## Applicant Tracking System (ATS)

An applicant tracking system (ATS) is a software application that helps companies manage their recruitment and hiring processes more efficiently. It streamlines the process of collecting, organizing, and analyzing job applications.



**Types of Resumes - Google Drive** 

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# **Key Features and Capabilities of ATS**



#### **Job Posting Management**

Distributes job openings to multiple job boards and company career pages.



#### **Resume Parsing**

Automatically scans and extracts relevant information from resumes.



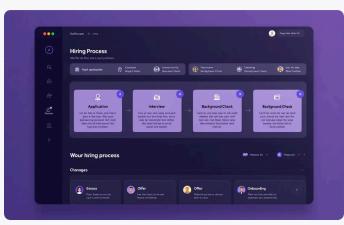
## **Candidate Screening**

Filters applicants based on predefined criteria and qualifications.



## **Communication Tools**

Enables recruiters to communicate with candidates directly from the platform.



#### **Workflow Management**

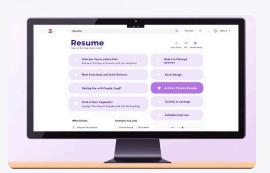
Tracks candidates throughout the hiring process with visual dashboards.



## **Analytics and Reporting**

Provides insights on hiring metrics and candidate source effectiveness.

## **How ATS Works**



#### **Resume Breakdown**

The ATS breaks down



**Structured Format** The content is converted into a



**Keyword Comparison** The software compares



## Synonyms and Variations

resumes into sections like work experience and education. structured format for easier searching.

resume content against predefined keywords.

ATS often include synonyms to avoid missing matches (e.g. RN versus " Registered Nurse".

## **Examples of Keywords ATS Might Scan For**



## Skills

e.g., interpersonal skills, coding in ARIA, leadership



## Certifications

e.g., "CISM Certified Information Security Manager," "PMP Project Management Professional"



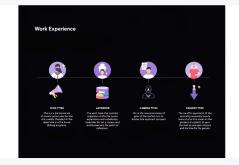
### Education

e.g., BA in Communications, PhD in Computer Science



## **Former Employers**

e.g., Walmart, Canadian Tire, CC Design, etc



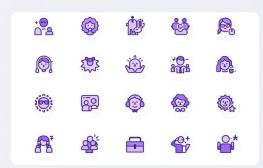
## Work History

e.g., social work, sales, customer service, software development



## **Job Titles**

e.g., "Project Manager," "Registered Nurse," "Accountant"



## **Action Verbs**

If applying for leadership role best to use words e.g., "managed," "implemented", "analyzed"



# **Advanced ATS Features**

## **Contextual Skill Assessment:**

Modern ATS go beyond keyword matching. Detailing how you "Managed a team of 10 doctors in a high-pressure hospital, improving patient satisfaction by 20%" is better than simply listing "management skills." ATS assesses the context of your experience.

## **Strategic Keyword Placement:**

Where keywords appear matters. Keywords in 'Work Experience' or 'Skills' sections are more impactful than in sections like 'Hobbies' or a summary.

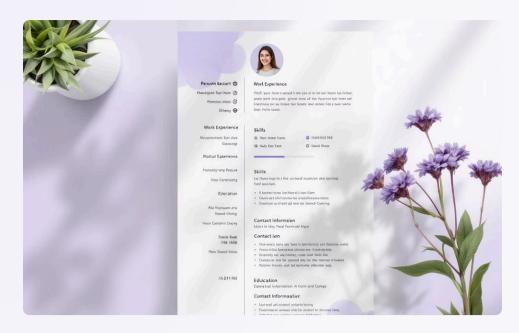
## Intelligent Scoring and Weighting:

ATS scores resumes based on keyword matches and relevance. "Proficiency in Python" scores higher if the job needs extensive Python coding. ATS prioritizes skills based on weights assigned in the job posting, like valuing specific certifications if required.

## Advanced Job Match Rate Calculation:

This rate shows how well a resume aligns with the job description. Many ATS require an 80% or higher score to pass the initial screening. Some offer feedback to improve your match rate.

# **Tips for Creating an ATS-Friendly Resumes**



## **Use a Standard Format**

Choose chronological, functional, or combination formats based on the job requirements.



## **Avoid Fancy Designs**

Stick to a simple, clean layout without graphics or complex tables. Avoid columns.



#### **Add Standard Section Titles**

Use clear, recognizable headings to help the ATS parse information accurately.



## **Be Consistent with Dates**

Use a standard format for dates and ensure consistent placement for each job entry.





#### **Use Readable Fonts**

Select ATS-friendly fonts like Arial, Calibri, Times New Roman, or Verdana.

## **Repeat Keywords Naturally**

Incorporate keywords from the job description throughout your resume.



## Save as a Compatible File Type

Submit as a Microsoft Word document, PDF (.doc or .docx) for best compatibility.



## Headers and Footers may not be readable

ATS software may not always read information in headers and footers, so it's best to include essential details within the main body of your resume.

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You Need to Avoid These ATS Resume Formatting Mistakes

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