# **Five Levels of Identifying Talent**

If you want to gain a competitive advantage, use these techniques to strengthen your search skills.

## **Guided Search**

Search by a job title, keyword, ideal candidate, or with Boolean modifiers. As you enter your search terms, Recruiter suggests job title and people matches.

Q Senior
Job title matches
Senior
Senior Software Engineer
Search all people who match "Senior"
People matches

## **Conceptual Search**

Conceptual searches incorporate alternate key words and job titles in the search string. This search technique is designed to make sure that you cast a wide net and capture all potential leads by including terms that may not be in the job description, but are common within the field or industry.

When constructing a conceptual search, a best practice is to review the job description to identify every required skill set. Start identifying all the ways the job can be expressed, including keywords that aren't necessarily in the job description. You should have a few questions in mind:

- Are there alternate job titles commonly used in the industry?
- What are the required skills?
- What technologies are used and how are these technologies commonly identified?

By analyzing the job description, you can determine other ways the job title can be expressed and keywords you can add to your search string.

Recruiter search history			
Today –	– Monday, Jun 10, 2019		
2:50 PM	Q	Search	
		+Company:("NOT Life Technologies"), +Keywords:("Project Manager" OR PM) AND (PMP OR "Project Management Professional") AND (managing OR manage OR managed OR budgeting OR budget OR budgeted) NOT (Python OR Java OR SQL), +Location:(Los Angeles Metropolitan Area OJ San Francisco Bay Area OR San Diego, California, United States), +Field of study:(Computer Science; -Degree:(Bachelor's Degree OR Bachelor of Engineering), +Company time scope:Current or past	

# **Implicit Search**

An implicit search is a way of identifying candidates based on what isn't explicitly mentioned in profiles, but rather what is implied. This form of search requires making assumptions. For instance, a member may not have details or keywords about their experience on their profile, but their group memberships imply that he or she does in fact possess a particular skill.

### Natural Language Search

A natural language search is a way of searching for responsibilities and capabilities, not just keywords and job titles. Natural language searches use action words that people do in their jobs, like "initiate, plan, execute, control, close."

### **Indirect Search**

Indirect search means targeting people who may know others who are ideal prospects. You can target the people who likely know, or work with, the people you need to find. For instance, searching for a project coordinator might lead you to project managers.

Use the following indirect search tools in Recruiter to perform indirect searches:

- Find more people like
- Recommendations



