

Telecom Churn Analysis - Project Report

Introduction

Customer churn is a major concern for telecom service providers as it directly affects profitability. This project aims to provide business insights into why customers churn and help predict potential future churn using a combination of visualization and machine learning.

Abstract

This analysis involved building an interactive Power BI dashboard backed by data stored and cleaned in MySQL, alongside a predictive model in Python using the Random Forest algorithm. A tooltip-enhanced visual experience was created to highlight churn reasons dynamically. This helped stakeholders gain both high-level and drill-down understanding of churn trends and customer behavior.

Tools Used

- Power BI - For building interactive dashboards with drill-through and tooltip pages
- MySQL - For storing, cleaning, and transforming data (including creation of views)
- Python (Jupyter Notebook) - For building and testing the predictive churn model
- Scikit-learn, Pandas - For preprocessing and modeling
- Excel/CSV - For raw data inspection and initial formatting

Steps Involved in Building the Project

- Data Import and Cleaning: Customer data was imported into MySQL. Missing values were imputed or categorized appropriately. Created SQL views for churned and newly joined customers.
- Exploratory Analysis: Used Power BI to visualize churn patterns by gender, age, state, contract type, and services used. Designed filters to drill down by marital status and monthly charges.
- Advanced Dashboard Features: Built a tooltip page to show detailed churn reasons (Competitor, Price, Attitude, Dissatisfaction, Other). Tooltip activates on hover over 'Total Churn by Churn Category', improving interactivity and insight delivery.
- Predictive Modeling in Python: Trained a Random Forest Classifier using cleaned data. Key

features: Internet Service, Contract Type, Tenure, Monthly Charges. Model predicts how many newly joined customers are likely to churn. Evaluated using classification metrics (Accuracy, Precision, Recall).

Conclusion

The Telecom Churn Analysis project integrates visual analytics with machine learning to empower better decision-making. With drill-down insights, tooltip-driven exploration, and predictive forecasting, it provides both diagnostic and forward-looking value to the business. This unified approach can help reduce churn and drive customer retention strategies.