

# Web Phishing Detection

## Literature Review

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## Introduction

There are several sites on the internet that requires user's data to process their request. Sometimes these data are at risk of being stolen. These cyber harassers use these data to threaten the users, access their confidential accounts. One such way of stealing data is Web Phishing. The harassers create a fraud website that resembles the original verified websites and make the users to type in the data by scamming them. Thereby, stealing the user's data. Web Phishing Detection is a tech where we use different machine learning algorithm to differentiate a fraudulent website from an authentic one.

## Literature Review

### **Detecting Phishing Websites Using Machine Learning <sup>[1]</sup>**

The system is based on a machine learning method, particularly supervised learning. We have selected the Random Forest technique due to its good performance in classification. Accuracy of 98.8% and combination of 26 features. There are 36 features that can be extracted from URL, page content and page rank. Using the combinations of these features irrelevant features are removed.

**Result** - Random combination of features and found it took the shape of normal distribution curve.

### **Review: Phishing Detection Approaches <sup>[2]</sup>**

Uses different phishing detection approaches which include: Content-Based, Heuristic-Based, and Fuzzy rule-based approaches. Content-based approach does a deep analysis on pages' content. Heuristic Based Approach s discriminative features extracted by understanding and analyzing the structure of phishing web pages.

**Result** - Each approach has its advantages and disadvantages and improving these approaches is always required.

### **Real Time Detection of Phishing Websites <sup>[3]</sup>**

Proposes a detection technique of phishing websites based on checking Uniform Resources Locators (URLs) of web pages by checking the Uniform Resources Locators (URLs) of suspected web pages. There are few features that used to identify fake site from a legitimate one. Some are URLs, domain identity, security & encryption, source code, page style & contents, web address bar and social human factor. Features of URL and domain names are checked using several criteria such as IP Address, long URL address, adding a prefix or suffix, redirecting using the symbol “//”, and URLs having the symbol “@”.

**Result** - The paper checks the authenticity of the Universal Resource Locator (URLs) based only on few characteristics for detecting phishing attacks.

### **Detection of Phishing Websites by using Machine Learning-Based URL Analysis <sup>[4]</sup>**

Aimed to implement a phishing detection system by analyzing the URL of the webpage. detected 58 different features on the web URL which included words, digits, "=", "?", IP address, etc. They implemented the system by using 8 different algorithms Logistic Regression (LR), K-Nearest Neighborhood (KNN), Support Vector Machine (SVM), Decision Tree (DT), Naive Bayes (NB), XGBoost, Random Forest (RF) and Artificial Neural Network (ANN).

**Result** - They used 3 datasets and obtained results in 8 different algorithms. Random Forest (RF) is the one seems to produce highest accuracy rate with 94.59%, 90.5%, 91.26% in the 3 datasets respectively.

### **Phishing Website Detection using Machine Learning Algorithms <sup>[5]</sup>**

Deals with ML technologies for detection of phishing URLs by extracting and analyzing different features of legitimate and phishing URL. Python programming language is used to extract the features from URL. This paper talks about 3 machine learning algorithm Decision Tree, Random Forest and Support Vector Machine.

**Result** - Achieved 97.14% detection accuracy using Random Forest Algorithm with lowest false positive rate.

### **Phishing website detection using novel machine learning fusion approach [6]**

Various machine learning algorithms like logistic regression, decision tree classifier, random forest classifier, AdaBoost, gradient boosting classifier for the phishing detection. A dataset from the UCI machine learning repository for the experiments. Two priority algorithms PA1, PA2. Based on the results of priority-based algorithms final fusion model was decided.

**Result** - A fusion classifier and achieved an accuracy of 97%. The proposed model was tested on one dataset only.

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