

Building a job title predictor

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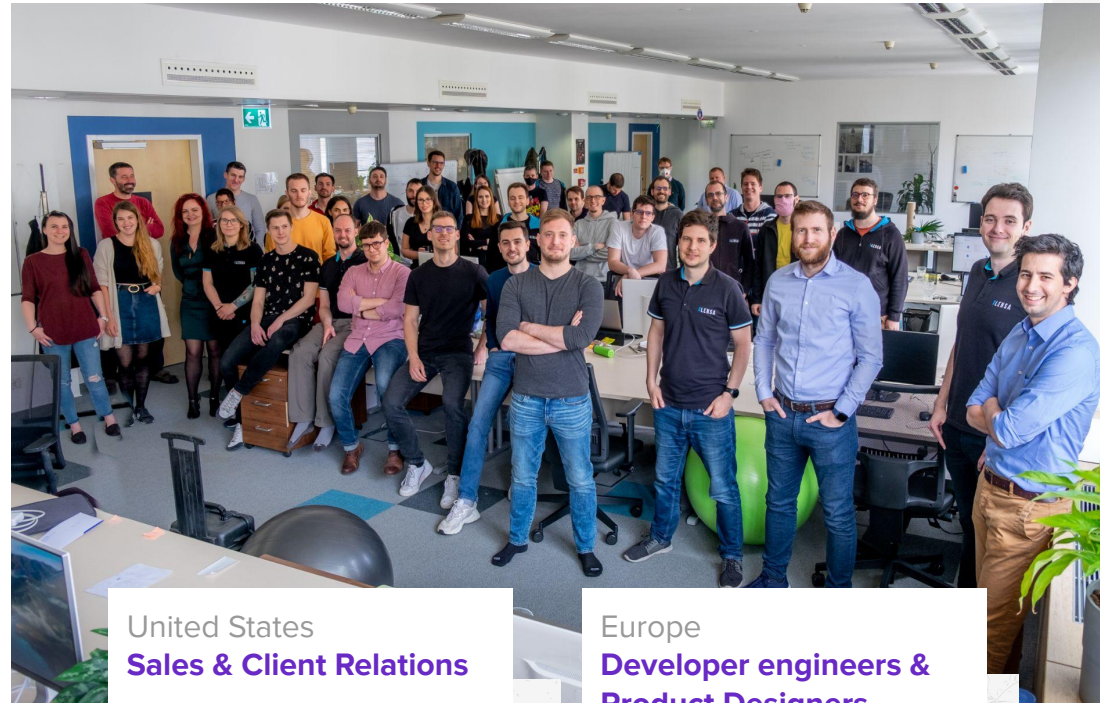
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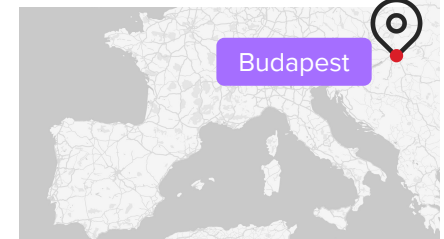
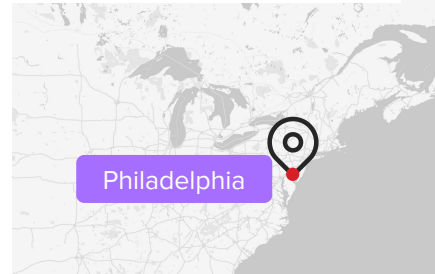
Who Are We?

A career site that helps job seekers with career pathing, informational resources, job search tools and other career-related services.



United States
Sales & Client Relations

Europe
**Developer engineers &
Product Designers**



Let's start with some large numbers

Job listings

160 million

Job postings

4.5 million

Clicks generated monthly
on job content

Members

17+ million

Jobseeker members

475K+

new users monthly

Daily notifications

6.6 million

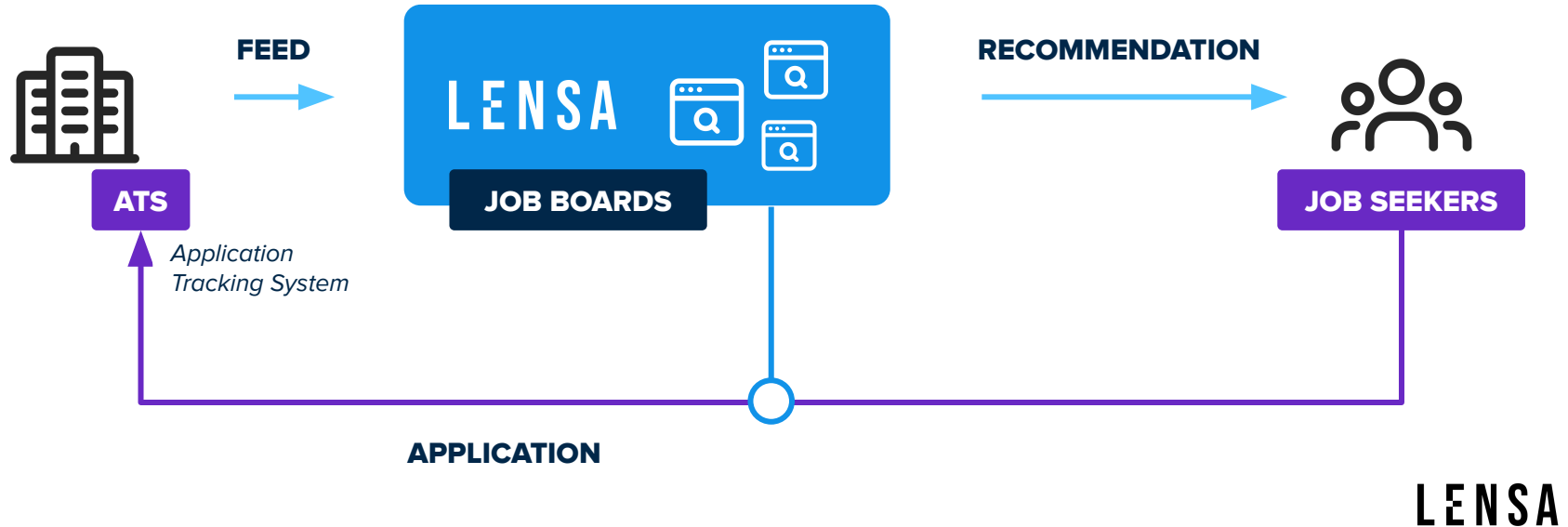
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500K

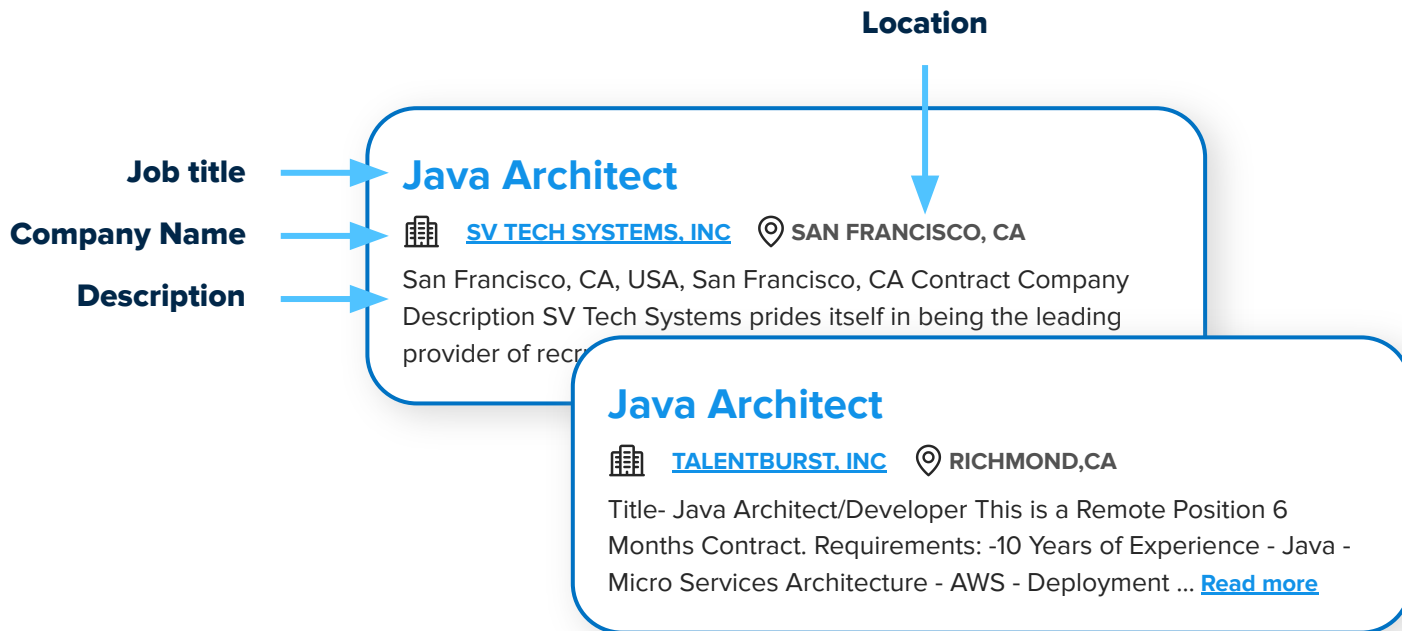
SMS sent daily

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How the online job market works in the US?



How does a job posting look like?



Internet is messy

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Why we need a job title predictor?

Main problem

- Employer's HR wants to write catchy job titles
- Our job processing/BI wants to categorise jobs as clearly as possible

Raw job title	Cleaned job title
\$1000-\$2000 sign on bonus! now hiring warehouse associates	warehouse associate
area sales representative (must live in greater richmond area)	sales representative
pmhnp nurse practitioner	Psychiatric Mental-Health Nurse Practitioner
pahrtners deaf services	?

What is a job title?

- Raw job titles can be anything
 - Quasi infinite number of possible inputs
- Try to keep coverage high
 - We can't just throw out non-standard job titles
- Cleaned job titles come from a relatively small set
- Our data is biased towards our jobs

What is a job title?



We don't care about modifiers

- Like senior/junior/associate
- These modifiers are extracted by a separate model
- Although Associate can be a job title on its own

Collect title set



ONET Online



Wikipedia



WWW

MERGE / DEDUP



18k
curated job title

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Normalization (overview)

18k clean

Truck Driver

Duties include: Assisting and supporting the implementation of EHS initiatives and strategies to reduce risk including but not limited to ...

Gardener

Do you love working in your garden? Garden professionally and start earning money now! We're REAL gardeners, not landscapers...

Data Scientist

At Lensa we're looking for a talented, hardworking passionate data scientist who can help us build sophisticated machine learning models that will...

Police Officer

The City of Leawood offers career development opportunities in which the employee could increase their experience, training, and pay.

Bowling ball cleaner

SONIC Drive-In - 1392 E. FLORENCE BLVD. [Food Service Worker / Wait Staff] As a Carhop or Skating Carhop at Sonic, you'll: Ensure that all restaurant menu items meet operational...

Gardener at a golf court

Responsibilities: Trim hedges and plants to proper size and shape. Mow and edge lawn areas to maintain neat appearance. Apply correct amount of water...

Come and find your dream job for \$38 per hour

Earn up to \$38 per hour driving with Lyft in Phoenix. New drivers can earn \$3,500 in Phoenix after 180 rides in 30 days. Terms Apply. What is Lyft? Lyft is a platform that...

Oyster Shucker

We are seeking a Oyster Shucker with upscale, high-volume restaurant experience. Working closely with nationally-acclaimed culinary director...

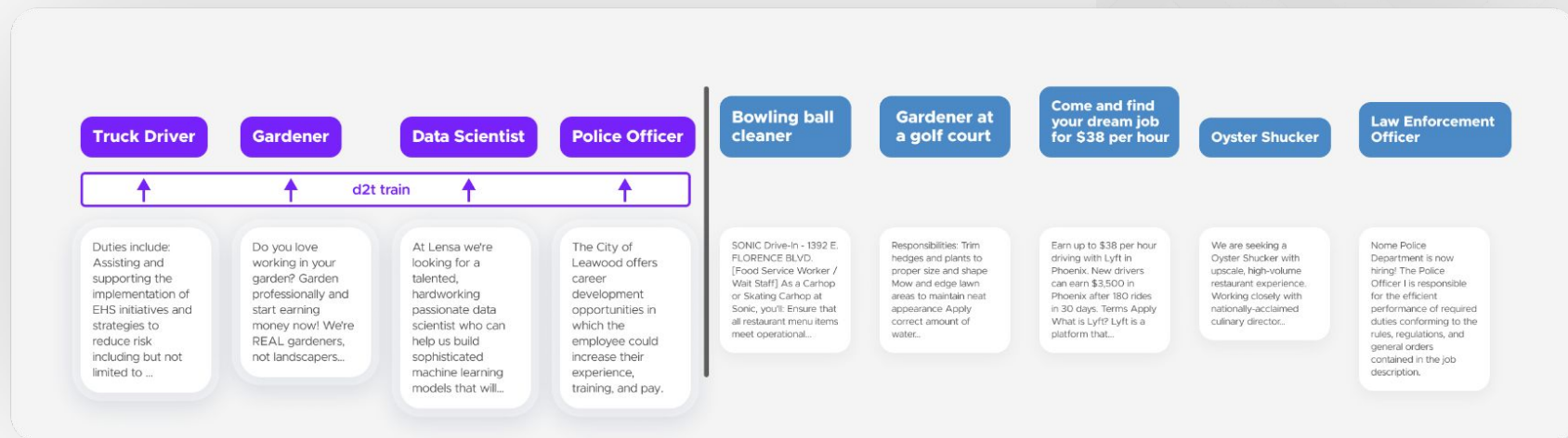
Law Enforcement Officer

Nome Police Department is now hiring! The Police Officer I is responsible for the efficient performance of required duties conforming to the rules, regulations, and general orders contained in the job description.

the rest, raw

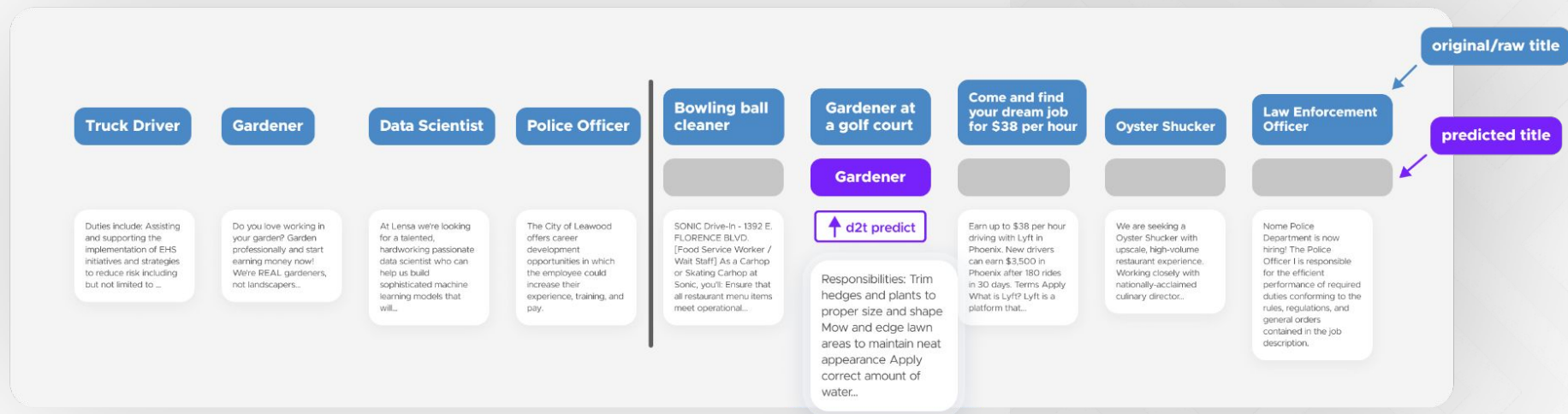
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Normalization (pseudo code)

- Obtain title+description pairs
- Select job descriptions where the job title exactly matches our predefined list
- Train ***description2title*** predictor (classifier) on those jobs
- Predict (cleaned) job title with previously trained predictor on the rest of the dataset
- Lose the descriptions
- Train a ***title2title*** predictor (classifier) on the generated data

Normalization (specifics)

NN Architecture

- tokenization
- word embedding
- convolution layers
- softmax (throw out predictions that are not confident)

Data

- Augmented with trivial descriptions
- Down-sampled
- Up-sampled
- Try to balance it

Similar to *title2title* model

Take away

If you have **a bunch of data** and a **subset to map to**
and **any coupled data with it**,
then **you can train a normalizer this way**

Thank you, feel free to ask



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