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# Modified Firefly Optimisation

*inspired Intrusion  
Detection Systems*

~ Saket Upadhyay, et. al.

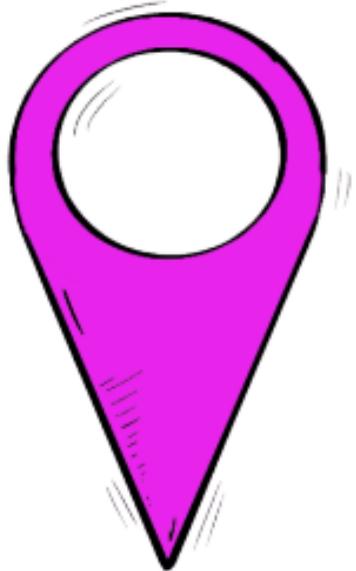


## Our Goal



To understand the basics needed for the topic and get insight into bleeding edge research done by our team to improve existing solutions.

## Who this is for?



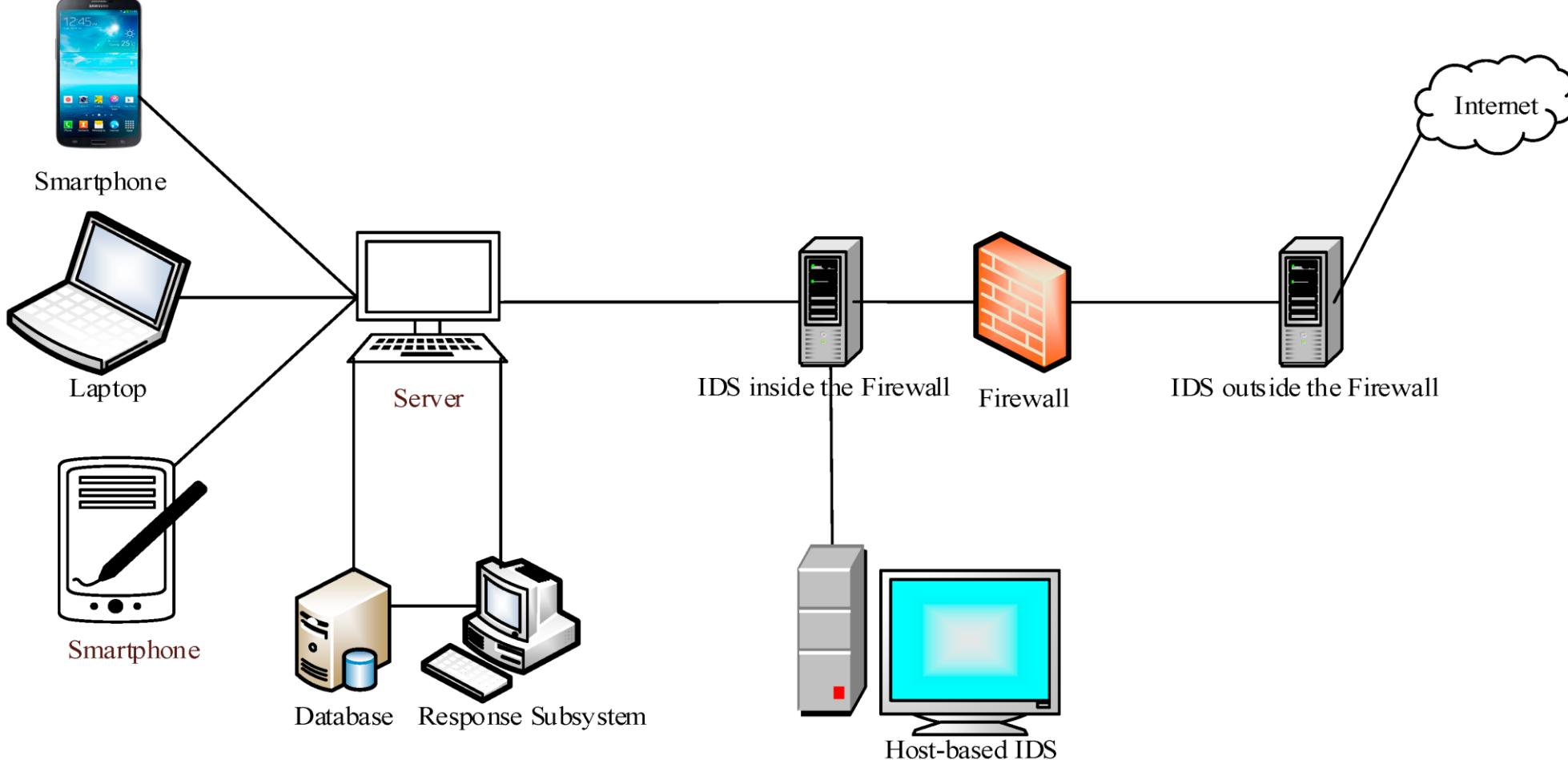
- High School and Senior School (Class 10th to 12th) students who want to know more about academic research in cybersecurity.
- Undergrads and Postgrads who are interested in cybersecurity research and projects.
- Potential co-researchers who would like to work together in this domain.



## *What is a IDS?*

Where it is in the network  
and types

# Intrusion Detection System



Src: From Intrusion Detection to an Intrusion Response System: Fundamentals, Requirements and Future Directions <https://www.mdpi.com/188434>

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# IDS Types

## Types -

- » **Network-based intrusion detection system (NIPS):** monitors the entire network for suspicious traffic by analyzing protocol activity.
- » **Network behavior analysis (NBA):** examines network traffic to identify threats that generate unusual traffic flows, such as distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks, certain forms of malware and policy violations.
- » **Host-based intrusion detection system (HIDS):** an installed software package which monitors a single host for suspicious activity by analyzing events occurring within that host.



# *Fire Fly Optimisation*

What and How?





## First Proposal

» In mathematical optimization, the firefly algorithm is a **metaheuristic** proposed by **Xin-She Yang** in 2008 and inspired by the flashing behavior of fireflies.



# Algorithm

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Begin
    1) Objective function:  $f(\mathbf{x})$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$ ;
    2) Generate an initial population of fireflies  $\mathbf{x}_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ );
    3) Formulate light intensity  $I$  so that it is associated with  $f(\mathbf{x})$ 
        (for example, for maximization problems,  $I \propto f(\mathbf{x})$  or simply  $I = f(\mathbf{x})$ );
    4) Define absorption coefficient  $\gamma$ 

    While ( $t < \text{MaxGeneration}$ )
        for  $i = 1 : n$  (all  $n$  fireflies)
            for  $j = 1 : i$  ( $n$  fireflies)
                if ( $I_j > I_i$ ),
                    Vary attractiveness with distance  $r$  via  $\exp(-\gamma r)$ ;
                    move firefly  $i$  towards  $j$ ;
                    Evaluate new solutions and update light intensity;
                end if
            end for  $j$ 
        end for  $i$ 
        Rank fireflies and find the current best;
    end while

    Post-processing the results and visualization;

end
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## Inspiration

Inspired by the unisex attraction and flashing behavior of fireflies. The location of firefly  $i$  at each time iteration is calculated as

$$X_i^{t+1} = X_i^t + \beta^{-\gamma r_{ij}^2} (X_j^t - X_i^t) + \alpha_t \epsilon_t,$$

where  $\beta$  is the attractiveness,  $\gamma$  is the absorption coefficient,  $r$  is the distance between nodes  $x_i$  and  $x_j$ ,  $\alpha_t$  is the step size, And  $\epsilon_t$  is the vector drawn from a Gaussian distribution



## Brightness function (Modified)

$$\beta_{new} = (\beta_{init} - \beta_{min})e^{-\gamma r^2} + \beta_{min}.$$

Initially, each node is given a minimum brightness  $\beta_{min}$ , and its brightness is updated given an initial brightness  $\beta_{init}$

To ensure that the brightness of the nodes does not fall below the predefined minimum value  $\beta_{min}$ . The brightness is significantly affected by the absorption coefficient  $\gamma$  and the Euclidean distance between two fireflies. (Euler's number 'e')



# Euclidean Distance of Nodes

$$d(p, q) = \sqrt{(q_1 - p_1)^2 + (q_2 - p_2)^2}$$

OR

$$r = d(p, q) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (q_i - p_i)^2}$$

where  $p$  and  $q$  are two points in the Euclidean  $n$ -space, and  $q_i$  and  $p_i$  are Euclidean vectors, starting from  $t^{i-1} \dots t^1$





*Modified Fire Fly*  
And IDS integration.

# **Modified Firefly Optimization Algorithm-based IDS**

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## **Our Research**

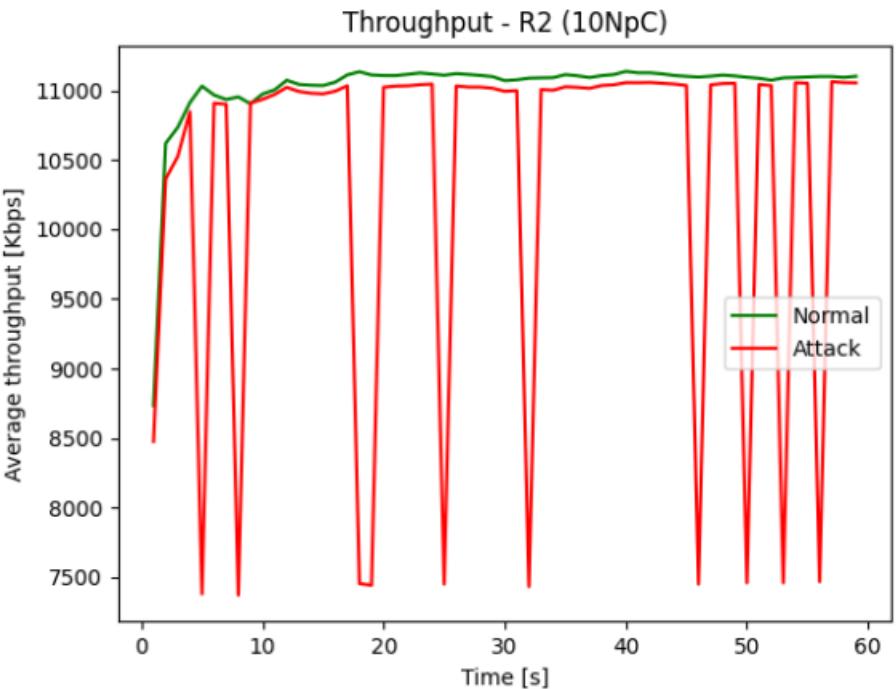
## Our new brightness function and node grid implementation

Based on the parameters of network nodes, we define the health function of **node i** at **time t** as

$$hf(i, t) = \frac{\left( \frac{\sum_{x=0}^N NTP_x}{N} - ATP(i, t) \right) + ETED(i, t)}{PDR(i, t)}$$

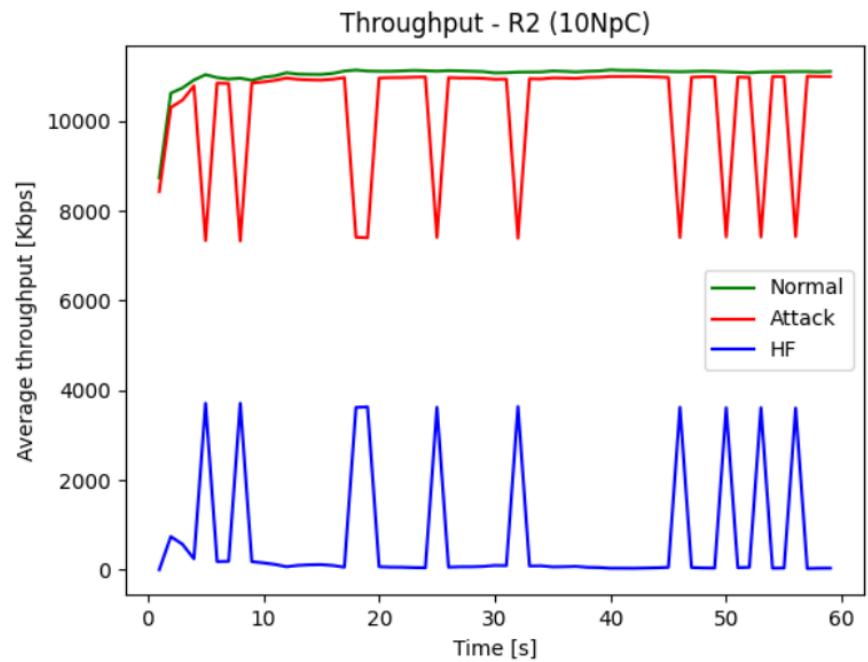
$$\beta \propto hf(i, t).$$

# How it works?



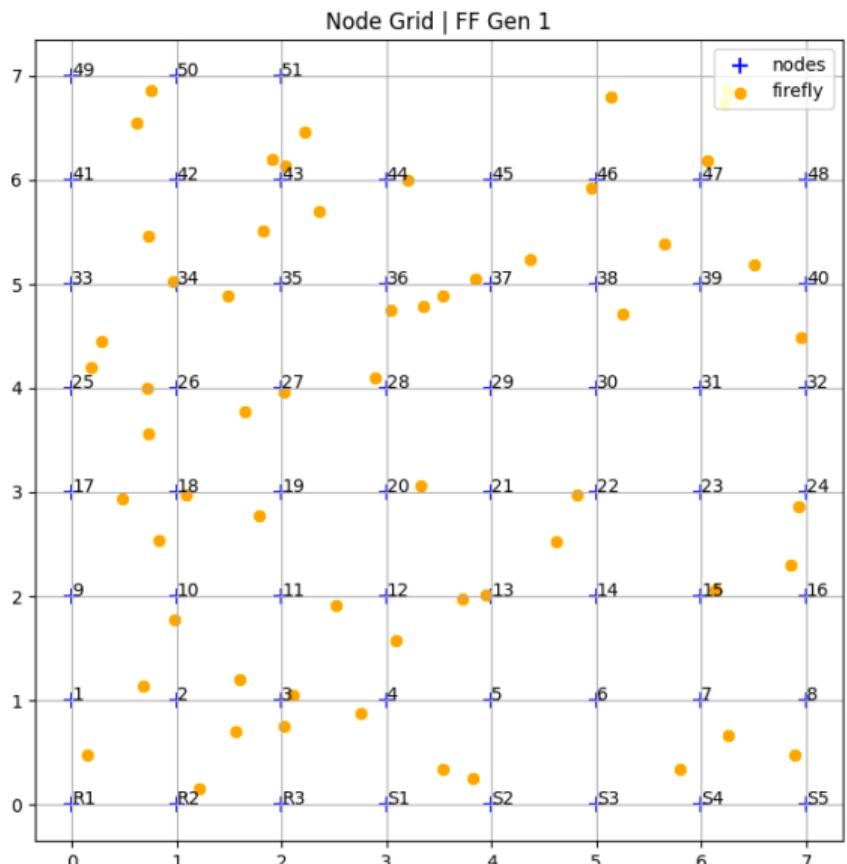
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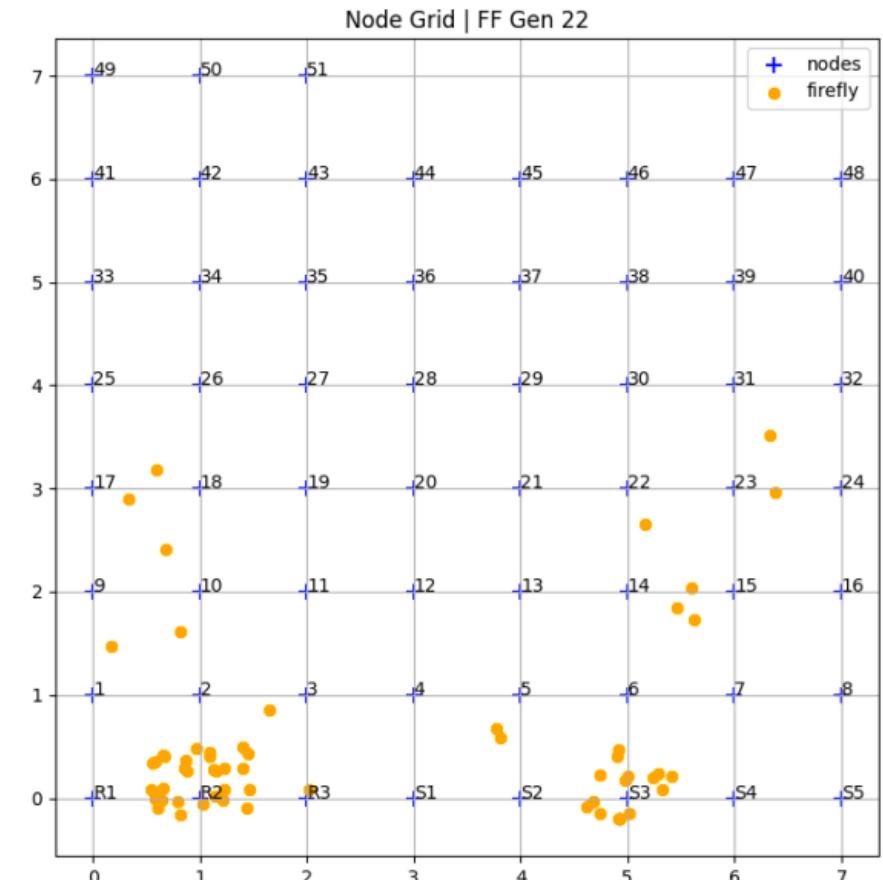


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# How it works?



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Q&A ?

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