Leverage predictive analysis to revolutionize ticket reprocessing

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Transform CX in ticket reprocessing

In today's dynamic business landscape, efficient incident management is critical for maintaining operational continuity and delivering seamless customer experiences. Across various industries, organizations encounter a multitude of incidents and service requests that demand swift resolution to mitigate disruptions and uphold service level agreements (SLAs). However, the process of ticket reprocessing, particularly in the context of resolving incidents, often presents formidable challenges that impede timely resolution, and strains organizational resources. Recognizing the significance of addressing these challenges, this document explores the transformative potential of leveraging machine learning   solutions for predictive analysis in ticket reprocessing.

The challenges of ticket reprocessing

InTicket reprocessing encompasses the end-to-end workflow involved in addressing incidents and service requests logged by customers, employees and automated systems. From the initial ticket creation to resolution and closure, this process goes through various stages that involve diverse stakeholders and intricate decision-making. While it is a critical activity, ticket reprocessing often encounters roadblocks, hindering its efficiency and efficacy.

The primary challenge in ticket reprocessing is the prolonged closure time for incidents, which adversely impacts business operations and customer satisfaction. As incidents remain unresolved, organizations face heightened risks of operational disruptions, revenue loss and reputational damage. The urgency to resolve incidents varies. Critical incidents that are classified as priority 2 (P2) require urgent attention to prevent severe business repercussions. Failure to address P2 incidents within stipulated time can result in SLA breaches, aggravating the consequences of service disruptions.

Moreover, the integration of incidents with Oracle Integration Cloud (OIC) poses additional complexities, often prolonging reprocessing timelines beyond acceptable limits. Despite technological advancements, manual intervention remains prevalent throughout the ticket closure process, leading to inefficiencies, errors and delays. Furthermore, the prioritization of reprocessing tasks by L1.5 teams, based on their work schedules, makes it even more challenging for timely incident resolution—as critical incidents may not receive the requisite attention in a prompt manner. The L1.5 support engineer is responsible for providing quick response support for issues that can be resolved by the level 1 team, but require additional expertise.

- **Current OIC job reprocessing without machine learning automation**

  Challenges of OIC job reprocessing in the current scenario

  - Longer duration for ticket closure
  - Business requirement for faster resolution of reprocessing incidents
  - Need to close P2 tickets within eight hours.
  - Potential SLA breach for critical P2 tickets
  - OIC integration reprocessing requires more than one business day to complete
  - Involvement of different stakeholders in ticket closure
  - Manual intervention at every stage for ticket closure
  - Prioritization of reprocessing by L1.5 team as per their work schedule
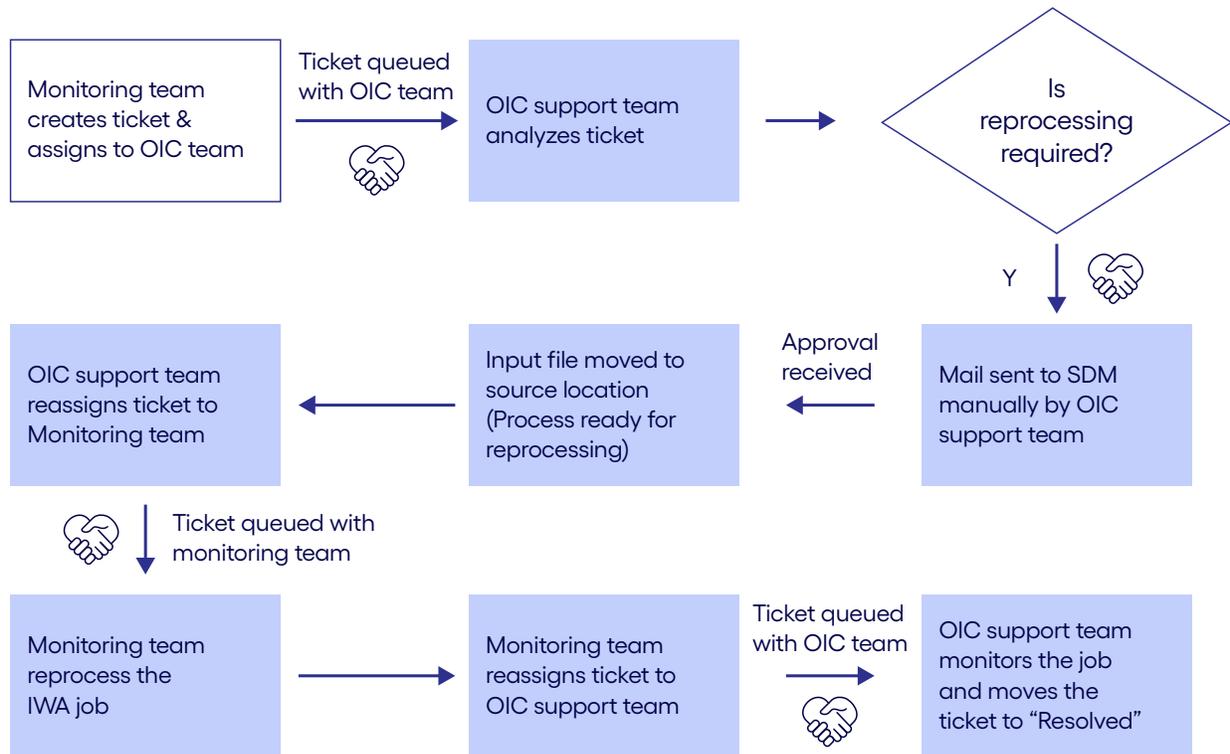
The above diagram provides a high-level view of data flow without machine learning automation.

The imperative for machine learning -powered predictive analysis

In addressing the multifaceted challenges of ticket reprocessing, organizations are increasingly turning to machine learning technologies—to drive predictive analysis and enhance operational efficiency. Machine learning encompasses a spectrum of computational techniques that enable systems to learn from data, recognize patterns and make informed predictions or decisions autonomously. By harnessing the power of machine learning, organizations can unlock valuable insights from historical incident data, anticipate future trends and optimize resource allocation to expedite ticket resolution.

Predictive analysis, a core component of machine learning, empowers organizations to forecast ticket closure duration with greater accuracy, enabling proactive intervention to prevent SLA breaches and minimize operational disruptions. By analyzing historical incident data, machine learning models can discern patterns, correlations and dependencies, enabling organizations to prioritize reprocessing tasks based on their criticality and complexity. Consequently, organizations can allocate resources judiciously, channeling efforts toward resolving high-priority incidents promptly while optimizing the utilization of available resources.

The integration of machine learning-powered predictive analysis with existing ticketing systems and OIC infrastructure also holds immense promise in streamlining reprocessing workflows and expediting incident resolution. Through seamless integration, machine learning models can ingest real-time incident data, analyze it in context with historical trends and generate actionable insights to guide decision-making. This integration facilitates automate decision-making, reducing reliance on manual intervention and accelerating the pace of ticket closure.

The proposed machine learning solution: A blueprint for transformation

Building upon the foundational principles of machine learning and predictive analysis, the proposed solution outlines a comprehensive framework for optimizing ticket reprocessing through automation and intelligence. At its core, the solution leverages advanced machine learning algorithms to analyze historical incident data, identifies recurring patterns and develops predictive models for estimating ticket closure duration. These predictive models are trained on diverse datasets that encompass a spectrum of incident types, priorities and resolution outcomes, ensuring robustness and accuracy in forecasting.

The proposed solution also integrates seamlessly with existing ticketing systems and OIC infrastructure, facilitating bidirectional data flow and real-time synchronization of incident data. Through API-based integration, incident updates, status changes and resolution actions are communicated seamlessly between the machine learning system and the underlying ticketing ecosystem, ensuring data consistency and operational continuity. Additionally, the solution features an intuitive user interface, empowering stakeholders to interact with the machine learning system effortlessly and leverage predictive insights to prioritize and expedite ticket resolution.

Embracing innovation in ticket reprocessing

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- **The road ahead**

  The machine learning-based solution enables

  - Leveraging the predictive model created by analyzing historical ticket data.
  - Automatically retrieving new tickets from the ticketing system.
  - Identifying reprocessing incidents based on similar incident resolution outcome.
  - Updating incremental data for better accuracy on prediction.
  - Automating the workflow to reduce the turnaround time for manual approvals.
  - Orchestrating using OIC.
  - Triggering reprocessing jobs automatically, leveraging enterprise scheduler APIs. In this case, IBM Workload Automation (IWA) APIs have been leveraged.

- **Current OIC job reprocessing with machine learning automation**

  Key highlights

  - Reduced handshaking between monitoring team and OIC support team
  - Allows complete automation from ticket creation to ticket resolution
  - Less prone to errors
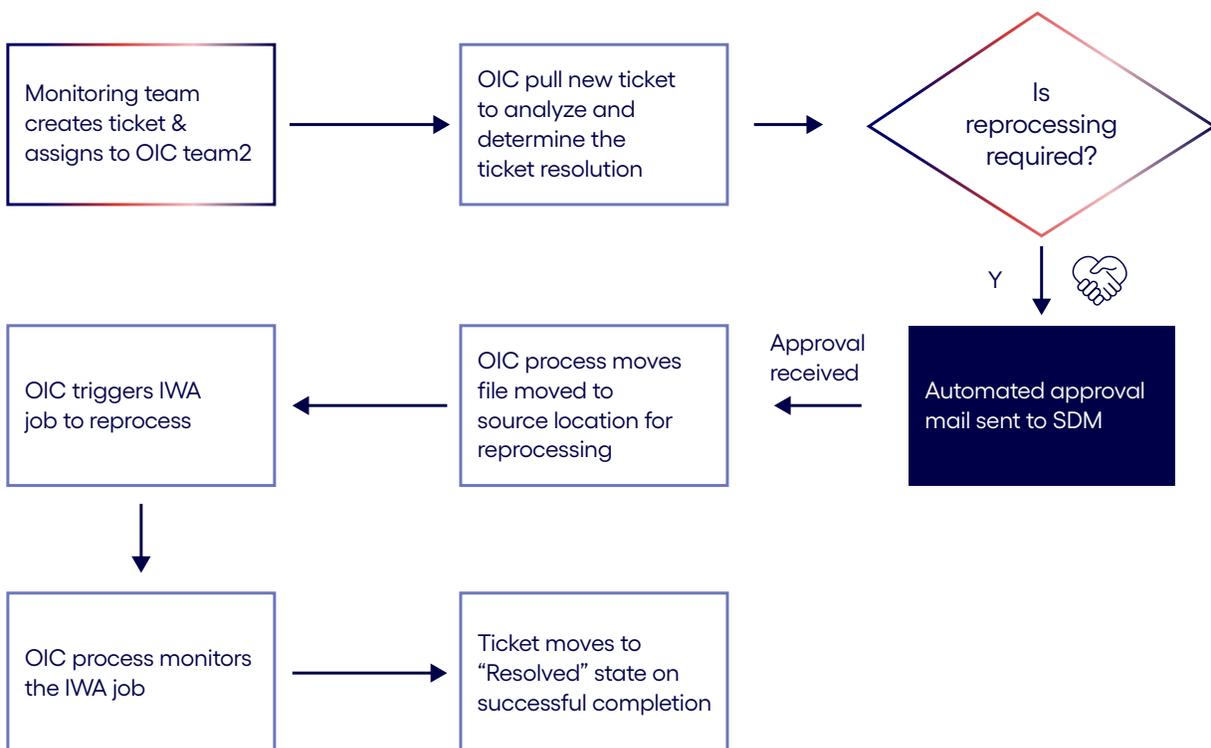
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Realize the full potential of machine learning-powered predictive analysis

The solution enables reduction of time for incidents closure—by automating and eliminating handshaking across multiple teams. It enhances user experience due to reduced turnaround time for ticket resolution. The automated solution also provides faster turnaround for integrations, leading to lower financial and cascading impact on critical end-of-period activities.

The convergence of machine learning technologies and predictive analysis offers a transformative opportunity for organizations to reimagine and revolutionize ticket reprocessing. By harnessing the power of data-driven insights and automation, organizations can transcend traditional limitations, enhance operational agility and deliver superior customer experiences. However, to realize the full potential of machine learning-powered predictive analysis, companies should work toward technological investments, organizational alignment and cultural adaptation.

As organizations embark on this journey of digital transformation, embracing innovation and leveraging machine learning technologies will be instrumental in overcoming the challenges of ticket reprocessing and unlocking new avenues of operational excellence. Through collaborative partnerships, continuous learning and commitment toward innovations, organizations can navigate the complexities of incident management—with confidence, resilience and agility, driving sustainable growth and differentiation in an increasingly competitive landscape.

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