CAPSTONE PROJECT

NETWORK INTRUSION DETECTION

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

Network Intrusion Detection The Challenge:

Create a robust network intrusion detection system (NIDS) using machine learning. The system should be capable of analyzing network traffic data to identify and classify various types of cyber-attacks (e.g., DoS, Probe, R2L, U2R) and distinguish them from normal network activity. The goal is to build a model that can effectively secure communication networks by providing an early warning of malicious activities.

Kaggle dataset link – https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/sampadab17/network intrusion-detection

PROPOSED SOLUTION

The proposed solution is an intelligent system built on the IBM Cloud platform that leverages machine learning to automate threat detection.

- **Data Source:** Utilizes the well-known NSL-KDD dataset from Kaggle, which contains a wide variety of network intrusions.
- **Automated Model Building:** Employs the **AutoAI** feature within **IBM Watsonx.ai** to automatically preprocess the data, select the best classification algorithm, and optimize its performance.
- **Prediction Goal:** The model will be trained to predict the **'class'** of network activity (e.g., 'normal', 'dos', 'probe', etc.).
- **Deployment:** The final, most accurate model will be deployed as a live web service (API), capable of making real-time predictions on new network data.

SYSTEM APPROACH

This project was developed using a suite of powerful cloud-based AI tools:

- **Cloud Platform:** IBM Cloud
- **AI/ML Studio:** IBM Watsonx.ai
- **Core Engine:** AutoAI Experiment
- **Model Deployment:** Watson Machine Learning Service
- **Dataset:** NSL-KDD Network Intrusion Dataset (from Kaggle)
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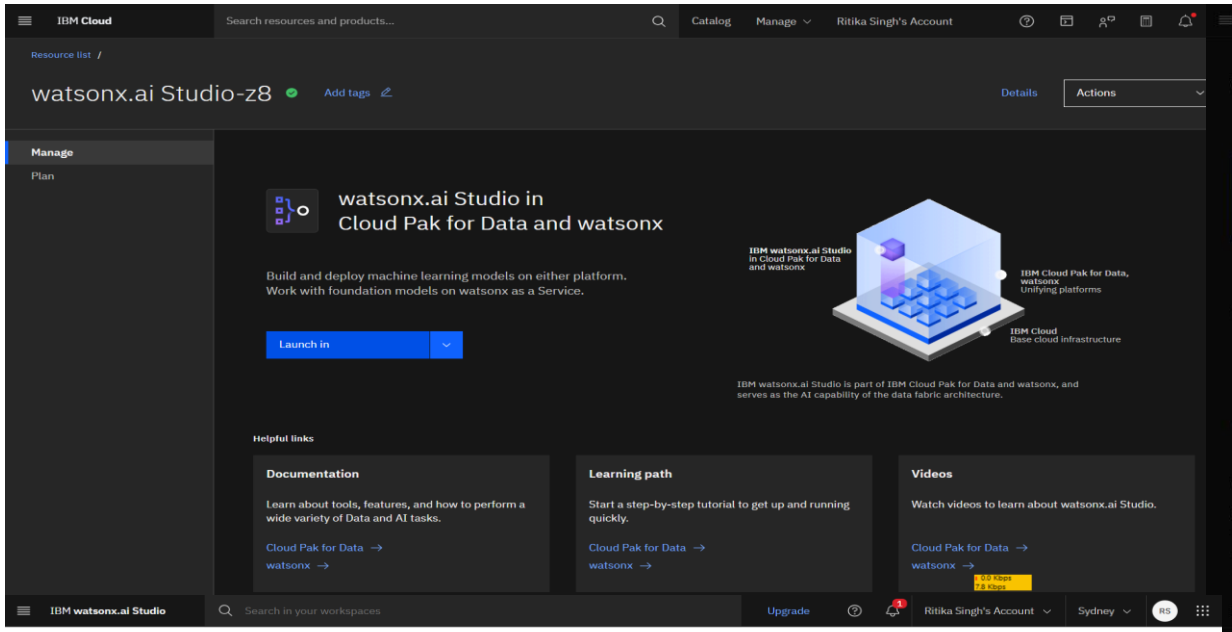
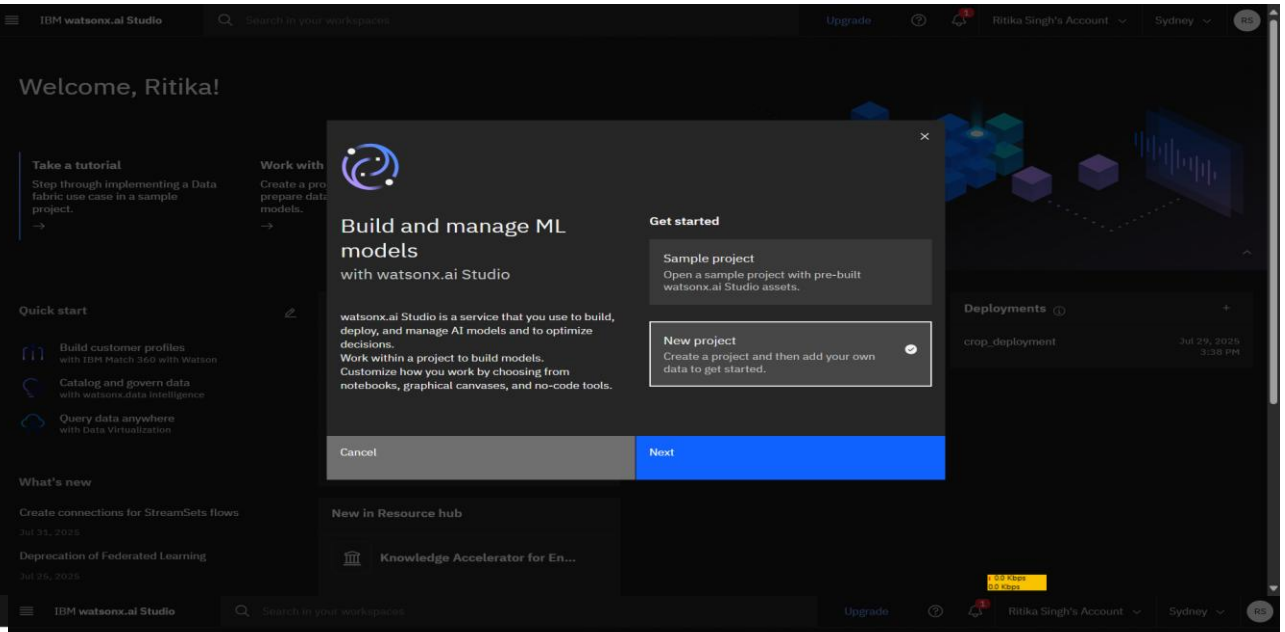
ALGORITHM & DEPLOYMENT

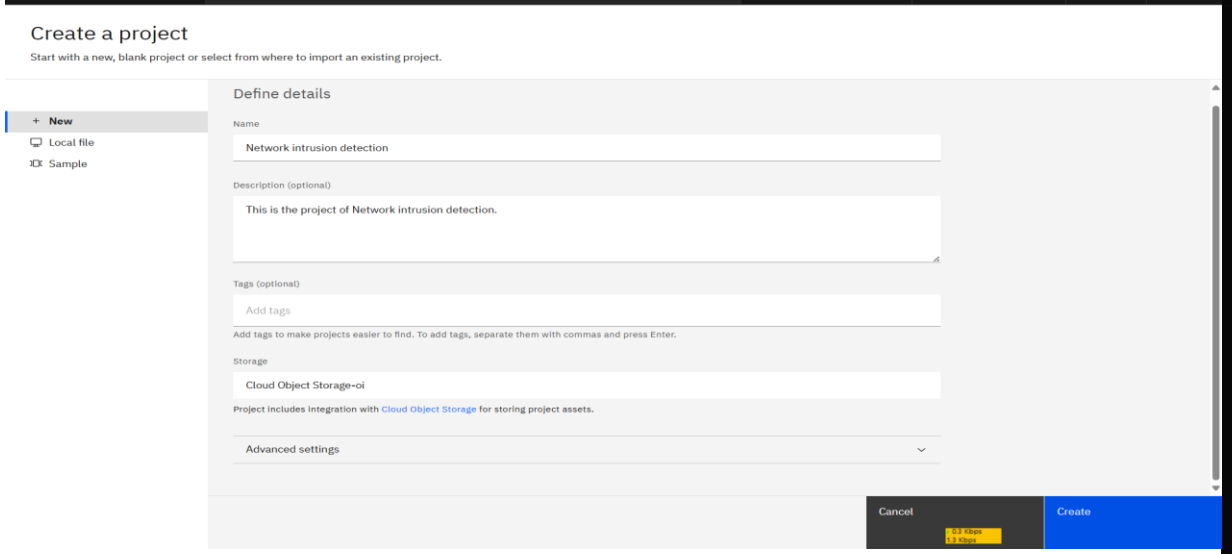
The project was executed following a precise, step-by-step workflow within the IBM Cloud environment:

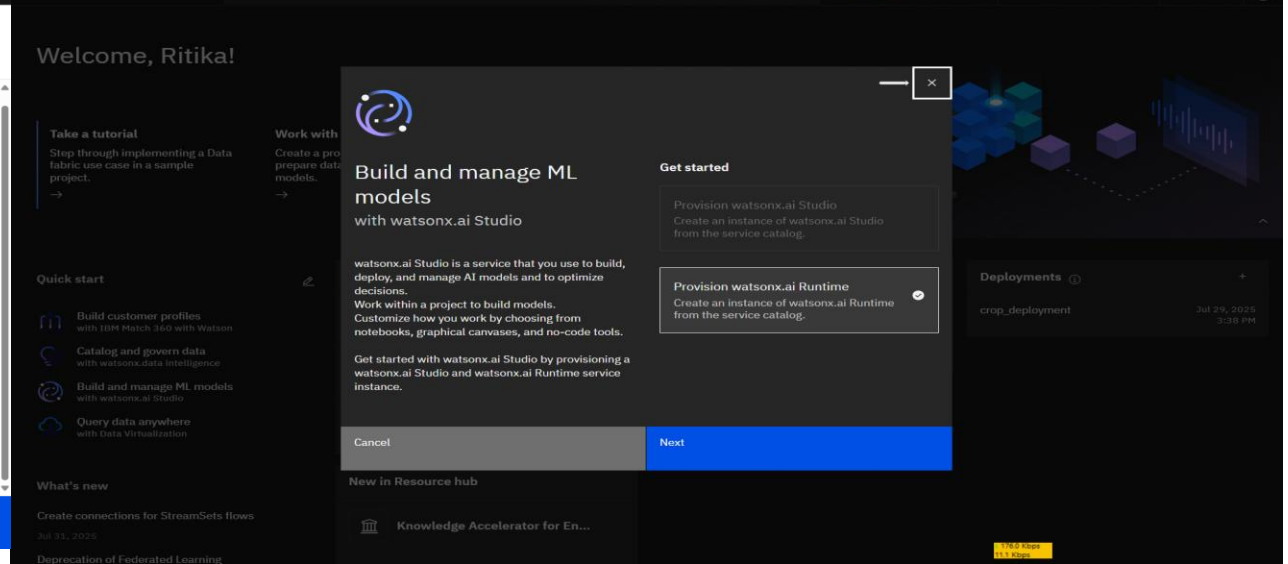
1. Logged into the **IBM Cloud** platform.
2. Cleared the resource list to ensure a clean workspace.
3. Created a **New Project** in Watsonx.ai, configuring the necessary runtime and storage services.
4. Navigated to the "Build machine learning model automatically" section.
5. Configured the **AutoAI Experiment** with a name and description.
6. Uploaded the **Train_data.csv** as the data source.
7. **Ran the experiment**, which automatically trained and evaluated multiple models.
8. Selected and **saved the pipeline** with the highest accuracy from the results.
9. **Promoted the model** to a deployment space and deployed it as a live service.
10. **Tested** the deployed model to ensure it was making predictions correctly.

SCREENSHOTS OF WORKFLOW









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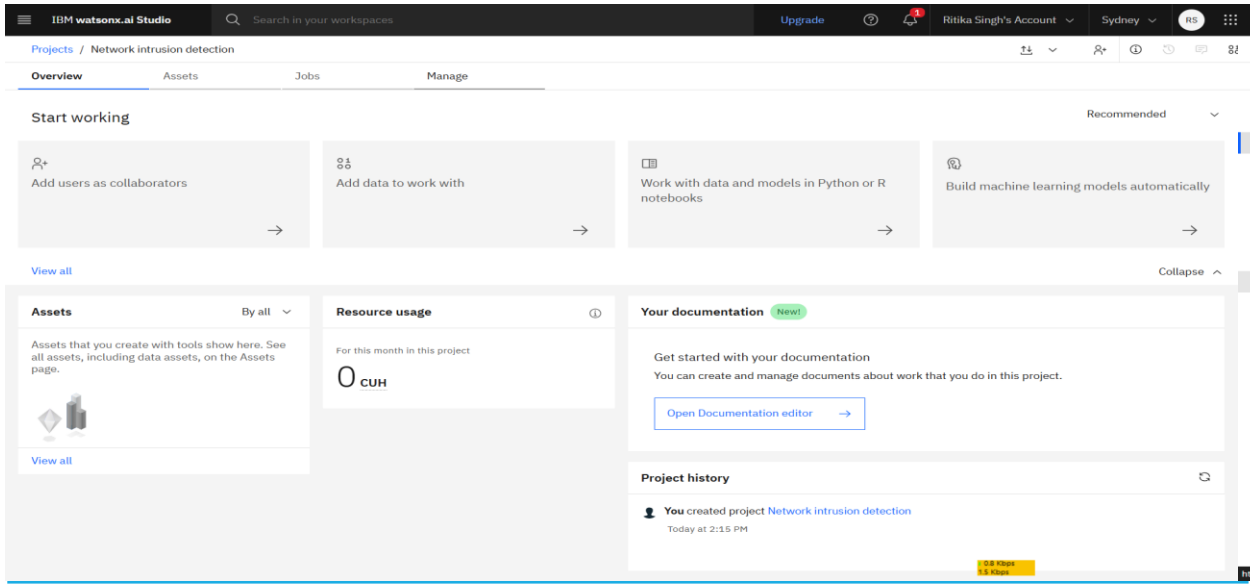

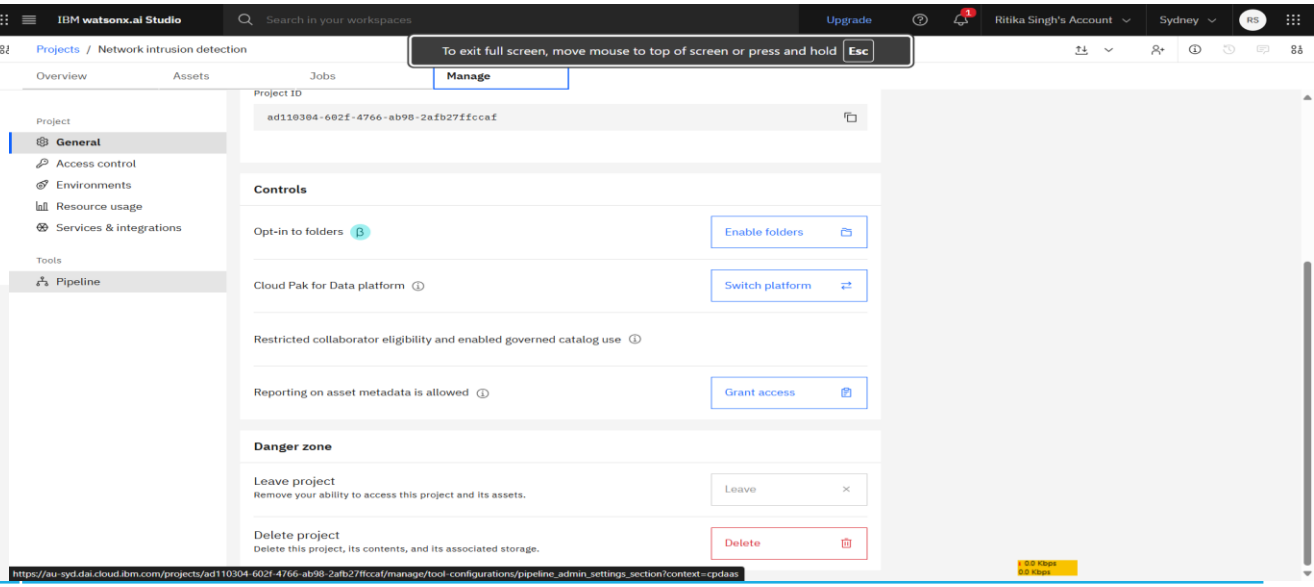

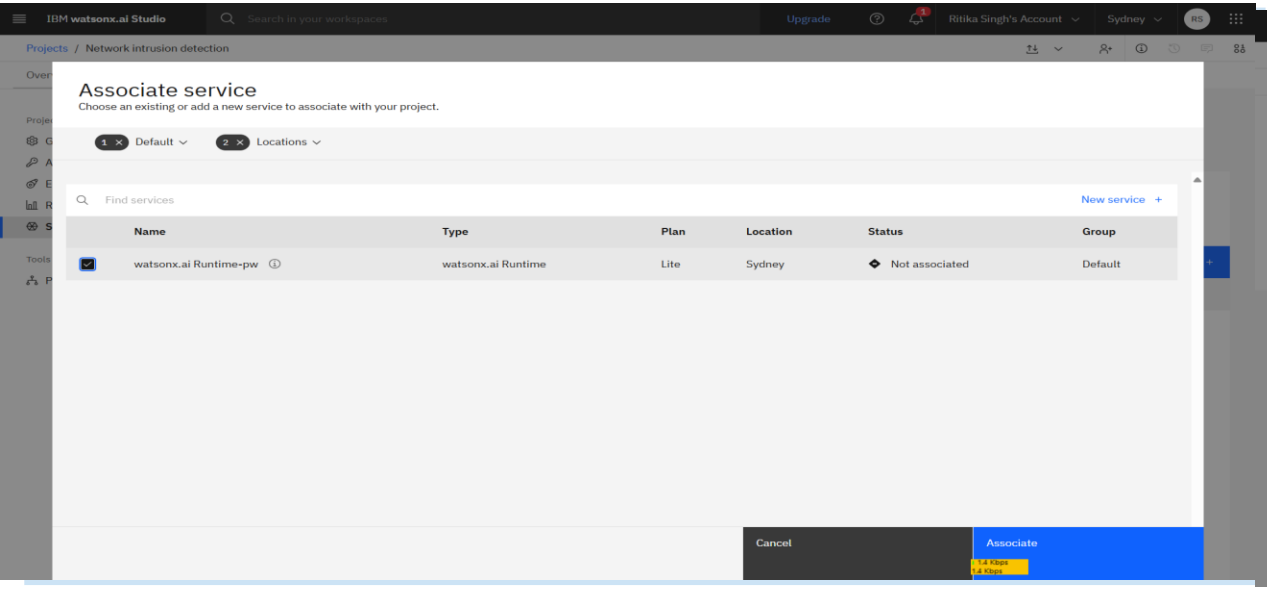

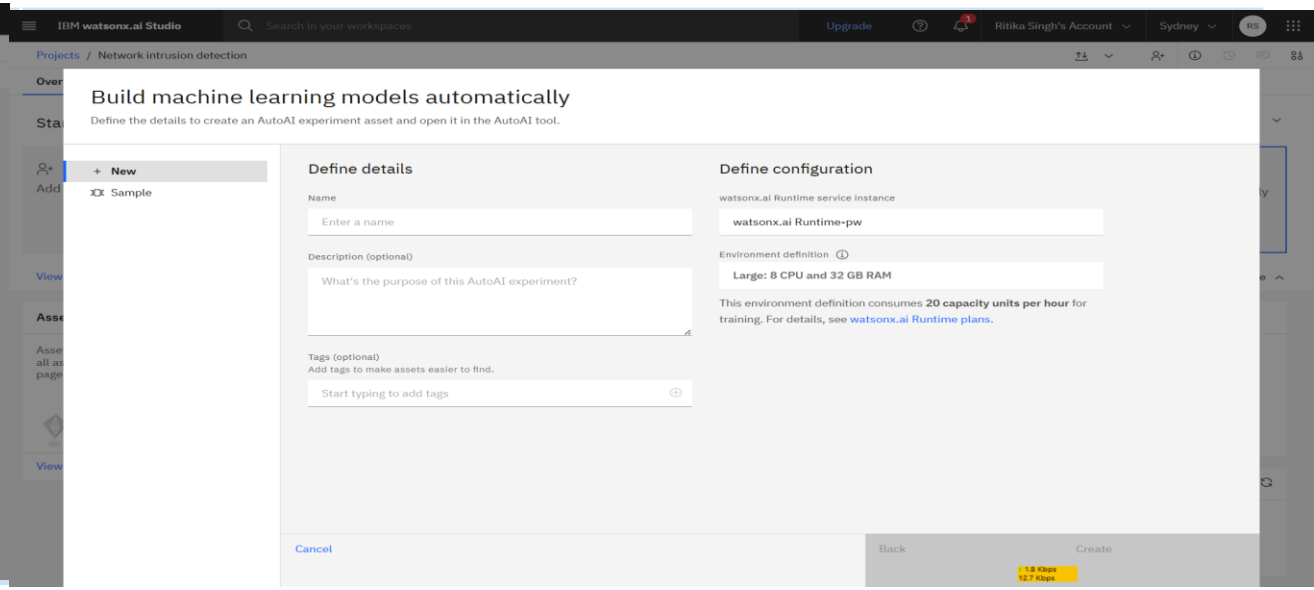

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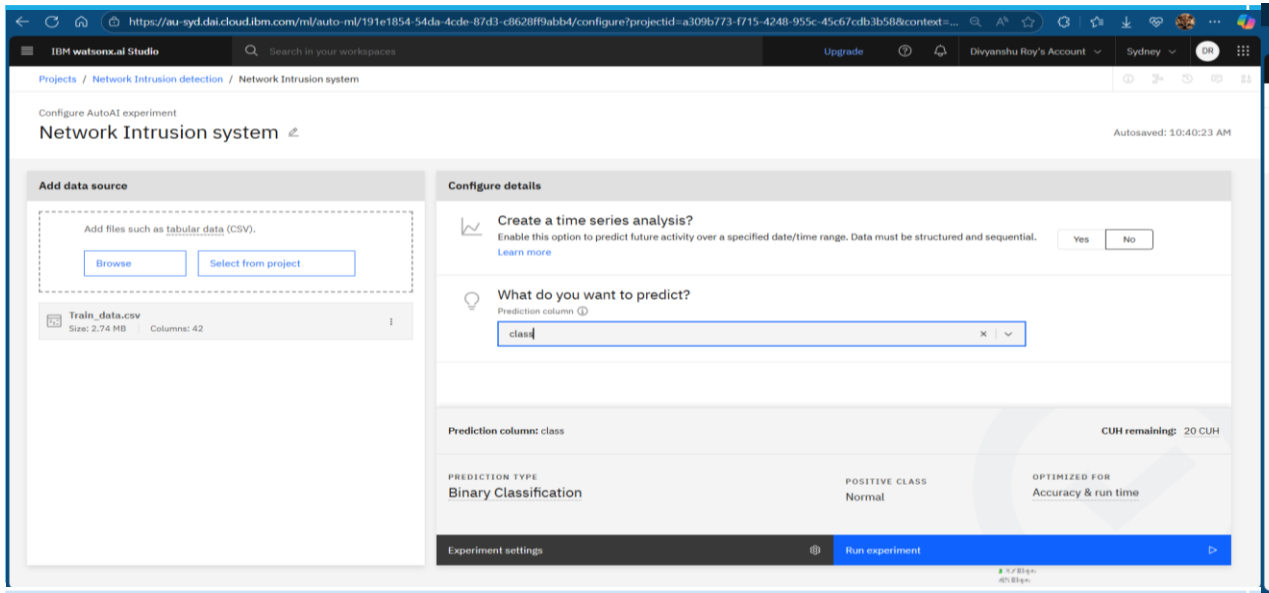

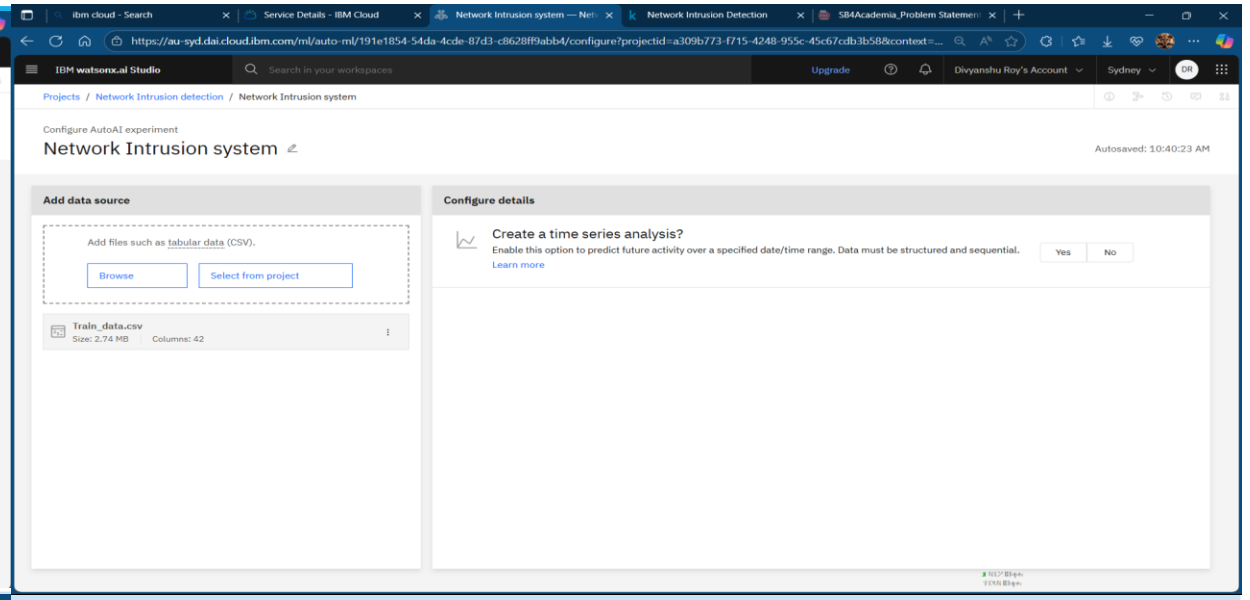

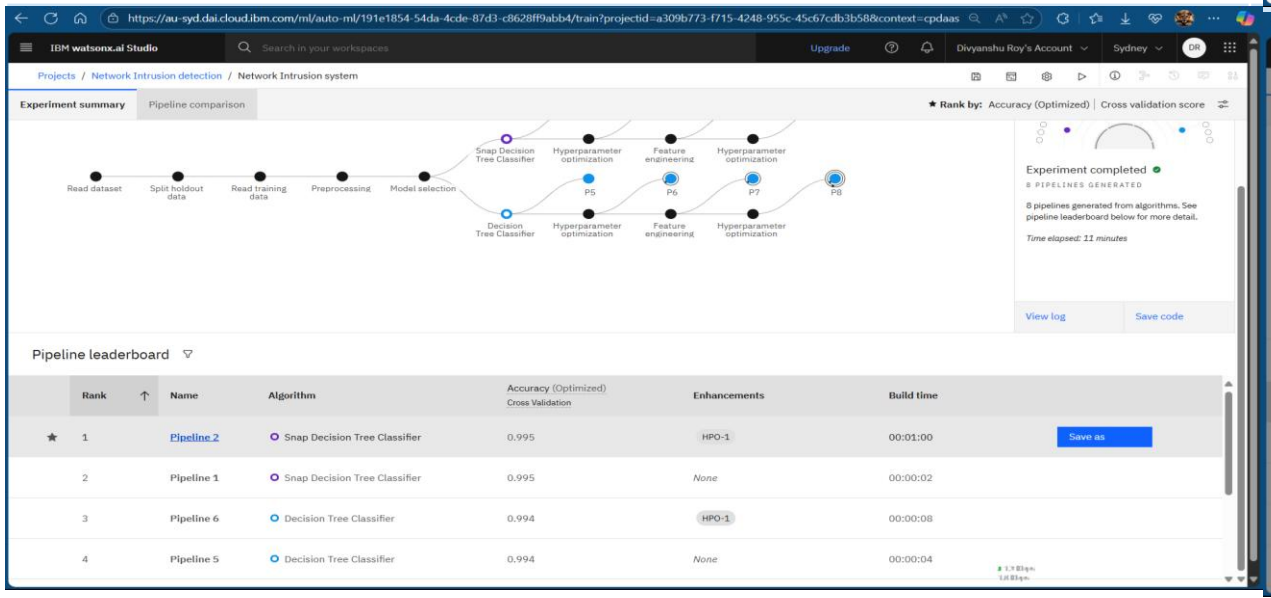

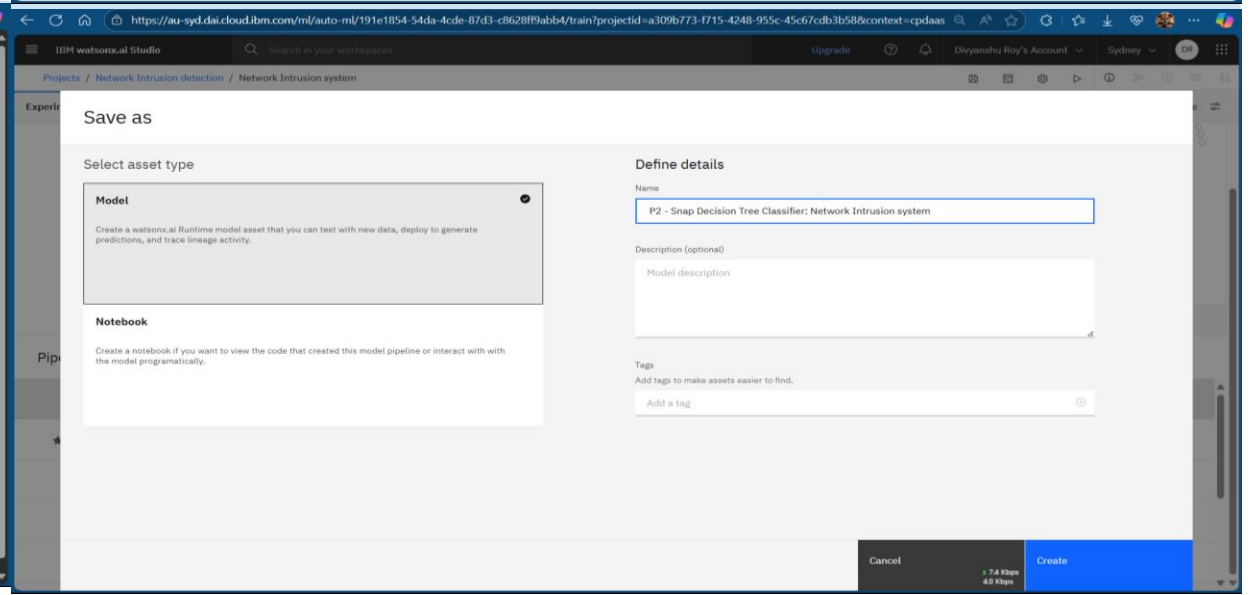

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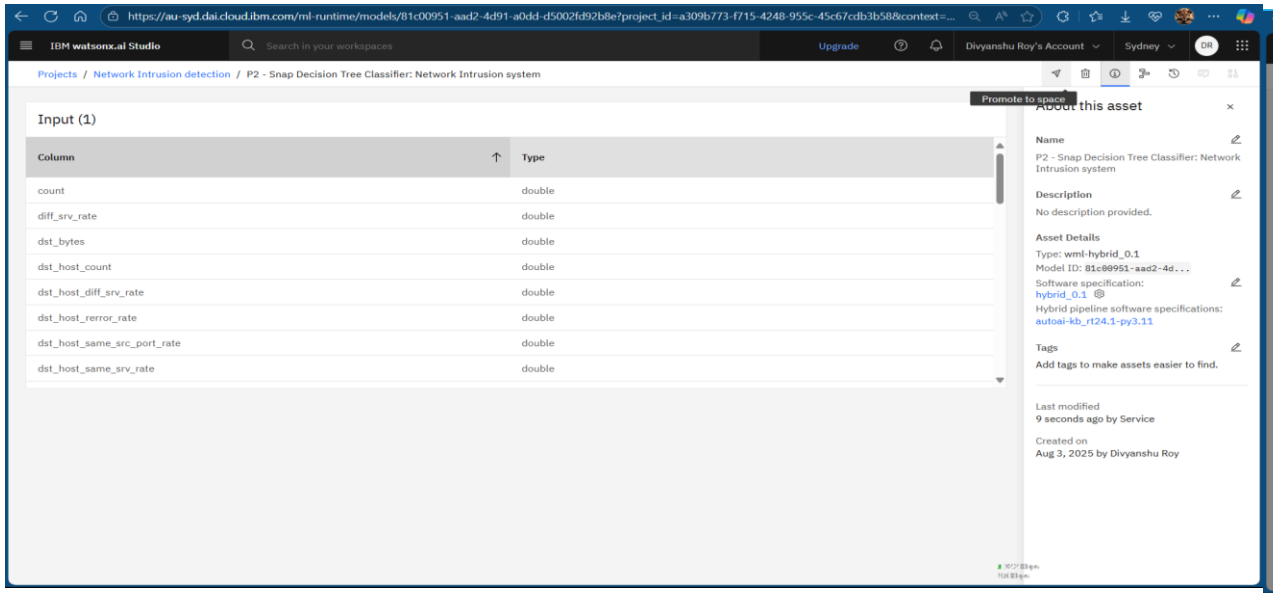

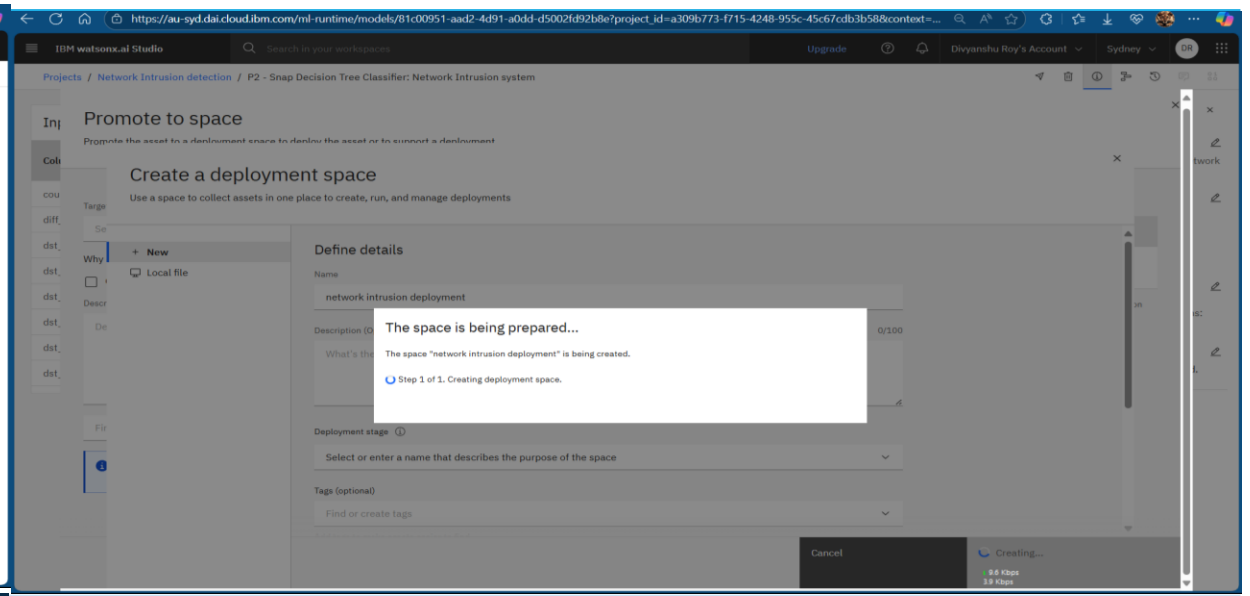

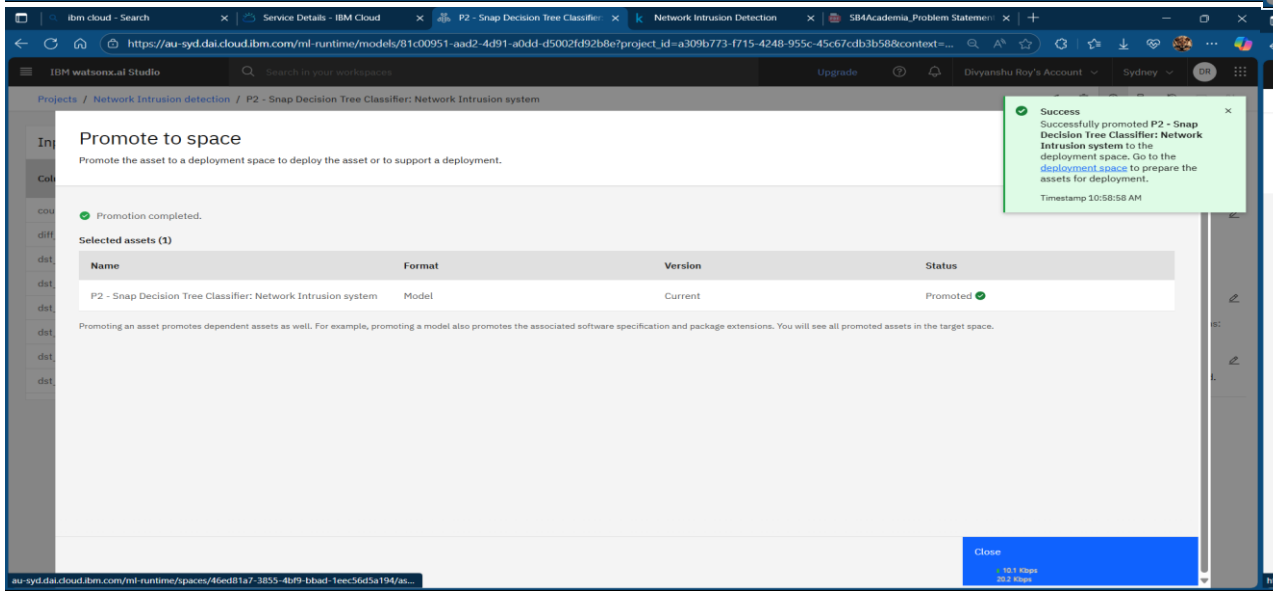

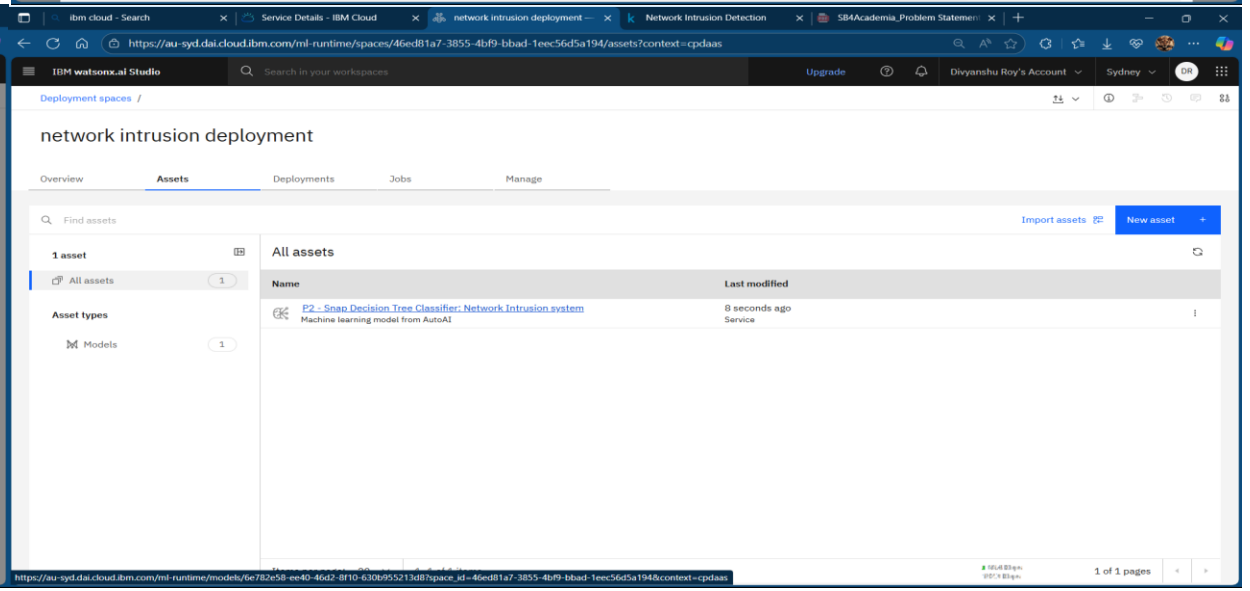

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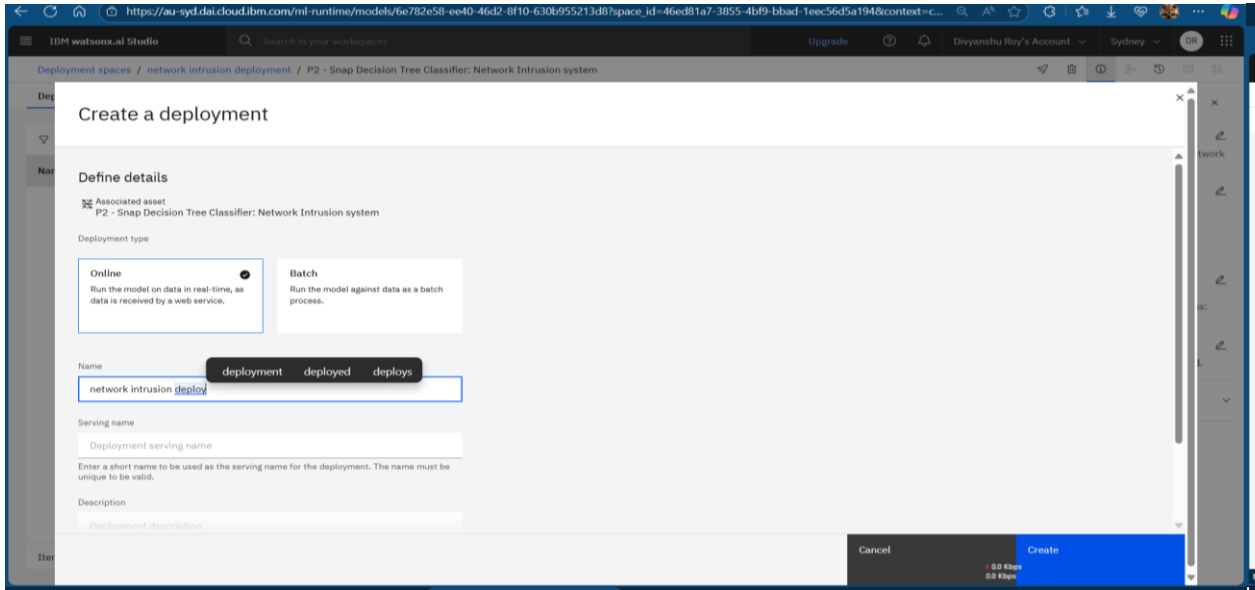
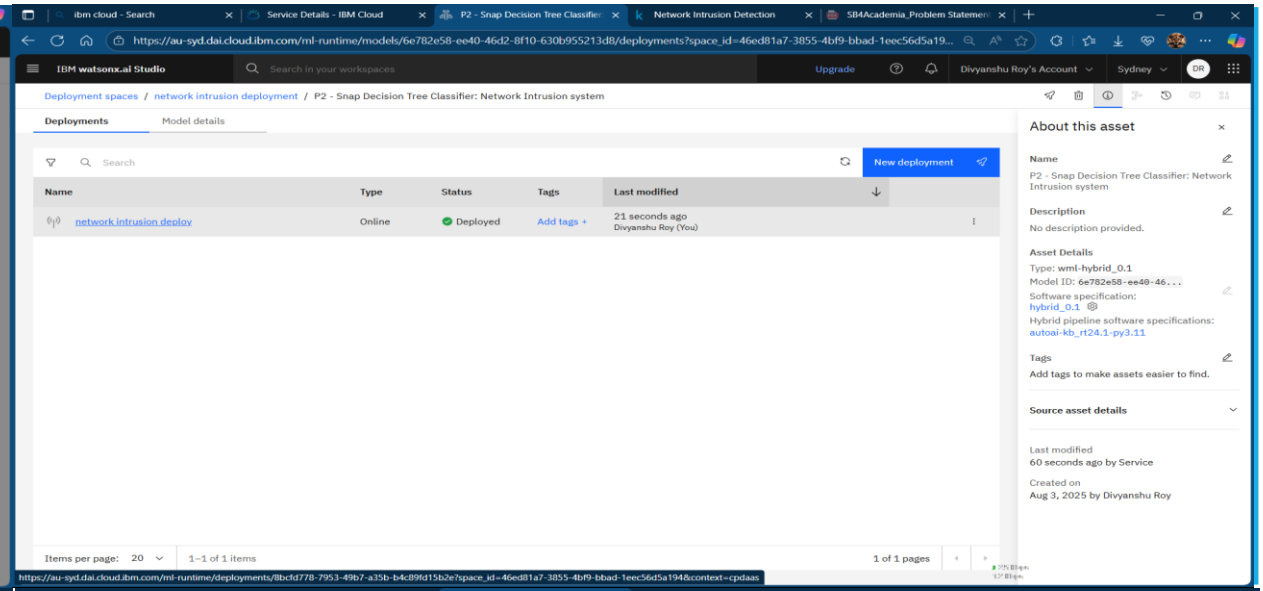
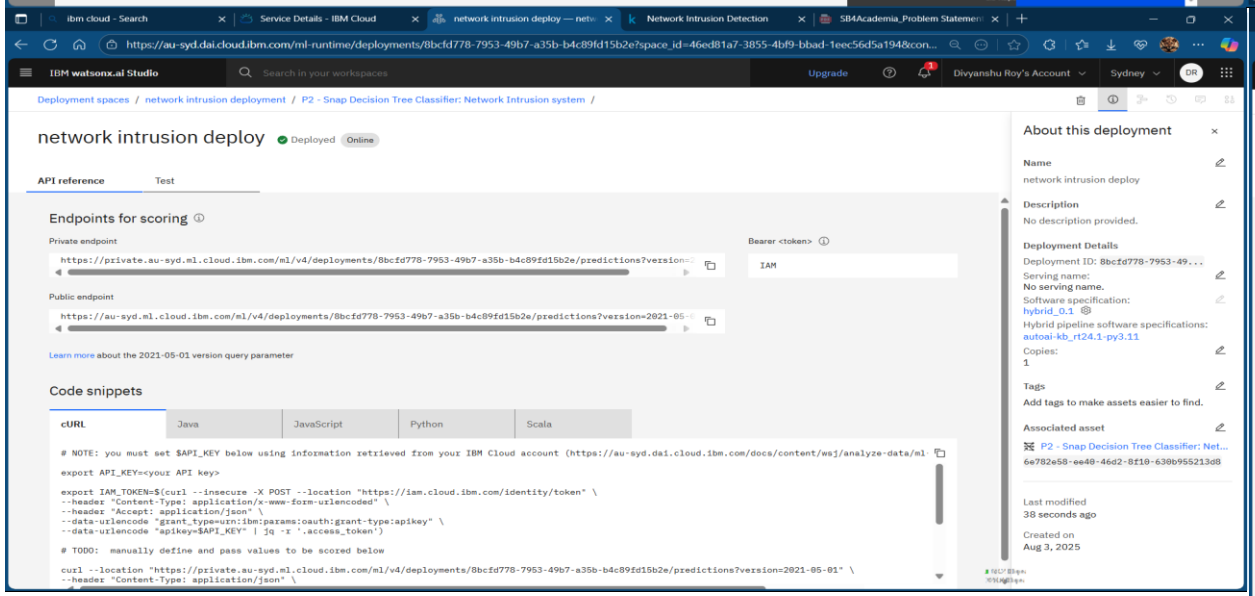
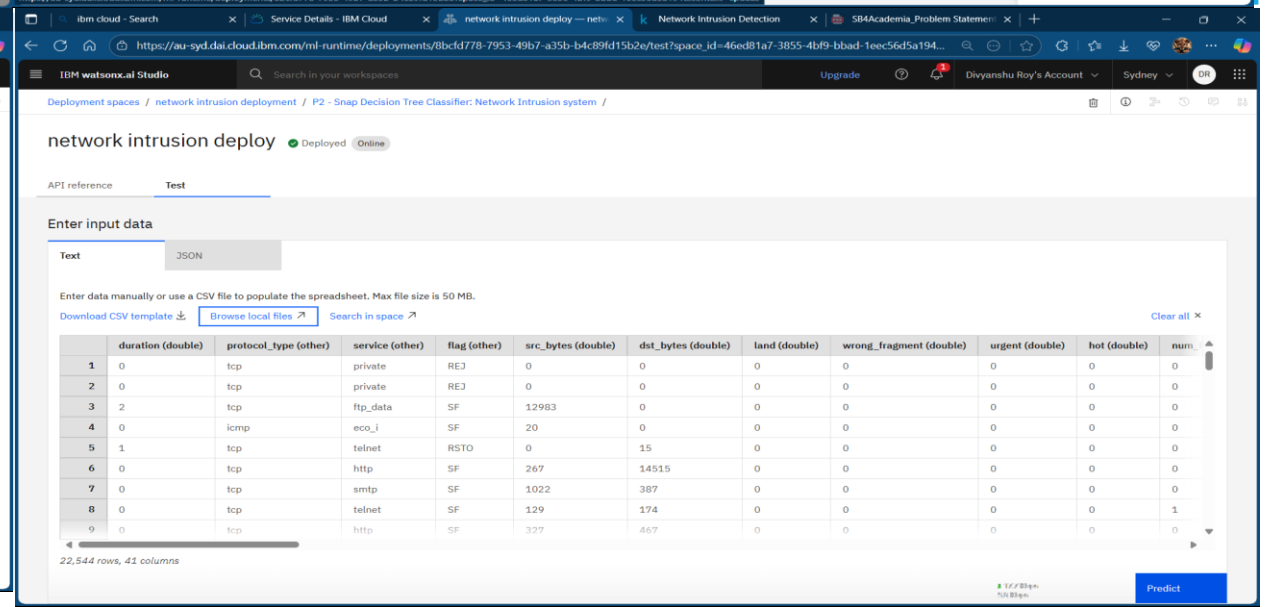


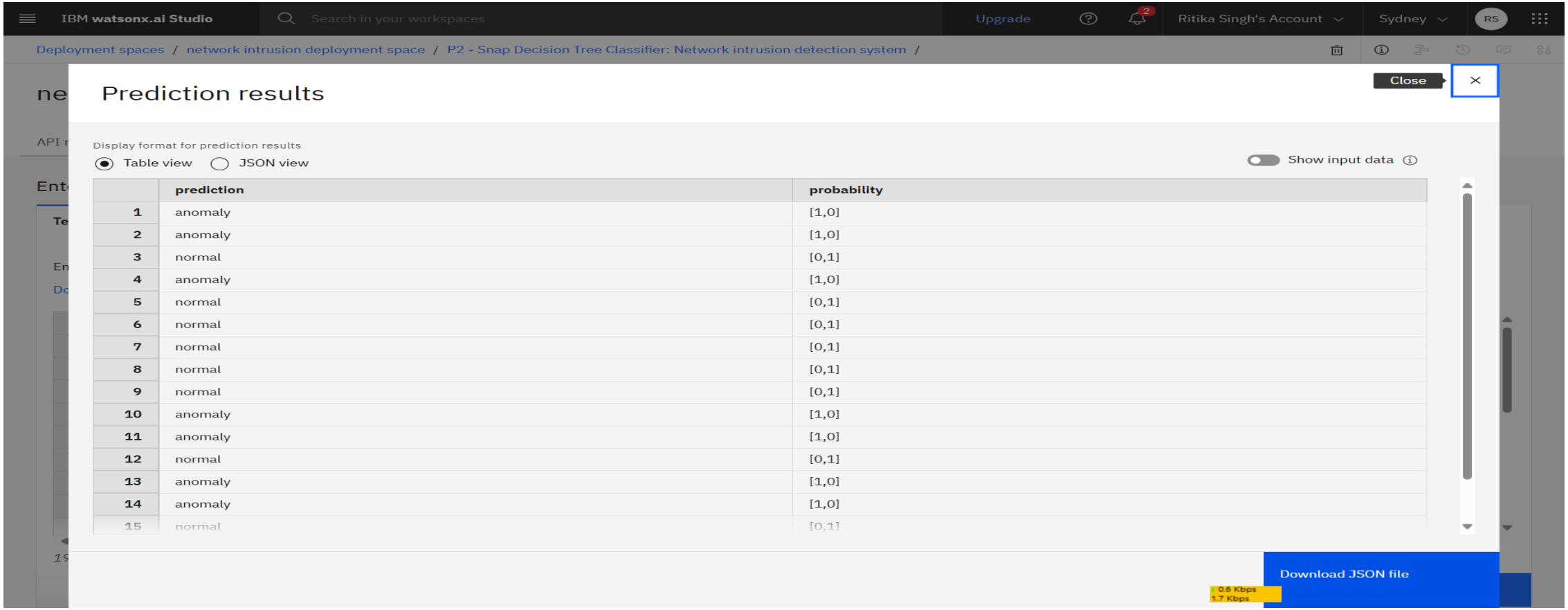






RESULT

The AutoAI experiment successfully generated multiple pipelines, with the top-performing model (**Pipeline 2**) achieving an accuracy of **99.5%**. The model was then deployed and tested, correctly identifying network traffic as 'normal' or 'anomaly'.



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12	normal	[0,1]
13	anomaly	[1,0]
14	anomaly	[1,0]
15	normal	[0,1]

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CONCLUSION

- This project successfully demonstrated the creation and deployment of a highly accurate Network Intrusion Detection System.
- Using IBM Watsonx.ai and its AutoAI capabilities significantly accelerated the development process, automating tasks that would typically require extensive manual coding and expertise.
- The final deployed model serves as a powerful and scalable solution for enhancing network security through real-time threat detection.

FUTURE SCOPE

- **Real-time Integration:** Integrate the deployed API with a live network monitoring tool (like Wireshark or a custom dashboard) to analyze traffic in real-time.
- **Automated Retraining:** Implement a CI/CD pipeline to automatically retrain and redeploy the model as new attack data becomes available.
- **Advanced Explainability:** Use AI explainability tools to better understand *why* the model flags certain activities as malicious, providing deeper insights for security analysts.

REFERENCES

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- **Platform:** IBM Cloud & Watsonx.ai Documentation.

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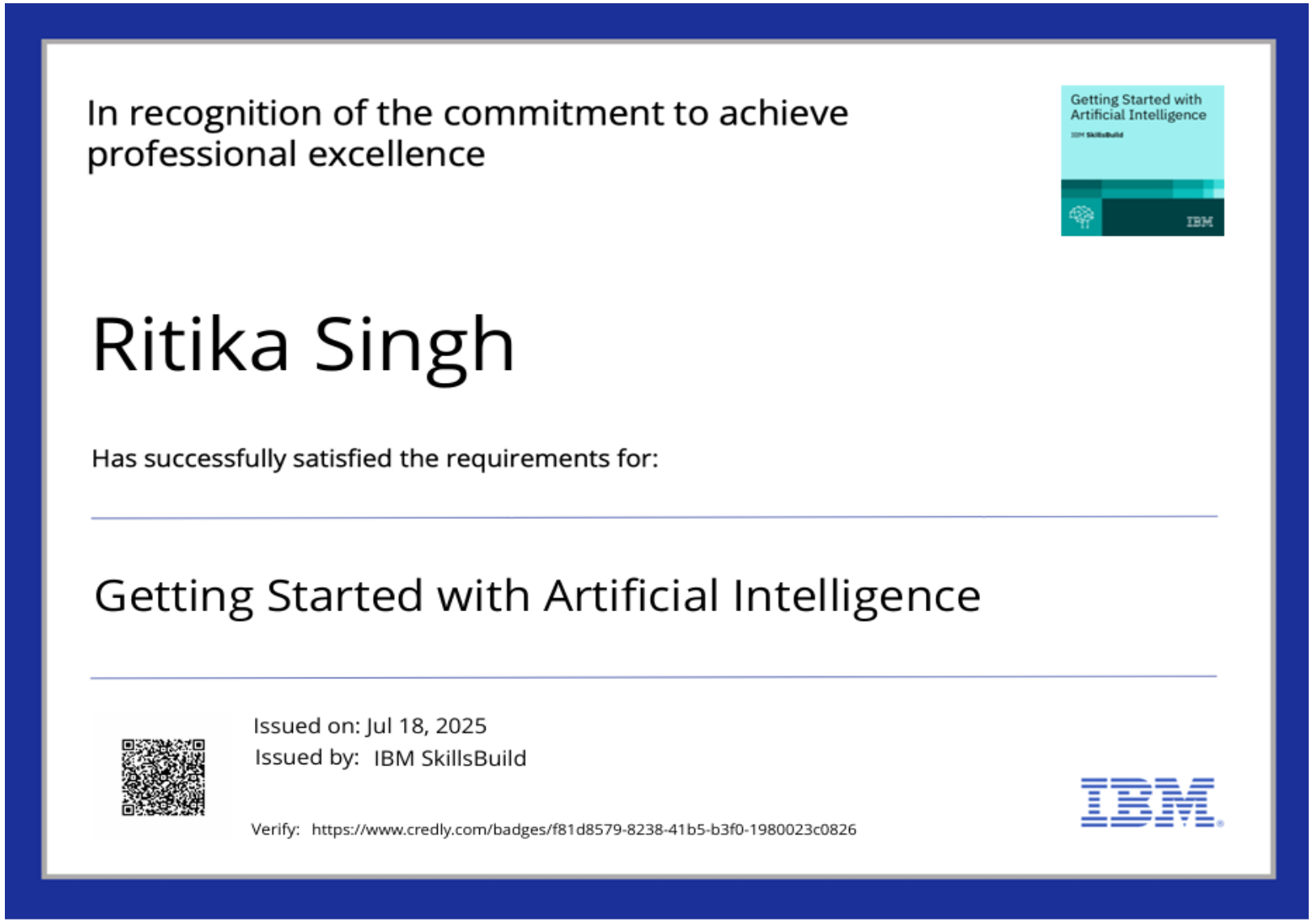

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