

THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF IMPROVING THE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BASED ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGIES

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Abstract: *The article examines the theoretical foundations and practical mechanisms of improving the human resource (HR) management system through the adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies. The study clarifies the conceptual content of AI-driven HR management, systematises the main functional domains in which intelligent technologies are applied — recruitment and selection, onboarding, performance management, learning and development, talent retention, and workforce analytics — and analyses the organisational, ethical, and methodological conditions for their effective integration. A conceptual model of an AI-enabled HR management cycle is proposed, distinguishing the descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive levels of analytics. The findings indicate that the value of AI in HR is realised not through the replacement of human judgement but through the augmentation of managerial decision-making, provided that data quality, algorithmic transparency, and employee trust are ensured. Practical recommendations are formulated for organisations seeking to implement AI tools in a responsible and sustainable manner.*

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In the contemporary economy, human capital has become the principal source of organisational competitiveness, while the speed of technological change has fundamentally altered the requirements placed on personnel management. Traditional human resource (HR) management systems, built around manual administrative procedures and intuition-based decisions, are increasingly unable to cope with the volume, velocity, and variety of workforce-related data generated by modern organisations. Against this background, artificial intelligence (AI) technologies — machine learning, natural language processing, computer vision, and intelligent automation — are emerging as a strategic instrument for the qualitative transformation of HR management. The relevance of the research is determined by a clear contradiction. On the one hand, organisations possess unprecedented quantities of data about candidates and employees; on the other, the analytical capacity required to convert these data into managerial value remains limited. AI technologies offer a

means of resolving this contradiction by automating routine operations, revealing hidden patterns in workforce behaviour, and supporting evidence-based decision-making across the entire employee life cycle.

The aim of the article is to substantiate the theoretical foundations and to systematise the practical mechanisms for improving the HR management system on the basis of AI technologies. To achieve this aim, the following tasks are addressed: to clarify the conceptual essence of AI-driven HR management; to identify the functional domains of AI application in HR; to develop a conceptual model of an AI-enabled HR management cycle; and to formulate practical recommendations for responsible implementation. Research on the intersection of artificial intelligence and human resource management has expanded rapidly over the past decade. Early conceptual work established a taxonomy of AI techniques applicable to HR functions and demonstrated that the field had moved beyond simple automation towards genuinely intelligent decision support. Subsequent studies highlighted both the transformative potential and the structural challenges of AI in HR, noting that the complexity of HR phenomena, the small size of many datasets, and the strong fairness and accountability constraints distinguish HR from other functional domains.

Systematic reviews of the literature converge on several conclusions. First, AI in HR should be understood as a continuum ranging from descriptive reporting to predictive and prescriptive analytics rather than as a single undifferentiated technology. Second, the adoption of AI reconfigures the role of HR professionals, shifting their work from transactional administration towards strategic interpretation and ethical governance. Third, the realisation of value depends critically on contextual factors — data infrastructure, organisational culture, regulatory environment, and the trust of employees — rather than on the sophistication of algorithms alone. From a theoretical standpoint, the integration of AI into HR can be interpreted through three complementary lenses. The resource-based view treats AI-enhanced HR capabilities as a rare and difficult-to-imitate organisational resource. The socio-technical systems perspective emphasises the joint optimisation of technological and human subsystems, warning against purely technocratic implementation. Finally, the augmentation paradigm, which is adopted in this study, frames AI not as a substitute for human decision-makers but as an instrument that extends human cognitive and analytical capacity while leaving final accountability with people. Synthesising these perspectives, AI-driven HR management can be defined as a system of personnel management in which data-driven intelligent technologies are systematically embedded into HR processes to augment managerial decisions, automate routine operations, and generate predictive and prescriptive insights about the workforce, under conditions of transparency, fairness, and human oversight.

The study is theoretical and analytical in nature. It employs a combination of methods: analysis and synthesis for clarifying the conceptual apparatus; comparative

analysis for examining functional domains of AI application; systematisation and classification for grouping AI tools by HR function and by analytical level; and conceptual modelling for constructing the AI-enabled HR management cycle. The evidentiary basis comprises peer-reviewed scholarly publications, systematic reviews, and analytical reports on the digitalisation of HR. The principle of methodological triangulation was applied to ensure the validity of generalisations.

Artificial intelligence permeates the entire employee life cycle. The principal functional domains in which intelligent technologies generate measurable value are summarised below and detailed in Table 1.

Table 1

AI technologies across the HR management cycle

HR domain	AI technology / method	Analytical level
Recruitment & selection	NLP résumé parsing, ML candidate ranking, chatbots	Predictive
Onboarding & HR service	Virtual assistants, conversational AI	Descriptive
Performance management	ML scoring, sentiment & feedback analysis	Descriptive / Predictive
Learning & development	Recommender systems, adaptive learning	Prescriptive
Talent retention	Turnover-prediction (attrition) models	Predictive
Workforce planning	Optimisation, skills forecasting	Prescriptive

In recruitment and selection, machine-learning models and natural-language processing automate the parsing and ranking of large applicant pools, identify candidates whose profiles match role requirements, and reduce time-to-hire. Conversational agents handle initial candidate interaction, while structured scoring reduces some forms of subjective bias — although, as discussed below, algorithmic bias may itself be introduced if training data reflect historical inequities. In onboarding and employee service, intelligent virtual assistants provide round-the-clock answers to routine queries about policies, benefits, and procedures, freeing HR specialists for higher-value tasks and improving the new-employee experience.

In performance management, AI enables continuous, data-informed evaluation rather than episodic appraisal. Analytical models aggregate signals from multiple sources to provide managers with objective inputs for feedback, while preserving the manager's interpretive and motivational role. In learning and development, recommendation systems personalise training pathways to individual competency gaps and career aspirations, and adaptive learning platforms adjust content in real time, raising the efficiency of human-capital investment.

In talent retention, predictive models estimate the probability of voluntary turnover by detecting early behavioural indicators, allowing HR to intervene proactively with at-risk employees before resignation occurs — one of the most frequently cited high-value applications of AI in HR. In workforce analytics and planning, prescriptive analytics support strategic decisions on workforce sizing, skills forecasting, succession planning, and the optimal allocation of human capital, transforming HR from a reactive support function into a strategic partner. These three levels are connected by a continuous feedback loop: data are collected from HR processes, transformed into insight, translated into managerial decisions, and the outcomes of those decisions become new data that refine the models. A defining feature of the model is the principle of human-in-the-loop governance: at every level, the algorithmic output is an input to, not a replacement for, the human decision. Accountability, ethical judgement, and the final decision remain with HR professionals and line managers.

The adoption of AI in HR is accompanied by significant risks that must be managed deliberately. Algorithmic bias is the most prominent: models trained on historical data may reproduce and amplify past discrimination in hiring and promotion. Data privacy and the protection of sensitive personal information impose legal and ethical constraints that are stricter in HR than in most other business functions. The “black-box” nature of complex models raises problems of explainability, since decisions affecting people’s careers must be justifiable. Finally, employee trust and acceptance determine whether AI tools are used as intended or quietly resisted.

Accordingly, several conditions are necessary for effective and responsible implementation: a robust and ethically governed data infrastructure; transparency and explainability of models used in consequential decisions; continuous bias auditing and fairness testing; clear allocation of human accountability; the development of analytical and ethical competencies among HR staff; and open communication with employees about how their data are used. Where these conditions are absent, AI tends to amplify existing organisational dysfunctions rather than resolve them.

The study demonstrates that artificial intelligence offers a genuinely transformative pathway for improving the HR management system, spanning the full employee life cycle from recruitment to retention. Theoretically, AI-driven HR management is best understood within the augmentation paradigm: its value lies in extending human decision-making capacity rather than replacing it. Practically, the greatest returns are obtained when organisations progress deliberately through the descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive levels of analytics within a closed feedback loop and under explicit human-in-the-loop governance.

At the same time, the benefits of AI are conditional. They materialise only where data quality, algorithmic transparency, fairness auditing, clear accountability, and employee trust are secured. The conceptual model and recommendations proposed in this article provide organisations with a structured basis for the responsible and

sustainable integration of AI into HR management. Promising directions for further research include the empirical validation of the proposed model in specific organisational and national contexts and the development of standardised metrics for assessing the fairness and effectiveness of AI-based HR systems.

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