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ABSTRACT

The broad objective of this study is an attack, threat and vulnerabilities of cyber infrastructure, which include hardware and software systems, networks, enterprise networks, intranets, and its useof the cyber intrusions. It also discusses in vivid detail, the reasons for the quickdilation of cybercrime. The paper also includes a complete description and definition of cybersecurity, the role itplays in network intrusion and cyber recognize theft, a discussion of the reasons for the rise in cybercrime and their impact. In closing the authors recommend some preventive measures and possible solutions to the attack, threats and vulnerabilities of cyber security.

The study begins by defining and categorizing cyber attacks, encompassing a wide array of malicious activities ranging from malware and phishing to advanced persistent threats (APTs) and ransomware. By dissecting the techniques and methodologies employed by attackers, the research sheds light on the multifaceted nature of cyber threats, highlighting their sophistication and adaptability. Furthermore, this investigation delves into the various threat actors involved in perpetrating cyberattacks, including state-sponsored hackers, cybercriminal organizations, and individual hackers. By examining their motivations, capabilities, and tactics, the study provides insights into the diverse range of adversaries targeting digital assets.

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LIST OF ABBREVATIONS

- 1 IDS-INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEM
- 2 ML- MACHINE LEARNINNG
- 3 AI-ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

World is going on the digitalization or cash less transaction so multifold. Even the government and defense organization have experienced significant cyber losses and disruptions. The crime environment in cyber space is totally different from the real space that is why there are many hurdles to enforce the cybercrime law as real space law in any society. For Example, age in real space is a self-authenticating factors compare to cyberspace in which age is not similarly self- authenticating. A child under age of 18 can easily hide his age in Cyber space and can access the restricted resources where as in real space it would be difficult for him to do so. Cyber security involves protecting the information by preventing, detecting and responding to cyber-attacks.

The penetration of computer in society is a welcome step towards modernization but needs to be better equipped to keen competition with challenges associated with technology. New hacking techniques are used to penetrate in the network and the security vulnerabilities which are not often discovered arise difficulty for the security professionals in order to find hackers. These vulnerabilities, which may arise from software flaws, misconfigurations, or human errors, serve as entry points for cyber attacks, allowing threat actorsto compromise the The defense mechanism mainly concerns with the understanding of their own network, nature of the attacker, inspire of the attacker, method of attack, security weakness.

1.1 Problem Statement

In today's digital age, cybersecurity has emerged as a critical concern for individuals, organizations, and societies worldwide. The rapid proliferation of digital technologies has led to an exponential increase in cyber attacks, posing significant threats to the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of digital assets. Despite advances in cybersecurity practices and technologies, the evolving nature of cyber threats continues to outpace traditional defense mechanisms, highlighting the need for a deeper understanding of attacks, threats, and vulnerabilities. The overarching problem lies in the complexity and sophistication of cyber attacks, which exploit a myriad of vulnerabilities inherent in digital systems and networks. These attacks manifest in various forms, including malware infections, phishing scams, ransomware attacks, and sophisticated cyber espionage campaigns orchestrated by nation-states and cybercriminal organizations. Despite efforts to address knownvulnerabilities through patching and security updates, the sheer complexity of modern IT environments and the rapid pace of technological advancements make it challenging to eliminate vulnerabilities comprehensively.

1.2 Project Domain

This study on cybersecurity aims to undertake a comprehensive exploration of attacks, threats, and vulnerabilities within digital systems and networks. The scope of the study encompasses an in-depth analysis of various cyber attacks, including malware infections, phishing scams, ransomware attacks, distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks, and advanced persistent threats (APTs). The primary objectives of this research are to deepen understanding of the evolving nature of cyber

threats, identify key challenges and gaps in cybersecurity practices, provide actionable insights for practitioners and policymakers, inform decision-making processes related to cybersecurity investment and resource allocation, and contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the field of cybersecurity Through these objectives, the study aims to enhance the resilience of individuals, organizations, and societies against the growing threat landscape of cyber attacks.

1.3 Scope & Objective

In the realm of cybersecurity, the existing system for studying attacks, threats, and vulnerabilities is multifaceted and dynamic. Researchers typically embark on comprehensive literature reviews to establish a foundational understanding of cyber threats, drawing upon a wide range of existing studies, theories, and findings. Simulation and modeling techniques offer further depth by allowing researchers to simulate cyber attacks and assess the effectiveness of mitigation strategies. Collaboration across disciplines is also common, as cybersecurity research often requires expertise from various fields such as computer science, psychology, and sociology. The landscape of cybersecurity research on attacks, threats, and vulnerabilities is characterized by a rich array of methodologies and approaches aimed at understanding and mitigating digital risks. A prevalent practice involves thorough literature reviews, Complementing this, case studies of real-world cyber incidents offer invaluable insights into the strategies employed by attackers, the impact of their actions.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

Iyatiti Mokube et al proposed and presented an overview of Cyberattacks and provide a starting point for persons who are interested in this technology and examined different kinds of Cyberattacks, Cyberattacks concepts, and approaches to their implementation.

T.Holz et al introduced several techniques and present diverse tools and techniques which help attackers. In addition, they presented several methods to detect suspicious environments (e.g. virtual machines and presence of debuggers).

Wan-min Bai et al explores building a prototype system and the Threats secure remote log server, based on the right on the remote log server log data analysis and mining, Threats log mining analytical framework designed to achieve pre- processing of log data, through the IDA to the pre-log data mining.

N. Weiler proposed a system that helps to defend a network from DDoS attacks and the goal is to simulate convincingly success of the compromise of a system to a potential DDoS attacker.

K.G. Anagnostakis etal presented Shadow Cyberattacks, a novel hybridarchitecture that combines the best features of Cyberattacks and intrusion detection. At a high level, they used a variety of intrusion detectors to monitor all traffic to a protected network/service. Traffic that is considered anomalous is processed by a "shadow Cyberattack" to determine the accuracy of the intrusion prediction.

S Kandanaarachchi et al introduced a a novel framework called Attacks, deployed in the LAN, rather than at the perimeter, focusing on internal-LAN traffic to predict, for example, a <u>malicious insider</u> attack. Attacks incorporates an NADS, as well as a Cyberattack, within an internal network. The intrusion detection technique incorporated into Attacks is Lookout, a new method built on <u>extreme value theory</u> that makes it possible to achieve highly desirable low false positive rates.

Javier Franco et al provides comprehensive survey of the research that has been carried out on Cyberattacks and threatss for IoT, IIoT, and CPS. It provides a taxonomy and extensive analysis of the existing Cyberattacks and threats, states keydesign factors for the state-of-the-art Cyberattack/threats research and outlines open issues for future Cyberattacks and threatss for IoT, IIoT, and CPS environments.

Constantin Musca et al proposed paper presents methods for -isolating the malicious traffic by using a Cyberattack system and analyzing it in order to automatically generate attack signatures for the Snort intrusion detection/prevention system. The Cyberattack is deployed as a virtual machine and its job is to log as much information as it can about the attacks. Then, using a protected machine, the logs are collected remotely, through a safe connection, for analysis. The challenge isto mitigate the risk we are exposed to and at the same time search for unknown attacks.

Muhammed AbuOdeh et al presented a novel AI-based methodology that identifies phases of a host-level cyber attack simply from system call logs. System calls emanating from cyber attacks on hosts such as honey pots are often recorded inaudit logs.

Y Tang et al proposed HonIDS, a Cyberattack system for detecting malicious hosts and intruders in local network. HonIDS is characterized by its layered structure and is enhanced by two detection models: TFRPP (times, frequency, range,port risk, average payload length) model and Bayes model. The basic idea of these models is that although it is hard to directly judge whether one interaction with the Cyberattacks is an attack or malicious activity, it is possible to identify intruders by analyzing the plentiful and global events of Cyberattacks in a given period of time.

In the course of this literature review, we have explored a range of approaches and methodologies employed in the context of malwareware detection using Cyberattack as well as intrusion detection, the examination has revealed two standout performers in the fight against this pervasive cyber threat. The utilization of Mukasaidea has resulted in a remarkable success rate, registering an impressive 87.3%. This outstanding achievement underscores the potential of ideas in enhancing Cyberattack and mitigation strategies. Furthermore, the review has highlighted the role of intrusion detection (ADS) in Cyberattack making. ADS has shown promise in delivering a commendable success rate, offering a valuable addition to the arsenal of techniques available in aid to Cyberattacks.

CHAPTER 3

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

3.1 Existing System

Existing systems for fraud detection and cybersecurity vulnerabilities typically rely on a combination of machine learning algorithms, anomaly detection techniques, and security protocols. These systems analyze patterns in data to identify suspicious behavior or potential weaknesses in security measures. They often incorporate real-time monitoring and alerts to quickly respond to emerging threats. Continuous updates and adaptations are crucial to stay ahead of evolving fraud tactics and cybersecurity risks. By embracing these proactive measures and leveraging innovative technologies, the proposed work incybersecurity aims to bolster the security posture of organizations and safeguard the integrity and confidentiality of digital assets in an increasingly interconnected world.

3.2 Proposed System

A proposed system for fraud detection and cybersecurity vulnerability mitigation might involve leveraging advanced machine learning algorithms, such as deep learning and neural networks, to improve detection accuracy and adaptability to new threats. Additionally, integrating blockchain technology for secure transaction verification and decentralized data storage can enhance data integrity and resilience against tampering. Implementing multi-factor authentication and biometric verification methods can also strengthen access controls and reduce the risk of unauthorized access. Regular security audits and penetration testing would further ensure the robustness of the system against emerging threats.

3.3 Hardware Specification

• PROCESSOR: PENTIUM IV

• RAM: 8GB

• PROCESSOR :2.4 GHZ

MAIN MEMORY: 8GB RAM 10PROCESSING SPEED: 600MHZ

• HARD DISK DRIVE: 1TB

• KEYBOARD: 104 KEYS

3.4 Software Specifications

- ANACONDA
- ANACONDA PROMPT
- PYTHON
- VISUAL STUDIO
- GIT
- WINDOWS 11

CHAPTER 4 MODULE DESCRIPTION

4.1 Architecture Diagram

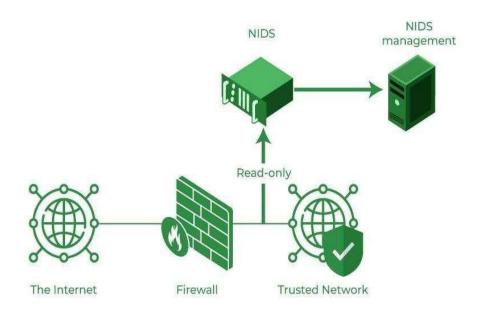


Figure 4.1: Architecture diagram

Cybersecurity system architecture encompasses the design and implementation of a comprehensive framework to protect digital assets, networks, and systems from cyber threats. At its core, cybersecurity architecture integrates various components and layers of defense to mitigate risks and ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information. The below diagram depicts the system architecture.

4.2 Prediction Model

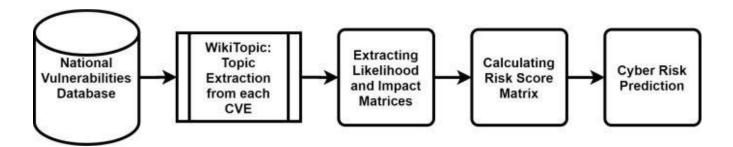


Figure 4.2: Prediction model

Install and configure the selected Cyberattack software on dedicated serversor virtual machines. Configure network settings to mimic the organization's production environment while isolating the threats from the rest of the network. Setup data collection mechanisms, such as packet capture tools or logging services, to capture network traffic and system events within the threats.

Choose an appropriate intrusion detection algorithm or technique, such as statistical analysis, machine learning, or behavior-based intrusion detection. Develop or acquire intrusion detection models tailored to the characteristics of the threats environment and the types of attacks expected.

4.3 Use Case Diagram

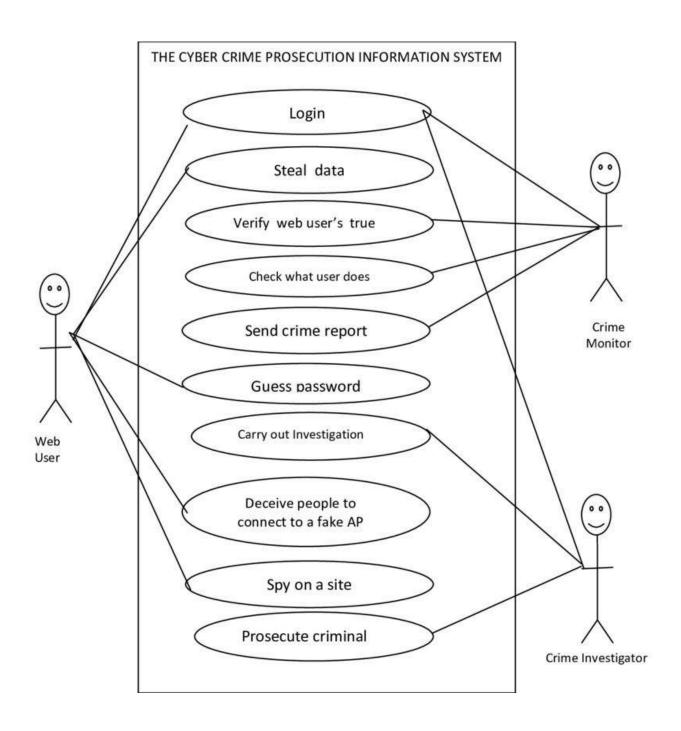


Figure 4.3: Use Case Diagram

In this use case diagram:

The actor depicted is the Administrator, who interacts with the Cyberattack system.

The use cases represent the various actions or functionalities that the Administrator can perform within the Cyberattack system.

Use cases include deploying the Cyberattack, configuring its settings, monitoring network activity, analyzing captured data, and responding to security incidents.

1. Deploy Cyberattack:

This use case involves the process of deploying the Cyberattack within the network infrastructure.

2. Configure Cyberattack:

This use case involves configuring the settings and parameters of the deployed Cyberattack to meet specific requirements.

3. Monitor Cyberattack:

This use case involves continuously monitoring the deployed Cyberattack for incoming network traffic and suspicious activities.

4. Analyze Data:

This use case involves analyzing the captured data and logs to gain insights into potential security incidents and adversary tactics.

5. Respond to Incidents:

This use case involves responding to detected security incidents and mitigating the impact of potential threats.

4.4 Sequence Diagram

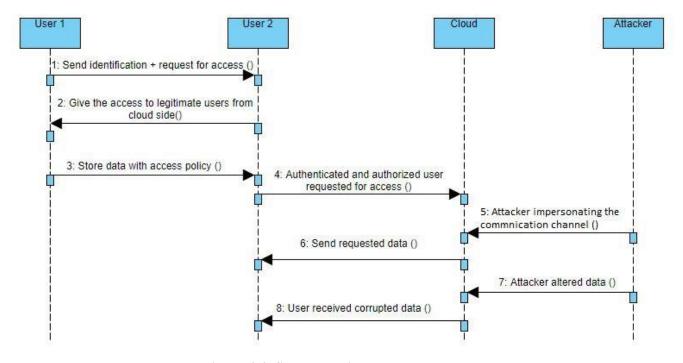


Figure 4.4: Sequence Diagram

The specific implementation and configuration of an IDS may vary depending on factors such as the deployment environment, organization's security policies, and the capabilities of the IDS solution being used. The IDS logs all relevant information about the detected intrusion, including timestamps, source and destination addresses, detected signatures or anomalies, and response actions taken. This data is used for incident analysis, forensic investigation, and compliance reporting purposes. The extracted features are compared against a database—ofknown attack patterns or signatures. This step involves pattern matching algorithms to detect matches with known malicious signatures.

4.5 Activity Diagram

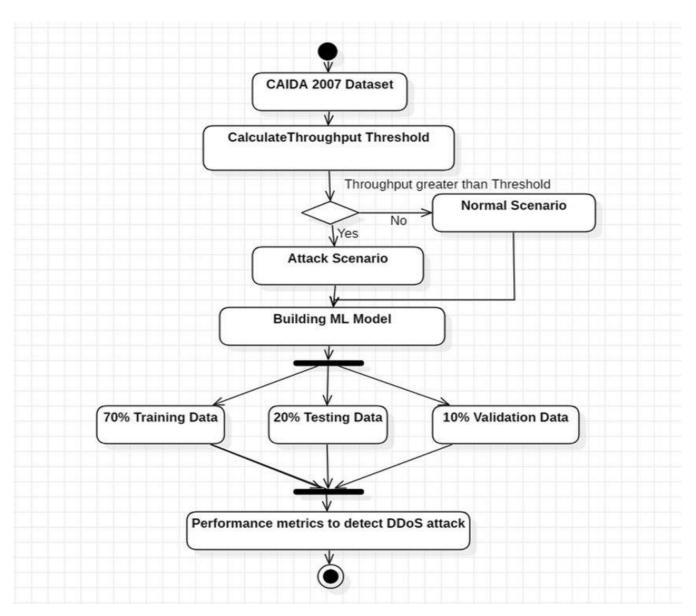
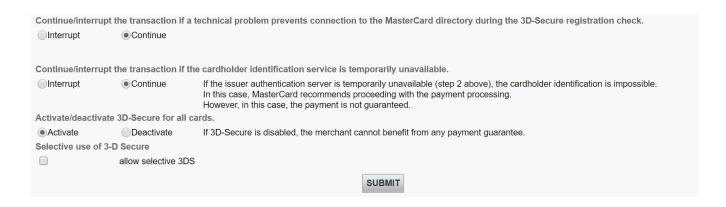


Figure 4.5: Activity Diagram

4.6 Module Description

Once your fraud subscription is active, you can now configure your 3DS settings. Go to Advanced > Fraud Detection. 3DS will have to be configured individually for each payment method. Under 3-D Secure, select a payment method by clicking on EDIT. You will see a list of actions that you can choose from.



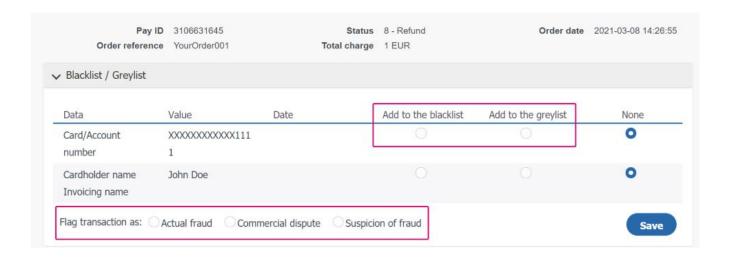


Merchant Fraud lists are lists that allow you to set conditions for your payments. For example, you may want to block illegitimate transactions based on their IP addresses or even the card's country of issue! In this chapter, you will learn how to manage these lists.

If a transaction matches any of the conditions that you have set on these lists, it will be then accepted or blocked accordingly.

Depending on the action that you choose to take, you might also need to send some parameters to our platform. Below is an overview of the list types (which are conditions you can set), what they mean and parameters that would need to be sent.

PAYMENT LOGS AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION										
Pay ID	Merch ref	Status	Authorisation	Payment date						
3106631645/0	YourOrder001	9-Payment requested	test123	2021-03-08 14:27:15						
3106631645/1	YourOrder001	8-Refund	test123	2021-03-09 15:15:25						



If our platform rejects a transaction and puts it to status 2, we always provide an error code. This code provides you with detailed information about the rejection. Consult our Troubleshooting guide to refine your Fraud module settings for higher conversion rate!

CHAPTER 5

IMPLEMENTATION AND TESTING

5.1 Input and Output

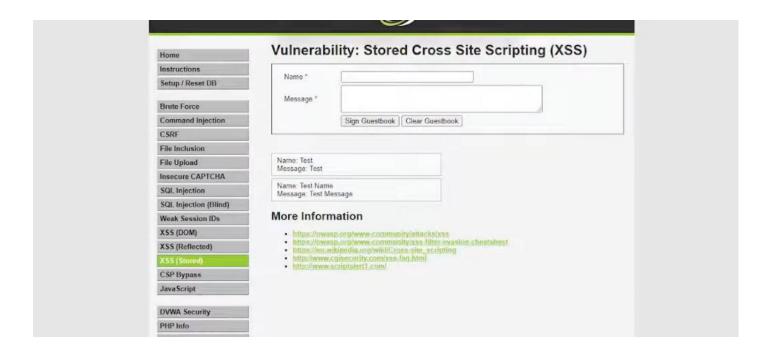


Figure 5.1: Final Output

5.2 Source Code

```
import requests
import re
import urllib.parse
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
class Scanner:
       def __init__(self,url,ignore_links):
              self.session = requests.Session()
              self.target_url = url
              self.target_links = []
              self.links_to_ignore = ignore_links
       def extract_links_from(self,url):
              response = self.session.get(url)
              return re.findall(b'(?:href=")(.*?)"",response.content)
       def crawl(self,url=None):
              if url == None:
                      url = self.target_url
              href_links = self.extract_links_from(url)
              for link in href_links:
                     link = urllib.parse.urljoin(str(url), str(link))
                     if "#" in link: # #r refers to original page so avoid duplicate page again and
again
                             link = link.split("#")[0]
```

```
if self.target_url in link and link not in self.target_links and link not in
self.links_to_ignore:
                    #to avoid repeating the same url and ignore logout url
                            self.target_links.append(link)
                            #print link
                            self.crawl(link)
       def extract_forms(self,url):
              response = self.session.get(url)
              parsed_html = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")
              return parsed_html.findAll("form")
       def submit form(self,form,value,url):
              action = form.get("action")
              post_url = urllib.parse.urljoin(url,action)
              method = form.get("method")
              inputs_list = form.findAll("input")
              post_data = \{\}
              for input in inputs_list:
                    input_name = input.get("name")
                    input_type = input.get("type")
                    input value = input.get("value")
                    if input_type == "text":
                            input value = value
                    post_data[input_name] = input_value
              if method == "post":
                     return self.session.post(post_url,data=post_data)
              return self.session.get(post_url,params=post_data)
```

```
def run_scanner(self):
              for link in self.target_links:
                     forms = self.extract_forms(link)
                     for form in forms:
                             print("[+] Testing form in " + link)
                             is vulnerable to xss = self.test xss in form(form,link)
                             if is_vulnerable_to_xss:
                                    print ("--"*50)
                                    print ("[*****] XSS discovered in "+link+" in the following
form:")
                                    print (form)
                                    print ("--"*50)
                     if "=" in link:
                             print ("[+] Testing " + link)
                             if_vulnerable_to_xss = self.test_xss_in_link(link)
                             if is vulnerable to xss:
                                    print ("--"*50)
                                    print ("[*****] Discovered XSS in " + link)
                                    print (link)
                                    print ("--"*50)
       def test_xss_in_link(self,url):
              xss_test_script = "<sCript>alert('test')</scriPt>"
              url = url.replace("=","="+ xss test script)
              response = self.session.get(url)
              return xss_test_script in response.content
       def test_xss_in_form(self,form,url):
              xss_test_script = "<sCript>alert('test')</scriPt>"
```

```
response = self.submit_form(form,xss_test_script,url)
return xss_test_script in response.content
```

import scanner

```
target_url = "http://127.0.0.1/dvwa/"
links_to_ignore = ["http://127.0.0.1/dvwa/logout.php"]

data_dict = {"username":"admin","password":"password","Login":"submit"}

vuln_scanner = scanner.Scanner(target_url,links_to_ignore)

vuln_scanner.session.post("http://127.0.0.1/dvwa/login.php",data=data_dict)

vuln_scanner.crawl()

vuln_scanner.run_scanner()
```

5.3 Testing

Companies have a variety of IT systems and face a range of potential cyber threats. Numerous types of cybersecurity testing exist to help identify potential vulnerabilities in these environments, including:

• **Penetration Tests:** A penetration test simulates a real cyberattack against an organization. These can be performed either from outside the network — emulating an external threat actor — or from inside — testing for potential vulnerabilities to insider threats.

- Vulnerability Scans: A vulnerability scan is an automated assessment that looks for known and common vulnerabilities in applications. The scanner will collect information about running applications and compare them to a list of known vulnerable programs to see if any are potentially vulnerable.
- Mobile Application Tests (Android/iOS): Mobile application tests scan Android or iOS apps for potential vulnerabilities. This includes both general security issues and risks particular to mobile devices, such as the failure to encrypt sensitive data before storing it or transmitting it over the network.
- **Web Application Tests:** Web application security tests evaluate a web app's front end and backend for potential vulnerabilities. Examples of common web app vulnerabilities include cross-site scripting (XSS) and SQL injection.
- **API Security Testing:** API security testing assesses application security interfaces (APIs) for potential vulnerabilities. For example, an API may accidentally expose sensitive data or fail to properly authenticate a user making a request.
- Wireless Network (Wi-Fi) Penetration Tests: Wireless networks can have security flaws, such as the use of weak passwords or insecure protocols (WEP or WPA). A Wi-Fi penetration test will scan a wireless network for these vulnerabilities and attempt to exploit them to see if the network is truly vulnerable.
- Social Engineering: Social engineering attacks, such as phishing, trick targets into doing what the attacker wants. A social engineering test may evaluate an organization's vulnerability to phishing or try to determine if employees will hand over sensitive information during a vishing attack.
- Cloud (AWS/GCP/Azure) Environment Penetration Tests: Companies are increasingly adopting cloud infrastructure, and cloud environments have unique security challenges not present in traditional, on-prem data centers. Cloud environment penetration testing looks for these specific security gaps, such as security misconfigurations or inadequate access management.
- Secure Code Reviews: In theory, security should be implemented in every phase of the Secure Software Development Lifecycle (SSDLC). Secure code review examines

code to attempt to identify and correct vulnerabilities before software is released into production.

- **Docker/Kubernetes(K8S) Penetration Testing:** Like cloud environments, containerized applications have unique security challenges. This form of penetration test looks for misconfigurations, insecure deployments, or the potential for container escapes.
- Adversarial Simulation/Red Team Simulations: Red teaming or adversarial simulation performs an in-depth assessment of an organization's cybersecurity.
 Often, this is designed to test an organization's defenses against a particular threat or threat actor.

CHAPTER 6

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The results of the study on the implementation of threats technology with intrusion detection capabilities yield valuable insights into the landscape of cyber threats and the evolution of Cyberattack technology over the years. Through the analysis of attack- prone operating systems within the deployed threats environment, valuable insights into prevalent attack vectors, tactics, and techniques employed by malicious actors were identified. By leveraging intrusion detection algorithms, a wide range of cyber threats, including port scans, brute force attacks, and malware infections, were detected and mitigated, effectively safeguarding the network infrastructure from potential security breaches. Furthermore, the examination of the evolution of Cyberattack technology highlights the advancements made in deception techniques, data collection methods, and threat intelligence capabilities. From simple lowinteraction Cyberattacks to sophisticated high-interaction threatss, Cyberattack technology has evolved to emulate realistic network environments and gather actionable intelligence on emerging cyber threats. These findings underscore the importance of continuous innovation and adaptation in cybersecurity strategies to stay ahead of evolving threat actors and protect critical assets and data from malicious activities. Through further research and experimentation, the aim is to refine the threats implementation and intrusion detection capabilities to enhance the organization's cybersecurity posture and resilience against emerging cyber threats.

Attacks in 2018-19 Backdoors Ransomware Trojon Phising Ddos Attacks Worms

Figure 6.1 Different cyberattacks.

The graph (fig: 3) reveals that Within each category, you can illustrate specific types of cyber attacks and their relationships to one another. For example, within the "Malware-Based Attacks" category, you might include subtypes like ransomware, spyware, and adware, with arrows indicating how they relate to one another (e.g., ransomware often spreads through phishing emails). Attacks that involve physically accessing or tampering with hardware or infrastructure, such as theft, vandalism, or unauthorized access to secure facilities. By visually representing different types of cyber attacks and their relationships, severity, and preventive measures, the graph can serve as a valuable tool for understanding the diverse landscape of cyber threats and informing cybersecurity strategies.

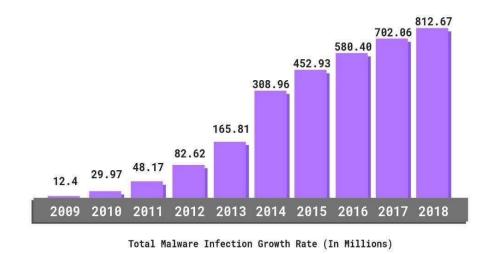


Figure 6.2 Evolution of Cyberattacks.

The graph depicting the evolution of Cyberattacks over the years reveals a fascinating trajectory of technological advancement and innovation in the realm of cybersecurity. Beginning with the inception of Cyberattack technology in the late 20th century, characterized by simple low-interaction Cyberattacks, the graph illustrates a gradual progression towards more sophisticated and versatile Cyberattack deployments. Over time, Cyberattacks have evolved to encompass a diverse array of forms, ranging from traditional network-based Cyberattacks to modern virtual and cloud-based Cyberattacks. Moreover, advancements in machine learning and artificial intelligence have enabled the development of dynamic and adaptive Cyberattack systems capable of autonomously detecting and responding to emerging cyber threats. The graph vividly showcases this evolution, underscoring the resilience and adaptability of Cyberattack technology in the face of evolving cyber threats and the As we continue to navigate the complexities of the digital age, the evolution of Cyberattacks serves as a testament to the enduring quest for innovation and effectiveness

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

7.1 Conclusion

In conclusion, while traditional Cyberattacks and threatss have undoubtedly played a significant role in the detection and analysis of cyber threats, it is becoming increasingly apparent that their efficacy may be limited by certain inherent constraints. These limitations encompass various factors, including scalability issues, the inability to detect sophisticated attack techniques, and challenges associated with real-time responsiveness. Despite their utility in capturing and studying malicious activities, traditional Cyberattacks and threatss may struggle to keep pace with the evolving tactics employed by cyber adversaries.

To overcome these constraints and bolster the effectiveness of Cyberattack-based security strategies, the integration of intrusion detection systems emerges as a promising solution. Intrusion detection mechanisms provide an additional layer of intelligence to threats frameworks, enabling organizations to identify and respond to anomalous behaviors indicative of potential cyber threats. By leveraging intrusion detection techniques such as statistical analysis, machine learning algorithms, and behavior analysis, organizations can detect subtle deviations from normal network behavior that may signal malicious activity.

7.2 Future Enhancement

In the future, Cyberattacks can leverage intrusion detection with machine learning to learn regular traffic patterns and flag deviations as potential threats. This can include analyzing attacker behavior and sharing threat data for improved threat intelligence. Additionally, Cyberattacks could self-adapt and integrate with deception technology to create a more realistic environment for attackers, leading to better data collection and analysis. Cyberattacks and threatss have been utilized by organizations as cybersecurity measures for quite some time. However, the extent of their usage can vary based on several factors such as industry, company size, technological advancements, and threat landscape.

Increased Awareness: Over the years, there has been a growing awareness of the importance of cybersecurity among organizations. This has led to more companies adopting advanced security measures like Cyberattacks and threatss to enhance their defense strategies.

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