# DATA MINING TECHNIQUES IN INTRUSION DETECTION SYSTEMS

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## **ABSTRACT**

An Intrusion Detection System (IDS) is a system that monitors network traffic for suspicious activities and issues alerts when such activities are discovered. If an intruder can able to exploit any kind of vulnerability, then he/she can able to steal, modify, delete personal data of a person. The primary function of IDS is to anomaly detection and reporting, but few intrusion detection systems are capable of taking actions when malicious activity or anomalous traffic is detected, including blocking traffic sent from suspicious IP addresses. The continued ability to detect malicious network intrusions has become an exercise in scalability, in which data mining techniques are playing an increasingly important role. The objective of the project is to simulate IDS using data mining techniques on some public and private datasets (Virtualized, Synthesized, and Realistic).

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

An Intrusion Detection System (IDS) is a system that monitors network traffic for suspicious activity and issues alerts when such activity is discovered. It is a software application that scans a network or a system for harmful activity or policy breaching. Any malicious venture or violation is normally reported either to an administrator or collected centrally using a security information and event management (SIEM) system. A SIEM system integrates outputs from multiple sources and uses alarm filtering techniques to differentiate malicious activity from false alarms.

Although intrusion detection systems monitor networks for potentially malicious activity, they are also disposed to false alarms. Hence, organizations need to fine-tune their IDS products when they first install them. It means properly setting up the intrusion detection systems to recognize what normal traffic on the network looks like as compared to malicious activity.

Intrusion prevention systems also monitor network packets inbound the system to check the malicious activities involved in it and at once sends the warning notifications.

#### 1.1 Classification of Intrusion Detection System:

IDS is basically classified into 2 types:

#### 1.1.1 Network Intrusion Detection System (NIDS):

Network intrusion detection systems (NIDS) are set up at a planned point within the network to examine traffic from all devices on the network. It performs an observation of passing traffic on the entire subnet and matches the traffic that is passed on the subnets to the collection of known attacks. Once an attack is identified or abnormal behavior is observed, the alert can be sent to the administrator. An example of a NIDS is installing it on the subnet where firewalls are located in order to see if someone is trying crack the firewall.

#### 1.1.2 Host Intrusion Detection System (HIDS):

Host intrusion detection systems (HIDS) run on independent hosts or devices on the network. A HIDS monitors the incoming and outgoing packets from the device only and will alert the administrator if suspicious or malicious activity is detected. It takes a snapshot of existing system files and compares it with the previous snapshot. If the analytical system files were edited or deleted, an alert is sent to the administrator to investigate. An example of HIDS usage can be seen on mission critical machines, which are not expected to change their layout.

#### 1.2 Detection Method of IDS:

#### 1.2.1 Signature-based Method:

Signature-based IDS detects the attacks on the basis of the specific patterns such as number of bytes or number of 1's or number of 0's in the network traffic. It also detects on the basis of the already known malicious instruction sequence that is used by the malware. The detected patterns in the IDS are known as signatures.

Signature-based IDS can easily detect the attacks whose pattern (signature) already exists in system but it is quite difficult to detect the new malware attacks as their pattern (signature) is not known.

#### 1.2.2 Anomaly-based Method:

Anomaly-based IDS was introduced to detect the unknown malware attacks as new malware are developed rapidly. In anomaly-based IDS there is use of machine learning to create a trustful activity model and anything coming is compared with that model and it is declared suspicious if it is not found in model. Machine learning based method has a better generalized property in comparison to signature-based IDS as these models can be trained according to the applications and hardware configurations.

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#### **1.3 Comparison of IDS with Firewalls:**

IDS and firewall both are related to the network security but an IDS differs from a firewall as a firewall looks outwardly for intrusions in order to stop them from happening. Firewalls restrict access between networks to prevent intrusion and if an attack is from inside the network it doesn't signal. An IDS describes a suspected intrusion once it has happened and then signals an alarm.

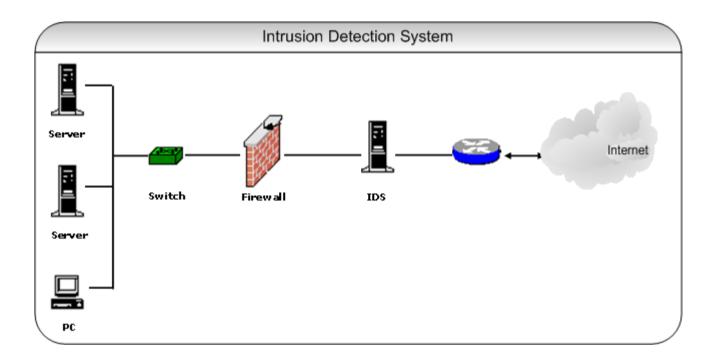


Fig 1.1: Intrusion Detection System

## 2. DATA PRE-PROCESSING

#### **Dataset:**

For carrying out intrusion detection for Anomaly based attacks and Misuse based attacks we had two data sets Dataset\_Anomaly.csv and Dataset\_Misuse.csv. In the anomaly detection data set, the class or prediction variable is either Normal which represents a normal case or an Attack. Contrary to the anomaly detection data set, the misuse detection data set has a class variable Normal or Name of the attack which represents a specific type of attack such as Smurf, NMap, Rootkit, etc. We carry out data cleaning on Dataset\_Anomaly.csv and Dataset\_Misuse.csv using Weka to obtain Dataset\_Anomaly\_AttributeSelection.csv and Dataset\_Misuse\_AttributeSelection.csv which has less attributes that help speed our Model.

#### 2.1 Anomaly Dataset

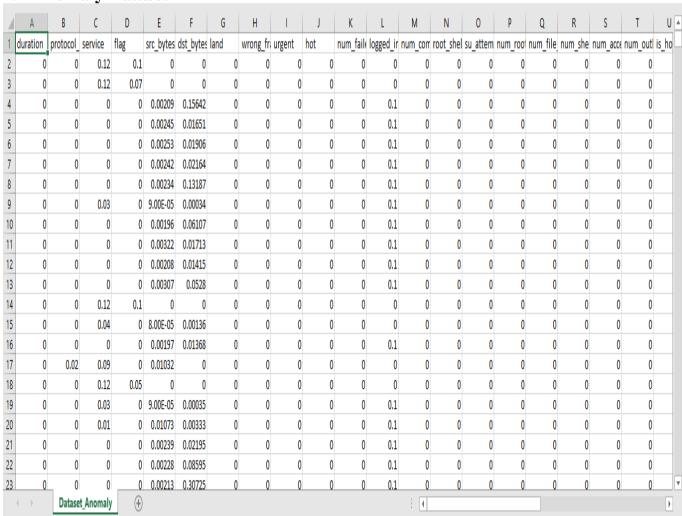


Figure: 2.1 Anomaly Dataset

We have anomaly dataset, where there are 42 attributes. Our class variable is AttackType which have two categories: Normal and Attack. For our observation we take 1000 records to predict our result using a model.

#### 2.2 Misuse Dataset

In case of Misuse Dataset, we have also 42 columns and our class attribute is AttackType. It has 11 different categories: Normal and 10 types of attacks like Back, BufferOverflow, FTPWrite, GuessPassword, Neptune, Nmap, PortSweep, Rootkit, Satan, Smurf.

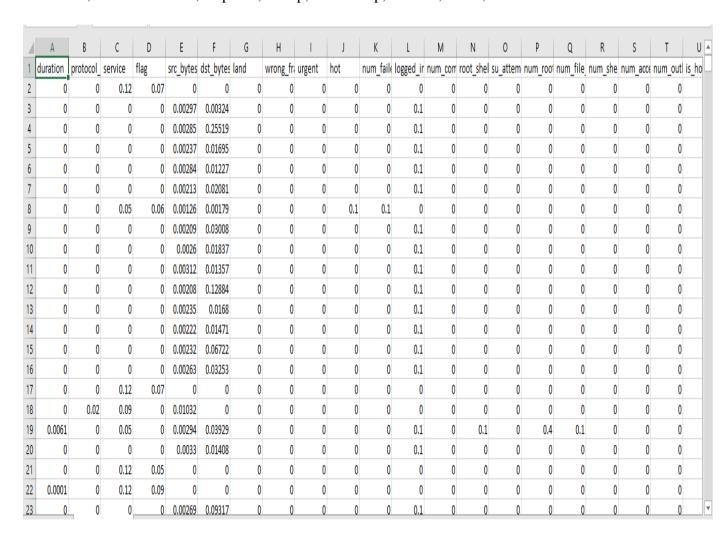


Figure 2.2 Misuse Dataset

#### 2.3 WEKA tool:

Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis (Weka), developed at the University of Waikato, New Zealand. It is free software licensed under the GNU General Public License, and the companion software to the book "Data Mining: Practical Machine Learning Tools and Techniques".

Weka contains a collection of visualization tools and algorithms for data analysis and predictive modeling, together with graphical user interfaces for easy access to these functions. The original non-Java version of Weka was a Tcl/Tk front-end to (mostly thirdparty) modeling algorithms implemented in other programming languages, plus data preprocessing utilities in C, and a Makefile-based system for running machine learning experiments. This original version was primarily designed as a tool for analyzing data from agricultural domains, but the more recent fully Java-based version (Weka 3), for which development started in 1997, is now used in many different application areas, in particular for educational purposes and research. Advantages of Weka include:

- Free availability under the GNU General Public License.
- Portability, since it is fully implemented in the Java programming language and thus runs on almost any modern computing platform.
- A comprehensive collection of data preprocessing and modeling techniques.
- Ease of use due to its graphical user interfaces.

Weka supports several standard data mining tasks, more specifically, data preprocessing, clustering, classification, regression, visualization, and feature selection. All of Weka's techniques are predicated on the assumption that the data is available as one flat file or relation, where each data point is described by a fixed number of attributes (normally, numeric or nominal attributes, but some other attribute types are also supported). Weka provides access to SQL databases using Java Database Connectivity and can process the result returned by a database query.

Weka provides access to deep learning with Deeplearning4j. It is not capable of multirelational data mining, but there is separate software for converting a collection of linked database tables into a single table that is suitable for processing using Weka. Another important area that is currently not covered by the algorithms included in the Weka distribution is sequence modeling.

## 2.4 Attribute Selection Using WEKA tool:

- Open WEKA and select the Explorer Mode.
- Open Dataset\_Anomaly.csv and Dataset\_Misuse.csv which are our datasets in Weka.
- Under Preprocess data tab select: Filter>Unsupervised>Attribute>RemoveUseless ()
- We generate new datasets after saving from WEKA as Dataset\_Anomaly\_AttributeSelection.csv and Dataset\_Misuse\_AttributeSelection.csv

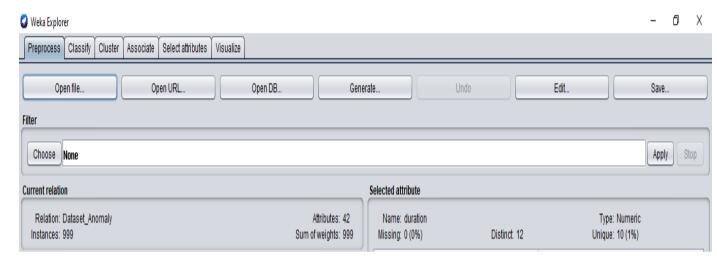


Figure: 2.3 Attribute Before Filter Used

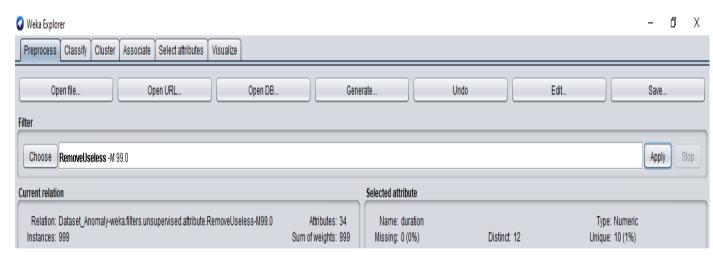


Figure: 2.4 Attribute After Filter Used

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## 3. SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE

#### 3.1 Introduction to SVM

In machine learning, support-vector machines (SVMs, also support-vector networks) are supervised learning models with associated learning algorithms that analyze data used for classification and regression analysis. Given a set of training examples, each marked as belonging to one or the other of two categories, an SVM training algorithm builds a model that assigns new examples to one category or the other, making it a non-probabilistic binary linear classifier.

In addition to performing linear classification, SVMs can efficiently perform a non-linear classification using what is called the kernel trick, implicitly mapping their inputs into high-dimensional feature spaces.

When data are unlabeled, supervised learning is not possible, and an unsupervised learning approach is required, which attempts to find natural clustering of the data to groups, and then map new data to these formed groups. The support-vector clustering algorithm, created by Hava Siegelman and Vladimir Vapnik, applies the statistics of support vectors, developed in the support vector machines algorithm, to categorize unlabeled data, and is one of the most widely used clustering algorithms in industrial applications.

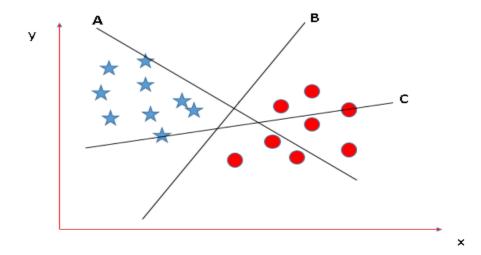
#### 3.2 How SVM works

#### Scenario 1:

In this scenario there are three hyper planes called A, B, C. Now the problem is to identify the right hyper-plane which best differentiates the stars and the circles.

The thumb rule to be known, before finding the right hyper plane, to classify star and circle is that the hyper plane should be selected which segregate two classes better.

In this case B classify star and circle better, hence it is right hyper plane.



#### Figure: 3.1 SVM Scenario 1

#### Scenario 2:

Now take another Scenario where all three planes are segregating classes well. Now the question arises how to identify the right plane in this situation.

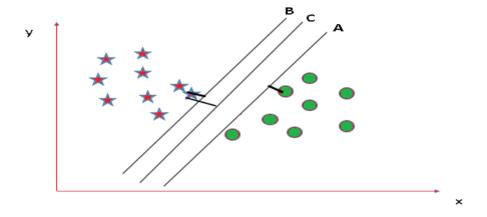


Figure: 3.2 SVM Scenario 2

In such scenarios, calculate the margin which is the distance between nearest data point and hyper-plane. The plane having the maximum distance will be considered as the right hyper plane to classify the classes better.

Here C is having the maximum margin and hence it will be considered as right hyper plane.

#### 3.3 SVM Implement in R

Now we have to write a code for SVM classifier in R language. The below code shows how we implement this code.

Dataset\_Classifier<-ksvm(AttackType~.,data= DataSet\_TrainingSet,type = 'C-svc', kernel = 'rbfdot')

Here several terms are present which are explained below

- Dataset Classifier: Name of our sym model
- ksvm(): It's stands for Kernel-SVM.
- AttackType: Our Target attribute or class attribute.
- rdfdot: Redial Basis Function Kernel

## 4. CONFUSION MATRIX

#### 4.1 Introduction to Confusion Matrix

In the field of machine learning and specifically the problem of statistical classification, a confusion matrix, also known as an error matrix.

A confusion matrix is a table that is often used to describe the performance of a classification model (or "classifier") on a set of test data for which the true values are known. It allows the visualization of the performance of an algorithm.

It allows easy identification of confusion between classes e.g. one class is commonly mislabeled as the other. Most performance measures are computed from the confusion matrix.

A confusion matrix is a summary of prediction results on a classification problem.

The number of correct and incorrect predictions are summarized with count values and broken down by each class. This is the key to the confusion matrix.

The confusion matrix shows the ways in which your classification model is confused when it makes predictions.

It gives us insight not only into the errors being made by a classifier but more importantly the types of errors that are being made.

	Class 1 Predicted	Class 2 Predicted
Class 1 Actual	TP	FN
Class 2 Actual	FP	TN

Figure: 4.1 Confusion Matrix Table

#### Here,

• Class 1 : Positive

• Class 2: Negative

Definition of the Terms:

- Positive (P): Observation is positive (for example: is an apple).
- Negative (N): Observation is not positive (for example: is not an apple).
- True Positive (TP): Observation is positive, and is predicted to be positive.

- False Negative (FN): Observation is positive, but is predicted negative.
- True Negative (TN): Observation is negative, and is predicted to be negative.
- False Positive (FP): Observation is negative, but is predicted positive.

Classification Rate/Accuracy:

Classification Rate or Accuracy is given by the relation:

Accuracy = 
$$\frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

However, there are problems with accuracy. It assumes equal costs for both kinds of errors. A 99% accuracy can be excellent, good, mediocre, poor or terrible depending upon the problem.

#### Recall:

Recall can be defined as the ratio of the total number of correctly classified positive examples divide to the total number of positive examples. High Recall indicates the class is correctly recognized (small number of FN).

Recall is given by the relation:

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

#### **Precision:**

To get the value of precision we divide the total number of correctly classified positive examples by the total number of predicted positive examples. High Precision indicates an example labeled as positive is indeed positive (small number of FP).

Precision is given by the relation:

High recall, low precision: This means that most of the positive examples are correctly recognized (low FN) but there are a lot of false positives.

Low recall, high precision: This shows that we miss a lot of positive examples (high FN) but those we predict as positive are indeed positive (low FP)

#### F-measure:

Since we have two measures (Precision and Recall) it helps to have a measurement that represents both of them. We calculate an F-measure which uses Harmonic Mean in place of Arithmetic Mean as it punishes the extreme values more.

The F-Measure will always be nearer to the smaller value of Precision or Recall.

#### 4.2 Confusion Matrix in R

In R we compare our prediction with our actual test dataset. Here is the following R code used for implementation of Confusion matrix.

```
1 library(kernlab)
 2 library(caret)
3 library(e1071)
4
5 anomaly<-read.csv("Dataset_Anomaly.csv", na.strings=c(".", "NA", "", "?"), strip.white=TRUE, encoding="UTF-8")
6 aRow<-nrow(anomaly)
7 acol<-ncol(anomaly)</pre>
8 summary(anomaly$AttackType)
9
10 sub<-sample(1:aRow,floor(0.66*aRow))</pre>
11 anomalyTrainingSet<- anomaly[sub,]</pre>
12 anomalyTestSet<- anomaly[-sub,]</pre>
13
14 anomalyClassifier<- ksvm(AttackType~.,data=anomalyTrainingSet,type = 'C-svc', kernel = 'rbfdot')</pre>
15 anomalyPrediction<-predict(anomalyClassifier, anomalyTestSet[,-aCol])</pre>
16 confusionMatrix(anomalyPrediction, anomalyTestSet[, aCol])
```

Figure: 4.2 Complete R code for implementation

```
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> confusionMatrix(anomalyPrediction, anomalyTeConfusion Matrix and Statistics

Reference
Prediction Attack Normal
Attack 120 1
Normal 0 219

Accuracy: 0.9971
95% CI: (0.9837, 0.9999)
No Information Rate: 0.6471
P-value [Acc > NIR]: <2e-16
Kappa: 0.9936

Mcnemar's Test P-value: 1

Sensitivity: 1.0000
Specificity: 0.9955
Pos Pred Value: 0.9917
Neg Pred Value: 0.9917
Neg Pred Value: 1.0000
Prevalence: 0.3529
Detection Rate: 0.3529
Detection Prevalence: 0.3559
Balanced Accuracy: 0.9977
'Positive' Class: Attack
```

## 5. RESULT

## Confusion Matrix and Statistics for Anomaly Dataset Before Filter.

Reference

**Prediction Attack Normal** 

Attack 113 4 Normal 1 222

Accuracy: 0.9853

95% CI: (0.966, 0.9952)

No Information Rate: 0.6647 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : <2e-16

Kappa: 0.9672

Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 0.3711

Sensitivity: 0.9912 Specificity: 0.9823 Pos Pred Value: 0.9658 Neg Pred Value: 0.9955

Detection Rate: 0.3324 Detection Prevalence: 0.3441 Balanced Accuracy: 0.9868

Prevalence: 0.3353

'Positive' Class: Attack

## Confusion Matrix and Statistics for Anomaly Dataset after Filter.

Reference

Prediction Attack Normal

Attack 112 2 Normal 0 226

Accuracy: 0.9941

95% CI: (0.9789, 0.9993)

No Information Rate : 0.6706 P-Value [Acc > NIR] : <2e-16

Kappa: 0.9867

Mcnemar's Test P-Value: 0.4795

Sensitivity: 1.0000 Specificity: 0.9912 Pos Pred Value: 0.9825 Neg Pred Value: 1.0000 Prevalence: 0.3294

Detection Rate: 0.3294 Detection Prevalence: 0.3353 Balanced Accuracy: 0.9956

'Positive' Class: Attack

#### Confusion Matrix and Statistics for Misuse Dataset Before Filter.

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Prediction	Back Bu	fferOv	erflow F7	TPWrite GuessPassword Neptune NMap Normal
Back	13	0	0	0 0 0 0
BufferOverf	flow 0		0 0	0 0 0 0
FTPWrite	0	0	0	0 0 0 0
GuessPassw	ord 0		0 0	3 0 0 0
Neptune	0	0	0	0 26 0 0
NMap	0	0	0	0 0 20 0
Normal	0	3	0	1 0 1 207
PortSweep	0	0	0	0 0 0 0
Rootkit	0	0	0	0 0 0 0
Satan	0	0	0	0 0 0 0
Smurf	0	0	0	0 0 0 0
Ref	erence			

Back	0	0	0	0	
BufferOverflow		0	0	0	0
FTPWrite	0	(	) (	0	
Guess Password		0	0	0	0
Neptune	0	0	0	0	
NMap	0	0	0	0	
Normal	0	0	2	0	
PortSweep	17		0	0 (	)
Rootkit	0	0	0	0	
Satan	0	0	24	1	
Smurf	0	0	0	22	

#### **Overall Statistics**

Accuracy: 0.9765

95% CI: (0.9542, 0.9898)

No Information Rate : 0.6088P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16

Kappa: 0.9603

Mcnemar's Test P-Value: NA

Statistics by Class:

Class: Back Class: BufferOverflow Class: FTPWrite

Sensitivity	1.00000	0.000000	NA	
Specificity	1.00000	1.000000	1	
Pos Pred Value	1.00000	NaN	NA	
Neg Pred Value	1.00000	0.991176	NA	
Prevalence	0.03824	0.008824	0	
<b>Detection Rate</b>	0.03824	0.000000	0	
Detection Prevaler	nce 0.03824	0.000000	0	
Balanced Accuracy	y 1.00000	0.500000	NA	
Class	: GuessPassword	l Class: Neptune	Class: NMa	p Class: Normal
Sensitivity	0.750000	1.00000 0	.95238	1.0000
Specificity	1.000000	1.00000 1	.00000	0.9474
Pos Pred Value	1.00000	00 1.00000	1.00000	0.9673
Neg Pred Value	0.99703	33 1.00000	0.99687	1.0000
Prevalence	0.011765	0.07647	0.06176	0.6088
<b>Detection Rate</b>	0.00882	4 0.07647	0.05882	0.6088
Detection Prevaler	nce 0.008	824 0.07647	0.05882	0.6294
Balanced Accuracy	y 0.875	000 1.00000	0.97619	0.9737
Class	: PortSweep Clas	ss: Rootkit Class	: Satan Class	s: Smurf
Sensitivity	1.00	NA 0.9230	8 0.95652	2
Specificity	1.00	1 0.99682	1.00000	
Pos Pred Value	1.00	NA 0.96	5000 1.000	000
Neg Pred Value	1.00	NA 0.99	9365 0.99	686
Prevalence	0.05	0 0.07647	0.06765	
<b>Detection Rate</b>	0.05	0 0.0705	59 0.0647	1
Detection Prevaler	nce 0.05	0 0.07	7353 0.06	471
Balanced Accuracy	y 1.00	NA = 0.	95995 0.9	97826

#### Confusion Matrix and Statistics for Misuse Dataset After Filter.

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Prediction	Back But	fferOv	erflow F1	TPWrite GuessPassword Neptune NMap Normal
Back	17	0	0	0 0 0 0
BufferOverf	low 0		0 0	0  0  0  0
FTPWrite	0	0	0	0 0 0 0
GuessPasswe	ord 0		0 0	3 0 0 0
Neptune	0	0	0	0 21 0 0
NMap	0	0	0	0 0 10 0
Normal	1	0	1	0 0 2 231
PortSweep	0	0	0	0 0 0 0
Rootkit	0	0	0	0 0 0 0
Satan	0	0	0	0 0 0 0
Smurf	0	0	0	0 0 0 0
Ref	erence			

Prediction Po	ortSweep l	Rootkit	Satan Smurf
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Back	U	U	U	U	
Buffer Over flow		0	0	0	0
FTPWrite	0	C	0	0	
Guess Password		0	0	0	0
Neptune	0	0	0	0	
NMap	0	0	0	0	
Normal	1	0	0	0	
PortSweep	12		0 (	0 (	)
Rootkit	0	0	0	0	
Satan	0	1	19	0	
Smurf	0	0	0	2.1	

#### **Overall Statistics**

Accuracy: 0.9824

95% CI: (0.962, 0.9935) No Information Rate: 0.6794

P-Value [Acc > NIR] : < 2.2e-16

Kappa: 0.9656

Mcnemar's Test P-Value: NA

Statistics by Class:

Class: Back Class: BufferOverflow Class: FTPWrite

Sensitivity	0.94444	NA	0.000000		
Specificity	1.00000	1	1.000000		
Pos Pred Value	1.00000	NA	NaN		
Neg Pred Value	0.99690	NA	0.997059		
Prevalence	0.05294	0	0.002941		
<b>Detection Rate</b>	0.05000	0	0.000000		
Detection Prevalence	ce 0.05000	0	0.000000		
Balanced Accuracy	0.97222	N.	A 0.500000	)	
Class: GuessPassword Class: Neptune Class: NMap Class: Normal					
Sensitivity	1.000000	1.00000	0.83333	1.0000	
Specificity	1.000000	1.00000	1.00000	0.9541	
Pos Pred Value	1.000000	1.000	00 1.00000	0.9788	
Neg Pred Value	1.000000	1.000	000 0.99394	1.0000	
Prevalence	0.008824	0.06176	0.03529	0.6794	
Detection Rate	0.008824	0.0617	76 0.02941	0.6794	
Detection Prevalence	ce 0.00882	4 0.00	6176 0.0294	1 0.6941	
Balanced Accuracy	1.00000	0 1.00	0000 0.9166	7 0.9771	
Class: PortSweep Class: Rootkit Class: Satan Class: Smurf					
Sensitivity	0.92308 0.0	000000	1.00000 1.0	00000	
Specificity	1.00000 1.0	000000	0.99688 1.	00000	
Pos Pred Value	1.00000	NaN	0.95000 1	.00000	
Neg Pred Value	0.99695	0.997059	1.00000	1.00000	
Prevalence	0.03824 0.	.002941	0.05588 0	.06176	
<b>Detection Rate</b>	0.03529	0.000000	0.05588	0.06176	
Detection Prevalence	ce 0.03529	0.0000	00 0.05882	0.06176	
Balanced Accuracy	0.96154	0.5000	00 0.99844	1.00000	

## 6. CONCLUSION

The IDS will give a detailed report of attacks to its administrator. IDS will detect the vulnerabilities and try to fix them all with or without administrator. IDS will order the level of risks (High, Moderate, Low etc.) in a hierarchy structure. Prompt possible preventive steps needed to overcome that particular situation. The results that we have above are drawn from running tests for 3 approaches, the summary and snapshots are attached above. The original dataset that we had with 42 attributes which were reduced to 36 using Weka's RemoveUseless () and then eliminating other redundant attributes with low variance. If we ignore the difference in the number of these attributes everything else in the dataset is just same which is why we have similar scripts for these different data sets.

#### Accuracy Summary:

Classification Technique	Anomaly Dataset	Misuse Dataset
Kernel SVM	99.41	98.24

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