Personalised Talent Search on LinkedIn

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Talent management is a critical part of every organization. One of the many facets

of talent management is employee recruitment and retention. It is important that or-

ganizations have the ability to identify suitable professionals to fill their vacant job

positions. LinkedIn is a business- and employment-oriented social networking service

that is widely used by both employees and employers. The platform provides a wealth

of information regarding the skills, education and experiences of professionals in today's

world. Using the mentioned information obtained from LinkedIn, this dissertation ex-

plores the use of machine learning in a quest to better classify what employees would

be suitable for an organization. The machine learning techniques which are imple-

mented are support vector machine, random forest and k-means. The three techniques

were trained and tested under the same circumstances. Evaluation of the tests showed

positive results especially in the case of support vector machine.

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