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# **CAPSTONE PROJECT**

## **NETWORK INTRUSION DETECTION USING MACHINE LEARNING ON IBM CLOUD**

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# PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Cybersecurity threats are constantly evolving, and it is crucial to have systems that can detect malicious network activity to protect sensitive data.
- The challenge is to create a robust Network Intrusion Detection System (NIDS) capable of analyzing network traffic data.
- The system must be able to automatically identify and classify various types of cyber-attacks (e.g., DoS, Probes) and distinguish them from normal network activity.

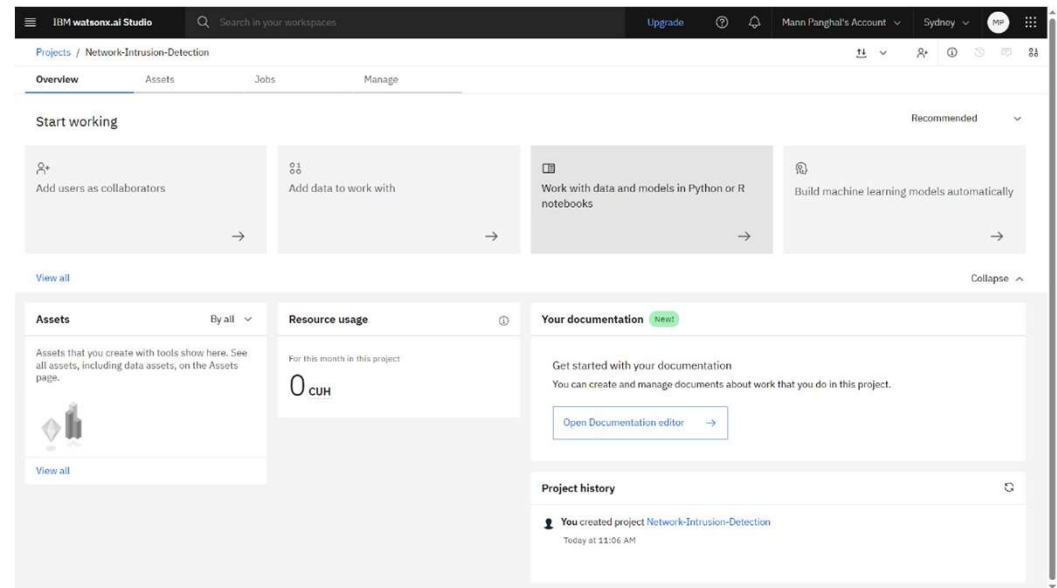
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# PROPOSED SOLUTION

- The proposed solution is to build a Machine Learning model on the IBM Cloud platform that can intelligently classify network traffic.
- **Data-Driven Approach:** We will use a real-world dataset containing thousands of labeled network connections.
- **Model Training:** The model will be trained on this data to learn the specific patterns and characteristics of both normal traffic and various cyber-attacks.
- **Classification:** Once trained, the model will be able to take new, unseen network data and predict whether it is "Normal" or a specific type of "Attack".
- **Cloud-Based:** The entire workflow, from data preparation to model evaluation, will be executed on IBM Cloud Lite services, as required.

# SYSTEM APPROACH

- The project was developed entirely on the IBM Cloud platform, following a structured data science methodology.
- **Cloud Platform:** IBM Cloud (Lite Plan)
- **Primary Service:** IBM Watson Studio, which provided an integrated environment for data storage, coding, and computation.
- **Development Tool:** Jupyter Notebook, for writing and executing Python code interactively.
- **Programming Language:** Python 3.11
- **Key Libraries:**
  - pandas: For data loading, cleaning, and manipulation.
  - scikit-learn: For building and evaluating the machine learning model.

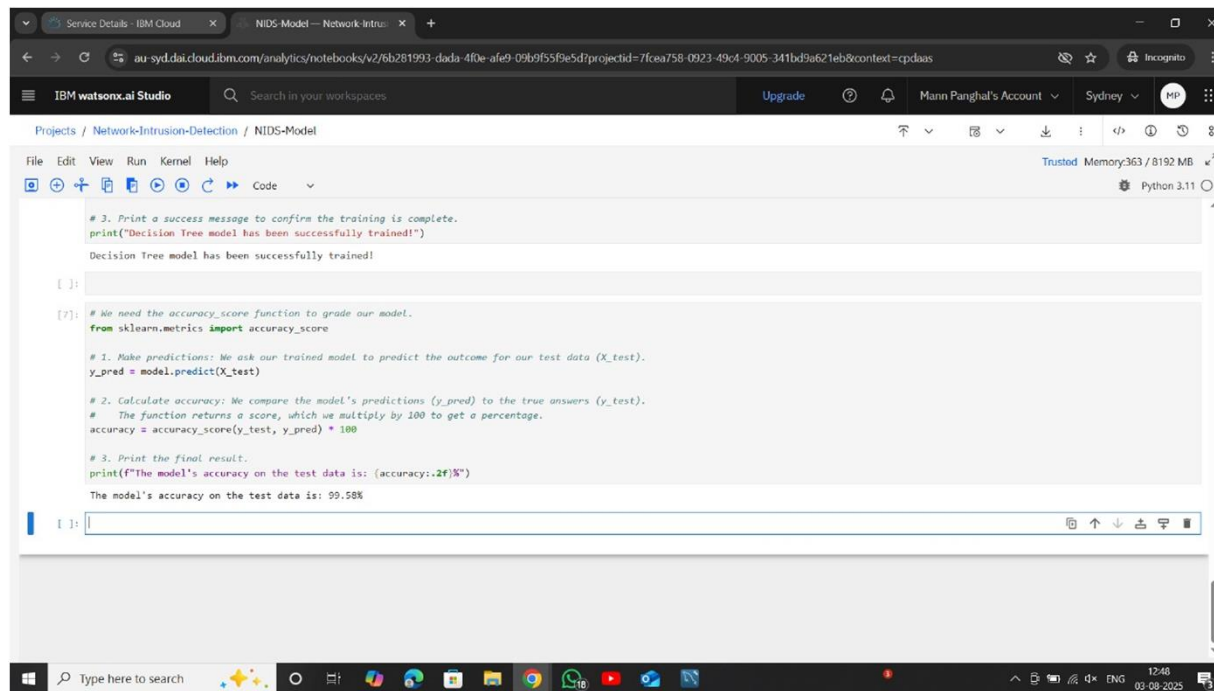


- **Algorithm Selection:** We chose the **Decision Tree Classifier** algorithm. It's a powerful and interpretable model that makes predictions by learning a series of simple "if-then-else" rules from the data.
- **Data Preparation:**
  - The raw text data (e.g., protocol types, service names) was converted into a numerical format using Label Encoding.
  - The dataset was split into two parts: 80% for training the model and 20% for testing its performance.
- **Model Training & Deployment:**
  - The Decision Tree model was trained using the fit() method on the training data within our IBM Watson Studio notebook.
  - This trained model is now ready to make predictions on new data.



# RESULT

- The performance of the trained model was evaluated on the unseen test data. The model demonstrated a very high level of accuracy in correctly classifying network traffic as either normal or an attack.
- **The model achieved a final accuracy of 99.58%.**
- This result proves that our machine learning approach is highly effective for building a Network Intrusion Detection System.



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# 3. Print a success message to confirm the training is complete.
print("Decision Tree model has been successfully trained!")
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[7]: # We need the accuracy_score function to grade our model.
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

# 1. Make predictions: We ask our trained model to predict the outcome for our test data (X_test).
y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

# 2. Calculate accuracy: We compare the model's predictions (y_pred) to the true answers (y_test).
# The function returns a score, which we multiply by 100 to get a percentage.
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred) * 100

# 3. Print the final result.
print(f"The model's accuracy on the test data is: (accuracy:.2f)%")
The model's accuracy on the test data is: 99.58%
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# CONCLUSION

- This project successfully demonstrated the creation of a robust Network Intrusion Detection System using machine learning on the IBM Cloud platform.
- The Decision Tree model proved to be highly effective, achieving an accuracy of over 99.5%, which is excellent for this type of security application.
- The project confirms that a data-driven approach is a powerful and practical way to identify and classify modern cybersecurity threats.



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## FUTURE SCOPE

- While the current model is very accurate, there are several ways this project could be expanded in the future:
- **Try Advanced Algorithms:** Implement more complex models like Random Forest or Neural Networks to potentially improve accuracy even further.
- **Real-Time Deployment:** Deploy the trained model as a live API service on IBM Cloud. This would allow it to analyze network traffic in real-time.
- **Larger Datasets:** Use a larger, more modern dataset to train the model on the very latest attack patterns.

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# REFERENCES

- **Dataset:** Network Intrusion Detection Dataset, Kaggle.

URL: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/sampadab17/network-intrusion-detection>

- **Libraries:**

Pandas Documentation: <https://pandas.pydata.org/>

Scikit-learn Documentation: <https://scikit-learn.org/>

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