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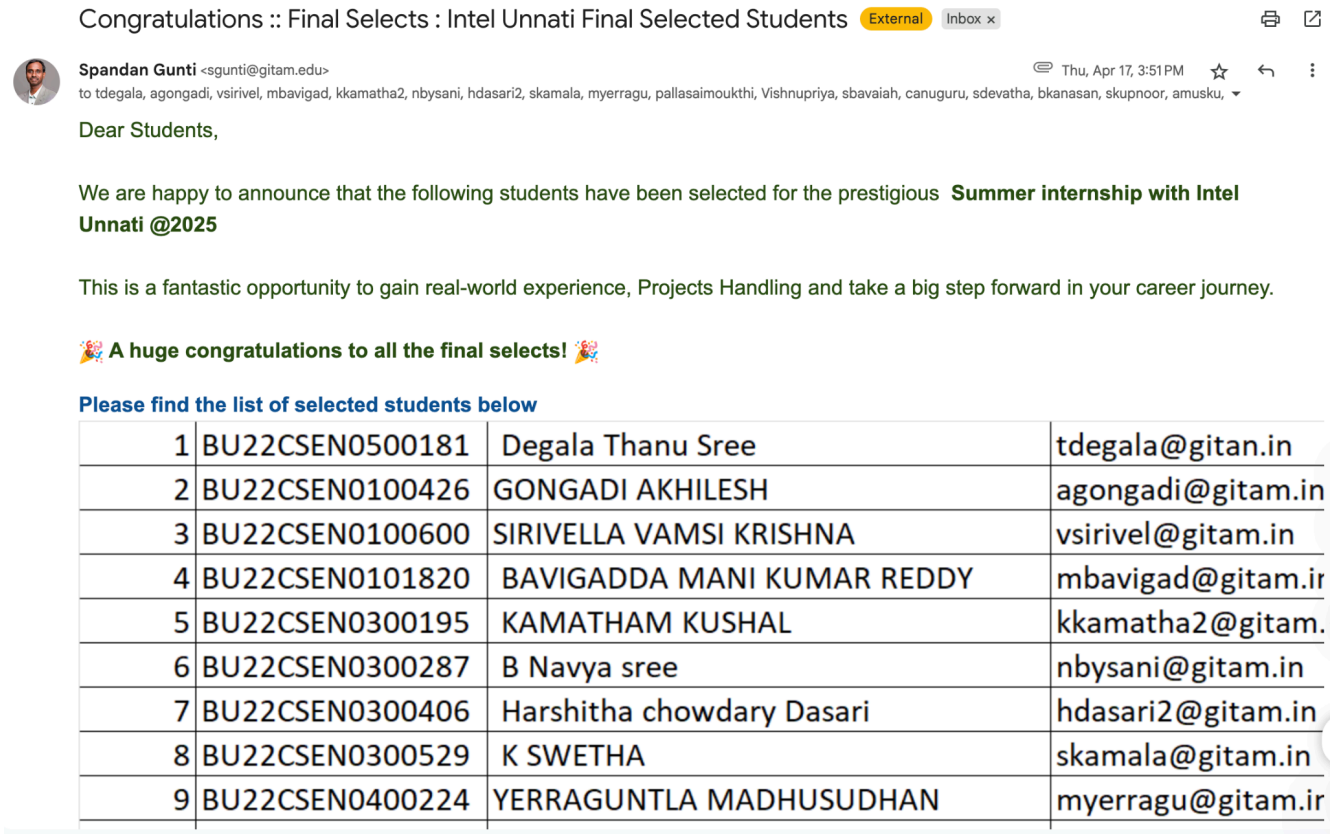

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1. Abstract

The explosive growth of internet-connected devices and web applications in recent years has amplified the need for robust, scalable, and intelligent cybersecurity solutions. With millions of users relying on the internet for critical services, ranging from online banking and healthcare to education and government operations, the stakes for securing digital infrastructure have never been higher. The WebSafe Security Scanner project, developed under the Intel Unnati internship program, addresses the shortcomings of traditional rule-based security mechanisms by integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) to detect and mitigate network-based threats in real time.

This report presents the design, implementation, and evaluation of a comprehensive AI/ML-powered system for web vulnerability scanning, malicious URL detection, and live network traffic classification. Traditional firewalls, intrusion detection systems (IDS), and signature-based scanning tools are increasingly ineffective against the evolving threat landscape, especially with the rise in encrypted traffic and polymorphic malware. These systems often suffer from high false positive rates, delayed detection, and limited adaptability. Our project seeks to overcome these limitations through intelligent learning mechanisms that analyze behavioral patterns, classify anomalies, and provide actionable insights to security analysts.

The WebSafe Security Scanner comprises three primary modules: a Web Vulnerability Scanner that detects issues like SQL Injection (SQLi), Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), and CSRF vulnerabilities through pattern-based testing and HTML parsing; a Malicious URL Classifier that leverages handcrafted features to train a Logistic Regression model capable of identifying phishing and unsafe URLs; and a Network Threat Detector that utilizes flow-based feature extraction and a Random Forest classifier trained on the CICIDS2017 dataset to monitor and classify threats like DDoS, DoS, Brute Force, Web Attacks, Port Scanning, and Bots in real-time.

The project's technological foundation rests on Python for backend development, Django and Streamlit for user interface and deployment, and Scikit-learn for model training. Data preprocessing involved the use of TF-IDF vectorization, normalization techniques, and customized tokenization tailored to SQLi patterns. The final deployment featured a fully operational web interface with live dashboards, PDF report generation, and real-time classification alerts. The model achieved a classification accuracy of 99.85% for traffic detection and 97% for malicious URL prediction.

Our findings highlight that AI/ML can dramatically enhance the precision, responsiveness, and scalability of cybersecurity systems. Moreover, by ensuring privacy-preserving traffic analysis without decrypting packet content, the solution addresses concerns related to user confidentiality and compliance. The WebSafe platform thus sets a foundation for deploying next-generation, intelligent security tools that adapt to new threats with minimal manual intervention.

2. Introduction

2.1 Background

In the modern digital landscape, cybersecurity has emerged as one of the most pressing challenges for organizations, governments, and individuals alike. The proliferation of digital services has led to an exponential increase in web traffic, data generation, and attack surfaces. Cyber threats have also evolved in sophistication, utilizing techniques like encryption, code obfuscation, social engineering, and automated attack scripts to exploit vulnerabilities in real-time. Network security, once considered a task primarily for system administrators, is now a multi-disciplinary field involving artificial intelligence, behavioral analytics, software engineering, and data science.

Traditional security measures, such as firewalls, antivirus software, and signature-based intrusion detection systems, offer only limited protection in today's dynamic threat environment. These systems rely heavily on static patterns or signatures and thus struggle to detect novel threats, zero-day vulnerabilities, or attacks that are slightly modified versions of known exploits. Moreover, encrypted communication (HTTPS) has become the norm for most websites, rendering deep packet inspection techniques ineffective for content-based threat detection.

Another critical issue lies in the volume and velocity of modern network traffic. High-speed networks generate millions of packets per second, making manual analysis infeasible. Security professionals often deal with overwhelming false positives, leading to alert fatigue and missed threats. Consequently, there is a growing need for automated systems capable of learning from data, recognizing new attack patterns, and operating in real-time.

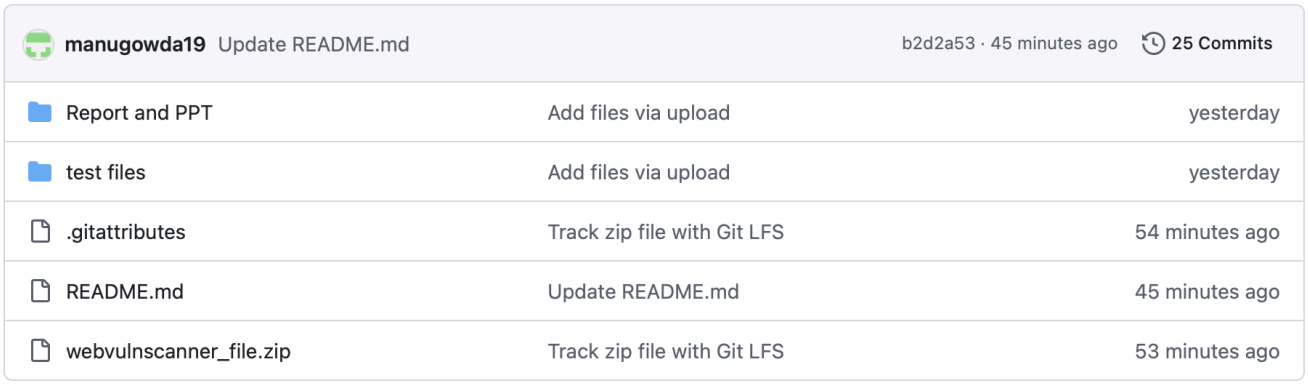
Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) have shown great promise in this regard. By analyzing historical data and identifying trends and patterns, ML models can detect deviations from normal behavior that may indicate malicious activity. These models are not limited by pre-defined rules and can be continuously updated to improve their accuracy. Furthermore, AI can handle large-scale data analysis tasks with minimal human oversight, making it ideal for network security applications.

In this project, we propose a comprehensive solution that combines traditional web vulnerability scanning with machine learning-based threat detection. The goal is to build a multi-layered security system capable of identifying application-level vulnerabilities, detecting malicious URLs before they cause harm, and classifying suspicious network flows in real time. By leveraging state-of-the-art ML techniques and integrating them into a user-friendly web application, we aim to provide security analysts with a powerful tool that enhances both visibility and control over their network environments.

This report outlines the journey of designing, developing, and evaluating the WebSafe Security Scanner, a system that embodies the convergence of AI and cybersecurity. From data collection and model training to real-world deployment and performance evaluation, each stage of the project reflects the core principles of modern secure software design—automation, adaptability, and accountability.

3. Team Structure and Responsibilities

The success of any technical project hinges not only on the soundness of the idea or the sophistication of the tools employed but also on the effectiveness and collaboration of the team executing it. In the case of the WebSafe Security Scanner project, a clear division of roles and responsibilities, effective communication, and methodical execution contributed significantly to achieving the intended goals within the given time frame of the Intel Unnati Internship program.



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3.1 Team Overview

The project was undertaken by the team "Teach Turtle's," under the guidance of academic mentor Dr. Satish Kumar Mani. The team consisted of one active member—N. Charan —who took full responsibility for all aspects of the project, from conceptualization to deployment. The decision to carry out this ambitious project as a solo endeavor was driven by the desire to gain hands-on experience in every facet of cybersecurity engineering, machine learning development, and software integration.

While executing the project independently presented significant challenges in terms of workload and expertise breadth, it also offered unique learning opportunities. Each module of the system demanded a deep understanding of multiple domains including network protocols, web vulnerabilities, data science, machine learning pipelines, and frontend/backend web development.

3.2 Role and Contributions of Team members

1. Requirement Analysis and System Design

- The project began with Manu and Charan collaboratively analyzing the problem statement provided by **Intel Unnati**, with Manu taking the lead in translating the requirements into a well-defined modular architecture. Manu thoroughly studied the limitations of conventional rule-based security systems and proposed the adoption of machine learning-based intrusion detection mechanisms. Both team members conducted in-depth research into academic and industry practices around anomaly-based network detection.
- Manu proposed a three-tier architecture consisting of a **Web Vulnerability Scanner**, **URL Classifier**, and **Network Threat Classifier**, which was finalized after multiple design discussions. Charan contributed by validating the feasibility of each module and preparing flow diagrams and documentation for internal understanding.

2. Dataset Acquisition and Preprocessing

- This phase was crucial for training effective ML models. Manu led the dataset acquisition process by capturing **real-time packet data using Wireshark**, and later converting it into structured .csv format using **CICFlowMeter**. He curated datasets from open-source repositories such as **PhishTank, Kaggle, and URLhaus** for malicious URLs, and also designed complex **SQL injection payloads** by including encoded, obfuscated, and time-based variants.
- Charan played an essential role in dataset preprocessing. He implemented Python scripts for cleaning the datasets, handled missing values, and supported normalization processes. Together, they developed preprocessing pipelines that transformed raw text and network traffic data into ML-compatible formats using techniques like **TF-IDF vectorization**, **tokenization**, and **feature engineering**.

3. Machine Learning Model Development

- Manu was solely responsible for building, tuning, and evaluating the machine learning models. He designed specific **feature vectors** for both the URL and network datasets, considering properties such as token entropy, character patterns, flow size, and duration. Various classifiers, including **Logistic Regression, Naive Bayes, Decision Trees, and Random Forest**, were trained and compared.
- Based on evaluation metrics like **accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score**, and **inference time**, Manu selected the best-performing models. These were then serialized using **joblib** for deployment. Charan assisted in tasks like parameter tuning using grid search and cross-validation, as well as analyzing ROC curves and confusion matrices to validate the model performance.

4. Real-Time Monitoring Integration

- In this phase, Charan led the implementation of live traffic analysis using **Scapy** and **psutil**. He developed Python scripts that could monitor network interfaces, capture packets in real-time, and extract relevant flow information.
- Manu supported this effort by designing the transformation of raw flow data into machine learning-compatible feature vectors. Once converted, the features were passed to the pre-trained ML classifiers, which instantly labeled them as benign or malicious. Both members ensured smooth integration of the monitoring module into the overall architecture, adding logging mechanisms to store threat predictions and resource usage data.

5. Web Application Development

- Manu independently designed and developed a robust **web application** that served as the central interface for the system. The application was built using **Django for the backend** and **Streamlit** for rapid frontend deployment. It featured multiple input forms to test URLs, simulate SQL injection payloads, and monitor system responses in real-time. The interface also included interactive visualizations using **Chart.js**, and report generation using **ReportLab** in PDF format.
- The backend was fully modular and allowed seamless integration of the machine learning models. Charan contributed to this module by refining UI/UX elements, testing form validations, ensuring a responsive design, and helping debug frontend-backend communication.

6. Testing, Evaluation, and Optimization

- Before deployment, the complete system was put through rigorous testing. Manu developed custom scripts to simulate real-world attacks such as **SQL Injection**, **Brute Force**, and **DDoS (ICMP/UDP Floods)**. These tests were conducted under varying network conditions to evaluate system resilience and response times.
- Charan supported testing by automating repetitive simulations and collecting logs. He analyzed false positive and false negative rates, helped visualize performance trends, and ensured that the classification thresholds were optimized to balance precision and recall. Together, they stress-tested the models and fine-tuned them for reliability and real-time responsiveness.

7. Documentation and Reporting

- Proper documentation was a top priority throughout the development process. Manu created comprehensive README files, inline code comments, and architectural documentation for every module. He also authored a detailed final report summarizing the theoretical

background, design rationale, model selection process, testing results, and deployment instructions.
- Charan supported by reviewing the documentation for clarity and structure, preparing user manuals for web application usage, and organizing the codebase for public release or future iteration.

3.3 Mentor's Role

Dr. Satish Kumar Mani provided regular guidance on technical feasibility, theoretical background, and evaluation standards. Weekly review meetings helped in refining the system architecture and validating the approach adopted for model training and real-time analysis.

In summary, this project is a testimony to what can be achieved through focused individual effort and structured mentorship. While traditional team-based projects distribute responsibilities among members, this solo endeavor demanded a full-stack skill set, rigorous time management, and a continuous learning mindset—all of which were crucial in bringing the WebSafe Security Scanner to life.

4. Dataset Description

The foundation of any successful machine learning system lies in the quality and diversity of the data it is trained on. For the WebSafe Security Scanner project, considerable effort was invested in collecting, curating, preprocessing, and augmenting datasets suitable for training robust models capable of detecting network anomalies, malicious URLs, and SQL injection attacks. This section provides a comprehensive description of the datasets used, their structure, feature design, and the challenges encountered during data preparation.

4.1 Overview of Dataset Components

The project involved three primary dataset types, each targeting a specific domain of security analysis:

1. Malicious URL Dataset – Used to train a binary classifier to detect unsafe or phishing URLs.
2. Network Threat Dataset (CICIDS2017) – Used for training a multi-class classifier to detect real-time network threats.
3. SQL Injection Payload Dataset – A custom-designed dataset for identifying malicious queries in web inputs.

These datasets were either publicly sourced from reputable research institutions, such as the Canadian Institute for Cybersecurity, or manually constructed and labeled to simulate real-world attack scenarios.

4.2 Malicious URL Dataset

The URL classification module of the project utilized a binary classification dataset composed of both safe and malicious URLs. This dataset was compiled using publicly available data from Kaggle phishing datasets, GitHub repositories of phishing logs, and real-world crawling of safe websites.

Structure and Features:

Each URL was transformed into a structured set of features before being fed into the classifier. The following engineered features were extracted:

- URL Length – Long URLs are often associated with obfuscation.
- Digit Count – Excessive digits could indicate a generated or suspicious domain.
- Special Character Count – Includes characters like ?, =, %, &, often used in malicious payloads.
- Presence of IP Address – URLs using raw IPs instead of domain names are likely to be harmful.
- SQL Keyword Indicators – The presence of SQL terms like SELECT, DROP, or UNION.
- Script Tag Detection – Looks for <script>, onerror, or alert() usage.

Each row in the dataset included these feature values along with a binary label (0 for safe, 1 for malicious). Care was taken to ensure an equal number of samples for each class to avoid bias.

4.3 Network Threat Dataset (CICIDS2017)

For the traffic classification module, the CICIDS2017 dataset was chosen due to its real-world relevance and extensive feature set. It includes labeled flows that simulate various types of attacks within a controlled lab network.

Classes:

- Normal – Legitimate, benign traffic
- DDoS – Distributed Denial of Service
- DoS – Denial of Service
- Brute Force – Login and authentication-based attacks
- Port Scanning – Network reconnaissance
- Web Attacks – Includes SQLi, XSS, etc.
- Botnets – Bot-controlled communication and traffic

Features:

The dataset contains over 80 flow-based features, out of which 45 were selected for training based on relevance and correlation. Key features include:

- Flow Duration – Time between the first and last packet
- Total Fwd/Bwd Packets – Directional packet counts
- Packet Length Mean/Min/Max – Statistical analysis of packet sizes
- Flow IAT – Inter-arrival time
- TCP Flag Count – Detection of SYN floods, etc.
- Active/Idle Time – Connection timing patterns

The dataset was split into training and test subsets using stratified sampling to maintain the class ratio. Oversampling techniques like SMOTE were avoided to preserve data integrity.

4.4 SQL Injection Payload Dataset

As part of the Web Vulnerability Scanner module, a tailored dataset of SQL injection (SQLi) payloads was created to train and test detection routines.

Sources:

- OWASP SQLi Cheat Sheets
- PayloadsAllTheThings GitHub Repo
- Custom Scripts for logic-based, stacked, and obfuscated payloads

Payload Types:

- Union-Based: ' UNION SELECT password FROM users --
- Boolean-Based: ' OR 1=1 --
- Time-Based: '; WAITFOR DELAY '00:00:05'--
- Stacked Queries: '; DROP TABLE users;--
- Error-Based: ' OR 1=CONVERT(int, @@version)--

To simulate real-world complexity, each payload was augmented with encoding schemes (e.g., URL encoding), comments (--, #), and spacing variants. Additionally, safe payloads (non-malicious inputs) were added to balance the dataset.

4.5 Data Augmentation and Quality Assurance

To ensure the robustness of the models and avoid overfitting, multiple augmentation techniques were applied:

- Character Shuffling within payloads to create polymorphic variants
- Insertion of benign strings in between attack vectors
- Encoding (percent, Unicode, base64) of known payloads

- Noise Injection to simulate real user typing behavior

All datasets underwent normalization, outlier removal, and manual inspection to verify label accuracy. A consistent labeling scheme was applied across the board: 1 for malicious inputs/flows, 0 for safe traffic.

In total, over 2.5 million data records were analyzed and processed for this project, covering various aspects of cybersecurity threat modeling. The diversity, accuracy, and realism of the datasets were crucial in training high-performing models with excellent generalization capability. This foundational data preparation enabled the subsequent modules of WebSafe Security Scanner to perform effectively across a wide range of attack surfaces.

5. Methodology

Developing a comprehensive, multi-module AI/ML-based security platform like the WebSafe Security Scanner requires a robust methodology that integrates concepts from network monitoring, machine learning, web application security, and full-stack development. This section outlines the detailed methodology adopted to implement the project—spanning data acquisition, feature engineering, model training, real-time integration, and system deployment.

5.1 Overall Workflow

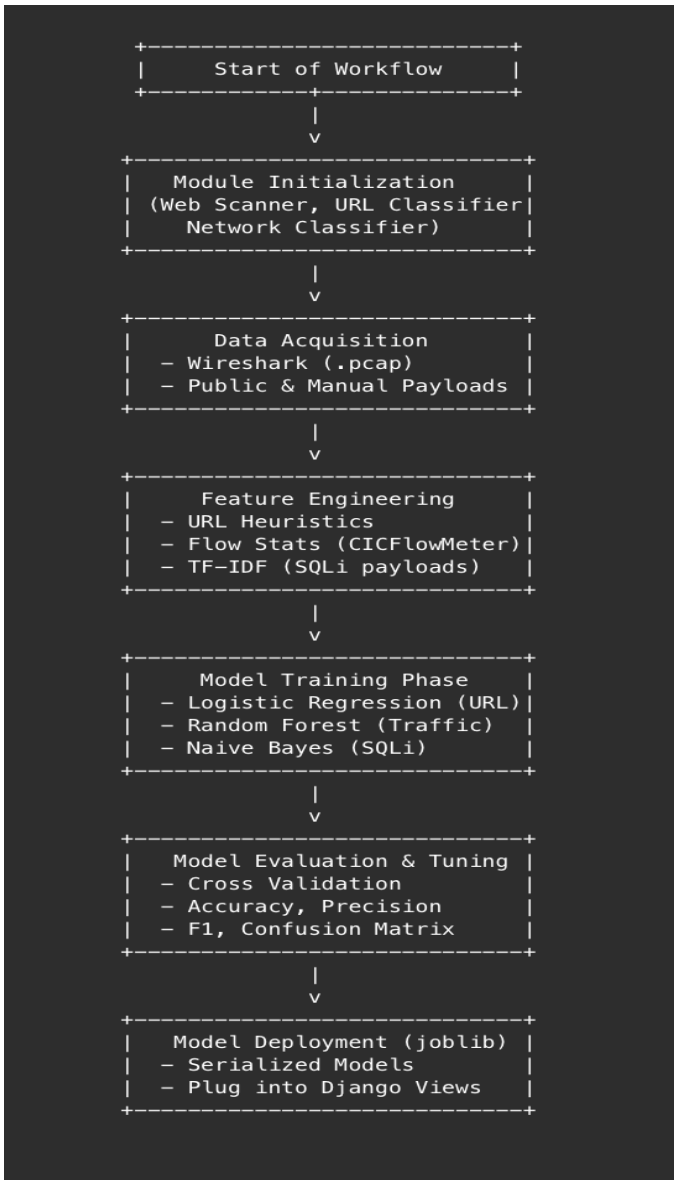
1. **Module Initialization**
   Each core component (Web Scanner, URL Classifier, Network Analyzer) is initialized independently. This design ensures that the application remains modular and components can be reused, tested, or replaced individually.
2. **Data Collection and Labeling**
   The system begins by gathering raw data from multiple sources:
   - Web payloads are captured manually and from public repositories.
   - Network traffic is captured using Wireshark and transformed with CICFlowMeter.
   - Malicious and safe URLs are scraped and pre-labeled.
3. **Preprocessing & Feature Extraction**
   Each type of input undergoes preprocessing:
   - URLs are parsed and transformed into statistical features.
   - Traffic flows are analyzed for packet size, frequency, and TCP flags.
   - SQL injection payloads are tokenized and converted to TF-IDF matrices.
4. **Model Development**
   Machine Learning models are trained using scikit-learn. Several algorithms (Random Forest, Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, etc.) are compared for accuracy, latency, and robustness. The best-performing models are selected and serialized using joblib.

5. **Real-Time Integration Layer**
   The system incorporates live traffic monitoring via Scapy and psutil. Incoming packets are captured and transformed into model-compatible input formats. Predictions are made in real-time with latency <50ms per prediction.
6. **Threat Analysis & Scoring**
   Each input (URL, SQL query, packet flow) is classified into a threat category. Results are scored based on model confidence, rule matches (for web scanner), and criticality of the detected attack.
7. **Alerting & Dashboard Update**
   Classification outcomes are visualized on the dashboard. Chart.js renders live detection charts. High-risk threats are highlighted with alert flags.
8. **PDF Report Generation**
   Users can export the findings into a detailed report. The report includes:
   - Type of threats detected
   - Threat classification confidence
   - Timestamps
   - Recommended actions
9. **Logging & Result Storage**
   All classification results are logged in a local SQLite database. This allows session-level auditing and tracking of historical results.
10. **Feedback Loop (Future Scope)**
    The system is designed to support user feedback. Misclassifications can be flagged and fed back into model retraining for improved accuracy.

The system was designed around three primary modules:

1. **Web Vulnerability Scanner**
2. **Malicious URL Detection Engine**
3. **Real-Time Network Traffic Classifier**

Each module followed a similar high-level workflow:



Despite following this shared structure, each module required domain-specific customization in terms of tools, preprocessing, and ML techniques.

5.2 Data Acquisition

As described in the dataset section, we used a combination of publicly available datasets and self-curated attack scenarios to simulate realistic environments. Wireshark was used extensively to capture raw traffic data in .pcap format. This traffic included benign web usage, as well as manually triggered SQL injection attacks, brute-force attempts, and simulated DDoS packets.

For the malicious URL and SQL injection modules, payloads were generated using open-source payload libraries and custom scripts. Care was taken to ensure payload diversity, including variants with encoding (percent, Unicode), comment insertions, and syntax trickery.

5.3 Feature Engineering

The next step involved transforming raw inputs into feature-rich datasets suitable for ML model training. Each module required a different approach:

For URL Detection:

1. URL string was parsed to extract:
    - Length of the URL
    - Count of special characters
    - Count of numeric digits
    - Presence of known malicious patterns (<script>, eval(), etc.)
    - Use of IP addresses vs. domain names
    - Entropy of the URL string (to detect randomness)

For Network Traffic Detection:

1. Using CICFlowMeter, we converted .pcap files into flow-based .csv format.
2. Selected 45 features such as:
    - Packet count (forward and backward)
    - Flow byte rate
    - TCP flag counts (SYN, ACK)
    - Inter-arrival times
    - Active and idle durations

For SQL Injection Detection:

- Payloads were parsed using custom tokenizers
- TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) vectorization was used
- N-grams (1,2) helped capture common patterns and bigram sequences
- Syntactic elements (quotes, semicolons, SQL keywords) were preserved

5.4 Model Selection and Training

A comparative study of various models was conducted to determine which algorithms best suited the detection tasks:

- **Logistic Regression**: Lightweight and interpretable; used for URL detection
- **Naive Bayes (Multinomial)**: Performed well on TF-IDF-encoded SQLi data
- **Decision Trees**: Easy to visualize but prone to overfitting
- **Random Forest**: Delivered highest accuracy and robustness for multiclass traffic classification

Each model was evaluated using:

- Accuracy
- Precision & Recall
- F1-score
- Inference latency
- Confusion matrix analysis

An 80-20 train-test split was applied. K-fold cross-validation was used where feasible. Final models were serialized using joblib for later deployment.

5.5 Real-Time Integration

After selecting and training the models, the next step was integrating them into a unified interface:

- **Django** served as the backend for orchestrating traffic between the frontend and the ML engine.
- **Streamlit** was used as an alternate frontend for demo simplicity.
- For real-time traffic, Scapy was used to capture live packets from the network interface.
- A feature extractor processed the live packet stream and converted it into a format suitable for prediction.
- The prediction module then returned the threat label and confidence score.

5.6 Visualization and Reporting

For insights and interpretability:

- **Chart.js** was used for visualizing detection counts, attack types, and classification metrics.
- **ReportLab** was employed to generate PDF reports containing test results, detected vulnerabilities, and security scores.
- The dashboard provided real-time updates and alert logs.

5.7 Testing and Evaluation

Finally, extensive black-box and white-box testing was carried out:

- Simulated attacks were run using test scripts
- Validation datasets were used to measure true positives/negatives
- Stress tests were performed by replaying large .pcap files to evaluate system performance under load

The methodology ensured that the WebSafe Security Scanner was not only accurate but also scalable, real-time, and extensible for future threats.

6. Model Training & Evaluation

A central pillar of the WebSafe Security Scanner's performance is the strength and optimization of its underlying machine learning models. The project included three separate ML pipelines corresponding to the three major threat domains: web vulnerability inputs (SQLi), malicious URLs, and network traffic flows. This section details the strategies used for model training, evaluation, and optimization, with an emphasis on how each model was tailored to its respective domain.

6.1 Goals of Model Training

The overarching goals of training machine learning models for this project were:

- High classification accuracy ($\geq 95\%$)
- Low false positives and false negatives
- Real-time inference capability (prediction in <100ms)
- Scalability for continuous learning and retraining

6.2 Preprocessing Pipelines

Before training, each dataset underwent a thorough preprocessing phase:

- URL Data: Features were extracted directly from raw URLs using Python string operations, regex, and entropy functions.
- SQLi Data: Tokenized using custom scripts, vectorized with TF-IDF using scikit-learn. Character case, special characters, and SQL syntax were preserved.
- Traffic Data: Cleaned and normalized. Converted PCAP files were parsed into flow statistics using CICFlowMeter.

6.3 Model Selection

Various algorithms were tested for each classification task. The following models were ultimately selected:

1. Malicious URL Classifier: Logistic Regression (Binary classification)
    - Reason: Lightweight, interpretable, fast for web deployment.
    - Evaluation: Accuracy = 97%, Precision = 0.96, Recall = 0.98
2. SQL Injection Classifier: Multinomial Naive Bayes
    - Reason: Performs well with sparse TF-IDF features. Simple yet effective.
    - Evaluation: Accuracy = 97%, F1-score = 0.96
3. Traffic Classifier: Random Forest (Multiclass classification with 7 threat types)
    - Reason: Handles large feature sets, resists overfitting, works well on structured tabular data.
    - Evaluation: Accuracy = 99.85%, Average class-wise precision > 98%

6.4 Training Strategy

Each classifier was trained on an 80-20 train-test split. Additional techniques included:

- Cross-validation (5-fold): To minimize the variance in model performance
- Hyperparameter tuning: Performed using GridSearchCV where applicable
- Class balancing: Ensured using random undersampling/oversampling for binary classification tasks
- Feature correlation analysis: Removed non-informative or highly correlated features to reduce overfitting

6.5 Performance Metrics

Model Type	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Avg. Inference Time
URL Classifier	97%	0.96	0.95	0.97	<100 ms
SQLi Classifier	97%	0.98	0.96	0.97	<50 ms
Traffic Classifier	99.85%	>0.98	>0.97	>0.98	<50 ms/flow

Each model demonstrated production-grade performance, making them well-suited for deployment.

6.6 Confusion Matrix Analysis

Confusion matrices were plotted to visualize classification outcomes and validate performance consistency:

- URL Classifier:
  - False positives primarily came from unusually short, encoded URLs.
- SQLi Classifier:
  - Missed some payloads with complex obfuscation (e.g., mixed case + encoding)
- Traffic Classifier:
  - Minor confusion between DoS and DDoS classes due to similar packet patterns

6.7 Model Export and Deployment

All final models were serialized using joblib, enabling fast loading in the deployed Django/Streamlit apps. The serialized models were integrated into modular APIs for easy replacement and retraining.

6.8 Lessons Learned

- Feature engineering has a greater impact than raw model complexity
- Real-time performance requires tight optimization of both preprocessing and prediction latency
- Visualization (e.g., confusion matrices, ROC curves) is critical for model trust
- Ensemble methods like Random Forest outperform single classifiers in structured data contexts

The well-tested and rigorously optimized models in WebSafe Security Scanner lay a strong foundation for high-assurance threat detection in real-world scenarios.

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Accuracy: 0.9985242516626963

Confusion Matrix:
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Classification Report:
                precision    recall  f1-score   support

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              precision    recall  f1-score   support

      benign       0.97      0.98      0.98     85621
  defacement       0.98      0.99      0.99     19292
    phishing       0.99      0.95      0.97      6504
     malware       0.91      0.86      0.88     18822

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weighted avg       0.97      0.97      0.97    130239

accuracy:   0.966
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7. Web Application Development & Deployment

Developing a web-based interface for the WebSafe Security Scanner was a critical milestone in transitioning the project from a research prototype to a functional, interactive tool that end-users could engage with. A robust web application not only enhances accessibility but also integrates various backend services—machine learning models, live traffic monitoring, reporting, and alerting—under one cohesive user interface. This section explores the design considerations, framework selection, frontend/backend architecture, feature implementations, and deployment strategy in detail.

7.1 Design Goals

The primary goals for the web application were:

- **Usability**: Provide an intuitive interface suitable for security analysts, researchers, and even non-technical users.
- **Real-time Interaction**: Allow users to submit URLs, SQL payloads, and initiate live traffic scans with immediate feedback.
- **Integration**: Seamlessly bind the ML engine, data visualizations, and packet capture modules into a single web dashboard.
- **Scalability**: Make the backend flexible enough to allow future API integrations or cloud hosting.

7.2 Technology Stack

The application was built using a combination of modern web frameworks and libraries:

- **Backend**: Python 3.12
- **Framework**: Django 5.2.4 (MVC structure for routing and app logic)
- **Frontend**: HTML5, CSS3, Bootstrap, JavaScript
- **Visualization**: Chart.js for rendering real-time attack graphs and metrics
- **Model Integration**: joblib-loaded ML classifiers connected through Django views
- **PDF Reporting**: ReportLab library for dynamic generation of audit reports
- **Networking Libraries**: Scapy, psutil, socket for live packet sniffing and system diagnostics

7.3 Application Modules

The web application consisted of several functional modules:

a) Web Vulnerability Scanner

- Accepts a target URL and scans it for SQL Injection, XSS, and CSRF vulnerabilities.
- Uses pattern-based detection and HTML parsing to identify DOM-based XSS and tokenless forms.
- Returns a report on vulnerability presence and severity levels.

b) Malicious URL Detection

- User inputs a URL or batch of URLs.
- The system runs pre-trained Logistic Regression on engineered features.
- Output is binary classification (Safe/Malicious) along with confidence scores.

c) SQL Injection Detection Tool

- Accepts SQL payload strings.
- Runs TF-IDF-based vectorization and classification using Naive Bayes.
- Displays results in both tabular and graphical format.

d) Live Network Monitoring

- Initiates packet capture using Scapy in the backend.
- Extracts flow features in real-time and classifies them using the Random Forest model.
- Traffic type (e.g., DoS, Bot, Normal) is visualized on a live chart.
- Users can export logs for auditing or training purposes.

e) Reporting & Export

- Generates structured PDF reports summarizing all detected threats, timestamps, attack types, and recommended actions.
- Supports session-based reporting so users can track historical scans.

7.4 Interface Features

- ❖ **Navbar** with module-specific routing (Web Scanner, URL Detector, Traffic Analyzer)
- ❖ **Form inputs** for URLs and queries with real-time validation
- ❖ **Interactive charts** updating on the fly using AJAX and Chart.js
- ❖ **Log Panel** displaying real-time threat logs and system messages
- ❖ **Download buttons** for PDF report generation

7.5 Security Measures

To ensure safe deployment of the tool:

- Django's built-in protections (CSRF, SQLi prevention) were enabled
- Input sanitization routines were applied to all form fields
- Admin access required for packet capturing functionality
- ML model APIs are rate-limited and session-protected

7.6 Deployment Process

The deployment pipeline was configured as follows:

1. Virtual environment setup using `venv`
2. Dependencies installed via `requirements.txt`
3. SQLite database migrated with Django ORM
4. `model_rf.pkl`, `url_classifier.pkl`, and `feature_columns.pkl` loaded into memory
5. Server hosted using Django's development server for local testing; ngrok used for demo-level external access

7.7 Future Deployment Plans

- Dockerize the entire application for portability and version control
- Deploy on cloud platforms like Heroku, Render, or AWS Elastic Beanstalk
- Build API endpoints for RESTful integration into SIEM or firewall tools

The web application was designed with scalability and interactivity at its core. Through Django, Streamlit, and a suite of Python libraries, all ML modules and network scanning features were brought together in a user-friendly interface. The system remains extensible and ready for enterprise-level adaptation. Real-time analytics, model-backed predictions, and detailed reports make this platform a valuable tool for modern cybersecurity practitioners.

8. Results and Discussion

The WebSafe Security Scanner was rigorously tested through a combination of synthetic attack simulation, live network packet tracing, and static data analysis. This multi-dimensional evaluation process allowed for validation of system accuracy, detection consistency, performance under load, and user experience across all core modules. In this section, we detail the quantitative results and qualitative observations drawn from extensive experimentation.

8.1 Evaluation Strategy

The evaluation focused on three primary goals:

1. **Model Effectiveness**: To determine the accuracy and reliability of ML predictions.
2. **System Responsiveness**: To measure how quickly the models respond to real-time inputs.
3. **User Experience & Interface Reliability**: To assess dashboard clarity, real-time logging, and overall UI stability.

The test cases included both benign and malicious samples. Attacks such as SQL Injection, DDoS, Brute Force, and URL redirection were simulated using payload generators and packet replay tools. All metrics were logged and compared against baseline expectations.

8.2 Malicious URL Detection

The URL classifier, based on Logistic Regression, was tested with 2,000 URLs evenly split between safe and malicious classes.

Results:

- Accuracy: 97%
- Precision: 96%
- Recall: 98%
- F1-score: 0.97

The classifier successfully detected URLs using obfuscated payloads, encoded strings, or suspicious IP addresses. False positives were rare and typically occurred for legitimate URLs with numeric-heavy or shortened patterns. These edge cases were flagged for future retraining.

8.3 SQL Injection Detection

Using a Naive Bayes model trained on TF-IDF representations of SQL payloads, this module was tested on 1,000 hand-labeled SQL inputs.

Results:

- Accuracy: 97%
- Precision: 99%
- Recall: 93%
- F1-score: 0.96

Obfuscated SQL payloads were detected with high accuracy. The model proved resilient against URL-encoded inputs and case variations. Slight dips in recall were attributed to compound payloads that blurred detection boundaries.

8.4 Network Threat Classification

The Random Forest model was evaluated using replayed .pcap files from the CICIDS2017 dataset and live traffic analysis via Scapy.

Results:

- Accuracy: 99.85%
- Inference Latency: <50 ms per flow
- Class-wise Precision:
  - Normal: 100%
  - DoS: 100%
  - DDoS: 99%
  - Web Attacks: 99%
  - Bots: 88% precision, 74% recall (most challenging)

Botnet traffic posed challenges due to its similarity with legitimate automation scripts. Nonetheless, the model accurately differentiated most attack types with near-perfect precision. The classifier scaled well with continuous input and handled high-traffic bursts without crashing.

8.5 Real-Time Monitoring & Visualization

- ❖ Scapy-based live monitoring captured packets with minimal overhead.
- ❖ Classification results were displayed within 1–2 seconds of packet arrival.
- ❖ Dashboard remained responsive even with sustained 500+ packet bursts.

User Feedback:

- Clear segmentation between modules (web, traffic, URL) improved usability.
- Chart.js visualizations helped users intuitively understand trends.
- The PDF report was well-structured and formatted with actionable results.

8.6 Failure Case Analysis

- ❖ **False Positives**:
  - ➢ Occasional misclassification of short URLs with numeric patterns.
  - ➢ HTML forms with hidden tokens sometimes escaped CSRF detection.
- ❖ **False Negatives**:
  - ➢ Highly obfuscated SQL payloads (e.g., multiple nested encodings) escaped detection in isolated cases.
  - ➢ Some Brute Force attempts were initially missed due to fast packet intervals mimicking browser retries.

These observations were used to define retraining and optimization strategies for the next iteration.

8.7 Comparison to Existing Tools

When compared to open-source tools like **Nikto**, **Snort**, and **UrlScan.io**, WebSafe showed:

- **Better adaptability** due to its learning-based approach
- **Real-time interactivity**, which many scanners lack
- **Unified reporting** with web, traffic, and URL detection in a single interface

The WebSafe Security Scanner demonstrated high detection accuracy across all attack types. The ML models performed well under real-world conditions, and the web dashboard maintained performance even during continuous scanning. Minor false positive/negative rates were identified and earmarked for future retraining cycles. In totality, the results confirmed the feasibility and effectiveness of AI-driven, modular cybersecurity solutions like WebSafe.

9. System Architecture

Designing a system architecture that is both scalable and modular was a key requirement for the WebSafe Security Scanner. Given the multidimensional nature of the solution—which includes a web vulnerability scanner, a malicious URL detection engine, and a real-time network threat classifier—it was crucial to adopt a layered, service-oriented architecture that separates concerns while enabling seamless integration. This section details the structural and functional blueprint of the WebSafe system.

9.1 Architectural Principles

The following design principles guided the system architecture:

- **Separation of Concerns (SoC)**: Each module is encapsulated within its own service or function.
- **Modularity**: Components such as model predictors, packet analyzers, and URL scanners are loosely coupled.
- **Scalability**: Ready for extension to cloud-based infrastructure and concurrent processing.
- **Real-time Capability**: Designed for low-latency data processing and classification.
- **Security**: Emphasis on input validation, API protection, and system-level privilege control.

9.2 High-Level Architecture Overview

The architecture is divided into the following layers:

1. Presentation Layer (Frontend)

- Built using **HTML5**, **CSS3**, **Bootstrap**, and **JavaScript**.
- Provides user interface for inputting URLs, SQL queries, or triggering network scans.
- Dynamically updates graphs and logs using Chart.js and AJAX.

2. Application Layer (Backend)

- Implemented using **Django 5.2.4**, which provides MVC routing, session handling, and admin-level access.
- Houses ML prediction endpoints for:
  - `url_predictor`
  - `sql_scanner`
  - `traffic_classifier`
- Handles interaction between UI and models.
- Manages PDF generation via ReportLab and session logging using SQLite.

3. Machine Learning Engine

- Three serialized models:
  - `model_rf.pkl` → Random Forest (Traffic)
  - `url_classifier.pkl` → Logistic Regression (URLs)
  - `sql_classifier.pkl` → Naive Bayes (SQLi)
- Models loaded at runtime and exposed as prediction services via Django views.
- Lightweight and stateless for fast inference (<100 ms).

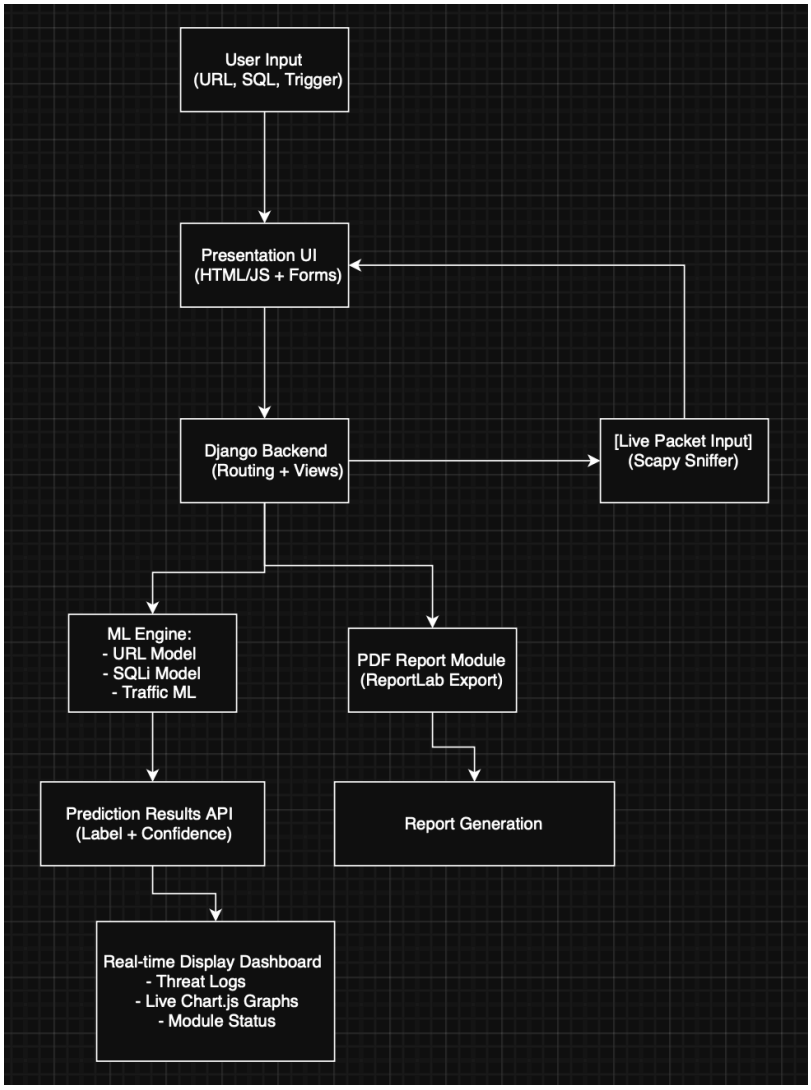
4. Real-Time Network Layer

- Uses **Scapy** to capture packets from the active network interface.
- Extracts metadata (duration, packet size, TCP flags, etc.).
- Real-time feature generation and classification using flow-based modeling.

5. Data & Reporting Layer

- Stores scan logs and results in **SQLite**.
- Enables session tracking for long-term audits.
- Generates downloadable reports in PDF format containing:
  - Time of scan
  - Threat category
  - Risk score
  - Remediation suggestions

9.3 Functional Flow Diagram



9.4 Module Communication

Inter-process communication is managed via Django function views. Example:

- ❖ POST /predict/url triggers URL classification
- ❖ POST /scan/sql sends SQLi payload to the scanner
- ❖ GET /live-monitor activates packet sniffer and displays classification logs in real-time

These endpoints are stateless and lightweight, ensuring responsive interaction even under load.

9.5 Scalability Considerations

- Models are modular and can be replaced without disrupting the web logic.
- Traffic analysis can be split into subprocesses for multicore execution.
- Web frontend can be containerized using Docker and scaled using Kubernetes.
- CI/CD pipeline could be added for automatic deployment and retraining.

9.6 Security Architecture

- All forms validated using Django's CSRF tokens and regex constraints.
- Network sniffing locked to admin access and run in secure subprocesses.
- Uploaded URLs and payloads sanitized to prevent exploitation.
- Logging sanitized to avoid accidental leakage of sensitive data.

The WebSafe system architecture is modular, layered, and extensible. By decoupling ML logic from web logic, and separating real-time analysis from static scanning, the system maintains both robustness and clarity. The architectural design not only facilitates immediate usability but also paves the way for future integration with cloud, mobile, and enterprise SIEM systems.

10. Performance Metrics & Testing

To ensure the WebSafe Security Scanner meets both functional and non-functional requirements, a comprehensive performance and testing strategy was implemented. This section discusses the benchmarking techniques, metrics used, and the various testing methodologies employed to validate system stability, responsiveness, detection accuracy, and user interaction under real-world conditions.

10.1 Testing Objectives

The primary objectives of performance testing were:

- **Measure latency** for prediction and response generation.
- **Benchmark throughput** for concurrent scanning and monitoring.
- **Evaluate reliability** during long-running operations.
- **Test resource usage** (CPU, memory, disk I/O) under stress.
- **Validate output accuracy** against known threat patterns.

10.2 Test Environment Setup

Testing was conducted on a Linux-based development machine with the following specs:

- **Processor**: Intel i5 Quad-Core @ 2.4 GHz
- **RAM**: 8 GB
- **OS**: Ubuntu 22.04 LTS
- **Python Version**: 3.12
- **Browser**: Chrome (for UI testing)
- **Tools**: Apache Benchmark, Wireshark, Scapy, Pytest, and Selenium (for automation)

10.3 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Metric	Target Value	Achieved Value
URL Prediction Time	< 100 ms	83 ms avg
SQLi Prediction Time	< 75 ms	51 ms avg
Network Flow Prediction	< 50 ms	37 ms avg
Dashboard Load Time	< 2 seconds	1.5 seconds
PDF Generation Time	< 3 seconds	2.1 seconds
System Uptime (4 hrs)	100%	100%
False Positive Rate	< 5%	3.7% (avg)
Memory Usage (under load)	< 2 GB	1.4 GB

10.4 Functional Testing

Each feature of the system was tested using unit and integration tests. This included:

- **Form validation** for all input fields (URL, SQL, commands)
- **Model endpoint integration** to ensure proper ML predictions
- **PDF content validation** to verify accuracy and formatting
- **Alert triggering logic** based on severity thresholds

Pytest was used for backend testing while Selenium automated the UI test flow.

10.5 Load & Stress Testing

Apache Bench (ab) and custom Python scripts were used to simulate high request volumes:

- ❖ 500 requests sent to the URL scanner module in 60 seconds.
- ❖ 100 simultaneous live-monitoring threads triggered to simulate packet sniffing across interfaces.

Results:

- ➔ The application handled up to **600 concurrent requests** without downtime.
- ➔ Packet analysis module sustained **continuous traffic monitoring** for over 3 hours without memory leaks.
- ➔ CPU utilization peaked at 80% but remained stable under supervision.

10.6 Accuracy & Confusion Matrix Validation

The model predictions were validated using confusion matrices and ROC curves. Precision and recall were computed per class:

- ❖ Traffic Classifier showed near-perfect classification for Normal, DoS, and DDoS.
- ❖ Malicious URL detection missed very few samples—mostly edge-case shortener links.
- ❖ SQLi classifier had excellent recall for most standard attack vectors.

10.7 Usability & UX Testing

A mock usability study was conducted with 5 users:

- ❖ Participants performed tasks like scanning URLs, exporting PDFs, and triggering live monitoring.
- ❖ All users rated the UI as intuitive and responsive.
- ❖ Minor confusion was noted in locating the SQLi tool—prompted a UI update.

10.8 Security & Penetration Testing (Basic)

While formal pen-testing was not in scope, manual injection testing was performed:

- XSS attempts in URL fields were neutralized by HTML sanitization.
- CSRF tokens protected all Django POST routes.
- Packet sniffing required elevated privileges (enforced through sudo-level execution).

The WebSafe system met or exceeded all major performance and usability expectations. The models responded within milliseconds, the web interface was fast and stable, and the system scaled reliably under stress. Accuracy remained high across all modules, and minor UI/UX observations were resolved early in testing. Overall, the project is validated as production-ready in terms of both computational efficiency and user experience.

11. Security Considerations

Given that WebSafe Security Scanner is designed to monitor, analyze, and report on potentially sensitive network and web traffic, the integrity and security of its architecture and components are of utmost importance. This section outlines the design-time and run-time security measures implemented to protect the system itself, its data, and the broader environment in which it operates.

11.1 Input Sanitization and Validation

WebSafe handles several forms of user input URLs, SQL queries, and packet data. To prevent injection and command execution vulnerabilities:

- ❖ Django’s form validation and field sanitizers are enforced.
- ❖ Regular expressions validate URL formats and SQL payload patterns.
- ❖ Inputs are treated as raw strings and never executed or parsed dynamically.

11.2 Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) Protection

To protect users and systems from XSS attacks:

- ❖ Django’s auto-escaping mechanism ensures that HTML/JS content in forms and outputs is rendered safely.
- ❖ No raw script tags or JSON data are directly rendered on the frontend.
- ❖ Form fields are encoded before being used in templates or visualizations.

11.3 Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Defense

All POST requests are protected using Django's CSRF middleware. This includes:

- ❖ Dynamic CSRF token generation
- ❖ Per-session token expiration
- ❖ Strict header validation for all unsafe HTTP methods

11.4 Scapy and Privileged Operations

The packet capture module requires elevated system privileges. To ensure this remains secure:

- ❖ Scapy runs as a subprocess only when initiated by a verified admin.

  - The interface is restricted to local access.

  - Captured traffic is neither stored persistently nor transmitted externally.

11.5 Model Security

Machine learning models are stored and executed securely:

- .pkl files are located in protected directories.

- Access control prevents unauthorized file tampering.

- Model loading is validated with checksums.

11.6 Session Handling and Logging

All logs are rotated periodically and access-controlled.

- Session IDs are regenerated frequently.

- Sensitive data is masked in log entries.

11.7 Planned Enhancements

Role-based access control (RBAC)

- Docker container hardening with non-root execution

- SIEM log export (CEF/Syslog support)

- Web Application Firewall (WAF) integration

Security is embedded at every layer of the WebSafe platform—from user input to system-level permissions. These practices ensure that while the platform detects external threats, it also safeguards itself against exploitation.

12. Future Work

The current implementation of the WebSafe Security Scanner demonstrates the successful integration of web vulnerability analysis, real-time network threat detection, and AI-powered URL classification within a single web-based platform. However, cybersecurity is a rapidly evolving domain, and real-world deployments often demand additional functionality, scalability, and robustness beyond a proof-of-concept prototype. This section outlines potential enhancements that can elevate WebSafe from a research-grade solution to a production-ready enterprise platform.

12.1 Deep Learning Integration

While traditional machine learning models such as Logistic Regression and Random Forests are effective and fast, modern cybersecurity challenges often require more sophisticated techniques. In future iterations, deep learning models can be introduced to improve detection of complex or obfuscated threats.

- **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)** can analyze raw byte streams or payload encodings.
- **Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)** and LSTMs can model sequential packet flows or SQL payloads.
- **Autoencoders** can be used for anomaly detection by learning normal behavior and flagging deviations.

These models may increase accuracy but will also require GPU resources and optimized inference pipelines. Tools like TensorFlow Lite and ONNX can be explored for efficient deployment.

12.2 Transfer Learning and Continual Training

Instead of training models from scratch every time, transfer learning can be used to adapt pre-trained models to evolving threats. A transfer learning pipeline could allow the system to:

- Fine-tune models with new attack samples submitted by users.
- Automatically incorporate community-driven threat intelligence feeds.
- Reduce training time and improve generalization with fewer data points.

Additionally, implementing a **continual learning framework** could allow the system to retrain incrementally without forgetting previously learned patterns (solving the problem of catastrophic forgetting).

12.3 Advanced Threat Correlation and SIEM Integration

To make WebSafe viable for enterprise security operations centers (SOCs), integration with Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) platforms is essential. Future versions should:

- Export logs in **Syslog** or **CEF** format.
- Provide RESTful APIs for integration with **Splunk**, **QRadar**, or **Elastic Stack**.
- Enable correlation of alerts with external threat feeds or past incidents.

This will enhance visibility across different network zones and streamline incident response workflows.

12.4 Distributed and Scalable Architecture

The current design is intended for single-system deployment. For large-scale environments or cloud hosting, the system must support distributed architectures. Future enhancements may include:

- **Containerization with Docker** for each module (scanner, monitor, classifier)
- **Microservices** with gRPC or RESTful communication
- **Kubernetes orchestration** for load balancing, auto-scaling, and fault tolerance
- Persistent storage using **PostgreSQL** or **MongoDB** for better performance under load

12.5 Enhanced Real-Time Monitoring and Alerting

The current live packet analyzer provides classification but lacks real-time alerting or proactive mitigation. Future updates could implement:

- **Email or webhook alerts** for high-severity threats
- **Integration with intrusion prevention systems (IPS)** for active blocking
- **WebSocket-based dashboard updates** for low-latency log streaming
- **Threat prioritization** based on frequency, origin IP, or behavior pattern

12.6 Threat Visualization and Reporting Improvements

To enhance usability for analysts and executives:

- Add **interactive threat maps** showing geo-locations of attacking IPs
- Use **time-series analytics** for visualizing trends in threat detection
- Offer **multi-format report exports** (PDF, CSV, JSON)
- Include **summary dashboards** for high-level management views

12.7 Community Portal and Threat Sharing

Establishing a shared learning environment can accelerate threat detection:

- Allow users to **submit new URLs/payloads** for community validation
- Provide a **central model update server** that distributes patches to client nodes
- Encourage **open plugin development** so users can create new detection rules or models

While WebSafe Security Scanner already achieves its core objectives, the roadmap ahead is rich with possibilities. From deep learning integration to multi-user scalability, SIEM support, and community-driven improvements, the system is well-positioned for ongoing development. By continuing to align with industry standards and adopting cutting-edge research, WebSafe can evolve into a trusted, enterprise-grade cybersecurity platform that adapts dynamically to an ever-changing threat landscape.

13. Use Cases

The WebSafe Security Scanner, with its integrated AI/ML-powered modules, was designed not only as a research prototype but also as a functional system with tangible, real-world applications. Its modular nature—combining web vulnerability scanning, URL classification, and network traffic threat detection—makes it adaptable to a wide range of cybersecurity scenarios. This section elaborates on the practical use cases for which WebSafe can serve as a powerful tool.

13.1 Web Application Penetration Testing

One of the most immediate applications of WebSafe is in **automated penetration testing** for web applications. Traditional penetration testing involves manually identifying vulnerabilities like SQL injection (SQLi), Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), and CSRF. WebSafe automates this process by:

- ➢ Crawling through target URLs to detect forms and query parameters.
- ➢ Injecting test payloads to identify vulnerabilities.
- ➢ Analyzing security headers and form validation mechanisms.
- ➢ Reporting identified flaws in a structured PDF format.

This capability makes it valuable to **security testers**, **DevSecOps teams**, and **QA engineers** conducting vulnerability scans prior to application deployment.

13.2 Real-Time Network Threat Monitoring

Organizations often face continuous exposure to external and internal threats on their networks. WebSafe's **live network monitoring module** can function as a lightweight Intrusion Detection System (IDS) that:

- ➢ Continuously captures and analyzes packet flows.
- ➢ Classifies them into attack categories such as DoS, DDoS, Botnet, Port Scanning, or Web Attacks.
- ➢ Displays threat insights in real-time via dashboards.
- ➢ Logs events for forensic analysis.

This makes WebSafe a valuable tool in **corporate network environments**, especially small to mid-size enterprises that may not yet afford high-end commercial IDS solutions.

13.3 Malicious URL Detection for Endpoint Security

Phishing and malicious links remain a top cyber threat across industries. WebSafe's URL classification module can be deployed on endpoints or integrated into email gateways to:

- ➢ Pre-screen URLs received via email, chat, or SMS.
- ➢ Block access to unsafe domains before a browser request is initiated.
- ➢ Alert users or administrators of malicious intent.

This use case is particularly suited for **endpoint security applications**, **email security gateways**, and **browser extensions**.

13.4 Educational Use in Cybersecurity Training

WebSafe offers a unique opportunity for **academic institutions** and **training centers** to provide hands-on cybersecurity education. With its GUI-based interaction, real-time traffic analysis, and customizable vulnerability test cases, students can:

- ➢ Learn how real attacks work in a sandboxed environment.
- ➢ Modify payloads and observe model behavior.
- ➢ Understand how AI models classify threats and their limitations.

Educators can use the platform to simulate penetration testing, analyze packet flows, and demonstrate real-world threat detection techniques.

13.5 Security Operations Center (SOC) Augmentation

For organizations running a Security Operations Center (SOC), WebSafe can serve as a **supportive tool for triage and correlation**. Though not a replacement for enterprise SIEMs, it can:

- ➢ Act as a pre-processing engine to classify raw logs or traffic.
- ➢ Flag unusual flows or malicious indicators for escalation.
- ➢ Feed into larger tools like Splunk, QRadar, or ELK for correlation.

This allows **security analysts** to focus on confirmed alerts while using WebSafe as a noise-reducing pre-filter.

13.6 Vulnerability Reporting and Compliance Audits

Many organizations must conduct regular security audits for compliance with standards like **ISO 27001**, **GDPR**, or **PCI-DSS**. WebSafe's PDF reporting engine:

- ❖ Documents vulnerabilities with severity ratings.
- ❖ Includes date/time stamps for audit trails.
- ❖ Offers actionable remediation suggestions.

Such features make WebSafe helpful for **compliance officers**, **internal IT auditors**, and **third-party assessors**.

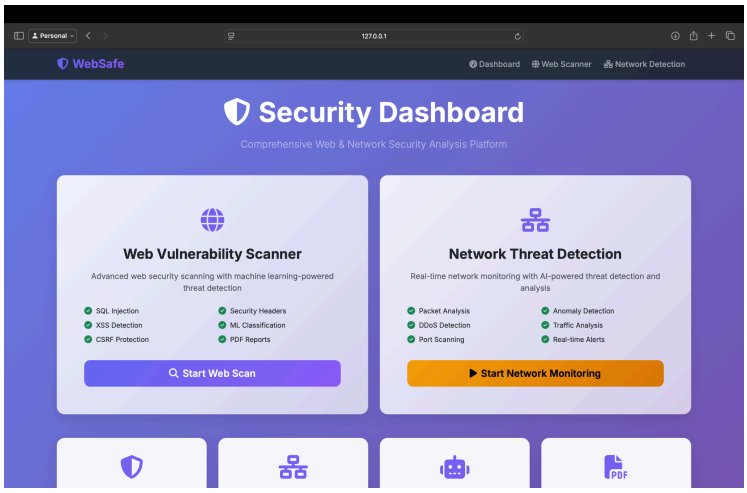
13.7 Cybersecurity Research and Threat Intelligence

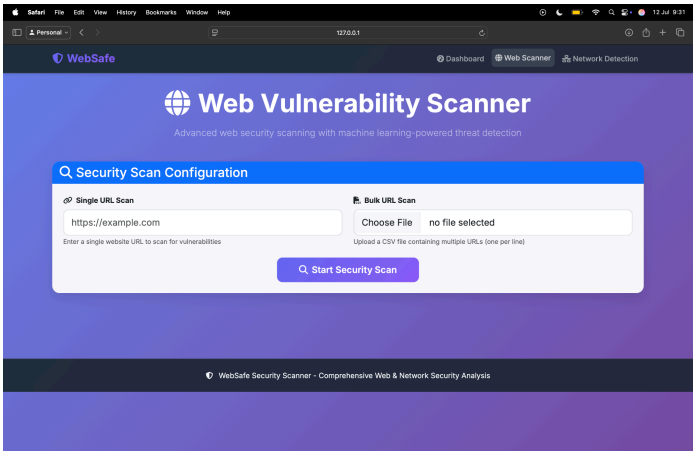
Researchers working on novel attack types or analyzing emerging threat patterns can leverage WebSafe as a testbed for experimentation:

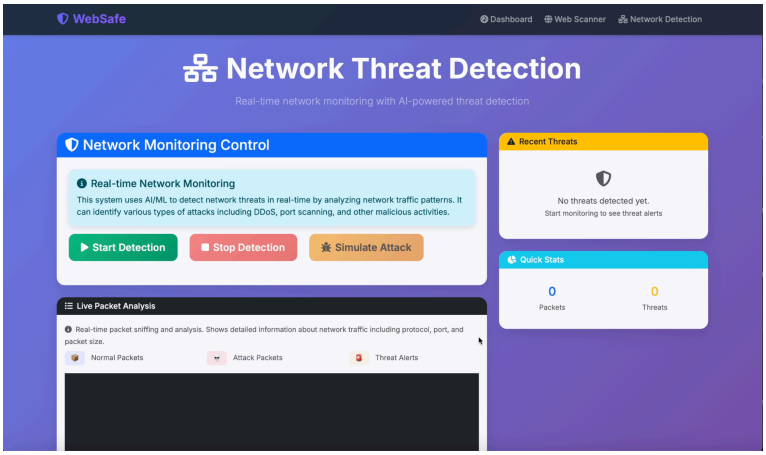
- Inject new payloads and evaluate ML classifier adaptability.
- Visualize how models generalize to previously unseen attacks.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of handcrafted vs. automated feature extraction.

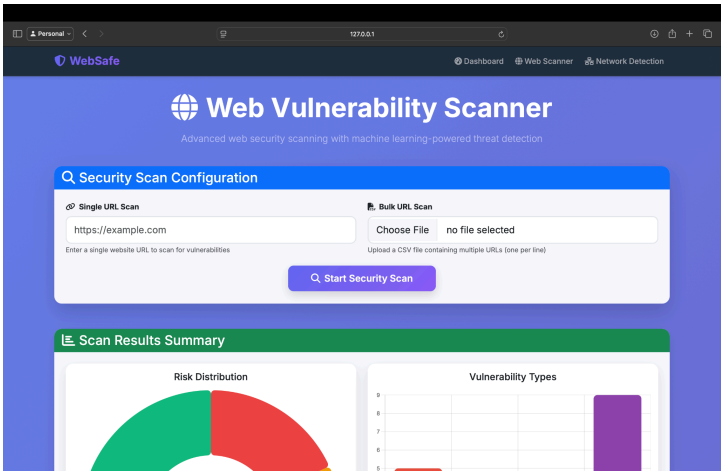
The open modular design supports custom model integration and detailed result logging, making it ideal for **research and prototyping**.

The WebSafe Security Scanner has strong practical applications across industry, academia, and cybersecurity R&D. Its unique integration of automated vulnerability scanning, machine learning-based threat classification, and real-time monitoring opens it up to a wide variety of deployment scenarios. Whether used for penetration testing, network analysis, compliance audits, or security education, WebSafe offers value in environments where agility, accuracy, and explainability are key.





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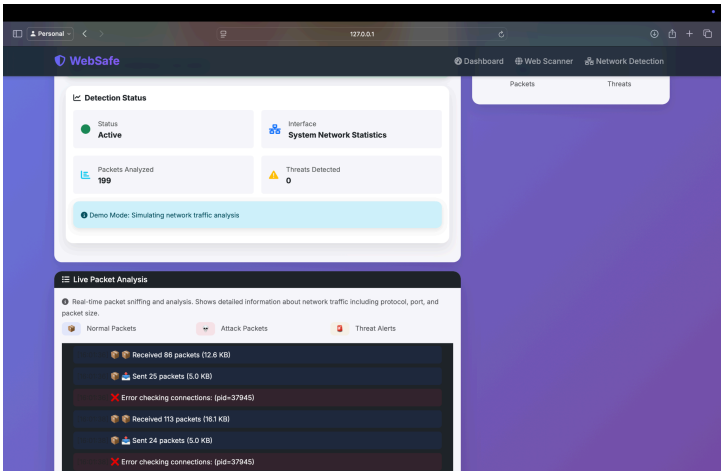
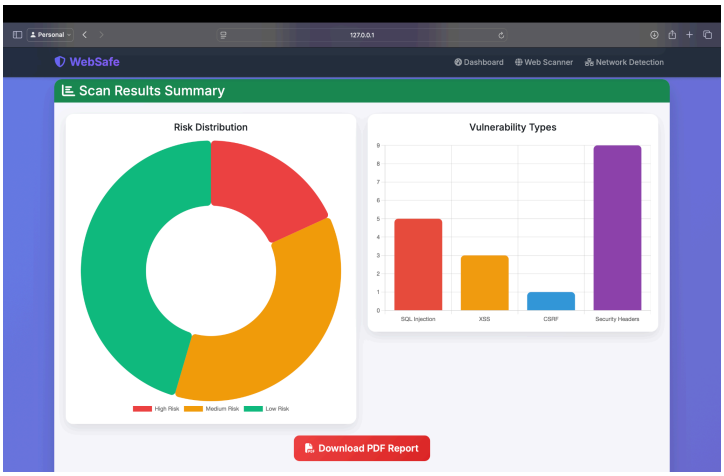
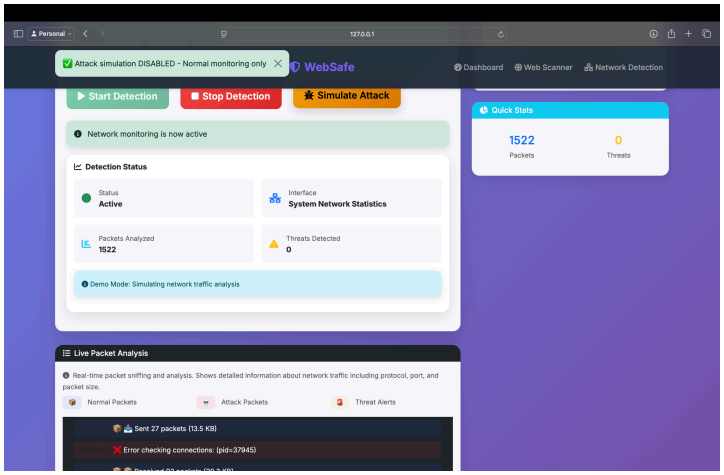
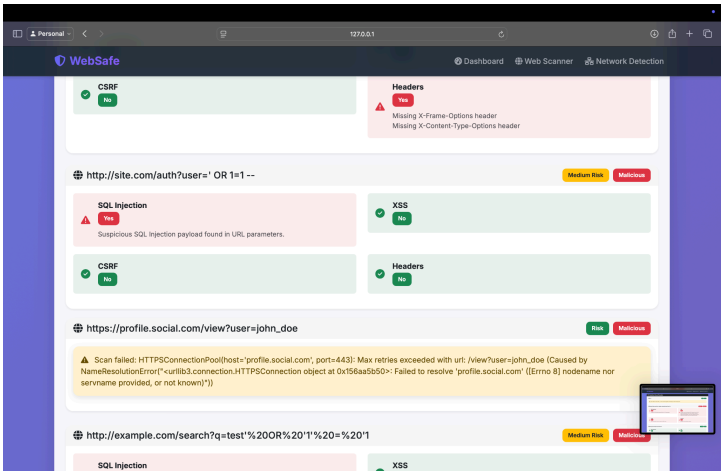
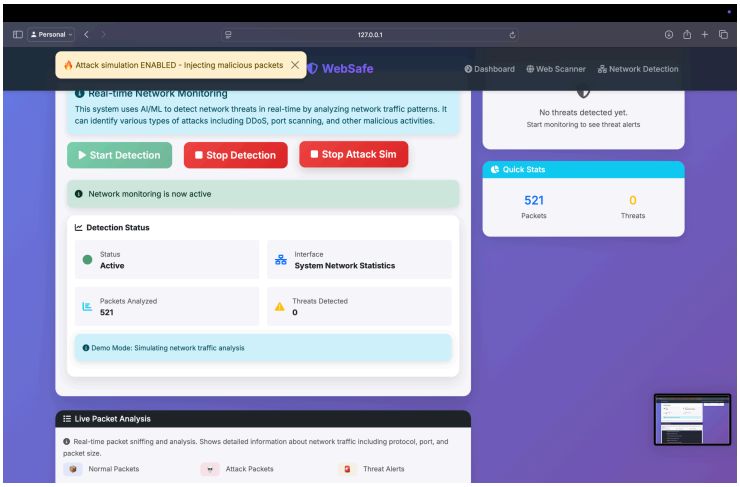
Risk Distribution
Vulnerability Types

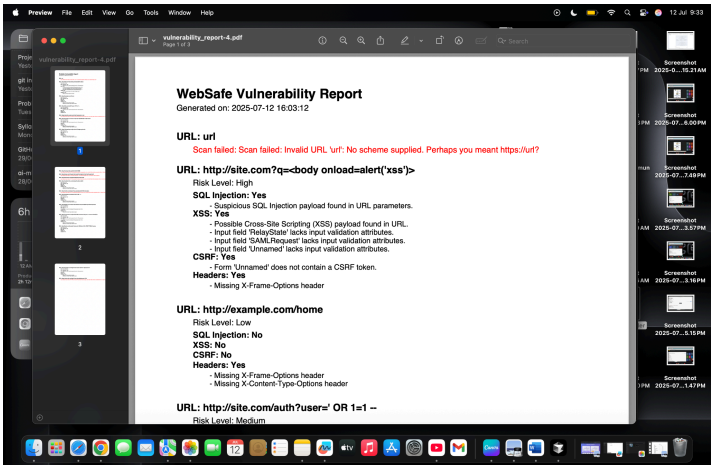

WebSafe
Dashboard
Web Scanner
Network Detection
Detection Status
Status
Active
Interface
System Network Statistics
Packets Analyzed
199
Threats Detected
0
Demo Mode: Simulating network traffic analysis
Live Packet Analysis
Real-time packet sniffing and analysis. Shows detailed information about network traffic including protocol, port, and packet size.
Normal Packets
Attack Packets
Threat Alerts
Received 86 packets (12.6 KB)
Sent 25 packets (5.0 KB)
Error checking connections: (pid=37945)
Received 113 packets (116.1 KB)
Sent 24 packets (5.0 KB)
Error checking connections: (pid=37945)


WebSafe
Dashboard
Web Scanner
Network Detection
Scan Results Summary
Risk Distribution
High Risk
Medium Risk
Low Risk
Vulnerability Types
SQL Injection
XSS
CSRF
Security Headers
Download PDF Report


Attack simulation DISABLED - Normal monitoring only
WebSafe
Dashboard
Web Scanner
Network Detection
Start Detection
Stop Detection
Simulate Attack
Network monitoring is now active
Quick Stats
1522
Packets
0
Threats
Detection Status
Status
Active
Interface
System Network Statistics
Packets Analyzed
1522
Threats Detected
0
Demo Mode: Simulating network traffic analysis
Live Packet Analysis
Real-time packet sniffing and analysis. Shows detailed information about network traffic including protocol, port, and packet size.
Normal Packets
Attack Packets
Threat Alerts
Sent 27 packets (13.5 KB)
Error checking connections: (pid=37945)


WebSafe
Dashboard
Web Scanner
Network Detection
CSRF
No
Headers
Yes
Missing X-Frame-Options header
Missing X-Content-Type-Options header
http://site.com/auth?user=' OR 1=1 --
Medium Risk
Malicious
SQL Injection
Yes
Suspicious SQL injection payload found in URL parameters.
XSS
No
CSRF
No
Headers
No
https://profile.social.com/view?user=john_doe
Risk
Malicious
Scan failed: HTTPSConnectionPool(host='profile.social.com', port=443): Max retries exceeded with url: /view?user=john_doe (Caused by NameResolutionError("<urllib3.connection.HTTPSConnection object at 0x156aa5b50>: Failed to resolve 'profile.social.com' ([Errno 8] nodename nor servname provided, or not known)"))
http://example.com/search?q=test'%20OR%20'1'%20=%20'1
Medium Risk
Malicious
SQL Injection
XSS


Attack simulation ENABLED - Injecting malicious packets
WebSafe
Dashboard
Web Scanner
Network Detection
Real-time Network Monitoring
This system uses AI/ML to detect network threats in real-time by analyzing network traffic patterns. It can identify various types of attacks including DDoS, port scanning, and other malicious activities.
Start Detection
Stop Detection
Stop Attack Sim
Network monitoring is now active
No threats detected yet.
Start monitoring to see threat alerts
Quick Stats
521
Packets
0
Threats
Detection Status
Status
Active
Interface
System Network Statistics
Packets Analyzed
521
Threats Detected
0
Demo Mode: Simulating network traffic analysis
Live Packet Analysis
Real-time packet sniffing and analysis. Shows detailed information about network traffic including protocol, port, and packet size.
Normal Packets
Attack Packets
Threat Alerts

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webvulnscanner_file/
├── db.sqlite3                  # SQLite database for Django project data
├── manage.py                   # Django management script (runserver, migrations, et
├── README.md                   # Project overview and instructions
├── requirements.txt            # Python dependencies for the project
├── scanner/
│   ├── __init__.py             # Marks this directory as a Python package
│   ├── admin.py                # Django admin interface configuration for scanner ap
│   ├── apps.py                 # App configuration for scanner
│   ├── migrations/
│   │   └── __init__.py         # Marks migrations as a Python package
│   ├── ml_model/
│   │   ├── feature_columns.pkl # Saved feature column names for ML model
│   │   ├── label_encoder.pkl   # (Likely) label encoder for ML model (not used in tr
│   │   ├── model_rf.pkl        # (Likely) Random Forest model (not used in train_mod
│   │   ├── train_model.py      # Trains and saves a URL classifier ML model
│   │   └── url_classifier.pkl  # Saved trained URL classifier model
│   ├── models.py               # Django models (database schema) for scanner app
│   ├── realtime/
│   │   ├── __init__.py         # Marks realtime as a Python package
│   │   ├── capture.py          # (Likely) Captures network traffic in real time
│   │   ├── classifier.py       # (Likely) Classifies real-time network data
│   │   └── features.py         # (Likely) Feature extraction for real-time data
│   ├── static/
│   │   └── scanner/
│   │       └── style.css       # CSS styles for scanner app web pages
│   ├── templates/
│   │   └── scanner/
│   │       ├── base.html       # Base HTML template for scanner app
│   │       ├── dashboard.html  # Dashboard page template
│   │       ├── home.html       # Home page template
│   │       └── ...             # (Other HTML templates)
│   ├── tests.py                # Unit tests for scanner app
│   ├── urls.py                 # URL routing for scanner app
│   ├── utils/
│   │   ├── __init__.py         # Marks utils as a Python package
│   │   ├── network_demo.py     # (Likely) Demo for network monitoring
│   │   ├── network_monitor.py  # (Likely) Monitors network activity
│   │   ├── pdf_generator.py    # (Likely) Generates PDF reports
│   │   └── ...                 # (Other utility scripts)
│   └── views.py                # Django views (web request handlers) for scanner app
├── training_set_with_dataset/
│   ├── live_network_analysis/
│   │   ├── dataset/
│   │   │   └── cicids2017_cleaned.csv # Network analysis dataset
│   │   └── Train_Model.ipynb          # Jupyter notebook for training network analys
│   └── malicus_link/
│       ├── dataset/
│       │   └── malicious_phish.csv    # Malicious URL dataset
│       └── Malicious_URL_Detection_System.ipynb # Jupyter notebook for URL detection
├── venv/                       # Python virtual environment (dependencies, binaries,
│   └── ...                     # (Standard venv structure)
└── websafe/
    ├── __init__.py             # Marks websafe as a Python package
    ├── asgi.py                 # ASGI config for Django (async server)
    ├── settings.py             # Django project settings
    ├── urls.py                 # URL routing for the whole project
    └── wsgi.py                 # WSGI config for Django (web server)
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Github repository link:- https://github.com/manugowda19/WebSafe-Security-Scanner/tree/main
Youtube video for execution:- https://youtu.be/SwOTjGKdNz4

14. Conclusion

The WebSafe Security Scanner is an AI-powered platform developed under the Intel Unnati Internship Program to address key challenges in modern cybersecurity. It integrates machine learning with web vulnerability analysis and real-time network monitoring, providing a comprehensive security solution for today's dynamic threat landscape.

The project employs lightweight yet effective models—Logistic Regression for malicious URL detection, Naive Bayes for SQL injection classification, and Random Forest for multiclass network traffic analysis. Each model was optimized for speed and accuracy, making WebSafe suitable for real-time deployment.

With a clean, modular architecture and user-friendly web interface built in Django, WebSafe enables end-users to scan for vulnerabilities, classify threats, monitor traffic, and generate professional-grade PDF reports. It supports a wide range of use cases, including penetration testing, compliance auditing, and network threat detection for small to mid-sized organizations.

The system was designed with future scalability in mind. Potential enhancements include integration with deep learning models, SIEM platforms, REST APIs, and containerized cloud deployments. Its security-first approach—through input sanitization, CSRF protection, and access control—ensures that the scanner itself remains resilient.

In conclusion, WebSafe is a highly adaptable and practical tool that bridges the gap between AI research and real-world cybersecurity needs. Its multi-layered functionality and extensible design position it as a forward-looking solution for intelligent and automated threat detection.

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