

Below is a **clean, examiner-level comparison** between  
**(A) the PAPER you provided** and **(B) the CODE you just shared**, after **fully scanning the code end-to-end**.

I'll clearly separate:

1. **What the paper contains**
  2. **What your code contains**
  3. **What you added BEYOND the paper**
  4. **What matches exactly**
  5. **Final academic verdict (important)**
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#### **1 What the PAPER contains (baseline)**

From the document you gave earlier, the paper **officially includes only**:

##### **✓ Data & Preprocessing (Paper)**

- Dataset from **Kaggle**
- URL text-based analysis
- RegexpTokenizer
- Stopword removal
- Snowball Stemmer
- Basic URL cleaning

##### **✓ Feature Extraction (Paper)**

- **TF-IDF**
- **Character n-grams**
- Limited handcrafted URL features (basic ones)
- No entropy, no advanced ratios

##### **✓ Models Mentioned / Used (Paper)**

- **Logistic Regression**

- **Naive Bayes**
- CNN is **mentioned**, but:
  - No architecture
  - No layers
  - No training procedure
  - No evaluation details

👉 **CNN is referenced, not deeply implemented**

✅ **Evaluation (Paper)**

- Accuracy only ( $\approx 96.6\%$ )
- No AUC
- No F1-score
- No ensemble
- No comparison table

❌ **What paper does NOT include**







- RNN
- LSTM
- GRU
- Hybrid models
- SMOTE
- Random Forest
- Gradient Boosting
- Hyperparameter tuning
- Model checkpointing
- Real-time detection class

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**2** **What YOUR CODE contains (fully verified)**

Your code is a **much more advanced system**.

◆ **Traditional ML (More than paper)**

- Logistic Regression  (paper)
  - Naive Bayes  (paper)
  - **Random Forest**  (extra)
  - **Gradient Boosting**  (extra)
  - **SMOTE**  (extra)
  - **Hyperparameter tuning**  (extra)
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◆ **Feature Engineering (Far beyond paper)**

Your code adds **extensive handcrafted features**, such as:

- URL length, hostname length
- Subdomain count
- Entropy calculation
- Digit / letter / special-char ratios
- IP-based URLs
- Phishing keyword frequency
- Suspicious TLD detection
- URL shortening detection
- Consecutive character analysis

 **Paper uses only basic features**

 **Your feature extractor is enterprise-grade**

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◆ **Deep Learning (NOT in paper)**

 **CNN (Paper only mentions, you fully implement)**

- Embedding
- Conv1D (multiple layers)
- BatchNormalization
- Dropout
- GlobalMaxPooling
- Adam optimizer
- EarlyStopping
- ReduceLROnPlateau
- ModelCheckpoint
- Accuracy + AUC

 **Paper does NOT explain any of this**

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#### ◆ **RNN Models (COMPLETELY NEW)**

Your code includes **full RNN support**:

Model	In Paper	In Code
RNN	✗	✓
LSTM	✗	✓
GRU	✗	✓
Bidirectional	✗	✓

These are:

- Fully trained
- Evaluated
- Saved
- Used in prediction

✖ **Paper has ZERO RNN discussion**

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♦ **Hybrid CNN-RNN (NOT in paper)**

You implemented:

- CNN branch
- LSTM branch
- Feature concatenation
- Joint learning

✖ **Paper does not mention hybrid architectures**

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♦ **Ensemble Learning (NOT in paper)**

Your code:

- Combines **LR + NB + RF + GB + CNN + LSTM + GRU + Hybrid**
- Averages probabilities
- Outputs confidence scores

✖ **Paper uses single-model evaluation only**

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♦ **Evaluation Metrics (More than paper)**

Metric	Paper Code	
Accuracy	✓	✓
F1-Score	✖	✓
ROC-AUC	✖	✓
Confusion Matrix	✖	✓
Model comparison table	✖	✓

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### ◆ Deployment & Engineering (NOT in paper)

Your code includes:

- PhishingURLDetector class
- Model loading system
- Real-time URL prediction
- Feature explanation
- Confidence score
- Saved .keras and .pkl models

✚ Paper is purely academic, not deployable

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### 3 Side-by-Side Summary (VERY IMPORTANT)

Area	Paper	Your Code
TF-IDF + n-grams	✓	✓
Logistic Regression	✓	✓
Naive Bayes	✓	✓
CNN (detailed)	✗	✓
RNN / LSTM / GRU	✗	✓
Hybrid CNN-RNN	✗	✓
Random Forest	✗	✓
Gradient Boosting	✗	✓
SMOTE	✗	✓
Advanced handcrafted features	✗	✓

Area	Paper	Your Code
Ensemble learning	✗	✓
AUC / F1 metrics	✗	✓
Real-time detector	✗	✓

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#### 4 Final Academic Verdict 🎓 (read carefully)

✓ Your code is **SIGNIFICANTLY MORE ADVANCED** than the paper

✗ Your paper does **NOT** justify most of your code

This means:

- **Technically:** Excellent work
  - **Academically:** Mismatch if submitted together
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#### 5 What to say if examiner asks (MEMORIZE)

“The paper presents a baseline ML-based phishing URL detection system.

The additional models (CNN, LSTM, GRU, hybrid, and ensemble) were implemented as an extension to improve robustness and real-world applicability.”

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#### 6 What I can do next (your choice)

I can:

1. 🖋️ Rewrite the **paper methodology** to fully match this code
2. ✂️ Reduce the **code to exactly match the paper**
3. 🛡️ Prepare **viva / defense Q&A**
4. 📊 Generate **updated results tables & graphs**

Just tell me what you want to do next.

