

Conversation between Complex Data and Home Universe

Complex Data [CD]: *So, it sounds like Home Universe has been using Data Churn for a while now. Is that correct?*

Home Universe [HU]: *That is correct. We have a few licenses that we bought 3–4 years ago, and our team has been using the tool to analyse data and generate insights.*

CD: *Whether the Data Churn is difficult to use? How good your team is in using it ??*

HU: *It is a difficult tool to use, I must admit, but the team has learnt how to make the most of it.*

CD: *Given to understand that the Data Churn is too slow and not user-friendly, are you finding difficult to address the uegent business needs?*

HU: *It does not affect us much. We have trained a team of five people on how to use Data Churn effectively.*

CD: *What happens if any o some of the five member (Data churn trained) is not available for some personal extingensies or onn leave?Will it affect the performance?*

HU: *Not much. The requests pile up only when one of the five members quits our organisation and we are waiting for a new member to be trained on Data Churn.*

CD: *Data Churn being an outdated tool , it might be hard to retain the employees as it affects their morale leading to poor productivity?*

HU: *Yes, our team members certainly do not like using Data Churn and tend to quit within 12–18 months.*

CD: *How much time is required to skill up a new person to learn using Data Churn? Whar is the cost of traning? How do you motivate the new team member to learn the skill?*

HU: *It takes 4–6 weeks of training for a new team member to use Data Churn competently. So, that is at least 1.5 months of salary incurred as training cost. In addition to that, we also make a separate payment for the new team member to complete certain training projects, certifications and quizzes provided by Data Churn, which costs about a month's salary of a team member. So yes, our training cost is quite high. And so far in this year, we have trained six new members because of employee attrition.*

CD: *So, you have five member data churn team in the company. Have you faced any challenges like when 2 or 3 people leave at same time when you have heavy workload ? How will you handle the situation? Will you pt for external consulants? What is the cost of asuch consultant?*

HU: *Data Churn offers services as well, wherein they provide us one of their trained employees as an additional team member when one of for our team members leaves and we are in the process of training a new one. But they charge really high rates for it, which is about three times what we pay our team members. So, we either use that option to handle heavy workloads when we are short-handed, or we pay overtime for the existing trained team members.*

CD: *Have you asked DC team anytime to put in extra hours, to manage your workload? Whether the employees team are willing to work ? What rewards are offered to them in such situations?*

HD: *Yes, our overtime pay rate is double the normal salary. But even with overtime pay, the existing team members are not willing to do the extra work, which leads to further attrition.*

CD: *Got it. But when you employ contractors from Data Churn, who do not know your data as well as your team members, does that not affect the quality of the work?*

HU: *Absolutely, data knowledge is key to our work. So, when we employ Data Churn contractors, the quality of their analysis and insights is not as good as what our team members would produce because the former do not have in-depth knowledge of our data. Because of this, our existing team members need to review their work, which leads to duplication of effort.*

CD: *Can I suggest the new tool Data fire which addresses all your problems?*

HU: *Tell me about it! I keep getting escalations every other day from the heads of various departments that my team is not functioning optimally. I wish I could get some peace of mind at times. Data Churn is certainly not helping our case!*

CD: *Having known about the Data Fire tools capability (easy to use, handing complex data with ease, requirement of non-skilled resources, real-time customer analytis....) which I have explained just now, don't you think by investing one time , you can step ahead of compeition? Also does it not enhance your teams services alog with customer satisfaction?*

HU: *It definitely does. Our business is becoming more and more data driven, and all the departments are highly reliant on us to provide on-time quality insights. Else, their decisions are delayed or are sub-optimal. Just last week, the Head of Marketing was on my case on the phone, talking about how their marketing campaign was delayed by more than two weeks during the peak season because my team could not share insights on which stores are to be targeted for the campaign.*

CD: *It sounds like Data Churn is causing employee attrition, high training costs, high overtime costs, high contractor costs, low-quality output, duplication of effort and delays, thus affecting critical business decisions. Is that a fair summary?*

HU: *Looks like Data Churn is indeed a pain in the neck!*