

Specialist English: Assignment 4

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Problem 1

- “classifier” is a countable noun. In this case, “an effective classifier” is the correct choice.
- “Finding” is an unnecessary word.

This title can be changed to:

An effective classifier for malicious URL detection

Problem 2

- In this case, “Moreover, ... ” is a suitable alternative to “Besides, ... ”.

Problem 3

- “extensive” is a better choice than “a lot of” in “scholars have conducted a lot of research”.

Problem 4

- “Unlike [1], ...” is an alternative to “Different from [1], ...”.
- “Ma, J et al.[2]” should be written as “Ma et al. [2]”.
- The references are inconsistent. For example, some are “[2] Ma, J., Saul, L.K., Savage, S., Voelker, G.M.”; some are “[9] Justin Ma, Lawrence K.Saul, Stefan Savage, and Geoffrey M. Voelker.”.
The reference [2] can be rewritten as:
Justin Ma, Lawrence K. Saul, Stefan Savage, and Geoffrey M. Voelker.
Beyond blacklists: learning to detect malicious web sites from suspicious urls. In *Proceedings of the 15th ACM International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining(SIGKDD)*, Paris, France, pp.1245-1254. ACM, 2009.

If we rewrite reference [2] in this way, other references should be also rewritten in the same way for consistence.

Problem 5

- In this case, “small acquisition cost” confuses me. First, we don’t know how small is the “small”; Second, “acquisition cost” sounds like it is about monetary costs—it’s not.

Problem 6

- A semicolon is a more suitable punctuation mark than a comma.
- Two examples: (a) “our paper” can be replaced with “this paper”; and (b) “our classifiers” can be replaced with “the proposed classifiers”.

Problem 7

- A capitalization problem. In “Then, In order to ...”, it should be “Then, in order to ...”. “In” should not be capitalized.
- A spelling error. In “char distributions”, “character” is misspelled “char”.
- A grammar error. “Ma et al. [2] analyze ...” would be better as past tense.
- “Then, let’s look ...” should be “Let’s look ...”. “Then” is an unnecessary word.