



Overview

Our goal was to understand and predict customer churn for **SyriaTel**, and provide actionable insights to address the issue.

Customer retention is crucial in competitive industries like telecommunications. Losing customers not only means **losing future revenue** but also the **initial acquisition cost.**

Recognizing traits of potential churners helps offer tailored strategies to retain them, maximizing revenue.

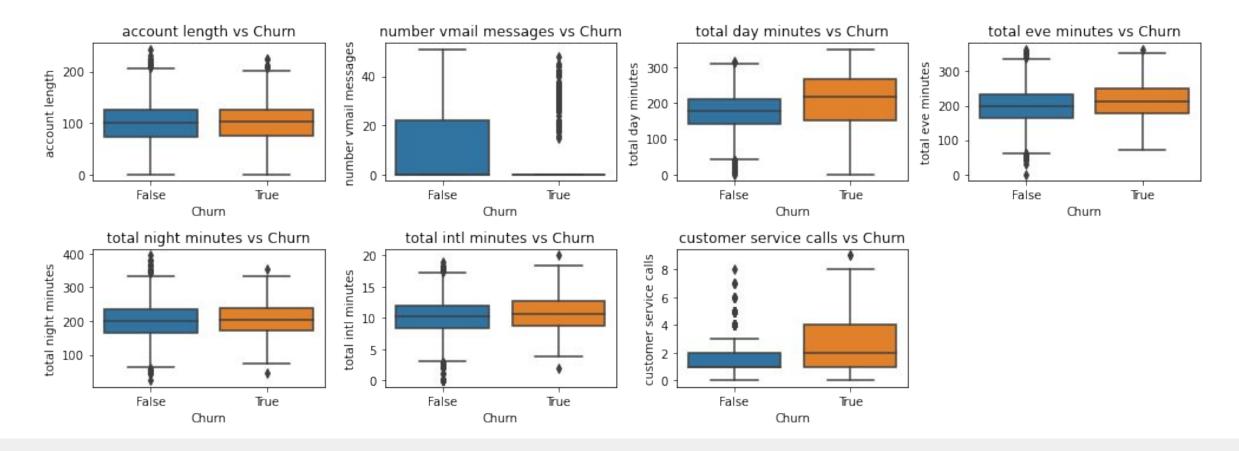
Data Understanding

We used the **Churn in Telecom's dataset**, which provides a comprehensive view of customer profiles, their usage patterns, and churn status.

This dataset offers a mix of categorical and numerical features, providing a holistic view of customer behaviors and preferences.



Data Analysis



Initial Analysis reveals some initial patterns:

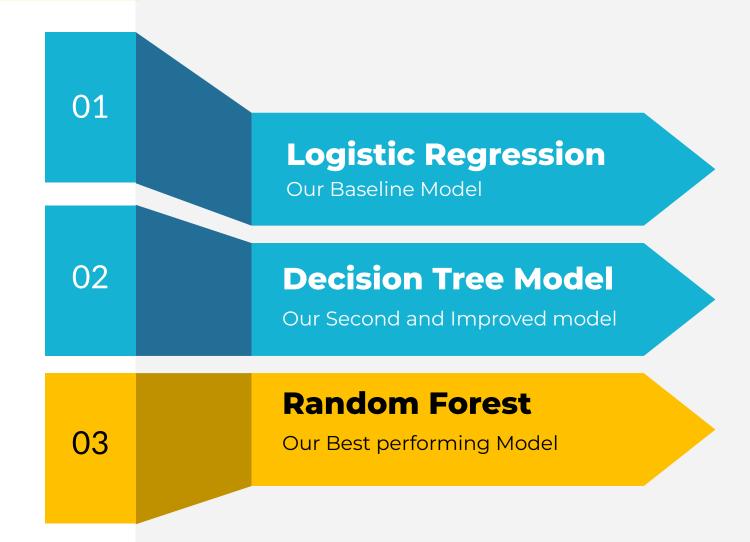
- Customers with higher 'total day minutes' and 'total day charge' seem more likely to churn.
- High 'customer service calls' also indicate a higher likelihood of churn. This makes intuitive sense as dissatisfied customers tend to contact customer service more often.

Modeling

We employed various machine learning models which we evaluated using:

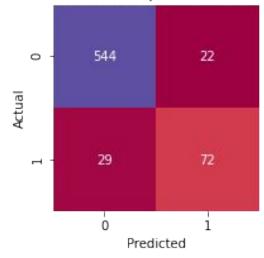
- Precision and Recall.
- Accuracy.
- ROC-AUC.

The **Random Forest Model** emerged as our best performing model and offered insights to features that could significantly affect churn.



Evaluation

Confusion Matrix for Optimized Random Forest



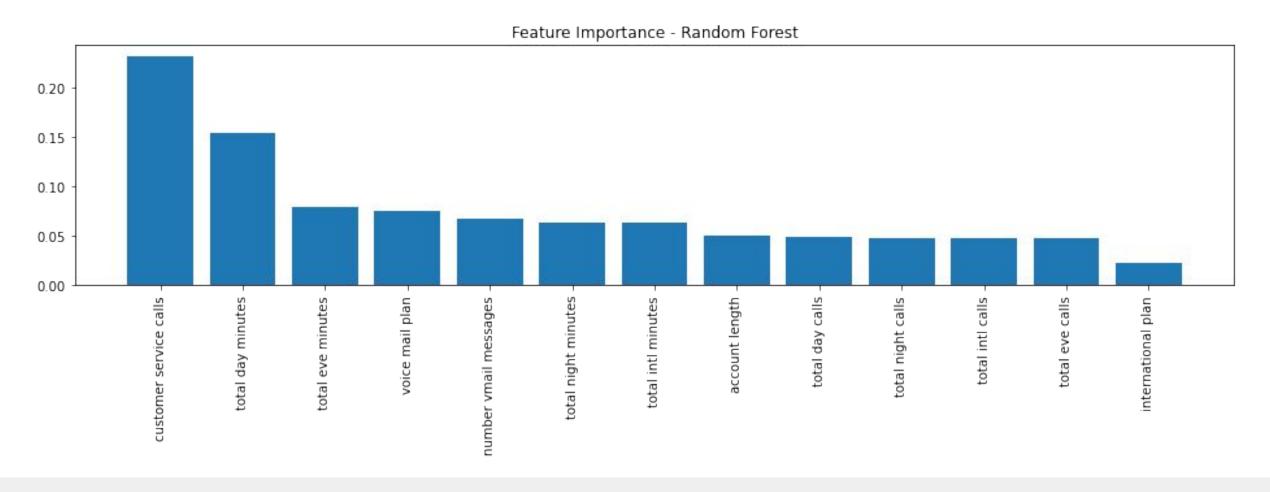
- Model correctly predicted 72 churn cases.
- Identified 544 non-churn cases.
- Predicted **22** churn cases
- Model missed 29 churn cases.

Classification Report for Optimized Random Forest:				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.949389	0.961131	0.955224	566.000000
1	0.765957	0.712871	0.738462	101.000000
accuracy	0.923538	0.923538	0.923538	0.923538
macro avg	0.857673	0.837001	0.846843	667.000000
weighted avg	0.921613	0.923538	0.922401	667.000000

- The model achieved an accuracy of approximately 92.35% on the test data.
- Precision for Churn (1): 76.60%
- Recall for Churn (1): 71.29%

ROC-AUC Score: 0.8370

Feature Importance



 The features related to the daily usage, such as customer service calls and total day minutes, appeared to be the most influential in predicting customer churn.

Conclusions

- Features like 'customer service calls', and the
 'total day minutes'. were consistently highlighted as
 significant predictors of churn.
- This suggests that daily charges which had direct linear relationship with daily minutes, and the quality of customer service, are areas where customer dissatisfaction may arise, leading to churn.



Recommendations

- Enhance Customer Service: Improving customer service quality and efficiency, including quick issue resolution and personalized experiences through CRM systems, can boost customer retention.
- Review Pricing Structure: Analyze the pricing structure, particularly for daytime charges, considering the significant relationship between 'Total day minutes' and 'Total day charge.' Ensure it aligns with customer expectations and competitors.
- **Continuous Monitoring:** Customer preferences change, so it's vital to regularly update the model with new data and insights. Implement a real-time feedback loop for timely interventions.
- **Engage with Customers:** Conduct surveys or focus groups, especially with 'at-risk' customers identified by the model, to gain deeper insights. Direct feedback provides valuable context.
- Implement Retention Strategies: For customers at risk of churning, implement retention strategies like loyalty programs, special offers, and personalized communications to improve satisfaction and retention.
- **Explore Advanced Models:** While the Random Forest model performed well, explore more advanced models, fine-tune hyperparameters, and consider additional feature engineering to enhance predictive accuracy.



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