# Churn Prediction and Business Insight with Data Science at MTN Nigeria

This project was built using the "MTN Nigeria Customer Churn" dataset taken from Kaggle (https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/oluwademiladeadeniyi/mtn-nigeria-customer-churn/). MTN Nigeria is one of the largest telecommunications service providers in Nigeria and the main branch of the MTN group, with millions of customers across the country.

With this workflow, I hope to generate actionable insights to help MTN Nigeria reduce churn and improve customer retention.

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In [1]: import pandas as pd
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import seaborn as sns
        import random
        from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
        from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
        from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier, GradientBoostingClassifier
        from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
        from sklearn.model_selection import StratifiedKFold
        from sklearn.feature_selection import RFECV
        from sklearn.feature_selection import SelectKBest, f_classif
        from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
        import warnings
        from imblearn.over_sampling import SMOTE
In [2]: data = pd.read_csv('Dataset\mtn_customer_churn.csv')
        df = data.copy()
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       valid escape sequence '\m'
         data = pd.read_csv('Dataset\mtn_customer_churn.csv')
```

# **Problem Understanding**

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In [3]: df.head()
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		Customer ID	Full Name	Date of Purchase	Age	State	MTN Device	Gender	Satisfaction Rate	Customer Review
	0	CUST0001	Ngozi Berry	Jan-25	27	Kwara	4G Router	Male	2	Fair
1	1	CUST0002	Zainab Baker	Mar-25	16	Abuja (FCT)	Mobile SIM Card	Female	2	Fair
2	2	CUST0003	Saidu Evans	Mar-25	21	Sokoto	5G Broadband Router	Male	1	Poor
	3	CUST0003	Saidu Evans	Mar-25	21	Sokoto	Mobile SIM Card	Male	1	Poor
	4	CUST0003	Saidu Evans	Mar-25	21	Sokoto	Broadband MiFi	Male	1	Poor

### In [4]: df.info()

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 974 entries, 0 to 973
Data columns (total 17 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	Customer ID	974 non-null	object
1	Full Name	974 non-null	object
2	Date of Purchase	974 non-null	object
3	Age	974 non-null	int64
4	State	974 non-null	object
5	MTN Device	974 non-null	object
6	Gender	974 non-null	object
7	Satisfaction Rate	974 non-null	int64
8	Customer Review	974 non-null	object
9	Customer Tenure in months	974 non-null	int64
10	Subscription Plan	974 non-null	object
11	Unit Price	974 non-null	int64
12	Number of Times Purchased	974 non-null	int64
13	Total Revenue	974 non-null	int64
14	Data Usage	974 non-null	float64
15	Customer Churn Status	974 non-null	object
16	Reasons for Churn	284 non-null	object
dtyp	es: float64(1), int64(6), o	bject(10)	

memory usage: 129.5+ KB

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Out[5]: Customer Churn Status
No 690
Yes 284
Name: count, dtype: int64

In [6]: persentage_churn = (round((len(df[df['Customer Churn Status'] == 'Yes']) / len(df))
print(f'Percentage of customers who churned: {persentage_churn}%')
```

Customer churn is one of the biggest concerns for telecom companies, especially in

competitive markets like Nigeria.

This issue requires serious attention. We need to address it effectively or at least reduce the

- churn rate. But how? First, we must gain a deeper understanding of two critical metrics:
  - 1. Customer Satisfaction Score (CSAT)

Percentage of customers who churned: 29.16%

2. Monthly Recurring Revenue

These metrics are key to identifying the underlying issues. To do this, we should begin by visualizing the data to uncover trends and patterns. Understanding why customers are more likely to churn is essential. Currently, the churn rate stands at 29%, which is significantly high for telecom companies in Nigeria.

For context, the average churn rate for telecom companies in the United States is around 21%, according to ExplodingTopics.com.

# **Data Preparation**

We need to first understand the data and identify what insights can be extracted from it.

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In [7]: # Check for missing values
missing_values = df.isnull().sum()
print("Missing values in each column:\n", missing_values)
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        Date of Purchase
                                         0
                                        0
        Age
        State
                                        0
        MTN Device
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        Gender
                                        0
        Satisfaction Rate
                                        0
        Customer Review
                                        0
        Customer Tenure in months
                                        0
        Subscription Plan
                                        0
        Unit Price
                                         0
        Number of Times Purchased
                                        0
        Total Revenue
                                         0
                                         0
        Data Usage
        Customer Churn Status
                                        0
        Reasons for Churn
                                      690
        dtype: int64
 In [8]: # Duplicate values
         duplicate_values = df.duplicated().sum()
          print(f"Number of duplicate rows: {duplicate_values}")
        Number of duplicate rows: 0
 In [9]: # Check for inconsistent data
         data.describe()
 Out[9]:
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         # Get information about the metrics (CSAT and MRR Churn)
In [10]:
         mrr_churn = data[data['Customer Churn Status'] == 'Yes']['Total Revenue'].sum()
         mrr_total = data['Total Revenue'].sum()
         mrr_churn_percentage = (mrr_churn / mrr_total) * 100
          print(f"Monthly Recurring Revenue (MRR) Churn: {mrr_churn_percentage:.2f}%")
          csat = data['Satisfaction Rate'].value_counts()
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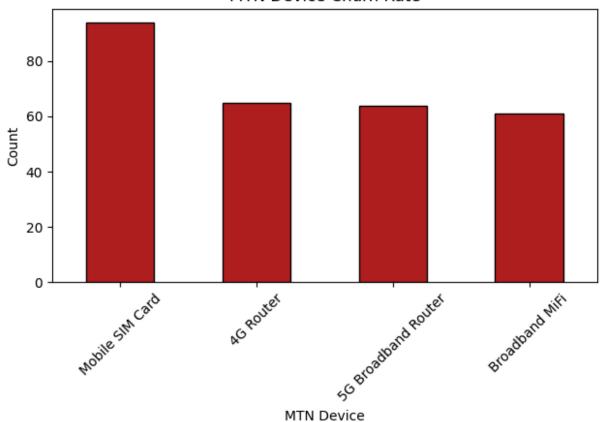
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csat_good = csat[csat.index.isin([4,5])].sum()
csat_total = data['Satisfaction Rate'].notna().sum()
csat_percentage = (csat_good / csat_total) * 100
print(f"Customer Satisfaction (CSAT): {csat_percentage:.2f}%")
```

Monthly Recurring Revenue (MRR) Churn: 29.09% Customer Satisfaction (CSAT): 38.81%

There is nothing concerning in the data quality itself (the dataset is clean). However, from a business perspective, we should be concerned. Metrics such as MRR (Monthly Recurring Revenue) and CSAT (Customer Satisfaction Score) indicate that the business is in poor condition. Therefore, it is crucial to find a solution, starting with visualizing the data for deeper insights.

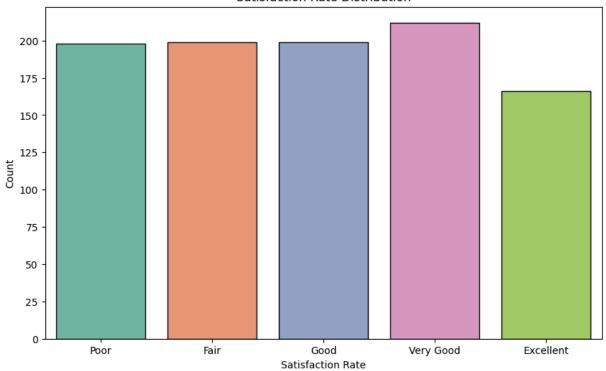
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In [11]: numerical = data.select_dtypes(include=['number']).columns
         data[numerical].columns
Out[11]: Index(['Age', 'Satisfaction Rate', 'Customer Tenure in months', 'Unit Price',
                 'Number of Times Purchased', 'Total Revenue', 'Data Usage'],
               dtype='object')
In [12]: categorical = data.select_dtypes(include=['object']).columns
         data[categorical].columns
Out[12]: Index(['Customer ID', 'Full Name', 'Date of Purchase', 'State', 'MTN Device',
                 'Gender', 'Customer Review', 'Subscription Plan',
                 'Customer Churn Status', 'Reasons for Churn'],
               dtype='object')
In [13]: data['Customer Review'].value_counts()
Out[13]: Customer Review
         Very Good
         Fair
                      199
         Good
                      199
         Poor
                      198
         Excellent 166
         Name: count, dtype: int64
In [14]: mtn_churn = data[data['Customer Churn Status'] == 'Yes']['MTN Device'].value_counts
         mtn_churn.plot(kind='bar', color='firebrick', edgecolor='black')
         plt.title('MTN Device Churn Rate')
         plt.xlabel('MTN Device')
         plt.ylabel('Count')
         plt.xticks(rotation=45)
         plt.tight_layout()
         plt.show()
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# MTN Device Churn Rate



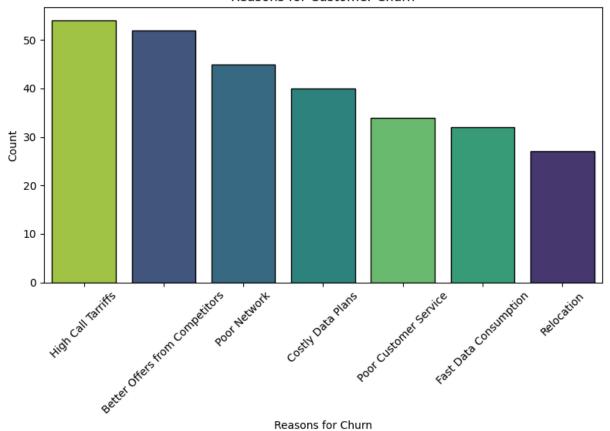
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In [15]: satisfaction_rate = data['Satisfaction Rate'].value_counts()
   plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
   sns.countplot(x='Satisfaction Rate', hue='Satisfaction Rate', data=data, palette='S
   plt.title('Satisfaction Rate Distribution')
   plt.xlabel('Satisfaction Rate')
   plt.ylabel('Count')
   plt.yticks(ticks=[0, 1, 2, 3, 4], labels=["Poor", "Fair", "Good", "Very Good", "Exc
   plt.show()
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### Satisfaction Rate Distribution



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In [16]: order = data[data['Customer Churn Status'] == 'Yes']['Reasons for Churn'].value_couplt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    sns.countplot(data=data[data['Customer Churn Status'] == 'Yes'], x='Reasons for Chuplt.title('Reasons for Customer Churn')
    plt.xlabel('Reasons for Churn')
    plt.ylabel('Count')
    plt.xticks(rotation=45)
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
```

#### Reasons for Customer Churn



In [17]: high\_call = data[data['Customer Churn Status'] == 'Yes'][data[data['Customer Churn print(f"Number of customers who churned due to high call tariffs: {len(high\_call)}" high\_call.head(2)

Reasons for Churn

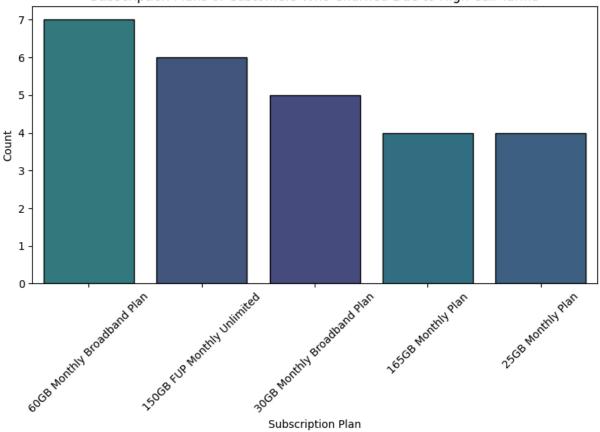
Number of customers who churned due to high call tariffs: 54

Out[17]:	Customer	Full	Date of	Δαρ	State	MTN	Gende
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	Customer	Name	Purchase	Age	State	Device	Gender	Satisfaction Rate	Revie
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220	CUST0116	Bola Garcia	Mar-25	30	Benue	Mobile SIM Card	Male	4	Ver Goo

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In [18]: order = high_call['Subscription Plan'].value_counts().head(5).index
         plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
         sns.countplot(data=high_call, x='Subscription Plan', hue='Subscription Plan', order
         plt.title('Subscription Plans of Customers Who Churned Due to High Call Tariffs')
         plt.xlabel('Subscription Plan')
         plt.ylabel('Count')
         plt.xticks(rotation=45)
         plt.tight_layout()
         plt.show()
```

### Subscription Plans of Customers Who Churned Due to High Call Tariffs



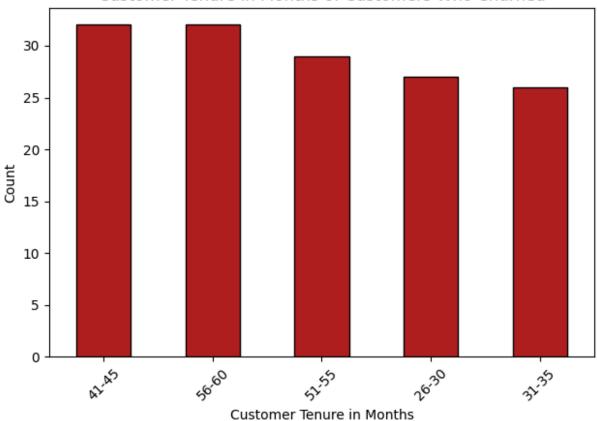
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In [19]: len(data[data['Customer Churn Status'] == 'Yes']['Customer Tenure in months'])
Out[19]: 284
In [20]: bins = [0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60]
         labels = ['0-5', '6-10', '11-15', '16-20', '21-25', '26-30', '31-35', '36-40', '41-
         tenure_binned = pd.cut(data['data['Customer Churn Status'] == 'Yes']['Customer Tenur
         tenure_binned.value_counts()
Out[20]: Customer Tenure in months
         41-45
                   32
          56-60
                   32
          51-55
                   29
          26-30
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          31-35
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          6-10
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          16-20
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          36-40
                   23
          21-25
                  19
         46-50
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         11-15
                   17
         0-5
                   13
         Name: count, dtype: int64
In [21]: tenure_binned.value_counts().head(5).plot(kind='bar', color='firebrick', edgecolor=
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plt.title('Customer Tenure in Months of Customers Who Churned')

plt.xlabel('Customer Tenure in Months')

```
plt.ylabel('Count')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

### Customer Tenure in Months of Customers Who Churned



```
In [22]: state_churn = data[data['Customer Churn Status'] == 'Yes']['State'].value_counts()
    state_churn.columns = ['State', 'Count']
    state_churn = state_churn.reset_index()
    state_churn.head(5)
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# Out[22]: State count

0	Abuja (FCT)	15
1	Imo	15
2	Kebbi	14
3	Yobe	13
4	Benue	13

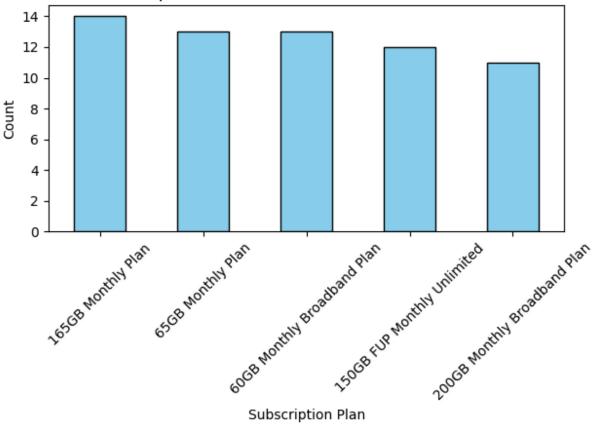
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In [23]: bottom_reviews = data[data['Customer Churn Status'] == 'Yes'][data[data['Customer C
bottom_reviews.head()
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Out[23]:

•		Customer ID	Full Name	Date of Purchase	Age	State	MTN Device	Gender	Satisfaction Rate	Customer Review
	0	CUST0001	Ngozi Berry	Jan-25	27	Kwara	4G Router	Male	2	Fair
	1	CUST0002	Zainab Baker	Mar-25	16	Abuja (FCT)	Mobile SIM Card	Female	2	Fair
	16	CUST0011	Ejiro Griffith	Feb-25	72	Bauchi	4G Router	Female	2	Fair
	17	CUST0011	Ejiro Griffith	Feb-25	72	Bauchi	5G Broadband Router	Female	2	Fair
	18	CUST0011	Ejiro Griffith	Feb-25	72	Bauchi	Broadband MiFi	Female	2	Fair

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In [24]: bottom_reviews['Subscription Plan'].value_counts().head(5).plot(kind='bar', color='
    plt.title('Subscription Plans of Customers with Poor Reviews')
    plt.xlabel('Subscription Plan')
    plt.ylabel('Count')
    plt.xticks(rotation=45)
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
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In [25]: from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
encoder = LabelEncoder()

In [26]: data.head(2)

Out[26]:

•		Customer ID	Full Name	Date of Purchase	Age	State	MTN Device	Gender	Satisfaction Rate	Customer Review	Cust Tenu mo
	0	CUST0001	Ngozi Berry	Jan-25	27	Kwara	4G Router	Male	2	Fair	
	1	CUST0002	Zainab Baker	Mar-25	16	Abuja (FCT)	Mobile SIM Card	Female	2	Fair	

In [27]: data\_encode = data[["Customer Review", "Customer Churn Status"]].apply(encoder.fit\_
 data\_matrix = pd.concat([data[numerical], data\_encode], axis=1)
 data\_matrix.head()

We aim to predict customers who are at risk of churning.

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	1	CUST0002	Zainab Baker	Mar-25	16	Abuja (FCT)	Mobile SIM Card	Female	2	Fair	

In [30]: data[numerical].head(2)

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# Out[30]:

	Age	Satisfaction Rate	Customer Tenure in months	Unit Price	Number of Times Purchased	Total Revenue	Data Usage
0	27	2	2	35000	19	665000	44.48

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19.79

In [31]: data\_numerical = data[numerical]
 data\_numerical = data\_numerical.drop(columns=['Age', 'Number of Times Purchased'])
 data\_numerical.head(2)

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### Out[31]:

	Satisfaction Rate	Customer Tenure in months	Unit Price	Total Revenue	Data Usage
0	2	2	35000	665000	44.48
1	2	22	5500	66000	19.79

In [32]: data\_encode = data[["State", "Subscription Plan", "Customer Review", "Customer Chur
new\_data = pd.concat([data\_numerical, data\_encode], axis=1)
new\_data.head()

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Out[32]:
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In [33]: | X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(new_data.drop(columns=['Custome
In [34]: def evaluate_model(model, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test):
             cv = StratifiedKFold(n splits=5, shuffle=True, random state=42)
             selector = RFECV(estimator=model, step=1, cv=cv, scoring='accuracy')
             selector.fit(X_train, y_train)
             selected_features = X_train.columns[selector.support_]
             X_train_sel = X_train[selected_features]
             X_test_sel = X_test[selected_features]
             final model = model
             final_model.fit(X_train_sel, y_train)
             score = final_model.score(X_test_sel, y_test)
             return score
         def evaluate_model_2(model, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test):
             selector = SelectKBest(score_func=f_classif, k='all')
             selector.fit(X_train, y_train)
             selected_features = X_train.columns[selector.get_support()]
             X_train_sel = X_train[selected_features]
             X_test_sel = X_test[selected_features]
             final model = model
             final_model.fit(X_train_sel, y_train)
             score = final_model.score(X_test_sel, y_test)
             return score
In [35]: model_dt = DecisionTreeClassifier(random_state=42)
         score = evaluate_model(model_dt, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test)
         print(f"Decision Tree Classifier Accuracy: {score:.2f}")
        Decision Tree Classifier Accuracy: 0.62
In [36]: model rf = RandomForestClassifier(random state=42)
         score = evaluate_model(model_rf, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test)
         print(f"Random Forest Classifier Accuracy: {score:.2f}")
        Random Forest Classifier Accuracy: 0.71
In [37]: | model_gbc = GradientBoostingClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
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score = evaluate_model_2(model_gbc, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test)
print(f"Random Gradient Boosting Classifier Accuracy: {score:.2f}")
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Random Gradient Boosting Classifier Accuracy: 0.71

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In [38]: model_knn = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=5)

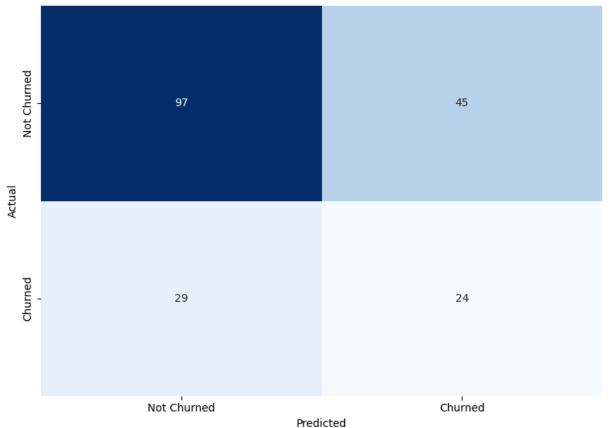
score = evaluate_model_2(model_knn, X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test)
print(f"Random KNN Accuracy: {score:.2f}")
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Random KNN Accuracy: 0.73

### **Evaluation Model**

```
In [39]: cm_dt = confusion_matrix(y_test, model_dt.predict(X_test))
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    sns.heatmap(cm_dt, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', cbar=False, xticklabels=['Not
    plt.title('Confusion Matrix from Decision Tree Classifier')
    plt.xlabel('Predicted')
    plt.ylabel('Actual')
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
```

### Confusion Matrix from Decision Tree Classifier

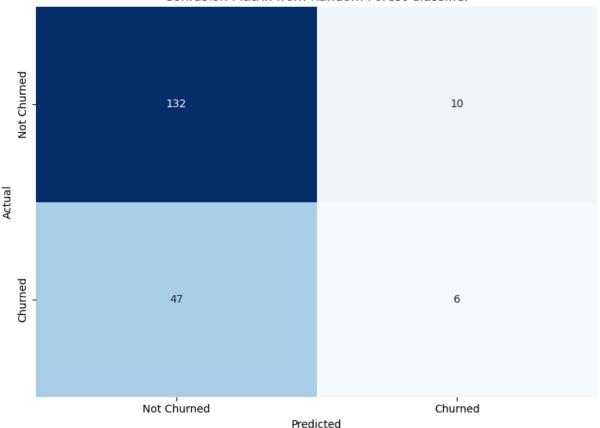


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In [40]: recall_churn_dt = cm_dt[1, 1] / (cm_dt[1, 1] + cm_dt[1, 0])
    precision_churn_dt = cm_dt[1, 1] / (cm_dt[1, 1] + cm_dt[0, 1])
    f1_churn_dt = 2 * (recall_churn_dt * precision_churn_dt) / (recall_churn_dt + preci
    print("Decision Tree Classifier Metrics:")
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print("-----")
print(f"Recall for Churned Customers: {recall_churn_dt:.2f}")
print(f"Precision for Churned Customers: {precision_churn_dt:.2f}")
print(f"F1 Score for Churned Customers: {f1_churn_dt:.2f}")
```

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In [41]: cm_rf = confusion_matrix(y_test, model_rf.predict(X_test))
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    sns.heatmap(cm_rf, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', cbar=False, xticklabels=['Not
    plt.title('Confusion Matrix from Random Forest Classifier')
    plt.xlabel('Predicted')
    plt.ylabel('Actual')
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
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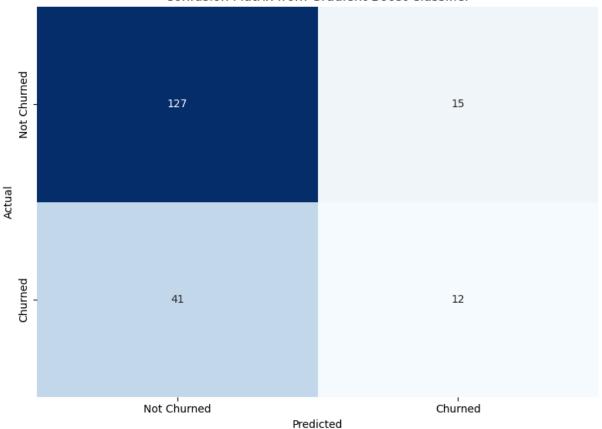
### Confusion Matrix from Random Forest Classifier



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In [42]: recall_churn_rf = cm_rf[1, 1] / (cm_rf[1, 1] + cm_rf[1, 0])
    precision_churn_rf = cm_rf[1, 1] / (cm_rf[1, 1] + cm_rf[0, 1])
    f1_churn_rf = 2 * (recall_churn_rf * precision_churn_rf) / (recall_churn_rf + preci

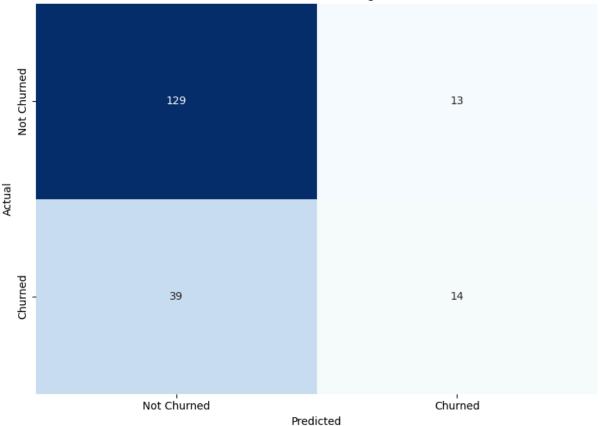
    print("Random Forest Classifier Metrics:")
    print("------")
    print(f"Recall for Churned Customers: {recall_churn_rf:.2f}")
```

#### Confusion Matrix from Gradient Boost Classifier



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In [45]: cm_knn = confusion_matrix(y_test, model_knn.predict(X_test))
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    sns.heatmap(cm_knn, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', cbar=False, xticklabels=['No
    plt.title('Confusion Matrix from KNN - Neighbors Classifier')
    plt.xlabel('Predicted')
    plt.ylabel('Actual')
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
```

### Confusion Matrix from KNN - Neighbors Classifier



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KNN Classifier Metrics:
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Recall for Churned Customers: 0.26
Precision for Churned Customers: 0.52
F1 Score for Churned Customers: 0.35
```

### **Prediction**

We will chose Decision Tree as the base model for our approach. Why? Because our primary goal is to quickly identify users who are likely to churn (Decision tree has higher Recall compared to other models). Even if the model misclassifies some retained users as potential churners, it's acceptable. Our objective is to retain as many users as possible.

While this approach may lead to an increase in marketing costs due to targeting users who may not actually churn, it can still effectively help reduce the overall churn rate. Our target is to bring the current churn rate down from 29% to below the 21% industry benchmark.

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In [47]: def predict churn(model, x sample):
            y_sample = model.predict([x_sample])
            return y_sample
In [48]: random_number = random.randrange(1,len(X_test)-1)
        x_sample = X_test.iloc[random_number]
        y_sample = y_test.iloc[random_number]
        print(f"Sample Data:\n{x_sample}\n")
        print(f"Sample Data Churn Status: {y_sample}\n")
       Sample Data:
       Satisfaction Rate
                                      3.00
       Customer Tenure in months
                                      51.00
       Unit Price
                                  16000.00
       Total Revenue
                                 16000.00
                                     99.44
       Data Usage
       State
                                      7.00
                                    19.00
       Subscription Plan
       Customer Review
                                     2.00
       Name: 951, dtype: float64
       Sample Data Churn Status: 1
In [49]: | warnings.filterwarnings("ignore", category=UserWarning)
         prediction = predict_churn(model_dt, x_sample)
         if prediction[0] == 1:
            print(" Risk Alert: This customer is likely to churn.")
            print("Recommended Strategy: Proactively reach out with a personalized retention
            print("Recommended Strategy: Maintain engagement with regular updates and value
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Risk Alert: This customer is likely to churn.

Recommended Strategy: Proactively reach out with a personalized retention offer or exclusive service benefits.