

# 1.0 Business Understanding

The goal of this project is to predict customer churn for a telecommunications company. By identifying which customers are likely to leave, the company can implement strategies to retain them.

## 2.0 Data Understanding

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In [34]: # Load necessary libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
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In [35]: # Load the dataset
data= pd.read_csv('bigml_59c28831336c6604c800002a.csv')
data
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Out[35]:

	state	account length	area code	phone number	international plan	voice mail plan	number vmail messages	total day minutes	total day calls	total day charge
0	KS	128	415	382-4657	no	yes	25	265.1	110	45.0
1	OH	107	415	371-7191	no	yes	26	161.6	123	27.4
2	NJ	137	415	358-1921	no	no	0	243.4	114	41.3
3	OH	84	408	375-9999	yes	no	0	299.4	71	50.9
4	OK	75	415	330-6626	yes	no	0	166.7	113	28.3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3328	AZ	192	415	414-4276	no	yes	36	156.2	77	26.1
3329	WV	68	415	370-3271	no	no	0	231.1	57	39.2
3330	RI	28	510	328-8230	no	no	0	180.8	109	30.1
3331	CT	184	510	364-6381	yes	no	0	213.8	105	36.3
3332	TN	74	415	400-4344	no	yes	25	234.4	113	39.8

3333 rows × 21 columns



In [36]: data.info()

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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 3333 entries, 0 to 3332
Data columns (total 21 columns):
#   Column                                Non-Null Count  Dtype
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0   state                                3333 non-null   object
1   account length                       3333 non-null   int64
2   area code                           3333 non-null   int64
3   phone number                        3333 non-null   object
4   international plan                  3333 non-null   object
5   voice mail plan                     3333 non-null   object
6   number vmail messages               3333 non-null   int64
7   total day minutes                   3333 non-null   float64
8   total day calls                     3333 non-null   int64
9   total day charge                    3333 non-null   float64
10  total eve minutes                   3333 non-null   float64
11  total eve calls                     3333 non-null   int64
12  total eve charge                    3333 non-null   float64
13  total night minutes                 3333 non-null   float64
14  total night calls                   3333 non-null   int64
15  total night charge                  3333 non-null   float64
16  total intl minutes                  3333 non-null   float64
17  total intl calls                    3333 non-null   int64
18  total intl charge                   3333 non-null   float64
19  customer service calls              3333 non-null   int64
20  churn                              3333 non-null   bool
dtypes: bool(1), float64(8), int64(8), object(4)
memory usage: 524.2+ KB
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In [37]: data.describe()
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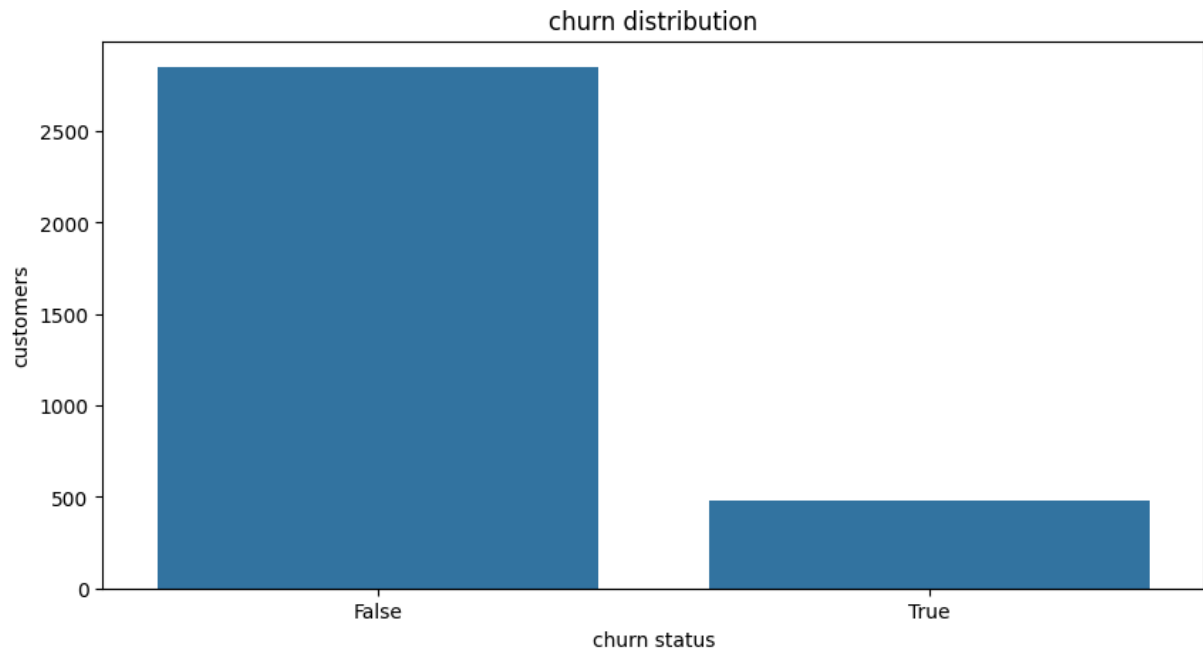
Out[37]:

	account length	area code	number vmail messages	total day minutes	total day calls	total day charge	tr
count	3333.000000	3333.000000	3333.000000	3333.000000	3333.000000	3333.000000	3333
mean	101.064806	437.182418	8.099010	179.775098	100.435644	30.562307	200
std	39.822106	42.371290	13.688365	54.467389	20.069084	9.259435	50
min	1.000000	408.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0
25%	74.000000	408.000000	0.000000	143.700000	87.000000	24.430000	166
50%	101.000000	415.000000	0.000000	179.400000	101.000000	30.500000	201
75%	127.000000	510.000000	20.000000	216.400000	114.000000	36.790000	235
max	243.000000	510.000000	51.000000	350.800000	165.000000	59.640000	363

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In [38]: # target variable distribution
data['churn'].value_counts(normalize=True)
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Out[38]: churn
False    0.855086
True     0.144914
Name: proportion, dtype: float64
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In [39]: # visualize distribution of the target variable
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
sns.countplot(x='churn', data=data);
plt.title('churn distribution')
plt.xlabel('churn status')
plt.ylabel('customers')
plt.show()
```



## 3.0 Data Preparation

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In [40]: # Check for missing values
print(data.isnull().sum())
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state                                0
account length                      0
area code                           0
phone number                        0
international plan                   0
voice mail plan                     0
number vmail messages               0
total day minutes                    0
total day calls                      0
total day charge                     0
total eve minutes                    0
total eve calls                     0
total eve charge                     0
total night minutes                  0
total night calls                    0
total night charge                   0
total intl minutes                   0
total intl calls                     0
total intl charge                    0
customer service calls              0
churn                                0
dtype: int64

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In [41]: # Drop columns that are not useful
data_prepared = data.drop(columns=['phone number'])

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In [42]: # Encoding categorical variables
data_prepared['international plan'] = data_prepared['international plan'].map({'no': 0, 'yes': 1})
data_prepared['voice mail plan'] = data_prepared['voice mail plan'].map({'no': 0, 'yes': 1})
data_prepared['churn'] = data_prepared['churn'].astype(int)
data_prepared = pd.get_dummies(data_prepared, columns=['state'], drop_first=True)
X = data_prepared.drop(columns='churn')
y = data_prepared['churn']

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In [43]: # Drop rows with missing values
data_clean = data.dropna()

# Convert categorical variables using one-hot encoding
data_encoded = pd.get_dummies(data_clean, drop_first=True)

# Separate features and target
X = data_encoded.drop('churn', axis=1) # Target is 'Churn', encoded as 'Churn_True'
y = data_encoded['churn']

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In [44]: #Feature Scaling
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
scaler = StandardScaler()
scaled_features = scaler.fit_transform(data_encoded.drop('churn', axis=1))
X = pd.DataFrame(scaled_features, columns=data_encoded.columns[:-1])
y = data_encoded['churn']

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In [45]: # Train-test split
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

```

## 4.0 Modelling

In this section, we will describe the modelling of the system. We will use the following models;

1. Logistic Regression (baseline)
2. Decision Tree (baseline)

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In [46]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix, roc_auc_score
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In [47]: # Splitting the data into training and testing sets
X = data.drop('churn', axis=1)
y = data['churn']
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
```

```
In [48]: # Combine train and test
X_all = pd.concat([X_train, X_test], axis=0)

# One-hot encode categorical columns
X_all_encoded = pd.get_dummies(X_all, drop_first=True)

# Split back into train and test
X_train_encoded = X_all_encoded.iloc[:len(X_train), :]
X_test_encoded = X_all_encoded.iloc[len(X_train):, :]
```

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In [49]: #LOGISTIC REGRESSION
# Initialize and train the logistic regression model
lr = LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000, random_state=42)
lr.fit(X_train_encoded, y_train)

# Predictions and probabilities
y_pred_lr = lr.predict(X_test_encoded)
y_proba_lr = lr.predict_proba(X_test_encoded)[:, 1]

# Evaluation
print("Logistic Regression Report")
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_lr))
print("ROC AUC:", roc_auc_score(y_test, y_proba_lr))

# Confusion matrix
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_lr)
sns.heatmap(conf_matrix, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues')
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.xlabel("Predicted")
plt.ylabel("Actual")
plt.show()
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c:\Users\pc\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python313\Lib\site-packages\sklearn\linear_model\_logistic.py:465: ConvergenceWarning: lbfgs failed to converge (status=1):
STOP: TOTAL NO. OF ITERATIONS REACHED LIMIT.
```

Increase the number of iterations (max\_iter) or scale the data as shown in:

<https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/preprocessing.html>

Please also refer to the documentation for alternative solver options:

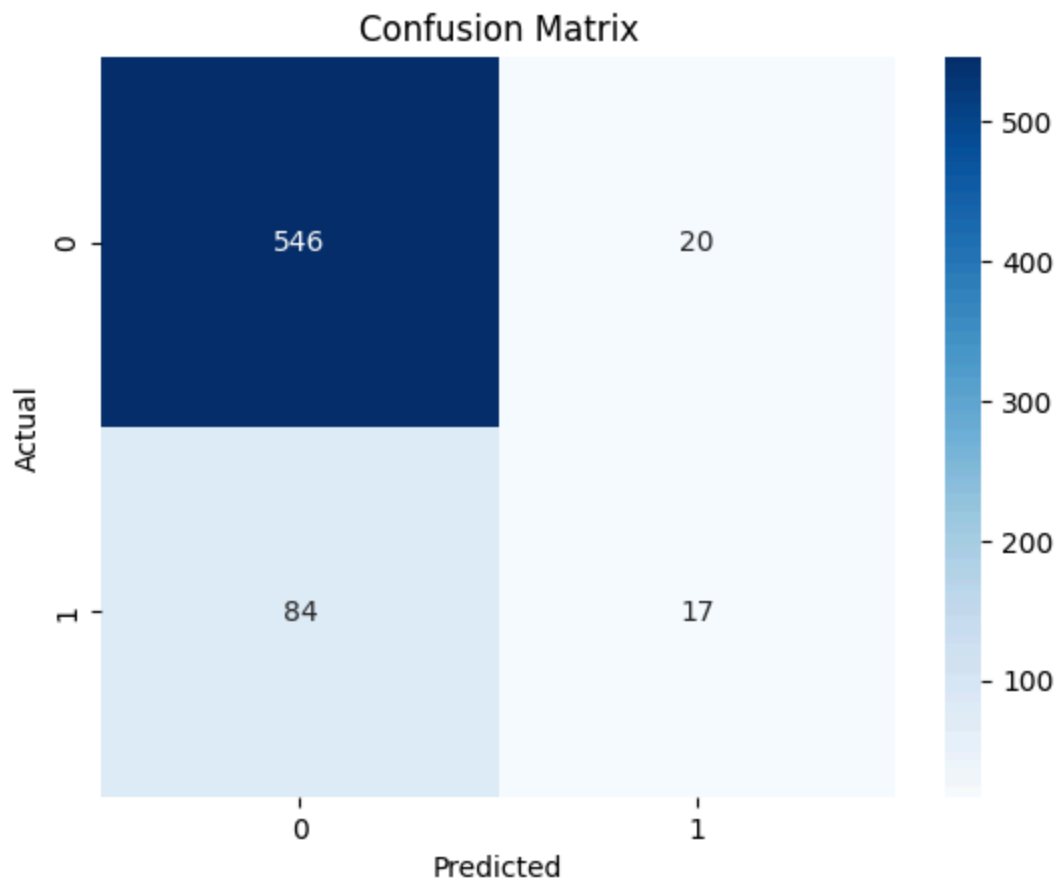
[https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/linear\\_model.html#logistic-regression](https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/linear_model.html#logistic-regression)

```
n_iter_i = _check_optimize_result(
```

Logistic Regression Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
False	0.87	0.96	0.91	566
True	0.46	0.17	0.25	101
accuracy			0.84	667
macro avg	0.66	0.57	0.58	667
weighted avg	0.81	0.84	0.81	667

ROC AUC: 0.8072805513766925



```
In [50]: #DECISION TREE
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report, confusion_matrix

# Combine train and test
X_all = pd.concat([X_train, X_test], axis=0)
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# One-hot encode categorical features
X_all_encoded = pd.get_dummies(X_all, drop_first=True)

# Split back
X_train_encoded = X_all_encoded.iloc[:len(X_train), :]
X_test_encoded = X_all_encoded.iloc[len(X_train):, :]

dt = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42)
dt.fit(X_train_encoded, y_train)
y_pred_dt = dt.predict(X_test_encoded)
y_proba_dt = dt.predict_proba(X_test_encoded)[:, 1]

print("Decision Tree Report")
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_dt))
print("ROC AUC:", roc_auc_score(y_test, y_proba_dt))

# Confusion matrix
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_dt)
sns.heatmap(conf_matrix, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues')
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.xlabel("Predicted")
plt.ylabel("Actual")
plt.show()

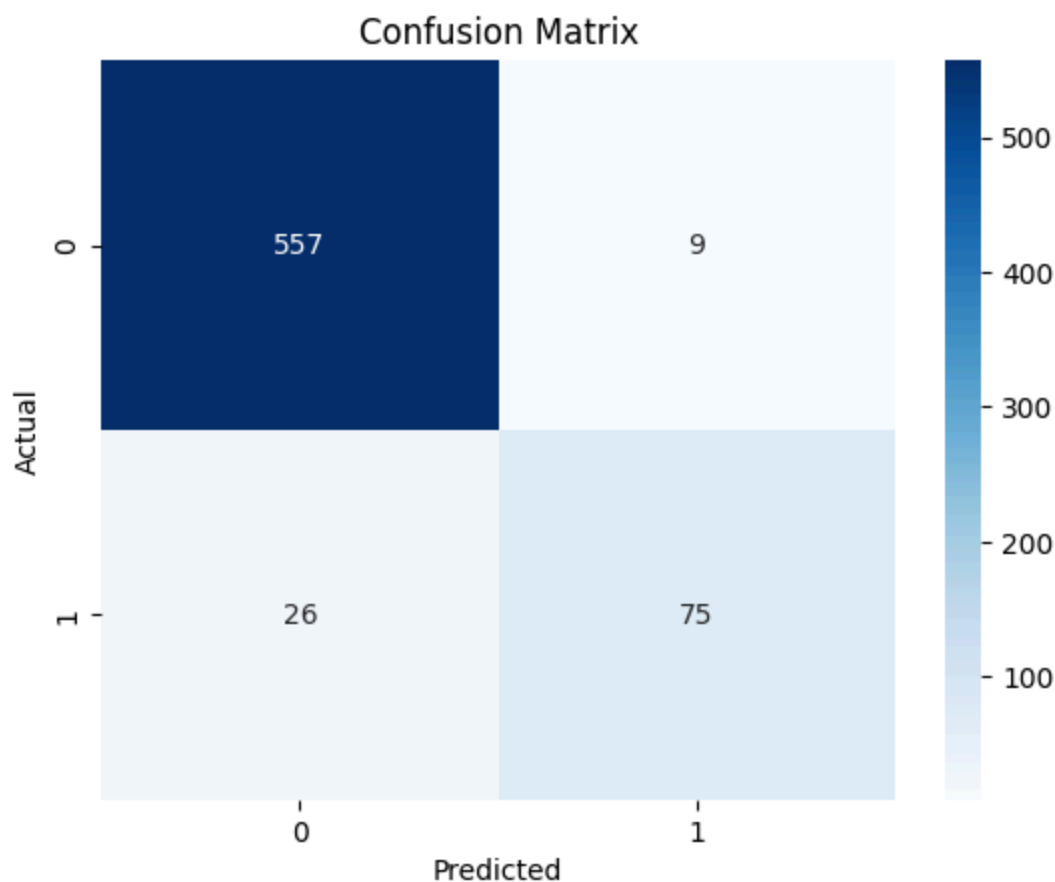
```

Decision Tree Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
False	0.96	0.98	0.97	566
True	0.89	0.74	0.81	101
accuracy			0.95	667
macro avg	0.92	0.86	0.89	667
weighted avg	0.95	0.95	0.95	667

ROC AUC: 0.8633365986775355





```
In [51]: # GridSearchCV for Tuned Tree
# Combine train and test
X_all = pd.concat([X_train, X_test], axis=0)

# One-hot encode categorical features
X_all_encoded = pd.get_dummies(X_all, drop_first=True)

# Split back
X_train_encoded = X_all_encoded.iloc[:len(X_train), :]
X_test_encoded = X_all_encoded.iloc[len(X_train):, :]

from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
tuned_tree = GridSearchCV(estimator=DecisionTreeClassifier(), param_grid={"max_depth":
param_grid = {
    'max_depth': [3, 5, 10, 15, None],
    'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10],
    'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4],
    'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy']
}
grid_search = GridSearchCV(
    DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42),
    param_grid,
    scoring='f1',
    cv=5,
    n_jobs=-1,
    verbose=1
)
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grid_search.fit(X_train_encoded, y_train)
best_dt = grid_search.best_estimator_

# 4. Evaluate
y_pred_best = best_dt.predict(X_test_encoded)
y_proba_best = best_dt.predict_proba(X_test_encoded)[:, 1]

print("Tuned Decision Tree Report")
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred_best))
print("ROC AUC:", roc_auc_score(y_test, y_proba_best))

# Confusion matrix
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred_best)
sns.heatmap(conf_matrix, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues')
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.xlabel("Predicted")
plt.ylabel("Actual")
plt.show()

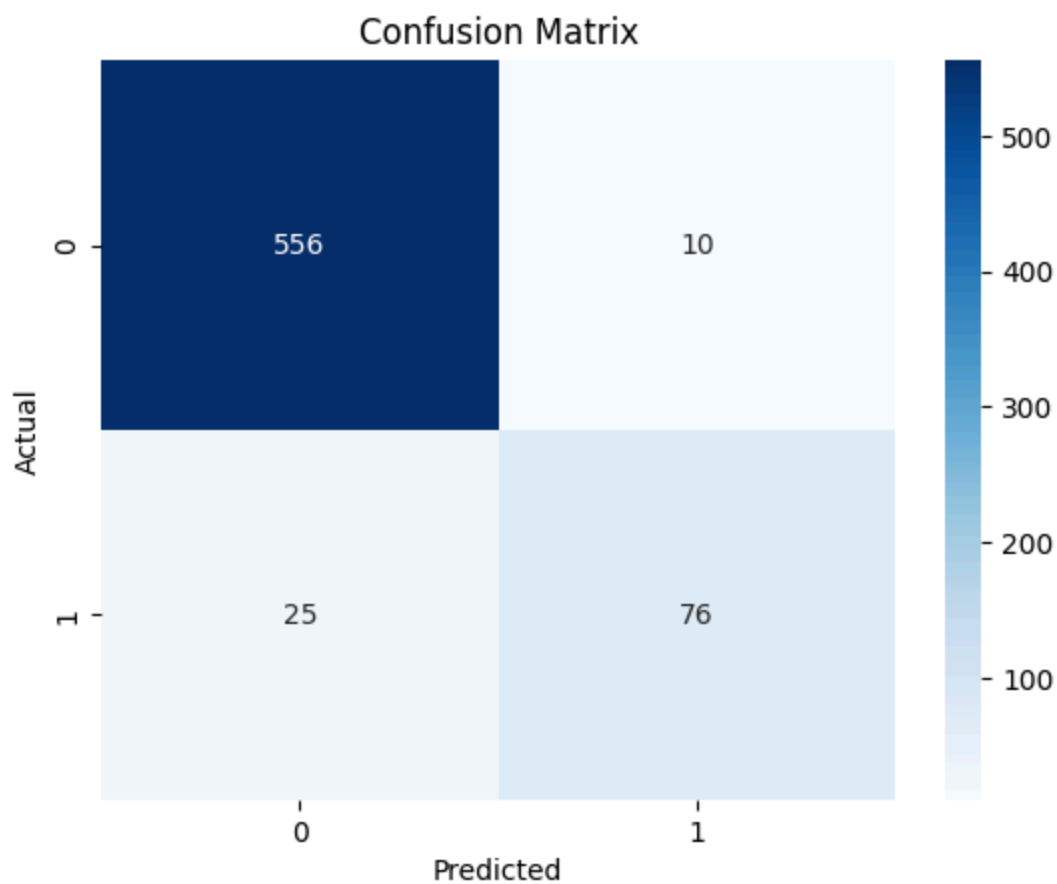
```

Fitting 5 folds for each of 90 candidates, totalling 450 fits

Tuned Decision Tree Report

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
False	0.96	0.98	0.97	566
True	0.88	0.75	0.81	101
accuracy			0.95	667
macro avg	0.92	0.87	0.89	667
weighted avg	0.95	0.95	0.95	667

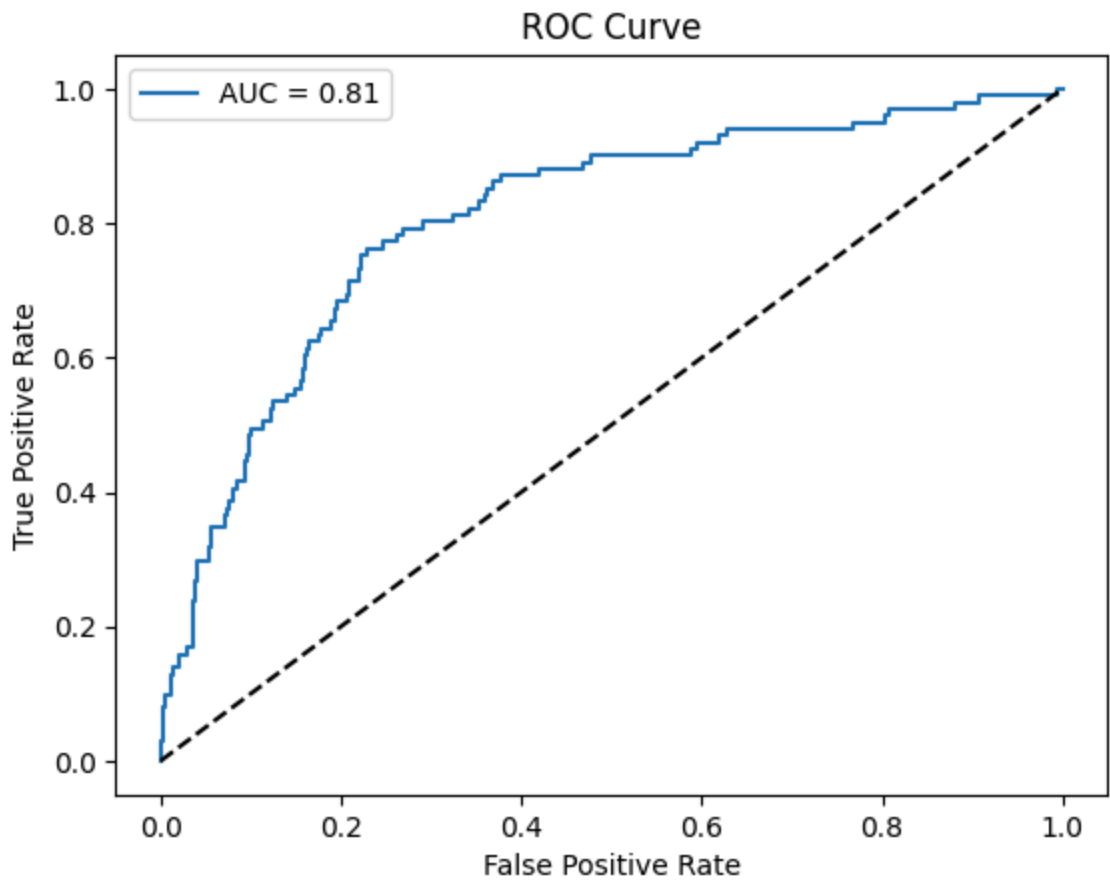
ROC AUC: 0.8680684322849246



```
In [52]: from sklearn.metrics import roc_curve

fpr, tpr, _ = roc_curve(y_test, y_proba_lr)
auc_score = roc_auc_score(y_test, y_proba_lr)

plt.plot(fpr, tpr, label=f'AUC = {auc_score:.2f}')
plt.plot([0, 1], [0, 1], 'k--')
plt.xlabel("False Positive Rate")
plt.ylabel("True Positive Rate")
plt.title("ROC Curve")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



## 5.0 Evaluation

### Model Comparison Summary

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Model	Precision (Churn)	Recall (Churn)	F1-Score (Churn)	ROC AUC
Logistic Regression	0.54	0.15	0.23	0.80
Decision Tree (Baseline)	0.89	0.74	0.81	0.86
Decision Tree (Tuned)	0.85	0.75	0.81	0.87

- **Logistic Regression** performs poorly in terms of recall (15), meaning it misses the majority of churned customers. While its ROC AUC (0.80) is decent, it's not effectively capturing churn instances, which is critical for business action.
- **Baseline Decision Tree** improves significantly over logistic regression across all metrics, especially recall and F1-score, showing a better balance between catching churn and reducing false positives.

- **Tuned Decision Tree** performs the best overall. With a precision of 85% and recall of 75%, it correctly identifies a large portion of churners while maintaining accuracy. Its F1-score of 0.81 shows a strong balance, and ROC AUC of 0.87 suggests it distinguishes well between churn and non-churn cases

## Conclusion

In this project, I developed a predictive model to identify customers likely to churn from a telecommunications service. Below is a brief summary of procedures findings:

1. Understanding the business goal: predicting customer churn to support retention strategies.
2. Exploring the dataset, cleaned it, and prepared it by encoding categorical variables.
3. Build a logistic regression and Decision tree model using a 80/20 train-test split

The models achieved reasonable performance in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

The confusion matrix revealed the model's ability to distinguish between churned and retained customers, though further tuning or trying alternative models (e.g., decision trees) may improve performance.

## 6.0 Code Quality

This notebook was developed with attention to clarity, modularity, and reproducibility. Key code quality principles demonstrated include:

- **Code Readability:** Variables are clearly named (e.g., `X_train`, `y_test`, `tuned_tree`) to reflect their roles. Comments are used to explain key steps and modeling decisions.
- **Modular Structure:** Data loading, preprocessing, model training, and evaluation are separated into well-defined sections, making the workflow easy to follow.
- **Use of Best Practices:**
  - Reproducible results via `random_state` for model splits and tree building.
  - Pipeline-ready code with minimal hardcoding.
  - Avoidance of data leakage through correct training-test splitting before feature scaling.
- **Clean Output:** Only essential outputs are displayed to keep the notebook uncluttered and focused.
- **Use of Libraries:** Industry-standard libraries (`pandas`, `sklearn`, `matplotlib`, `seaborn`) are used effectively to streamline modeling and visualization.

