Talent Acquisition through Technology

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Currently, The Top Uses Of Talent Acquisition Data Are For Increasing Retention, Evaluating Skills Gaps And Building Better Employment Offers, According To The Linkedin And Deloitte Study. The Analytics On Talent Pools, Skills And Other Companies’ Workforce Composition Is Important, So That HR Professionals Can Make Smarter Decisions On Workforce Planning, Sourcing, Skills Development And Retention.

This Study Is On Understanding The Technology Usage In The Recruiting World, Technology That Is Currently Automating Processes For Recruiters Are Projected, In Time, To Be Able To Learn What Jobs Are A Best Fit For Particular Candidates. The Information Collected Is Through Published Articles For The Study.

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I. Introduction:


- Attracting Skilled Resources Is No Longer Simply The Responsibility Of HR. It Now Stands As A Top Concern Of Business Leaders, Ranking Third In Survey This Year.
- More Than 8 In 10 (83 Percent) Executives Say Talent Acquisition Is Important Or Very Important.


Recruiting Is Becoming A Digital Experience As Candidates Come To Expect Convenience And Mobile Contact. Savvy Recruiters Now Have Access To New Technologies To Build Connections With Candidates And Strengthen The Employment Brand. In Today’s Transparent Digital World, A Company’s Employment Brand Must Be Both Highly Visible And Highly Attractive Because Candidates Now Often Find The Employer, Not The Reverse. To Leverage This Interest, Companies Are Intensively Managing Their Employment Brand, Which Can “Pull” Candidates Toward Them.

Creating An Attractive Employment Brand Involves A Complex Mix Of Forces. One Major Factor Is The Overall Workforce Experience, Which Requires High Levels Of Engagement And Strong Career Opportunities. In Fact, Outreach Campaigns To Educate And Attract Candidates May Be Just As Important As Customer-Focused Advertising. Heineken, For Example, Developed A Series Of Unconventional Videos And Web Interviews To Highlight The Employee Experience And Set The Company Apart.

Employers Must Also Reconsider How They Communicate Their Value Proposition To The Workforce. Dell’s Global Talent Brand And Tools Team Completely Redesigned The Company’s Global Career Websites To Include Consistent Messaging And Images. The Team Also Launched A Job Search Optimization Site And An Aggressive Campaign Of Candidate-Focused Content Featuring Blog Posts And A Wide Range Of Videos. These Were Posted On The Company’s Career Sites, Its Youtube Channel, And Other
Employee And Candidate Focused Sites, Such As Glassdoor. The Videos, Which Included Employees Talking About Their Experiences At Dell, Reached A Wide Array Of Social Networks.

Leveraging New Technologies-From Social To Cognitive

The Biggest Disruptor In Talent Acquisition Today Is Experimentation With Tech Solutions And Services. With Over 70 Percent Of TA Systems Coming From Third-Party Providers, Vendors Are Actively Seeking To Capitalize On These New Technologies. Many Of These Are Evolving Toward Cognitive Capabilities That Build On Mobile And Cloud Technologies, As Well As Social Networks Such As LinkedIn. Some Of The Larger HR Systems, Such As Workday And Oracle, Are Building Solutions That Feed Into Even Bigger Systems.


While Cognitive TA Is Currently The Domain Of Mostly Small, Single-Solution Start-Ups, IBM’s AI Pioneer, Watson, Is Now Moving Into The Space With Three New Technologies:

- A Machine Learning Platform That Ranks The Priority Of Open Requisitions;
- Social Listening For An Organization’s And Competitors’ Publicly Available Reviews On Glassdoor, Twitter, And Newsfeeds; And
- A Tool That Matches Candidates To Jobs Through A “Fit Score” Based On Career Experiences And Skills.

These Technologies Take Pre-Existing Social Data And Information And Then Apply Advanced Cognitive Capabilities To Deliver Actionable Analysis.

Intelligent Automation Uses Collected Data To Analyze New Information And Make Decisions. All Of This Is Done Autonomously, Saving Administrative Investments. In Fact, The Program Sends Information About The Applicant And Application To The Talent Acquisition User In A More Digestible Way, Further Decreasing The Administrative Burden And Ensuring They’re Given Proper Consideration. The Process Is Instantaneous, Beginning As Soon As A Candidate Applies And Providing A Response To The Applicant Immediately. This Is A Crucial Element As 65% Of Job Seekers Say They Never Or Rarely Receive Application Status Notices And 80% Would Not Reapply Because Of The Poor Communication.

Predictive Analytics Is Increasingly Important To TA, As Sophisticated Analytics Teams Begin To Prioritize Recruiting Workflows, Conduct Workforce Planning, Evaluate Different Recruiting Sources, Assess Quality Of Hire, And Use Pre-Hire Assessments. Companies That Are Not Prioritizing Analytics Do So At Their Own Risk.
II. Literature Review:

Kevin Small, One Of The Research Participants And Director Of Talent Acquisition At Dow Corning, Sums It Up Well. The War For Talent Never Went Away, But The Battlefield Has Changed. They Concluded That, Organizations That Incorporate Workforce Planning Into Their Business Strategies Develop Compelling Employment Brands That Resonate With Target Talent, And Build Creative New Frameworks For Measuring Success Are Most Likely To Succeed In The War For Talent.


E-Recruitment Had Been Acknowledged As One Of The Techniques Of Talent Acquisition Which Needs Further Research And Understanding. A Working Paper Of Indian Institute Of Management, Bangalore, Interestingly Reveals The Talent Acquisition Strategies Of Swedish Firms Operating In India Which Is Worth Mentioning Which Speaks On —Social Recruitment! As One Of The Strategies Adopted By Swedish Firms In India.

Social Recruiting Just Works Better But Remember Social Media Is A Communication Channel And Not A Sales Channel. Traditional Recruiting Skills Are Still Critical – Think Of Social Media As A Flirting, Seduction Or Your First Date; It’S A Place To Showcase Your Expertise, Generosity And Thought Leadership. Social Media Gives Passive Candidates A Sneak Peek At Corporate DNA, You Must Have An Integrated Digital Strategy On Social Media Which Includes A Whole Range Of Channels Like Facebook, Twitter, And Linkedin. Youtube, Blogs Website. Mobile Is Also Becoming Obvious Choice For Recruitment But It’S Now New. Eighty Percent Of Job-Seekers Are Happy To Search Jobs Via Their Phone, Yet Only Eight Percent Of Fortune 100 Companies’ Career Sites Support Mobile Recruitment Processes And Most Applicant Tracking Systems Are Not Friendly To Mobile Either.

Oracle, In Its Research Identified Employee Referral Programs As One Of The TA Technique Which In Following Years Would Be The Main Point Of Focus By Major Organizations. It Feels That Companies Will Start Using Social Recruiting To Scale Up The Flow Of Referrals, Fully Leverage Employees‘ Social Connections, Allow Employees And Candidates To Navigate The Referral Process On Their Mobile Devices, Optimize Referral Policies Based On The Lessons Learned From Real-Time Data, Treat Candidates As Respectfully As If They Were Paying Customers. In This Way Companies Will Reap The Benefits Of Improving Referral Quality While Reducing Time To Hire And Cost Per Hire.

Mary Oslin In Her Interview To Roger Vozar For Smart Business Northern California Magazine, Mentioned That Even Though Pipelining, Mobile Recruiting, Employer Branding And Use Of Social Networking Sites Are The Current Trends In Talent Acquisition, Every Company Should Seek To Improve Its Branding And Reply To Applicants — It’s Not Good To Start Developing A Reputation Of Being A Black Hole. Eventually, Word Will Get Around And People Will Be Told Not To Bother Sending You Their Resume. Establish A Procedure To Contact The Candidates Who Are Not Selected, Whether By Email Or Phone. Focus On The Candidate Experience, Those Who Are Not Hired May Walk Away Disappointed, But You Want Them To Be Impressed That The Process Was Professional And They Were Treated With Respect.

The Latest Research Of Bersin By Deloitte, Predicted The Trend Of 2014 Regarding The Talent Acquisition Techniques Which Had Felt That Building A Strong Talent Pipeline For The Global Economic Recovery Is The Need Of The Day. According To Its Report, 2014 Will Be One Of The Most Exciting Years We Have Ever Seen. The Growing Global Economy Will Present Challenges, Competitive Threats, And New Opportunities. Take Your Talent Pipeline Seriously Attracting, Developing, And Keeping People Will Take Top Priority. This Is The Year To Sharpen Your Saw Innovate, Think Outside The Box, And Look Systematically At Your Total Corporate Talent System. Interestingly, Social Networking Website Linkedin Had Also Conducted A Detailed Research On Talent Acquisition Practices And Published It On Their Website. Linkedin Has Conducted Its 3rd Annual Global Recruiting Trends Survey In 19 Countries Including India. They Have Surveyed Over 3,300 Talent Acquisition Leaders To Capture Their Thoughts On What Keeps Them Up At Night, Hiring And Budget Trends, And Key Sources For High-Quality Hires. They Have Distilled All This And More Into 5 Key Trends That Are Shaping The Future Of Talent Acquisition:

- Social Professional Networks Are Increasingly Impacting Quality Of Hire.
- Employer Branding Is Both A Competitive Threat And A Competitive Advantage.
- Data Is Used To Make Better Hiring And Branding Decisions.
- Companies Are Investing In Hiring Internally To Stop Top Talent From Walking Out The Door.
- Companies Are Figuring Out The Mobile Recruiting Terrain.
The AI Technologies Listed Below Fall Within One Of Seven Of The Maternity Levels Of Artificial Intelligence Which According To Roy Wang At Constellation Research Include: 1) Perception, 2) Notification, 3) Suggestion, 4) Automation, 5) Prediction, 6) Prevention And 7) Situational Awareness.

Objective Of The Study:
- The Main Objective Of The Study Is To Find Impact Of Technology Advancement On Talent Acquisition.
- The Adaption And Impact Of Technology Processes Used For Recruitment.

III. Research Methodology:

IV. Research Study:
Talent Acquisition (TA): Creating Talent Pool, Screening Talent, Recruitment & Selection, Are A Few Critical Areas Where Technology Has Played Significant Role To Make HR Efficient. Technology Has Bridged The Gap In Identifying The Right Person-Job Fit. Giving Advertisements In Newspapers Looks Like A Thing From The Past. Various Job Portals Have Seen Tremendous Growth And Provide A Great Platform For Organizations To Source Good Candidates. Also, Seamless Integration Of Vacancy Requisition To Candidate’s Joining Has Provided An End-To-End Visibility To HR.

Various Analytics And Reports Help HR In Monitoring ‘Quality Of Hire’ And At The Same Time Keep A Check On ‘Cost To Hire’. Perhaps The Biggest Step In Technology For Hiring Is The Invention Of The World Wide Web And The Increasing Access Of People To Its Network. Not Only Is Online Hiring Now Possible, It’s Becoming One Of The Biggest Sources Of Qualified Candidates. In Fact, Online Hiring Is The New Frontier Of Recruitment. With This Is An Increasing Dependence Of Automated Hiring Systems That Have Internet-Based Platforms. One Good Example Is The Talent Acquisition System, Which Enables Recruiters To Automatically “Crawl” The Internet For Relevant Resumes, Receive And Sort Out Applications, Send Out Interview Invites, And Even Facilitate Online Exams. This Makes Assessment Easy Even When Handling A Large Number Of Applicants. Recruiters Can Quickly Usher In Applicants And Get Them Through The Hiring Pipeline, Selecting The Best Candidates For Specific Jobs Can Be Done Easily Without Sacrificing The Quality Of The Selection Pool.

The Applicant Tracking System (ATS) Which Has Traditionally Been An Immense TA Filing Cabinet Is Being Reinvented By Innovative Solution Providers. These Providers Are Augmenting The ATS With Other TA Technologies, Including Candidate Relationship Management, Video Interviewing, And Analytics. For Example, HR Software Company Lever Has Reimagined The ATS To Pivot Around Candidate Relationship Management, Offering Built-In, Real-Time Reporting Across All Pipelines And Recruiting Functions. Forward-Looking Organizations Are Also Beginning To Employ Simulations And Gaming To Connect With Talent, Particularly Millennia’s, And Analyze Whether Candidates Are Primed To Succeed In A Given Role.
Using Video As A Tool For A Compelling Candidate Experience

Video Is Emerging As A Tool To Address This Challenge By Enabling A More Compelling Candidate Experience. SAP, For Example, Uses Cartoons And Video Games To Illustrate Life At The Company In An Engaging Way. Other Organizations Are Reimagining The Age-Old Job Description In A Video Format. Job Postings On Facebook That Feature Videos Receive 36 Percent More Applications.

Video Is Also Transforming Interviews. AI And A Video Interview May Be Better Able To Identify Promising Candidates Than A Traditional Interview, Saving Money And Reducing Time-To-Hire. Video Interviewing Can Reduce Pre-Hire Assessment Questions From 200 To Just 5 And Raises The Possibility Of One-Interview Hires. Indeed, A Consensus Is Emerging That Traditional Interviewing Subjective And Unstandardized May Be An Unreliable Method For Predicting A Potential Employee’s Success.

From Credentials To Skills


Optimizing Sourcing Channels

Organizations Employ Many Sourcing Strategies To Attract And Engage Top Talent. In The Open Talent Economy, Technology Allows Talent To Move More Freely Than Before From Role To Role, Within And Outside The Enterprise. And Across Organizational And Geographic Boundaries. Organizations That Are Leveraging Open Talent Are Partnering With Temporary Labor Marketplace Companies Such As Shiftright And Bountlyjobs, E-Staffing Agencies Such As HIRED And Closeriq, Freelance Management Systems Such As Onforce And Jobbliss, And Crowdsourced Recruitment Systems Such As Amazon’s Mechanical Turk And Gigwalk.

While The Technology To Support Recruiters In The Talent Acquisition Process Is Available, It’s Important To Choose The Right Solutions.

Use An Applicant Tracking System To Manage The Recruitment Campaign

Instead Of Sorting And Managing Candidate Applications Manually, Businesses And Recruitment Agencies Can Use A Sophisticated Applicant Tracking System (ATS). This Centralised System Allows Recruiters To Post Vacancies, View cvs, Collect Candidate Information And Track Where Candidates Are In The Hiring Process; Meaning Less Time Spent On Admin!

Engage With Candidates Via Mobile And Social Media

Candidates Aren’t Looking In Newspapers For Job Vacancies Anymore, But Online And On Their Mobile Phones. Jobseekers Can Now Look For New Openings Wherever They Are, And On That Basis, Recruiters Must Have A Mobile Option For Candidates. Increasingly Important In The Recruitment Process Are Social Media Platforms – Recruiters And Hiring Managers Can Post Concise, Attention-Grabbing Job Postings To A Targeted Audience; Their Followers.

Incorporate AI And Machine Learning Into The Screening Process To Reduce Unconscious Bias

With AI, Unconscious Bias Is Removed; Things Like Gender, Race, Language And Other Factors Are Not Considered In The Short Listing Process. AI Can Automate The CV Evaluation Process At Scale, Analysing Hundreds Of cvs In A Fraction Of The Time It Takes A Human Operator. Furthermore, It Can Automatically Categorise Candidates Based On The Provided Job Spec. Similarly, Chatbots That Utilise Natural Language Processing (NLP) Are On The Rise.
Embracing Metrics: HR Analytics And Hiring


Tapping Into Appropriate Technologies: Talent Management System


- **Diversity Hiring**. Diversity Hiring Is The Most Embraced Trend With 78 Percent Of Talent Leaders Responding That They Are Tackling Hiring Diverse Talent, Head On. Why? Well, 78% Of Companies Indicated They Are Prioritizing Diversity To Improve Culture, And 62% Are Doing So To Boost Financial Performance.

- **Reinventing The Interview**. New Interview Techniques Are Gaining Favor, Such As Assessing Candidate Soft Skills (63%), Understanding Candidate Weaknesses (57%) And Interviewer Bias (42%).

- **Data**. This New Era Of Talent Intelligence Is A Big Step Forward As It Allows Talent Leaders To Use Data To Influence Future Hiring. The Top Three Ways Companies Noted They Are Using Data Is To Increase Retention (56%), Evaluate Skills Gaps (50%), And Build Better Offers (50%).

- **Artificial Intelligence**. Recruiters And Hiring Managers, Globally, Shared That AI Is A Bold Disrupter, And Is Helping Them Save Time (67%), Remove Human Bias (43%) And Deliver The Best Candidate Matches (31%). Respondent Also Said That AI Is Most Helpful When Sourcing Candidates (58%), Screening (56%) And Nurturing Candidates (55%).

It's A Technological Jungle

Today, You Can Tell Your Phone To Send A Message To A Contact And Find Restaurants In Your Area, Among Other Things, Virtual Assistants, Like Siri From Apple And Alexa From Amazon, Are Becoming Increasingly Mainstream In Our Daily Life. And These Aren’t The Only Places Where Automation And Machine Learning Are Making A Splash. New Technologies Featuring Machine Learning And Artificial Intelligence Are Finding Their Way Into Other Applications In Our Life - Including Recruiting And Talent Acquisition.

Some Of The Tools Now Available To Recruiters Include: Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS); Job Board Aggregators; Employee Review Tools; Interview Management Tools; And Credential Matching Algorithms. Talent Acquisition Technology Ecosystem Is An Outstanding Representation Of The Massive And Fragmented Space Of Talent Acquisition Technology.

LinkedIn, Has Been A Recruiter’s Darling For A Long Time (50% Of Recruiters Source Through LinkedIn); However, Technology Giants Such As Google And Facebook Are Likely To Disrupt The Recruiting Marketplace As They Introduce New Tools Specifically For Employer. And Some Recruiters Are Already Fired Up About What This Means.

Subliminal Messaging Or Recruiting Calls To Action

Like Any Ad, Whether It's A Link Contained Within A Job Seeker E-Mail Blast, A Recruiter Messaging A Candidate Via In Mail Or A Mobile Ad On Facebook, These Strategies Will Not Only Subtly Elevate Your Employer Brand And Recruiting Efforts But Also Entice Those Curious And Passive Job Seekers To Click On Your Link Or Engage Someone From Their Network Who Either Has A Relationship Or Knows Someone At The Company. It's A Great Way To Control Your Recruiting Spend While Focusing Your Efforts On A Small Yet Focused Community Of Job Seekers. The Key To Any Secret Sauce Is Practice, Patience And In Our Recruiting Case Metrics And Measurements In Order To Determine The Impact Your Geotargeting Efforts Are Having In Finding The Perfect Hire.
Artificial Intelligence (AI):


AI Applications For Recruiting Include:

- **Intelligent Automation:** These Systems Use Collected Data To Analyze New Information And Make Decisions. All Of This Is Done Autonomously, Saving Administrative Investments.

- **AI Recruiting Assistants:** These Systems Automate Communications With Candidates, Lowering The Administrative Time Needed To Interact With Potential Hires.


- **Digitized Interviews.** Interview AI Analyzes Common Facets Of The Interview Process, Such As Video Interviews, To Understand The Intangible Human Qualities (Facial Features, Word Choice, Voice Inflection, Etc.) That Can Better Predict Candidate Fit. What’s More, This Technology Can Assess A Candidate’s Ability To Perform Job Duties By Simulating Customer/Client Interactions, Measuring The Applicant’s Empathy And Attention To Detail.

**AI Recruiting** Assistants Automate Communications With Candidates, Lowering The Administrative Time Needed To Interact With Potential Hires. Depending On Their Features, These Assistants Might Answer Policy Questions, Schedule Meetings Or Interviews And Even Screen Resumes. However, There Are Negative Effects Of Using AI Recruiting Assistants.

**Pros Of AI Recruiting Assistants:**
- Lowered Administrative Time Investments
- Candidates Have 24/7 Access To Employer
- Decreased Risk Of Ignoring Interested Applicants Immediate Or Near Immediate Identification Of Top Candidates
- Identifies Candidates From Sources That Might Otherwise Be Overlooked
- Gains Accuracy With More Data
- Integrates With Applicant Tracking Systems
- Provides Data-Backed Decisions
- Significant Time Savings
- Avoids Hiring Bias/Compliance Risks

**Cons Of AI Recruiting Assistants:**
- Conversational Limitations (Ex. These Are Automated Systems)
- May Miss Human Language Nuances
- Cannot Be Improved With Experience (Ex. Machine Intelligence Does Not Equate To Human Learning)
- Lack Human Emotion
- Might Miss Resume Details Due To Formatting
- Cannot Screen For Soft Skills
- Potential To Overlook Cultural Fit
- Lack Human Judgment Capabilities
- If AI Is Not Built In, There Is A Cost And Complexity To Integration With Your ATS

**Digitized Interviews**

Interviewing Via Online Tests And Assessments Has Been A Welcome Process For Many Recruiting Teams. However, Candidate Interviews That Use AI Take Those Assessments Further. Interview AI Uses Techniques Like Video Interviews To Capture The Intangible Human Qualities (Facial Features, Word Choice, Voice Inflection, Etc.) To Predict Candidate Fit. Even More, This Technology Can Assess Candidate’s Ability To Perform Job Duties By Simulating Customer/Client Interactions, Measuring The Applicant’s Empathy And Attention To Detail.
**Pros Of AI Interviewing:**
- Assess Candidates For Potential Performance
- Provides Data-Backed Decisions
- Avoids Hiring Bias And Promotes Diversity
- Lowered Administrative Time Investments
- Can Evaluate Candidate Based On Body Language

**Cons Of AI Interviewing:**
- Cannot Completely Account For Varied Personalities And Habits
- Potential To Overlook Cultural Fit
- Lack Human Judgment Capabilities And Emotion
- Can Leave A Less Personal/Friendly Feel
- Could Misread Candidate Intentions
- Possible Technical Failure Could Damper Candidate Experience

Thus Artificial Intelligence Presents Recruiting And Hiring Teams Massive Amounts Of Opportunities. Automating Mundane Talent Acquisition Processes And Eliminating Repetitive Motions Is Possible With The Advancing Technologies. However, With Each Possibility, There May Be Limitations To Take Into Account. As The Dissection Above Shows, Human Interactions Are Still Key To Making Smart Decisions And Personal Connections In Recruiting. Though Interactions Are Quicker, It Is The Human Recruiter Who Can Best Identify A Good Hire.

Only The Power Of People Can:
- Strategize The Correct Candidate Experience: AI Can Interact And Answer Questions, But It Cannot Bring The Warmth And Individualized Candidate Experience.
- Build Relationships With Candidates: AI Will Ensure Candidates Aren’t Left In The Dark After Each Step, But Technology Cannot Engage With Candidates In A Human And Personal Way.
- See Beyond The Resume: AI Can Accelerate Reading And Assessing A Resume, But Only A Human Can Understand The Person Behind The Keywords And Semantics.

**V. Conclusion:**


Accelerating Digital, Video, And Cognitive Technologies And Ever-Increasing Transparency Are Quickly Changing How Recruiters Find And Court Skilled Employees. Rather Than Continuing To Focus On Sourcing And Selection, Recruiters Are Now Relationship Builders And Managers. They Are Looking To Enable A Positive Candidate Experience For New Employees—A Task That Requires Both New Responsibilities And New Skills.

Savvy Recruiters Will Continue To Embrace New Talent Acquisition Technologies And Hone Their Relationship-Building Skills. Indeed, This Is The Promise Of Cognitive Recruiting. As AI And Other Technologies Take Over The Basic, Time-Consuming Tasks Of Sourcing Candidates, Human Jobs Will Shift. A Recruiter In This New World Can Add Value By Building Psychological And Emotional Connections With Candidates And Constantly Strengthening The Employment Brand.

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