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## ABSTRACT

In this project, we propose a methodology to leverage Machine Learning (ML) for the detection of web application vulnerabilities. Web applications are particularly challenging to analyse, due to their diversity and the widespread adoption of custom programming practices. ML is thus very helpful for web application security: it can take advantage of manually labeled data to bring the human understanding of the web application semantics into automated analysis tools. We use our methodology in the design of Mitch, the first ML solution for the black-box detection of Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) vulnerabilities. Mitch allowed us to identify 35 new CSRFs on 20 major websites and 3 new CSRFs on production software. Web applications have become an integral part of modern digital interactions, yet they remain susceptible to a wide range of security vulnerabilities that can compromise user data and system integrity. This project presents an innovative approach to enhancing web application security through the application of machine learning techniques for web vulnerability detection. By leveraging a diverse dataset of simulated attack scenarios and legitimate interactions, a robust and adaptive model is developed to identify and classify vulnerabilities such as SQL injection, cross-site scripting (XSS), and cross-site request forgery (CSRF). Feature engineering, selection, and extraction methods are employed to effectively capture intricate patterns indicative of vulnerabilities.

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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

ML	-	Machine Learning
CSRF	-	Cross Site Request Forgery
MySQL	-	My Structured Query Language
HTML	-	Hypertext Markup Language
CSS	-	Cascading Style Sheets
GUI	-	Graphical User Interface
XSS	-	Cross Site Scripting
HTTP	-	Hypertext Transfer Protocol
WAF	-	Web Application Firewall