Malicious URLs Analytics and Analysis:

Report using Python and technologies with Machine Learning

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In this report I want to show my work about discovering malicious Urls with an Al implemented in Python environment, using different kind of algorithms for the final results, with Pandas library. The work will be explained in four detailed parts to show every aspect of my work. I will include also the scripts used in Python to get the work done.

Gathering the Data - Part 1

<part1>

First step of the work was to obtain URLs to create a first part of the datasets that will be two in total. Both of datasets will use the same file to collect Benign domains, using the "Alexa Top1MilionSites",a collection with a massive number of benign domain(a white list). Different situation for malicious domains: in first dataset I used data gathered from https://threatfeeds.io/, sites that has a lot of blacklists collection which have URLs to extract. About second dataset, I collected informations with the package(for python) DGAlgorythm that takes data from service as threatfeeds.io and generates random URLs(the reason why doing that will be explained later on). Resuming, The dataset1 and dataset2 are created in this way:

• Dataset1: In the dataset1 I mixed data from Alexa CSV file and different collection files from the website above, in specific:

a. http://data.phishtank.comb. https://openphish.com/c. https://urlhaus.abuse.ch

• Dataset2: a mix with Alexa domains and generated domains with the package announced above(DGA).

Both datasets are splitted in two files: Test and Training.

The output files will be 4: for each dataset there is a file for training and a file for test. Training and test are useful for the fourth part of the project.

Now, below, I put my scripts created in Python to collect data and generate the "pre" Datasets files. The scripts contains comments that explain how the code works.

GatherData.py

```
modules for gather data from txt or csv file and with dgagenerator package.
curlJsonFile takes url from a json array and put values in set.
curlXgetfiles takes txt file and extract url calling the module
    extractUrlOrIPs.
Then the getMaliciousSetDS1() function that merge sets into one (avoiding
    duplicates) and returning on preDatasets.py
below the import for the curl functions
import requests
import json
import urllib
import extractURLorIPS
adding the imports to call the modules needed to make dgagen() works.
from datetime import date
from datetime import timedelta
from dgaGenerator.Necurs import Necurs
from dgaGenerator.Cryptolocker import Cryptolocker
from dgaGenerator.Ranbyus import Ranbyus
from dgaGenerator.ZeusBot import ZeusBot
from dgaGenerator.Torpig import Torpig
from dgaGenerator.Symmi import Symmi
# Compute domains for the current day/period:
def dgaGen():
    mergeDGA = set()
    # Compute domains for a given date:
    #x=Symmi.domainsFor(date(2020, 3, 31))
    start_date = date(2020, 4, 1)
    end_{date} = date(2020, 4, 17)
    delta = timedelta(days=1)
    dgaList = [Necurs, Cryptolocker, Ranbyus, ZeusBot, Torpig, Symmi]
    while start_date <= end_date:</pre>
        for i in dgaList:
           mergeDGA = mergeDGA.union(set(i.domainsFor(start date)))
```

```
start_date += delta
    return mergeDGA
#see the first comment
def curlJsonFile():
   setFromJson = set()
   response =
    requests.get('http://data.phishtank.com/data/b8809811972429c33d9525fae2
    89ff3c6b77ab2284a53ed70213d6d3bcb5a41f/online-valid.json').json()
    for elem in response:
        setFromJson.add(elem["url"])
    return setFromJson
#see the first comment
def curlXGetFiles(url):
   file = str(urllib.request.urlopen(url).read().decode())
    return extractURLorIPS.extractURLsOrIPs(file)
#see the comment
def getMaliciousSetDS1():
   mergeUrlFiles = set()
   urls =
    ['https://openphish.com/feed.txt','https://urlhaus.abuse.ch/downloads/t
   mergeUrlFiles = mergeUrlFiles.union(curlJsonFile())
    for url in urls:
       mergeUrlFiles = mergeUrlFiles.union(curlXGetFiles(url))
    return mergeUrlFiles
function that extract urls from top-1m.csv file and put into a set.
The reason why I'm putting in a set is to put everytime random lines to
write on output files.
def BenignInSet():
   toText = set()
   with open('benign/top-1m.csv', "r") as infile:
        for row in infile:
            toText.add(row.split(",")[1])
    return toText
```

From this code above, I just want to clarify the function extractURLorIPS.py. This is just an external function that finds all URLs in a file with regular expression. If no url in file then it takes just IPs. In my case I chose files that contains only URL in this format:

http://something.here/and/

something.there

to consider that an URL that contains IP without a domain name it's taken; for example:

extractURLorIPS.py

This two scripts are called by another script that put all the line in the output files. The format of this preDatasets will be like this:

URL,Class

google.com,0 (benign)

http://isudfisubfis.net/!398yer/filens.exe, 1 (malign)

Down below, in the for loops, I have setted defined ranges that compose the numbers of records requested in each file.

preDatasets.py

```
import glob
import re
import os
import test
import gatherData
#######
#######################GDP CYBERINTELLIGENCE
    ############################started on 7th April
    #######
this file need to start creating all the datasets from data gathered from web.
The alexa file contains all benign sites, malign sites are gathered on multiple
    txt file. top1mExtract.py
malicious from curl.py and dgaGen(script DGAGenerator) produce sets with union
    function(see code) to remove duplicates.
As suggested in the paper you gave, ds1 is with file requested from url, ds2 is
   with dga files!
Created also a function that execute regex to be sure on having only urls or
    ips(if we don't have urls on txt or csv files).
Useful in first commit, but not too much now(just kept).
\#urls = re.findall('http[s]?://(?:[a-zA-Z]|[0-9]|[$-_@.&+]|[!*\(\),]|(?:%[0-9a-1])
    fA-F][0-9a-fA-F]))+', page)
\#ips = re.findall('(?:[\d]{1,3})\.(?:[\d]{1,3})\.(?:[\d]{1,3})\.(?:[\d]{1,3})',
   page)
In last part I create datasets as requested in pdf file, with the same numbers.
    I convert sets in lists(sets don't have index) and everytime
I add a textline in a file I delete the element from list, avoiding the risk of
    duplicates in different files!
def createDatasets(malignDS1,malignDS2,benign):
   benignList = list(benign)
   malignDS1List = list(malignDS1)
   malignDS2List = list(malignDS2)
   #create ds1 Training
   ds1Tr = open("DS1/preDs1Training.txt","w")
   for i in range(97506):
       ds1Tr.write(benignList[0].rstrip("\n") + " , 0\n")
       #ds1Tr.writelines("\n")
       benignList.pop(0)
   for i in range(77506):
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ds1Tr.writelines(malignDS1List[0])
        ds1Tr.writelines(" , 1")
        ds1Tr.writelines("\n")
        malignDS1List.pop(0)
    ds1Tr.close()
    #create ds2 Training
    ds2Tr = open("DS2/preDs2Training.txt","w")
    for i in range(49000):
        ds2Tr.write(benignList[0].rstrip("\n") + " , 0\n")
        #ds1Tr.writelines("\n")
        benignList.pop(0)
    for i in range(19005):
        ds2Tr.writelines(malignDS2List[0])
        ds2Tr.writelines(" , 1")
        ds2Tr.writelines("\n")
        malignDS2List.pop(0)
    ds2Tr.close()
    #create ds1 Test
    ds1Te = open("DS1/preDs1Test.txt","w")
    for i in range(15000):
        ds1Te.write(benignList[0].rstrip("\n") + " , 0\n")
        benignList.pop(0)
    for i in range(110012):
        ds1Te.writelines(malignDS1List[0])
        ds1Te.writelines(" , 1")
        ds1Te.writelines("\n")
        malignDS1List.pop(0)
    ds1Te.close()
    ds2Te = open("DS2/preDs2Test.txt","w")
    for i in range(20000):
        ds2Te.write(benignList[0].rstrip("\n") + " , 0\n")
        benignList.pop(0)
    for i in range(5000):
        ds2Te.writelines(malignDS2List[0])
        ds2Te.writelines(" , 1")
        ds2Te.writelines("\n")
        malignDS2List.pop(0)
    ds2Te.close()
def main():
    mergedMaliciousFromDGA = gatherData.dgaGen()
    benign = gatherData.BenignInSet()
    mergedMaliciosFromCurl = gatherData.getMaliciousSetDS1()
createDatasets(mergedMaliciosFromCurl,mergedMaliciousFromDGA,benign)
   print ("Done")
```

Creating modules to fill Datasets - Part 2

<part2>

In this second part I am going to show the modules script: in few words, functions that will complete the datasets with field requested:

Domain, Entropy, Online, IP, Whois Age, Country, City, TLD, ASN, Organisation, #SubDomains, Class

As in part1, I will expose my code commented to explain how it's working to fill the dataset construction.

completeModules.py

```
from urllib.parse import urlparse
import tldextract
import urllib.request
import socket
from tld import get_tld
import geoip2.database
import EntroPy.EntroPy
from collections import Counter
import requests
from requests import ConnectionError
from fake_useragent import UserAgent
import torproxy
import re
from search_engine_scraper import bing_search,yahoo_search
from SES import search_engines_cli
# this function extract the domain from URL. I added just an option
#to have always an URL with http:// format to compute as best as
#the library can (some url are just domain like google.com and I parse
    anyway
def extractFDQN(url):
    if not (url.startswith('//') or url.startswith('http://') or
    url.startswith('https://')):
```

```
url = '//' + url
    urlTest = urlparse(url)
    return '{uri.netloc}'.format(uri=urlTest)
#check if domain is online or not. I recall extractFDQN() function and
#i do a request to see if I get 200 code(if I have a redirect I consider it
#and after response 301 check again if the redirect is online.
def isOnline(url):
    url = "http://" + extractFDQN(url)
        request = requests.get(url, allow_redirects = True, timeout = 1)
        return "Y"
    except Exception as e:
        return "N"
#this just extract the IP from domains, if available.
#There is a regex that check if the domain is an ip with port,
#and I remove the port and save the IP.
def ipFromDomain(url):
    url = extractFDQN(url)
    try:
        if re.match(r"^\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,5}$", url):
            ext = tldextract.extract(url)
            url = ext.domain
            s = socket.gethostbyname(url)
            return socket.gethostbyname(url)
        s = socket.gethostbyname(url)
        return socket.gethostbyname(url)
    except Exception as e:
        return "NULL"
#simple code that extract TLD. if url isn't with http:// format,
#the library needs that
def extractTld(url):
    if not (url.startswith('//') or url.startswith('http://') or
    url.startswith('https://')):
        url = 'http://' + url
    try:
        return get_tld(url)
    except Exception as e:
        return "NULL"
#for the next 4 functions I used the Geolite2 Databases to fill my dataset.
    There are
#3 db to use: 1 for ASN and Organisation, 1 for City, 1 for Countries
#the functions are all similar. I extract ip from the domain and check
#if the ip is in database
def extractASN(url):
    response = ipFromDomain(url)
    if (response == "NULL"):
       return "NULL"
```

```
else:
        try:
            with geoip2.database.Reader('dbs/geoip2/GeoLite2-ASN.mmdb') as
    reader:
                response = reader.asn(response)
                if (response.autonomous_system number is None):
                    return "NULL"
                return response.autonomous_system_number
        except Exception as e:
            return "NULL"
def extractASOrganization(url):
    response = ipFromDomain(url)
    if (response == "NULL"):
        return "NULL"
    else:
        try:
            with geoip2.database.Reader('dbs/geoip2/GeoLite2-ASN.mmdb') as
    reader:
                response = reader.asn(response)
                if (response.autonomous_system_organization is None):
                    return "NULL"
                return response.autonomous_system_organization
        except Exception as e:
            return "NULL"
def extractCountry(url):
    response = ipFromDomain(url)
    if (response == "NULL"):
        return "NULL"
    else:
        trv:
            reader = geoip2.database.Reader('dbs/geoip2/GeoLite2-
    Country.mmdb')
            response = reader.country(response)
            if (response.country.iso_code is None):
                return "NULL"
            return response.country.iso_code
        except Exception as e:
            return "NULL"
def extractCity(url):
    response = ipFromDomain(url)
    if (response == "NULL"):
        return "NULL"
    else:
        try:
            reader = geoip2.database.Reader('dbs/geoip2/GeoLite2-City.mmdb')
            response = reader.city(response)
```

```
if (response.city.name is None):
                return "NULL"
            return response.city.name
        except Exception as e:
            return "NULL"
#with this function I check the number of subdomains for each url
#in my predataset. the first thing I do is to check if
#when I enter if condition I call the function from
#Search engine scraper that works to find the number of subdomain.
#The rest is explained in that py file.
def numSubDomains(url):
    try:
        ip = ipFromDomain(url)
        ext = tldextract.extract(url)
        compareIpUrl = ext.domain
        if ip != "NULL" and ip != compareIpUrl:
            return search_engines_cli.numSubDom(ip,ext)
    except Exception as e:
        return "NULL"
#using the entroPy package to extract the entropy
#I compute the probability of the letters in
#domain name. That function create a dictionary to pass
#at function that calculate shannon entropy.
def entropyInDomainName(url):
   ext = tldextract.extract(url)
   url = ext.domain
   if re.match(r"^\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\",url):
        return "NULL"
   prob = EntroPy.EntroPy._probabilities(url)
    return EntroPy.EntroPy.shannon_entropy(prob)
#this function is needed when we search on whois API
#the days since a site has been renewed or created.
#See that file to have more details.
#It is a must having a tor proxy because whois api
#return error with reached limit with same public IP
def whoisAge(url):
   ip = ipFromDomain(url)
   if (ip == "NULL"):
        return "NULL"
    else:
        return torproxy.torWhois(ip)
```

search_engine_cli.py (inside SES folder)

```
import argparse
import csv
from stem import Signal
from stem.control import Controller
import re
import tldextract
from modulesCompleteDS import extractFDQN
from collections import Counter
try:
    from search engines.engines import search engines dict
    from search_engines.multiple_search_engines import MultipleSearchEngines,
    AllSearchEngines
    from search_engines import config
except ImportError as e:
   msg = '"{}"\nPlease install `search_engines` to resolve this error.'
    raise ImportError(msg.format(str(e)))
# with help of a tor proxy I just use bing dorks to see with an ip
#as query ip: "172.34.55.97" (example) how many numbers of subdomain has.
#I bring with me ip and ext value from completeModules.py with numSubDomain()
#function.
def numSubDom(ip,ext):
   with Controller.from_port(address='192.168.56.3', port=9051) as
    controller:
        controller.authenticate(password='lsirc')
        controller.signal(Signal.NEWNYM)
        controller.close()
   proxy="http://192.168.56.3:8118"
   timeout=config.TIMEOUT + (10 * bool(proxy))
   engines=['bing'] # ['all', 'google', 'bing']
   #IP="193.136.58.218"
    if not engines:
        print('Please choose a search engine: ' + ',
    '.join(search_engines_dict))
    else:
        if 'all' in engines:
            engine = AllSearchEngines(proxy, timeout)
        elif len(engines) > 1:
            engine = MultipleSearchEngines(engines, proxy, timeout)
            engine = search_engines_dict[engines[0]](proxy, timeout)
        filter = None #[url, title, text, host]', default=None
        if filter:
            engine.set_search_operator(filter)
        query="ip:\"" + ip + "\""
        pages=10
```

```
listlink = list(engine.search(query, 10))
domain = "{}".format(ext.registered_domain)
useful = [] #html, csv, json
#i collect the list of results and then in for loop I see how many
#links has the same subdomain name as the url given in input.
#finally i just return the number of subdomain.
#I use the torproxy for this operation because after many request
with

#same ip returns error(yahoo and google) or O(bing case).
for i in listlink:
    tempUrl = extractFDQN(i['link'])
    if (tldextract.extract(tempUrl).registered_domain == domain):
        useful.append(tempUrl)
return len(Counter(useful).keys())
```

torproxy.py

```
import requests
from stem import Signal
from stem.control import Controller
from datetime import datetime
from datetime import date
from fake_useragent import UserAgent
def torWhois(ip):
    if ip == "NULL":
        return "NULL"
    else:
        with Controller.from_port(address='192.168.56.3', port=9051) as
            controller.authenticate(password='lsirc')
            controller.signal(Signal.NEWNYM)
            controller.close()
        ua = UserAgent()
        proxies = {"http": "http://192.168.56.3:8118"}
        headers = {'User-Agent': ua.random}
        IP = ip
        11 11 11
        "https://rdap.lacnic.net/rdap/ip/"+IP
        # Latin America and Caribbean
        "http://rdap.afrinic.net/rdap/ip/"+IP
        # Africa
        "http://rdap.apnic.net/ip/"+IP
        # Asia/Pacific only
        "http://rdap.arin.net/registry/ip/"+IP # North America only
        "http://rdap.db.ripe.net/ip/"+IP
        # Europe, Middle East and
        "http://rdap.registro.br/ip/"+IP
        # Brazil
```

```
#in this case this function is called by whoisAge in
completeModules.py
   #using torproxy.py I check how many years ago(expressed in days) the
ur1
   # was renewed or created. I access the json file and then I search
   # field events that contain the needed information.
   # I take always the first position because in all cases, if exist,
   # the first place is for renewals, if don't, is a created value.
   # Then I do calculate to return the value expressed in days.
   #the URL List variable is needed to verify the ip in different
databases
   #because not everyone contains information I need.
   now = datetime.now().date()
   URL = ["http://rdap.db.ripe.net/ip/" +
IP,"http://rdap.registro.br/ip/" +
IP, "http://rdap.arin.net/registry/ip/" +
IP, "http://rdap.apnic.net/ip/"+IP, "https://rdap.lacnic.net/rdap/ip/" +
IP]
   try:
        for url in URL:
           r = requests.get(url, proxies=proxies, headers=headers)
           if r.status_code != 404:
               r = r.json()
               if r['events'][0]:
                   age =
datetime.strptime(r['events'][0]['eventDate'][0:10], "%Y-%m-%d").date()
                   days = now - age
                    return days.days
   except Exception as e:
       return "NULL"
```

The second part is now concluded. In the next short step I'll explain how to create the finals datasets.

The Datasets - Part 3

<part3>

In this short part I'll just put the code that shows how I am going to create the files we need to work in Pandas library with Python. I have to admit that my way, below, it's not efficient in terms of time because there are a huge amount of records between the datasets(almost 400.000 records in total). The right way is to use threads to split the work and going more faster. Anyway, from my experience, the problem of time it is not only about brute power, but also about speed response in network: if the network is very slow, the combination between the modules(showed in part2) will make very complex to complete the files in a short term.

finalDSet.py

```
import modulesCompleteDS
from modulesCompleteDS import extractFDQN
from modulesCompleteDS import ipFromDomain
from modulesCompleteDS import entropyInDomainName
from modulesCompleteDS import extractTld
from modulesCompleteDS import extractCountry
from modulesCompleteDS import extractCity
from modulesCompleteDS import extractASOrganization
from modulesCompleteDS import extractASN
from modulesCompleteDS import numSubDomains
from modulesCompleteDS import isOnline
from modulesCompleteDS import whoisAge
import csv
#run this as python script without any function inside.
#this is going to simply show how i get the data to fill fields
#inside the csv file. I just take the url from preDS.txt files and
#recall every function in completeModules.py for the corrispective
#field.
finalDS2 = open('DS2/finalds2.csv' , 'a')
with finalDS2:
    writer = csv.writer(finalDS2)
    firstRow =
       ["Domain", "Entropy", "Online", "IP", "WhoisAge", "Country", "City", "TLD", "ASN",
       "Organisation", "#SubDomains", "Class"]
    writer.writerow(firstRow)
    preDS2Test = open("DS2/preDs2Test.txt","r")
    for line in preDS2Test:
        fields = line.split(" , ")
```

```
newRow =
       [extractFDQN(fields[0]),entropyInDomainName(fields[0]),isOnline(fields[0])
       ,ipFromDomain(fields[0]),whoisAge(fields[0]),
      extractCountry(fields[0]),extractCity(fields[0]),extractTld(fields[0]),ext
       ractASN(fields[0]),
            extractASOrganization(fields[0]),
      numSubDomains(fields[0]),fields[1].strip("\n")]
        writer.writerow(newRow)
    preDS2Test.close()
    preDS2Training = open("DS2/preDs2Training.txt","r")
    for line in preDS2Training:
        fields = line.split(" , ")
        newRow =
       [extractFDQN(fields[0]),entropyInDomainName(fields[0]),isOnline(fields[0])
       ,ipFromDomain(fields[0]),whoisAge(fields[0]),
      extractCountry(fields[0]),extractCity(fields[0]),extractTld(fields[0]),ext
      ractASN(fields[0]),
            extractASOrganization(fields[0]),
      numSubDomains(fields[0]),fields[1].strip("\n")]
        writer.writerow(newRow)
    preDS2Training.close()
finalDS2.close()
finalDS1 = open('DS1/finalds1.csv' , 'a')
with finalDS1:
    writer = csv.writer(finalDS1)
    firstRow =
       ["Domain", "Entropy", "Online", "IP", "WhoisAge", "Country", "City", "TLD", "ASN",
       "Organisation", "#SubDomains", "Class"]
    writer.writerow(firstRow)
    preDS1Test = open("DS1/preDs1Test.txt","r")
    for line in preDS1Test:
        fields = line.split(" , ")
        newRow =
       [extractFDQN(fields[0]),entropyInDomainName(fields[0]),isOnline(fields[0])
       ,ipFromDomain(fields[0]),whoisAge(fields[0]),
      extractCountry(fields[0]),extractCity(fields[0]),extractTld(fields[0]),ext
       ractASN(fields[0]),
            extractASOrganization(fields[0]), numSubDomains(fields[0]),
       fields[1].strip("\n")]
        writer.writerow(newRow)
    preDS1Test.close()
    preDS1Training = open("DS1/preDs1Training.txt","r")
    for line in preDS1Training:
        fields = line.split(" , ")
        newRow =
       [extractFDQN(fields[0]),entropyInDomainName(fields[0]),isOnline(fields[0])
       ,ipFromDomain(fields[0]),whoisAge(fields[0]),
```

Exploratory & ML Analysis - Part 4

<part4>

In this part I want to show the analysis about the gathered and filled datasets. First I do the exploratory analysis to see how the data is distributed.

Dataset1

	Domain	Entropy	Online	Organisation	#SubDomains	Class
0	111.42.66.27:41532	NaN	N	HeiLongJiang Mobile Communication Company Limited	NaN	1
1	doodcdn.com	1.842371	N	NaN	0.0	0
2	digi.com.my	1.500000	Υ	DiGi Telecommunications Sdn Bhd	1.0	0
3	imadmsiyah.com	2.721928	N	NAMECHEAP-NET	0.0	0
4	itarian.com	2.235926	Υ	AMAZON-02	1.0	0
5	drag-metall.com.ua	3.095795	Υ	1GB LLC	0.0	0
5	ksaon.com	2.321928	Υ	CLOUDFLARENET	0.0	0
7	sikarin.com	2.521641	Υ	Internet Solution & Service Provider Co., Ltd.	2.0	0
8	thewifiguys.ae	3.277613	Υ	UK-2 Limited	0.0	0
9 rak	eshtechsolutions.com	3.576618	Υ	Web Werks India Pvt. Ltd.	0.0	0

	Entropy	WhoisAge	ASN	#SubDomains	Class
count	233237.000000	247026.000000	263254.000000	182057.000000	300024.000000
mean	2.785353	1549.779359	41178.074597	0.565609	0.625010
std	0.514566	1136.743279	56824.731050	2.085896	0.484121
min	-0.000000	0.000000	2.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	2.521641	727.000000	14061.000000	0.000000	0.000000
50%	2.845351	1312.000000	22611.000000	0.000000	1.000000
75%	3.155639	2330.000000	45731.000000	1.000000	1.000000
max	4.493150	11356.000000	397869.000000	73.000000	1.000000

We can see that we have missing values, in different columns and I choose how to fill the data:

- Entropy: for this column, this missing values are correlated to the domain as IP; entropy is calculated on domain name. I assume that value as the max of the column.
- IP: just putting 'None' value because the domain it's offline or probably the domain it's not used vet.
- Country: the IP value is NULL and if we have IP it's not in GeoLite database and return NULL(None value).
- City: Same as Country.
- WhoisAge: expressed in days. In this case if IP is NULL it returns NULL; if IP is ok then if Whois Database has records return the age expressed in days. It Could happens that the IP is not in

database and it return NULL values. If we have no values I used the approach to fill values with quantile function taking the 10% value of all values.

- ASN: same as Country and City.
- Organisation: same as ASN.
- #SubDomains: if we have NULL value we insert 0.

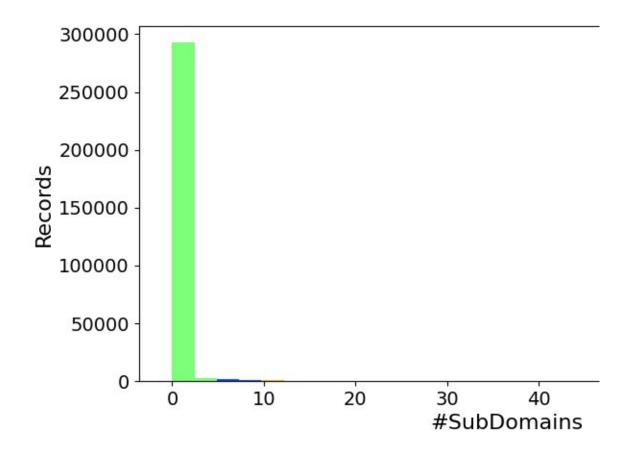
Some information about gathered data.

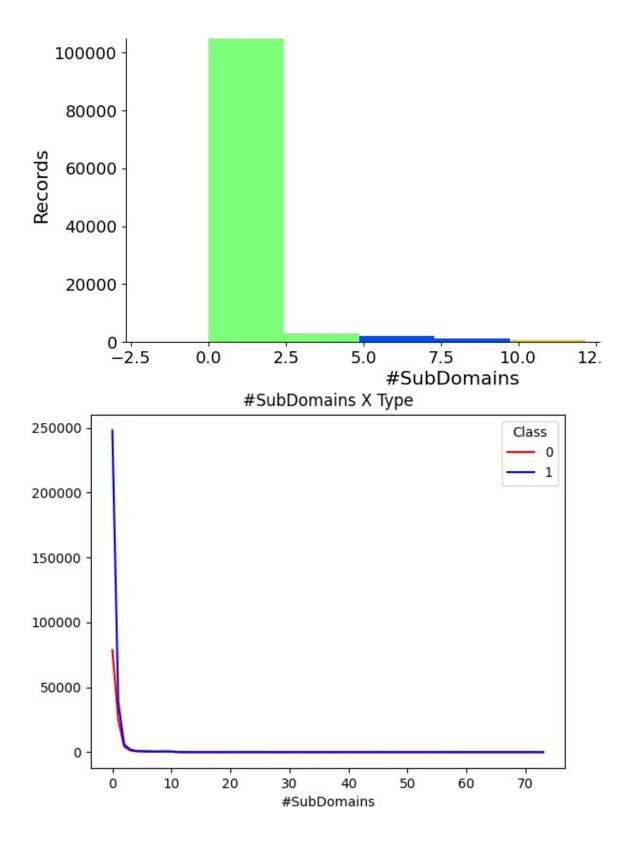
US is the country with the most Malicious and Benign domain. This is probably because the gathered data.

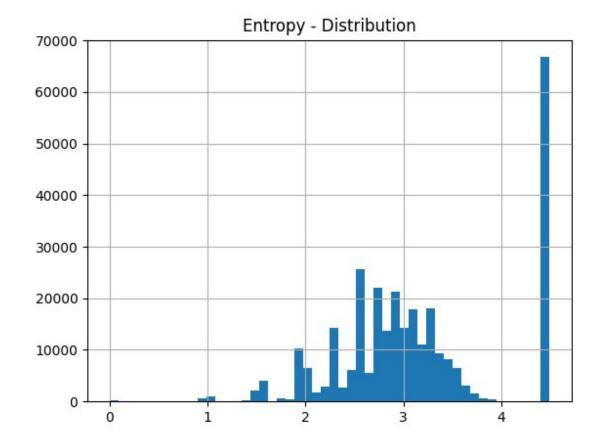
The Organisation with most benign sites is CloudFlareNet; DigitalOcean-ASN is the organisation that hosts the most number of malicious domain.

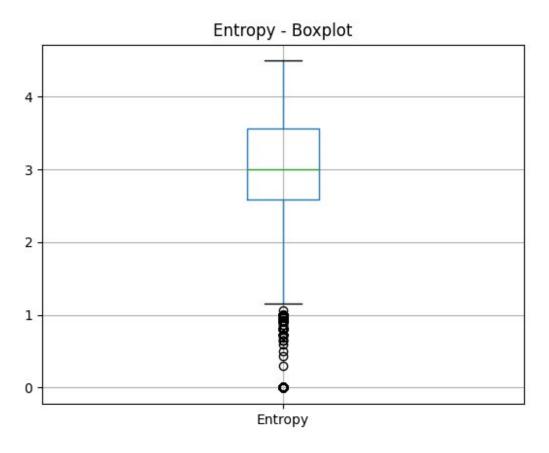
TLD for both is .com.

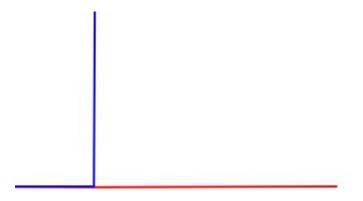
Now see some images about distributions:



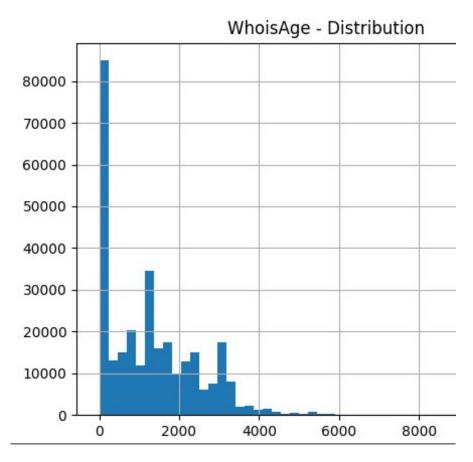




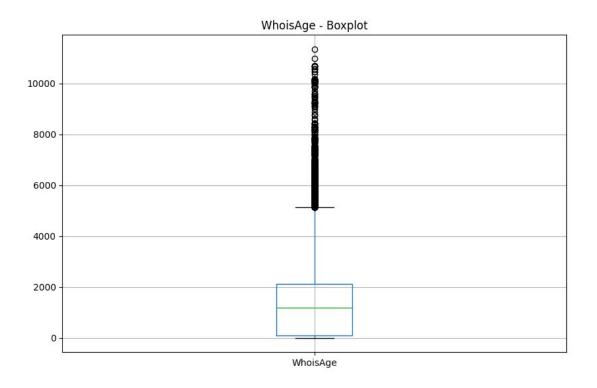




Fun fuct for Entropy. The highest value of the column is retained by a domain considered Benign.



Highest concentration is between 0 and 200 days.



Dataset2

1	Domain	Entropy	Online	IP	WhoisAge C	ountry	City	TLD	ASN	Organisation	#SubDomains	Class
0	shaadisquad.com	2.663533		103.195.185.104	1550.0	IN	NaN	com	53732.0	INNSYS	0.0	0
1	dravenstales.ch	3.084963	N	136.243.155.219	778.0	DE	NaN	ch	24940.0	Hetzner Online GmbH	1.0	0
2	smashingfonts.com	3.180833		159.89.135.135	28.0	US	Santa Clara	com	14061.0	DIGITALOCEAN-ASN	1.0	0
3	mptplastic.ru	2.921928		82.202.167.179	1068.0	RU	St Petersburg	ru	29182.0	JSC The First	10.0	0
4	customcomfort.com	2.873141		104.16.41.93	1169.0	US	NaN	com	13335.0	CLOUDFLARENET	0.0	0
5	civillawselfhelpcenter.org	3.550341		192.124.249.12	1857.0	US	Menifee	org	30148.0	SUCURI-SEC	0.0	0
6	southside.de	2.947703		31.172.114.64	2349.0	DE	NaN	de	60955.0	Wavecon GmbH	2.0	0
7	cuppow.com	2.251629	N	23.227.38.32	2416.0	CA	NaN	com	13335.0	CLOUDFLARENET	0.0	0
8	heysocialgeek.com	3.334679	N	162.241.169.32	2444.0	US	NaN	com	46606.0	UNIFIEDLAYER-AS-1	0.0	0
9	diesel.co.jp	2.251629	Y	103.9.164.85	2902.0	JP	NaN	co.jp	17819.0	Equinix Asia Pacific	1.0	0

	Entropy	WhoisAge	ASN	#SubDomains	Class
count	93005.000000	63896.000000	67538.000000	67136.000000	93005.000000
mean	2.928412	1567.500814	40282.248956	1.120010	0.258104
std	0.530910	1057.879530	57145.914455	4.412806	0.437594
min	-0.000000	0.000000	6.000000	0.000000	0.000000
25%	2.646439	830.000000	13335.000000	0.000000	0.000000
50%	3.000000	1230.000000	19527.000000	0.000000	0.000000
75%	3.280639	2259.000000	43896.000000	1.000000	1.000000
max	4.403856	10964.000000	397849.000000	79.000000	1.000000

Here the situation is a bit different because we have a massive fields of NULL values because of the generated domains. I filled the missing data at the same way except for WhoisAge because of small amount of records and because we have generated domains (supposed to be like not used domain to be created for malicious purpose in a future moment).

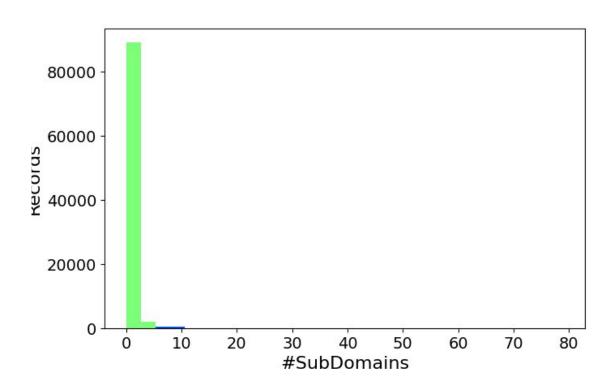
Some stats about gathered data in here.

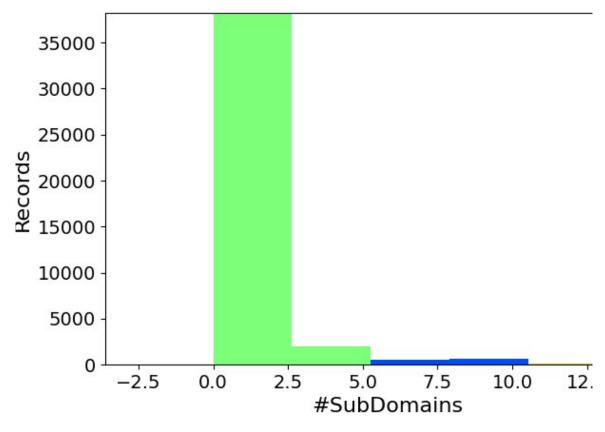
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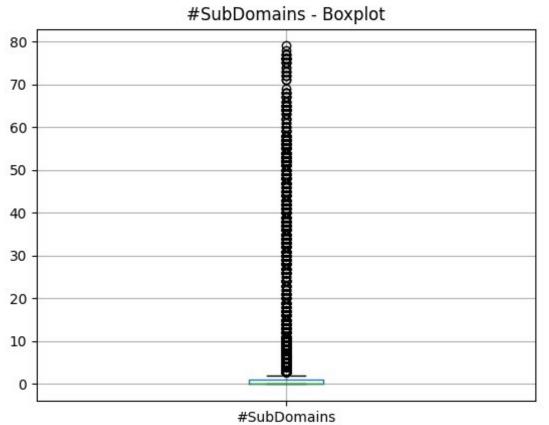
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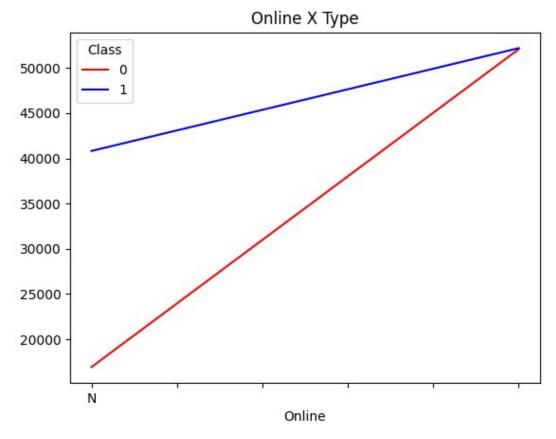
TLD for both is .com.

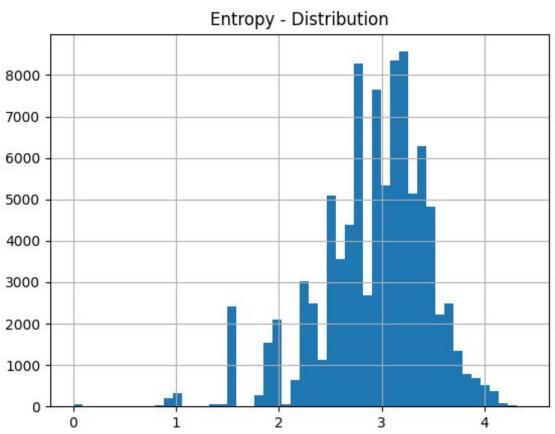
Distributions:

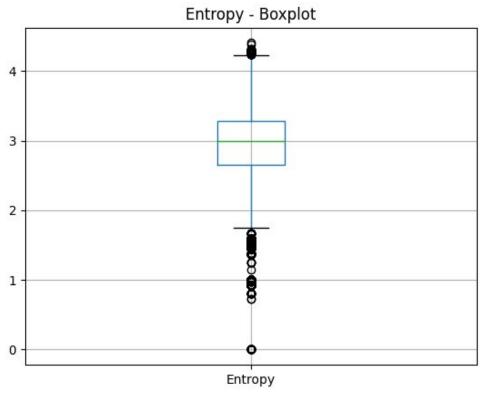


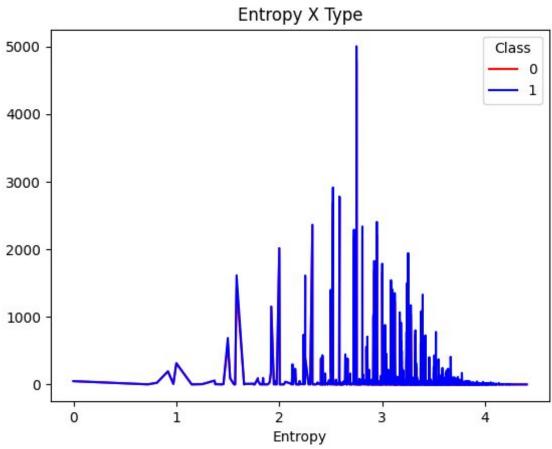


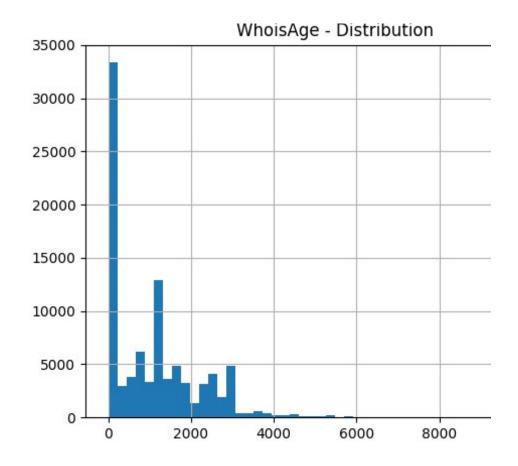


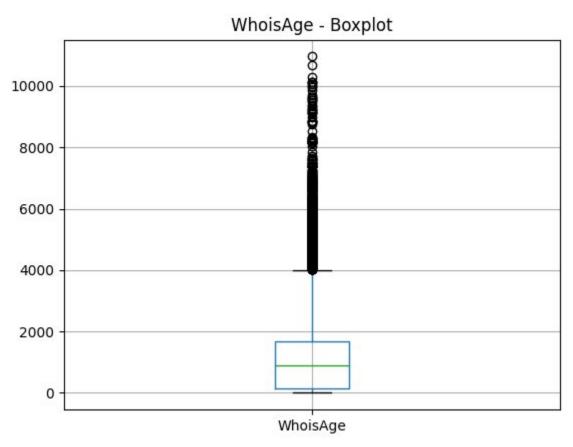












Machine Learning: Malicious Domain Prediction for DS1 & DS2

In the Machine Learning I wanted to train an AI to predict malicious and benign domains part and see the different Accuracy results. I splitted both datasets in test and training: the Ratio proposed in the assignment for Dataset 1 is 60% for training and 40% for test(about 175.000 for training and 125.000 for test); for Dataset 2 is 75% for training and 25% for test.

Two things to report:

Than I passed to apply a Logarithmic transformation :

- 1. I do the Logarithmic transformation for :
 - a. 'WhoisAge': I transform only this value because is the column with highest values.
- 2. Fit the categorical data:

```
['Domain','Online','IP','Country','City','TLD','Organisation','ASN']
```

I used these models of prediction with their proper settings:

- Decision Tree Classifier
- Logistic Regression
- Linear SVC
- Gaussian Naive Bayes
- Random Forest Classifier (in this case I used the best 5 variables to avoid the overfitting problem)

In the case of Dataset2, because I have a lot of generated domain name I used less variables for prediction. Is it possible to see everything in the source code I paste here in report with proper comments. The two scripts below include also the part for analysis description.

dataAnalysisP1.py

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib as plt
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import re
import sklearn
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier, export_graphviz
#from sklearn.svm import SVC -- This is a problem to use with big
datasets
from sklearn.svm import LinearSVC
from sklearn.model_selection import KFold
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB
from sklearn import metrics
from time import time
df1 = pd.read_csv("DS1/finalds1.csv")
print(df1.head(10))
print(df1.describe())
#theCountry where the most number of malicious and benign are from
created Datasets
print
(df1[df1['Class']==0].groupby(['Country'])['Class'].value_counts().idxmax
print
(df1[df1['Class']==1].groupby(['Country'])['Class'].value_counts().idxmax
#theOrganisation where the most number of malicious and benign are from
created Datasets
#ASN not needed because it's representing the textual organisation
print
(df1[df1['Class']==0].groupby(['Organisation'])['Class'].value_counts().i
dxmax())
print
(df1[df1['Class']==1].groupby(['Organisation'])['Class'].value_counts().i
dxmax())
#most frequent TLD for corrispective classes
(df1[df1['Class']==0].groupby(['TLD'])['Class'].value_counts().idxmax())
(df1[df1['Class']==1].groupby(['TLD'])['Class'].value_counts().idxmax())
```

```
missingList = df1.columns[df1.isna().any()].tolist()
for missing in missingList:
    if (missing == "Entropy"):
        df1['Entropy'] = df1['Entropy'].replace('?',
np.nan).astype(float)
        df1['Entropy'] = df1['Entropy'].fillna(df1['Entropy'].max())
    elif (missing == 'IP'):
        df1['IP'].fillna('None', inplace = True)
    elif (missing == 'Country'):
        df1['Country'].fillna('None', inplace = True)
    elif (missing == 'City'):
        df1['City'].fillna('None', inplace = True)
    elif (missing == 'WhoisAge'):
        df1['WhoisAge'] =
df1['WhoisAge'].fillna(df1['WhoisAge'].quantile(0.10))
    elif (missing == 'TLD'):
        df1['TLD'].fillna('None', inplace = True)
    elif (missing == 'ASN'):
        df1['ASN'].fillna('None', inplace = True)
        df1['ASN'] = df1['ASN'].astype(str)
    elif (missing == 'Organisation'):
        df1['Organisation'].fillna('None', inplace = True)
    elif (missing == '#SubDomains'):
        df1['#SubDomains'].fillna(0, inplace = True)
#print(df1.describe())
#print(df1.head(10))
#see how data is distributed
#every type of histogram and boxplot would be saved as png. If
#don't want to save remove all lines with plt.savefig().
#split columns in two list: numerical values and categorical value
#just for analysis purpose
numerical = ['Entropy','WhoisAge','#SubDomains']
categorical = ['Online','Country','TLD','Organisation']
df1_plot = df1[numerical + categorical]
#histogram to see numbers of subDomains with colors
N, bins, patches = plt.hist(df1_plot['#SubDomains'], 30)
cmap = plt.get_cmap('jet')
low = cmap(0.5)
medium = cmap(0.2)
high = cmap(0.7)
for i in range(0,2):
   patches[i].set_facecolor(low)
for i in range(2,4):
   patches[i].set_facecolor(medium)
for i in range(4,20):
   patches[i].set facecolor(high)
```

```
plt.xlabel("#SubDomains", fontsize=16)
plt.ylabel("Records", fontsize=16)
plt.xticks(fontsize=14)
plt.yticks(fontsize=14)
plt.show()
df1_plot[numerical].hist(bins=10, figsize=(15, 6), layout=(2, 2));
plt.show()
    ct = pd.crosstab(df1[column], df1['Class'])
    plt.title(column + " X Type")
    #plt.savefig('img/' + column + 'Crosstab.png')
    plt.show()
for column in numerical:
    df1[column].hist(bins = 50)
    plt.title(column + " - Distribution")
    #plt.savefig('img/' + column + 'Histogram.png')
    plt.show(block = True)
    df1.boxplot(column = column)
    #plt.savefig('img/' + column + 'Boxplot.png')
    plt.show(block=True)
    ct = pd.crosstab(df1[column], df1['Class'])
    plt.title(column + " X Type")
    #plt.savefig('img/' + column + 'Crosstab.png')
   plt.show()
#Transform Var WhoisAge applying logarithmic transformation
df1['WhoisAge'] = np.log(df1['WhoisAge']+1)#+1 to avoid 0 values.
#fit categorical data
varListFit =
['Domain','Online','IP','Country','City','TLD','Organisation','ASN']
le = LabelEncoder()
for i in varListFit:
    df1[i] = le.fit_transform(df1[i])
#split Datasets for training and test
train_set1 = df1.sample(frac=0.6, random_state=0)
test_set1 = df1.drop(train_set1.index)
```

```
#now passing to use prediction models giving the needed variables
#except for random forest predict model that will take every column
#in the classification model we prepare a table that contains all the
#data about various classification models
# initialize list of lists
resTable = []
name_model_for_ftable = ''
# Create the pandas DataFrame
#process of classification with ML
def classification_model(model, data, data_train, data_test, predictors,
outcome):
    #fit the model
    model.fit(data_train[predictors], data_train[outcome])
    model.fit(data[predictors], data[outcome])
    t1=time()
    #Make predictions on training set:
    predictions = model.predict(data_test[predictors])
    #print accuracy and duration
    accuracy = metrics.accuracy_score(predictions, data_test[outcome])
    # Perform k-fold cross-validation with 5 folds
    kf=KFold(n_splits=2)
    pred=[]
    for train, test in kf.split(data):
        # Filter training data
        train_predictors =(data_train[predictors])
        # The target we're using to train the algorithm.
        train_target = data_train[outcome]
        # Training the algorithm using the predictors and target.
        model.fit(train_predictors, train_target)
        # Record error from each cross-validation run
        pred.append(model.score(data_test[predictors],
data_test[outcome]))
    f_report = metrics.f1_score(data_test[outcome], predictions, average
= 'macro')
    dur = round(time()-t1, 3)
    tempA = "%s" % "{0:.3%}".format(accuracy)
    tempB = str(dur) + 's'
    print("Accuracy : %s" % "{0:.3%}".format(accuracy) + ' || ' + "Cross-
Validation Score : %s" % "{0:.3%}".format(np.mean(pred)) + ' || ' + "F-
Score: " + str(f_report) + ' || ' + "Duration: " + tempB)
    #fit the model again so that it can be referred outside the function:
    model.fit(data_train[predictors], data_train[outcome])
    model.fit(data[predictors], data[outcome])
```

```
#now we use various model of prediction to see performances and results
#each model has is own setup after several tests to get the better
values.
model = [DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=15),
LogisticRegression(max_iter=105),#max iteration: default is 100, with
minimum 105 value I avoid the reach limit.
LinearSVC(dual=False), GaussianNB(), RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=25
, min_samples_split=<mark>25</mark>, max_depth=<mark>9</mark>, max_features=1)]
predictor_var =
['Online','WhoisAge','#SubDomains','Organisation','Entropy','TLD']
#Checking the best variables for random forest to avoid overfitting
predictor_varRF =
['Entropy','WhoisAge','Organisation','Online','Country','TLD','City','IP'
,'#SubDomains']
model1 = RandomForestClassifier()
outcome = 'Class'
model1.fit(train_set1[predictor_varRF], train_set1[outcome])
featimp = pd.Series(model1.feature_importances_,
index=predictor_varRF).sort_values(ascending=False)
print (featimp)
for i in model:
    outcome_var = 'Class'
    name_model_for_ftable = type(i).__name__
    if (name_model_for_ftable == 'RandomForestClassifier'):
        predictor_var =
['Entropy','WhoisAge','Organisation','IP','TLD']#these are the best five
for RandomForestClassifier
    classification_model(i, df1, train_set1, test_set1, predictor_var,
outcome_var)
```

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib as plt
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import re
import sklearn
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier, export_graphviz
#from sklearn.svm import SVC -- This is a problem to use with big
datasets
from sklearn.svm import LinearSVC
from sklearn.model_selection import KFold
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB
from sklearn import metrics
from time import time
df2 = pd.read_csv("DS2/finalds2.csv")
print(df2.head(10))
print(df2.describe())
#theCountry where the most number of malicious and benign are from
created Datasets
print
(df2[df2['Class']==0].groupby(['Country'])['Class'].value_counts().idxmax
())
print
(df2[df2['Class']==1].groupby(['Country'])['Class'].value_counts().idxmax
())
#theOrganisation where the most number of malicious and benign are from
created Datasets
#ASN not needed because it's representing the textual organisation
print
(df2[df2['Class']==0].groupby(['Organisation'])['Class'].value_counts().i
dxmax())
print
(df2[df2['Class']==1].groupby(['Organisation'])['Class'].value_counts().i
#most frequent TLD for corrispective classes
(df2[df2['Class']==0].groupby(['TLD'])['Class'].value_counts().idxmax())
print
(df2[df2['Class']==1].groupby(['TLD'])['Class'].value_counts().idxmax())
print(df2.head(10))
print(df2.describe())
```

```
missingList = df2.columns[df2.isna().any()].tolist()
for missing in missingList:
    if (missing == "Entropy"):
        df2['Entropy'] = df2['Entropy'].replace('?',
np.nan).astype(float)
        df2['Entropy'] = df2['Entropy'].fillna(df2['Entropy'].max())
    elif (missing == 'IP'):
        df2['IP'].fillna('None', inplace = True)
    elif (missing == 'Country'):
        df2['Country'].fillna('None', inplace = True)
    elif (missing == 'City'):
        df2['City'].fillna('None', inplace = True)
    elif (missing == 'WhoisAge'):
        df2['WhoisAge'] =
df2['WhoisAge'].fillna(df2['WhoisAge'].quantile(0.05))
    elif (missing == 'TLD'):
        df2['TLD'].fillna('None', inplace = True)
    elif (missing == 'ASN'):
        df2['ASN'].fillna('None', inplace = True)
        df2['ASN'] = df2['ASN'].astype(str)
    elif (missing == 'Organisation'):
        df2['Organisation'].fillna('None', inplace = True)
    elif (missing == '#SubDomains'):
        df2['#SubDomains'].fillna(0, inplace = True)
#see how data is distributed
#every type of histogram and boxplot would be saved as png. If
#don't want to save remove all lines with plt.savefig().
numerical = ['Entropy','WhoisAge','#SubDomains']
categorical = ['Online','Country','TLD','Organisation']
df2_plot = df2[numerical + categorical]
#histogram to see numbers of subDomains with colors
N, bins, patches = plt.hist(df2_plot['#SubDomains'], 30)
cmap = plt.get_cmap('jet')
low = cmap(0.5)
medium = cmap(0.2)
high = cmap(0.7)
for i in range(0,2):
    patches[i].set_facecolor(low)
for i in range(2,4):
    patches[i].set_facecolor(medium)
for i in range(4,20):
    patches[i].set_facecolor(high)
plt.xlabel("#SubDomains", fontsize=16)
plt.ylabel("Records", fontsize=16)
plt.xticks(fontsize=14)
```

```
plt.yticks(fontsize=14)
plt.show()
df2_plot[numerical].hist(bins=10, figsize=(15, 6), layout=(2, 2));
plt.show()
for column in categorical:
    ct = pd.crosstab(df2[column], df2['Class'])
    ct.plot(kind='line', stacked=True, color=['red','blue'], grid=False)
    plt.title(column + " X Type")
    #plt.savefig('img/' + column + 'Crosstab.png')
    plt.show()
for column in numerical:
    df2[column].hist(bins = 50)
    plt.title(column + " - Distribution")
    #plt.savefig('img/' + column + 'Histogram.png')
    plt.show(block = True)
    df2.boxplot(column = column)
    plt.title(column + " - Boxplot")
   #plt.savefig('img/' + column + 'Boxplot.png')
    plt.show(block=True)
    plt.interactive(False)
    ct = pd.crosstab(df2[column], df2['Class'])
    ct.plot(kind='line', stacked=True, color=['red','blue'], grid=False)
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le = LabelEncoder()
for i in varListFit:
    df2[i] = le.fit_transform(df2[i])
#split Datasets for training and test
train_set2 = df2.sample(frac=0.75, random_state=0)
test_set2 = df2.drop(train_set2.index)
#now passing to use prediction models giving the needed variables
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    model.fit(data[predictors], data[outcome])
    t1=time()
    #Make predictions on training set:
    predictions = model.predict(data_test[predictors])
    #print accuracy and duration
    accuracy = metrics.accuracy_score(predictions, data_test[outcome])
    # Perform k-fold cross-validation with 5 folds
    kf=KFold(n_splits=4)
    pred=[]
    for train, test in kf.split(data):
        # Filter training data
        train_predictors =(data_train[predictors])
        # The target we're using to train the algorithm.
        train_target = data_train[outcome]
        # Training the algorithm using the predictors and target.
        model.fit(train_predictors, train_target)
        # Record error from each cross-validation run
        pred.append(model.score(data_test[predictors],
data_test[outcome]))
    f_report = metrics.f1_score(data_test[outcome], predictions, average
= 'macro')
    dur = round(time()-t1, 3)
    tempA = "%s" % "{0:.3%}".format(accuracy)
    tempB = str(dur) + 's'
    print("Accuracy : %s" % "{0:.3%}".format(accuracy) + ' || ' + "Cross-
Validation Score : %s" % "{0:.3%}".format(np.mean(pred)) + ' || ' + "F-
Score: " + str(f_report) + ' || ' + "Duration: " + tempB)
    #fit the model again so that it can be referred outside the function:
    model.fit(data_train[predictors], data_train[outcome])
    model.fit(data[predictors], data[outcome])
#now we use various model of prediction to see performances and results
#each model has is own setup after several tests to get the better
values.
model = [DecisionTreeClassifier(max_depth=15),
LogisticRegression(max iter=1000),
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```
LinearSVC(dual=False), GaussianNB(), RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=25
, min_samples_split=25, max_depth=9, max_features=1)]
predictor_var = ['WhoisAge','Entropy','TLD','Online','#SubDomains']
#Checking the best variables for random forest to avoid overfitting
predictor_varRF =
['Entropy','WhoisAge','Organisation','Online','Country','TLD','City','IP'
,'#SubDomains']
model1 = RandomForestClassifier()
outcome = 'Class'
model1.fit(train_set2[predictor_varRF], train_set2[outcome])
featimp = pd.Series(model1.feature_importances_,
index=predictor_varRF).sort_values(ascending=False)
print (featimp)
for i in model:
    outcome_var = 'Class'
    name_model_for_ftable = type(i).__name__
    if (name_model_for_ftable == 'RandomForestClassifier'):
        predictor_var =
['Entropy','WhoisAge','Organisation','Online','IP']
    classification_model(i, df2, train_set2, test_set2, predictor_var,
outcome_var)
predictor_varRF = ['Entropy','WhoisAge','Organisation','Domain','TLD']
model1 = RandomForestClassifier()
outcome = 'Class'
model1.fit(train_set1[predictor_varRF], train_set1[outcome])
featimp = pd.Series(model1.feature_importances_,
index=predictor_varRF).sort_values(ascending=False)
print (featimp)
```

Now the Table of results:

Dataset	Algorithm	Accuracy	Cross Validation	F-Score	Time (seconds)
	Decision				
	Tree	83.99%	81.88%	83.25%	0.886
	Logistic	68.29%	68.35%	65.47%	7.41
	Regression				
1	LinearSVC	68.41%	68.39%	65.58%	1.401
	Gaussian	69.46%	69.43%	68.69%	0.18
	Naive Bayes				
	Random	79.37%	79.23%	79.04%	5.108
	Forest				
	Decision	99.11%	98.84%	98.85%	0.372
	Tree				
	Logistic	96.85%	96.86%	95.99%	6.615
	Regression				
2	LinearSVC	96.73%	96.72%	95.85%	0.965
	Gaussian	96.49%	96.56%	95.59%	0.082
	Naive Bayes				
	Random	98.59%	98.58%	98.2%	2.46
	Forest				

Now some interpretation about results. As we can see we have big differences in all results between the datasets: probably the different distribution(massive number of generated domain) and the less number of records in DS2 help the AI to predict better the difference about malicious and benign domain(extracted from URL). In DS1 we have 3x more records instead of DS2 and more "heterogeneous" data in Domain column.

We use 3 different type of results:

• Accuracy: it is the measure of all the correctly identified cases. It is most used when all the classes are equally important. It gives result with this Formula:

• Cross-Validation: is basically a resampling technique to make our model sure about its efficiency and accuracy on the unseen data. We use the k value to split the dataset in parts. Each iteration it use one partition as test and the others as training. Next iterations switch

simply the test partition. In the end what we have is an avarage of different Accuracy results. In the end we can say that is more accurated Accuracy result that try to avoid the overfitting and underfitting of data.

- F-score: it is the harmonic mean (that in the end penalizes the extreme values) of:
 - 1. Precision: implied as the measure of the correctly identified positive cases from all the predicted positive cases. Useful when the costs of False Positives is High.

$$Precision = \frac{True Positive}{(True Positive + False Positive)}$$

2. Recall: measure of the correctly identified positive cases from all the actual positive cases. Important when cost of False Negatives is high:

$$Recall = \frac{True Positive}{(True Positive + False Negative)}$$

In the end, the final formula:

F1-score =
$$\left(\frac{\text{Recall}^{-1} + \text{Precision}^{-1}}{2}\right)^{-1} = 2 * \frac{(\text{Precision*Recall})}{(\text{Precision+Recall})}$$

Probably the F-Score is the most trustable result to follow in every module but it really depends on the application: I personally would follow this because I imagine that in a real work scenario, I must defend my network security putting immediatly suspicious traffic of data in a black list and then check this data in a sandbox to do analysis. In Maths terms is more strict than the other two results.

Anyway in the end, from my table we can see that there isn't too much remarkable differences between results.

Conclusion

This was a work done by me knowing almost nothing about the subject and it's own instruments(except for Python). It was interesting to Build everything from scratch and understanding an environment that almost simulate a real world application in this scenario, gathering data, creating datasets, analizing dataset when all filled and then creating an AI for predict the malicious data. I think this is a good point to start to think how to work in a Cyber Intelligence team with cooperation of other types of team that are complained in Cyber Security.