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CASE STUDY

Optimizing Healthcare Fax Processing for a SaaS Provider

Revolutionizing Data Processing for a Healthcare SaaS Provider

Client's Problem Statement

Our client is a Revenue Cycle Management (RCM) SaaS provider specializing in streamlining financial and administrative processes for healthcare organizations. One of their primary services involves processing incoming faxes containing critical patient and billing information. When reviewing the data provided by the client, this scope of this project posed several challenges:

- **Data Complexity:** The faxes contained intricate medical and billing information, often handwritten and filled with industry-specific jargon. Training the staff to accurately interpret this data was difficult.
- **Volume:** Thousands of faxes were received daily, creating a massive workload that needed to be processed quickly to maintain operational efficiency.
- **Unstructured Format:** The faxes varied widely in structure and format, making consistent data interpretation challenging for both humans and automated systems.
- **Long Tail of Values:** The wide variety of data types and handwriting styles made it nearly impossible to hard-code solutions, further complicating the extraction process.

The manual nature of processing these faxes led to high labor costs, delays, and a higher risk of errors, ultimately affecting the client's billing cycles and customer satisfaction.

42robotsAI Approach to Solving the Problem

To address these challenges, we developed a custom AI-powered solution designed to automate the extraction of key information from the faxes, significantly reducing human intervention. Our approach combined traditional coding with advanced AI models to handle the variability in the data:

- **Hybrid AI-Driven Approach:** We built a system that used classic non-AI code to manage straightforward data extraction and integrated large language models (LLMs) to interpret handwritten and unstructured text.
- **Iterative Validation Process:** The system automatically validated outputs, refining the results in the event if errors were detected. This iterative loop ensured high accuracy before final review by human workers.
- **Targeted AI Use:** Multiple AI models were deployed strategically for specific tasks like handwriting recognition and interpreting unstructured text, rather than relying solely on AI for the entire process.

This balanced solution allowed us to automate a significant portion of the workload while maintaining accuracy and compliance.

Solution Rollout and Development

The solution was developed through close collaboration with the client's team:

- **Data Analysis:** We analyzed sample faxes and worked closely with the client to understand their processes and data extraction requirements.
- **Iterative Development:** We continuously refined the system based on client feedback, addressing challenges such as data variability and ambiguous handwriting.
- **High-Level Automation:** After just three weeks of development, we successfully automated 80% of the faxes, extracting 100% of the required data for these documents. This was a substantial improvement over the previous manual process, and we are confident that automation will reach over 90% as the system evolves.

The hybrid approach, combining AI and traditional coding, ensured that we maintained cost-efficiency, reliability, and scalability, offering a solution that adapted to the complexities of the data.

Outcome and Lessons Learned

The solution provided immediate and impactful results:

- **Increased Automation:** Automating 80% of the data extraction reduced human labor, processing times, and errors. This accelerated the client's billing cycles, improving cash flow for their customers.
- **Cost Reduction:** By significantly reducing the reliance on manual labor, the client achieved substantial cost savings.
- **Improved Accuracy:** The hybrid approach led to fewer errors, ensuring compliance with industry standards and boosting customer satisfaction.
- **Competitive Edge:** The speed and reliability improvements gave the client a distinct advantage over competitors in the healthcare space.

Key Insights and Takeaways:

This project reinforced the value of a hybrid AI approach. Fully relying on AI for complex, unstructured data extraction is inefficient and prone to failure. By integrating AI only where it was most effective, alongside traditional deterministic code, we built a more robust and reliable system. Future expansions will further automate the process and apply similar solutions to other areas where the client processes unstructured healthcare data.

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