





Beyond the Beep: Enhancing Customer Experience Through Smarter Call Center Operations

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Problem Statement

As United Airlines continues its journey to become the best airline in the history of aviation, it is crucial to provide world-class customer service, for which one of the key areas of focus is our call center operations. Call centers play a critical role in ensuring customer issues are resolved quickly and efficiently, but we face challenges in improving metrics such as Average Handle Time (AHT) and Average Speed to Answer (AST).

Your task is to optimize these key call center metrics, helping reduce resolution times and providing faster, more efficient service to our customers. You are required to analyze our existing call center data to identify inefficiencies, determine the drivers of long AHT and AST, and suggest strategies to enhance customer satisfaction, reduce escalations, and improve overall operational efficiency.

Data Description

Link for Datasets

Calls

Contains details of customer calls, including call ID, customer ID, agent ID, call

Customers

Contains customer details, including customer ID, name, and elite membership level.

Reason

Contains call IDs with the associated primary reason for the call.

Sentiment Statistics

Contains call ID, agent ID, and agent/customer tone, average sentiment, and percentage of silence during the call.

test.csv

Contains call IDs to be used for testing purposes.

test_output.csv

Contains predicted or processed results for call IDs from **test.csv**

Deliverables:

(1) Long average handle time (AHT) affects both efficiency and customer satisfaction. Explore the factors contributing to extended call durations, such as agent performance, call types, and sentiment. Identify key drivers of long AHT and AST, especially during high volume call periods. Additionally, could you quantify the percentage difference between the average handling time for the most frequent and least frequent call reasons?

(2) We often observe self-solvable issues unnecessarily escalating to agents, increasing their workload. Analyse the transcripts and call reasons to identify granular reasons associated to recurring problems that could be resolved via self-service options in the IVR system. Propose specific improvements to the IVR options to effectively reduce agent intervention in these cases, along with solid reasoning to support your recommendations.

(3) Understanding the primary reasons for incoming calls is vital for enhancing operational efficiency and improving customer service. Accurately categorizing call reasons enables the call center to streamline processes, reduce manual tagging efforts, and ensure that customers are directed to the appropriate resources. In this context, analyze the dataset to uncover patterns that can assist in understanding and identifying these primary call reasons. Please outline your approach, detailing the data analysis techniques and feature identification methods you plan to use.

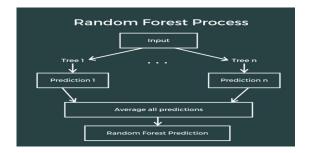


Machine Learning Techniques 🧠



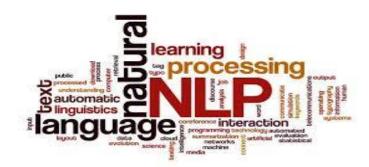
Machine Learning

- K-Means Clustering 11:
 - Grouped call transcripts to uncover recurring themes and issues in customer interactions.
 - Reason: Helped identify potential areas for IVR improvement by clustering based on common issues.
- Random Forest Regression 🌲 :
 - Predicted Average Handle Time (AHT) based on multiple features such as customer sentiment, silence percentage, and call type.
 - © Reason: Highlighted which factors most significantly impacted AHT using feature importance analysis









- NLP Overview 🤖:
 - Used the **Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK)** in Python to process and analyze text.
 - Reason: NLTK supports tasks like **tokenization**, **stemming**, **tagging**, and **semantic reasoning** for rich language understanding.
- Text Preprocessing 🧼:
 - Cleaned and normalized call transcripts (lowercasing, punctuation removal, stopword filtering).
 - Reason: These steps prepared the text for modeling by ensuring uniformity and removing noise.
- - Used Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) to convert text into numerical features for clustering.
 - Reason: This helped in transforming call transcripts into a format suitable for machine learning models.
- - Evaluated the emotional tone of customer conversations.
 - Reason: Assessed how positive or negative sentiment impacts AHT and overall customer experience.

III Correlation Analysis & Insights

Heatmaps 6:

- Visualized relationships between factors like AHT, waiting time, sentiment scores, and silence percentages.
- Reason: These visual tools made it easier to spot correlations that affect performance metrics.

• Statistical Insights 🧠:

- Discovered significant correlations between sentiment and AHT, revealing that negative sentiment led to longer call durations.
- Also found that extended wait times and silence during calls were major contributors to increased handle times.



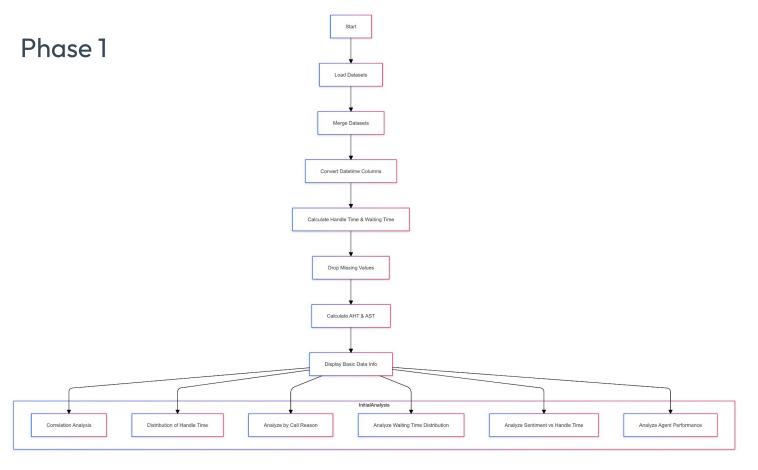




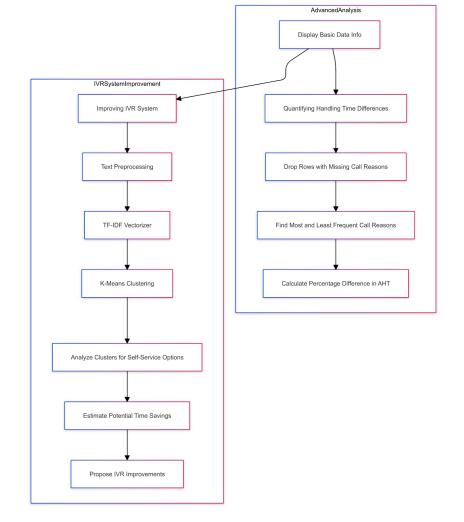
Methodology and techniques applied:



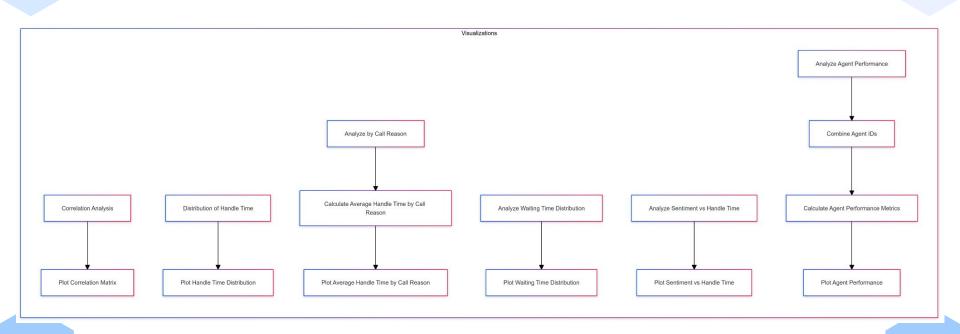
Methodology



Phase 2



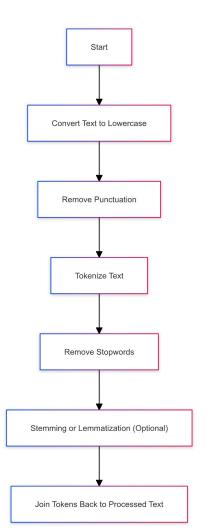
Phase 3



Techniques applied:

NLP- natural language processing Natural language processing (NLP) is a rapidly growing field that integrates computer science, artificial intelligence, and linguistics. It enables machines to interpret and generate meaningful human language, making it a crucial tool for extracting valuable insights and automating various processes in the increasing volume of text data generated daily.

Architecture →

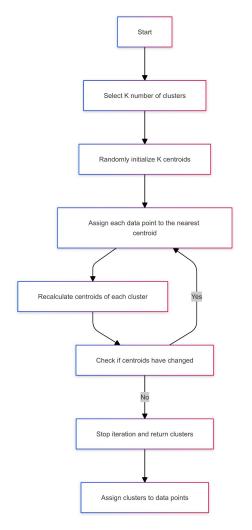


Techniques applied: cont.

2. K-means clustering

K-means clustering is an unsupervised machine learning algorithm that divides data into k clusters based on similarity. It assigns data points to the nearest centroid using Euclidean distance, recalculates them using the mean, and repeats until stabilization. It's useful for market segmentation and image reduction but requires prior knowledge.

Architecture →

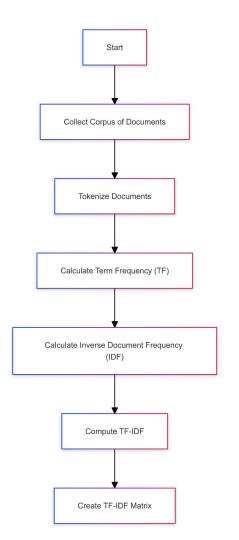


Techniques applied: cont.

3. TF-IDF

TF-IDF is a statistical metric that evaluates the relevance of a term in a text compared to its corpus. It consists of term frequency (TF) and inverse document frequency (IDF), with higher scores indicating more relevance for phrases common in one document.

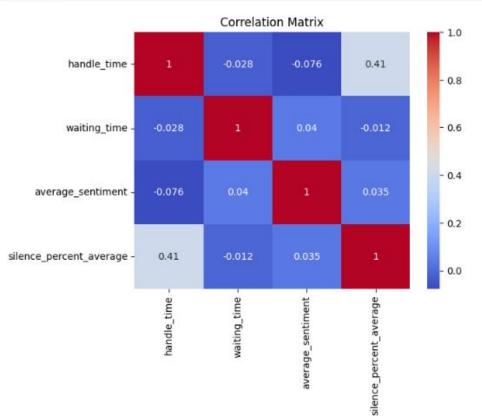
Architecture →



Identifying Key Drivers of AHT and AST

Objective: Identify factors contributing to high AHT and AST, such as call types, agent efficiency, customer sentiment, and peak call times

```
[ ] # Correlation analysis
    correlation = df[['handle_time', 'waiting_time', 'average_sentiment',
    'silence_percent_average']].corr()
    sns.heatmap(correlation, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm')
    plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
    plt.show()
```



(iii) Insights from the Correlation Matrix: Unveiling Hidden Connections

Insight Snapshot:

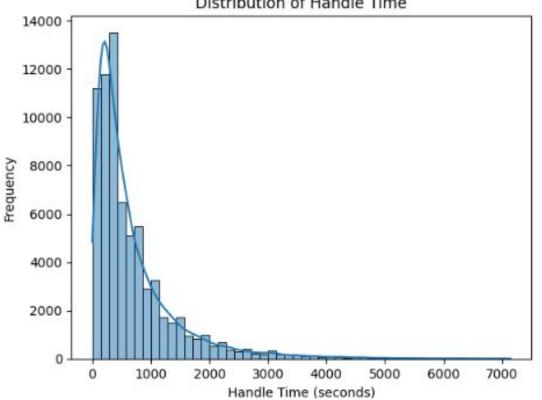
- Handle Time & Waiting Time: The Frustration Feedback Loop
 - \circ Positive Correlation: Longer wait times usually leads to longer call durations, indicating customer frustration and complex interactions. $\mathbb{Z} \mathbf{L}$
- Sentiment & Handle Time: The Emotional Equation
- Silence Duration & Handle Time: The Communication Gap
 - o Positive Correlation: Extended silences signify inefficient communication, prolonging handle times.
- Call Reason & Handle Time: The Complexity Connection
 - O High Correlation: Specific call reasons (e.g., "checkout" or "complaints") drive longer call durations, highlighting complex issues.



- Frustration Fuels Duration: Minimize wait times to reduce customer frustration and call lengths.
- **Emotions Extend Calls:** Addressing negative experiences efficiently to shorten handle times.
- Silence Isn't Golden: Better communication to reduce silences and handle times.
- Prioritize Problem Areas: Focus on high-correlation call reasons for operational improvements.

```
# Distribution of Handle Time
sns.histplot(df['handle_time'], bins=50, kde=True)
plt.title('Distribution of Handle Time')
plt.xlabel('Handle Time (seconds)')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.show()
```





Handle Time Distribution: The 0-1000 Seconds Sweet Spot

Insight Snapshot:

- **Peak Performance Range:** The histogram highlights a busy area of calls clustering between 0 and 1000 seconds, boasting a robust frequency of 10,000 to 14,000 calls.
 - What It Means: Majority of the calls are finished in the above time range, showing that they are efficiently handled in most of the scenarios.
- Room for Refinement: Despite the high frequency in this range, calls stretching beyond 1000 seconds wave red flags of potential inefficiencies.



🢡 Key Insights Gained 💪 :

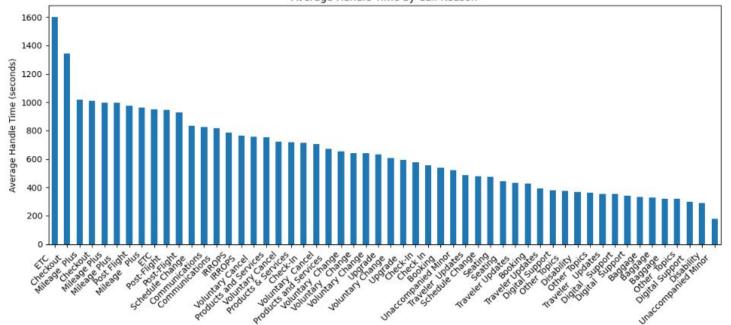
- **Standard Success, Although...:** The peak frequency in the 0-1000 seconds range hints at a generally low standard handle time, but the outliers hint at untapped efficiency reserves.
- Outlier Investigation: Calls exceeding 1000 seconds are the outliers demanding deeper analysis to uncover the root causes of their extended durations.

Strategic Recommendation:

- **Fine-Tune the Norm**: Continue optimizing processes within the 0-1000 seconds range to maintain efficiency.
- Zoom In on Outliers: Conduct a thorough analysis of calls surpassing 1000 seconds to identify and address underlying factors, paving the way for holistic improvement.

```
# Analyze by call reason
if 'primary_call_reason' in df.columns:
    reason_aht = df.groupby('primary_call_reason')['handle_time'].mean().sort_values(ascending=False)
    plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
    reason_aht.plot(kind='bar')
    plt.title('Average Handle Time by Call Reason')
    plt.xlabel('Call Reason')
    plt.ylabel('Call Reason')
    plt.ylabel('Average Handle Time (seconds)')
    plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
```





(L) Average Handle Time (AHT) vs. Call Reason: Unraveling the Impact

Insight Snapshot:

• Time-Consuming Titans:

- **ETC:** Clocking in at a hefty ~1600 seconds, these calls are the marathon runners of the call center world. 1/2
- **Checkout:** Not far behind, averaging ~1300 seconds, these calls also demand substantial agent time. **Solution**
- Why the Lag? These categories most probably deal with complex or sensitive issues, stretching agent efforts and highlighting areas where we can improve processes to reduce Average Handling Time (AHT).

Speedy Sprinter:

 Unaccompanied Minor: Zipping through at under 200 seconds, these calls are the literally the Usain Bolts of the call center, likely benefiting from well-defined, efficient processes.

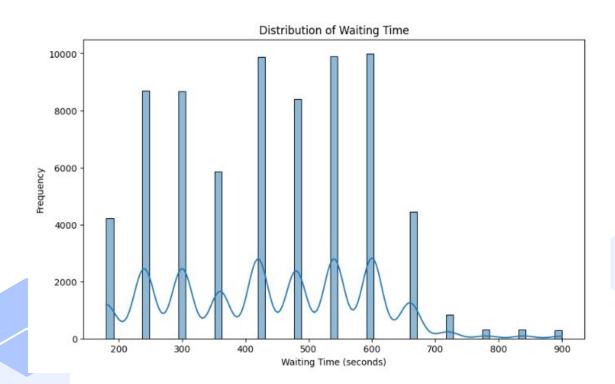
Actionable Insight Gained:

 Target the Time Guzzlers: Zero in on high-AHT categories like ETC and Checkout. By fortifying agent training and refining IVR routing, United Airlines can unlock substantial efficiency gains.

Strategic Recommendation:

- **Empower Agents**: Equip agents with specialized training to navigate the complexities of ETC and Checkout calls more swiftly.
- Optimize IVR: Fine-tune IVR systems to better route these calls, ensuring they reach the most adept agents faster.

```
# Analyze waiting time distribution
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.histplot(df['waiting_time'], kde=True)
plt.title('Distribution of Waiting Time')
plt.xlabel('Waiting Time (seconds)')
plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.show()
```





4. Histplot of Frequency vs Waiting Time:

® Waiting Time Insights: Balancing Speed and Satisfaction

Efficiency in Action: The majority of calls are promptly answered, showcasing our call center's ability to manage high-volume, time-sensitive inquiries effectively.

The Long Wait Dilemma: However, a significant portion of calls experience extended waiting times, which can escalate customer frustration and lead to longer call resolution times.

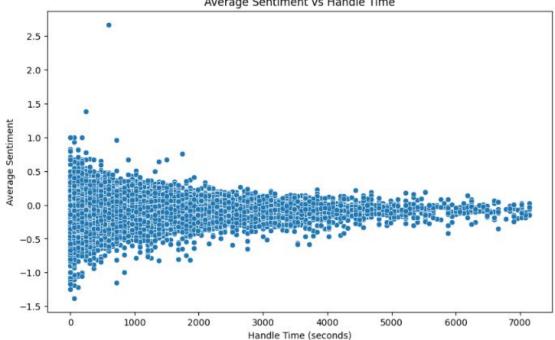
💡 Strategic Focus:

- Enhance Agent Availability: Increase the number of available agents during peak times to reduce wait times.
- Optimize Call Routing: Implement smarter call routing algorithms to ensure quicker connections.

By addressing these areas, we can significantly improve customer satisfaction and streamline call handling, ultimately lowering both Average Speed to Answer (AST) and Average Handle Time (AHT).

```
[ ] # Analyze sentiment vs handle time
     if 'average_sentiment' in df.columns:
         plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
         sns.scatterplot(x='handle_time', y='average_sentiment', data=df)
         plt.title('Average Sentiment vs Handle Time')
         plt.xlabel('Handle Time (seconds)')
         plt.ylabel('Average Sentiment')
         plt.show()
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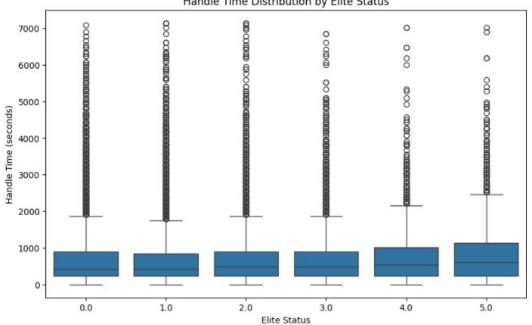




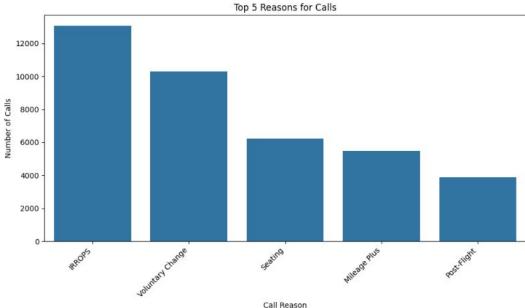
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# Since we have two agent ID features so we are
    # Creating a single agent ID by combining agent id x and agent id y
    df['agent id'] = df['agent id x'].combine first(df['agent id y'])
    # Now you can analyze performance based on the combined agent id
    if 'agent id' in df.columns:
        agent_performance = df.groupby('agent_id').agg({
            'handle time': 'mean',
            'average sentiment': 'mean',
            'silence percent average': 'mean'
        }).sort_values('handle_time', ascending=False)
        # Check if the DataFrame is not empty
        print(agent performance.head()) # Print first few rows to ensure data exists
        # Plot the data
        if not agent performance.empty:
            plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
            sns.scatterplot(x='handle time', v='average sentiment', size='silence percent average',
                            data=agent_performance, sizes=(20, 200))
            plt.title('Agent Performance: Handle Time vs Sentiment')
            plt.xlabel('Average Handle Time (seconds)')
            plt.ylabel('Average Sentiment')
            plt.show()
        else:
            print("No data available for plotting.")
    else:
        print("Column 'agent id' does not exist in the DataFrame.")
```

```
# Analyze impact of elite status on handle time
if 'elite_level_code' in df.columns:
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    sns.boxplot(x='elite_level_code', y='handle_time', data=df)
    plt.title('Handle Time Distribution by Elite Status')
    plt.xlabel('Elite Status')
    plt.ylabel('Handle Time (seconds)')
    plt.show()
```





```
# Additional analysis: Top 5 reasons for calls
if 'primary_call_reason' in df.columns:
    top_5_reasons = df['primary_call_reason'].value_counts().nlargest(5)
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    sns.barplot(x=top_5_reasons.index, y=top_5_reasons.values)
    plt.title('Top 5 Reasons for Calls')
    plt.xlabel('Call Reason')
    plt.ylabel('Number of Calls')
    plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
```



- 5. Call Reason vs Number of Calls (Top 5 Reasons):
- Call Volume Breakdown: Top 5 Hotspots
- Top Call Drivers:
- 1. Complaints 📢
- 2. Account Woes 🔐
- 3. Refund/Exchange Quests 🔁
- 4. Booking SOS 🛫
- 5. ETC (Miscellaneous) 🎯

Insight Flash:

- **Concentration Central:** These 5 categories hog the call limelight, signaling a tight cluster of customer pain points.
- **Red Flags:** Complaints and Account Issues topping the chart hint at critical CX gaps, potentially fueling dissatisfaction and stretching call durations.

Action Boost:

- **Streamline to Soar**: Fine-tune processes for these hot-button issues, especially Complaints, to turbocharge agent efficiency, slash AHT, and elevate overall customer joy! **

Conclusion:

Insights Unveiled:

- **Stress Spikes**: High correlations between wait time & handle time, and sentiment & silence duration, spotlight inefficiencies in high-stress scenarios. ■
- Handle Time Hurdles: Majority of calls clock in at 0-1000 seconds, but outliers demand a closer look for optimization.
- Process Pain Points: Calls tagged as ETC and Checkout drag out handle times, signaling ripe areas for process refinement.
- Wait Watch: Short waits are the norm, but lengthy delays stretch calls and tarnish customer joy.
- Top Troubles: Tackling the most common call reasons, particularly complaints and account issues, could unlock major performance gains.

Strategic Action Blueprint:

- Empower Agents: Deploy targeted training modules to arm agents with the skills to navigate high-stress calls seamlessly.
- Process Revolution: Overhaul and streamline processes for ETC and Checkout calls to eliminate bottlenecks and expedite resolutions.
- Focus on Frequents: Prioritize and optimize responses to top call reasons, particularly complaints and account issues, to drive substantial performance leaps.

Quantifying Handling Time Differences

Objective: Assess the percentage difference in AHT between the most frequent and least frequent call reasons to identify key drivers affecting handle time, especially during peak call volumes.

```
[ ] # Step 1: Drop rows where primary call reason is missing
    df cleaned = df.dropna(subset=['primary call reason'])
     # Step 2: Find the most and least frequent call reasons
     call reason counts = df cleaned['primary call reason'].value counts()
     most frequent reason = call reason counts.idxmax() # Most frequent
    least frequent reason = call reason counts.idxmin() # Least frequent
     # Step 3: Calculate average handling times for most and least frequent reasons
    most frequent avg handle time = df cleaned[df cleaned['primary call reason'] == most frequent reason]['handle time'].mean()
    least frequent avg handle time = df cleaned[df cleaned['primary call reason'] == least frequent reason]['handle time'].mean()
     # Step 4: Calculate the percentage difference
     percentage_difference = ((most_frequent_avg_handle_time - least_frequent_avg_handle_time) / least_frequent_avg_handle_time) * 100
     # Output the results
    print(f"Most frequent call reason: {most frequent reason}")
    print(f"Least frequent call reason: {least_frequent_reason}")
    print(f"Average handling time for most frequent: {most frequent avg handle time}")
     print(f"Average handling time for least frequent: {least frequent avg handle time}")
     print(f"Percentage difference: {percentage difference}%")
```

Most frequent call reason: IRROPS
Least frequent call reason: Unaccompanied Minor
Average handling time for most frequent: 785.4913073447193
Average handling time for least frequent: 180.0
Percentage difference: 336.38405963595517%

Call Reason Dynamics: From Frequent to Rare

- Insight Snapshot:
- Most Frequent Call Reason: IRROPS (Irregular Operations)
 - Average Handle Time: A hefty 785.49 seconds
- Least Frequent Call Reason: Unaccompanied Minor
- Average Handle Time: A swift 180.0 seconds 🕒 🚀
- **Percentage Difference:** The handle time for IRROPS is a staggering **336.38%** higher than for Unaccompanied Minor calls.



- **Time-Consuming Tug-of-War:** The vast percentage difference underscores that managing IRROPS calls is significantly more time-intensive compared to the relatively straightforward Unaccompanied Minor calls. $\frac{1}{2}$ vs. $\frac{1}{4}$

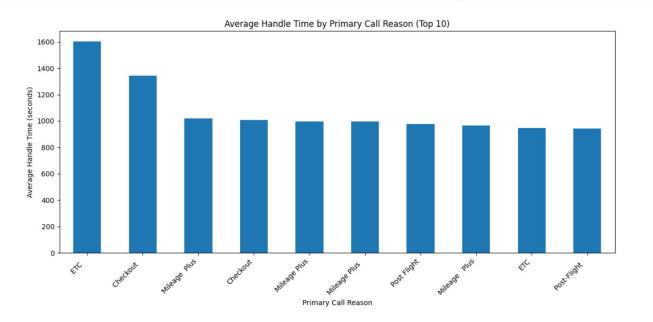
Strategic Recommendation:

- **Streamline IRROPS Handling**: Given the substantial time drain, prioritize process optimizations and specialized training for IRROPS to enhance efficiency.
- Leverage Efficiency in Unaccompanied Minor Calls:** Continue to capitalize on the efficient handling of Unaccompanied Minor calls, possibly using them as a benchmark for other call types.

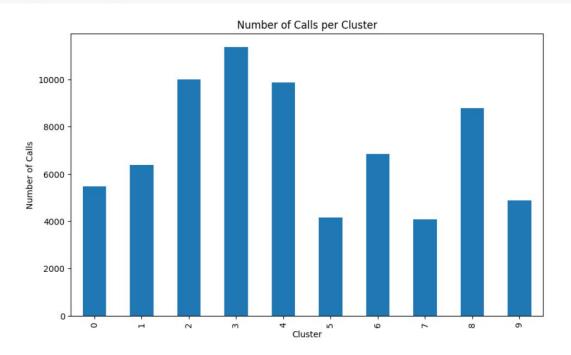
Improving IVR System to Reduce Agent Escalations

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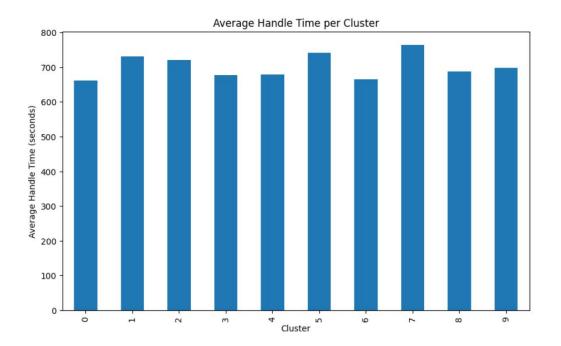
```
# Analyze relationship between call reasons and handle time
reason_handle_time = df.groupby('primary_call_reason')['handle_time'].mean().sort_values(ascending=False)
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
reason_handle_time.head(10).plot(kind='bar')
plt.title('Average Handle Time by Primary Call Reason (Top 10)')
plt.xlabel('Primary Call Reason')
plt.ylabel('Average Handle Time (seconds)')
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



```
[ ] # Visualize cluster sizes
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    df['cluster'].value_counts().sort_index().plot(kind='bar')
    plt.title('Number of Calls per Cluster')
    plt.xlabel('Cluster')
    plt.ylabel('Number of Calls')
    plt.show()
```



```
[ ] # Visualize average handle time per cluster
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
    df.groupby('cluster')['handle_time'].mean().plot(kind='bar')
    plt.title('Average Handle Time per Cluster')
    plt.xlabel('Cluster')
    plt.ylabel('Average Handle Time (seconds)')
    plt.show()
```





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Word Cloud from transcript of calls



Inference from Word Cloud

Primary Call Drivers:

Flight Changes dominate the discussions, followed by Flight Confirmations and Timing Adjustments.

This indicates that customers frequently seek assistance for these specific issues.

Word Clouds for Granular Insights could be utilized for obtaining solutions for

Deliverable 2 (as given):

Analyzing Transcripts & Call Reasons:

Word Clouds can help visualize recurring keywords in call transcripts, highlighting granular reasons behind frequent customer inquiries.

X Identifying Self-Service Opportunities:
 By mapping these keywords to specific recurring problems, we can identify areas suitable for self-service options in the IVR system.

For example, frequent mentions of "change flight" or "cancel booking" could be automated in the IVR, reducing customer wait times and agent workload.

Through NLP and Clustering:

Specifying the technical approaches we have used to achieve our goal of enhancing IVR systems

```
def preprocess text(text):
    text = str(text).lower()
    text = re.sub(r'[^{\w}]', '', text)
    stop words = set(stopwords.words('english'))
    words = text.split()
    return ' '.join([word for word in words if word not in stop words])
# Apply preprocessing to call transcripts
df['processed transcript'] = df['call transcript'].apply(preprocess text)
# Use TF-IDF to extract features from transcripts
vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(max features=1000)
tfidf matrix = vectorizer.fit transform(df['processed transcript'])
# Cluster transcripts to identify common themes
n clusters = 10
kmeans = KMeans(n clusters=n clusters, random state=42)
df['cluster'] = kmeans.fit predict(tfidf matrix)
# Analyze clusters to identify common themes and potential self-solvable issues
cluster themes = {}
potential self service options = {}
```

```
for cluster in range(n clusters):
    cluster transcripts = df[df['cluster'] == cluster]['processed transcript']
    cluster words = ' '.join(cluster transcripts).split()
   word freq = Counter(cluster words)
   top words = word freq.most common(10)
    cluster_themes[cluster] = [word for word, _ in top_words]
   print(f"Cluster {cluster} top words:")
   print(', '.join([word for word, in top words]))
   # Analyze call reasons within the cluster
    cluster reasons = df[df['cluster'] == cluster]['primary call reason'].value counts()
    print("Top call reasons for this cluster:")
    print(cluster reasons.head())
   # Identify potential self-service options based on top words and call reasons
    potential options = []
   for word, in top words:
        if any(word in reason.lower() for reason in cluster reasons.index):
            potential options.append(word)
    potential self service options[cluster] = potential options
    print("Potential self-service options for this cluster:")
    print(', '.join(potential options))
   print("\n")
```

```
# Analyze handle time for potential self-service options
for cluster, options in potential self service options.items():
    for option in options:
        option calls = df[(df['cluster'] == cluster) & (df['primary call reason'].str.contains(option, case=False, na=False))]
        if not option_calls.empty:
           avg_handle_time = option_calls['handle_time'].mean()
            print(f"Cluster {cluster}, Option '{option}' average handle time: {avg handle time:.2f} seconds")
# Estimate potential time savings
total calls = len(df)
potential self service calls = sum(len(df['cluster'] == cluster) & (df['primary call reason'].str.contains('|'.join(options), case=False, na=False))])
                                   for cluster, options in potential_self_service_options.items())
potential time saved = sum(df[(df['cluster'] == cluster) & (df['primary call reason'].str.contains('|'.join(options), case=False, na=False))]['handle time'].sum()
                           for cluster, options in potential self service options.items())
print(f"\nPotential self-service calls: {potential self service calls} ({potential self service calls/total calls*100:.2f}% of total calls)")
print(f"Potential time saved: {potential time saved/3600:.2f} hours")
print("\nProposed IVR Improvements:")
for cluster, options in potential self service options.items():
   for option in options:
        print(f"1. Add a self-service option for '{option}' related inquiries")
print("2. Implement a natural language processing system to better understand customer intents")
print("3. Create a feedback loop to continuously improve IVR options based on customer interactions")
print("4. Integrate the IVR system with relevant databases for up-to-date information")
print("5. Offer callback options for complex issues that cannot be resolved through self-service")
```

🌟 Summary of Potential Time Savings 🌟

- o Potential Self-Service Calls: 11,561 calls (16.10% of total calls)
- o Z Potential Time Saved: 2,387.30 hours

By implementing the proposed self-service options, we could easily and efficiently manage approximately 16.10% of total calls, leading to significant time savings and enhanced operational efficiency!

UR Improvement Suggestions

- 1. Self-Service for Flight & Change: Enable self-service for common 'flight' and 'change' inquiries to manage requests efficiently.
- 2. im Enhanced NLP: Improve intent recognition for better call routing.
- 3. Feedback Loop: Continuously refine IVR options based on user feedback.
- 4. The Database Access: Provide up-to-date flight information seamlessly and regularly.
- 5. Callback Feature: Introduce a callback feature for unresolved complex issues instead of holding the customer on call.

Cluster analysis

Cluster	Top Words	Top Call Reasons	Potential Self Service Options	Average Handle Time (seconds)
Cluster 0	flight, agent, customer, change, let, friday, help, would, need, im	- IRROPS: 1,205 - Voluntary Change: 839 - Seating: 517 - Mileage Plus: 361 - Communications: 299	flight, change	- flight: 882.73 - change: 594.43
Cluster 1	customer, agent, flight, im, let, united, delay, thank, like, help	- IRROPS: 1,312 - Voluntary Change: 827 - Seating: 541 - Mileage Plus: 432 - Communications: 339	flight	- flight: 1,089.13

Cluster 2	agent, customer, flight, change, let, fee, would, help, im, thank	- IRROPS: 1,970 - Voluntary Change: 1,375 - Seating: 836 - Mileage Plus: 763 - Communications: 572	flight, change	- flight: 960.20 - change: 648.66
Cluster 3 flight, agent, customer, get, let, im, like, united, thank, today		- IRROPS: 2,110 - Voluntary Change: 1,717 - Seating: 1,013 - Mileage Plus: 826 - Post-Flight: 629	flight	- flight: 876.24
Cluster 4	flight, agent, customer, change, let, would, help, like, im, day	- IRROPS: 1,605 - Voluntary Change: 1,358 - Seating: 851 - Mileage Plus:759 - Post-Flight: 543	flight, change	- flight: 932.51 - change: 607.29

	Cluster 5	flight, agent, customer, change, return, let, date, help, would, im	- Voluntary Change: 654 - IRROPS: 564 - Mileage Plus: 410 - Seating: 313 - Post-Flight: 229	flight, change, date	- flight: 992.02 - change: 635.64 - date: 429.77
	Cluster 6	agent, flight, customer, let, help, check, im, time, next, like	- Voluntary Change: 1,140 - IRROPS: 1,005 - Seating: 655 - Mileage Plus: 530 - Communications: 338	flight, check	- flight: 904.45 - check: 754.84
	Cluster 7	customer, flight, agent, im, united, let, experience, thank, like, help	- IRROPS: 812 - Voluntary Change: 547 - Seating: 355 - Mileage Plus: 321 - Post-Flight: 224	flight	- flight: 1,015.08

Cluster 8	flight, agent, customer, let, im, like, get, help, would, change	- IRROPS: 1,498 - Voluntary Change: 1,148 - Mileage Plus: 719 - Seating: 700 - Post-Flight: 572	flight, change	- flight: 902.38 - change: 629.20
Cluster 9	flight, agent, customer, change, monday, let, would, help, im, work	- IRROPS: 976 - Voluntary Change: 686 - Seating: 442 - Mileage Plus: 366 - Communications: 254	flight, change	- flight: 842.42 - change: 630.70

📊 Explanation of Table Columns 📊

1. Potential Self-Service Options

- Flight: Options for self-service related to flight inquiries.
- Change: Self-service options for modifying bookings.

- Flight: 842.42 seconds
- o Change: 630.70 seconds
- This reflects the average time agents spend handling calls for each potential self-service option within the cluster.

3. Top Words

 The most frequently occurring words in the call transcripts for each cluster, highlighting common themes and topics that arise during calls.

Unveiling Common Themes and Self-Service Opportunities 📈

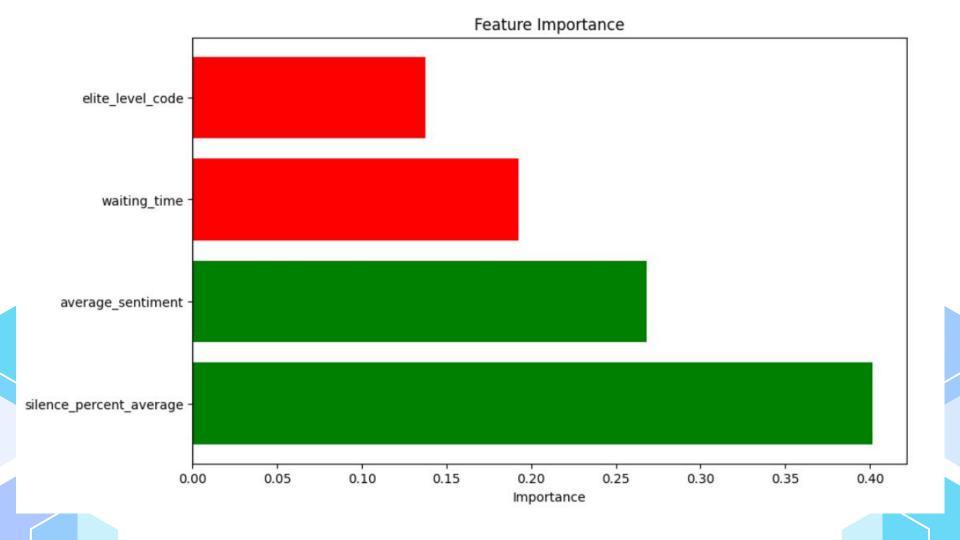
Cluster: in Unique identifiers for 10 distinct clusters, revealing patterns in call transcripts



- a. Key call categories within clusters, such as:
 - i. IRROPS (Irregular Operations) 💥 🛝
 - ii. Voluntary Change 🔄 📝
 - iii. Seating Issues 💺 🗶
 - iv. Mileage Plus Inquiries 🛫 💳
 - v. Communications 📡 💬
 - vi. Post-Flight Concerns 🛬 😕
 - vii. Return and Date Changes 77 🔀
 - viii. Check-in Processes 🛄 🗸

Average Handle Time (Seconds) (iii)

- a. Insight: Average duration agents spend on calls for each potential self-service topic.
- b. **Impact:** Introducing self-service here can significantly cut down handle times, boosting efficiency. \checkmark



© Overview of Predictive Modeling (Optional Task)

Objective@:

Develop a predictive model to forecast the primary call reason for incoming calls.

Purpose **\(\cdot\)**:

Enable the call center to proactively manage resources, allocate agents more effectively, and enhance customer satisfaction by anticipating their needs.

📊 Data Preparation & Challenges 🎇

Data Gathering:

- Training Data: Merged multiple datasets (calls.csv, customers.csv, sentiment_statistics.csv, reason.csv) to create a comprehensive dataset with features and target labels.
- Test Data: test.csv initially only had call_id.

Challenge:

Nissing Features in Test Data

- **Issue**: test.csv lacked crucial features like call_transcript, essential for prediction.
- Solution:
 - Data Merging: Combined test.csv with calls.csv on call_id to get call_transcript.
 - Missing Values Handling:
 - Training Data: Dropped or filled missing values in processed_transcript and primary_call_reason.
 - Test Data: Filled missing call_transcript entries with empty strings to allow processing.

```
# Load datasets
calls = pd.read_csv('calls.csv')
customers = pd.read_csv('customers.csv')
sentiment = pd.read_csv('sentiment_statistics.csv')
reason = pd.read csv('reason.csv')
# Merge datasets for training
df = (
    calls.merge(customers, on='customer_id', how='left')
         .merge(sentiment, on='call_id', how='left')
         .merge(reason, on='call_id', how='left')
```

Modeling Approach

Text Preprocessing:

- Converted transcripts to lowercase, removed punctuation, and eliminated stopwords.
- Result: A clean processed_transcript ready for feature extraction.

Feature Extraction:

- Utilized TF-IDF Vectorization to convert text data into numerical features.
- \circ Captured the importance of words in the context of call transcripts. $\overrightarrow{y} \longrightarrow \overrightarrow{\parallel}$

Model Selection:

• Y Chose Logistic Regression for its effectiveness in multi-class classification and interpretability.

Training & Validation:

- Split the data into training and validation sets (80/20 split).
- Trained the model on the training data and evaluated performance on the validation set.



Prediction:

- Transformed test data using the same TF-IDF vectorizer.
- Predicted the primary_call_reason for each call in the test set.

```
# Define the preprocessing function
def preprocess text(text):
    text = str(text).lower()
    text = re.sub(r'[^\w\s]', '', text)
    stop words = set(stopwords.words('english'))
    words = text.split()
    return ' '.join([word for word in words if word not in stop words])
# Preprocess the call transcripts
df['processed transcript'] = df['call transcript'].apply(preprocess text)
# Checking for NaNs in training data
print("Number of NaNs in each feature (training data):")
print(df[['processed transcript', 'primary call reason']].isnull().sum())
# # Checking for NaNs in test data
# print("\nNumber of NaNs in 'processed transcript' (test data):")
# print(test df['processed transcript'].isnull().sum())
# Drop rows with NaNs in 'processed transcript' or 'primary call reason'
df = df.dropna(subset=['processed_transcript', 'primary_call_reason'])
# Feature Extraction
vectorizer = TfidfVectorizer(stop words='english', max features=5000)
X = vectorizer.fit transform(df['processed transcript'])
y = df['primary call reason']
# Train-Test Split
X train, X val, y train, y val = train test split(X, y, test size=0.2, random state=42)
# Model Training
model = LogisticRegression(max iter=1000)
model.fit(X train, v train)
```

```
# Save the model and vectorizer
with open('model.pkl', 'wb') as f:
    pickle.dump(model, f)
with open('vectorizer.pkl', 'wb') as f:
    pickle.dump(vectorizer, f)
# **Prediction Steps**
# Load test data
test df = pd.read csv('test.csv') # Contains only 'call id'
# Merge with 'calls.csv' to get 'call transcript'
test df = test df.merge(calls[['call id', 'call transcript']], on='call id', how='left')
# Check for missing transcripts and handle them
missing transcripts = test df['call transcript'].isnull().sum()
print(f"Missing call transcripts: {missing transcripts}")
test df.dropna(subset=['call transcript'], inplace=True)
# Preprocess the call transcripts
test df['processed transcript'] = test df['call transcript'].applv(preprocess text)
# Load the model and vectorizer
with open('model.pkl', 'rb') as f:
    model = pickle.load(f)
with open('vectorizer.pkl', 'rb') as f:
    vectorizer = pickle.load(f)
# Transform the test data
X new = vectorizer.transform(test df['processed transcript'])
# Make predictions
predictions = model.predict(X new)
test df['primary call reason'] = predictions
```

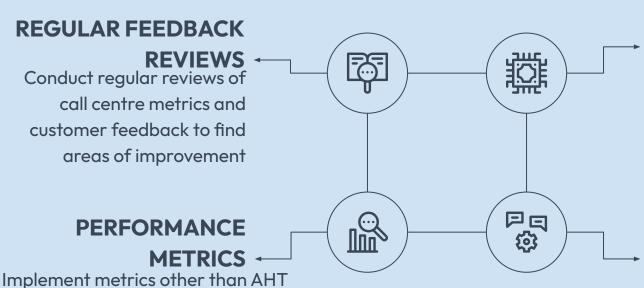


Enhanced Allocation: Resource 🗱 By predicting call reasons, the call center can allocate agents with specific expertise to inquiries. handle anticipated 🔀 Enables scheduling adjustments to meet predicted demand for certain call types. 📆 **Proactive** Customer Service: Preemptive Issue Resolution: Address common issues before they escalate by preparing solutions advance. Personalized IVR Routing: Tailor the IVR menu based on predicted call reasons to guide customers more efficiently. Efficiency: **Operational Improved** (1) **Reduced AHT and AST:** Anticipating call reasons helps in reducing average handle

time and speed to answer by connecting customers to the right resources promptly.

Workload Management: Balances agent workload by forecasting call volumes for specific issues.

Recommendations for better performance



& AST to evaluate agent

resolution rate

performance like customer

satisfaction scores and first call

PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS

To forecast call volumes based on historical data, helping with staffing decisions and managing peak times.

Linguistics

- Taking care of the region and language of different regionsIgnoring useless and
- Ignoring useless and lengthy greeting sentences during conversation

Thank You!

