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TCS TwinX™, an enterprise digital twin platform, enables organizations to construct their own enterprise digital twins by modelling key enterprise entities including customers, products, processes and resources. This digital twin-based simulator helps construct hypothesis, model entities and test business decision outcomes in the virtual A/B testing mode, enabling organizations to analyze, adapt and transform themselves towards achieving holistic business goals.

Overview

Shifting customer purchase and consumption patterns in the face of deep uncertainties have brought a new urgency to create improved products and services to grow and retain customers. Organizations also need to enhance internal process efficiencies, reduce costs and curb revenue leakages. However, taking continuous and dynamic decisions in an ever-changing business environment is a daunting challenge. Historical data-driven models lack the capability to predict deviations and effectiveness of business responses in the face of deep uncertainties and unavailability of prior data.

TCS TwinX leverages cutting-edge research on artificial intelligence (AI) and actor model of computation to help envision, experiment with and execute business decisions through a digital twin-based simulator. The platform creates a virtual and faithful simulation of an enterprise system based on entities’ behavioral changes and macro patterns and group behaviors. Hypothesis formulation, virtual A/B testing and adaptive iterations based on simulated behavior of enterprise entities.

Key features of the TCS TwinX (see Figure 1) solution include:

- High fidelity digital twin construction, validation and synchronization of enterprise entities that provide micro trends and behavioral dispositions at the n=1 level.
- Clustering and aggregation of entity cohorts to understand macro patterns and group behaviors.
- Hypothesis formulation, virtual A/B testing and adaptive iterations based on simulated behavior of enterprise entities.
- Comparative analysis of various simulated scenarios through a wide range of business KPIs, outcomes and cross-functional implications.
- Explainability of entity attributes, interrelationships, behavioral dispositions and reinforcement of the digital twin to ensure higher correlation with real-world systems based on business user feedback.

Our Solution

By leveraging TCS TwinX across various business functions, organizations have achieved multiple business benefits including:

- Increase in revenue by 10-15% through improved product, offers and campaign configurations, retentions and hyper-personalization strategies leading to higher customer lifetime value (CLV).
- Minimize revenue leakages by identifying, and pre-empting fraudulent attacks.
- Drive cost optimization and waste reduction through improved supply network efficiencies.
- Enhanced customer experience across channels and touchpoints through constant monitoring, transformation and redesign of the customer journey.
- Faster time to market (2X) for new products and offers, leveraging digital twin-based virtual A/B testing.
- Reduced opex through improved process efficiency and process reliability with up to 20-30% increase in right-first-time success. This has ensured reduction in cycle time by up to 15%.

Benefits

The TCS Advantage

TCS leverages its rich industry experience, contextual knowledge, pioneering research and innovation to drive measurable success, fostering an organizational culture of experimentation and developing playbooks to implement purposeful digital twins across varied business functions. Our key differentiators include:

- Best-in-class technology: Best-in-class digital twin-based enterprise modeling and simulation platform as a ready-to-use solution for organizational decision testing and evaluation.
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- Ease of use: Experimentation console architected and designed for business decision makers helps highlight domain context requests, expert feedback and plays simulation outcomes in a gamified UI.
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