

PLACEMENT PREDICTION

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Abstract: Developing a placement prediction model through machine learning involves analyzing historical data, academic performance, and skills to identify key factors influencing student placements. By employing advanced algorithms, the model extracts complex patterns and makes accurate predictions about a student's likelihood of securing a job. This system provides valuable insights to students, helping them enhance their academic and professional skills, while also assisting educational institutions in refining training programs and placement strategies. Additionally, recruiters can leverage this data-driven approach to identify suitable candidates efficiently. By bridging the gap between student capabilities and industry demands, the model ensures informed decision-making, ultimately improving placement success rates.

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1. Introduction:

Campus placements are a critical phase in a student's academic career, influencing future employment opportunities. Predicting placement outcomes, however, remains a complex challenge. Traditional methods often rely on subjective assessments and manual analysis, which can be inconsistent and inefficient. With the rise of machine learning, predictive models can now analyze historical data, academic performance, and skills to make more accurate predictions. This paper proposes a Placement Prediction model that utilizes machine learning algorithms—Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Decision Trees, Gradient Boosting, and AdaBoost—to forecast placement outcomes for pre-final year engineering students. By evaluating key features such as academic performance, technical skills, internships, and extracurricular activities, the model provides valuable insights for students to improve their chances of securing

placements. Additionally, it helps educational institutions optimize training and placement strategies to better align with industry needs. The goal is to bridge the gap between student capabilities and industry demands, ultimately improving placement success rates and supporting informed decision-making for students and institutions alike.

2. Literature Survey:

Predicting student performance has gained significant attention with the growth of machine learning and data mining techniques in education. By leveraging various machine learning models, educators can identify at-risk students and take proactive steps to improve academic outcomes. Below is a review of key research in this domain:

[1] B.V. Krishna Prasad, B.S. Sandeep, "A Predictive Model for Student Performance in Higher Education Using Machine Learning Techniques," *International Journal of Computer Applications*, 2019. This paper explores machine learning algorithms like Decision Tree, SVM, and Naive Bayes to predict student performance based on historical data and academic performance, aiding in early identification of at-risk students.

[2] S. R. A. Syed, T. S. Manoharan, "Academic Performance Prediction Using Machine Learning Algorithms," *International Conference on Data Science and Engineering*, 2018. This research highlights the use of Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, and Neural N for academic performance prediction. The study emphasizes how predictive models help identify students in need of academic support.

[3] Rajesh Kumar, R. Jeyavannan, "Prediction of Student's Performance Using Classification Algorithms," *Journal of Engineering Science and Technology Review*, 2017. The

paper uses Random Forest and SVM classification algorithms to predict final grades, showcasing the models' high accuracy in forecasting student performance.

[4] Pushpa S K, Manjunath T N, Mrunal T V, Amartya Singh, C Suhas, "Class Result Prediction using Machine Learning," *International Conference on Smart Technology for Smart Nation*, 2017. This paper predicts class results based on past academic performance and internal exam scores, applying models like SVM, Naive Bayes, Random Forest, and Gradient Boosting to determine student success or failure.

[5] M. Rajesh, S. V. Kumar, "Prediction of Student's Academic Performance using Data Mining Techniques," *International Journal of Engineering and Technology*, 2016. This paper reviews data mining techniques such as SVM, Naive Bayes, and Decision Trees to predict student academic performance, providing useful insights for timely intervention.

3. Overview Of The System:

3.1 Existing System: The existing placement system primarily relies on academic performance, such as CGPA and exam scores, to determine placement opportunities, ignoring other important factors like technical skills, internships, and communication abilities. This leads to an inefficient and biased process, where manual evaluations lack predictive insights and fail to offer personalized recommendations. Students are not provided with tailored feedback to improve their employability, limiting their chances of success. Furthermore, the absence of machine learning integration results in inaccurate predictions and missed opportunities for data-driven decision-making. Consequently, the system's narrow focus on academics hinders its ability to provide a comprehensive assessment and support students' career development effectively.

3.2 Proposed System : Our proposed system enhances placement predictions by incorporating a wide range of factors such as academic performance, technical skills, internships, and projects. We employ machine learning algorithms like K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Random Forest, Decision Trees, AdaBoost, and Gradient Descent to analyze comprehensive student data and provide more accurate and reliable placement predictions. The system evaluates these multiple dimensions of a student's profile, offering a more holistic view beyond just academic scores. These algorithms are evaluated for performance based on common metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and AUC-ROC. We compare the accuracy and performance of each model and select the one with the

highest accuracy for final prediction. To optimize performance, we conduct hyperparameter tuning for each algorithm to ensure we extract the best possible results. AdaBoost, in particular, is used to combine multiple weak classifiers to create a more robust and accurate model. Gradient Descent is employed as an optimization technique within models like Random Forest and Decision Trees to minimize prediction errors and improve overall accuracy. By leveraging these advanced machine learning techniques, the system generates personalized feedback for students, helping them identify areas for improvement in technical skills, internships, and other key areas. Additionally, educational institutions can use the insights from our model to better align their training programs with industry requirements, enhancing student employability. For recruiters, our system offers a data-driven approach to shortlist candidates, saving time and resources in the placement process. Ultimately, our system bridges the gap between student capabilities and industry demands, improving placement success rates and enabling more informed decision-making for both students and institutions.

4. Implementation:

Data Collection: We collect student data, including academic performance (CGPA, exam scores), technical skills, internships, and project details.

Data Preprocessing: The collected data is cleaned to handle missing values, normalize features, and split into training and testing sets.

Model Development: We implement multiple machine learning models K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Random Forest, Decision Trees, AdaBoost, and Gradient Descent. Each model is trained and optimized using hyperparameter tuning to maximize performance.

Model Evaluation: The models are evaluated using metrics such as accuracy, precision, and recall to ensure reliable predictions.

Prediction and Feedback: Once the models are trained, they generate personalized placement predictions and provide students with feedback on areas for improvement (e.g., technical skills, internships).

Deployment : The system is deployed as a web application using Flask, allowing students to input their data and receive real-time predictions and personalized recommendations.

5.Results:

Unname	StudentId	CGPA	Major Projects	Workshops/Certifications	Mini Projects	Skills	Communication Skill Rating	Internship	Hackathon	12th Percentage	10th Percentage	backlogs	PlacementStatus	
0	0	1	7.5	1	1	1	6	4.4	No	No	61	79	2	NotPlaced
1	1	2	8.9	0	3	2	9	4.0	Yes	Yes	78	82	0	Placed
2	2	3	7.3	1	2	2	8	4.8	Yes	No	79	80	2	NotPlaced
3	3	4	7.5	1	1	2	8	4.4	Yes	Yes	81	80	0	Placed
4	4	5	8.3	1	2	2	8	4.5	Yes	Yes	74	88	0	Placed
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9995	9995	9996	7.5	1	1	2	7	3.9	Yes	No	85	66	4	NotPlaced
9996	9996	9997	7.4	0	1	0	9	4.8	No	No	84	67	1	Placed

Fig 1: Placement Prediction Dataset

Unname	StudentId	CGPA	Major Projects	Workshops/Certifications	Mini Projects	Skills	Communication Skill Rating	Internship	Hackathon	12th Percentage	10th Percentage	backlogs	PlacementStatus	salary	
0	0	1	7.5	1	1	1	6	4.4	No	No	61	79	2	NotPlaced	0
1	1	2	8.9	0	3	2	9	4.0	Yes	Yes	78	82	0	Placed	100000
2	2	3	7.3	1	2	2	8	4.8	Yes	No	79	80	2	NotPlaced	0
3	3	4	7.5	1	1	2	8	4.4	Yes	Yes	81	80	0	Placed	55000
4	4	5	8.3	1	2	2	8	4.5	Yes	Yes	74	88	0	Placed	55000
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9995	9995	9996	7.5	1	1	2	7	3.9	Yes	No	85	66	4	NotPlaced	0
9996	9996	9997	7.4	0	1	0	9	4.8	No	No	84	67	1	Placed	75000

Fig 2 : Salary Prediction Dataset



Fig 3: welcome page

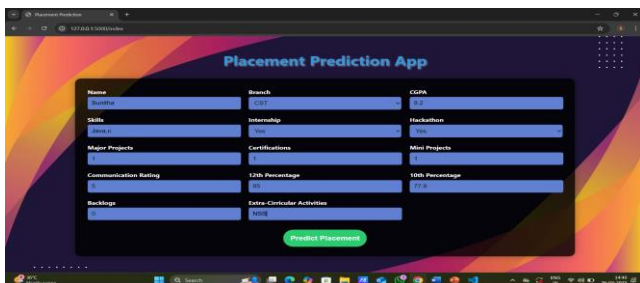


Fig 4: Entering Input Details

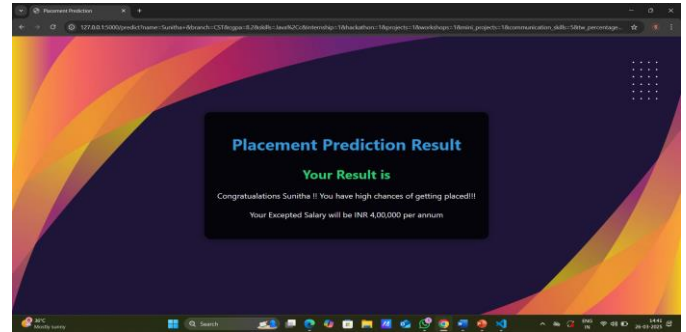


Fig 5 : Prediction Results

6.Conclusion:

Placement prediction system is a system which predicts the placement status of final year B-Tech students. For data analysis and prediction different machine learning algorithms are used in the python environment. We analyse the accuracy of different algorithms and it is shown in the above table. It is clear that Random Forest gives an accuracy of 95. Logistic Gradient Descent is also good which gives an accuracy of 94.59 based on the given dataset. The accuracy of Machine learning algorithms may differ according to the dataset. From the result from our analysis it is clear that Random Forest ,Gradient Descent KNN ,Decision Tress are good for binary classification problems since they all give accuracy of above 90. Some recruiters consider GATE scores and history of backlogs which we didn't include in our dataset. In such rare cases these results may change.

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