

# Detecting Phishing Emails with Machine Learning Algorithms

## Configuration Manual

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## 1 Introduction

The purposes of the configuration manual is to provide a step by step guide in the implantation of the project. The guide includes how to install the necessary software, download the required code from GitHub and download the dataset that is also in GitHub. For this implementation Google Colab was utilised, this was used to utilise the graphics card provided on the Colab instance.

## 2 Environment and Pre-Requisites

### 2.1 Pre-Requisites

1. Google account is needed to use google Colab this can be set up here <https://www.google.com/account/about/>
2. Navigate to Colab <https://colab.research.google.com/> and create a new notebook.
3. An instance with a GPU needs to be utilised, this is configured under *Runtime* and *Change Runtime Type*

#### Notebook settings

##### Hardware accelerator

GPU 

To get the most out of Colab, avoid using a GPU unless you need one. [Learn more](#)

☐ Background execution

Want your notebook to keep running even after you close your browser? [Upgrade to Colab Pro+](#)

☐ Omit code cell output when saving this notebook

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4. Check that the GPU is being utilised by running `!nvidia-smi` a similar out put to the below should be obtained

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[ ] !nvidia-smi
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## 2.2 Colab Environment

Table 1 Shows specifications of the machine used to carry out the ML models

RAM	14GB
Hard Disk Space	100GB
CPU Count	2
CPU Info	Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU @ 2.20GHz
GPU	Tesla T4
Python Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pandas</li><li>• Numpy</li><li>• Matplotlib</li><li>• Sklearn</li><li>• Cuml</li><li>• Rapids</li></ul>

## 3 Configuration and Implementation

1. Download the ipynb file from the GitHub repository ([https://github.com/martincasey1/Masters\\_project](https://github.com/martincasey1/Masters_project)) and upload it to Colab from the *File* tab. Report and other documents are also available at this repository.
2. Run the code cells from the first one to the ten in order waiting for each one to finish, this installs RAPIDS on the instance.
3. Upload the dataset from the GitHub repository ensuring the name is not changed.
4. Run the remaining code cells to output the results. Code cells should be run in order waiting for each one to run before the next one is run.