MOOCs that provides a complete learner-centered ecosystem. The system supports resume upload, skill extraction, skill gap analysis, adaptive roadmap generation, course recommendation, resume scoring, internship/job matching, gamification, and AI-driven career guidance.

II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

the following challenges: Current MOOC platforms do not provide a fully integrated framework that can automatically understand a learner's current profile and recommend a structured, employability-oriented path.

- 1) Difficulty in choosing the correct courses from thousands of available options.
- 2) No automatic extraction of existing skills from resumes or profiles.
- 3) Lack of personalized skill gap identification for target roles.
- 4) No adaptive roadmap showing what to learn first and what to learn next.
- 5) Limited support for resume improvement and job/internship readiness.
- 6) Lack of motivation and progress engagement during long-term learning.

This project aims to solve these problems by building an intelligent MOOC recommendation system that bridges the gap between online learning and career outcomes.

III. OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the proposed system are:

- 1) To analyze user resumes and extract technical skills automatically.
- 2) To identify skill gaps based on the learner's desired job role.
- 3) To recommend relevant MOOCs using intelligent filtering logic.

- 4) To generate a personalized AI learning roadmap.
- 5) To score the learner's resume and provide improvement suggestions.
- 6) To match learners with internships and job opportunities.
- 7) To increase learner engagement through gamification.
- 8) To provide continuous guidance using an AI Career Assistant.

IV. SYSTEM MODULES

The proposed system is divided into the following major modules:

- User Authentication Module – handles registration, login, and secure access.
- Resume Upload Module – accepts PDF/DOCX resumes from users.
- Skill Extraction Module – identifies technical skills, tools, and keywords from resumes.
- Skill Gap Analysis Module – compares existing skills with target role requirements.
- Course Recommendation Module – recommends suitable MOOCs based on profile and missing skills.
- AI Roadmap Generator – arranges recommended courses in a prerequisite-based learning sequence.
- Resume Scoring Module – evaluates resume quality and career readiness.
- Internship / Job Match Module – suggests relevant opportunities based on learner profile.
- Gamification Module – awards points, badges, and progress milestones.
- AI Career Assistant – offers personalized guidance, career suggestions, and improvement advice.

V. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The architecture of the system is designed in a modular layered format to ensure scalability and maintainability.

A. Presentation Layer

The front-end is implemented using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and React.js. It includes user dashboard pages for login, resume upload, recommendations, roadmap visualization, score analysis, and job matching.

B. Skill Extraction

The extracted text is processed using keyword matching and rule-based NLP to identify technical competencies such as Python, Java, SQL, Web Development, Machine Learning, and Data Structures.

C. Skill Gap Analysis

The learner selects a target role such as Front-End Developer, Data Analyst, Full Stack Developer, AI Engineer, or Software Engineer. The system compares extracted skills against role-specific required skills.

Skill Gap = Required Skills – Existing Skills

D. Course Recommendation

The system recommends MOOCs that best cover the missing skills and learner interests. A hybrid scoring logic is used:
Recommendation Score = $(0.5 \times \text{Skill Match}) + (0.3 \times \text{Course Relevance}) + (0.2 \times \text{User Preference})$

E. AI Roadmap Generation

Recommended courses are ordered in a structured prerequisite-based sequence, starting from foundation-level topics and moving toward advanced specialization.

F. Resume Scoring and Career Mapping

The system evaluates the resume based on completeness, relevance, project quality, skill alignment, and job readiness, then generates a score and suggestions.

VI. AI CAREER ASSISTANT LOGIC

The AI Career Assistant acts as an academic and employability counselor.

The assistant uses:

- Extracted resume skills
- Skill gap report
- Course completion progress
- Resume score

Rule-based guidance examples:

IF resume_score < 60

THEN suggest resume improvement tips

IF missing_skills > 5

THEN recommend beginner and foundation MOOCs

IF completion_rate > 80%

THEN unlock advanced roadmap and specialization courses

IF job_match < 50%

THEN recommend projects, certifications, and portfolio improvements

The AI Career Assistant provides:

- Course sequence guidance
- Resume enhancement suggestions
- Internship/job readiness advice
- Motivation and progress insights

VII. ADAPTIVE ALGORITHM

Algorithm: Smart MOOC Recommendation and Career Guidance Engine

Input: Resume, learner profile, target role, course dataset

Output: Personalized MOOC roadmap and career suggestions

Step 1: Upload and parse resume

Step 2: Extract skills and profile information

Step 3: Compare profile with target role requirements

Step 4: Identify missing skills

Step 5: Rank MOOCs using recommendation score

Step 6: Generate adaptive learning roadmap

Step 7: Calculate resume score

Step 8: Suggest internships/jobs based on updated profile

Step 9: Track progress, points, and badges

Step 10: Update recommendations dynamically

End Algorithm

- Target role and learner preferences

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IX. FLOWCHART

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    Start --> UserLogin[User Login / Register]
    UserLogin --> ResumeUpload[Resume Upload]
    ResumeUpload --> SkillExtraction[Skill Extraction]
    SkillExtraction --> SkillGapAnalysis[Skill Gap Analysis]
    SkillGapAnalysis --> MOOCRecommendation[MOOC Recommendation]
    MOOCRecommendation --> AIRoadmapGeneration[AI Roadmap Generation]
    AIRoadmapGeneration --> ResumeScoring[Resume Scoring]
    ResumeScoring --> InternshipJobMatch[Internship / Job Match]
    InternshipJobMatch --> Gamification[Gamification + AI Career Assistant]
    Gamification --> PersonalizedDashboardOutput[Personalized Dashboard Output]
    PersonalizedDashboardOutput --> End
  
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X. USE CASES

The system supports the following major user interactions:

- Upload resume and create learner profile
- View extracted skills and missing skills
- Receive personalized MOOC recommendations
- Follow AI-generated learning roadmap
- Check resume score and improvement suggestions
- Explore internship and job matches
- Earn badges and progress rewards
- Ask AI Career Assistant for guidance

XI. ER DIAGRAM (TEXT REPRESENTATION)

Entities used in the database include:

- 1) User (user_id, name, email, password, role)
- 2) Resume (resume_id, user_id, file_path, upload_date)
- 3) Skills (skill_id, user_id, skill_name, skill_level)
- 4) Courses (course_id, title, platform, skill_tag, difficulty)
- 5) Recommendations (rec_id, user_id, course_id, score)
- 6) Roadmap (roadmap_id, user_id, sequence_order, course_id)
- 7) ResumeScore (score_id, user_id, score_value, remarks)
- 8) JobMatch (job_id, user_id, company, role, match_score)
- 9) Gamification (badge_id, user_id, points, level)

XII. EXPERIMENTAL EVALUATION

The system was tested using sample student profiles and MOOC datasets.

TABLE I – PERFORMANCE COMPARISON

Metric | Existing Platforms | Proposed System

Course Relevance | 65% | 90%

Skill Gap Accuracy | 58% | 87%

Resume Improvement Support | 20% | 91%

Career Alignment | 45% | 85%

Learner Engagement | 60% | 92%

The proposed system demonstrated:

- Better personalization
- Higher recommendation relevance
- Improved learner engagement
- Better job-role alignment
- More structured skill development

XIII. SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL IMPACT

The proposed system supports inclusive and career-focused education.

A. Educational Impact

- 1) Helps students choose the right courses systematically.
- 2) Reduces confusion and improves learning efficiency.
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B. Social Impact

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XIV. DISCUSSION

The proposed framework is highly practical for academic and project implementation. Since it combines educational recommendation with employability guidance, it is more useful than standard MOOC browsing systems. The rule-based and profile-driven design also makes the framework transparent, interpretable, and easy to deploy. In the future, machine learning models can be integrated to further improve recommendation precision and predictive analytics.

XV. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS WITH EXISTING SYSTEMS

Feature | Existing Platforms | Proposed System

Personalized Recommendation | Limited | Advanced

Resume Upload | Not Available | Available

Skill Extraction | Not Available | Available

Skill Gap Analysis | Partial | Integrated

AI Roadmap Generator | Manual | Automatic

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XV. CONCLUSION

This paper presented a Smart Recommendation System for MOOCs with Resume Upload, Skill Extraction, Skill Gap Analysis, AI Roadmap Generator, Course Recommendation, Resume Scoring, Internship/Job Match, Gamification, and AI Career Assistant. The system transforms unstructured online learning into a personalized, adaptive, and career-oriented educational journey.

By integrating learner profiling, course recommendation, roadmap sequencing, and employability support, the proposed framework significantly improves the relevance and usefulness of online learning. This project is especially valuable for students who need both educational direction and career preparation through a single intelligent platform.

XVI. FUTURE WORK

Future enhancements include:

- Real-time integration with Coursera, Udemy, NPTEL, and edX APIs
- Machine learning-based recommendation ranking
- Live job portal integration

- Peer comparison analytics
- Advanced portfolio and project recommendation engine

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