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## PART 1: PROBLEM DEFINITION & PLANNING

### I. Sector Selection

Cybersecurity

### II. Problem Statement

How can we use flow-based network data to accurately detect and differentiate between Tor and Non-Tor traffic in darknet environments?

### III. 3. Dataset Identification

Dataset Title: Darknet

Source Link: [DarkNet](#)

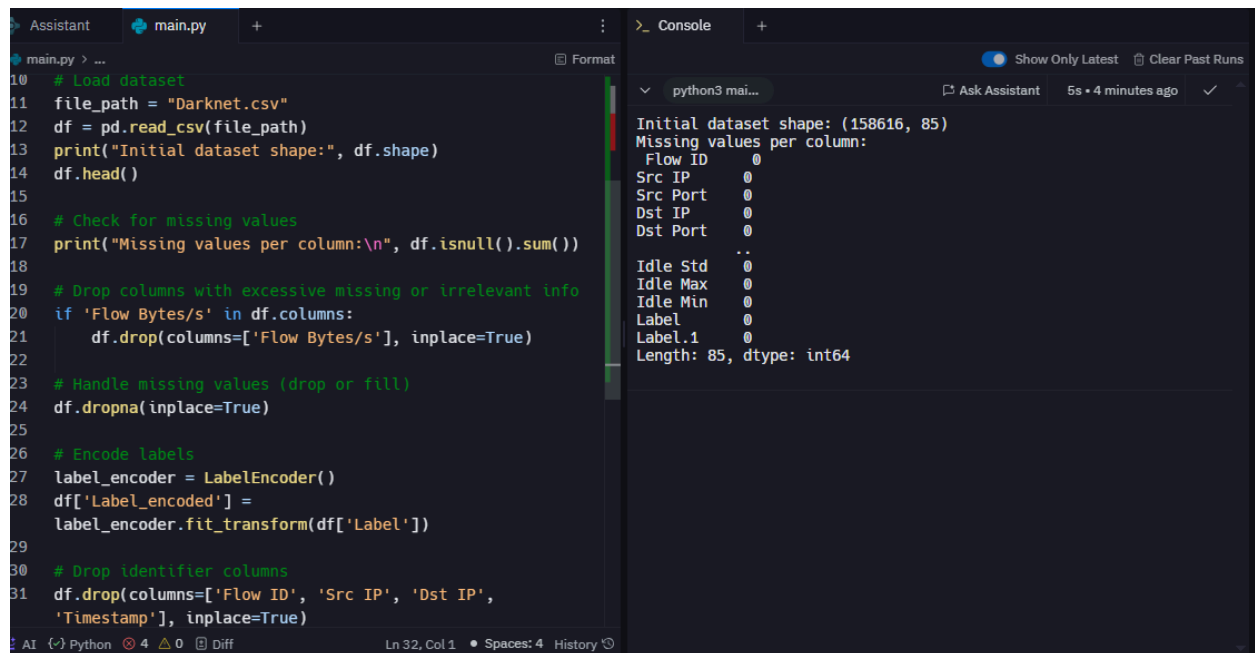
Number of Rows and Columns: 158616, 85

Data Structure: csv file

Data Status: needs preprocessing.

## PART 2: PYTHON ANALYTICS TASKS

### 1.Clean the Dataset

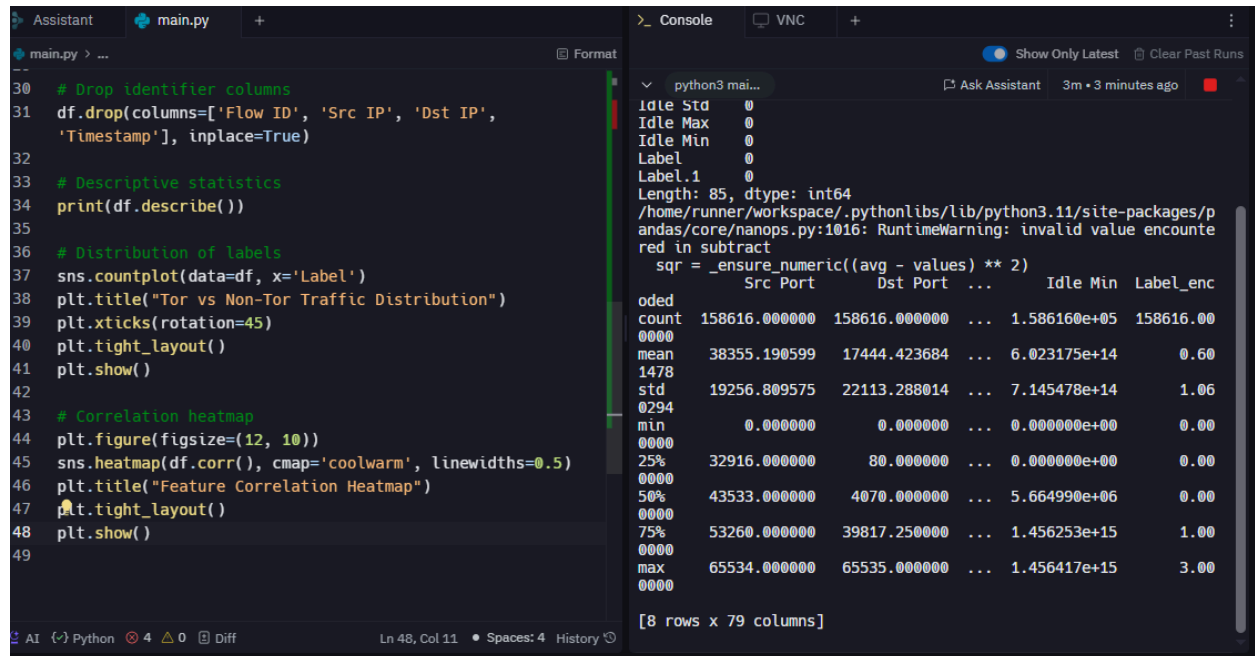


```
10 # Load dataset
11 file_path = "Darknet.csv"
12 df = pd.read_csv(file_path)
13 print("Initial dataset shape:", df.shape)
14 df.head()
15
16 # Check for missing values
17 print("Missing values per column:\n", df.isnull().sum())
18
19 # Drop columns with excessive missing or irrelevant info
20 if 'Flow Bytes/s' in df.columns:
21     df.drop(columns=['Flow Bytes/s'], inplace=True)
22
23 # Handle missing values (drop or fill)
24 df.dropna(inplace=True)
25
26 # Encode labels
27 label_encoder = LabelEncoder()
28 df['Label_encoded'] =
    label_encoder.fit_transform(df['Label'])
29
30 # Drop identifier columns
31 df.drop(columns=['Flow ID', 'Src IP', 'Dst IP',
    'Timestamp'], inplace=True)
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Initial dataset shape: (158616, 85)  
Missing values per column:  
Flow ID 0  
Src IP 0  
Src Port 0  
Dst IP 0  
Dst Port 0  
Idle Std 0  
Idle Max 0  
Idle Min 0  
Label 0  
Label.1 0  
Length: 85, dtype: int64

The code loads the **Darknet dataset** (158,616 rows × 85 columns), checks for missing values (none found), removes an irrelevant "Flow Bytes/s" column, drops any NaN rows, encodes the "Label" column into numbers, and deletes identifier columns like IP addresses and timestamps to keep only useful features for analysis or modeling.

## 2. Conduct Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)



```
30 # Drop identifier columns
31 df.drop(columns=['Flow ID', 'Src IP', 'Dst IP',
32                 'Timestamp'], inplace=True)
33 # Descriptive statistics
34 print(df.describe())
35
36 # Distribution of Labels
37 sns.countplot(data=df, x='Label')
38 plt.title("Tor vs Non-Tor Traffic Distribution")
39 plt.xticks(rotation=45)
40 plt.tight_layout()
41 plt.show()
42
43 # Correlation heatmap
44 plt.figure(figsize=(12, 10))
45 sns.heatmap(df.corr(), cmap='coolwarm', linewidths=0.5)
46 plt.title("Feature Correlation Heatmap")
47 plt.tight_layout()
48 plt.show()
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/home/runner/workspace/.pythonlibs/lib/python3.11/site-packages/pandas/core/nanops.py:1016: RuntimeWarning: invalid value encountered in subtract  
sqr = \_ensure\_numeric((avg - values) \*\* 2)  
Src Port Dst Port ... Idle Min Label\_enc  
odded count 158616.000000 158616.000000 ... 1.586160e+05 158616.00  
0000 mean 38355.190599 17444.423684 ... 6.023175e+14 0.60  
1478 std 19256.809575 22113.288014 ... 7.145478e+14 1.06  
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0000 25% 32916.000000 80.000000 ... 0.000000e+00 0.00  
0000 50% 43533.000000 4070.000000 ... 5.664990e+06 0.00  
0000 75% 53260.000000 39817.250000 ... 1.456253e+15 1.00  
0000 max 65534.000000 65535.000000 ... 1.456417e+15 3.00  
[8 rows x 79 columns]

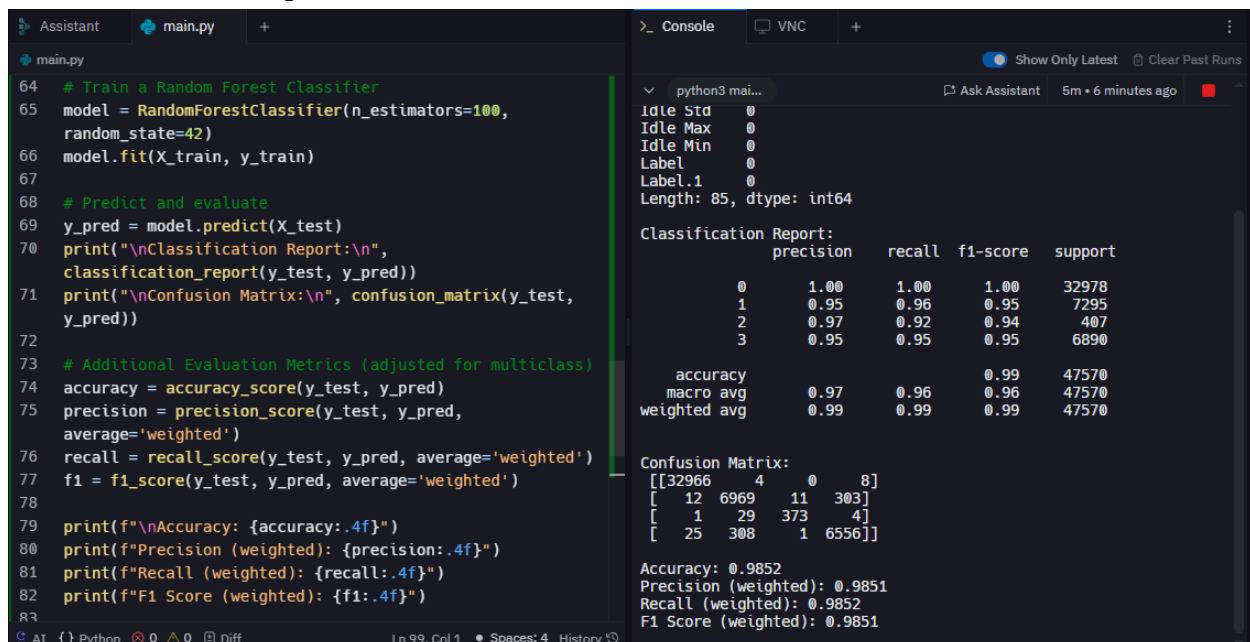
The code shows that after cleaning, the dataset has 79 usable columns and 158,616 records.

The numeric summary (`df.describe()`) gives ranges, averages, and variation for each feature, showing wide value differences between network traffic attributes.

The label distribution plot reveals how balanced Tor vs Non-Tor classes are.



### 3. Machine learning model



The code trains a Random Forest Classifier on the darknet dataset to classify network traffic and evaluates its performance using a classification report, confusion matrix, and weighted metrics. The model achieved about **98.5% accuracy**, with high precision, recall, and F1-scores across all classes, showing it reliably distinguishes normal and potentially malicious traffic. The confusion matrix indicates very few misclassifications, confirming the model is highly effective for darknet traffic detection.

