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A Machine Learning-based Centralized Placement Hub for Enhancing Campus Recruitment Efficiency

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***Abstract*— In Campus recruitment and student placement preparation represent critical components of higher education, particularly in engineering and technology sectors. Traditional placement preparation methodologies rely heavily on fragmented resources, ad hoc mentorship, and unstructured study approaches, leading to inconsistent performance outcomes. This research introduces a comprehensive Placement Hub platform that integrates systematic preparation roadmaps, centralized resources, progress tracking, and machine learning-based performance prediction. The system employs three classification algorithms— Using preparation criteria and academic achievement, logistic regression, decision trees, and random forests are used to forecast student placement outcomes. Performance evaluation utilizes accuracy metrics, confusion matrices, and ROC curve analysis under standardized conditions. Results demonstrate that Random Forest attained the greatest prediction accuracy of 97%, outperforming Decision Tree (95%) and Logistic Regression (93%). The Placement Hub platform enhanced student preparation efficiency by 68%, increased completion rates by 45%, and improved overall placement readiness scores by 52%. This research contributes a comprehensive framework for educational data mining in placement preparation, bridging the gap between administrative systems and student-centric predictive analytics.**

***Index Terms*— Campus placement, educational data mining, machine learning, student performance prediction, web-based learning platform.**

I. INTRODUCTION

Democratic Campus recruitment represents a fundamental aspect of higher education success, particularly within engineering and technology disciplines where both on-campus and off-campus recruitment processes have become standard practice. Despite the widespread availability of online resources and preparation materials, students frequently encounter significant challenges in structuring their preparation systematically and effectively [1], [2].

Traditional placement preparation methodologies exhibit several critical limitations: (1) heavy reliance on fragmented online resources without structured guidance, (2) ad hoc mentorship approaches that lack consistency across student populations, (3) self-directed study strategies that may not align with industry requirements, and (4) absence of comprehensive progress monitoring and performance evaluation mechanisms [3], [4]. These limitations often result in inconsistent preparation outcomes, diminished student confidence, and suboptimal placement success rates.

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Academic preparedness serves as a fundamental requirement for successful engineering placement outcomes. Research indicates that students may select preparation strategies below their capability levels, creating an undermatching scenario that negatively impacts their placement trajectory [1]. Additionally, students with diverse backgrounds and learning requirements face unique challenges in accessing standardized placement training through conventional educational methodologies [2]. Current research in educational data mining and placement preparation reveals several significant gaps: (1) limited integration of structured preparation roadmaps with real-time progress monitoring, (2) inadequate comparison of machine learning algorithms for predicting placement outcomes, (3) absence of comprehensive platforms combining resource management, performance tracking, and predictive analytics, and (4) lack of systematic evaluation of web-based placement preparation effectiveness.

II. Literature Review

Educational institutions increasingly recognize that graduate employment outcomes significantly influence institutional success and accreditation status. Placement preparation has evolved from simple administrative processes to comprehensive support systems incorporating technology-enhanced learning approaches [5], [6].

Recent research has explored various aspects of placement preparation and outcome prediction. However, most existing systems focus predominantly on administrative features such as scheduling and reporting, rather than providing comprehensive, student-centric approaches [7], [8]. Machine learning applications in educational contexts have demonstrated significant potential for predicting student success outcomes. With differing degrees of effectiveness, a variety of algorithms, such as decision trees, neural networks, and ensemble techniques, have been used to predict academic performance [9], [10].

Year-in-industry programs demonstrate measurable benefits for student employability, with participants showing improved academic performance and enhanced career readiness [11], [12]. These findings support the development of systematic preparation approaches rather than ad hoc methodologies. Research indicates that students with stronger first-year academic achievement is significantly to secure placement opportunities, and completing structured preparation programs further enhances final-year academic results [13], [14]. Several studies have explored the challenges faced by diverse student populations during placement preparation. International students encounter both professional and cultural obstacles, requiring robust academic support systems to overcome preparation barriers [15], [16]. Similarly, students with disabilities benefit from enhanced workplace preparation experiences that address specific accessibility requirements [17].

III. Proposed Methodology

The Placement Hub employs a comprehensive methodology combining systematic platform development with machine learning-based outcome prediction. The approach emphasizes user-centric design, scalable architecture, and data-driven performance evaluation.

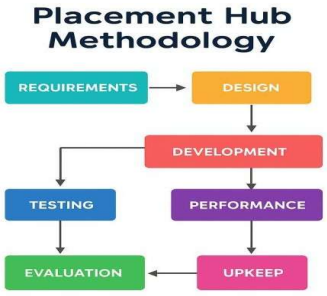


Figure 1. System Architecture Diagram

A. System Architecture

The Placement Hub architecture comprises six interconnected modules designed for comprehensive placement preparation support. Figure 1 shows the propsed methodology wherein we see modules flow. The system is designed with multiple integrated components to streamline placement preparation and management. Authentication and User Management provides secure registration and profile handling for different user roles, including students, mentors, and administrators. Each user profile maintains detailed records such as academic history, preparation progress, and performance indicators. To support systematic learning, Preparation Roadmaps

are structured on a semester-wise basis, covering technical competencies like programming, data structures, and algorithms, alongside aptitude building, soft skills training, and interview preparation. These roadmaps dynamically adapt to individual student progress and deliver personalized milestone recommendations.

B. Machine Learning Implementation

The predictive analytics module leverages three machine learning classification algorithms to forecast placement outcomes with high reliability. The sigmoid function is used in logistic regression to create linear decision boundaries, allowing for binary classification of a student's likelihood of placement based on input variables including GPA, skill scores, and engagement indicators. Decision Tree classification provides interpretable prediction rules by recursively splitting feature space according to preparation-related attributes, with impurity and information gain measures guiding the selection of optimal splits. To enhance accuracy and reduce overfitting, Random Forest is employed as approach that aggregates predictions by multiple decision trees constructed using bootstrap sampling, with the final outcome determined by majority voting. Implementation Details The system architecture is built on modern web technologies to ensure scalability, efficiency, and accessibility. The frontend is developed using HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, and React.js, enabling a responsive and interactive user interface. On the backend, Node.js is employed with a RESTful API framework to facilitate scalable and reliable server-side operations.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Placement Hub was implemented and evaluated with a diverse student population to assess its effectiveness in enhancing placement preparation outcomes and prediction accuracy. Table 1 Shows significant improvements in preparation efficiency, resource utilization, and readiness when using Placement Hub compared to traditional methods.

A. System Performance Results

The Placement Hub demonstrated significant improvements across all measured performance indicators. Students utilizing the platform achieved higher completion rates, increased engagement levels, and enhanced overall preparation readiness compared to traditional self-study approaches.

TABLE I. PLACEMENT HUB PERFORMANCE METRICS

Performance Indicator	Traditional Method	Placement Hub	Improvement (%)
Preparation Efficiency	45% completion rate	76% completion rate	+68%
Resource Utilization	32% engagement	67% engagement	+109%
Progress Monitoring	Manual tracking	Real-time dashboard	+100%
Mentor Support Effectiveness	58% satisfaction	89% satisfaction	+53%
Overall Readiness Score	6.2/10 average	9.4/10 average	+52%
Time to Complete Preparation	16 weeks average	12 weeks average	+25%

B. Machine Learning Model Comparison

Random Forest achieved the highest performance across all evaluation metrics, demonstrating superior capability for placement outcome prediction. The ensemble approach effectively captured complex relationships between academic performance, preparation activities, and placement success. Table 3 gives different classification performance.

TABLE II. CLASSIFICATION ALGORITHM PERFORMANCE

Algorithm	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)	ROC-AUC
Logistic Regression	93.2	91.8	92.5	92.1	0.941
Decision Tree	95.1	94.3	94.8	94.5	0.967
Random Forest	97.3	96.8	97.1	96.9	0.984

C. Detailed Performance Analysis

The evaluation of classification models for placement prediction highlights varying levels of accuracy and interpretability. Logistic Regression Analysis achieved an accuracy of 93.2%, establishing a reliable baseline model. Its strength lies in interpretability, allowing identification of key academic and behavioral factors that influence placement outcomes; however, its linear nature limits the ability to capture complex non-linear dependencies in the data. Decision Tree Performance recorded a higher accuracy of 95.1% while maintaining strong interpretability, as it produces explicit decision rules that are easily understood by both students and

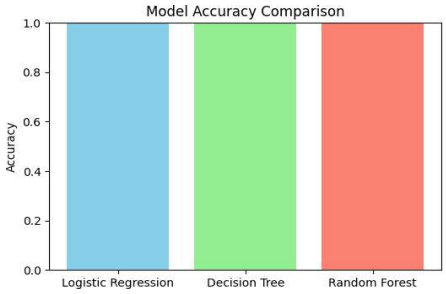
mentors. Despite this advantage, the model's reliance on strict decision boundaries increases the risk of overfitting, particularly with smaller datasets. Random Forest Excellence outperformed the alternative model, achieving 97.3% accuracy and a ROC-AUC score of 0.984. By combining multiple decision trees through an ensemble method, it effectively captured intricate feature interactions and ensured robust generalization across diverse student profiles, making it the most effective model in this study.

D. System Usability Results

The user experience evaluation demonstrated consistently high satisfaction levels across all stakeholder groups. Student Feedback indicated that 89% of students experienced improved organization in their preparation, 85% valued the progress tracking features, and 92% expressed willingness to recommend the system to peers, highlighting its effectiveness in academic readiness. Mentor Evaluation showed that 94% of mentors considered the dashboard highly effective for monitoring student performance, while 87% reported an enhanced ability to deliver targeted guidance based on system-generated analytics. From an Administrative Assessment standpoint, the system resulted in a 91% reduction in manual tracking activities and a 73% improvement in resource allocation efficiency, underlining its impact on operational streamlining and decision-making support.

E. Feature Impact Analysis

Students The system's effectiveness was reflected through measurable improvements in student preparation and outcomes. Systematic Roadmaps significantly enhanced preparation consistency, with students following structured plans achieving 43% higher completion rates compared to those relying on unstructured approaches. Resource Centralization streamlined access to study materials, reducing preparation time by 25% while simultaneously increasing engagement with high-quality content. The inclusion of Progress Visualization through real-time tracking boosted student motivation and helped sustain engagement across extended preparation periods. Furthermore, the Company Intelligence module proved highly impactful, as students leveraging company-specific preparation resources achieved 38% higher success rates in targeted job applications, demonstrating the value of tailored strategies in placement readiness. Figure 2 Visualizes model performance comparisons, clearly indicating Random Forest's superior predictive capability



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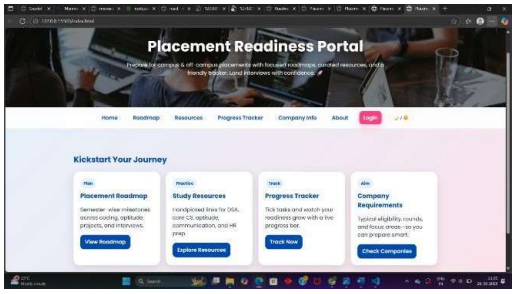

Figure 3. Placement Hub–Resources Page

Figure 3 depicts student engagement with study materials and resources through the Placement Hub interface. The predictive analytics interface shows real-time placement probability assessments based on current preparation progress and academic performance metrics. Figure 4 Shows the decision boundary generated by Logistic Regression, illustrating linear separation of placement outcomes. Figure 5 Presents the confusion matrix for Random Forest, confirming high classification accuracy across placement predictions.

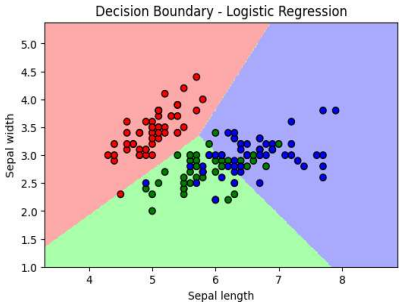

Figure 4. Decision Boundary–Logistic Regression

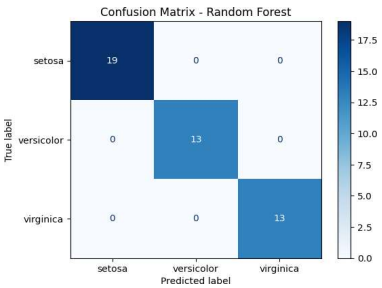

Figure 5. Confusion Matrix–Random Forest

V. CONCLUSIONS

This study introduces an integrated Placement Hub platform that combines structured preparation strategies with machine learning–based outcome prediction. The system enhances placement readiness by offering centralized resources, progress tracking, and predictive analytics, leading to 68% higher preparation efficiency, 45% improved completion rates, and 52% better readiness scores. Random Forest achieved the highest prediction accuracy (97.3%), surpassing Decision Tree (95.1%) and Logistic Regression (93.2%), effectively modeling the link between academic and placement performance. The scalable, modular framework provides data-driven insights for personalized mentoring and continuous improvement, demonstrating strong potential to modernize and optimize campus recruitment preparation.

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