

By combining data-driven insights with machine learning models, this project provides a framework that enables the company to proactively engage with at-risk customers, enhance loyalty, and minimize revenue loss.

Business Problem

In 2024, ABC Telecommunication Company reported a churn rate of 26%(approximately 1,815 customers), resulting in an estimated \$2.4 Million revenue loss. The challenge is to identify churners early and develop retention strategies. Project Goals:

- Minimize financial losses caused by churn.
- Understand churn behavior through Exploratory Data Analysis.
- Build predictive models to identify customers at risk of leaving.
- Identify key churn drivers.
- Provide actionable recommendations to reduce churn and strengthen retention strategies.

Stakeholders

- Marketing and Customer Retention Teams: Design targeted campaigns and loyalty programs.
- Product and Pricing Teams: Optimize plans, packages, and pricing.
- Customer Service Department: Improve support quality for at-risk customers.
- Executive Leadership: Leverage predictive insights for strategic decision-making.

Project Workflow

- 1. Business Understanding
- 2. Data Understanding
- 3. Data Preparation and Preprocessing
- Data Cleaning
- Exploratory Data Analysis(EDA)
- Feature Engineering
- Train-Test Split
- Handling Class Imbalance(SMOTEC)
- Feature Scaling
- 4. Modeling
- Logistic Regression
- Decision Tree Classifier
- Random Forest Classifier
- XGBoost Classifier
- Model Evaluation
 - Cross Validation

- Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, ROC-AUC
- Hyperparameter Tuning
- Feature Importance Analysis
- 5. Business Recommendation

Tools Used

- Language: Python
- Libraries: pandas, numpy, matplotlib, seaborn, scipy, sklearn, imbalanced-learn, XGBoost, collections
- Environment: Jupyter Notebook(learn_env)



Results

Best Model: Tuned XGBoost

- Accuracy: 96%
- Recall(Churners): 82%
- Precision(Churners): 88%
- F1-Score: 85%
- ROC-AUC: 90% XGBoost outperformed all other models by balancing false alarms and missed churners, making it the most reliable for retention strategies.

Key Influential Features

- international plan
- cs_calls_intl_plan
- high day usage
- customer_service_calls . These highlight the main drivers of churn and areas where intervention can be most effective.



Final Recommendation

- 1. The tuned XGBoost model provides strong predictive power(96% accuracy, 82% recall for churners), making it a reliable tool for proactively identifying at-risk customers.
- 2. Predictions are most useful when applied to customer segments with high service calls, international plans, and heavy daytime usage. However, since precision is lower than recall, the model may generate false alarms. In contexts where retention resources are very costly, predictions should be combined with business rules before action.
- 3. Features-driven actions
- Target High-Risk Customers
 - Focus campaigns on customers with international plans, high usage, and frequent service calls.
 - Offer personalized incentives such as discounts, loyalty rewards, or tailored plan adjustments.

• Enhance Customer Service Experience

- Resolve issues quickly for customers making multiple service calls.
- Train support teams to proactively address issues and complaints to improve customer satisfaction.

Review Plans and Pricing

- Re-evaluate international calling plans and high-usage tariffs for competitiveness.
- o Offer bundled services and offer long-term contract options to increase customer stickiness.

Monitor High-Usage and At-Risk Segments

- Train usage patterns to flag potential dissatisfaction early.
- Use predictive modeling to intervene before customers churn.

• Engage At-Risk Customers with Feedback loops

- For customers flagged as high risk by the model, send short, targeted surveys(e.g, about service quality, pricing, or support experience).
- This provides real-time insights into customer dissatisfaction and shows customers that their feedback matters, which can improve loyalty.
- Combine survey responses with predictive insights to refine retention offers(discounts, loyalty rewards, or tailored plans

4. Continuous Model Improvement

- Regularly retrain the XGBoost model as customer behavior evolves.
- Use predictive insights to guide marketing, product, and service strategies.

Getting Started

To explore or replicate this analysis locally, follow the steps below:

1. Clone the Repository

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git clone (https://github.com/Mercykirwa25/End_Phase_3_Project.git)
cd End Phase 3 Project
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Make sure you have Anaconda installed.

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conda create -n end_phase3 python=3.11.13
conda activate end_phase3
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3. **Install Required Packages**

pip install pandas numpy matplotlib seaborn scikit-learn scipy imbalanced-learn xgboost

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4. Load the Dataset

Ensure the dataset is in the following structure:

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Data/
____ bigml_59c28831336c6604c800002a.csv
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Load it in Python:

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import pandas as pd
data = pd.read_csv("bigml_59c28831336c6604c800002a.csv")
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Jupyter Notebook 100.0%

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