Improving Job Search

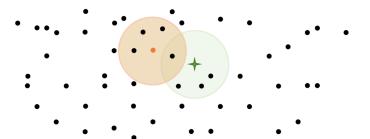
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Job search in occupation space



- Métiers
- Métier recherché
- → Compétences et manière de travailler

Improving job search

- ► Can we help in finding good matches? Does this work better with improved cognition?
- Randomized Controlled Trial with treatments:
 - ▶ Jobs for you (J4U) : novel tool that provides tailored advice at low cost
 - Cognitive training (COG)
- Exhaustive dictionary of occupations (O*NET):
 - O*NET lists what capabilities a person needs, and how important those qualifications are for the occupation.
- ► J4U:
 - Assessment: Uses new information on person's skills and work styles
 - Matching algorithm: Proposes new occupations that better match the person

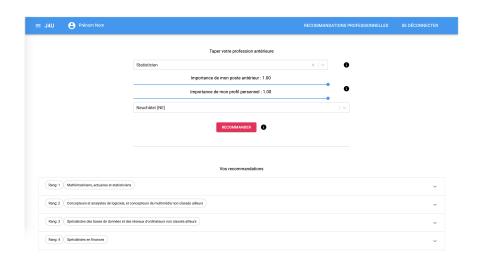
Job for you (J4U) : Assessment

- ▶ J4U re-calibrates jobs to job seekers.
- Job seekers take a questionnaire on:
 - Work Styles: Adaptability/Flexibility, Stress Tolerance, Leadership, Self Control.
 - Skills and Abilities: Reading Comprehension, Fluency of Ideas, Inductive Reasoning, Memorization, Time Management, Category Flexibility, Monitoring, and Perceptual Speed.
 - ▶ These 12 items discriminate best among occupations.

Job for you (J4U) : Matching

- ▶ J4U matches job seeker to occupations :
 - New information on the job seeker (assessment), and information on the previous occupation.
 - ▶ J4U looks for best matches in O*NET .
 - ▶ J4U provides job seekers with list of 20 best matching occupations .
- ► Thanks to J4U:
 - Job seekers learn about the offers for those occupations.
 - Job seekers can print a certificate for the position targeted.
 - ▶ Job seekers receive regular reminders.

Job for you (J4U)



Cognitive Training (COG)

- ▶ COG aims to improve cognition :
 - Cognition refers to a subjects' ability to plan activities, work on multiple tasks in parallel, be flexible, make decisions, control inappropriate reactions.
- The follow-up for COG :
 - Home-based exercises received via email.

Implementation

- ► Target group : all job seekers in Canton of Neuchâtel.
- ▶ Pilot : the employment agency (ORP) randomly sample 400 job seekers, i.e. 100 per groups:
 - ▶ Job for you (J4U)
 - Cognitive training (COG)
 - ▶ Job for you (J4U) + Cognitive training (COG)
 - Control group
- ▶ Job seekers are fully autonomous and go through the following stages:
 - ▶ Recruitment email from the employment agency with a link to register.
 - Online assessment.
 - Online tool.
 - Follow-up emails.

Thanks for your attention!