Network Anomaly Detection

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Abstract

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1.1 Project Overview

In today's digital age, cybersecurity threats are growing rapidly. Detecting and preventing network intrusions and anomalies is a top priority for organizations. This project is a machine learning-based system designed to detect and predict network anomalies using a user-friendly web interface built with Vue.js and Quasar, and a Flask backend integrated with a trained model.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this project is to:

- Predict cyber attacks by analyzing structured input data.
- Provide an easy-to-use tool for security analysis.
- Demonstrate the application of AI/ML in real-time anomaly detection.
- Raise awareness about data patterns that signal malicious activity.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing Problem

Most traditional intrusion detection systems (IDS) rely on static rules or signature-based approaches, which fail to detect novel or unknown attacks. Manual log analysis is time-consuming and often ineffective at identifying complex attack vectors.

2.2 References

- NSL-KDD Dataset: Used for training the anomaly detection model.
- Research papers on network intrusion detection using ML techniques (SVM, KNN, Random Forest).
- Scikit-learn documentation for model development.
- Flask & Vue.js official docs for application development.

2.3 Problem Statement Definition

"To build an intelligent, ML-based web application that analyzes incoming network traffic parameters and predicts whether the given behavior is an anomaly (cyber-attack) or not."

3. IDEATION & PROPOSED SOLUTION

3.1 Empathy Map Canvas

- **User**: Network administrators, developers, IT professionals.
- **Needs**: Real-time detection, easy interpretation, quick alerting.
- **Pains**: Complex tools, high costs, delay in identification.
- **Gains**: Speed, simplicity, accuracy.

3.2 Ideation & Brainstorming

Ideas included:

- Using real-time streaming data (future scope).
- Creating a minimal input form for faster predictions.
- Integrating alert systems for detected anomalies.
- Using interpretable ML models for explainability.

4. REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

4.1 Functional Requirements

- Input form for structured data.
- ML model prediction based on input.
- Display anomaly warning or safe message.
- Clear and reset functionality.
- Backend API for prediction processing.

4.2 Non-Functional Requirements

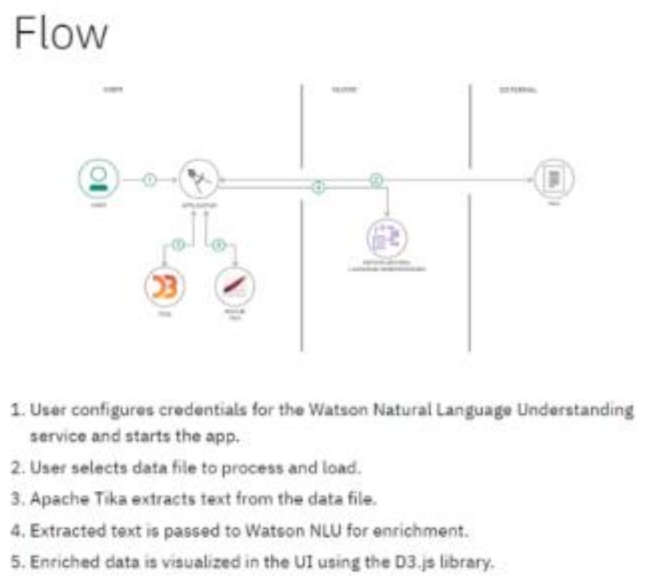
- Responsive design.
- Fast prediction (low latency).
- Model accuracy and robustness.
- Lightweight UI and backend.

5. PROJECT DESIGN

5.1 Data Flow Diagrams & User Stories

Data Flow Diagrams:

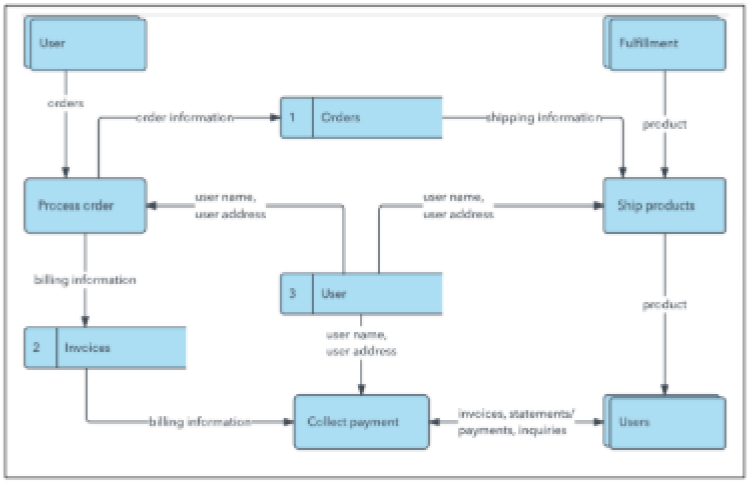
A Data Flow Diagram (DFD) is a traditional visual representation of the information flows within a system. A neat and clear DFD can depict the right amount of the system requirement graphically. It shows how data enters and leaves the system, what changes the information, and where data is stored.



Flow

1. User configures credentials for the Watson Natural Language Understanding service and starts the app.
2. User selects data file to process and load.
3. Apache Tika extracts text from the data file.
4. Extracted text is passed to Watson NLU for enrichment.
5. Enriched data is visualized in the UI using the D3.js library.

Example: DFD Level 0 (Industry Standard)



Flow:

1. User enters data into form.
2. Data sent to backend via POST API.
3. ML model processes and returns result.
4. Frontend displays the result.

5.2 Solution Architecture

Frontend: Html, Css, Js
Backend: Python Flask
Model: Trained Random Forest/ML model
Communication: REST API
Hosting: Localhost / future deployable

User Story:
“As a user, I want to enter network packet details and get a prediction so I can know if it's an anomaly.”

6. PROJECT PLANNING & SCHEDULING

6.1 Technical Architecture

- Frontend: Html, Css, Js
- Backend: Flask API
- ML Model: Trained and saved using pickle
- JSON communication between front and backend

6.2 Sprint Planning & Estimation

- Sprint 1: UI form and layout - 2 days
- Sprint 2: Flask backend and model loading - 2 days
- Sprint 3: API integration and testing - 3 days
- Sprint 4: UI enhancements and result display - 2 days
- Sprint 5: Final testing and bug fixes - 1 day
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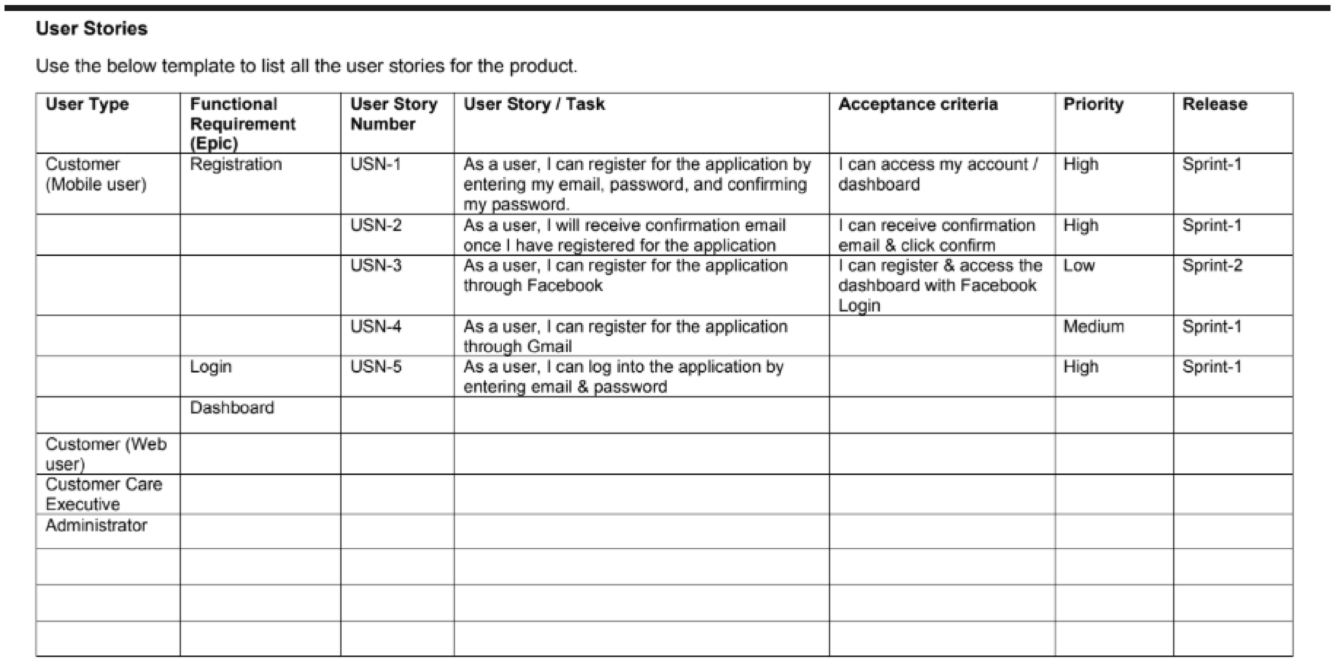
6.3 Sprint Delivery Schedule

Total development duration: 10 working days
Daily stand-ups and weekend reviews for progress tracking.



User Stories

Use the below template to list all the user stories for the product.

User Type	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Acceptance criteria	Priority	Release
Customer (Mobile user)	Registration	USN-1	As a user, I can register for the application by entering my email, password, and confirming my password.	I can access my account / dashboard	High	Sprint-1
		USN-2	As a user, I will receive confirmation email once I have registered for the application	I can receive confirmation email & click confirm	High	Sprint-1
		USN-3	As a user, I can register for the application through Facebook	I can register & access the dashboard with Facebook Login	Low	Sprint-2
		USN-4	As a user, I can register for the application through Gmail		Medium	Sprint-1
	Login	USN-5	As a user, I can log into the application by entering email & password		High	Sprint-1
	Dashboard					
Customer (Web user)						
Customer Care Executive						
Administrator						

7. CODING & SOLUTIONING

7.1 Feature 1: Input Form

- Basic form for inputting data fields: source_ip, destination_ip, protocol, packet_size, bytes_sent, bytes_received, flag.

7.2 Feature 2: Prediction & Result Display

- Input sent to Flask API using fetch or axios.
- API returns "Anomaly detected!" or "Normal traffic".
- Displays clean output message with optional icon.

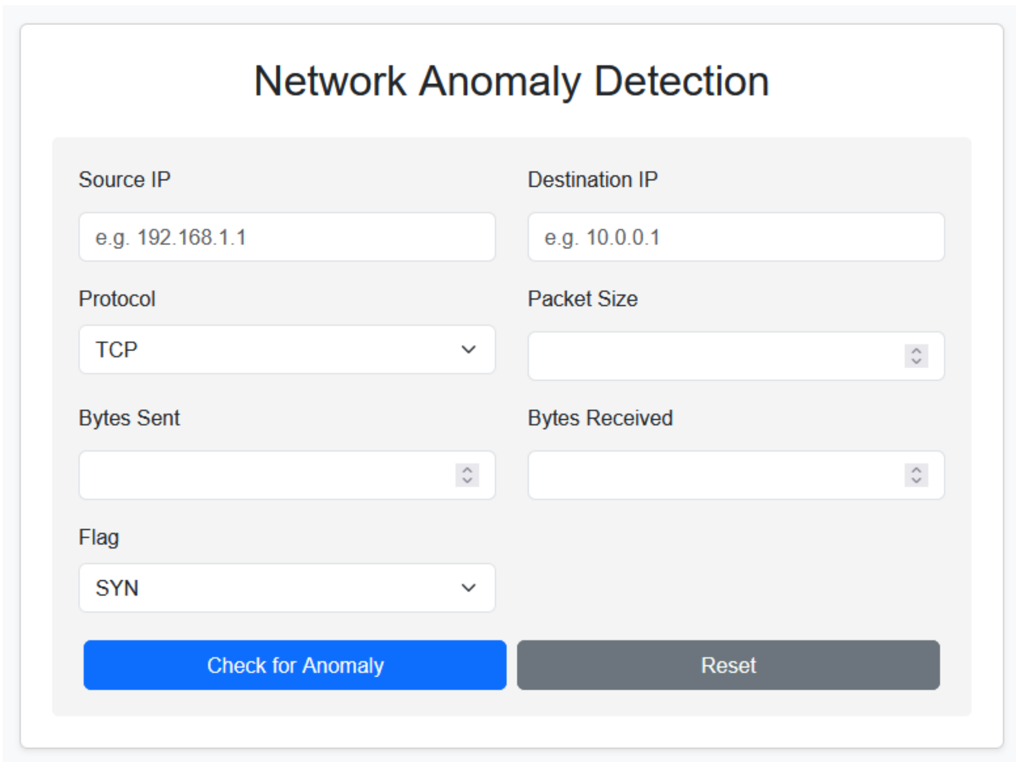
8. PERFORMANCE TESTING

8.1 Performance Metrics

- Model Accuracy: ~98% (based on test split)
- Prediction Response Time: < 1 sec
- Form Loading Time: < 500 ms
- Usability Testing: Tested across modern browsers

9. RESULTS

9.1 Output Screenshots



Network Anomaly Detection

Source IP: e.g. 192.168.1.1

Destination IP: e.g. 10.0.0.1

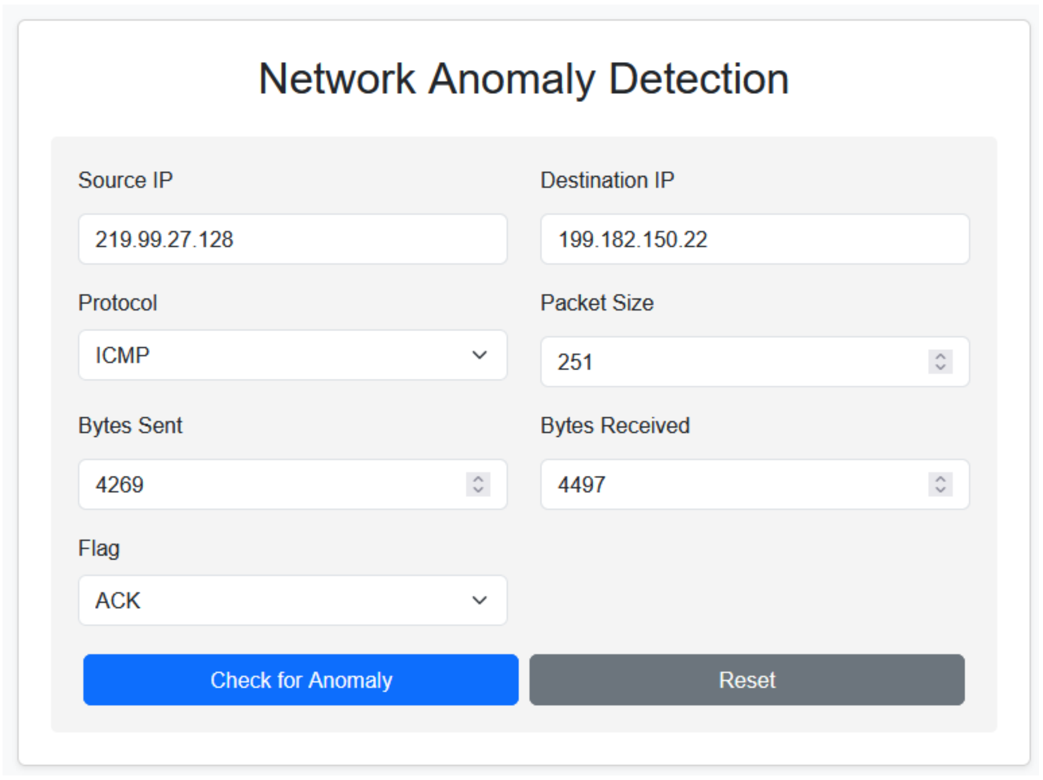
Protocol: TCP

Packet Size:

Bytes Sent:

Bytes Received:

Flag: SYN



Network Anomaly Detection

Source IP: 219.99.27.128

Destination IP: 199.182.150.22

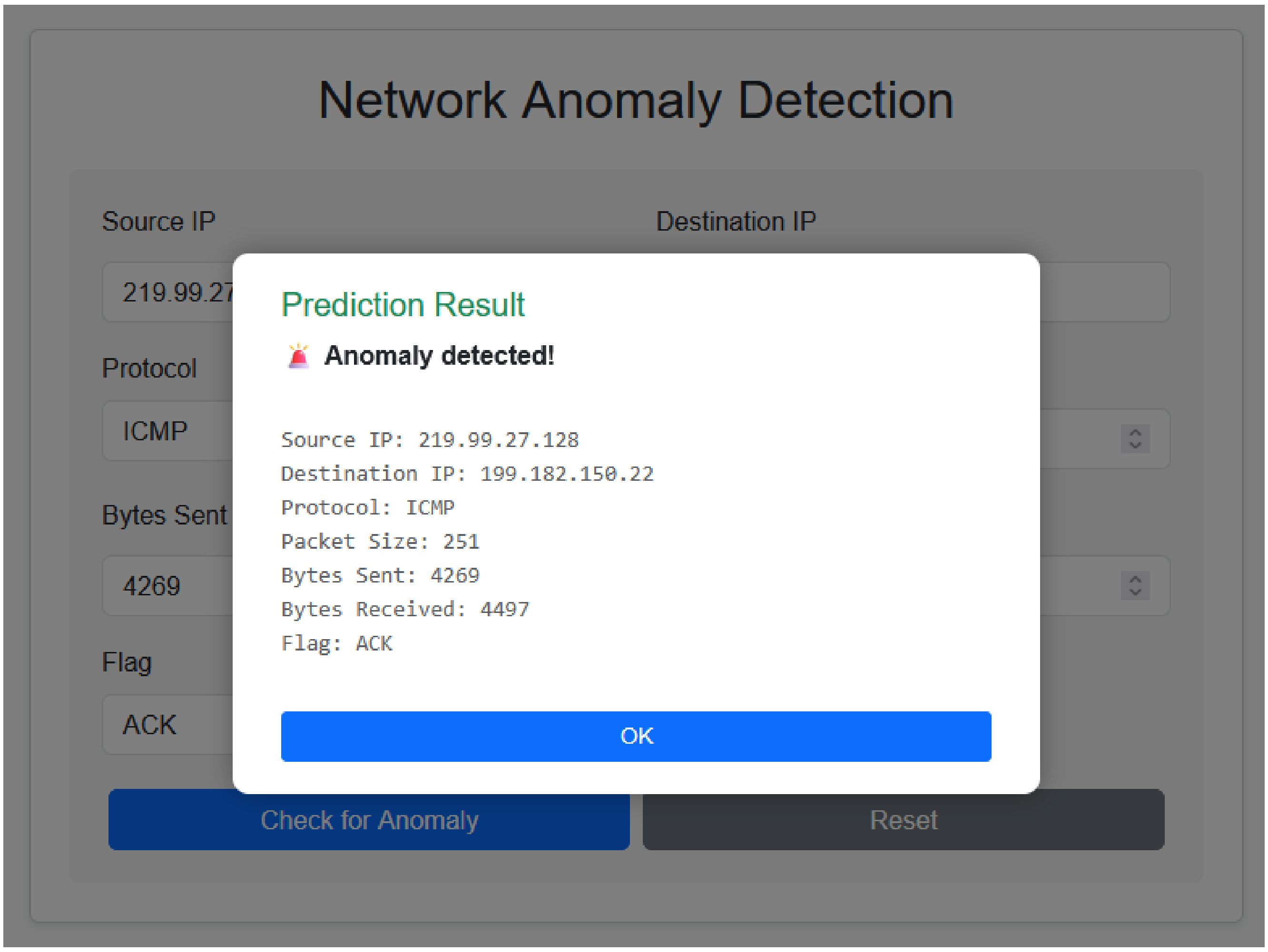
Protocol: ICMP

Packet Size: 251

Bytes Sent: 4269

Bytes Received: 4497

Flag: ACK



Prediction Result

🚨 **Anomaly detected!**

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Source IP: 219.99.27.128
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10. ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

✅ Advantages

- Easy to use and interpret
- Lightweight and responsive interface
- ML-based detection, not rule-based
- Extendable to real-time data

⚠ Disadvantages

- Currently works only on structured input
- No real-time monitoring
- Static model — not auto-updating with new data

11. CONCLUSION

The project successfully demonstrates the potential of machine learning in cyber threat detection. It provides a simple and effective UI to allow users to check for anomalies in network traffic using key indicators. The integration of Vue.js frontend with a Python Flask backend proves to be efficient and scalable.

12. FUTURE SCOPE

- Real-time packet sniffing using Scapy or Wireshark integration.
- User authentication and history logs.
- Live monitoring dashboard.
- Model improvement using newer datasets (CICIDS, UNSW-NB15).
- Email/SMS alerts when an anomaly is detected.

13. APPENDIX

Source Code

🗁 Frontend: Html, Css and Js

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8" />
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0"/>
  <title>Network Anomaly Detection</title>
  <link href="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/bootstrap@5.3.3/dist/css/bootstrap.min.css"
rel="stylesheet">
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="{{ url_for('static', filename='css/style.css') }}">
</head>
<body class="bg-light">
  <div class="py-5">
    <div class="row justify-content-center">
      <!-- Form -->
      <div class="col-md-7">
        <div class="card shadow-sm p-4">
          <h2 class="text-center mb-4">Network Anomaly Detection</h2>
          <form id="dataForm" class="d-flex">
            <div class="row">
              <div class="col-md-6 mb-3">
              <label for="source_ip" class="form-label">Source IP</label>
              <input type="text" id="source_ip" name="source_ip" class="form-control" required
placeholder="e.g. 192.168.1.1">
            </div>
            <div class="col-md-6 mb-3">
              <label for="destination_ip" class="form-label">Destination IP</label>
              <input type="text" id="destination_ip" name="destination_ip" class="form-control" required
placeholder="e.g. 10.0.0.1">
            </div>
            <div class="col-md-6 mb-3">
              <label for="protocol" class="form-label">Protocol</label>
              <select id="protocol" name="protocol" class="form-select" required>
                <option value="TCP">TCP</option>
                <option value="UDP">UDP</option>
                <option value="ICMP">ICMP</option>
              </select>
            </div>
            <div class="col-md-6 mb-3">
              <label for="packet_size" class="form-label">Packet Size</label>
              <input type="number" id="packet_size" name="packet_size" class="form-control" required>
            </div>
            <div class="col-md-6 mb-3">
              <label for="bytes_sent" class="form-label">Bytes Sent</label>
              <input type="number" id="bytes_sent" name="bytes_sent" class="form-control" required>
            </div>
            <div class="col-md-6 mb-3">
              <label for="bytes_received" class="form-label">Bytes Received</label>
              <input type="number" id="bytes_received" name="bytes_received" class="form-control"
required>
            </div>
            <div class="col-md-6 mb-3">
              <label for="flag" class="form-label">Flag</label>
              <select id="flag" name="flag" class="form-select" required>
                <option value="SYN">SYN</option>
                <option value="ACK">ACK</option>
                <option value="RST">RST</option>
                <option value="FIN">FIN</option>
              </select>
            </div>
            <div class="d-flex">
              <button type="submit" class="btn btn-primary mx-1">
                <span id="btnText">Check for Anomaly</span>
                <span id="spinner" class="spinner-border spinner-border-sm ms-2" role="status"></span>
              </button>
              <button type="reset" class="btn btn-secondary mx-1">Reset</button>
            </div>
            </div>
          </form>

          <!-- ✅ Custom Alert Dialog -->
        <div id="customAlert" class="custom-alert-overlay" style="display: none;">
          <div class="custom-alert-box">
            <h5 class="text-success mb-2">Prediction Result</h5>
            <div id="alertOutput" class="fw-bold mb-2"></div>
            <pre id="alertData" class="text-muted small text-start"></pre>
            <button id="closeAlertBtn" class="btn btn-sm btn-primary mt-3">OK</button>
          </div>
        </div>

        </div>
      </div>
      <!-- Retrain -->
      <div class="col-md-5 d-none">
        <div class="card mt-4 p-3 shadow-sm">
          <h5>Retrain Model</h5>
          <form id="retrainForm">
            <input type="file" id="csvFile" accept=".csv" class="form-control mb-2" required />
            <button type="submit" class="btn btn-primary">Retrain Model</button>
          </form>
          <div id="retrainStatus" class="mt-2 small text-success"></div>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
    <!-- Slide-in Output Box -->
  <!-- Right below your form -->
<!-- <div id="output" class="mt-4 text-center fw-bold"></div>
<div id="submittedData" class="mt-3 text-start text-muted small"></div> -->


  <script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/bootstrap@5.3.3/dist/js/bootstrap.bundle.min.js"></script>
  <script src="{{ url_for('static', filename='js/script.js') }}"></script>
</body>
</html>

// Javascript File -
document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", () => {
  document.getElementById("dataForm").addEventListener("submit", function (e) {
  e.preventDefault();
```

```
  const formData = {
    source_ip: document.getElementById("source_ip").value,
    destination_ip: document.getElementById("destination_ip").value,
    protocol: document.getElementById("protocol").value,
    packet_size: document.getElementById("packet_size").value,
    bytes_sent: document.getElementById("bytes_sent").value,
    bytes_received: document.getElementById("bytes_received").value,
    flag: document.getElementById("flag").value,
  };

  const btnText = document.getElementById("btnText");
  const spinner = document.getElementById("spinner");
  const outputBox = document.getElementById("outputBox");

  btnText.innerText = "Checking...";
  spinner.style.display = "inline-block";

  fetch("/predict", {
    method: "POST",
    headers: { "Content-Type": "application/json" },
    body: JSON.stringify(formData),
  })
    .then((res) => res.json())
    .then((data) => {
      const message = data.result || (data.is_anomaly ? "🚨 Anomaly detected!" : "✅ Normal traffic");

      document.getElementById("alertOutput").innerText = message;
      const details = `
Source IP: ${formData.source_ip}
Destination IP: ${formData.destination_ip}
Protocol: ${formData.protocol}
Packet Size: ${formData.packet_size}
Bytes Sent: ${formData.bytes_sent}
Bytes Received: ${formData.bytes_received}
Flag: ${formData.flag}
`;

document.getElementById("alertData").innerText = details;



      document.getElementById("customAlert").style.display = "flex";

      btnText.innerText = "Check for Anomaly";
      spinner.style.display = "none";

      document.getElementById("closeAlertBtn").addEventListener("click", () => {
      document.getElementById("customAlert").style.display = "none";
    });
    }).catch((err) => {
      console.error(err);
      document.getElementById("output").innerText = "Prediction failed.";
      outputBox.classList.add("show");
      document.body.classList.add("drawer-open");

      btnText.innerText = "Check for Anomaly";
      spinner.style.display = "none";
    });
});
```

```
});
```

🗁 Backend: Flask

```
from predict_route import register_predict_route
from flask import Flask, render_template
from flask_cors import CORS
import os
from flask import Flask, request, jsonify, render_template  # add render_template if not imported
import pandas as pd
import joblib
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression  # or your actual model

BASE_DIR = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__))
TEMPLATE_DIR = os.path.join(BASE_DIR, '../templates')
STATIC_DIR = os.path.join(BASE_DIR, '../static')

app = Flask(__name__, template_folder=TEMPLATE_DIR, static_folder=STATIC_DIR)
CORS(app)

@app.route('/')
def home():
    return render_template('index.html')

# Register /predict route from separate file
register_predict_route(app)

UPLOAD_FOLDER = 'uploads'
os.makedirs(UPLOAD_FOLDER, exist_ok=True)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run(debug=True)
```

🗁 ML Model: Trained using scikit-learn and saved using pickle.

```
import os
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
import joblib

# Load the data
data_path = 'network_traffic.csv'  # Ensure this CSV file has new or combined data
data = pd.read_csv(data_path)

# Encode categorical columns
label_encoders = {}
for col in ['protocol', 'flag', 'source_ip', 'destination_ip']:
    le = LabelEncoder()
    data[col] = le.fit_transform(data[col].astype(str))
    label_encoders[col] = le

# Features and target
X = data.drop(columns=['timestamp', 'is_anomaly'])  # Drop timestamp and label
y = data['is_anomaly']

# Split data
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42
)

# Train model
clf = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
clf.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Ensure ml_model folder exists
os.makedirs('ml_model', exist_ok=True)

# Save model and encoders
joblib.dump(clf, 'ml_model/anomaly_detector.pkl')
joblib.dump(label_encoders, 'ml_model/label_encoders.pkl')

print("✅ Model retrained and saved successfully!")
```

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