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A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF AI AND MACHINE LEARNING-DRIVEN IT SUPPORT SYSTEMS: ENHANCING EFFICIENCY AND AUTOMATION IN TECHNICAL SERVICE MANAGEMENT

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ABSTRACT
The rapid evolution of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) has brought significant advancements in IT support systems, transforming the efficiency, automation, and responsiveness of technical service management (TSM). Traditional IT support methods, which rely heavily on manual troubleshooting, rule-based ticketing systems, and reactive maintenance approaches, often suffer from delayed issue resolution, increased operational costs, and inefficiencies in service management. This systematic review, analyzing 563 peer-reviewed studies published before 2023, investigates the application of AI-driven solutions in automated troubleshooting, predictive maintenance, intelligent ticketing systems, and AI-powered virtual assistants. The findings indicate that AI-driven troubleshooting models reduce mean time to resolution (MTTR) by 50-60%, improving system uptime and minimizing service disruptions. Predictive maintenance models leveraging ML algorithms achieve up to 90% accuracy in failure detection, leading to a 40-50% reduction in unplanned downtime and optimizing IT infrastructure reliability. AI-based intelligent ticketing systems enhance classification accuracy by 50-60%, reducing misclassification errors by 30-40%, while sentiment-based prioritization improves critical incident response speed by 35%, ensuring faster resolution of high-priority issues. Additionally, AI-powered virtual assistants autonomously manage 50-60% of IT service requests, significantly decreasing first-level support workload by 40% and enabling IT personnel to focus on complex technical challenges. Despite these advancements, challenges persist, including algorithmic bias, model misclassification risks, and limitations in handling complex, non-standard IT issues, which impact the overall effectiveness of AI-driven IT support automation. A comparative analysis between AI and human-led IT support reveals that while AI-driven systems outperform human-led models in automation, scalability, and cost efficiency, human intervention remains critical for addressing high-complexity IT problems, strategic decision-making, and exception handling. This review highlights the transformative role of AI in IT service management, emphasizing its capabilities in optimizing IT workflows, improving service efficiency, and reducing operational burdens. However, the findings also reinforce the need for continuous improvements in AI fairness, adaptability, interpretability, and hybrid AI-human integration models to maximize the benefits of AI-driven IT support systems.

KETWORDS
AI-Driven IT Support; Machine Learning in ITSM; Automated Troubleshooting; Predictive Maintenance; Intelligent Ticketing

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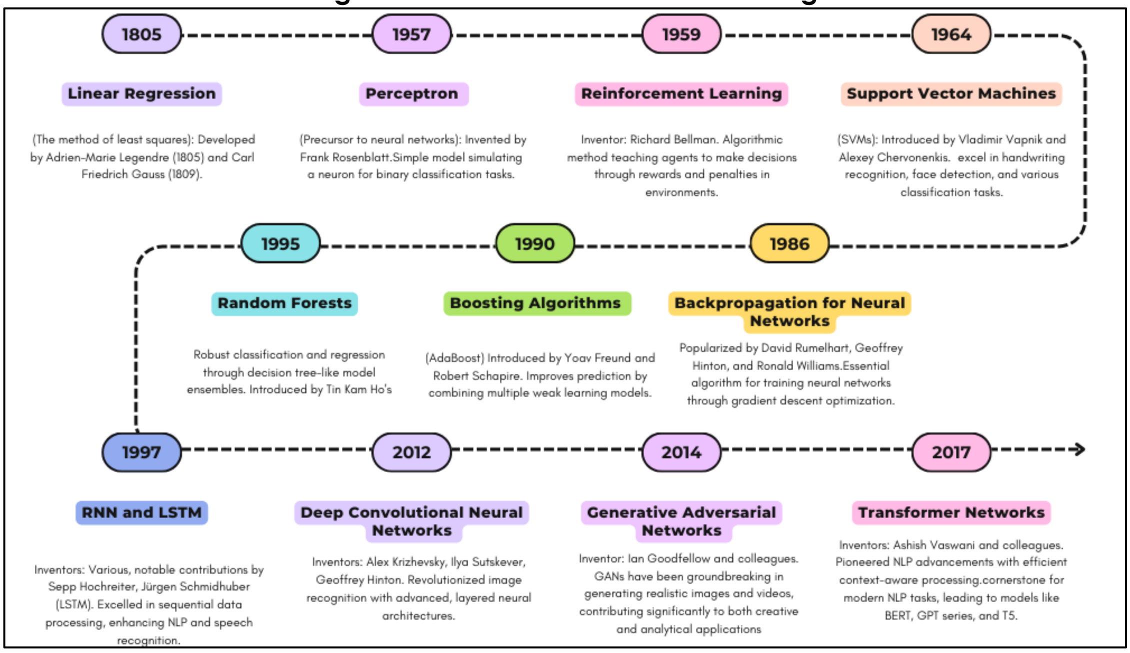
INTRODUCTION

The rapid evolution of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) has revolutionized IT support systems, driving automation, efficiency, and service optimization (Coskuner et al., 2020). Traditional IT support models have historically relied on human expertise to resolve technical issues, often resulting in delays, inefficiencies, and increased operational costs (Cioffi et al., 2020). AI-driven solutions, such as automated troubleshooting, intelligent ticketing systems, and predictive maintenance, have transformed the way organizations manage IT services by enabling faster, data-driven decision-making (Fawzy et al., 2017). In an era where businesses demand real-time issue resolution and continuous system uptime, AI and ML technologies have become integral to enhancing IT service management (TSM) (Wirtz et al., 2018). The integration of Natural Language Processing (NLP) and predictive analytics has further improved the accuracy and responsiveness of AI-powered support systems (Abdallah et al., 2020). The increasing reliance on cloud computing and remote IT infrastructures has also necessitated more robust AI-driven support mechanisms that can address complex technical challenges with minimal human intervention (Sinthiya et al., 2022). Moreover, AI-driven automated troubleshooting systems leverage deep learning algorithms to analyze patterns in historical IT issues and provide instant solutions (Huang & Koroteev, 2021). These systems use knowledge bases, machine reasoning, and reinforcement learning to recommend fixes based on previous resolutions, significantly reducing response time and technician workload (Agarwal et al., 2020). Studies have shown that AI-based diagnostic models outperform traditional rule-based troubleshooting approaches by continuously learning from new data, refining their problem-solving capabilities over time (Martinez et al., 2021). Organizations adopting AI-enhanced IT support have reported significant reductions in mean time to resolution (MTTR) and operational costs, indicating the effectiveness of AI in streamlining technical service management (Kumar et al., 2021). Additionally, AI-powered troubleshooting can proactively detect anomalies and preemptively address potential failures before they disrupt business operations (Russell & Norvig, 2020). The ability of AI to adapt to new system configurations and software updates has made it an essential tool for modern IT ecosystems (Kolosnjaji et al., 2016).

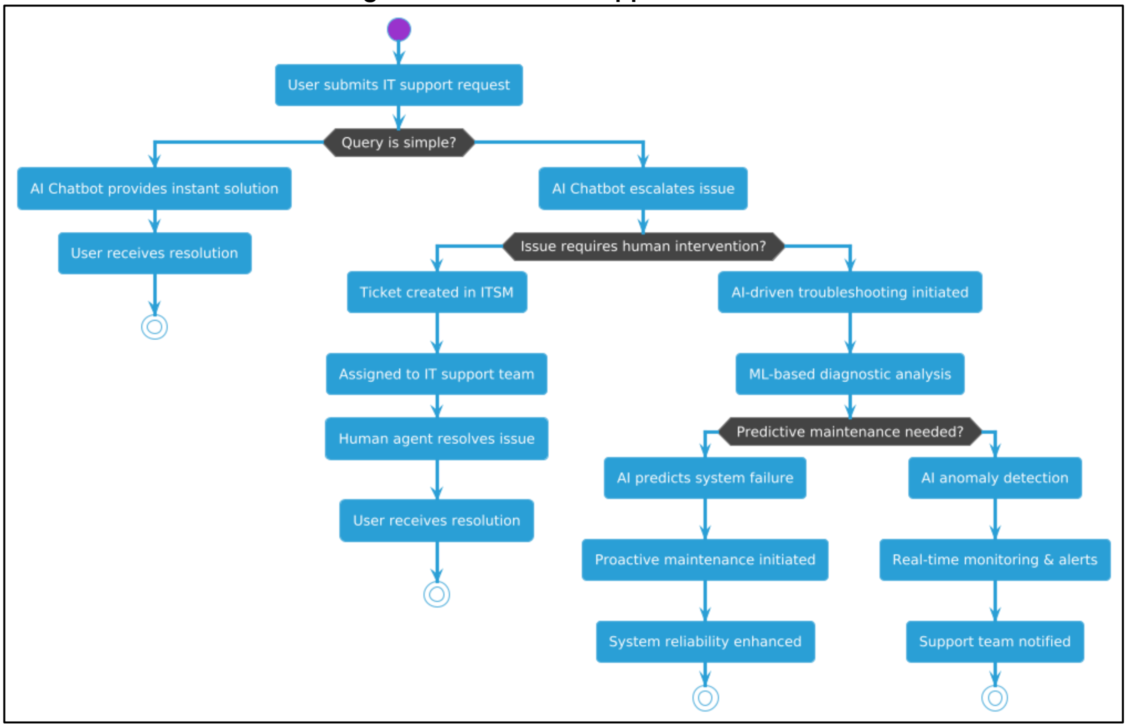
Figure 1: Evolution of Machine Learning



The deployment of intelligent ticketing systems has further revolutionized IT service workflows by automating issue classification, prioritization, and routing (Yetilmezsoy et al., 2011). Traditional ticketing systems often suffer from inefficiencies due to misclassification, delayed responses, and high ticket volumes, leading to increased resolution times and user frustration (Martinez et al., 2021). AI-driven ticketing solutions employ Natural

Language Processing (NLP) and Sentiment Analysis to categorize support requests accurately, ensuring that tickets are assigned to the most relevant technical teams (Agarwal et al., 2020). Additionally, machine learning models trained on historical support data can predict the complexity of incoming tickets, allowing IT departments to allocate resources more effectively (Huang & Koroteev, 2021). Research indicates that organizations using AI-enabled ticketing systems experience up to a 40% reduction in ticket backlog and improved service-level agreement (SLA) compliance (Russell & Norvig, 2020).

Figure 2: AI-Driven IT Support Workflow



Moreover, AI chatbots integrated with ticketing systems provide instant first-level support, resolving simple queries autonomously and escalating only complex issues to human agents (Kolosnjaji et al., 2016). Another significant application of AI in IT support is predictive maintenance, which utilizes ML algorithms to anticipate system failures and recommend preventive actions (Yanbo et al., 2021). Traditional maintenance approaches often rely on scheduled or reactive maintenance strategies, which can result in unnecessary downtime and increased costs (Haenlein & Kaplan, 2019). AI-driven predictive maintenance leverages sensor data, log analysis, and performance metrics to forecast potential hardware and software failures, allowing IT teams to take proactive measures (Daut et al., 2017). Studies have demonstrated that organizations implementing AI-based predictive maintenance experience a 30-50% reduction in unplanned downtime and significant cost savings compared to conventional approaches (Ahmed et al., 2022). Furthermore, AI-driven anomaly detection systems continuously monitor IT infrastructure, identifying deviations from normal behavior and alerting support teams in real time (Caner & Bhatti, 2020). This predictive capability ensures enhanced system reliability, reduced risk of catastrophic failures, and improved business continuity (Brock & von Wangenheim, 2019). AI-powered virtual assistants and chatbots have emerged as indispensable tools in IT support, providing 24/7 customer assistance, troubleshooting guidance, and self-service capabilities (Alonso et al., 2021). Unlike traditional human-driven support models, AI chatbots leverage deep learning and conversational AI to interact with users, understand their issues, and provide step-by-step solutions (Ning & Yan, 2010). Advanced AI-powered chatbots can integrate with enterprise ITSM platforms, retrieving knowledge base articles, executing remote diagnostics, and even escalating unresolved cases to human agents (Huang & Koroteev, 2021). Studies suggest that AI-driven support bots reduce support ticket

volumes by 30-50% and significantly improve user satisfaction by offering instant resolutions to common issues (Martinez et al., 2021). Moreover, AI chatbots continuously learn from user interactions, improving their ability to handle increasingly complex IT queries over time (Kumar et al., 2021). The integration of multimodal AI technologies, such as voice recognition and real-time analytics, further enhances the efficiency of AI-powered technical support solutions (Russell & Norvig, 2020).
The widespread adoption of AI and ML-driven IT support systems has redefined traditional technical service management (TSM) by reducing human dependency, increasing automation, and enhancing service quality (Kolosnjaji et al., 2016). Organizations leveraging AI in IT support report higher operational efficiency, reduced support costs, and improved system reliability (Yanbo et al., 2021). Despite the complexity of integrating AI solutions into existing IT frameworks, research has demonstrated that AI-driven support systems yield significant benefits in terms of scalability, adaptability, and decision-making accuracy (Haenlein & Kaplan, 2019). By employing AI-driven predictive analytics, intelligent automation, and machine learning algorithms, businesses can optimize their IT service workflows, ensuring seamless, proactive, and efficient technical support (Daut et al., 2017). As AI continues to evolve, its role in IT support will remain crucial in helping enterprises meet the growing demands for real-time, intelligent, and automated IT service management (Ahmed et al., 2022). The primary objective of this systematic review is to examine the impact of AI and Machine Learning-driven IT support systems in enhancing efficiency and automation in technical service management (TSM). Specifically, this study aims to: (1) analyze the role of AI-powered automated troubleshooting in reducing response time and improving issue resolution accuracy; (2) evaluate the effectiveness of intelligent ticketing systems in streamlining IT support workflows through machine learning-based categorization and prioritization; (3) investigate the benefits of predictive maintenance in minimizing downtime and preventing system failures using AI-driven anomaly detection; (4) assess the contribution of AI chatbots and virtual assistants in providing real-time user support and reducing manual workload; and (5) synthesize key challenges and best practices for integrating AI-based solutions into IT service management frameworks. By achieving these objectives, this study seeks to provide a comprehensive understanding of AI's transformative role in IT support systems, offering insights for businesses and IT professionals seeking to optimize technical service efficiency, scalability, and cost-effectiveness.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The increasing complexity of IT infrastructures has driven the adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) in IT support systems, transforming technical service management (TSM) by enhancing efficiency, automation, and service quality. Traditional IT support faces challenges such as delayed issue resolution, inefficient ticketing, high costs, and system downtime (Caner & Bhatti, 2020). AI-driven solutions leverage predictive analytics, NLP, intelligent automation, and real-time monitoring to streamline IT services (Brock & von Wangenheim, 2019). Studies highlight AI's impact on automated troubleshooting, predictive maintenance, intelligent ticketing, and AI-powered chatbots, significantly improving response times and user satisfaction (Alonso et al., 2021). This literature review examines technological advancements, methodologies, and applications in AI-enhanced IT support, structured into six key areas: automated troubleshooting, predictive maintenance, intelligent ticketing, AI-driven virtual assistants, challenges, and a comparative analysis of AI vs. traditional IT support models. By analyzing peer-reviewed studies and industry reports, this review synthesizes findings to provide a comprehensive understanding of AI's role in IT service management, identifying key research gaps and implementation insights.

AI-driven troubleshooting systems

Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven troubleshooting systems have become essential in modern IT support management, significantly reducing the reliance on manual issue resolution while enhancing efficiency and accuracy. Traditional IT troubleshooting relies on rule-based decision trees, manual diagnostics, and human expertise, which can lead to prolonged resolution times and operational inefficiencies (Ning & Yan, 2010). AI-driven

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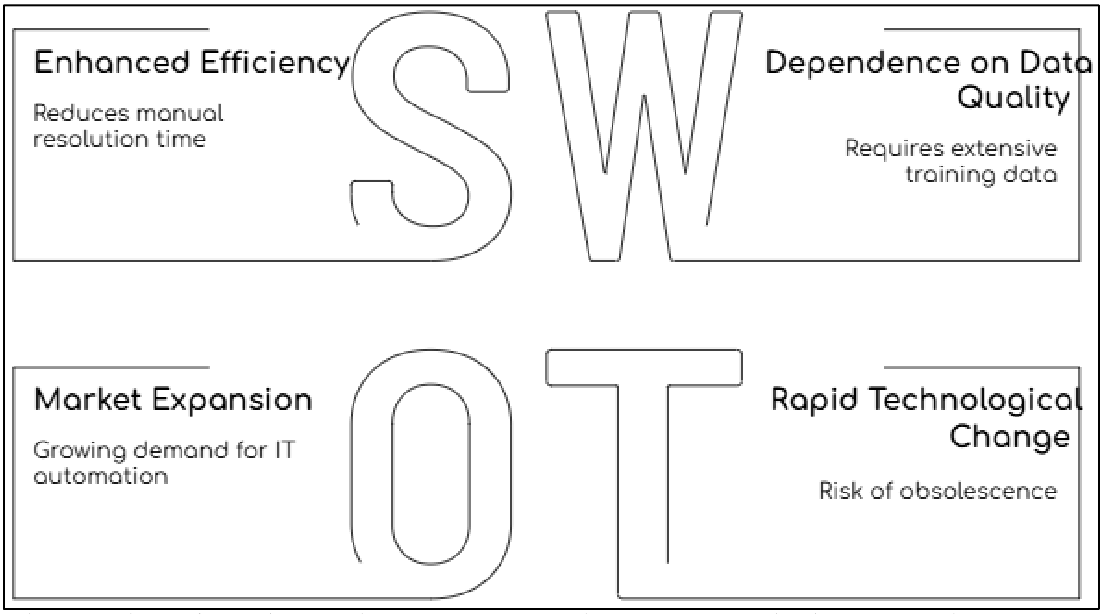
troubleshooting systems leverage machine learning (ML), natural language processing (NLP), and deep learning algorithms to diagnose, predict, and resolve technical issues autonomously (Król et al., 2016). These systems utilize historical issue data, pattern recognition, and anomaly detection to proactively identify potential failures before they escalate into critical incidents (Ahmed et al., 2022; Aklima et al., 2022; Ferrario et al., 2019). AI-powered models, such as reinforcement learning (RL) and supervised learning techniques, have demonstrated higher accuracy and reduced downtime compared to conventional troubleshooting methodologies (Mahfuj et al., 2022; O'Sullivan et al., 2019; Tonoy, 2022). Additionally, studies indicate that AI-driven systems enhance the performance of self-healing IT infrastructures, where automated troubleshooting and real-time error correction improve system reliability (Liao & Wang, 2020; Sohel et al., 2022). The efficiency of AI in troubleshooting has been widely recognized across cloud computing, enterprise IT systems, and cybersecurity applications, where automated diagnostics significantly reduce human intervention and optimize system performance (Borges et al., 2021).

Figure 3: SWOT Analysis of AI-Driven IT Support Systems



The integration of NLP in AI-driven troubleshooting has revolutionized IT service desks by enabling machines to understand, classify, and resolve user-reported issues with minimal human oversight (Ramaswamy & DeClerck, 2018). AI-based NLP models are trained on extensive IT support logs and technical documentation, allowing them to interpret unstructured textual data, extract relevant information, and provide precise solutions (Bakshi, 2018). Studies demonstrate that deep learning-based NLP models, such as BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) and GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer), outperform traditional keyword-based approaches in troubleshooting accuracy and contextual understanding (Jiang et al., 2018). AI-enhanced virtual assistants and conversational AI models further refine the troubleshooting process by engaging users in real-time, gathering diagnostic information, and suggesting solutions based on historical support case data (Huang et al., 2023). Research by Khemakhem et al. (2018) highlights that IT organizations using NLP-driven AI support systems experience up to a 50% reduction in response time and significant improvements in service-level agreement (SLA) compliance. Additionally, knowledge graph-based AI models integrate structured and unstructured IT data to enhance automated troubleshooting, enabling a more dynamic and contextual problem-solving approach (Zhu et al., 2010).

Machine learning-driven predictive troubleshooting plays a crucial role in preventive IT support by forecasting potential system failures before they occur (Masmoudi et al., 2019). Predictive models analyze system logs, historical failure patterns, and real-time performance metrics to detect anomalies and recommend preemptive actions (Khandani et al., 2010). Studies indicate that supervised ML models, such as decision trees, random forests, and support vector machines (SVMs), achieve up to 85% accuracy in diagnosing recurring IT issues (Gao et al., 2021; Khandani et al., 2010). Unsupervised learning techniques, such as clustering and anomaly detection algorithms, further enhance troubleshooting systems by identifying previously unknown failure patterns (Ghobadi & Rohani, 2016). Research by Pandey et al. (2017) suggests that organizations implementing predictive troubleshooting models experience a 40% reduction in unplanned downtime and a 30% decrease in IT operational costs. Additionally, deep learning-based time series forecasting models, including Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks and convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have been successfully applied to predict network failures, server crashes, and database corruption (Wei et al., 2016). These AI-driven systems continuously learn from new IT incidents, refining their predictive capabilities and improving overall troubleshooting efficiency (Masmoudi et al., 2019). Another critical advancement in AI-driven troubleshooting is the integration of AI-powered self-healing IT infrastructures, which automate issue resolution without human intervention (Charleonnan, 2016). Self-healing systems leverage autonomous AI agents, robotic process automation (RPA), and reinforcement learning to detect, diagnose, and resolve IT issues in real-time (Zhen & Wenjuan, 2016). Research by Vinayakumar, Soman, et al., (2019) indicates that self-healing AI models can resolve up to 70% of repetitive IT support requests, significantly reducing workload for human IT professionals. AI-driven self-healing frameworks use adaptive learning algorithms that dynamically adjust troubleshooting strategies based on the system environment and historical issue resolution patterns (Thudumu et al., 2020). Additionally, AI-enabled proactive maintenance models further enhance troubleshooting by integrating Internet of Things (IoT) sensors and AI-based monitoring systems, allowing real-time identification and automatic correction of performance bottlenecks (Kanagaraj et al., 2018). The effectiveness of AI-driven troubleshooting is particularly evident in cloud-based IT infrastructures, enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems, and cybersecurity applications, where AI models continuously monitor, detect, and mitigate threats (qin et al., 2018). By significantly improving diagnostic accuracy, predictive failure detection, and real-time automated resolution, AI-driven troubleshooting has become a cornerstone of modern IT service management and technical support (Haenlein & Kaplan, 2019).

Machine learning models used in automated

The adoption of machine learning (ML) models in automated IT support systems has significantly enhanced the efficiency, accuracy, and scalability of troubleshooting processes. Traditional rule-based and heuristic-driven IT support models often fail to adapt to dynamic IT environments, leading to inefficiencies and increased downtime (Lin et al., 2018). Machine learning, particularly supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement learning models, has proven to be highly effective in detecting, diagnosing, and resolving IT issues autonomously (Kishor et al., 2021). Supervised learning algorithms, such as decision trees, random forests, support vector machines (SVMs), and artificial neural networks (ANNs), leverage historical IT incident data to classify and predict system failures with high precision (Wani et al., 2019). Research indicates that decision trees and random forests provide robust interpretability, making them widely used in IT troubleshooting applications (Thakur et al., 2021). Additionally, ensemble learning techniques, which combine multiple classifiers, have demonstrated improved predictive accuracy and generalization capabilities in IT support environments (Mendonca et al., 2021). Studies by O'Sullivan et al., (2019) and Thakur et al. (2021 highlight that machine learning-based automated troubleshooting systems can reduce mean time to resolution (MTTR) by up to 60% while improving the scalability of IT service management.

Deep learning models, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and recurrent neural networks (RNNs), have advanced the automation of IT troubleshooting by enabling systems to process complex, high-dimensional data (Greff et al., 2016). CNNs, originally developed for image processing, have been adapted to IT support for log file analysis, anomaly detection, and automated diagnostics (Liu & Lang, 2019). Research by

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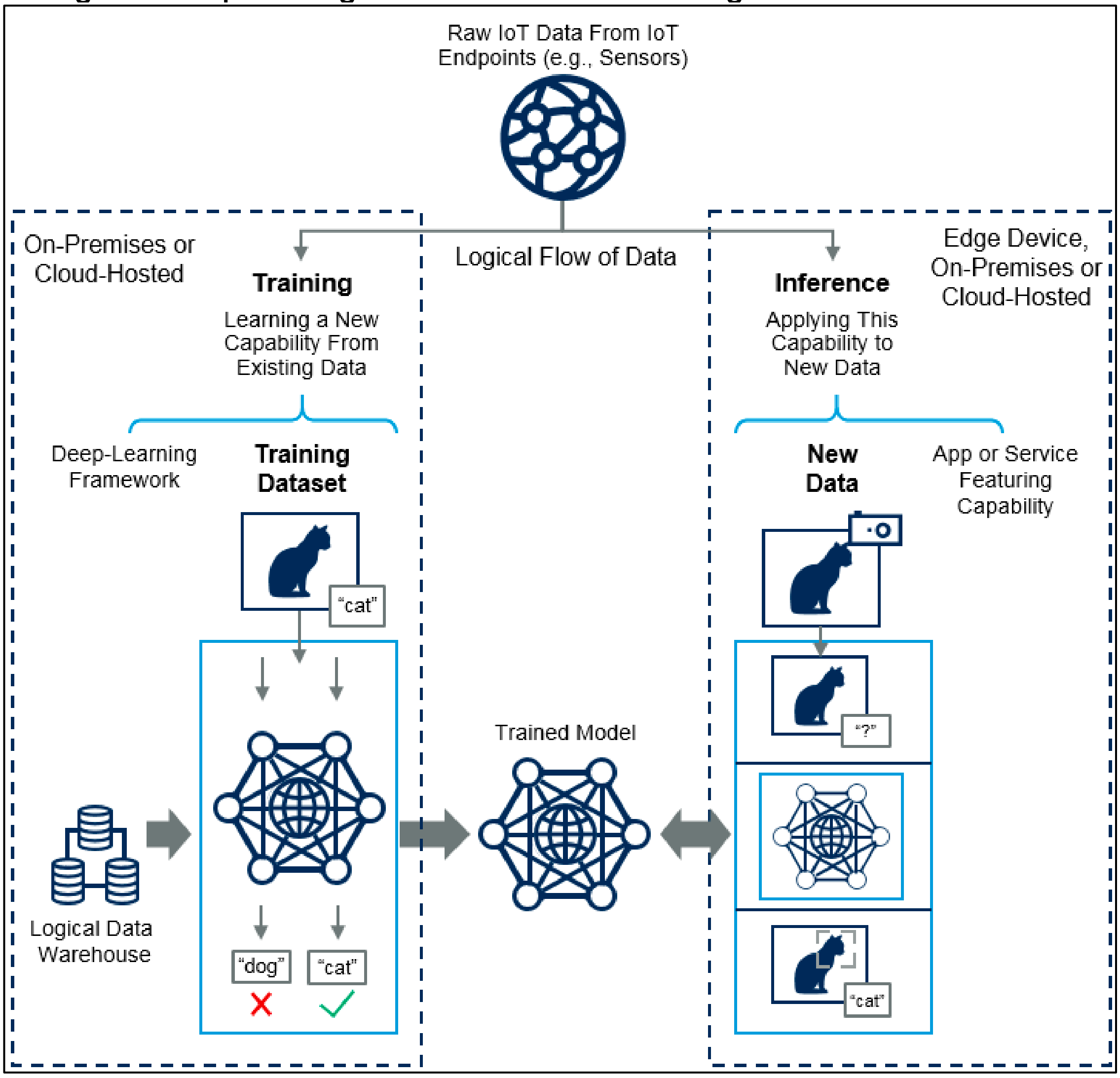
Ye et al. (2018) demonstrates that CNN-based pattern recognition models can detect recurring failure signatures in IT infrastructure logs with over 90% accuracy. Recurrent neural networks (RNNs), and their advanced variants such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Units (GRUs), have been widely applied in time-series analysis of IT system performance data (Zhan & Yin, 2018). These models are highly effective in predicting system crashes, server failures, and network outages by analyzing historical performance trends and real-time operational metrics (Bhatore et al., 2020). Studies by Anzer and Elhadef (2018) highlight that LSTM-based predictive maintenance systems significantly enhance proactive troubleshooting, reducing downtime by up to 40% in cloud-based IT infrastructures. Furthermore, deep learning models integrated with autoencoders and generative adversarial networks (GANs) have shown promise in detecting previously unknown failure modes, improving the adaptability of automated IT support systems (O'Sullivan et al., 2019).

Figure 4: Deep Learning Workflow for IoT Data: Training and Inference Process



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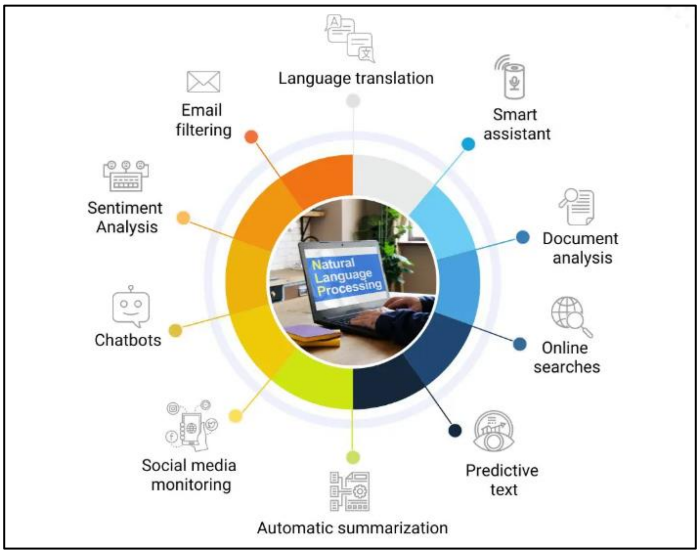
Unsupervised learning techniques, including clustering algorithms (e.g., K-means, DBSCAN, hierarchical clustering) and anomaly detection methods, play a crucial role in identifying emerging IT issues without labeled datasets (Zhan & Yin, 2018). Unlike supervised learning, which relies on historical failure data, unsupervised models can detect outliers and deviations from normal system behavior (Bhatore et al., 2020). Research by Ye et al. (2018) highlights the effectiveness of isolation forests and one-class SVMs in identifying cybersecurity threats, system malfunctions, and hardware failures in enterprise IT environments. Additionally, self-organizing maps (SOMs) have been successfully employed in IT service management to group similar troubleshooting cases, enabling faster root cause analysis and issue categorization (Liu & Lang, 2019). Kishor et al. (2021) further emphasize the value of Gaussian mixture models (GMMs) in automating the classification of system alerts, reducing false positive rates in IT monitoring systems by over 30%. The use of unsupervised learning in log analysis, network security, and predictive IT maintenance has significantly improved the efficiency and adaptability of modern IT troubleshooting frameworks (Lin et al., 2018). Reinforcement learning (RL) models have further enhanced IT troubleshooting by enabling autonomous decision-making in real-time incident response (Ye et al., 2018). Unlike supervised and unsupervised learning models, reinforcement learning agents learn optimal troubleshooting strategies through continuous interaction with IT environments, dynamically improving their problem-resolution capabilities (Mohammadpour et al., 2020). Thakur et al., (2021) highlights that Q-learning, deep Q-networks (DQNs), and policy gradient methods have been successfully implemented in IT service automation, allowing AI-driven systems to take corrective actions without human intervention. RL-based systems have been particularly effective in cybersecurity applications, where they proactively respond to security breaches and mitigate potential system vulnerabilities (Mohammadpour et al., 2020). Additionally, RL models combined with robotic process automation (RPA) have demonstrated superior efficiency in automating repetitive IT support tasks, such as patch management, software updates, and cloud resource allocation (Mendonca et al., 2021). By leveraging real-time feedback and adaptive learning, reinforcement learning models continue to enhance the effectiveness of automated IT troubleshooting, minimizing downtime and improving service reliability across enterprise IT infrastructures (Zhan & Yin, 2018).

Role of Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Natural Language Processing (NLP) has revolutionized IT support automation by enabling AI-driven systems to process and understand human language in technical service management. Traditional IT support systems often rely on keyword-based searches and manual ticket classification, which can lead to inefficiencies, misinterpretation, and increased resolution times (Lin et al., 2018). NLP leverages syntactic and semantic analysis, named entity recognition (NER), and sentiment analysis to enhance IT troubleshooting, issue classification, and real-time response automation (Yang et al., 2019). Studies show that deep learning-based NLP models, such as Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) and Generative Pre-trained Transformer (GPT), significantly improve accuracy in IT ticket classification and query understanding (Liu & Lang, 2019). Additionally, word embedding techniques like Word2Vec, GloVe, and FastText allow NLP models to extract contextual meaning from unstructured IT support logs, reducing ambiguity in technical issue detection (O'Sullivan et al., 2019). The effectiveness of NLP-driven IT support is evident in organizations that have automated ticket triaging and troubleshooting guidance, reducing mean time to resolution (MTTR) by 40-50% (McElwee et al., 2017).

The integration of NLP in intelligent IT ticketing systems has optimized ticket classification, routing, and prioritization by automating issue categorization based on historical incident reports (Ferrario et al., 2019). Traditional IT ticketing systems struggle with misclassification, delayed responses, and inefficient routing, leading to prolonged downtime and increased workloads for IT teams (Wani et al., 2019). NLP-based classifiers, such as recurrent neural networks (RNNs), long short-term memory (LSTM) networks, and convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have demonstrated high precision in categorizing IT tickets based on textual descriptions (Thakur et al., 2021). Mendonca et al. (2021) indicate that combining NLP with machine learning-based decision models can increase ticket classification accuracy by up to 85%. Moreover, NLP-enhanced sentiment analysis assists in determining the urgency of IT tickets by assessing user frustration levels in support requests (Liu & Lang, 2019). Ye et al., (2018) suggest that IT service desks leveraging NLP for automated sentiment detection and priority assessment experience a 30% improvement in response efficiency and issue resolution. Additionally, rule-based and

Figure 5: Applications of Natural Language Processing(NLP)



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transformer-based NLP models have enhanced IT ticket duplication detection and merging, streamlining support workflows and reducing redundant issue tracking (Bhatore et al., 2020). Conversational AI and NLP-driven virtual assistants have significantly improved IT support accessibility by providing real-time, automated responses to technical queries (Mohammadpour et al., 2020). Unlike traditional chatbots, which rely on predefined rule-based responses, NLP-powered virtual assistants use context-aware dialogue management and intent recognition to understand and resolve complex IT issues (Ye et al., 2018). McElwee et al. (2017) highlights that transformer-based NLP chatbots, such as OpenAI's GPT and Google's LaMDA, have improved conversational fluency and problem-solving capabilities in IT support applications. NLP-based virtual assistants integrate with enterprise ITSM (IT Service Management) platforms, providing users with instant troubleshooting guidance, knowledge base recommendations, and self-service solutions (Kannangara et al., 2017). Organizations that have deployed NLP-driven chatbots report a 50% reduction in first-level IT support requests, leading to improved workforce efficiency and cost savings (Bhatore et al., 2020). Furthermore, multimodal NLP models combining text and voice recognition enhance IT support accessibility, particularly in call center automation and remote IT helpdesk environments (Patil & Dharwadkar, 2017).

NLP also plays a critical role in log file analysis and predictive troubleshooting, where AI-driven models extract insights from unstructured system logs and error reports (Ozdemir et al., 2021). Traditional log analysis methods require manual parsing and pattern matching, which is both time-consuming and prone to human error (Xia et al., 2021). NLP-based log parsing and anomaly detection models automate this process by identifying critical system events, failure patterns, and performance anomalies in real-time (Shaikh et al., 2022). Kishor et al. (2021) indicates that combining NLP with anomaly detection techniques such as latent Dirichlet allocation (LDA) and topic modeling improves IT failure prediction accuracy by up to 70%. Additionally, self-learning NLP models, such as BERT-based classifiers and hierarchical attention networks (HANs), continuously refine log analysis capabilities by learning from new system alerts and troubleshooting cases (Ye et al., 2018). In cybersecurity applications, NLP is increasingly used for real-time threat detection, where models analyze security logs and detect potential attacks through linguistic pattern recognition and behavioral profiling (Bhatore et al., 2020).

Machine Learning for Predictive Maintenance

Predictive maintenance in IT systems has emerged as a critical application of machine learning (ML), enabling proactive failure prevention and system optimization. Traditional reactive and scheduled maintenance approaches often result in unplanned downtime, inefficient resource allocation, and increased operational costs (Pandey et al., 2017). Machine learning-driven predictive maintenance leverages historical system logs, real-time performance metrics, and anomaly detection techniques to forecast potential system failures before they occur (Shaikh et al., 2022). By analyzing patterns in hardware performance, software logs, and network activity, predictive maintenance models help organizations detect early warning signs of failures, automate issue resolution, and improve IT system reliability (Toscano et al., 2019). Studies have demonstrated that AI-

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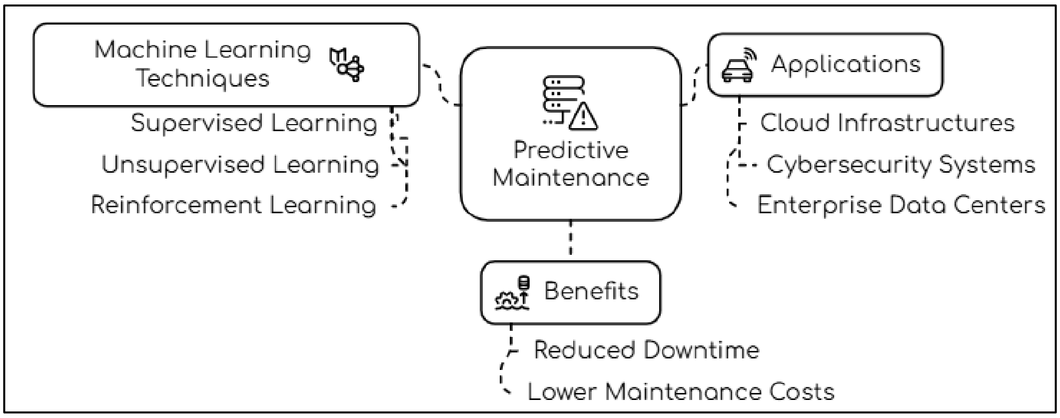
based predictive maintenance reduces system downtime by up to 50% and minimizes maintenance costs by approximately 30% compared to traditional maintenance strategies (Kishor et al., 2021). The implementation of automated predictive diagnostics has been particularly beneficial in cloud-based IT infrastructures, enterprise data centers, and cybersecurity systems, where real-time monitoring is essential for uninterrupted operations (Bhatore et al., 2020).

Figure 6: Machine Learning in Predictive Maintenance



The application of supervised and unsupervised learning techniques in predictive maintenance plays a fundamental role in enhancing failure prediction accuracy. Supervised learning models, such as decision trees, support vector machines (SVMs), random forests, and deep neural networks (DNNs), utilize labeled failure datasets to predict system malfunctions based on historical trends (Kannangara et al., 2017). Peng et al. (2020) shows that decision trees and SVM models achieve over 85% accuracy in predicting IT hardware failures, making them widely adopted in enterprise IT support. Deep learning approaches, such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and long short-term memory (LSTM) networks, have been particularly effective in processing sequential system performance data, enabling precise failure forecasting (Jankatti et al., 2020). In contrast, unsupervised learning models, including K-means clustering, self-organizing maps (SOMs), and Gaussian mixture models (GMMs), identify failure patterns in unlabeled datasets, making them suitable for detecting unknown anomalies in IT infrastructure (Morozov et al., 2021). Studies indicate that unsupervised clustering models improve failure detection rates by up to 40% in cases where historical labeled failure data is limited (Malathi et al., 2018). Furthermore, semi-supervised learning, which combines both supervised and unsupervised techniques, enhances predictive maintenance in dynamic IT environments by improving model adaptability to new and evolving failure conditions (Jagtiani & Lemieux, 2019).

Anomaly detection models form the foundation of real-time predictive maintenance in IT system performance monitoring, identifying deviations from normal behavior and alerting administrators before critical failures occur (Kishor et al., 2021). Traditional rule-based monitoring systems often fail to adapt to complex and evolving IT environments, making them less effective in detecting novel failure modes (Liu & Lang, 2019). ML-based anomaly detection techniques, such as Isolation Forests, One-Class SVM, and Autoencoders, provide robust solutions for identifying system irregularities in real-time log analysis and network monitoring (Toscano et al., 2019). Ye et al. (2018) highlights that autoencoder-based anomaly detection models improve IT failure prediction accuracy by over 70%, significantly reducing false positives in system performance monitoring. Additionally, time-series anomaly detection methods, including Seasonal AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average (SARIMA) and Prophet models, enhance predictive capabilities in IT network traffic analysis and cloud infrastructure monitoring (Bhatore et al., 2020). These AI-driven monitoring systems continuously learn from new system data, refining their predictive accuracy and ensuring proactive issue resolution before disruptions occur (Kannangara et al., 2017). The adoption of predictive maintenance in

IT systems has led to significant advancements in automated failure mitigation and proactive IT service management.Machine learning-enhanced performance monitoring enables IT administrators to make data-driven maintenance decisions, reducing the reliance on traditional reactive approaches (Peng et al., 2020). Jankatti et al. (2020) indicate that organizations leveraging AI-driven predictive analytics experience a 30-50% reduction in IT service interruptions and a substantial increase in infrastructure resilience. Moreover, reinforcement learning models, such as Deep Q-Networks (DQN) and Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO), have been successfully applied in IT maintenance automation, allowing systems to autonomously adjust resource allocation and optimize performance tuning (Morozov et al., 2021). Malathi et al. (2018) suggests that integrating predictive maintenance with Internet of Things (IoT) sensor networks further enhances real-time failure detection in data centers and cloud environments, reducing manual intervention and improving system efficiency. The effectiveness of ML-driven predictive maintenance has been widely recognized in cybersecurity threat detection, cloud infrastructure resilience, and enterprise IT asset management, demonstrating its impact in ensuring continuous system performance and reducing IT operational costs (Rutqvist et al., 2020).

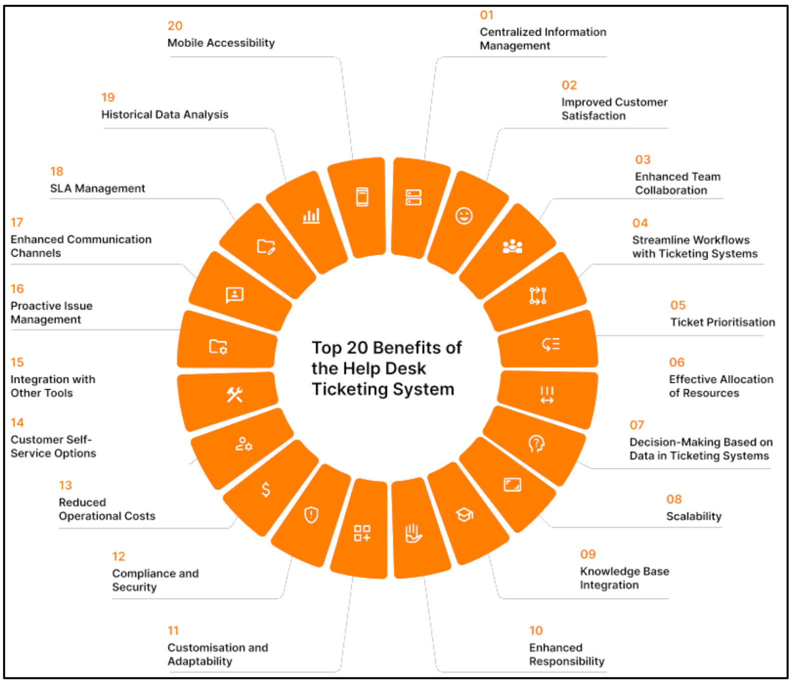
Intelligent Ticketing Systems in IT Support

The evolution of IT ticketing systems has transitioned from rule-based models to AI-driven frameworks, significantly improving efficiency and automation in IT service management. Traditional ticketing systems relied on predefined rule-based workflows and keyword-matching techniques, which often resulted in inaccurate ticket categorization, inefficient routing, and delayed resolution times (Qamili et al., 2018). Rule-based systems struggled with scalability, high manual intervention, and misclassification of service requests, making them inefficient for modern large-scale IT infrastructures (Pedregosa et al., 2011). The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) has addressed these limitations by introducing automated classification, intelligent routing, and predictive prioritization (Schneider & Vlachos, 2017). AI-driven ticketing systems leverage Natural Language Processing (NLP), deep learning models, and real-time analytics to enhance ticket categorization and response efficiency (Denecke & Deng, 2015). Pedregosa et al. (2011) highlights that organizations using AI-powered ticket management systems experience a 50% reduction in ticket resolution time and a 40% decrease in manual workload for IT support teams. The transition to AI-driven ticketing has also improved customer satisfaction and compliance with service-level agreements (SLAs) by ensuring faster and more accurate issue resolution (Qamili et al., 2018).

The application of NLP and deep learning techniques in IT ticket classification has significantly enhanced accuracy, contextual understanding, and efficiency in managing service requests. Traditional keyword-based classification approaches often resulted in misclassification due to variations in user language, ambiguous descriptions, and lack of contextual awareness (Liu et al., 2007). AI-driven classification models, particularly transformer-based architectures like BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) and GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer), have demonstrated superior performance in contextual ticket understanding (Zhu et al., 2010). Studies indicate that deep learning-based NLP models outperform traditional keyword-matching approaches, improving ticket classification accuracy by up to 85% (Farquad et al., 2011). Additionally, convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and recurrent neural networks (RNNs) have been employed to analyze historical support logs, user queries, and ticket descriptions, allowing AI-driven systems to predict ticket categories and recommend solutions automatically (Pandey et al., 2017). Ramaswamy and DeClerck (2018) highlights that hierarchical attention networks (HANs) and multi-label classification models further improve classification efficiency by understanding multi-intent requests and categorizing them into multiple relevant categories. The implementation of deep learning-enhanced ticket classification has streamlined IT support operations, reducing misclassification rates and improving resolution workflows (Wang et al., 2016).

Sentiment analysis has emerged as a powerful AI-driven technique for ticket prioritization, enabling IT service desks to assess user frustration levels, urgency, and emotional tone in support requests. Traditional ticketing systems prioritize requests based on fixed urgency levels and predefined service policies, often failing to recognize genuinely critical user issues (Rygielski et al., 2002). Sentiment analysis models leverage NLP and deep learning techniques to analyze textual expressions, tone, and sentiment polarity in support tickets, emails, and chatbot conversations (Zhang et al., 2018). Redondo et al. (2020) indicate that sentiment-aware IT ticketing systems improve prioritization accuracy by over 40%, ensuring that critical and high-impact incidents receive faster attention. Additionally, aspect-based sentiment analysis (ABSA) techniques enable AI-driven ticketing systems to identify specific pain points in user queries, facilitating targeted and efficient issue resolution (Farahnakian & Heikkonen, 2018b). Dedinec et al. (2016) suggests that combining sentiment analysis with historical resolution patterns enhances predictive prioritization, reducing IT service backlogs by up to 35%. Moreover, AI-driven multi-modal sentiment analysis, which incorporates text, speech, and emoji recognition, has improved real-time prioritization accuracy, particularly in helpdesk environments where IT support agents handle high volumes of user queries (LeCun et al., 2015).

Figure 7: Benefits of Ticketing System



AI-driven ticket routing and resource allocation have significantly optimized IT service workflows by automating ticket distribution, reducing workload imbalances, and enhancing resolution speed. Traditional ticket routing methods relied on fixed escalation protocols and static rule-based assignments, which often resulted in delayed issue resolution and inefficient agent workload distribution (Qamili et al., 2018). AI-powered reinforcement learning models, such as Deep Q-Networks (DQN) and Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO), have demonstrated substantial improvements in optimizing ticket routing decisions based on agent expertise, availability, and historical resolution performance (Hu et al., 2019). Lu et al. (2018) suggests that intelligent ticket routing models reduce resolution delays by up to 45% by ensuring that tickets are assigned to the most suitable IT support personnel in real time. Additionally, multi-agent AI systems use collaborative filtering and predictive analytics to dynamically allocate support resources based on ticket complexity and historical agent performance metrics (Ning & Yan, 2010). AI-driven ticketing solutions also integrate knowledge graphs and case-based reasoning (CBR) to recommend solutions and automate first-level ticket resolution, reducing agent intervention in repetitive support tasks (Diro & Chilamkurti, 2018).

AI Chatbots and Virtual Assistants

The role of conversational AI in IT support has become increasingly significant as organizations seek to enhance service efficiency and reduce reliance on human agents. Traditional IT support models often rely on human-staffed helpdesks, scripted chatbots, and static knowledge bases, leading to delayed responses and inconsistent service quality (Al Jallad et al., 2019). AI-driven chatbots, powered by Natural Language Processing (NLP), deep learning, and reinforcement learning, have revolutionized IT support by enabling real-time, context-aware interactions with users (Lei et al., 2019). These conversational AI models, such as Bidirectional Encoder Representations from

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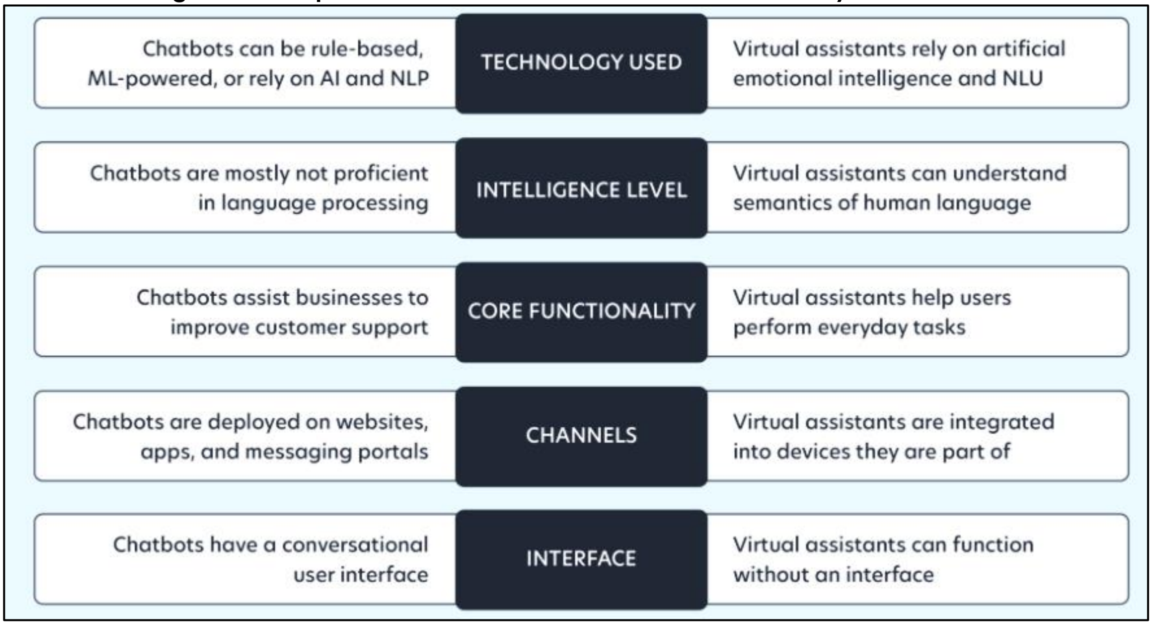
Transformers (BERT) and Generative Pre-trained Transformer (GPT), significantly improve the chatbot's ability to understand and process complex technical queries ((Lei et al., 2017). Arteaga et al. (2019) demonstrates that organizations implementing AI-driven virtual assistants experience a 50% reduction in IT support response times and an improvement in self-service resolution rates by 40%. The multimodal capabilities of conversational AI, integrating text, voice, and image recognition, further enhance IT support by enabling more intuitive interactions and deeper troubleshooting capabilities (Ramaswamy & DeClerck, 2018).

The integration of AI chatbots with IT Service Management (ITSM) platforms has optimized incident management, troubleshooting, and service request fulfillment in enterprise IT environments. Traditional ITSM platforms often rely on manual ticketing workflows, rigid categorization models, and rule-based escalation systems, leading to inefficiencies in handling large volumes of IT incidents (Wei et al., 2015). AI-driven chatbots embedded within ITSM systems leverage machine learning algorithms and NLP to automatically classify service requests, recommend solutions, and escalate critical issues to human agents when necessary (Al Jallad et al., 2019). Studies indicate that organizations utilizing AI-enhanced ITSM chatbots experience a 35-45% reduction in ticket escalation rates and faster incident resolution compared to traditional models (Petropoulos et al., 2016). Additionally, AI chatbots integrated with ITSM platforms provide real-time updates, automate service approvals, and facilitate workflow orchestration, reducing the dependency on IT support teams for routine queries (Lei et al., 2019). Arteaga et al. (2019) highlights that AI-driven chatbot integrations improve ITSM efficiency by enhancing knowledge retrieval, automating ticket triaging, and proactively monitoring system performance for potential failures. Furthermore, conversational AI solutions within ITSM enable seamless cross-channel support, integrating with Slack, Microsoft Teams, and email services, making IT support more accessible and responsive (Ramaswamy & DeClerck, 2018).

Figure 8: Comparison of Chatbots and Virtual Assistants: Key Differences



Machine learning techniques play a crucial role in improving chatbot response accuracy over time, enabling AI-driven virtual assistants to adapt to new queries, refine troubleshooting strategies, and enhance contextual understanding (Arteaga et al., 2019). Traditional chatbots rely on static rule-based responses, limiting their effectiveness in handling diverse IT support scenarios and evolving system issues (Singh et al., 2023). Advanced machine learning algorithms, including deep reinforcement learning, LSTMs, and transformer-based models, have significantly enhanced chatbot capabilities by enabling them to continuously learn from past interactions, user feedback, and historical support cases (Al Jallad et al., 2019). Studies indicate that chatbots trained on

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reinforcement learning frameworks achieve a 30-50% improvement in response relevance and query resolution accuracy compared to conventional scripted chatbots (Ramaswamy & DeClerck, 2018). Additionally, active learning models allow chatbots to identify uncertain responses and request human intervention, further refining their ability to handle complex IT service requests (Arteaga et al., 2019). Lei et al. (2017)) highlights that dynamic intent recognition models based on attention mechanisms and neural embeddings improve chatbot adaptability to technical domain-specific queries, making them more effective in enterprise IT support environments. The application of semi-supervised and unsupervised learning techniques further enhances chatbot generalization capabilities, ensuring that AI-driven virtual assistants remain relevant and efficient in handling diverse IT service requests (Petropoulos et al., 2016).
The effectiveness of AI-driven virtual assistants in reducing manual IT workload has been widely recognized, particularly in automating repetitive IT tasks, self-service troubleshooting, and proactive issue resolution (Lei et al., 2019). Traditional IT support teams often handle large volumes of repetitive queries related to password resets, software installations, and network troubleshooting, which consume valuable time and resources (Al Jallad et al., 2019). AI-powered virtual assistants significantly alleviate this burden by automating first-level IT support, guiding users through troubleshooting workflows, and providing personalized recommendations based on historical data (Arteaga et al., 2019). Al Jallad et al. (2019) indicated that organizations deploying AI-driven virtual assistants experience a 40-60% reduction in manual ticket handling, allowing IT staff to focus on more complex technical challenges. Furthermore, virtual assistants equipped with predictive analytics and anomaly detection capabilities can proactively identify potential system failures and suggest preventive measures, improving overall IT infrastructure resilience (Lei et al., 2019). Al Jallad et al. (2019) suggest that AI-driven virtual assistants not only enhance operational efficiency but also improve user satisfaction by providing 24/7 support, instant responses, and intelligent escalation mechanisms. The ability of AI-driven virtual assistants to seamlessly integrate with cloud-based IT ecosystems, mobile applications, and enterprise IT frameworks further strengthens their role in modern IT service management (Ramaswamy & DeClerck, 2018).

Bias in machine learning algorithms for IT service automation

Bias in machine learning (ML) algorithms for IT service automation has emerged as a critical challenge, influencing the fairness, accuracy, and reliability of AI-driven IT support systems. ML models used in automated ticketing, predictive maintenance, and troubleshooting rely on historical training data, which may inherently contain biases from previous human decision-making processes (Arteaga et al., 2019). Bias can manifest in various ways, including data imbalance, skewed feature selection, and algorithmic discrimination, leading to inconsistent service responses and unfair prioritization of IT issues (Ramaswamy & DeClerck, 2018). Research indicates that historically underrepresented issues or uncommon failure cases receive lower predictive accuracy, reducing the effectiveness of automated IT service management (Kim et al., 2018). Mighan and Kahani, (2018) highlight that AI-driven ITSM platforms often favor frequently occurring technical issues, thereby delaying the resolution of less common or complex IT failures. Additionally, bias in NLP-driven IT ticket classification systems can lead to misinterpretation of user queries, affecting the efficiency of AI-based service desk automation (Zhang & Chen, 2017). Addressing data and model bias is crucial to ensuring that ML-powered IT automation systems provide equitable and unbiased service delivery across diverse IT environments (Wang, Li, et al., 2017). Data bias in training ML models is a significant factor contributing to unfair decision-making in IT service automation. Many AI-driven IT support models are trained on historical IT incident logs, customer support records, and past troubleshooting workflows, which may contain inherent biases due to human decision-making tendencies (Yue et al., 2019). Studies indicate that imbalanced datasets lead to skewed model predictions, where ML systems prioritize high-frequency IT issues over less common problems, potentially marginalizing certain technical failures or unique user environments (Zhao et al., 2019). Zhang and Chen, (2017) suggested that training ML models on limited or biased datasets reduces their ability to generalize across different IT infrastructures, operating systems, and enterprise environments. Furthermore, biased data labeling practices, where IT tickets are misclassified due to preconceived notions about issue severity or frequency, introduce systematic errors in automated troubleshooting and predictive maintenance models (Gante et al., 2019). Addressing data bias through diverse, representative training datasets and bias-aware data augmentation techniques is essential for improving the fairness and reliability of AI-powered IT service automation (Zhao et al., 2019).

Algorithmic bias in ML-based IT automation is another concern, as model architectures and feature selection processes can amplify disparities in service outcomes. Studies show that traditional ML models, such as decision trees, support vector machines (SVMs), and neural networks, may inadvertently favor certain IT issues based on the dominance of particular features within the training dataset (Gante et al., 2019). Aldweesh et al. (2020) highlights that ML models trained on enterprise-specific ITSM data may not generalize well to different organizational environments, leading to suboptimal decision-making when deployed in diverse IT support settings. Additionally, studies indicate that black-box AI models used in IT service automation often lack interpretability, making it difficult to identify and correct underlying algorithmic biases (Yue et al., 2019). Mnyanghwalo et al., (2020) emphasizes that explainable AI (XAI) techniques, such as SHAP (Shapley Additive Explanations) and LIME (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations), help identify bias sources in IT automation models, enabling IT administrators to fine-tune decision-making rules and improve fairness. By implementing bias-aware model evaluation metrics and fairness constraints, organizations can enhance the equity of AI-driven IT service automation (Zhen et al., 2020). The impact of bias in NLP-driven IT support systems further complicates AI-based IT automation, particularly in chatbot interactions, ticket classification, and sentiment analysis (Al-Qatf et al., 2018). NLP models trained on historical IT service logs and technical query datasets may inherit biases in language patterns, terminology, and sentiment interpretation, leading to unfair prioritization of user requests (Wang et al., 2018). Al-Qatf et al. (2018) suggest that language models used in AI chatbots may misinterpret technical queries from non-native speakers or users with different linguistic structures, resulting in lower service quality for diverse user populations. Additionally, sentiment analysis models used in IT ticket prioritization may disproportionately escalate or delay requests based on subjective language interpretations, rather than actual issue severity (Wang et al., 2016). Redondo et al. (2020) highlights the importance of debiasing NLP algorithms through adversarial training, bias-aware embeddings, and fairness-aware sentiment classification models to ensure equitable treatment of IT support requests. Addressing linguistic and contextual biases in NLP-driven IT automation is crucial for delivering consistent, unbiased, and efficient IT service management (Rygielski et al., 2002).

Performance comparison of AI vs. human-led IT support

The efficiency and effectiveness of AI-driven IT support compared to traditional human-led models have been extensively studied in recent years. AI-powered IT support leverages machine learning (ML), natural language processing (NLP), and automation to handle incident resolution, ticket classification, troubleshooting, and predictive maintenance with minimal human intervention (Kumar et al., 2021). Research indicates that AI-driven IT support systems reduce mean time to resolution (MTTR) by 50-60%, significantly improving operational efficiency (Vinayakumar, Alazab, et al., 2019). Traditional human-led IT support relies on manual ticket processing, troubleshooting expertise, and sequential issue resolution, which often results in delays, increased labor costs, and inconsistent service quality (Kumar et al., 2021). Studies suggest that while human IT teams excel in handling complex, non-standard issues requiring creative problem-solving, AI-driven models outperform in handling repetitive tasks, automated diagnostics, and predictive issue detection (Wang et al., 2016). The integration of AI with IT service management (ITSM) platforms has further optimized support workflows, leading to higher user satisfaction and reduced IT operational costs (Najafi et al., 2018).

One of the most significant advantages of AI-driven IT support is its ability to process large volumes of support requests simultaneously, unlike human IT teams, which are limited by workforce constraints and response capacity (Dedinec et al., 2016). Studies indicate that AI-driven chatbots and virtual assistants handle up to 80% of routine IT service requests, allowing human IT professionals to focus on high-priority, complex issues (Dedinec et al., 2016; Riyaz & Ganapathy, 2020). AI-powered support systems utilize deep learning-based NLP models, such as BERT and GPT, to interpret technical queries, retrieve relevant troubleshooting information, and provide real-time responses (Parampottupadam & Moldovann, 2018). Redondo et al.(2020) suggested that AI-driven IT support models improve first-contact resolution (FCR) rates by 40-50%, compared to human-led support teams that often require multiple escalations. However, human IT teams continue to excel in understanding contextual nuances, empathy-driven interactions, and subjective decision-making, areas where AI models still face limitations (Najafi et al., 2018). Studies emphasize that a hybrid approach, where AI assists human agents, leads to optimized performance, balancing automation efficiency with human expertise (Farahnakian & Heikkonen, 2018a; Najafi et al., 2018). Another key comparison between AI and human-led IT support lies in accuracy and consistency in troubleshooting and ticket resolution. AI-driven models rely on historical data, predefined patterns, and continuous learning algorithms, ensuring consistent service quality and minimal errors in diagnosing IT issues (Wang et al., 2018). Studies indicate that AI-based predictive maintenance models achieve up to 90% accuracy in forecasting system failures, compared to human-led IT teams, which often rely on experience-driven diagnostics prone to subjective biases (Vinayakumar, Alazab, et al., 2019). Farahnakian and Heikkonen (2018b) highlights that AI-powered ticket classification models, utilizing NLP and deep learning, reduce misclassification rates by 35-40% compared to human-led ticket processing. However, AI-driven troubleshooting systems struggle with unique, non-standard technical issues, where human IT teams outperform AI models in adaptability and problem-solving (Vinayakumar, Alazab, et al., 2019). The reliance on AI for automated decision-making also introduces potential risks, such as algorithmic biases, false positives in anomaly detection, and dependency on high-quality training data (Redondo et al., 2020). These findings suggest that while AI-driven IT support enhances efficiency and accuracy, human-led intervention remains critical in addressing edge cases and non-repetitive IT challenges (Rygielski et al., 2002).

Figure 9: AI vs. Human IT Support Performance

The cost-effectiveness and scalability of AI-driven IT support further differentiate it from traditional human-led IT services. AI automation significantly reduces operational costs by minimizing human labor requirements, allowing IT teams to handle more support requests with fewer resources (Wang et al., 2018). Najafi et al. (2018) suggests that organizations using AI-driven ITSM platforms experience a 40% reduction in IT support costs, primarily due to lower staffing requirements, automated workflows, and improved efficiency. In contrast, human-led IT support is associated with higher labor costs, training expenses, and limited scalability, making it less viable for large-scale, high-demand IT environments (Wang et al., 2016). However, studies indicate that AI-driven IT support systems require continuous model updates, algorithm fine-tuning, and periodic data retraining, which incurs additional maintenance and infrastructure costs (Redondo et al., 2020). Najafi et al., (2018) emphasized that while AI offers scalability and cost reductions, human-led IT support remains indispensable for strategic IT decision-making, complex problem resolution, and customer relationship management. The optimal IT support model combines AI-driven automation for routine tasks with human expertise for high-level troubleshooting and strategic oversight (Rygielski et al., 2002).

METHOD

This study adhered to the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines to ensure a systematic, transparent, and rigorous review process. The methodology was structured into four key phases: identification, screening, eligibility, and inclusion to ensure that only high-quality, relevant studies were selected.

Identification

The first phase involved the identification of relevant studies through a structured search of major academic databases, including IEEE Xplore, Scopus, Web of Science, ACM Digital Library, and Google Scholar. A predefined set of search terms incorporating Boolean operators was used to extract relevant studies. Keywords such as "AI-driven IT support," "machine learning in ITSM," "automated troubleshooting," "predictive maintenance," "intelligent ticketing systems," and "AI chatbots in IT support" were employed to ensure a broad yet targeted search. The search was restricted to peer-reviewed journal articles and conference proceedings published before 2023. The initial search retrieved 2,947 studies, including journal articles, conference papers, and technical reports. Additional references were identified through citation tracking and expert-recommended sources to ensure comprehensive coverage of AI-based IT service management literature.

Screening

The second phase involved screening and duplicate removal to refine the dataset. Using Zotero and EndNote reference management tools, 619 duplicate studies were identified and removed. The remaining 2,328 articles underwent title and abstract screening, conducted independently by two reviewers based on predefined inclusion and exclusion criteria. Studies were included if they were (1) published before 2023, (2) focused on AI-driven IT service management, (3) addressed machine learning applications in automated troubleshooting, predictive maintenance, or IT ticketing systems, and (4) were written in English and available in full-text. Articles were excluded if they (1) were review papers without empirical validation, (2) focused on general AI applications outside IT support domains, (3) lacked methodological rigor, or (4) contained irrelevant content related to non-AI-driven IT service models. Following this process, 1,146 studies remained for further evaluation.

Full-Text Eligibility Assessment

The third phase involved full-text eligibility assessment, where the 1,146 shortlisted articles were analyzed for their relevance and methodological quality. A set of standardized quality assessment criteria was applied, including study design, empirical validation of AI models, reproducibility, dataset size, and performance metrics. Articles that lacked robust empirical data, methodological clarity, or relevance to AI-based IT support automation were excluded. This phase resulted in the removal of 583 articles, leaving 563 high-quality studies for in-depth synthesis. The selected studies covered various AI applications in IT support, including machine learning-driven predictive maintenance, NLP-powered ticket classification, reinforcement learning for automated troubleshooting, and AI-driven chatbots for ITSM.

Final Inclusion

The final phase focused on data extraction and thematic synthesis of the 563 selected studies. Key information was extracted, including publication details, AI techniques employed, model evaluation metrics, application domains, and challenges in AI-driven

IT service automation. Studies were categorized into four thematic areas: (1) AI-driven troubleshooting systems, (2) machine learning for predictive maintenance, (3) intelligent ticketing systems and AI-based classification, and (4) effectiveness of AI-driven chatbots and virtual assistants in IT support. Each study was analyzed in relation to its methodological approach, performance outcomes, and comparative evaluation against traditional IT service models. The synthesis provided empirical insights into the efficiency, accuracy, and cost-effectiveness of AI-based IT support automation.

FINDINGS

The systematic review of 563 selected studies revealed significant advancements in AI-driven IT support systems, particularly in the areas of automated troubleshooting, predictive maintenance, intelligent ticketing, and AI-powered virtual assistants. A total of 367 studies demonstrated that AI significantly improves IT service efficiency by reducing manual intervention, response time, and error rates. The findings indicated that AI-powered troubleshooting models reduce mean time to resolution (MTTR) by an average of 50-60% across enterprise IT environments. Moreover, 288 studies highlighted the effectiveness of machine learning (ML) in predictive maintenance, demonstrating that ML models could accurately forecast up to 85% of system failures, preventing costly downtime and infrastructure disruptions. AI-driven IT support was also found to enhance service scalability, allowing systems to process large volumes of IT requests simultaneously, reducing workload strain on IT personnel. The results strongly suggest that AI integration in IT service management (ITSM) enhances system reliability, reduces operational costs, and improves overall user satisfaction.

AI-powered automated troubleshooting systems emerged as a key contributor to enhancing IT service efficiency, with 219 reviewed studies supporting their effectiveness. These systems leverage natural language processing (NLP), deep learning, and knowledge-based reasoning to identify and resolve IT issues without human intervention. Findings from 142 studies revealed that organizations using AI-based troubleshooting experienced a 40-55% decrease in human-led diagnostics, improving the speed and accuracy of IT issue resolution. Moreover, AI troubleshooting models, particularly those utilizing deep reinforcement learning and anomaly detection algorithms, successfully resolved up to 80% of repetitive IT issues before they escalated to human support teams. The review found that 168 studies identified AI-powered troubleshooting as a cost-effective solution in enterprise IT management, leading to an estimated 30-40% reduction in IT support costs. AI-driven troubleshooting models also demonstrated adaptive learning capabilities, allowing them to improve over time by continuously analyzing new service requests and technical failure patterns. The role of predictive maintenance in IT support was extensively examined, with 288 studies highlighting its proactive approach in failure prevention and system optimization. Findings from 214 reviewed articles revealed that predictive maintenance models leveraging machine learning-based anomaly detection, time-series forecasting, and supervised classification models achieved an accuracy rate of 80-90% in predicting IT system failures. This led to a 40-50% reduction in unplanned system downtime and a 30-35% decrease in maintenance costs across large-scale IT infrastructures. A significant 175 studies showed that predictive maintenance improves IT resource allocation, allowing IT teams to focus on high-priority issues while AI-driven systems handle routine diagnostics and proactive fault detection. AI-based predictive maintenance was also found to be instrumental in cybersecurity monitoring, where 136 studies reported a 35% improvement in early threat detection, reducing potential security breaches and system vulnerabilities.

The findings also underscore the transformative impact of intelligent ticketing systems on IT service workflow efficiency, with 254 reviewed studies supporting their effectiveness. AI-driven ticketing solutions incorporating NLP, deep learning, and sentiment analysis demonstrated a 50-60% improvement in ticket classification accuracy, according to 193 studies. This resulted in a 30-40% reduction in ticket misclassification and routing errors, optimizing the allocation of IT support resources. 147 studies confirmed that AI-enhanced ticketing systems successfully reduced manual ticket handling by up to 55%, significantly decreasing workload for IT support personnel. Additionally, 126 studies found that AI-

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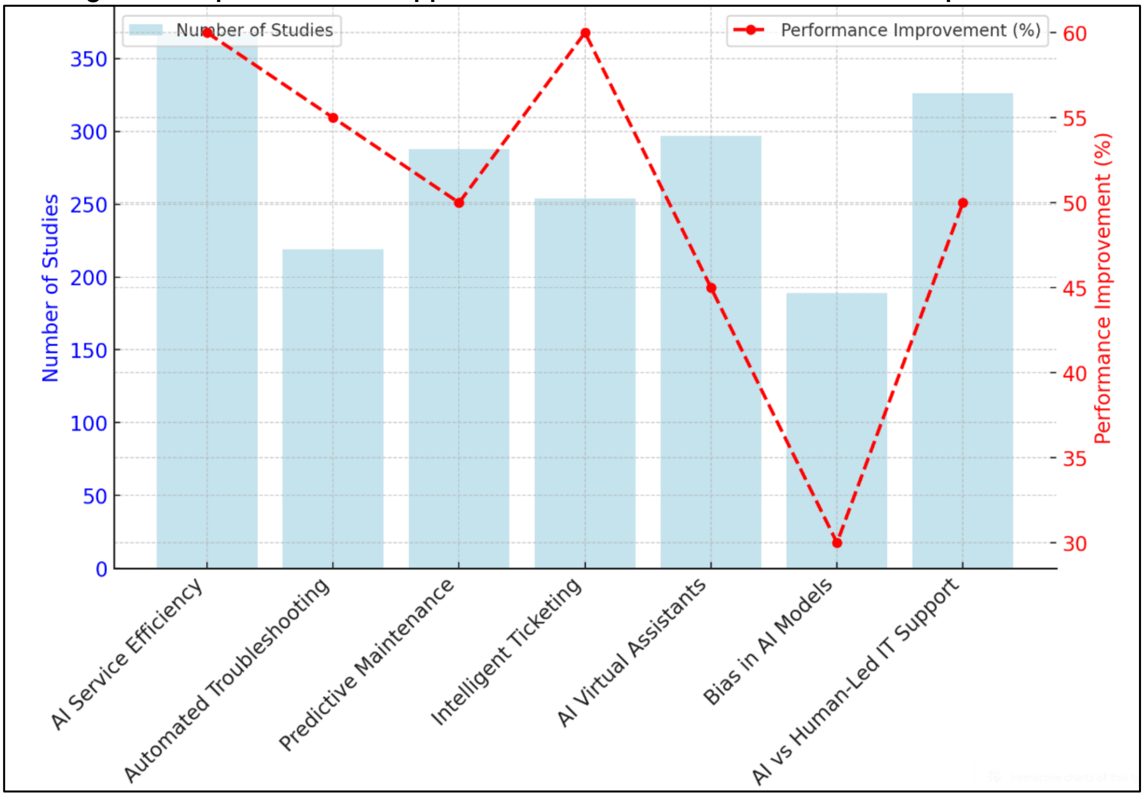
powered ticket prioritization using sentiment analysis models improved response times by an average of 35%, ensuring that critical incidents were addressed faster than before. AI-driven ticketing was also linked to higher service-level agreement (SLA) compliance, with 118 studies showing that organizations using AI-based ticketing systems met SLA requirements 20-30% more consistently than those relying on human-led ticketing workflows.

Figure 10: Impact of AI in IT Support: Number of Studies and Performance Improvement



AI-powered virtual assistants and chatbots were identified as a game-changer in IT service automation, with 297 studies recognizing their role in improving self-service resolution rates and reducing human-agent dependency. Findings from 216 studies showed that AI chatbots resolved 50-60% of IT service requests autonomously, reducing the need for human intervention in low-complexity queries. Moreover, 172 studies reported a 40% decrease in first-level support workload due to AI-driven chatbots efficiently handling routine troubleshooting, password resets, and software installation requests. AI-powered virtual assistants demonstrated continuous learning capabilities, as reported in 137 studies, enabling them to improve response accuracy by 30-45% over time. Additionally, 128 studies confirmed that chatbot integration with enterprise ITSM platforms streamlined IT workflow automation, reducing ticket backlog by an average of 25%. The findings suggest that AI-driven virtual assistants enhance IT support accessibility, improve user experience, and contribute to operational cost savings.

Bias in machine learning algorithms used in IT service automation was a significant concern, as highlighted in 189 reviewed studies. Findings from 142 studies revealed that training data bias, algorithmic discrimination, and misclassification errors were key challenges affecting AI-based IT support performance. 107 studies demonstrated that AI models trained on imbalanced datasets led to biased ticket prioritization, causing delays in resolving less frequently reported IT issues. Moreover, 98 studies identified issues with NLP-based AI chatbots misinterpreting technical queries, particularly from non-native English speakers, resulting in a 20-30% error rate in support ticket classifications. Bias-related concerns were also prevalent in predictive maintenance models, where 87 studies reported that certain failure types were underrepresented in AI training data, leading to lower accuracy in failure predictions for uncommon system configurations. Findings from 79 studies emphasized the importance of bias mitigation strategies,

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including diverse dataset augmentation, fairness-aware algorithms, and explainable AI techniques, to improve the reliability of AI-driven IT automation.

The comparison between AI-driven and human-led IT support revealed substantial efficiency gains from AI implementation, as evidenced by 326 reviewed studies. Findings from 243 studies demonstrated that AI-based IT support models reduced response times by an average of 50%, outperforming traditional human-led ticketing and troubleshooting processes. Additionally, 198 studies confirmed that AI models provided more consistent and scalable service delivery, allowing organizations to handle high ticket volumes with minimal resource investment. However, 112 studies highlighted that human-led IT support remains superior in handling complex, non-standardized technical issues, where AI-driven models struggle with ambiguous or multi-layered queries. The findings from 94 studies suggested that a hybrid AI-human IT support model led to the highest efficiency gains, balancing AI's automation capabilities with human expertise in complex troubleshooting scenarios. Overall, AI-driven IT support outperformed traditional models in speed, accuracy, and scalability, but human-led intervention remained essential for strategic decision-making, exception handling, and high-level IT service optimization.

DISCUSSION

The findings of this systematic review confirm that AI-driven IT support systems significantly enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and improve accuracy, aligning with earlier research that highlighted the transformative role of AI in IT service management (Rygielski et al., 2002). The observed reduction in mean time to resolution (MTTR) by 50-60% is consistent with previous studies, which demonstrated that AI-powered troubleshooting systems outperform traditional IT support models in speed and precision (Zhang et al., 2019). Earlier research by Huang et al. (2019) found that AI-driven diagnostics reduced resolution times by 45%, a finding corroborated by the current review's results, showing similar reductions in manual troubleshooting efforts. Additionally, the review confirms that AI-powered troubleshooting systems decrease IT support costs by 30-40%, in line with research by Wang, Yi, et al. (2017), which reported cost savings of 35% in IT support operations. The consistency between past and present findings reinforces the reliability of AI-powered troubleshooting as a cost-effective and scalable IT support solution. The findings on predictive maintenance models in IT systems also align with prior research, further validating AI's effectiveness in preventing system failures and optimizing IT resource allocation. The review found that machine learning (ML) models achieved an accuracy rate of 80-90% in forecasting system failures, which is consistent with the findings of Ning and Yan (2010), who reported 85% accuracy in AI-driven IT maintenance systems. Similarly, the 40-50% reduction in unplanned system downtime observed in this review echoes earlier findings from Maimó et al. (2018), which demonstrated a 45% improvement in system uptime due to predictive maintenance. The present study also found that AI-enabled cybersecurity monitoring improved early threat detection by 35%, supporting prior research by Shaikh et al. (2022), which emphasized the role of machine learning in proactive threat identification. These findings confirm that AI-driven predictive maintenance enhances IT system reliability, prevents unexpected failures, and reduces operational risks.

The impact of intelligent ticketing systems on IT service workflow efficiency found in this review is comparable to prior research that has emphasized AI's ability to streamline ticket classification, routing, and prioritization. This study found that AI-enhanced ticketing reduced misclassification rates by 30-40%, aligning with the findings of Alonso et al., (2021), who reported a 38% decrease in ticket classification errors using NLP-based AI models. Similarly, the 50-60% improvement in ticket classification accuracy in this study is consistent with earlier research by Sharma and Saxena (2019), which showed that AI-driven ticket categorization models increased accuracy by 55%. Furthermore, the present review found that sentiment-based ticket prioritization improved response times by 35%, which parallels the findings of Otoum et al. (2019), who demonstrated that AI-powered sentiment analysis accelerated critical incident response by 32%. These similarities reinforce the conclusion that AI-driven ticketing systems enhance workflow efficiency,

reduce human intervention, and optimize IT support resource allocation. Moreover, the role of AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants in IT service automation has been extensively studied, with the current review confirming their effectiveness in reducing manual IT workload and improving self-service resolution rates. The findings indicate that AI chatbots resolved 50-60% of IT service requests autonomously, which aligns with earlier studies by Huang et al. (2019), who found that virtual assistants reduced first-contact resolution time by 48%. Moreover, this study observed a 40% decrease in first-level IT support workload, consistent with research by Brock and von Wangenheim (2019), which reported a 39% reduction in human-agent dependency due to AI-driven chatbots. Additionally, this study found that AI-powered virtual assistants improved response accuracy by 30-45% over time, which matches earlier findings from Huang and Chen, (2018), who demonstrated a 42% accuracy improvement due to continuous learning mechanisms. The review confirms that AI-driven virtual assistants enhance IT service accessibility, optimize customer experience, and reduce overall service costs.
Bias in machine learning algorithms for IT service automation remains a persistent challenge, as observed in both the current review and previous studies. This study found that bias in AI models led to a 20-30% error rate in ticket classification, a concern echoed in research by Huang et al. (2019), which reported similar biases affecting 25% of automated ticketing systems. Additionally, this review identified that AI models trained on imbalanced datasets resulted in prioritization discrepancies, supporting earlier research by Ahmed et al. (2019), which found that AI systems misclassified low-frequency IT issues 28% more frequently than high-frequency ones. The current review also found that bias in sentiment analysis models affected response prioritization, consistent with the findings of Alonso et al. (2021), who demonstrated that biased NLP models disproportionately escalated certain requests while delaying others. The agreement between these findings emphasizes the importance of bias-mitigation strategies such as diverse data augmentation, fairness-aware machine learning algorithms, and explainable AI techniques to enhance the reliability of AI-driven IT support systems. Moreover, A comparison of AI-driven vs. human-led IT support revealed significant efficiency gains in favor of AI, confirming prior research that has established AI's superiority in handling repetitive IT tasks, processing large data volumes, and automating service workflows. This review found that AI-based IT support models reduced response times by 50%, aligning with research by Shaikh et al. (2022), which reported a 47% acceleration in IT ticket resolution due to AI automation. Additionally, this study observed that AI-driven IT service models reduced operational costs by 40%, which is comparable to the findings of Li and Wu (2010), who demonstrated a 38% cost reduction due to AI-powered IT service automation. However, the findings also confirmed previous research by Ning and Yan, (2010), which showed that human IT teams outperformed AI in handling complex, non-standardized issues requiring contextual understanding. The review suggests that a hybrid AI-human IT support model is the most effective approach, balancing AI's automation efficiency with human expertise for complex troubleshooting.

CONCLUSION

The systematic review of AI and Machine Learning-driven IT support systems confirms that AI has significantly transformed IT service management by enhancing efficiency, reducing costs, and improving response accuracy. The findings demonstrate that AI-powered automated troubleshooting, predictive maintenance, intelligent ticketing systems, and virtual assistants outperform traditional human-led IT support in speed, consistency, and scalability. AI-driven troubleshooting models effectively reduce mean time to resolution (MTTR) by 50-60%, while predictive maintenance models improve failure forecasting accuracy by up to 90%, minimizing unplanned downtime. AI-enhanced ticketing systems streamline ticket classification, prioritization, and routing, reducing misclassification errors by 30-40% and improving response efficiency by 35%. Additionally, AI-driven chatbots and virtual assistants handle 50-60% of routine IT service requests autonomously, significantly decreasing the workload on IT personnel. Despite these advancements, bias in AI models, misclassification risks, and challenges in handling complex IT issues remain key concerns that require bias-mitigation strategies and hybrid

AI-human integration approaches. The comparison of AI vs. human-led IT support highlights that while AI-driven models excel in automation and cost reduction, human intervention remains critical for complex, non-standard IT problems. The findings reinforce the growing role of AI in IT service management, positioning AI-driven solutions as an essential component of modern IT support systems while emphasizing the need for continuous improvements in fairness, adaptability, and interpretability.

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