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**ABSTRACT**

The rapid growth of IoT technology has revolutionized human life by inaugurating the concepts of smart devices, smart healthcare, smart industry, smart cities, and smart grids, among others. IoT devices’ security has become a serious concern nowadays, especially in the healthcare domain, where recent attacks exposed damaging IoT security vulnerabilities. Traditional network security solutions are well established. However, due to the resource constraints of IoT devices and the distinct behavior of IoT protocols, the existing security mechanisms cannot be deployed directly to secure IoT devices and networks from cyber-attacks. To enhance the level of security for IoT, researchers need IoT-specific tools, methods, and datasets. To address the mentioned problem, we provide a framework for developing IoT context-aware security solutions to detect malicious traffic in IoT use cases.

With the proliferation of Internet of Things (IoT) devices, early detection of cyber attacks and anomalies using signals only available on the device, rather than traditional network traffic, is an emerging area of research. However, the constraints of IoT devices in memory, compute power, and energy makes deploying machine learning models challenging. In this paper, we propose leveraging TinyML techniques to enable real-time detection of cyber attacks directly on resource-constrained IoT devices. Our approach minimizes communication overhead while providing low latency attack alerts. We evaluate multiple model architectures trained with different optimization techniques to balance accuracy, model size, and inference speed. Our work provides insights into model optimization techniques as well as data collection strategies to improve anomaly detection using intrinsic device signals.

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**CHAPTER-1**

**INTRODUCTION**

Internet of Things (IoT) devices offer users significant advantages, such as ease of use, compactness, and wireless connectivity. They typically include sensors for various parameters and can be controlled through centralized devices like smartphones or PCs. Examples of first-generation wireless sensor network devices include Zolertia Z1, Sky Mote, and T-mote. The newer generation, commonly referred to as IoT devices, are designed for smart home applications, with companies like Amazon incorporating them into products like dash buttons.

Despite their benefits, studies indicate that around 70 percent of these devices have vulnerabilities. Our experiment involves using ESP32, ESP8266, Raspberry Pico, Raspberry Pi4. Due to their low power and limited computational capabilities, these devices are highly susceptible to attacks like wormholes or flooding, which could have severe consequences for the entire network. To mitigate such threats, a power-efficient mechanism is essential, either in the form of hardware or an algorithm. However, hardware-based approaches pose a risk of increased power consumption within the IoT network.

The proliferation of interconnected IoT ecosystems in critical infrastructures has raised the risk of severe cyber attacks. The WannaCry ransomware campaign exploited vulnerabilities in poorly secured IoT devices, causing widespread damage. The Mirai botnet, infecting hundreds of thousands of Internet-connected cameras and DVRs, demonstrated the dangers of unsecured IoT gateways. Security vulnerabilities in medical equipment like insulin pumps highlight life-threatening consequences if such systems are compromised.

Recent cases of large-scale Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks, utilizing insecure IoT gadgets, highlight the inadequate attention given to security by manufacturers. This underscores the need for a secure framework applicable to all IoT devices, regardless of their manufacturer, to safeguard organizations and individuals relying on these devices for smart homes.

Traditional security analytics face challenges in deeply embedded IoT endpoints due to computational and memory limitations. Centralized Network Intrusion Detection Systems (NIDS) provide delayed insights, impacting the ability to contain threats before significant damage occurs. To address these issues, we propose a fog computing framework that utilizes machine learning-driven behavioral analytics deployed closer to the affected devices. Near-edge fog nodes with storage and computing capabilities.

**CHAPTER-2**

**PROBLEM STATEMENT**

In the intricate landscape of low-latency IoT devices with constrained computational capabilities, the challenge of securing these interconnected entities remains a critical focal point. Traditional network security measures, crafted for more conventional computing environments, falter in the face of the distinct vulnerabilities inherent in low-latency IoT devices. The crux of the issue lies in navigating the delicate balance between implementing robust security protocols and respecting the limited computational resources of these devices. As the demand for rapid data processing and real-time responsiveness intensifies, the imperative to fortify the cybersecurity posture of low-latency IoT devices becomes increasingly evident.

One of the paramount challenges is the early detection of cyber threats in an environment characterized by swift and evolving attack vectors. Conventional security approaches struggle to keep pace with the agility of modern cyber threats, leaving these devices susceptible to sophisticated incursions. Moreover, the unique characteristics of IoT devices, marked by diverse communication protocols and a heterogeneous ecosystem, further complicate the security landscape. Adapting and tailoring security measures to the idiosyncrasies of each device demands a nuanced and comprehensive approach. In essence, the existing problems underscore the urgency for innovative cybersecurity solutions that reconcile the intricacies of low-latency IoT environments with the imperative to fortify defenses against emerging cyber threats.

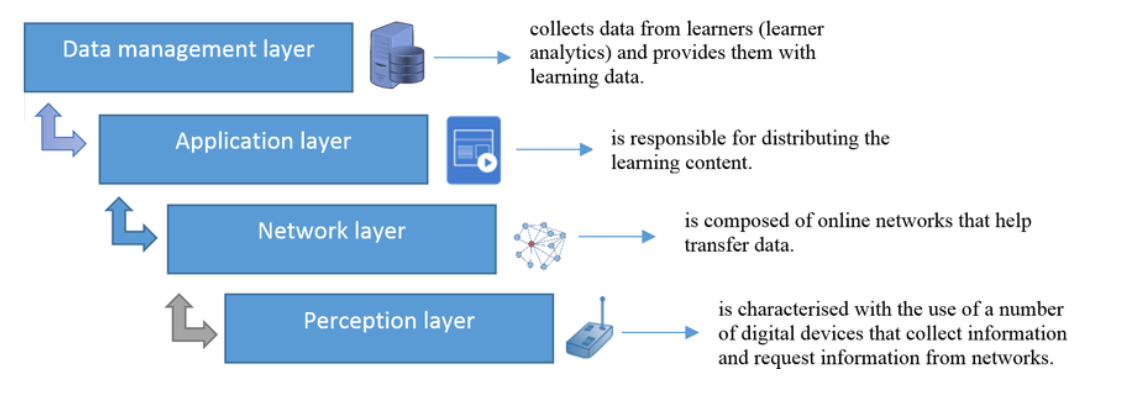
**CHAPTER-3**

**LITERATURE REVIEW**

**3.1 IoT Architecture Layers**

In the realm of IoT architecture, a widely acknowledged model is the three-layer architecture, originally conceptualized at the nascent stage of IoT experimentation. Comprising the Perception, Network, and Application layers, this framework delineates the fundamental components of IoT systems.

Fig 3.1 IoT architecture Layers



The image shows the four layers of a learning system: perception, network, application, and data management.

**3.1.1 Perception Layer:**

Defined as the physical layer, the Perception layer involves the utilization of sensors, edge devices, and actuators. These components gather diverse data in accordance with project requirements, facilitating interaction with the surrounding environment.

Example: In a smart agriculture system, soil moisture sensors and weather stations serve as components of the Perception layer. These devices collect real-time data on soil conditions and weather patterns, enabling precision irrigation based on environmental needs.

**3.1.2 Network Layer:**

Tasked with transmitting and processing the collected data, the Network layer serves as the intermediary between devices and other intelligent entities. It establishes connections to smart objects, servers, and network devices, managing the seamless flow of data across the IoT ecosystem.

**3.1.3 Application Layer:**

The user interface and interaction point reside in the Application layer. This layer caters to specific use-cases of users, exemplified by scenarios such as smart home implementations. Users can, for instance, employ a mobile app to initiate actions like turning on a coffee maker with a simple tap, showcasing the tangible outcomes of IoT functionality.

Example: Within a smart home environment, the Application layer comes to life through user interfaces like mobile apps. Users can interact with the system, such as adjusting thermostat settings or controlling smart lighting, by tapping buttons on their smartphones. This direct interaction exemplifies the tangible benefits of the IoT's Application layer.

**3.1.4 Real World Examples :**

* **Smart Home:**
  + Perception Layer:

Smart thermostats equipped with temperature and occupancy sensors serve as part of the Perception layer. These devices gather data on room temperature and occupancy patterns, adapting heating or cooling settings for energy efficiency.

* + Network Layer:

The Network layer enables communication between smart home devices like thermostats, smart locks, and lighting systems. Through protocols such as Zigbee or Wi-Fi, these devices exchange data, allowing users to control and monitor their home remotely via a centralized smart home hub or mobile app.

* + Application Layer:

A user-friendly mobile app represents the Application layer in a smart home. Users can interact with and control various devices, such as adjusting thermostat settings, locking doors, or scheduling lighting, providing a seamless and personalized smart home experience.

* **Smart City:**
  + Perception Layer:

Surveillance cameras and air quality sensors contribute to the Perception layer in a smart city. These devices collect real-time data on security and environmental conditions, enhancing overall city awareness.

* + Network Layer:

The Network layer facilitates data transmission from surveillance cameras and environmental sensors to centralized control centers. High-speed communication networks ensure quick and reliable data flow, enabling real-time monitoring and response to security events and pollution levels.

* + Application Layer:

Smart city applications allow citizens to access real-time information on traffic, public transportation, and air quality. Through a user-friendly interface, residents can plan routes, check transportation schedules, and stay informed about the city's current status.

* **Smart Government:**
  + Perception Layer:

IoT-enabled smart meters in government buildings form part of the Perception layer. These devices monitor energy consumption, water usage, and occupancy, providing valuable data for resource management.

* + Network Layer:

The Network layer ensures connectivity between smart meters, building automation systems, and central government servers. Secure communication protocols enable the seamless transmission of data, allowing authorities to monitor resource usage and optimize efficiency.

* + Application Layer:

Government officials and administrators access a centralized application to analyze data from smart meters, track resource consumption trends, and make informed decisions for sustainable resource management. The Application layer empowers efficient governance through data-driven insights.

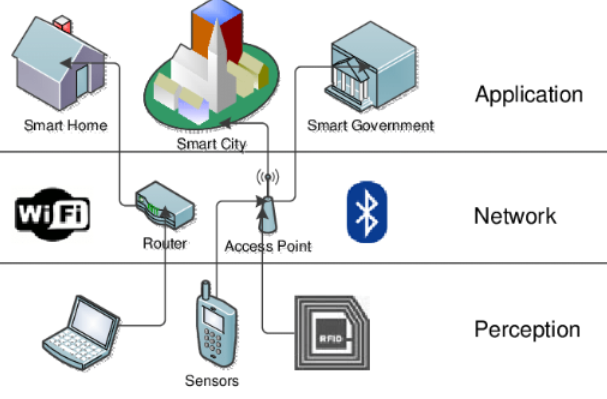


Fig 3.1.4 - 3 Layer Architecture

This diagram shows the three layers of a smart home, smart city, and smart government network, which are connected by a wireless network.

**3.2 Cyber Attacks**

* Malware:

Infiltration of IoT devices with harmful software, disrupting operations, stealing data, or gaining unauthorized access by exploiting vulnerabilities in applications.

* Phishing:

Deceptive tactics trick users into compromising IoT devices, often using fraudulent emails or messages to exploit human behavior.

* Social Engineering:

Manipulating individuals into revealing sensitive information or granting access to IoT devices through impersonation or psychological tactics.

* Tampering:

Unauthorized modification of data or configurations on IoT devices, altering settings, manipulating stored information, or injecting malicious code.

* Zero Day Attacks:

Exploiting unknown vulnerabilities in IoT device applications lacking security updates for unauthorized access or control.

* SQL Injection:

Inserting malicious SQL code into IoT device input fields, manipulating database queries for unauthorized access or data leakage.

* Man-in-the-Middle:

Unauthorized interception and modification of communication between devices, compromising data integrity and confidentiality.

* Denial of Service (DoS):

Overwhelming IoT devices with excessive requests, causing crashes or unresponsiveness, disrupting service availability.

* Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS):

Multiple devices collaboratively targeting a single device or network, causing a service outage through an overwhelming volume of requests.

* ARP Spoofing:

Manipulating the Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) table to capture and redirect network traffic, potentially causing unknown parties to gain access.

* DNS Poisoning:

Modifying the DNS cache to redirect network traffic to malicious sites, compromising the authenticity of IoT device communications.

* Sybil Attack:

Making many bogus identities to gain unauthorized access or control over IoT devices within the network.

* Rolling Code Attack:

Intercepting and replaying codes used in keyless entry systems, compromising the security of IoT devices relying on such systems.

* Spoofing:

Impersonating legitimate devices to gain unauthorized access or control within the IoT ecosystem, potentially leading to security breaches.

* Injection:

Injecting harmful code or data into IoT device communication streams, resulting in unauthorised access or data modification.

* Replay:

Capturing and re-transmitting data within the Perception to gain unauthorized access, potentially compromising IoT device security.

* Tampering:

Physically manipulating or damaging IoT devices, compromising their physical integrity and potentially leading to malfunctions or security breaches.

* Signal Jamming:

Disrupting communication between IoT devices by introducing radio frequency interference within the Perception, potentially leading to communication failures.

* Battery Drain:

Intentionally depleting the battery life of IoT devices within the Perception, leading to device failure and potential disruptions in overall system functionality.

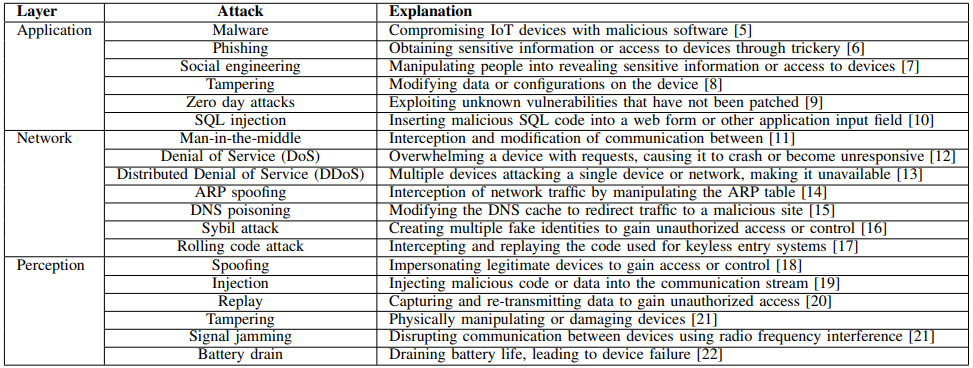


Table 3.2 (i) Common IoT security attacks and explanations

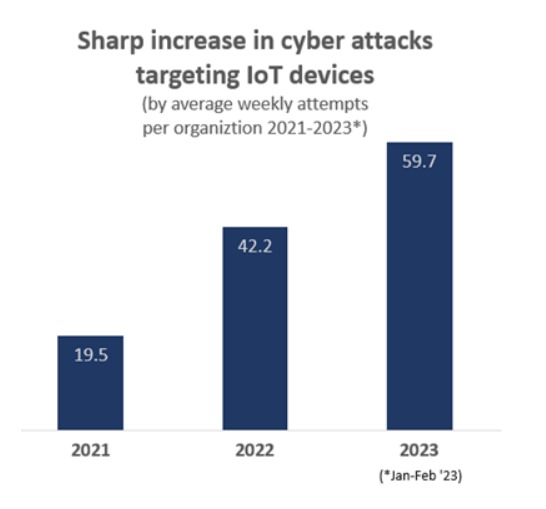


Fig. 3.2.1 Increase in security attacks on IoT devices

The image shows the proliferation in security attacks on IoT devices.

**3.3 Machine Learning Algorithms**

Depending on their use cases, Machine Learning models are largely classified into two categories:

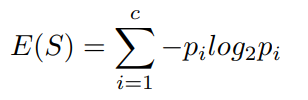
**3.3.1 Supervised ML models**

The training dataset is labelled with well defined input-output pairs in this case. The algorithms are taught to translate input parameters to labelled values. It is considered to be supervised since the training data includes the expected outputs [28]. Some algorithms that use this strategy are as follows:

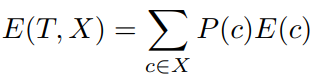
* **Decision Trees:** In [33], Manish Kumar et al. present an Intrusion Detection System based on the DT algorithm. The ID3, C4.5, and C5.0 algorithms were used for experimental analysis on the KDD99 dataset by the authors. This dataset is divided into five categories: normal connections, DoS, R2U, U2R, and probing. ID3, C4.5, and C5.0 all performed well, with Detection Rates of 96.63%, 97.77%, and 98.22%, respectively. They look forward to improving, automating and simplifying this technique.

[28] gives a brief on decision trees. The model learns basic decision rules to predict output class using the training data. Decision trees are used to forecast the class label of the record, beginning at the root of the tree. The values of the record's attributes are compared to those of the root attribute. Based on the comparison, the next node is searched after the branch that corresponds to that value. This method works for both classification and regression issues. To determine whether or not to split a node, Decision Trees employ a variety of approaches, one of which is the ID3 algorithm.

The ID3 method generates these Decision Trees by employing a top-down greedy search technique, iterating over each substantially underutilised property in the set S (root node), computing the attribute's information gain (IG) and entropy (H). Entropy E(S) for a single attribute is determined as follows:



Where, pi = Probability of event i in the state S Entropy E(S) fr multiple attributes is given by,



T: current state and X: selected attribute.

* **Random Forest**: [34] propose ML methods for the detection of DDoS attacks performed on IoT devices. The authors begin by capturing their own datasets for both benign and attack traffic. These datasets are then used to train ML models such as, Random Forest Classifier, k-Nearest Neighbours, Support Vector Machine, Decision Trees and Neural Networks. All the models have an accuracy of about 99.99%. The models were deployed on a Raspberry Pi 3, which acted as a Wi-Fi access point for IoT devices such as, Smart Home Cameras, Smart Switches, etc

[30] Random Forest uses several Decision Trees to accomplish classification and regression tasks. It integrates the results of several Decision Trees to produce a single outcome (Ensemble learning approach). First, each decision tree in this model is constructed using a subset of characteristics and data points. m features and n random records are chosen from a dataset of k records. A Decision Tree is constructed for each sample, and the Random Forest model's output is based on the Majority Voting technique for classification problems and Averaging for regression problems.

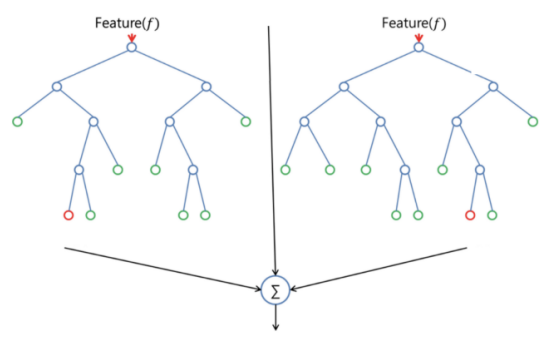


Fig 3.3.1.1: Simplified Overview of a Random Forest model

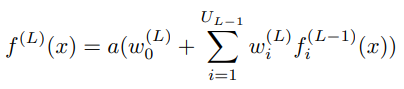
This image shows a simplified overview of a random forest model, which consists of multiple decision trees that are combined to make predictions.

* **Multilayer Perceptron**: The authors of [35] created a DDoS attack detector based on MLP. The authors create a dataset by scanning and sniffing packets with Wireshark modules, which is then preprocessed and given to a Multilayer Perceptron model for classification. The CiCIDS2017 dataset was used for training purposes. Finally, the MLP model performed admirably, with a classification accuracy of 99.3% and an initial loss value of 0.049 that was later improved to 0.033. Both safe and hostile traffic had accurate rates of 99.9% and 98.3%, respectively.

[31] discusses in detail about a Multilayer Perceptron. A network of interconnected neurons with several levels. This is a feedforward neural network, which implies that data flows in a single path from the input layer to the output layer without causing cycles. The numerous layers are widely classified into three categories: Input Layer, Hidden Layer(s), and Output Layers. The input data is transmitted onto each neuron inside the MLP, which is then activated before being passed onto the next neuron. This procedure is repeated until the data reaches the output layer, when it is given the final output. MLP simplifies complicated jobs in this way.

This may be expressed mathematically as,

L is the layer unit and w represents the weights.



* **Logistic Regression**: Q.A. Al-Haija et al. [36] propose utilising the Logistic Regression Algorithm (LRA) to identify port scan attacks. The authors train the LRA model with the PSA-2017 dataset, which includes 9 features such as time, date, number of frames transmitted per second, number of distinct source and destination MAC addresses per second, throughput (bytes/second), number of distinct source and destination ports per second, and label class. The model was tested with MATLAB 2020b and has an accuracy of 99.4%.

[31] Briefly discusses what Logistic Regression is. This approach is mostly employed in binary classification. When there are two possible outcomes in a classification job, logistic regression models the likelihood using logistic functions such as a sigmoid curve.

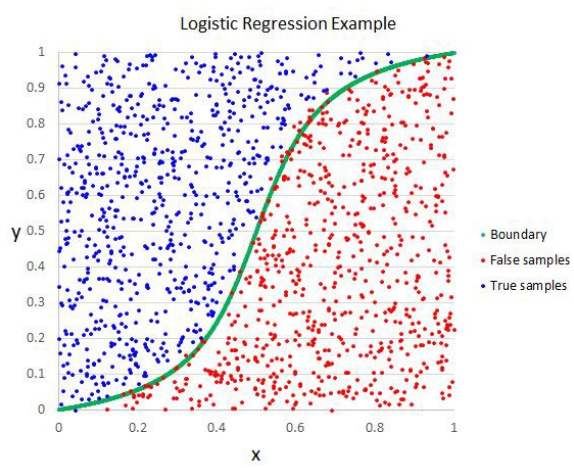


Fig 3.3.1.2: Example of a Logistic Regression Model

This image shows a logistic regression graph, which plots the probability of a binary outcome (e.g., yes/no, pass/fail) versus a predictor variable.

* **k Nearest Neighbours**: In this paper [37], a model based on the K-Nearest Neighbour (KNN) algorithm is suggested for detecting phishing attacks by categorising URLs as malicious or phishing or lawful. The suggested model's performance was evaluated using 106 data to determine its usefulness in detecting phishing. The experimental findings, calculated using accuracy metrics as a performance indicator, show that the suggested model's phishing attack detection capabilities are successful. The suggested model had an overall accuracy rating of 85.08%. Finally, it was concluded that the suggested model is appropriate for dealing with the growing incidence of phishing attacks in the commercial field.  
    
  [32] discusses the K-Nearest Neighbour (KNN) algorithm. It is a popular machine learning approach for classification and regression issues. It is based on the assumption that comparable data points have equivalent labels or values. Throughout the training phase, the KNN algorithm refers to the whole training dataset. Before making predictions, it calculates the distance between each training sample and the input data point using a chosen distance metric, such as Euclidean distance. The algorithm then identifies the K nearest neighbours of the input data point based on their distances. In terms of classification, the method predicts the label for the input data point based on the most common class label among the K neighbours.
* **Support Vector Machine**: SVM (Support Vector Machine) was used in this [38] to classify and forecast SQL-Injection attacks. The suggested approach achieves a detection accuracy of SQL-Injection attacks of 96.47%, which is the highest among current SQL-Injection detection algorithms.

Support Vector Machine (SVM) is a supervised learning model for regression and classification research [31]. It is highly recommended due to its high accuracy and minimal processing power and complexity. Once the data points are displayed, the Hyperplane can determine if they are linearly or non-linearly separable. SVM handles the case of non-linearly separable data points by mapping them to a higher-dimensional feature space where the data points are linearly separable. SVM guarantees that the data points are at an ideal distance from the Hyperplane in addition to ensuring linear separability.

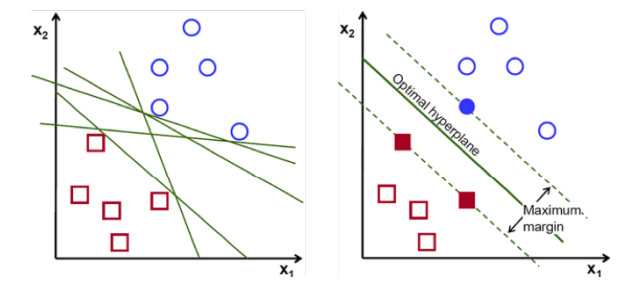


Fig 3.3.1.3: Example of a Support Vector Machine model

The image shows the architecture of a support vector machine (SVM) model, which uses a hyperplane to separate data points into two classes.

**3.3.2 Unsupervised ML models**

In contrast to Supervised Learning, the data sets are unlabeled, and predictions are formed based on patterns discovered in the dataset. The desired outcomes are not included in the input data in this case.

* **Autoencoder**: In [39], an Autoencoder model was used to detect DDoS attacks. The model had a Detection Rate of 82%.

[33]Autoencoders are made up of an encoder and a decoder. The encoder converts the input data to feature space, while the decoder converts the data from feature space to data space. Between these two layers is a bottleneck layer, which contains compressed forms of the incoming data.

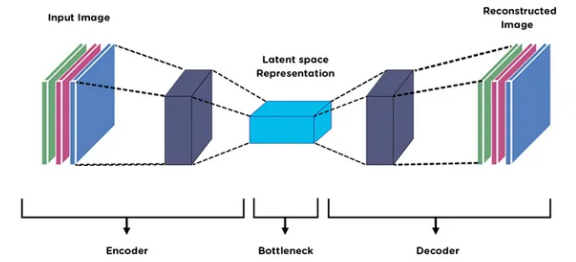


Fig 3.3.2.1: Architecture of the Autoencoder model

This image shows the flow of data through a neural network, which consists of multiple layers of interconnected nodes.

**3.4 Levels of Computing in IoT**

**3.4.1 Edge Computing:**

Edge computing stands as a cutting-edge computing paradigm that redefines traditional computational frameworks by relocating processing capabilities to the network's periphery. At its core, edge computing is driven by the strategic imperative to execute computations in close proximity to the source of data, signifying a departure from centralized cloud-centric models [1]. This shift holds profound implications for the architecture of computing systems, offering a responsive and decentralized approach to meet the evolving demands of diverse industries.Notably, the concept of edge computing assumes varying definitions across research perspectives. Pioneered by Shi et al. [2-4], their characterization frames edge computing as a distinctive style of network edge execution. In this formulation, the downlink data of edge computing corresponds to cloud services, the uplink data mirrors the Internet of Everything, and the term "edge" encapsulates the expansive realm of computing and network resources situated between the data source and the trajectory leading to the cloud computing center. This nuanced interpretation underscores edge computing as an intricate interplay between data, computation, and network resources, strategically positioned to enhance efficiency and address the latency challenges inherent in conventional cloud computing models.

As industries increasingly grapple with the imperative for agile linking, real-time business operations, data optimization, application intelligence, and stringent security and privacy considerations, edge computing emerges as a pivotal solution. Its ability to meet the critical requirements for low latency and high bandwidth positions edge computing as a dynamic and integral component of contemporary computing architectures. Consequently, ongoing research endeavors underscore the significance of edge computing as a transformative force, shaping the trajectory of computing paradigms in the digital era.

**3.4.2 Fog Computing:**

The term "fog" is derived from meteorology and refers to a cloud near the ground. In computing, fog represents the concentration of computational activity near the network's edge. The word is widely linked with Cisco and is thought to have been created by Ginny Nichols, a product line manager at the business. While Cisco Fog Computing is a registered trademark, the notion of fog computing is available to the general public.

While edge devices and sensors play a pivotal role in data generation and collection, their occasional limitation in processing and storage capacity hinders the execution of intricate analytics and machine learning tasks. Conversely, cloud servers possess the capability to undertake these tasks, yet their geographic distance often results in delays in processing data and responding promptly.

Fog computing emerges as a solution to bridge this gap. By strategically situating computational resources between the edge devices and the distant cloud servers, fog computing facilitates short-term analytics at the edge. This allows for swift decision-making and responsiveness, addressing the inherent challenges posed by the processing limitations of edge devices and the geographic constraints of cloud servers. In essence, fog computing acts as a vital intermediary, optimizing the balance between local processing and cloud capabilities to ensure efficient and timely execution of analytics and machine learning tasks.

**3.4.3 Cloud Computing:**

Cloud computing represents a revolutionary paradigm in which a spectrum of computing resources, encompassing data storage, processing power, and applications, is seamlessly delivered over the internet. Departing from the confines of local devices, data processing and storage now find a dynamic home in remote servers. This decentralization not only amplifies scalability and accessibility but also introduces nuanced challenges concerning latency and responsiveness.

Despite the pervasive reach and computational prowess of cloud servers, a significant drawback emerges from their inherent geographical separation from end-users and edge devices. The spatial divide introduces latency, leading to delays, particularly in scenarios necessitating rapid data processing and real-time responsiveness. This challenge assumes critical importance in applications where low latency is paramount, such as interactive web services, video streaming, or real-time analytics.

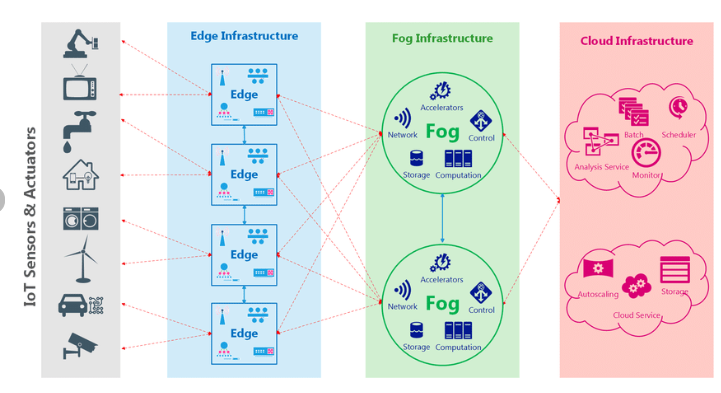


Fig 3.4.3 IIoT edge-fog-cloud architecture

This image shows the proposed edge-fog-cloud architecture, which consists of three layers: edge infrastructure, fog infrastructure, and cloud infrastructure.

**3.5 Existing Frameworks for IoT Security**

[23] suggests a biometric security architecture for IoT-enabled healthcare that is ML based.The Electrocardiogram (ECG) of a patient is used to extract features for training, and the produced unique biometric EIs from the ECG scan, along with the coefficients from polynomial approximation, are used to verify a user for testing purposes. The authors' primary objective was to safeguard patient medical data by creating a novel framework that, when implemented on medical equipment with limited resources, consumes the fewest resources possible. The multilayer perceptron is employed by the framework.

The goal of [24] is establishing a framework for network-based intrusion detection and mitigation, or IoT-IDM, in smart home settings. This is achieved by using the programmability and network visibility of the SDN architecture in IoT-IDM to provide a more dependable and secure environment for smart homes. Machine learning algorithms are employed by IoT-IDM to detect compromised hosts that are prepared to launch an attack. The attack source is identified, the required rules are developed, and they are applied to underlying routers and switches in order to stop attacks on susceptible IoT devices. The usage of an IoT-IDM prototype, which is currently being developed as a module of the Floodlight SDN controller, is demonstrated using a real smart lighting system. The authors employed a 100% accurate Support Vector Machine model in addition to a 96.2% accurate Logistic Regression approach.

This study [25] provided an Internet of Things (IoT) security framework for smart infrastructures that is divided into four tiers: the network, service, application, and device (end node) layers. The use of the threat model for sensor security and protection in smart IoT infrastructure was shown in the experimental findings. The ability of the Anomaly Behaviour Analysis (ABA) method to identify known as well as unknown threats was demonstrated, with low false positive alarm rates (about 4.2%), and high detection rates. A system was created for classifying attacks, and it was able to classify known attacks with an accuracy of 98% and unknown attacks (referred to as "new attacks") with an accuracy of up to 95%. Currently being worked on is the extending of the ABA technique to the other layers of the IoT security architecture.

[26] explains a real-time attack traffic detection security framework. The Framework is trained on a variety of models, including Gaussian Naive Bayes, k-Nearest Neighbours, Recurrent Neural Networks, and Convolutional Neural Networks. It is then implemented on Internet of Things devices, including temperature controllers and fire detectors, and it offers a real-time classification of benign and attack traffic. In the end, the scientists concluded that the kNN model performed the best since it required significantly less time to compute than the other models and didn't strain the devices' limited resources. The other models' accuracy ranged from 78 to 99.84%, while the kNN model's accuracy was 96.67%.

[27] Using Network Function Virtualization and Software Defined Networks, a security architecture for Internet of Things systems was put into place. By comparing their method to earlier implementations, the authors were able to use the JRip Classifier to attain an accuracy of 98.7-99.9%.

**CHAPTER - 4**

**SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION**

**4.1 Introduction**

In the future, the Internet of Things (IoT) will connect many aspects of our life, including smart buildings, smart homes, and even entire cities. A portion of this expansion can be ascribed to advances in the semiconductor sector. IoT will provide cutting-edge services that will necessitate the use of several data centers and real-time processing of all of them. However, technological advancements promise an increase in the attack surface and the risks that these gadgets will confront. IoT security is a developing topic that is growing awareness about the necessity for security methods for these limited devices. Existing solutions in the Fog are computationally demanding for a typical limited device.

With these devices' numerous implementations, there is a need for a security solution that can be scaled to the vast majority of IoT applications. We propose a Python-based Framework comprising several security procedures and functions for real-time detection of Cyber Attacks in their early phases using numerous ML models. This Framework is tested on a device put in the fog, which is linked to an IoT device network. This Framework's unique characteristic is that it takes a dual approach, both from the standpoint of developers and ordinary users.

The functional requirements will offer an overview of the Framework's capabilities, while the non-functional requirements will explain the Framework's need for extensibility.

This Framework's conception, development, and implementation were iterative processes, and it has the ability to avert excessive harm caused by network attacks by detecting it quickly.

**4.1.1 Project Scope**

The Framework that is being proposed will address the security concerns of IoT devices and will run on a device placed in the Fog layer. This device (Raspberry Pi 4), will behave as a gateway for an IoT network and will constantly monitor the network traffic for any malicious patterns.

The aforementioned framework will provide a real-time detection of attacks such as DoS, DDoS, ARP Spoofing, Botnet, and Phishing. With the help of tools such as Scapy and Pyshark, network traffic is constantly sniffed, collected, labelled, and stored in a Comma Separated Values (.csv) file. The pre-trained ML models are given this csv file as an input and as soon as predictions are made, the sniffing and collection of data begins again. This runs continuously until the user provides an interruption.

Furthermore, the vast majority of IoT devices are barebones, meaning they lack an operating system and only have a few supporting libraries. This necessitates security solutions that are portable from device to device. At the moment, the Framework's capabilities are restricted to slightly more capable devices like the Raspberry Pi. As is customary with technological advancement, new attack vectors will emerge that the Framework will be unable to detect.

**4.2 Product Perspective**

The advent of IoT devices is partly due to their timid size and extremely malleable applications. IoT devices come in all shapes and forms but they all have one thing in common and that is that they are constrained by their resources. Limited memory and computational capabilities make it difficult for the implementation of traditional security solutions as they prove to be too bulky for these constrained devices. Existing solutions for IoT security are far and few in between, with a focus mainly on Software Defined Networks. Existing works do not provide a real-time analysis.

The proposed Framework works to address these issues. It is a solution to an ever growing problem. The main aim of the Framework was to provide a dual-approach to it, i.e., a developer’s and general users’ perspective. A developer will need for the Framework to better fit their applications and this Framework gives the developer the autonomy to tweak a vast majority of parameters. For a general user, the Framework includes default datasets and pre-trained models for ease-of-access.

**4.2.1 Product Features**

* **Packet Sniffing:** Scapy and Pyshark, capture packets in real time. In case of detection of DoS and DDoS attacks, a batch of 10000 packets are captured and sent for further computations.
* **Data Pre-processing:** The captured packets are parsed through and necessary fields are extracted and stored in a csv file. The data in the csv file is encoded, before being sent to the ML models for detection. Each attack has a need for different fields and this has been specified in each function.
* **Prediction:** The ML models will perform computations on the given csv file and provide a detailed report of the prediction in terms of several metrics along with the accuracy.
* **Publishing Results:** In case SYN DoS and DDoS attacks, there is an added functionality to publish the results via MQTT. A receiver may subscribe to this topic for viewing the results.
* **Training and Testing:** Along with default models, the Framework also gives the autonomy for the users to capture their own data and train the models as per their applications. This functionality also allows them to change the various parameters for training and testing these models.

**4.2.2 Operating Environment**

The Framework presently runs on a Raspberry Pi, i.e., Pi OS. In the architecture, the Framework is situated in the Fog.

**4.2.3 General Constraints, Assumptions and Dependencies**

**Constraints:**

* The framework is unable to run directly on edge devices.
* There is an overfitting on the ML models.
* New attack vectors may not be detected.

**Assumptions:**

* The Framework is running in a place that has consistent network flow.
* The testbed setup is safe.

**Dependencies:**

* Constant access to the internet.

**4.2.4 Risks**

Despite the numerous efforts taken to defend the system and maintain its integrity, cyber attacks remain a possibility. These attacks might originate both within and externally. Malicious insiders, angry staff, or rogue gadgets can all be sources of internal risks. External threats might come from organized cyber-attack groups, nation-states, or malicious individuals.

To address these dangers, powerful machine learning models (ML models) on Fog devices for early detection of cyber threats are critical. These ML models can efficiently analyze and classify network data by using the processing power and storage capacity of Fog devices, enabling for fast detection and mitigation of possible attacks.

However, there are several drawbacks to using ML models for early detection of cyber attacks. These models may not be able to detect all forms of attacks, such as complicated attacks on specific systems or network components.

**4.3 Functional Requirements**

* **Secure communication:** To guarantee that data is exchanged safely between IoT devices and the system, the system should offer secure communication channels.
* **Threat detection and prevention:** To recognize and stop prospective attacks, the system should have procedures in place for threat detection and prevention. Implementing firewalls, intrusion detection systems, and antivirus software falls under this category.
* **Continuous Monitoring and post-detection alerts:** To ensure continuous network traffic monitoring in order to enable real-time detection. If an attack is detected, an alert should be sent to the user right away.
* **Data protection:** To guarantee that sensitive data is safeguarded, the system should employ data protection procedures. Implementing data encryption methods, access control systems, and backup and recovery programs are all part of this.
* **Machine learning models:** The system's ML/DL models should be strong and resistant to possible intrusions. Making sure the models are accurate and impartial, entails putting approaches like model validation, model selection, and bias detection into practice.
* **Plan for handling incidents:** A plan for handling events or breaches involving potential security should be in place. Defining the processes for locating, containing, and minimizing security events is part of this.

**4.4 External Interface Requirements**

**4.4.1 Hardware Requirements:**

**Raspberry Pi 4:** Hosts the Framework and behaves as the gateway for an IoT network.

**ESP32, Raspberry Pi Pico W:** Comprise the Edge network.

**4.4.2 Software Requirements:**

**Operating System:** Pi OS

**Libraries and functions used:**

Here are the library names from the provided list:

1. 'pyshark': A network packet capture and analysis tool.

2. 'time': Used for time-related tasks like monitoring durations and delays.

3. 'csv': Used to read and write CSV files.

4. 'Pandas': A data manipulation and analysis tool.

5. 'datetime': A term used to work with dates and times.

6.'signal': A signal is used for signal handling, such as recording the interrupt signal (SIGINT) for graceful termination.

7.'sklearn': A machine learning library for training, evaluating, and predicting models.

8. 'KNeighborsClassifier': A machine learning algorithm for k-nearest neighbours classification.

9. 'LabelEncoder': A programme that converts non-numeric input into numeric data.

10. 'StandardScaler': This class is used to scale features in machine learning models.

11. 'classification\_report' and 'confusion\_matrix': Functions for assessing the performance of classification models.

12. 'joblib' is used to save and load machine learning models.

13. 'numpy': Used in Python for numerical computations.

14.'sys': Access to variables used or maintained by the Python interpreter.

15. 'paho.mqtt.client': MQTT client used to interface with the MQTT (Message Queuing Telemetry Transport) protocol.

16. 'scapy.all' is a packet modification and crafting command.

17.'socket': A low-level networking interface that allows for communication.

18. 'ipaddress': This command provides tools for working with IP addresses.

**4.5 Non Functional Requirements**

**4.5.1. Performance Requirement**

●**Efficiency:** The framework must provide accurate results while consuming few resources.

●**Scalability:** The framework should be extendable for utilisation on a variety of devices.

**4.5.2 Safety Requirements**

We assume that the testbed setup we will utilize is safe.

**4.5.3 Security Requirements**

● **Data protection:** To guarantee that sensitive data is safeguarded, the project must abide by strong data privacy rules. In order to restrict access to data, this also entails putting access control measures in place.

● **Strong authentication and authorization** controls should be in place in the system to guarantee that only users who have been given permission may access it.

● **Continuous monitoring** is necessary to spot any unusual behavior or unauthorized access attempts in the system. Implementing security event monitoring tools and intrusion detection systems is part of this.

**CHAPTER - 5**

**SYSTEM DESIGN**

**5.1 Goal**

The goal of the project is to develop an extendable Python framework deployed on fog devices for the early detection of cyber attacks. The framework should provide modularity, scalability, and interoperability, allowing users to seamlessly integrate new detection modules, ensuring low-latency response times, resource efficiency, and effective communication with external cybersecurity databases.

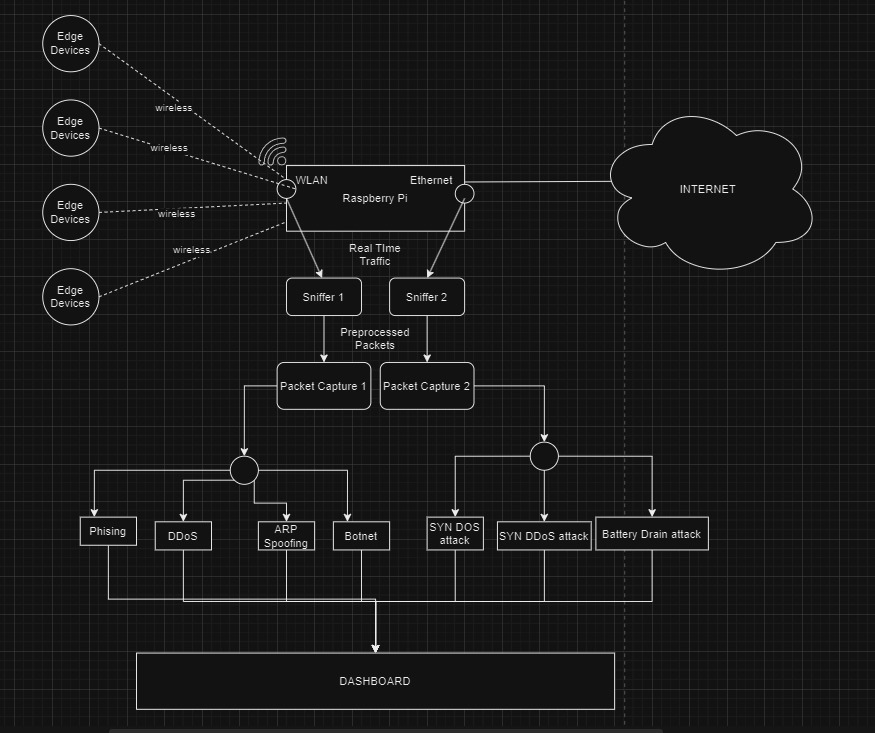


Fig No. 5.1 Proposed methodology

This image shows a network of edge devices, fog devices, and cloud servers, connected by wireless and Ethernet networks, that is used to collect, preprocess, and analyze real-time traffic in order to detect and prevent attacks.

**5.2 High Level Design (HLD):**

**5.2.1 Modular Architecture:**

* **Botnet Detection Module:**

Purpose: Identifies potential Botnet activities within the network.

* **ARP Spoofing Detection Module:**

Purpose: Detects and prevents ARP Spoofing attacks.

* **DoS and DDoS Analysis Module:**

Purpose: Analyzes network traffic patterns to detect DoS and DDoS attacks.

* **Phishing Website Detection Module:**

Purpose: Identifies and blocks phishing websites in real-time.

* **Real-time network traffic processing module:**

Purpose: Provides a real-time processing engine for efficient and immediate threat detection.

**5.2.2 Logs Creation :**

* Zeek Execution involves deploying the Zeek network security monitoring tool on a specified interface to capture network traffic, generating detailed log files containing pertinent information about network events.
* Log Processing continuously monitors Zeek-generated log files, identifying new data, and processing it into a structured format like CSV.

**5.2.3 Data Storage:**

* The communication between the fog and edge devices is encrypted and stored in MongoDB.
* This storage mechanism serves as a foundation for rendering the data within the application layer, ensuring a robust and protected flow of information throughout the edge-to-fog architecture.

**5.3 Data Flow Diagram**

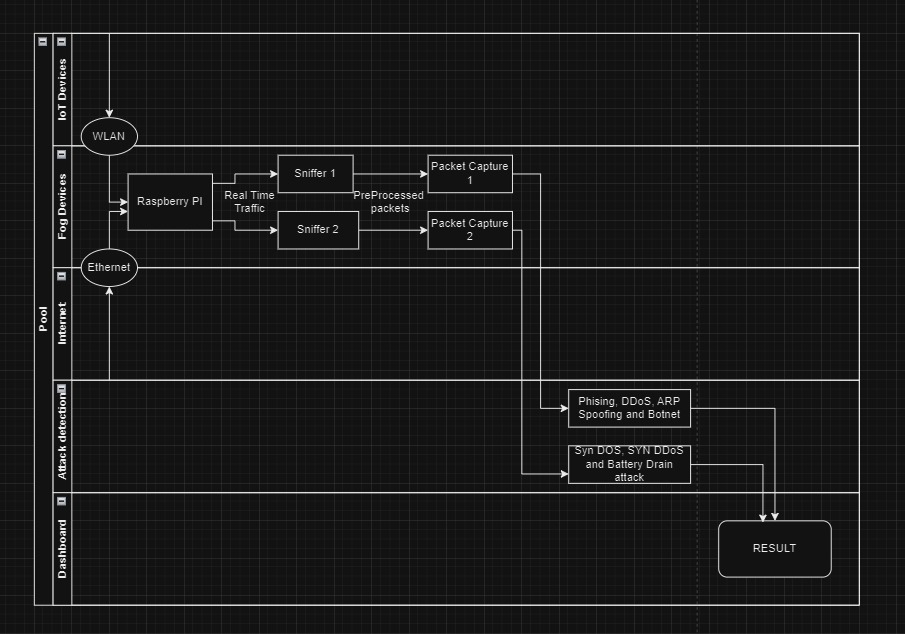


Fig No. 5.3 Data Flow Diagram

This image shows a swimlane diagram to depict the data flow diagram for Framework for early Cyber Attack Detection Using ML Models Deployed On Fog Devices.

**5.4 Structure of the library**

**5.4.1 Botnet attack Detection**

* **\_\_init\_\_:** Initializes the BotnetDetector class with various attributes, including the model and dataset splits.
* **print\_available\_models():** Prints a list of available model names that can be used for training.
* **\_preprocess\_data():**Standardizes and normalizes the input data for training the model.
* **\_split\_data():**Splits the dataset into training and testing sets.
* **train\_model(dataset, model\_name='LogisticRegression'):** Trains a specified model on the given dataset. Supported models include Logistic Regression, Perceptron, Decision Tree Regressor, Gaussian Naive Bayes, K-Nearest Neighbors, and Random Forest Classifier.
* **\_preprocess\_live\_traffic(live\_traffic): F**unction for preprocessing live traffic data. Returns the preprocessed data.
* **\_predict\_default\_model(live\_traffic):** Predicts using the default trained model. Prints an error message if no model is trained.
* **predict\_with\_model(live\_traffic, model\_name='default'):** Predicts using a specified model (or the default model if 'default' is chosen). Supports multiple classifiers.
* **evaluate\_all\_models(dataset):** Evaluates all available models on the provided dataset. Trains each model and prints the accuracy score.
* **evaluate\_model(model=None):** Evaluates a specified model (or the default model if none is provided) on the testing set. Prints the accuracy score.

**5.4.2 ARP Spoof Detection**

* **\_\_init\_\_:**

**Purpose:**Initializes the ArpSpoofDetector object with necessary attributes.

**Attributes:** IP\_MAC\_PAIRS: Dictionary to store IP-MAC pairs.

ARP\_REQ\_TABLE: Dictionary to store ARP request information.

sniff\_requests\_thread: Thread for sniffing ARP requests.

sniff\_replays\_thread: Thread for sniffing ARP replies.

alarms: List to store alarm messages.

* **start\_detection:**

**Purpose:** Initiates the ARP spoofing detection by starting sniffing threads.

* **sniff\_requests:**

**Purpose:**Sniffs outgoing ARP requests.

Uses Scapy's sniff function with a filter for ARP requests and a callback for handling them.

* **sniff\_replays:**

**Purpose:** Sniffs incoming ARP replies.

Uses Scapy's sniff function with a filter for ARP replies and a callback for handling them.

* **print\_arp:**

**Purpose:** Prints ARP information based on the ARP operation type.

Prints the source and destination IP and MAC addresses

* **incoming\_reply:**

**Purpose:** Determines if a packet is an incoming ARP reply.

Returns True if the packet is an ARP reply and the source IP is not the local interface.

* **outgoing\_req:**

**Purpose:** Determines if a packet is an outgoing ARP request.

Returns True if the packet is an ARP request and the source IP is the local interface.

* **add\_req:**

**Purpose:** Adds an ARP request to the ARP request table.

Records the destination IP and the current timestamp.

* **check\_arp\_header:**

**Purpose:** Checks the consistency of ARP messages.

Compares source and destination MAC addresses, raising an alarm ifinconsistent.

* **known\_traffic:**

**Purpose:** Handles known ARP traffic.

Checks if the source IP is known, and if the MAC address matches.

Raises an alarm if not.

* **spoof\_detection:**

**Purpose:** Detects ARP spoofing.

Checks if the ARP request was recently made and verifies the IP-MAC pair. Raises an alarm if fake.

* **alarm:**

**Purpose:** Raises an alarm for detected ARP spoofing.

Adds an alarm message to the list and returns the message.

**5.4.3 Phishing**

* **\_\_init\_\_(self):** Initializes the PhishingWebsiteDetection class.

Defines a regular expression for various URL shortening services.

* **explore\_data(self, data0):** Displays basic exploration of the dataset.

Shows the first few rows, shape, columns, info, histogram, correlation heatmap, and description of the dataset.

* **preprocess\_data(self, data0):**Handles data preprocessing steps.

Drops the 'Domain' column, checks for null values, shuffles the data, and returns the processed data.

* **split\_data(self, data):** Splits the data into training and testing sets.

Returns X\_train, X\_test, y\_train, y\_test using the train\_test\_split function.

* **train\_decision\_tree(self, X\_train, X\_test, y\_train, y\_test):**

Trains a Decision Tree classifier.

Returns the trained model, and accuracy scores for both training and testing sets.

* **train\_random\_forest(self,X\_train,X\_test,y\_train,y\_test,model\_filename="random\_forest\_model.pkl")**: Trains a Random Forest classifier.

Saves the trained model as a pickle file. Returns the trained model and accuracy scores for both training and testing sets.

* **train\_mlp\_classifier(self, X\_train, X\_test, y\_train, y\_test)**:

Trains a Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP) classifier.

Returns the trained model and accuracy scores for both training and testing sets.

* **train\_autoencoder(self, X\_train, X\_test)**:

Trains an autoencoder for feature extraction.

Returns the trained autoencoder model and accuracy scores for both training and testing sets.

* **train\_svm\_classifier(self, X\_train, X\_test, y\_train, y\_test)**:

Trains a Support Vector Machine (SVM) classifier.

Returns the trained model and accuracy scores for both training and testing sets.

* **display\_results(self, model\_name, acc\_train, acc\_test)**:

Displays the results (accuracy scores) of a trained model.

* **\_havingIP(self, url)**: Checks if the URL has an IP address.

Returns 1 if it has an IP, 0 otherwise.

* **\_haveAtSign(self, url)**: Checks if the URL contains an '@' symbol.

Returns 1 if '@' is present, 0 otherwise.

* **\_getLength(self, url)**: Checks the length of the URL.

Returns 1 if length is greater than 54 characters, 0 otherwise.

* **\_getDepth(self, url)**: Computes the depth of the URL path.

Returns the depth value.

* **\_redirection(self, url):** Checks for the presence of additional redirection in the URL.

Returns 1 if redirection is present, 0 otherwise.

* **\_httpDomain(self, url):** Checks if the domain uses HTTPS.

Returns 1 for HTTPS, 0 otherwise.

* **\_tinyURL(self, url):** Checks if the URL is from a known URL shortening service.

Returns 1 if it is a short URL, 0 otherwise.

* **\_prefixSuffix(self, url):** Checks for the presence of '-' in the domain (potential phishing indicator).

Returns 1 for phishing, 0 for legitimate.

* **\_web\_traffic(self, url):** Fetches the number of backlinks to the URL.

Returns 0 for phishing if backlinks are present, 1 otherwise.

* **\_domainAge(self, domain\_name):** Calculates the age of the domain.

Returns 1 if the age is less than 6 months, 0 otherwise.

* **\_domainEnd(self, domain\_name):**Checks the time remaining until the domain expires.

Returns 1 if less than 6 months remaining, 0 otherwise.

* **\_iframe(self, response):** Checks for the presence of iframes in the HTML response.

Returns 1 if iframes are present, 0 otherwise.

* **\_mouseOver(self, response):** Checks for the presence of mouseover events in the HTML response.

Returns 1 if mouseover events are present, 0 otherwise.

* **\_rightClick(self, response):** Checks for the presence of right-click events in the HTML response.

Returns 1 if right-click events are present, 0 otherwise.

* **\_forwarding(self, response):** Checks for URL forwarding in the HTTP response history.

Returns 1 if forwarding is present, 0 otherwise.

* **featureExtraction(self, url):** Extracts features for a given URL using the previously defined functions.

Returns a list of extracted features.

* **load\_model(self, filename):** Loads a pre-trained model from a pickle file.

Returns the loaded model.

* **predict(self, url, model\_name="random\_forest\_model"):** Generates predictions for a given URL using a specified or default model.

Returns the predicted features.

**5.4.4 SYN\_DoS\_DDoS Attack Detection**

* **\_\_init\_\_ :** The PacketCapture class is initialized with default or given settings for attributes such iface\_name, allowed\_IP, and capture\_limit. Configures the MQTT client connection details.
* **get\_ip\_layer\_name(packet):** Based on the provided packet, determines and returns the IP layer version (IPv4 or IPv6).
* **save\_data(filename='test.csv'):** The collected packet data is saved to a CSV file.
* **interrupt\_handler(signal, frame):** Handles interruption signals (e.g., KeyboardInterrupt) by preserving data, publishing capture session information, making predictions, and disconnecting MQTT.
* **publish\_results\_via\_mqtt(message):** Publishes a message to a specified MQTT topic.
* **capture\_packets():** PyShark is used to capture network packets and process the information included in each packet. Extracts pertinent information such as source/destination IP addresses, ports, and flags and saves it to a CSV file.

Packet statistics such as packets per second and delay between packets are calculated. Stops capturing when the specified capture limit is reached.

* **train\_capture\_packets():** Captures network packets for both benign and malicious traffic. The recorded data is written to CSV files for further training.
* **train\_kNN():** Uses the combined data from benign and attack traffic to train a k-Nearest Neighbors (kNN) classifier.Stratified Cross-Validation is used to tune hyperparameters.Evaluation metrics such as the confusion matrix and classification report are printed.

The trained kNN model is saved to a file.

* **test\_kNN():** Loads a previously trained kNN model. The model is tested using attack traffic data and the forecasts are printed. Based on the majority class, determines whether an attack is detected.
* **prediction():** Loads a pre-trained kNN model and applies it to the collected traffic to predict whether it is a SYN DoS attack. The result is published to a MQTT topic.
* **publish\_connected\_devices():** Publishes device information (IP and MAC addresses) to a MQTT topic.
* **get\_local\_network():** Gets the IP address of the local network.
* **scan(ip\_range):** To detect connected devices, an ARP scan is performed on the specified IP range. The IP and MAC addresses of the identified devices are saved.
* **print\_devices():** This command prints information about connected devices.

**CHAPTER - 6**

**PROPOSED METHODOLOGY**

**6.1 Creation of Hotspot and Real-Time Time Traffic Monitoring**

* A pivotal role is assumed by a fog computing device, exemplified by the Raspberry Pi4. Positioned as a central nexus for network communication, this device establishes connectivity to the primary network through a judiciously configured Ethernet cable. Its strategic configuration extends further to the establishment of a wireless hotspot, ensuring seamless connectivity for a spectrum of edge devices, including ESP32 and ESP8266.
* This architectural configuration serves a dual purpose by not only optimizing the deployment and management of devices within a localized environment but also accentuating the critical need for robust security measures and meticulous configuration. Both the fog device gateway and its associated edge devices are subject to a meticulous setup to ensure the establishment of reliable communication pathways. This meticulous approach significantly contributes to enhancing the overall security posture of the network, emphasizing the architecture's commitment to fostering a resilient and well-protected operational environment.
* Beyond its primary function as a communication hub, the fog computing device in this architectural paradigm integrates advanced capabilities for real-time traffic monitoring. This augmentation stands as a critical pillar within the broader security infrastructure, facilitating continuous surveillance of data flows coursing through the network. The seamless integration of monitoring functionalities into the fog computing device exemplifies a proactive stance towards security.

**6.2 Telemetry traffic capture and pre-processing**

* The architectural framework introduces a dual-interface paradigm, distinguishing between wired (Ethernet) and wireless interfaces. This demarcation underscores the need for a nuanced approach in conducting real-time traffic analysis and preprocessing due to the unique characteristics inherent in each interface.
* The imperative of continuous monitoring is central to real-time traffic analysis on both interfaces. To effectively address the challenges presented by wired and wireless environments, specialized tools such as Zeek, Scapy, Wireshark, and PyShark play a pivotal role in capturing telemetry data. These tools, selected for their adaptability, become indispensable components, ensuring comprehensive and responsive data acquisition.
* At the confluence of these interfaces, preprocessing assumes critical significance, aiming to seamlessly integrate and align diverse data streams with user requirements. This pivotal phase mandates the application of distinct techniques such as protocol normalization and feature extraction. The tailored application of these methods becomes imperative to accommodate the nuanced characteristics inherent in wired and wireless traffic.
* In essence, the meticulous differentiation in the application of preprocessing techniques serves as the linchpin for achieving cohesion within the framework. By addressing the unique attributes of both wired and wireless traffic, the system not only ensures a harmonious convergence but also optimally caters to user requirements. This strategic and differentially applied preprocessing sets the stage for a cybersecurity architecture that is both adaptive and robust in its ability to contend with the intricacies of contemporary network environments.

**6.3 Prediction and Framework**

* Intricate Framework Development:

Leveraging intricately preprocessed data, a meticulously crafted framework is deployed to systematically observe and identify anomalies within the network infrastructure.

* Cutting-Edge Algorithms and ML Models:

The framework integrates state-of-the-art algorithms and machine learning models,ensuring a sophisticated analytical layer when applied to the prepared data. This empowers the system to discern nuanced patterns indicative of irregularities or unexpected behaviors.

* Autonomous Anomaly Flagging:

The primary objective of this advanced framework is to autonomously flag and bring attention to potential anomalies. It goes beyond mere identification, facilitating prompt and targeted responses to maintain the network's integrity.

* Real-Time Proactive Operation:

Operating seamlessly in real-time on the fog device gateway, the framework stands as a pinnacle of proactive anomaly detection. Its deployment exemplifies a robust commitment to fortifying the security architecture, staying one step ahead of potential threats through continuous vigilance and analysis.

**CHAPTER - 7**

**IMPLEMENTATION**

**7.1 Devices In the Network:**

**7.1.1 ESP32:**

Description: The ESP32 is a versatile microcontroller with integrated Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities. It is widely used for IoT applications due to its low power consumption, cost-effectiveness, and compatibility with various sensors and peripherals.

Purpose in the Project: In this cybersecurity framework, ESP32 serves as one of the edge devices responsible for capturing network traffic and forwarding it to the fog gateway (Raspberry Pi 4) for analysis. Its wireless capabilities make it suitable for deployment in diverse environments, and its compact size allows for unobtrusive placement.



Fig No. 7.1.1 ESP 32

**7.1.2 Raspberry Pico W:**

Description: The Raspberry Pico W is a microcontroller board developed by the Raspberry Pi Foundation. It features the Raspberry Pi-designed RP2040 microcontroller chip and provides a flexible and low-cost solution for embedded systems.

Purpose in the Project: Raspberry Pico W is utilized as another edge device in the network. Its role involves processing and forwarding data to the fog gateway. The cost-effectiveness and programmability of Raspberry Pico make it an ideal choice for lightweight yet efficient tasks in the edge computing domain.

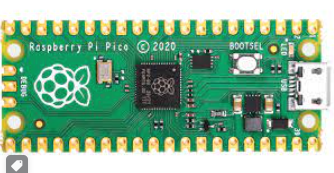


Fig.No. 7.1.2 Raspberry Pico

**7.1.3 Raspberry Pi 4:**

Description: Raspberry Pi 4 is a single-board computer that offers increased processing power and memory compared to its predecessors. It supports various operating systems and provides connectivity options, including Ethernet and USB ports.

Purpose in the Project: In this framework, Raspberry Pi 4 assumes the role of the fog gateway, responsible for receiving, analyzing, and responding to the network traffic forwarded by the edge devices. Its computational capabilities, connectivity features, and the ability to run complex analyses make it well-suited for acting as an intermediary between the edge devices and the central cybersecurity system.

Each device in this project is selected based on its specific strengths and capabilities, ensuring a well-integrated and efficient system for early cyber attack detection in the network. The combination of ESP32, Raspberry Pico, and Raspberry Pi 4 allows for a distributed and collaborative approach to security monitoring and analysis.



Fig No. 7.1.3 Raspberry Pi 4

**7.2 Attacks In Scope**

* Phishing
* Botnet
* ARP Spoofing
* SYN DoS and DDoS

**7.3 TestBed Setup**



Fig 7.3.1 Test Bed Set up

Fig 7.3.1 Shows the test bed with fog device Raspberry Pi4 connected with wired peripheral devices and also edge devices being connected to Raspberry Pi4 via wireless network.

**7.4 Phishing Detection class**

**7.4.1 ML Models**

* DecisionTreeClassifier
* RandomForestClassifier
* MLP Classifier
* Autoencoder
* SVM Classifier

**7.4.2 Interfaces**

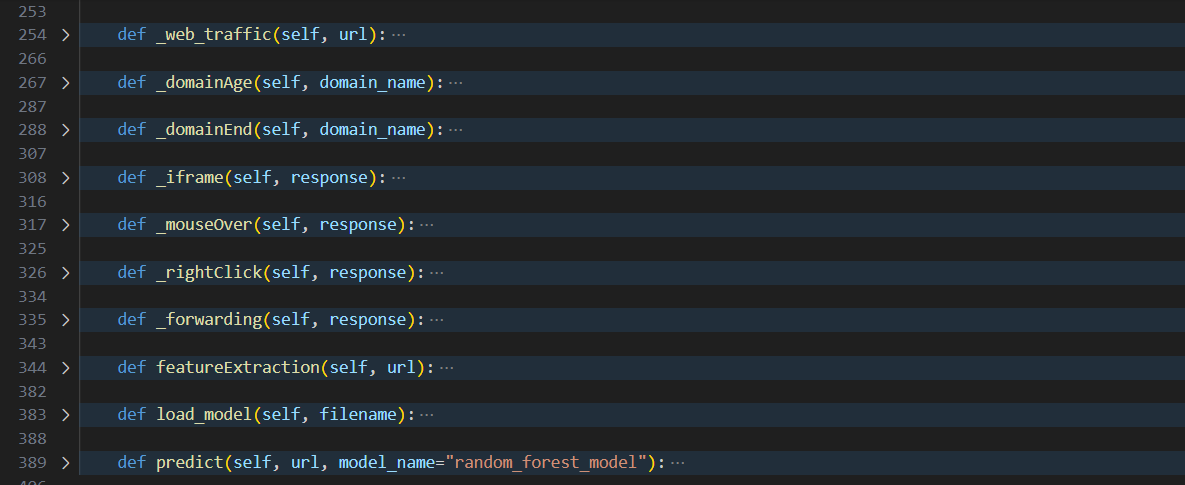
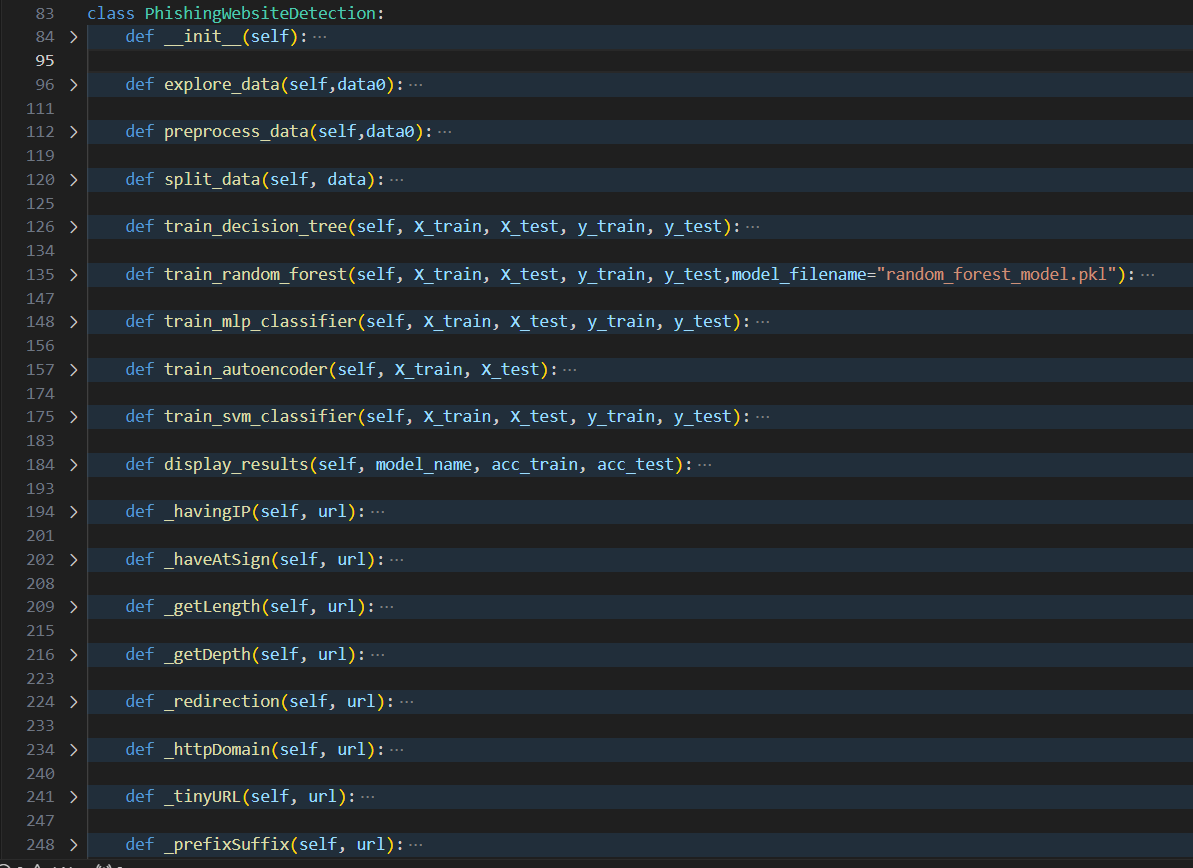


Fig No. 7.4.2 Phishing detection Class

This image depicts all the functions needed to detect for phishing attack and present in a class.

**7.4.3 Default Dataset**

* 5000 Legitimate URLs from the University of New Brunswick
* 5000 Phishing URLs from PhishTank

**7.4.4 Dataset Features**

The following category of features are selected:

* Address Bar-Based Functions

'//' in URL IP Address in URL 'http/https' in Domain name '@' Symbol in URL Using URL Shortening Service Length of URL Prefix or Suffix "-" in Domain Depth of URL

* Domain-specific Features
* Domain DNS Record Age Website Traffic Domain End Period
* HTML and Javascript-based Functionality

Redirection of an Iframe

Disabling Right-click to select

Customization of the Status Bar

Website Redirecting

**7.4.5 Features Significance**

The selected feature categories for URL analysis exhibit a meticulous approach to capturing diverse aspects of web addresses.

Address Bar-based features delve into the intricacies of URL composition, scrutinizing elements such as domain, protocol usage, and the presence of symbols indicative of redirection or email-related patterns. Domain-based features further contribute to a comprehensive understanding of domain-specific attributes.

Simultaneously, HTML & Javascript-based features play a pivotal role in unraveling the structural and behavioral nuances of web content.

In totality, a meticulous selection process yields 17 distinctive features, each holding strategic significance in discerning the authenticity and potential threats associated with URLs. The integration of these features forms a robust foundation for constructing a model adept at URL categorization and threat detection, offering a nuanced and thorough analysis of web security measures.

**7.5 Botnet Detection Class**

**7.5.1 ML Models**

* Logistic Regression
* Perceptron
* Gaussian Naive Bayes
* K-Neighbors Classifier
* Random Forest Classifier
* Decision Tree Regressor

**7.5.2 Interfaces**

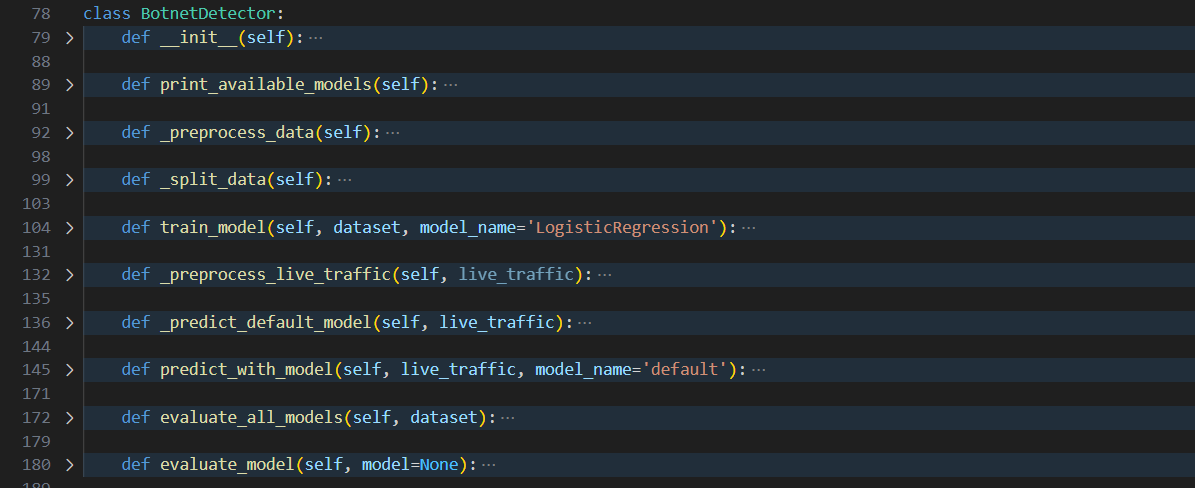


Fig No. 7.5.2 Botnet Detection Class

This image depicts all the functions in a class required to detect Botnet attacks

**7.5.3 Default Dataset**

* CTU-13 dataset (Real botnet traffic mixed with normal traffic)

**7.5.4 Dataset Features**

* Temporal Attributes:
  + Start time
  + Duration
* Protocol and Port Details:
  + Information about the communication protocols used
  + Specific ports involved
* Source and Destination Addresses:
  + Origin and target of network connections
  + Ports for source addresses
  + Ports for destination addresses
* Direction and State Attributes:
  + Flow
  + Status of traffic
* Type of Service Indicators:
  + Contribute to understanding the nature of communication
* Quantitative Metrics:
  + Total bytes exchanged during communication
  + Total packets involved in the exchange
  + Source bytes quantifying the volume of data exchanged

**7.5.5 Features Significance**

It encompasses temporal attributes, including start time and duration, providing valuable insights into the temporal aspects of network connections. Detailed protocol and port information furnishes insights into the communication protocols employed and the specific ports engaged.

Source and destination addresses, coupled with their corresponding ports, delineate the origin and target of network connections. Direction and state attributes shed light on the flow and status of traffic, while type of service indicators contribute to a nuanced understanding of communication nature. Furthermore, the dataset integrates quantitative metrics such as total bytes, total packets, and source bytes, effectively quantifying the volume of exchanged data.

**7.6 SYN DoS and SYN DDoS Detection class**

**7.6.1 ML Models**

* k-Nearest Neighbours

**7.6.2 Interfaces**

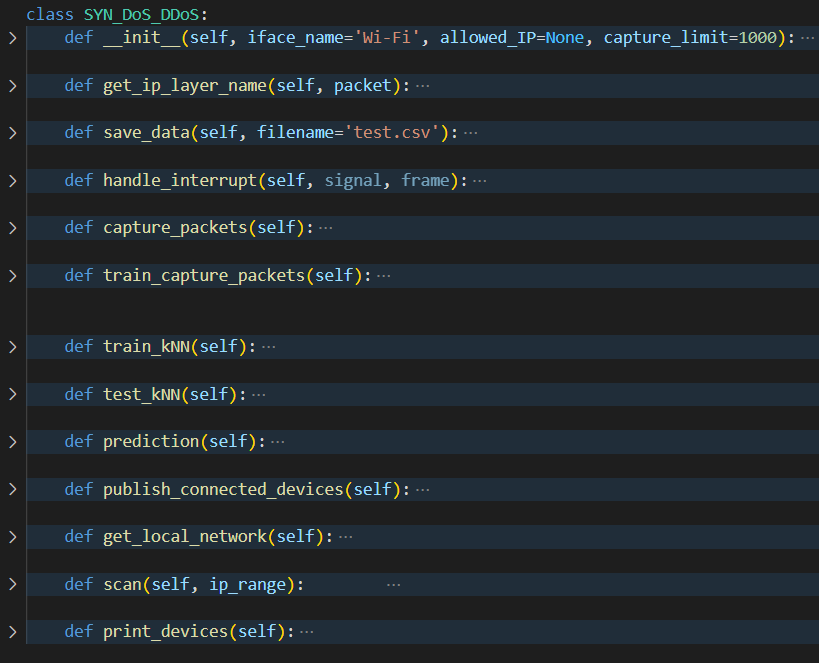


Fig No. 7.6.2 SYN\_DoS\_DDoS Class

This image depicts all the functions in a class required to detect SYN\_DoS\_DDoS attacks

**7.6.3 Default Dataset**

* Benign\_Traffic.csv and Attack\_Traffic.csv

**7.6.4 Dataset Features**

* 'Highest Layer'
* 'Transport Layer'
* 'Source IP’
* 'Dest IP'
* 'Source Port'
* 'Dest Port'
* 'Packet Length'
* ‘SYN’,’ACK’,’FIN’,’RST’ (Separate columns)
* 'Packets/Time'
* 'Time Between Packets'
* 'target'

**7.6.5 Features Significance**

The dataset contains critical characteristics for network traffic analysis, allowing for a thorough knowledge of packet behaviour.

These include 'Highest Layer,' capturing the top protocol of the sniffed packet; 'Transport Layer,' indicating whether the packet is UDP or TCP; 'Source IP' and 'Dest IP' for source and destination IP addresses; 'Source Port' and 'Dest Port' for respective port information; 'Packet Length' denoting the size of each packet; and flags such as 'SYN,' 'ACK,' 'FIN,' and 'RST' indicating specific settings. Other elements include 'Packets/Time,' which represents the packet flow rate, and 'Time Between Packets,' which measures the time delay between consecutive packets. The 'target' field categorises entries as 'Attack' or 'Normal.'

**7.7 ARP Spoofing Detection class**

**7.7.1 Algorithm**

* Network traffic analysis, timestamps, and IP-MAC pair monitoring for anomaly detection.
* Relies on predefined rules and heuristics for effective ARP spoofing attack identification.

**7.7.2 Interfaces**

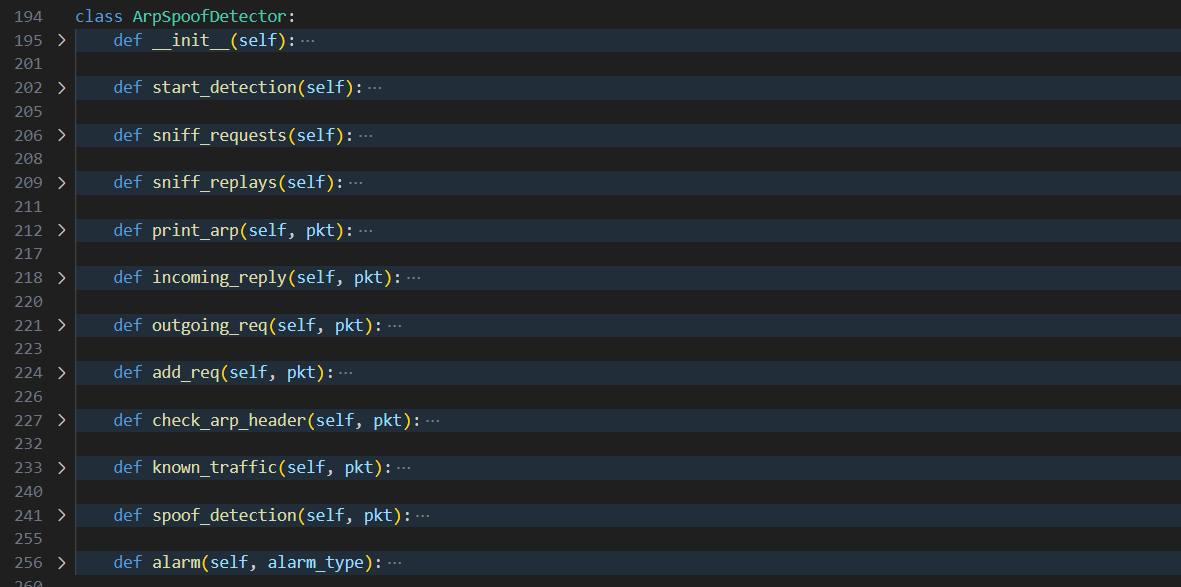


Fig No. 7.7.2 ARP Spoofing Detector Class

This image depicts all the functions in a class required to detect ARP Spoofing attacks

**7.7.3 Default Dataset**

* Derived from real-time ARP traffic

**7.7.4 Features Significance**

The dataset utilized by the ArpSpoofDetector is derived from real-time ARP traffic, emphasizing ARP requests and replies.

These dataset parts, which include IP addresses, MAC addresses, ARP operation codes, and timestamps, are critical in detecting ARP spoofing attempts. Monitoring ARP requests and replies, the detector identifies inconsistencies, such as changes in IP-MAC pairs or unexpected alterations in network behavior.

Timestamps are pivotal for assessing the recency of ARP requests, aiding in the identification of potential spoofing attempts. The dynamic nature of the dataset allows the detector to adapt to evolving network conditions, bolstering its effectiveness in real-world scenarios.

**7.8 Packet Filtering**

**7.8.1 Network Sniffer Implementation:**

* Developed using Scapy for robust network security.
* Operates as a vigilant guardian by capturing and scrutinizing packets on a designated network interface.

**7.8.2 In-depth Packet Analysis:**

* Utilizes Scapy's versatile capabilities to extract essential protocol information from packet headers.
* Dynamically engages with specialized detector classes based on identified protocols.

**7.8.3 Specialized Detector Classes:**

* Crafted to predict and discern specific network threats or anomalies.
* Utilizes machine learning or rule-based approaches for ongoing evaluation of network traffic.

**7.8.4 Real-time Adaptation:**

* Facilitates swift adaptation to evolving network conditions.
* Enhances the system's ability to proactively respond to emerging threats through real-time interaction.

**7.9 Example usage of the library**

**7.9.1 ArpSpoofDetector Usage**

Fig 7.9.1 shows the usage of ArpSPoofDetector class and monitors the traffic and also publishes the results to MQTT broker.

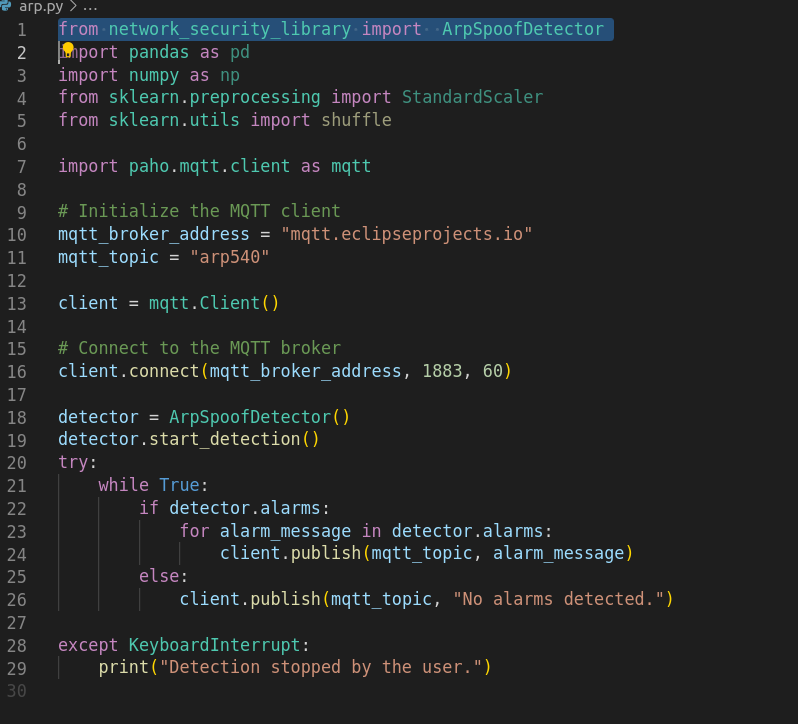


Fig 7.9.1 code using ArpSpoofDetector Clas

**7.9.2 BotNetDetector Class**

Figure 7.9.2 illustrates the training process of the existing models within the class, along with the subsequent evaluation and prediction of values for static data.

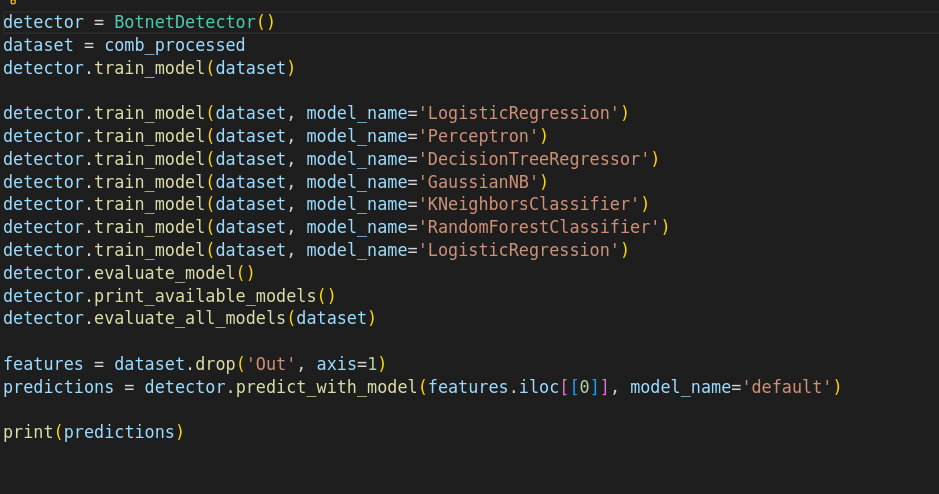


Fig 7.9.2 code using BotnetDetector Class

**7.9.3 PhishingWebsiteDetection**

Figure 7.9.3 illustrates This Python script using Flask to create a simple API endpoint (/api/checkPhishing) for checking if a provided URL is associated with phishing. It employs a custom module, PhishingWebsiteDetection, to perform phishing detection based on feature extraction. The extracted result is returned as a JSON response, including the original URL.

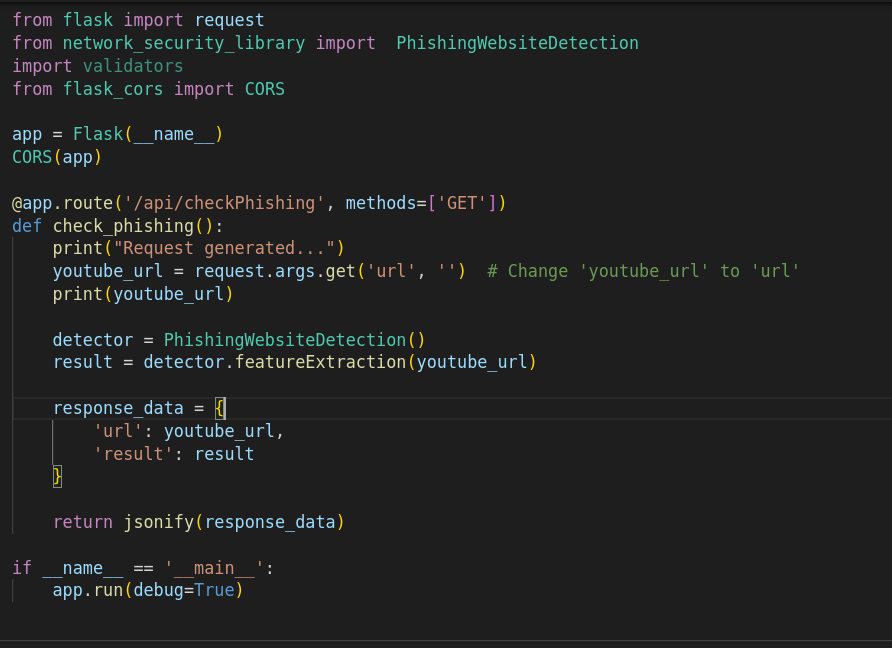


Fig 7.9.3 code using PhishingWebsiteDetection Class

**7.9.4 SYN DoS and DDoS Detection**

Figure 7.9.4 depicts how a user can import the class SYN\_DoS\_DDoS along with its functions in order to detect SYN Denial of Services attacks. The predictions are pushed onto an application dashboard where the traffic is classified in real-time.

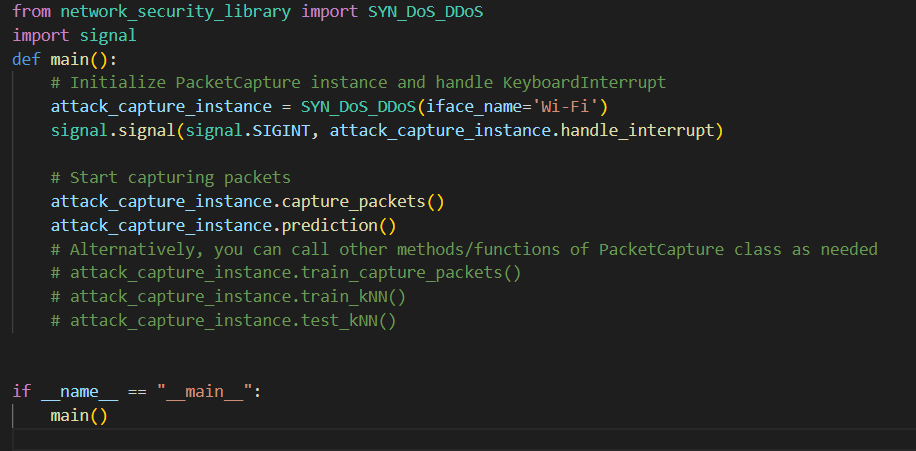


Fig 7.9.4 Code using SYN\_DoS\_DDoS Class

**CHAPTER - 8**

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

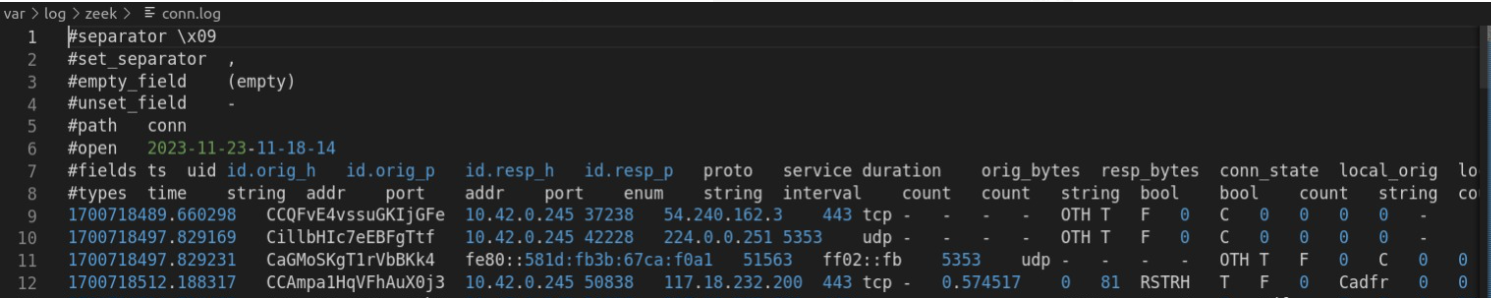


Fig No. 8.1 Connection logs

This image shows the file connection logs for a web server, which record the IP addresses and timestamps of all incoming and outgoing connections.

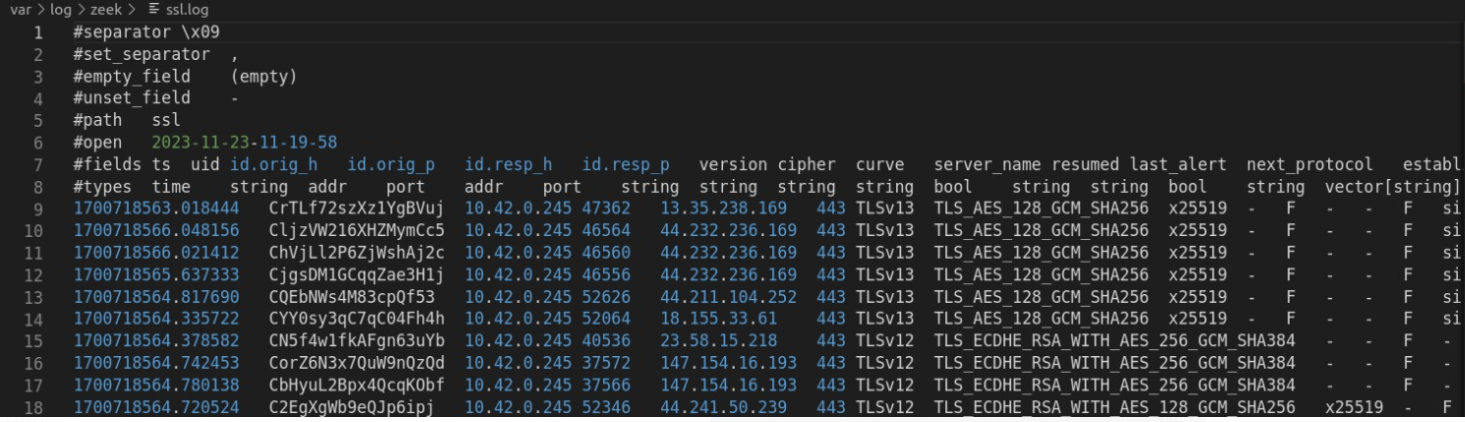


Fig No. 8.2 SSL logs(Secure Sockets Layer)

This image depicts the activity of SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) encryption protocols within a network, providing insights into secure communication channels and potential security vulnerabilities. The visual representation of SSL connection events helps network administrators identify abnormal patterns and potential threats to safeguard sensitive data.

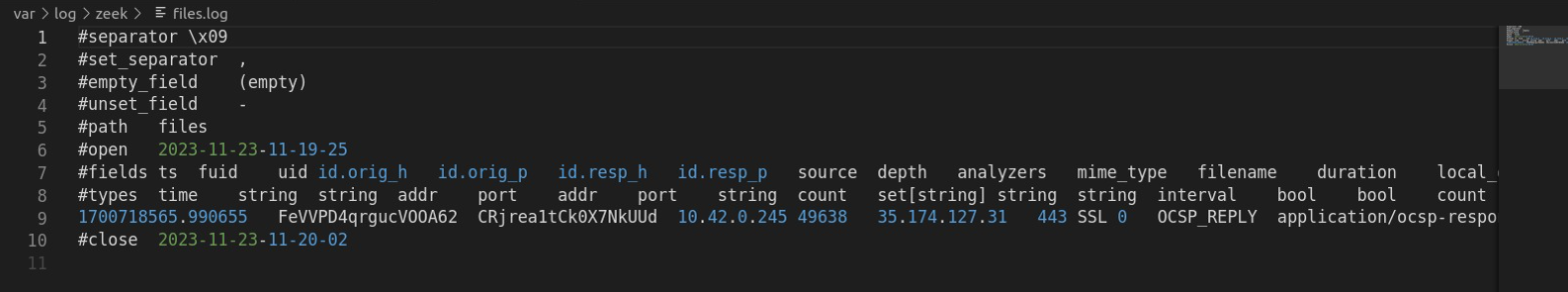


Fig No. 8.3 Files log

The image shows a log file from a web server, which contains information about incoming requests and responses.

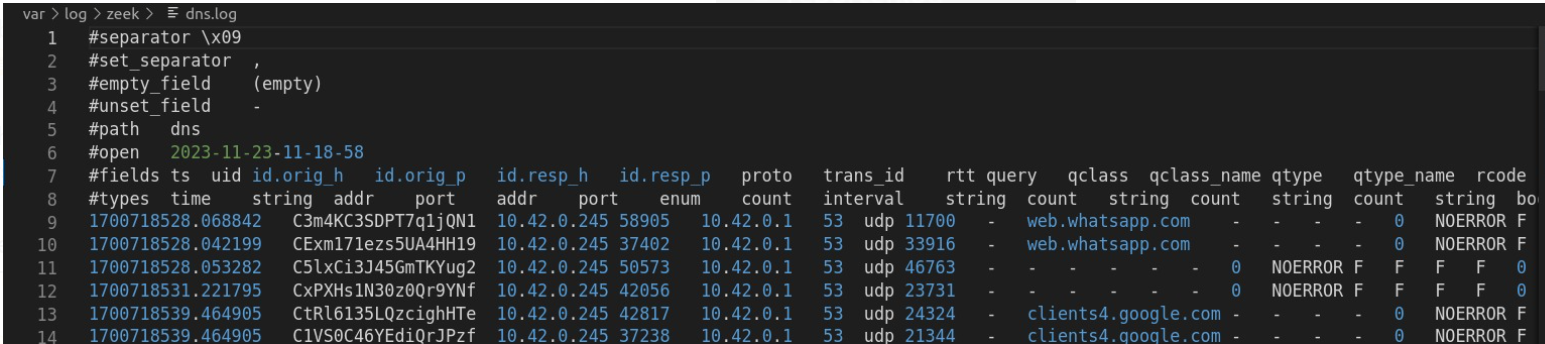


Fig No. 8.4 DNS logs(Domain Name Server)

The image shows a log of file connections on a server, including the IP addresses, ports, and protocols used.

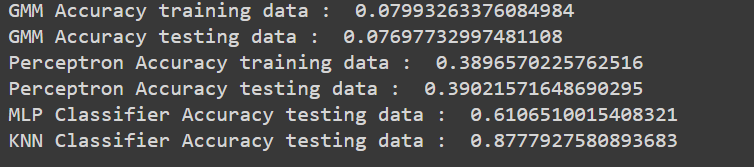


Fig No. 8.5 DDoS Detector Model accuracy

**Botnet Detector**

Logistic Regression is a powerful machine learning technique that detects botnet activity using binary categorization. Other models include the perceptron, Gaussian Naive Bayes, K-Neighbors Classifier, Random Forest Classifier, and Decision Tree Regressor. The CTU-13 dataset, a multivariate, sequential data collection, contains essential network analysis features. It gives temporal information on network connections, protocol and port data, network connection origin and destination, direction and state attributes, and service type indicators. Total bytes, total packets, and source bytes are quantitative measurements that quantify the amount of data transmitted. The dataset's significance stems from its capacity to handle scenarios with linear and clear feature connections, as well as capturing local patterns indicative of botnet behavior.

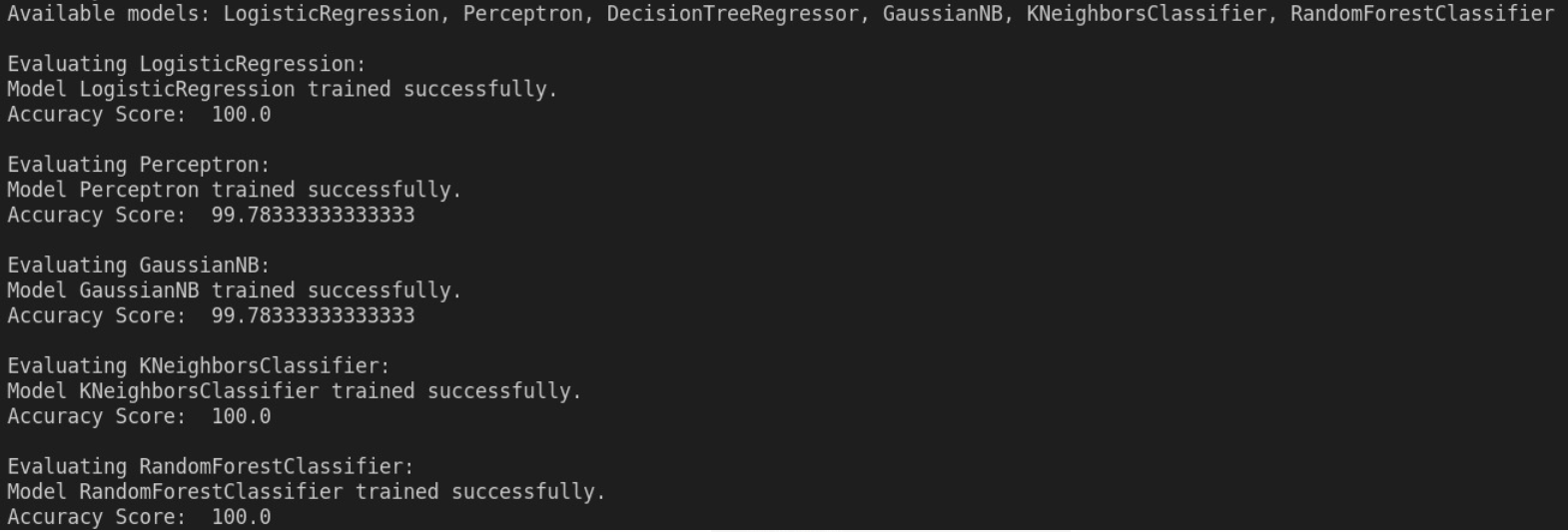


Fig No. 8.6 BOTNET Detector Model Accuracy

**ARP Spoofing Detection**

To detect ARP spoofing attacks, the ArpSpoofDetector employs machine learning approaches. It detects anomalies through network traffic analysis, timestamps, and IP-MAC pair monitoring. The detector is based on real-time network traffic captured by the sniffer, allowing it to adapt to the specific network environment under observation. The collection contains IP addresses, MAC addresses, ARP operation codes, and timestamps, all of which are essential for detecting ARP spoofing attempts. The dataset's dynamic nature increases its usefulness in real-world circumstances.

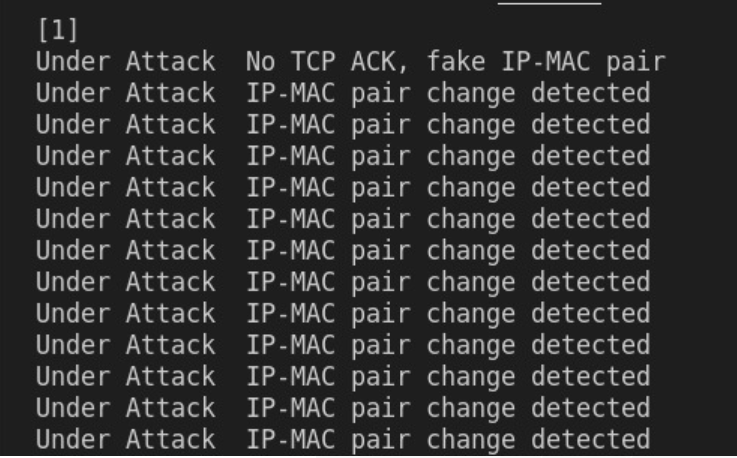


Fig No. 8.7 ARP Spoofing

**SYN DOS, DDoS Detector**

The tool initially performs packet capture, which allows all packets to be captured for a specified period of time. Following that, it is determined if an IP address is IPv4 or IPv6. The situation in which the user pauses the packet capture is addressed by saving all packets up to that moment and sending them to the analysis phase in the Fog Device. All relevant data is then extracted, concatenated to the data frame, and saved to an Excel file. Two packet capture classes are used, Attack and Benign Traffic, and they are combined into a single dataset for analysis. The data is then preprocessed, with unnecessary columns removed, categorical characteristics label encoded, and the model trained using k-closest neighbours. To test the model, prevent overfitting, and provide the classification report, Stratified K-Fold Cross Validation is used.

There were two types of testing used: static testing and dynamic testing. Static testing involved running the model on attack traffic and counting the number of Syn flags. It was deemed an attack if the count of SYN flags with a value of 2 exceeded the count with a value of 1. In the case of dynamic testing, the k-nearest neighbours model was used, and any unnecessary columns in the test data were eliminated. The majority of SYN flags were examined, and if the majority was 2, the attack was classified as a SYN flood. Furthermore, the majority of IP addresses were examined, with a single IP address classified as a DoS attack and several IP addresses classified as a DDoS attack.

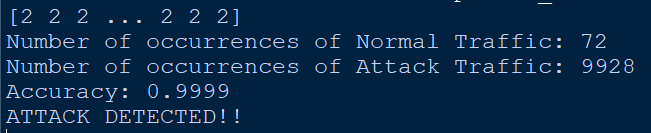


Fig No. 8.8 Testing of the kNN model

Packet-Capture instances were created for benign and attack traffic for the main function. The handle-Interrupt function was used to manage keyboard interruptions. First, Benign traffic was captured and before capturing attack traffic, a pause was added. After combining benign and attack data, the model was trained and evaluated.

User’s are given the freedom to capture the field that they desire. As part of the library, a default list of features that may be captured have been provided. This can be as per the user’s convenience.

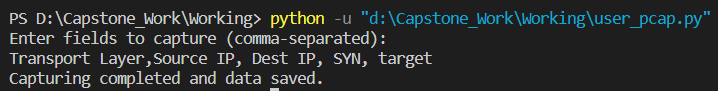


Fig No. 8.9 Custom features to be sniffed

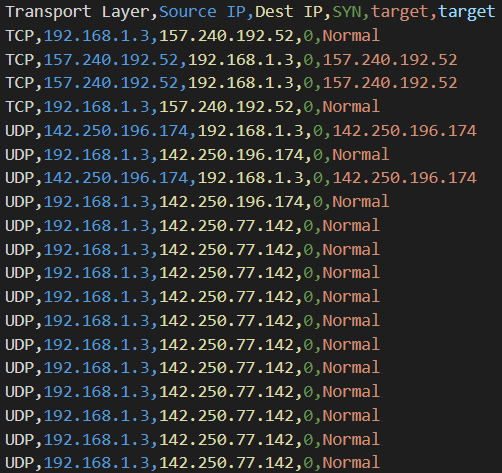


Fig No. 8.10 Custom features captured in CSV file

These are the data which are present in the csv files

Once the Framework beings to run, it captures and labels necessary fields and stores them in a csv file and this data is encoded and provided to the model for prediction. The output may be as shown below.

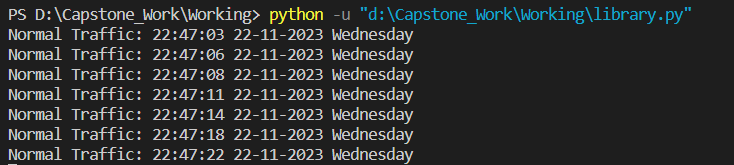


Fig No. 8.11 Normal Traffic

The image above shows the Normal traffic of packets i.e., No attack traffic.

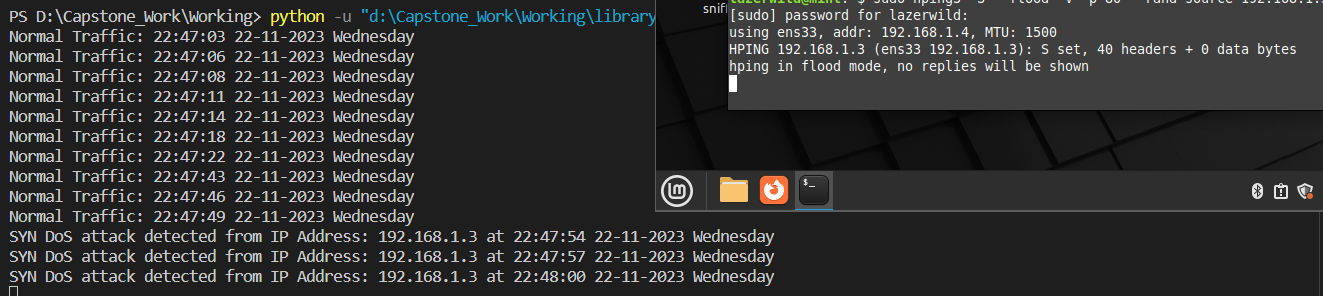


Fig No. 8.12 Differentiates from Normal and Attack Traffic

The image above shows how Attack and Normal traffic are differentiated and we used hping3 to attack the target system. The attack has been launched by a tool, Hping3.

The below image displays how this framework may run on a Raspberry Pi

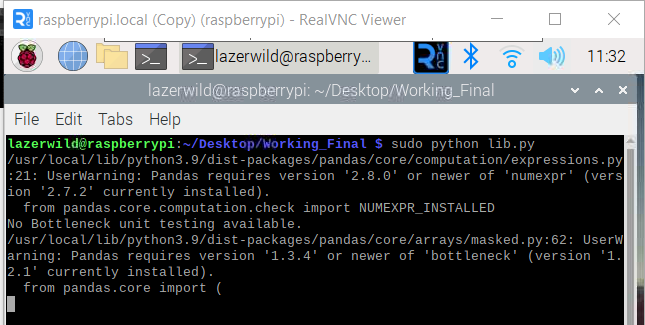


Fig No. 8.13 Running the code on Raspberry Pi

The above method within the Framework also provides a functionality to publish these predictions onto any application that the user desires, via MQTT. This method defines a MQTT publisher and the predicted data is sent to the MQTT server under the topic name, ‘packet\_capture\_results’. The user may subscribe to this topic name for viewing the results.

A Dashboard was built that behaves as a dashboard for an IoT network. It displays the results of the prediction in real-time as well as, mentioning how many devices are connected to the network.

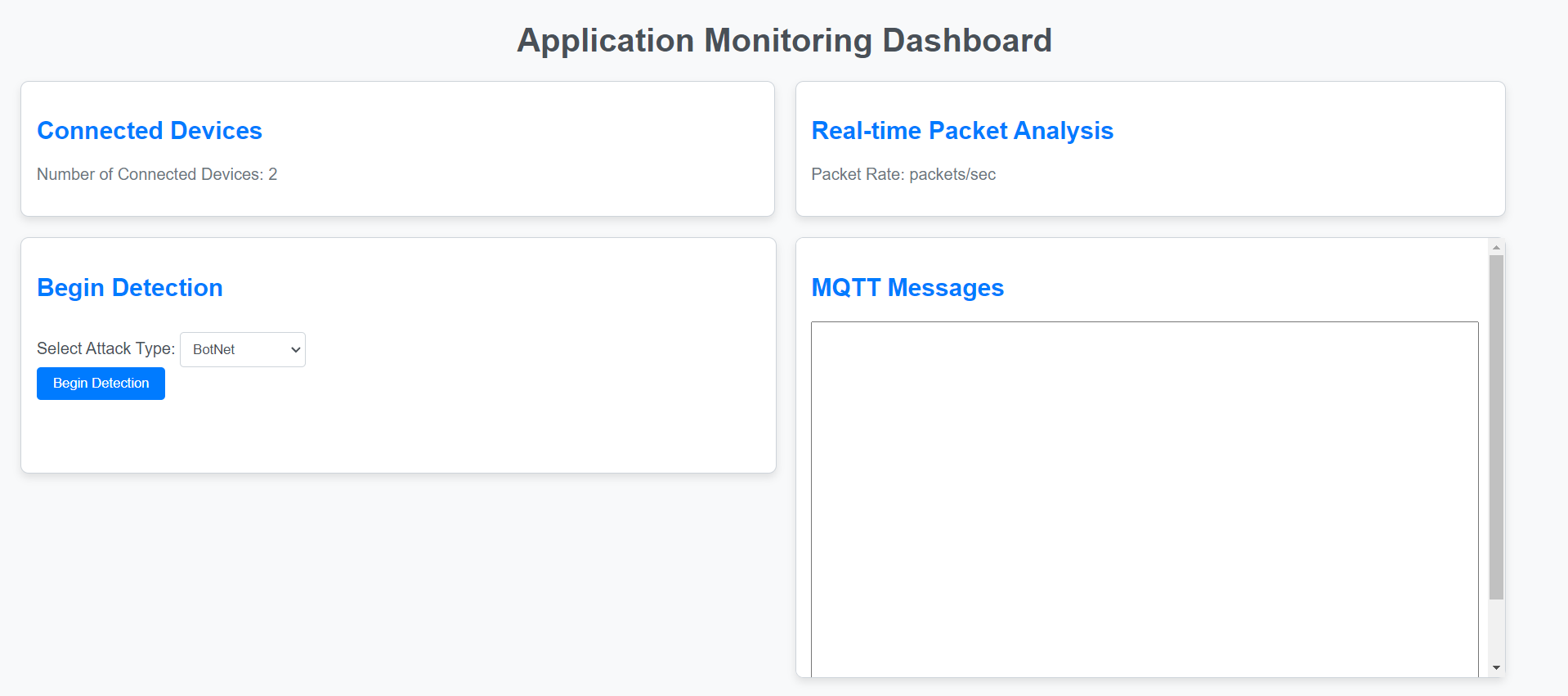


Fig No. 8.14 Example of a Dashboard

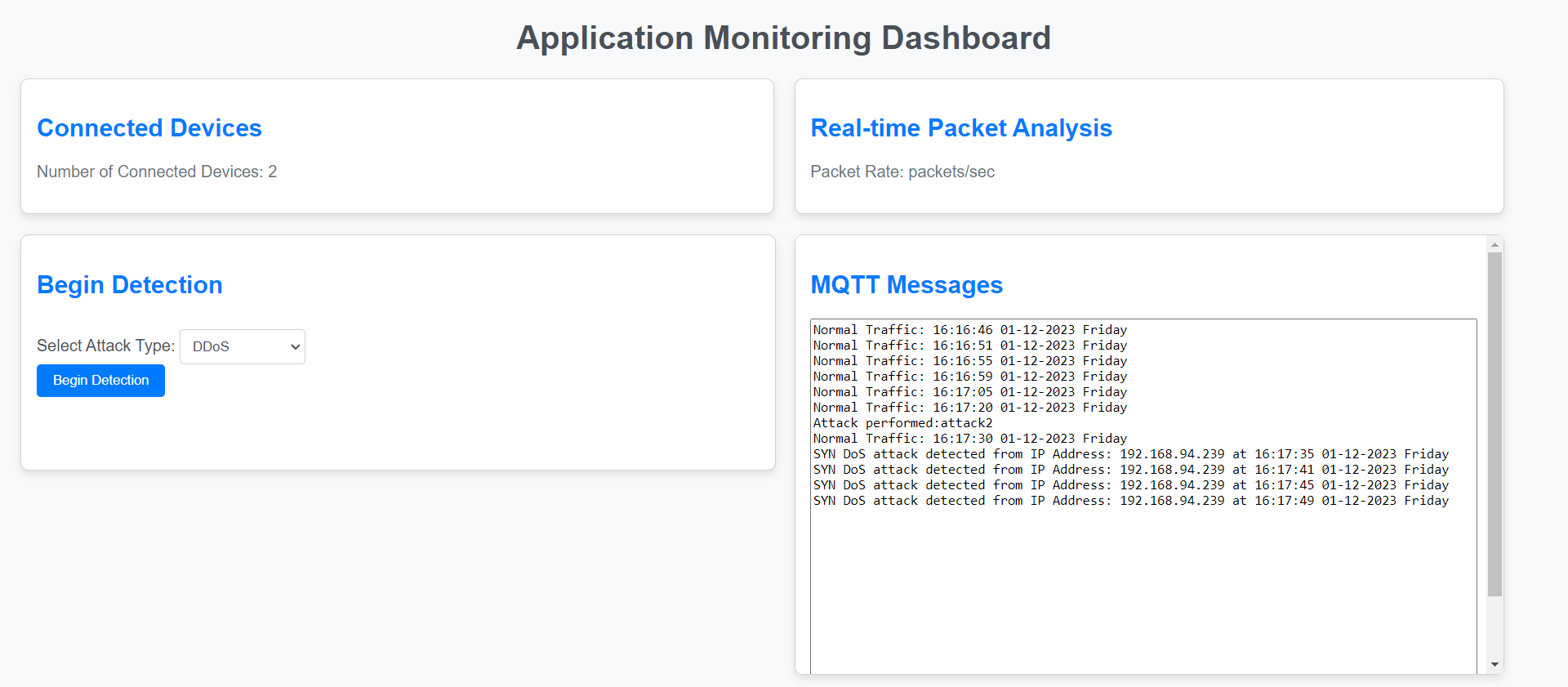


Fig No. 8.15 Predictions pushed onto dashboard using MQTT.

The predictions that the ML Model made is pushed to the dashboard using MQTT and the Attack and Normal traffic is being differentiated.

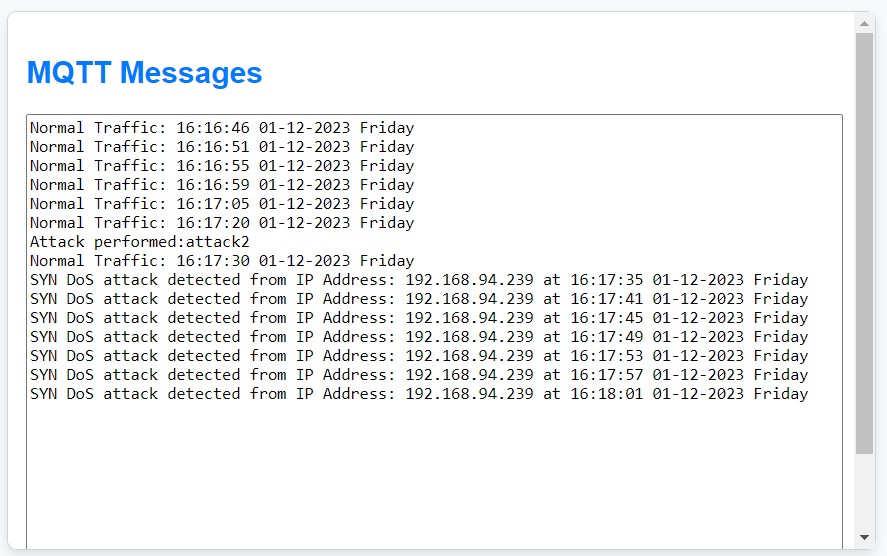


Fig No. 8.16 A closer look at the predictions

**CHAPTER - 9**

**CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK**

In conclusion, the proposed cybersecurity framework emerges as a robust solution for bolstering the security infrastructure of IoT networks. The strategic use of a Raspberry Pi 4 as a fog gateway reflects an innovative approach to detect early cyber threats, encompassing a range of attacks such as phishing, botnet attack, SYN DoS and DDoS, and ARP spoofing. The framework's versatility is evident in its diverse applications that have been shown in the Results section of the report, including a Chrome extension for phishing detection and a real-time ARP spoofing analysis displayed on an interactive dashboard.

This adaptability extends to the framework's core, allowing users to customize their security protocols by selecting attack models, datasets, and testing scenarios. The amalgamation of these powerful detection mechanisms with practical, real-world implementations underscores its significance in addressing the dynamic challenges of cybersecurity.

The envisioned future work for the cybersecurity framework encompasses several key dimensions, each tailored to elevate the system's efficacy and adaptability. Firstly, an emphasis on Enhanced Model Diversity is pivotal, involving the incorporation of a broader spectrum of machine learning models. Dynamic Dataset Integration stands as another critical frontier, with a focus on implementing mechanisms for real-time dataset updates. This proactive approach ensures that the system remains at the forefront of cybersecurity by promptly adapting to emerging threats, thereby sustaining its effectiveness over time.

Lastly, a proactive stance towards Community Contributions is integral to the framework's evolution. Encouraging and facilitating community engagement involves the development of comprehensive documentation, tutorials, and guidelines. This initiative aims to empower users and developers to extend the framework seamlessly, introducing new attack classes and functionalities to collectively fortify the cybersecurity landscape.

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