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Ethical Risk Level

Low

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Ethical Risk Diagnostic Questions and Responses





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Co-investigators

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G1: General Aims and Research Design (Mandatory)

Title

Title of your research project

Identifying Anomalies in 2-Factor Authentication with AI

Outline General Aims and Research Objectives

State your research aims/questions (maximum 500 words). This should provide the theoretical context within which the work is placed, and should include an evidence-based background, justification for the research, clearly stated hypotheses (if appropriate) and creative enquiry.

To develop a third approval layer including arranged Machine Learning models prepared to perceive peculiarities after the main affirmation stage.
Development of the 2FA testing Playground
Dataset Finalization and Pre-processing
Development of the Machine Learning Layer
Data Analytics using Statistical Tools and Graphs
Performance Testing in the Playground

G2: Research Activities (Mandatory)

Please give a detailed description of your research activities

Please provide a description of the study design, methodology (e.g. quantitative, qualitative, practice based), the sampling strategy, methods of data collection (e.g. survey, interview, experiment, observation, participatory), and analysis. Do sensitive topics such as trauma, bereavement, drug use, child abuse, pornography, extremism or radicalisation inform the research? If so have these been fully addressed?

The project has two basic modules. The modules are as follows:

The 2FA Playground

The 2FA playground will be, as the name suggests, a playground for testing and experimenting in this project. The playground will be enabled with two main features i.e., the 2FA auth. and request tracking. The language used for this research project will be Python, and for the development of this 2FA playground which is basically a web application, Flask, a python web framework will be employed. The reason behind using Python for the complete project is because it is much easier to implement Machine Learning models on Python with the currently available vast collection of easy-to-use libraries and tools for Machine Learning. Since the Machine Learning Model is implemented in Python, to integrate the model with a web interface will be a lot more forgiving if the web interface itself was built out of Python.

The 2FA Playground provides a platform where the user can edit and make changes in the code or change the Machine Learning model or the data set accordingly while providing a self-built dummy 2FA verification system independent of any third-party interference to keep the results and performance as unbiased and efficient as possible. The web app uses simple HTML pages only containing a form that take in the user's phone number and send him a verification code to verify it on the other form. The application uses page routing to provide other useful information for debugging as well.

G3: Research Data Management Plan (Mandatory)

Anonymising Data (mandatory)

Describe the arrangements for anonymising data and if not appropriate explain why this is and how it is covered in the informed consent obtained.

We are not gathering data from any user/ third party. The project will introduce third layer of two factor authentication using machine learning for that we will make our own dummy website so it will create new dummy data. No external user will be involved.

Storage Details (mandatory)

Describe the arrangements for the secure transport and storage of data collected and used during the study. You should explain what kind of storage you intend to use, e.g. cloud-based, portable hard drive, USB stick, and the protocols in place to keep the data secure.

If you have identified the requirement to collect 'Special category data', please specify any additional security arrangements you will use to keep this data secure.

The project uses Machine Learning to train the Logistic regression algorithm on a dummy data set created for this research. The 2FA playground also creates a log file on the server that records the user requests information in a .txt file that contains the results of the model prediction for each user request.

Retention and Disposal (mandatory)

☒ I confirm that I will comply with the University's data retention schedule and guidance.

[Research Data Management link](#)

[General Data Protection Regulations including Data Protection link](#)

[Records Retention Schedule link](#)

G4: Research Project Timescale (Mandatory)

Proposed Start Date

10/05/2021



Proposed End Date

11/05/2021



G5: Additional Information

☐ Externally Funded

External Funder

Please give details of your 'other' funder

Agresso Reference

☐ Franchise Programme Organisation

Please give details of your franchise organisation

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☐ NHS Involvement

Please give details of any NHS involvement

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☐ Clinical Trial(s)

Please give details of any Clinical Trial(s)

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☐ Medicinal Products

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G6: File Attachments



Additional files can be uploaded e.g. consent documentation, participant information sheet, etc.

Please note: It is best practice to combine all documents into one PDF (This avoids the reviewer having to op...

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G7: Health and Safety (Mandatory)



☒ I confirm that I have read and understood the University's Health and Safety Policy.

☒ I confirm that I have read and understood the University's requirements for the mandatory completion of risk assessments in advance of any activity involving potential physical risk.

The University Health and Safety Policy can be accessed [here](#)

The University Risk Assessment Code of Practice can be accessed [here](#)

Please confirm either:

☐ There are PHYSICAL risks associated with the research project work and I confirm that a risk assessment has been approved and attached to this ethics submission.

OR

☒ I can confirm that there are no physical risks associated with this project and so no risk assessments are required.

Students requiring assistance with completing their risk assessment should get in touch with their supervisor or module tutor as the first point of contact. If further assistance is needed, the Faculty Technician can provide further guidance.

For more specific risk assessments (e.g. lab work), especially where the project is Medium or High risk, you are required to consult the Faculty Technical Manager; your Supervisor/Module Tutor will be able to put you in touch.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the University Health and Safety Team by emailing CRHealthandSafety@northumbria.ac.uk

G8: Insurance (Mandatory)

☒ I have read and understood the University Insurance guidance document (link below):

[Insurance Guidance link](#)

If you think your activity may involve a High Risk rating or are unsure how to answer the statements - contact fi.insurance@northumbria.ac.uk with a copy of your research proposal for advice.

I confirm my work is covered by University Insurance. I confirm an insurance risk level of:

Low

If your insurance risk level is HIGH please attach details of exceptional insurance coverage:

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G9: Electronic Signature (Mandatory)

☒ I confirm my supervisor has reviewed the contents of this document

☒ I confirm I have assessed the ethical risk level of my work correctly and answered the above sections as fully and accurately as possible.

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Date

10 May 2021 09:49:14



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Review Comments, Conditions and Outcomes


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Title and Objectives (see G1)

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Reviewer A:


Reviewer B:

e.g. Are the research question and/or study aims clear?

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Proposed Methodology and Analysis (see G2)

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Reviewer A:


Reviewer B:

e.g. Is the design appropriate to the research question?
Are the methods of data analysis appropriate to the research question?

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Sample and Recruitment (see M1)

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Reviewer A:


Reviewer B:

e.g. Is the sampling approach appropriate to the design?
Is the sample sufficient and achievable?
Is the process of recruitment clearly explained?
Are participants receiving payments for taking part, and if so is the payment appropriate?
If the DBS is ticked, has the appropriate information been included?

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Consent (see M1)

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Reviewer B:

e.g. Is the approach to consent seeking clear?
Is consent from parents/ carers/ guardians required?
Are all necessary recruitment and informed consent documentation included (e.g. letters of permission, letters of invitation)
Is the information sheet adequate to ensure informed consent?

Are the consent form(s) appropriate?

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Researcher and Participant Safety (see M1)

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Reviewer A:

Reviewer B:

e.g. Is there any risk of physical harm for the researcher(s) or the participants and if so what attempts have been made to alleviate or minimise them?

Have Risk Assessments been referred to where appropriate?

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Research Activities (see G2-G8, M1-M5, H1-H5)

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Reviewer A:

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e.g. Are the research tasks described clearly?

Do sensitive topics such as trauma, bereavement, drug use, child abuse, pornography or extremism/ radicalism inform the research? If so have these been fully addressed? (and we can use this to amend the information on risk levels on the form)

Is there any risk that the tasks may cause psychological harm and if so what attempts have been made to alleviate or minimise them?

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Data Management Plan (see G3)

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Reviewer B:

e.g. Have sufficient steps been taken to ensure participant anonymity/confidentiality of data?


Are the arrangements for data storage and disposal clearly outlined?

Are these arrangements in line with University and/or the funding body requirements?

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