

Customer support



How to engage and retain customers

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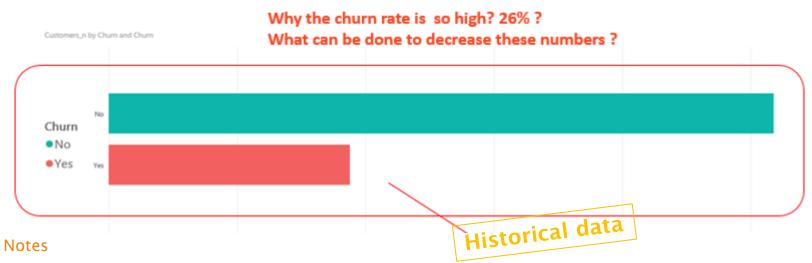


Executive summary



- Summary
 - The current situation shows that around 26% of customer base (historical information) are associated with customers that left the company
- Business requirement
 - Understand how and why the customer churn is too high
 - Expectation to receive some guidelines to build an action plan to fix the current situation

Business requirement





• The sample historical data are available at data/ dir and was provided by IBM

Project solution - data driven methodology



- This data science project will follow CRISP-DM methodology
- Quick-off Business requirement
 - · Understand how and why the customer churn is high

CRISP-DM Process Diagram



- Project solution and methodology -
- Business understanding and data understanding
 - Exploratory data analysis, descriptive statistics and one basic machine learning model using Random Forest to evaluate some characteristics / features that could lead the customer to left the company as an starting point of the project
- Data preparation
 - Apply statistics and data engineering to prepare the data for machine learning
- Modeling, evaluation and deployment
 - Start the evaluation with the global and simple metric accuracy and finalize the evaluation with recall metric (Recall = sensitivity = True Positive Rate/TPR)
 - Build and evaluation of dozen of algorithms/machine learning models using different frameworks, such as Sklearn, H2O.ai, Apache Spark, XGBoost and LightGBM
 - Deployment of the best machine learning with higher RECALL metric that identifies which customers will churn along with options and best ways how to deploy the solution



Deliverables and next steps



- Deliverables
 - Automated process to identify in advance which customers will churn
 - · Try to anticipate and drive actions for customer retention
 - Batch process execution explained with results provided
 - · This batch process can be executed on demand with new customer base to get newer information
 - Presented the top 3 main reasons that lead the customer to leave the company, along with complete analysis about the current situation related to customers
 - All notebooks, code, reports and 1 machine learning model for deployment in production (23 machine learning models build with respective evaluation metric)
- Next steps
 - Setup the final project with guidelines proposed
 - · Document: Phase_3_Deployment_considerations_and_next_steps.html
 - Follow the results achieved and evaluate the process improvement with this new action plan

Process improvement guidelines



Information provided in the doc - Phase_3_Deployment_considerations_and_next_steps.html

Top 3 main important features related to churn (Yes) are:

- · Month-to-Month contract
- · Small to Medium Tenure and associated with
- Higher Monthly Charges

The process improvement to tackle here is basically decrease the numbers of customers churn

The chart below shows 2 main important information to follow

- . Decrease the orange area (revenue associated with customer churners) and
- · Increase the blue area (revenue related to current customers)

