BotNet Detection using ML.

Packages Used:

- 1. <u>Scapy (for parsing pcap files):</u> pip install --pre scapy[complete]
- 2. Numpy: pip install numpy
- 3. <u>Pandas:</u> pip install pandas
- 4. <u>Scikit-learn:</u> pip install scikit-learn

Submission Files:

<u>FeatureExtractor.py:</u> Contains the class which is used to generate 25 aggregate features from a list of packets for a flow, the features were decided by looking up common ways to detect botnets and ddos.

<u>Preprocessing.py:</u> Used to read the dataset and generate a csv file which will be used for training, it uses the FeatureCalc class from FeatureExtractor. It outputs a csv file "Botnet_train.csv"

<u>Training.py:</u> Contains the code used to train the model, it reads the Botnet_train.csv file and trains the model, finds the metrics also.

<u>Botnetdetect.py:</u> The submission file which takes a pcap file as input and outputs out.txt which has information about traffic flows being malicious/botnet. <u>It only outputs a flow if it is malicious.</u> <u>Doesn't output Benign flow of packets within the network</u>

<u>Models</u> Directory which contains the trained model, we trained a random forest classifier, it also contains a fit scaler for scaling the data.

Botnet_train.csv: The extracted training dataset.

Notebook used for training: Colab Notebook

Note:

I had to do some Undersampling to make sure the model was not biased as the number of benign traffic samples outweighed the botnets in the training set.

Results/Metrics:

 The model has very high accuracy on the test samples, for all the times the model was trained, the accuracy was always pretty high.

Accuracy = 0.9997124311888916

 The model has amazing precision recall, f1 scores which indicate that it has a very low number of false positives and false negatives.

Precision = 0.9997124311888916 Recall = 0.9869706840390879 F1 = 0.9908436886854153

All these metrics can be verified by running the <u>colab</u>
 <u>notebook</u> linked above (after mounting google drive with the dataset).