



Lecture Series of the Research Institute for Supply Chain Management

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MAXIMILIAN KUNOVJANEK & HARALD PONWEISER: "AUTOMATED RESOURCE PLANNING AT ÖBB"

Automated resource planning or ARP in short, is an enterprise-wide initiative at the Austrian Federal Railways – ÖBB – concerned with the creation of an integrated, rolling planning environment for operational resources. To tackle the complexity of the railway system a two-fold approach is applied where the functionality of a standardized software application is enhanced by a proprietary service hub. On this service hub resource allocation tasks are performed through the innovative interplay of mathematical optimization and simulation, as well as various machine learning and artificial intelligence approaches.

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