

# **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU BEGIN YOUR RESEARCH**

## **REPORT**

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Bingham University**

### **1.1 Postgraduate Research Report**

A postgraduate report in the Computer Science Department, Bingham University presents the results of a postgraduate research investigation on a selected computing-related researchable topic. The report presents a researcher's experience of proposing a solution through problem finding, data gathering, literature reviewing, methodology mapping, and development, implementing proposed solutions, results interpreting, and documenting information, summarizing and conclusions, and communicating facts after the conduct of approved research.

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- B. Academic Masters as Dissertations
- C. Professional masters and postgraduate diplomas as Research Projects
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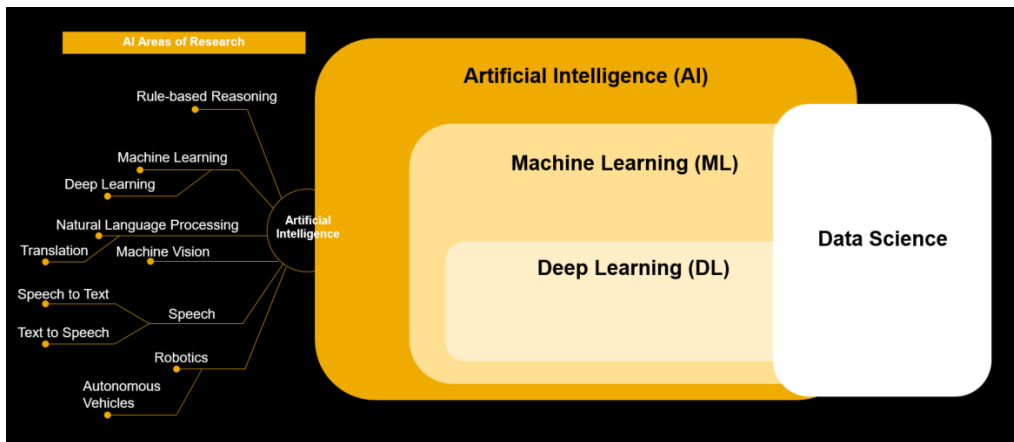
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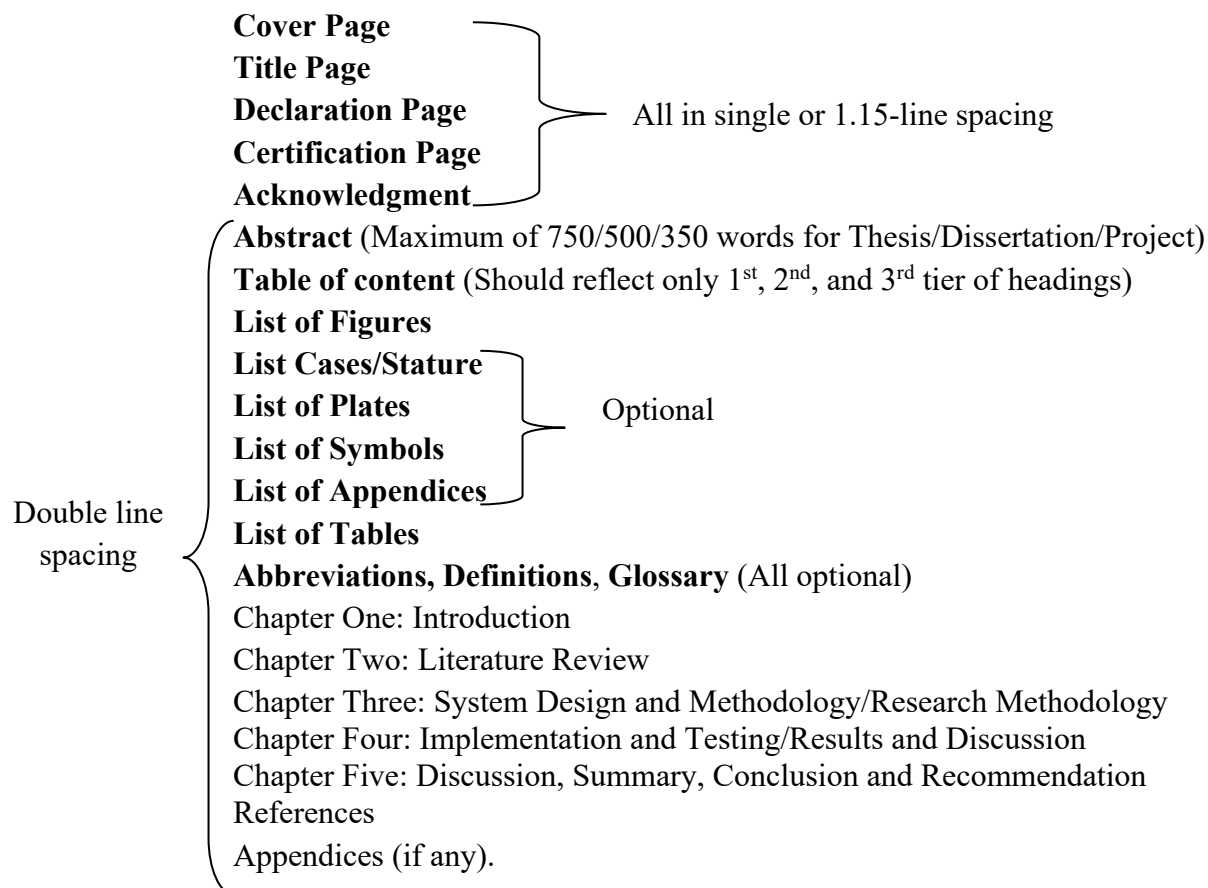
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## **ABSTRACT**

*The abstract is a concise summary of your work, presented as a single paragraph. It should range from 200 to 350 words. Within this paragraph, include the definition of the topic, a clear outline of the problem you're addressing, the methodology you employed, your implementation or results, key findings, and any recommendations. The abstract serves as a guide for the reader to decide whether to continue reading, based on their interests and ongoing research. Set the abstract in italics, using single line spacing and a font size of 12. Remember that it's the last preliminary page before the main body of your document.*

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# **CHAPTER ONE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background of Study**

- a. Discuss the general area of your study in relation (one paragraph)
- b. Narrow the issue to what you are trying to tackle (one paragraph)
- c. State the emerging concern in the area of your research (one paragraph)
- d. State what has been done so far in the literature in the area of research (one paragraph)
- e. State the impact of the outcome to the study (one paragraph)

### **1.2 Statement of Problem**

Research is based on real problems or issues, and not on speculation. Do not carry out a research for which there is already an answer. The problem statement must address all six questions: What, Why, When, Where, Who, and How.

- What – What is the problem? Quote facts and figures with relevant references. And, what are the causes of the problem?
- Why – Why is it a problem? (What impact does it have on the environment, life, property, organizations, and society?)
- When - When does the problem occur? (Periods, duration etc)
- Where - Where is the problem occurring? (locations, processes, products, etc).
- Who - Who does the problem affect (Specific groups, organizations, customers, etc. Who needs the solution)?
- How - Research Question - How do we solve the problem?
- What are the existing solutions to the problem (if any), and their limitations (what you think will add value or improve on the existing study but has not been done by others in the area of research)? What gap is this study seeking to fill (which of the limitations do you intend to handle in your study)?
- Propose a solution or hypothesis to the research question (optional).
- What are the principles and theories behind the proposed solution?



### 1.3 Research Question

The Research Question – this is where the Researcher presents the question that will indicate the gap revealed by the literature to be a missing piece in the topic's area of research. The Research Question may be expressed as either an actual question or a declarative statement. The research question may be followed by either a hint of the method to find a solution to the gap, or a hypothesis, or the main purpose of the study.

### 1.4 Aim and Objectives

Once you have formulated a clear problem statement or core research question reflecting the main goal or purpose of your study, it is time to consider the more specific research objectives that you want to achieve.

Achieving your research objectives should lead you to solve **the main research problem or answer the core research question**. One of your objectives may be to test specific hypotheses, while others may relate to the gathering of descriptive data or to the development of a conceptual framework based on available literature. You should consider the following guidelines when drafting research objectives:

Research objectives must be presented with quantifiable verbs and list, it should be phrased in the form:

1. “To design ...”,
2. “To implement ...”,
3. “To integrate ...”,
4. “To determine ...”,
5. “To investigate ...”,
6. “To evaluate ...”,
7. “To compare ...”

### 1.5 Significance of the Study

This section should elaborate on why your study is important and also deliberate on the impact of your study in society.

## **1.6 Scope of study**

## **1.7 Organization of the study**

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## **CHAPTER TWO**

### **LITERATURE REVIEW**

A literature review in a Thesis/dissertation/Project is a critical and comprehensive examination of the existing research and scholarly literature relevant to your research topic or question. It serves several important purposes within your Thesis/dissertation/Project; This should be a concise report about the studies of others on the subject matter. It should be logically arranged and up to date. A significant number of the references (> 70%) should be within the preceding 5 years.

#### **2.1 Introduction to the Research Topic**

A paragraph that provides an overview of the research area.

Explain the significance and relevance of your research.

State your research questions or objectives.

#### **2.2 Historical Context of the Research Topic**

Discuss the historical development of research in your research area/topic.

Identify key milestones, studies, or foundational theories related to your work.

The cybersecurity theoretical framework provides a conceptual basis for analyzing and addressing cybersecurity challenges.

1. Present the theoretical framework or theoretical perspectives that underpin your study.
2. Explain how previous research has contributed to the development of the theoretical framework you are using

The following are some key theoretical frameworks and models in cybersecurity that may concern your work.

**YOU MAY HAVE TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL ONLY THE THEORETICAL FRAMEWORKS THAT CONCERN YOUR WORK. THE FEWER THE BETTER**

1. CIA Triad: The CIA Triad is a fundamental framework that represents the core principles of cybersecurity:
2. Defense-in-Depth: This model emphasizes the use of multiple layers of security controls to protect systems and data. It includes network security, access controls, encryption, intrusion detection, and more.
3. Zero Trust Security: Zero Trust is a model that assumes no entity, whether inside or outside the organization, can be trusted by default. It requires continuous authentication and authorization for all users and devices.
4. NIST Cybersecurity Framework: Developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), this framework provides guidelines for organizations to manage and reduce cybersecurity risk. It consists of five core functions: Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, and Recover.
5. Kill Chain Model: This model, often used in the context of threat analysis, describes the stages of a cyberattack from the initial reconnaissance to the final exfiltration of data. Understanding the kill chain can help organizations identify and mitigate threats at various stages.
6. Deterrence Theory: Borrowed from the field of international relations, deterrence theory applies to cybersecurity by suggesting that the threat of retaliation or punishment can deter cyber adversaries from attacking.

7. Rational Choice Theory: This psychological and behavioral theory explores the decision-making processes of cybercriminals, seeking to understand their motivations and incentives.
8. Cyber Resilience Framework: Cyber resilience focuses on an organization's ability to withstand and recover from cyberattacks. This framework includes strategies for incident response, business continuity, and disaster recovery.
9. Information Security Risk Management Frameworks: Various frameworks, such as ISO 27001, provide structured approaches to identifying, assessing, and managing information security risks.

### **2.3 Key Concepts and Definitions**

Define and clarify key concepts and terms relevant to your research **WITH CITATIONS**.

Ensure a common understanding of terminology among readers.

### **2.4 Review of Related Literature**

Summarize and discuss previous studies, articles, books, and research related to your research topic, citations are mandatory. Organize this section **THEMATICALLY** or **CHRONOLOGICALLY**. Pick one and stick to it.

### **2.5 Methodologies and Research Designs**

Discuss the **research methods and methodologies** used in previous studies related to your topic **WITH CITATIONS**. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of these methods.

## **2.6 Empirical Studies**

Empirical reviews are important because they provide evidence-based insights and contribute to the body of knowledge in a particular field. Here are some key characteristics and examples of empirical reviews.

Present the findings of empirical studies that are closely related to your research questions.

Discuss the methodologies and key results of these studies **with CITATIONS**.

## **2.7 Conceptual Frameworks**

Discuss existing conceptual frameworks or models that inform your research. Explain how these frameworks have been applied in previous research. A conceptual framework is a critical component that provides a structured and organized foundation for understanding, analyzing, and interpreting the research problem or question. It is a theoretical structure that outlines the key concepts, variables, relationships, and theories relevant to the study.

The purpose of a conceptual framework is to guide the research process, connect the research to existing knowledge, and help the researcher develop hypotheses or research questions.

## **2.8 Debates and Controversies**

Explore any ongoing debates, controversies, or disagreements within the literature. Present different viewpoints or schools of thought.

Identify gaps in the existing literature that your research aims to address. Discuss the limitations of previous studies and how your research will address them.

## **2.10 Theoretical Contributions**

Discuss how your research will contribute to and advance the theoretical framework of the field.

### 2.11 Methodological Contributions

Explain how your research will contribute to methodological advancements in the field.

### 2.12 Practical Implications

Discuss the practical implications of previous research for real-world applications or policy.

Explain how your research may have practical significance.

### 2.13 Regional or Contextual Variations

If applicable, discuss how research findings vary across different regions, contexts, or populations.

### 2.14 Related Works (Minimum 15 reviewed journals related to your topic)

**Table 2**

*Example of Empirical Analysis of related work*

S/N	Name	Title	Method	Findings	Limitation
1	Meweda et al., (2020)	Spectral-spatial features integrated convolution neural network for Breast cancer classification	Spectral-spatial features introduced in CNN, Random 70/30	Max acc = 97% (40X)	Requires computing resource
2	Lie et al., (2020)	Shallow Convolutional Neural Network for Image classification	Batch normalization dropout. 80/30	Max acc = 97% (100X)	high resource utilization.
3	Hao et al., (2022)	Breast cancer histopathological image classification based on deep semantic features and gray level co-occurrence matrix	deep semantic features and gray level co-occurrence matrix 70/30	Max acc = 96.7%, (40X)	Requires computing resources.

## **CHAPTER THREE**

### **SYSTEM DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY/RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

Research methodology outlines the systematic process you will follow to conduct research, gather data, analyze findings, and draw conclusions. Note that the specific methodology for your Thesis/dissertation/Project will depend on your research questions, objectives, and the nature of your research. It's essential to follow ethical guidelines and choose appropriate methods to ensure the validity and rigor of your research. Below is an overview of the research methodology for a Thesis/Dissertation/Project dissertation.

#### **3.1 Research Approach**

Quantitative, Qualitative, or Mixed Methods: Decide on the research approach you will use. Cybersecurity research can involve quantitative methods (e.g., surveys, data analysis), qualitative methods (e.g., interviews, case studies), or a combination of both.

#### **3.2 Research Questions and Hypotheses**

Formulate clear and specific research questions or hypotheses related to your research topic. Your research questions should guide your data collection and analysis.

#### **3.3 Research Design:**

Choose a research design that aligns with your project's goals. Common options include:

**Experimental:** If your project involves testing the effectiveness of new algorithms or technologies.

**Descriptive:** If your project focuses on documenting existing software systems or practices.



**Exploratory:** If your project aims to understand and discover new aspects of software development.

### **3.4 Software Development Methodology**

Select a software development methodology that suits your project. Common methodologies include Agile, Waterfall, Scrum, and DevOps. **EXPLAIN HOW YOU WILL ADAPT THE CHOSEN METHODOLOGY TO YOUR SPECIFIC RESEARCH GOALS.**

### **3.5 Data Collection Methods**

**Surveys:** If you're conducting surveys, explain how you will design the questionnaire, select participants, and administer surveys. Discuss any ethical considerations.

**Interviews:** If interviews are part of your methodology, describe your interview protocol, sampling strategy, and how you will transcribe and analyze the interviews.

**Data Analysis:** Detail how you will analyze the data, whether through statistical software, content analysis, or other methods.

**Secondary Data:** Explain if you will use existing datasets, logs, or reports and how you will access and analyze this data.

### **3.6. Ethical Considerations:**

Discuss ethical concerns related to research interest, including participant privacy, informed consent, and data security. Explain how you will address these issues.

### **3.7 Tools and Software:**

Specify any tools, software, or frameworks you will use in your research, such as network monitoring tools, data analysis software, or simulation platforms.

### **3.8 Research Timeline**

Create a timeline that outlines the various phases of your research, from data collection to analysis and writing. Set realistic deadlines for each phase.

### **3.9 Data Analysis/Evaluation Plan:**

Provide a detailed plan for data analysis, including the statistical or qualitative techniques you will use to answer your research questions or test hypotheses.

### **3.10 Validity and Reliability:**

Discuss how you will ensure the validity and reliability of your research findings. For quantitative research, this might involve discussing measures for data validity and reliability. For qualitative research, explain steps to ensure trustworthiness and credibility.

### **3.11. Data Presentation:**

Describe how you will present your research findings, including the use of tables, charts, and visual representations.

### **3.12 Research Methodology for Software Development**

Research methodology for a software development project involves defining a structured approach to guide the development process and answer research questions or achieve project objectives. Below is a general research methodology framework for a software development project:

#### **1. Project Objectives and Research Questions:**

Clearly state the objectives of your software development project. What are you trying to

#### **6. Data Analysis:**

Specify the data analysis techniques you will use to answer your research questions or assess project outcomes.

For qualitative data, this may include content analysis or thematic coding. For quantitative data, outline statistical analysis methods.

### **7. Software Metrics (if applicable):**

Define the software metrics you will collect and analyze to assess software quality, performance, or other relevant factors. Explain how these metrics relate to your research questions.

### **8. Development Process:**

Detail the steps of the software development process, including requirements gathering, design, implementation, testing, and deployment. Describe any variations or customizations to the standard development process based on your research needs.

### **9. Evaluation Criteria:**

Define the criteria or benchmarks against which you will evaluate the success or effectiveness of the software development project. Explain how these criteria align with your research objectives.

### **10. Ethical Considerations**

Discuss ethical concerns related to your research, including participant privacy, informed consent, and data security. - Outline the steps you will take to address these ethical considerations.

**3.13 For those working on software development projects, you can use the following methodology**

3.11.1 System Design and Methodology

3.11.2 Review of Methodologies (Review at least 4)

3.11.3 Adopted/Adapted Methodology (Discuss the one you picked and why)

3.11.4 System Architecture/Workflow for machine learning project/thesis/dissertator

3.11.5 System Modelling (Use at least 3 UML diagrams to model your software [use case diagram, activity diagram, DFD diagram, sequence diagram, class diagram, etc.])

3.11.6 System Requirements (functional and non-functional requirements) The use of MoSCoW priorities is highly recommended.

3.11.7. Interface Design

3.11.8 Database schema design

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

### **IMPLEMENTATION AND TESTING/ RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

This chapter presents the output of your work. It is majorly dependent on the design and methodology stage. The artefact of all the work done is fully explained

1. A new application
2. Results of simulations done
3. Statistical approaches
4. Modelling (Machine Learning, Deep Learning, persona etc.)

The acceptance, strength and effect of proposed output is presented here. This part is fully your work so no reference except for evaluation and discussion purpose. It is made up of screenshots, figures, tables, relevant illustrations, data presentation (sometimes), data analysis (sometimes) This chapter presents the research findings.

#### **4.1 Implementation**

The acceptance, strength and effect of proposed output is presented here. This part is fully your work so no reference except for evaluation and discussion purpose. It is made up of screenshots, figures, tables, relevant illustrations, data presentation (sometimes), data analysis (sometimes). This chapter presents the research findings

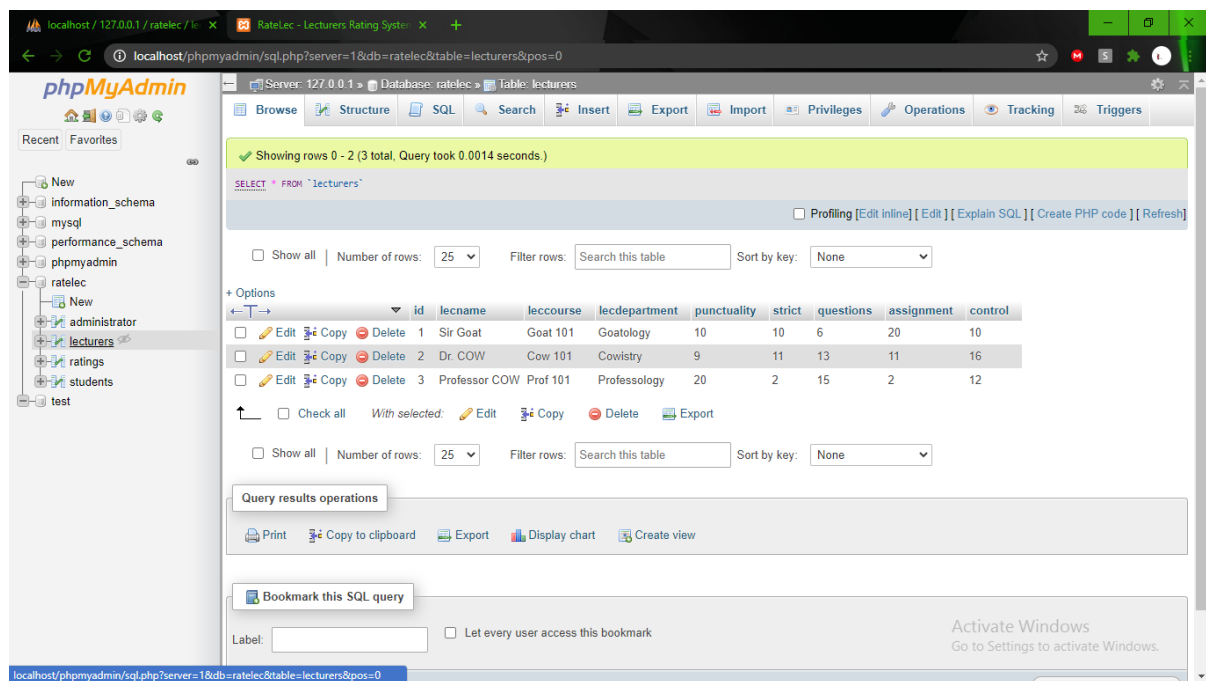
After each diagram there must be enough explanation. Special functions can be presented and explained using code snippets. Someone else should be able to pick your work and understand it fully this should include: Being able to Navigate through your product or artefact. Identify all the features with understanding of how they work,

### 4.1.1 Database Implementation

If a database is used a screenshot of the implemented database is required Information on the features associated with the database is required. Details of how the system communicates and manipulates the data are also required. Remember pictures and diagrams aid in easy understanding but requires a thousand words for comprehensive understanding.

**Figure 2**

*Example of database implementation*



### 4.2 Testing

How do you show that the functional and nonfunctional requirements have been met. Explain the testing approach and methodology employed to evaluate the system. Identify the types of tests conducted (unit tests, integration tests, performance tests, usability/user acceptance tests and system test). Describe the test environment and any test data or scenarios used.

**Figure 3**

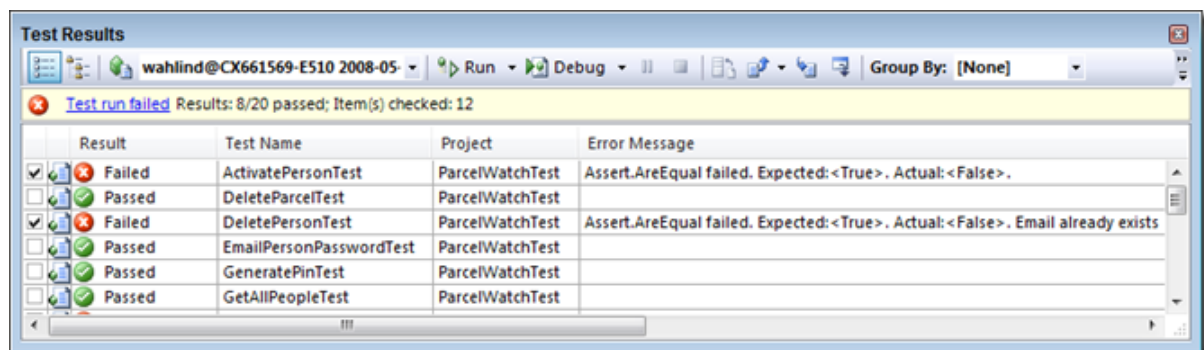
*Example of Testing result*

Function name	Test case				
	1	2	3	4	5
getSubString	success	exception out of range	success	success	exception out of range
electricityTraiff	success	assertion failed	success	assertion failed	success
factorial	success	success	assertion failed	assertion failed	success
insertion_sort	success	success	segment fault	segment fault	segment fault
seqsearch	success	success	success	success	success
fractionCalculator	success	assertion failed	success	success	success

#### 4.2.1 Unit Testing

**Figure 4**

*Example of Unit testing Result*



**Figure 5***Testing Result*

	Priority	Name	Initial Conditions	Steps	Expected Results
1	1	Login attempt: correct login and password	There is a registered user in the system to perform the test on.	1. Correct login and password is entered 2. The "Login" button is clicked	The user successfully logged in to the system
2	2	Login attempt: correct login, incorrect password	There is a registered user in the system to perform the test on.	1. Correct login and incorrect password is entered 2. The "Login" button is clicked	The user did not log in. A message is displayed: "Incorrect login or password"
3	2	Login attempt: incorrect login, incorrect password	-	1. Incorrect login and incorrect password is entered 2. The "Login" button is clicked	The user did not log in. A message is displayed: "Incorrect login or password"

**Figure 6***Usability Testing Result*

S/no.	Question	Very poor	Poor	Neutral	Good	Very good
1	Visibility of system status				√	
2	Match between system and the real world			√		
3	User control and freedom			√		
4	Consistency and standards				√	
5	Error prevention					√
6	Recognition rather than recall					√
7	Flexibility and Efficiency of use			√		
8	Aesthetic and minimalist design				√	
9	Help users recognize, diagnose and recover from errors					√
10	Help and documentation			√		



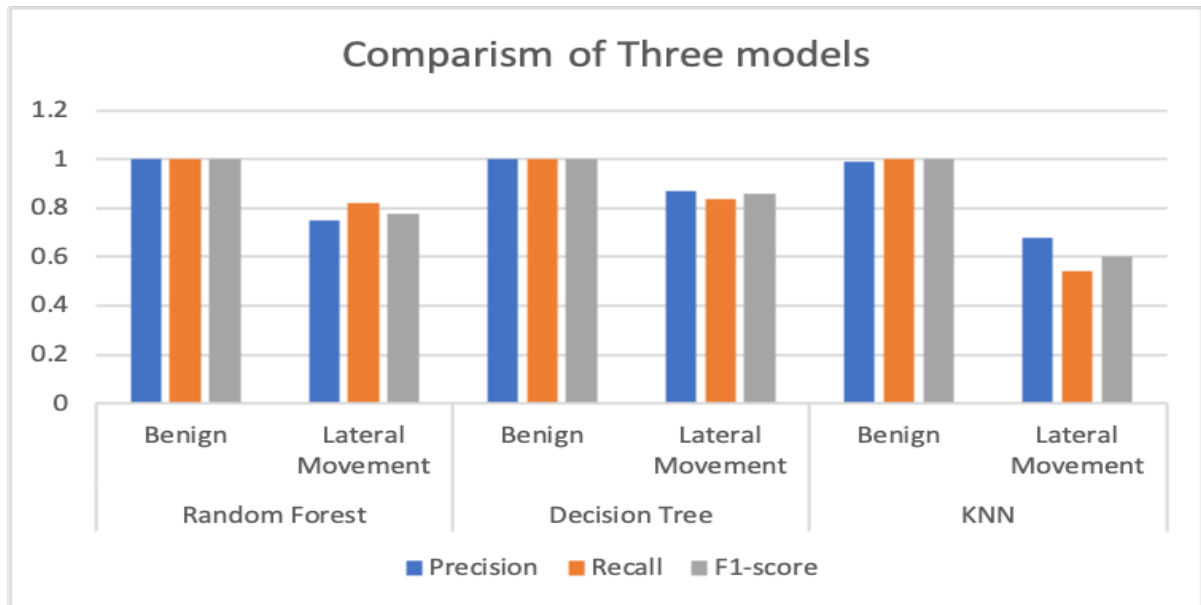
**Figure 7**

*Results Presentation*

Models	Class	Precision	Recall	F1-score	Support
Random Forest	Benign	1.00	1.00	1.00	1915
	Lateral Movement	0.75	0.82	0.78	22
Decision Tree	Benign	1.00	1.00	1.00	1905
	Lateral Movement	0.87	0.84	0.86	32
KNN	Benign	0.99	1.00	1.00	1913
	Lateral Movement	0.68	0.54	0.60	24

**Figure 8**

*Evaluation of ML Results*



**Figure 6**

*System Performance Evaluation*

Author	Method	Accuracy
Chandran et al. (2015)	Random Forest (Application plane)	99.8%
Ghafir et al.(2018)	Machine Learning correlation analysis (Network plane)	84.8%
Schindler (2018)	Support Vector Machine (Application Plane)	98.6%
Adelaiye et al. (2021)	Improved Detection Model (Network plane)	99.95%

#### **4.6 Discussion**

The Discussion presents explanations for the results obtained in the study. Comparison with existing information/earlier works on the subject should always be made. Justification for is agreements with earlier works should be made.

1. Some projects require a discussion section
  - a. Machine Learning Approaches
  - b. Simulation Approach
2. This is a section using paragraph format to;
  - a. Present the results and relate them to the objectives
  - b. Indicate relevance and effect
  - c. Provide significance and how it has outperformed existing methods

## **CHAPTER FIVE**

### **SUMMARY, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

#### **5.1 Summary**

The summary should present highlights of the major findings while the conclusions give an inference drawn from the findings. Challenges encountered during the study should be indicated.

#### **5.2 Conclusion**

Conclusions should be drawn on the basis of the data presented and analyzed, and policy

#### **5.3 Recommendation**

Recommendations should be based on the major findings of the study and stated in precise terms. It should list possible ways of solving problems identified as well as highlight areas for further research.

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Example: Adelaiye, O. I. (2019). *Attacker Persona in Cybercrime activities*. Bingham Press.

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## **APPENDIX A**

Each Appendix should be identified with a letter (A, B, C, ...).

The following list of documents must be included as appendices: • Project Proposal including your original plan

- First Progress Review Report
- code/artefact
- Any other document of importance for validation of work don