

# AI AND CYBERSECURITY amU

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## Introduction

**Cybersecurity: a key issue in the digital age:**

- Protect systems, networks and data against cyberthreats.

**Main objectives :**

- **Confidentiality:** guarantee the security of information.
- **Integrity:** prevent unauthorized alteration of data.
- **Availability:** ensure continuous access to systems and services

**Common threats :**

- Malware, ransomware and phishing attacks.
- Exploitation of system vulnerabilities.

**Current challenges :**

- Increasing complexity of attacks
- Increasing need for innovative solutions such as **NLP** and **Federated Learning**.

Cybersecurity Market

Période d'étude	2019 - 2029
Taille du Marché (2024)	USD 234.01 Billion
Taille du Marché (2029)	USD 424.14 Billion
CAGR (2024 - 2029)	11.44 %
Marché à la Croissance la Plus Rapide	Asie-Pacifique
Plus Grand Marché	Amérique du Nord
Concentration du Marché	Faible
Acteurs majeurs	proofpoint, NortonLifeLock, IBM, Microsoft, McAfee

Source : Mordor Intelligence

## Natural language processing

**What is it and why it is used:**

Natural language processing (NLP) is the ability of a computer program to understand human language as it's spoken and written -- referred to as natural language. It's a component of artificial intelligence (AI).



"Hey Cortana"



"Hey Alexa"



"Hey Siri"



"Hey Google"

Applications of Natural Language Processing



## How NLP works

**Data collection and cleansing :**

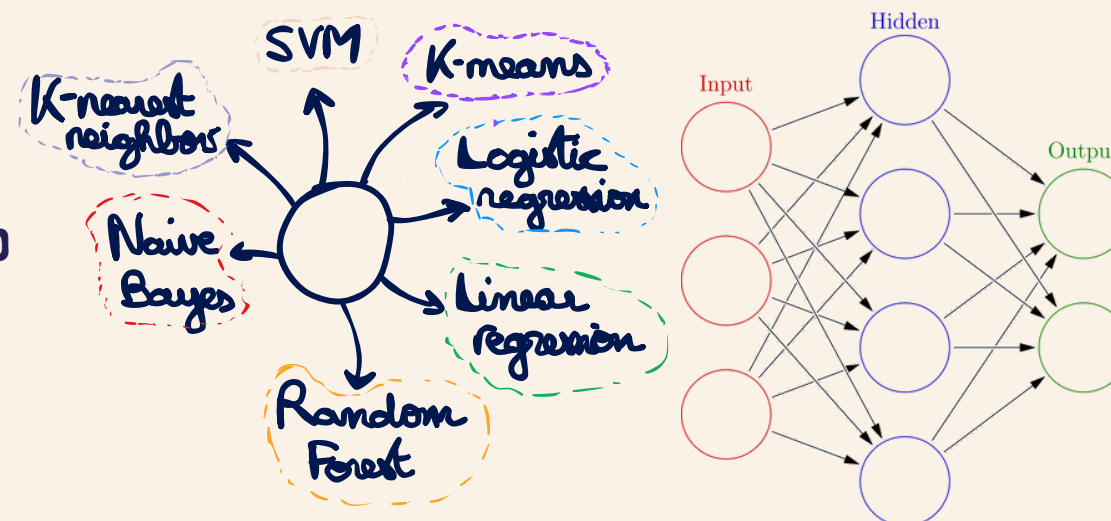
- Tokenization: Division of text into basic units (words, syllable groups). Example: [ bonjour comment ça va ? ] becomes [ "Bonjour", "comment", "ça", "va", "?" ].
- Elimination of Stop-words : Elimination of common but non-affirmative words ( LE , DE , ET , LA )
- Stemming and Lemming :
  - Stemmatization: Reduction of a word to its root, which may be grammatically false, the and made by heuristic algorithms by removing prefixes and suffixes
  - Lemmatization: A more sophisticated method that reduces a word to its lemma, its canonical form, based on linguistic rules.

**Words representation:** Transformation of words into a form that machine learning algorithms can understand: numerical vectors

- Bags of Word: each document is represented by a vector of the frequency with which words appear in the document
- TF-IDF: An enhancement to BoW that weights words according to their importance by applying the following formula:
  - $TF-IDF = TF \times \log(N/DF)$  where  $DF$  = number of documents containing the word,  $N$  = number of documents  $TF$  = Frequency of the word in the document.

**Processing with AI models:**

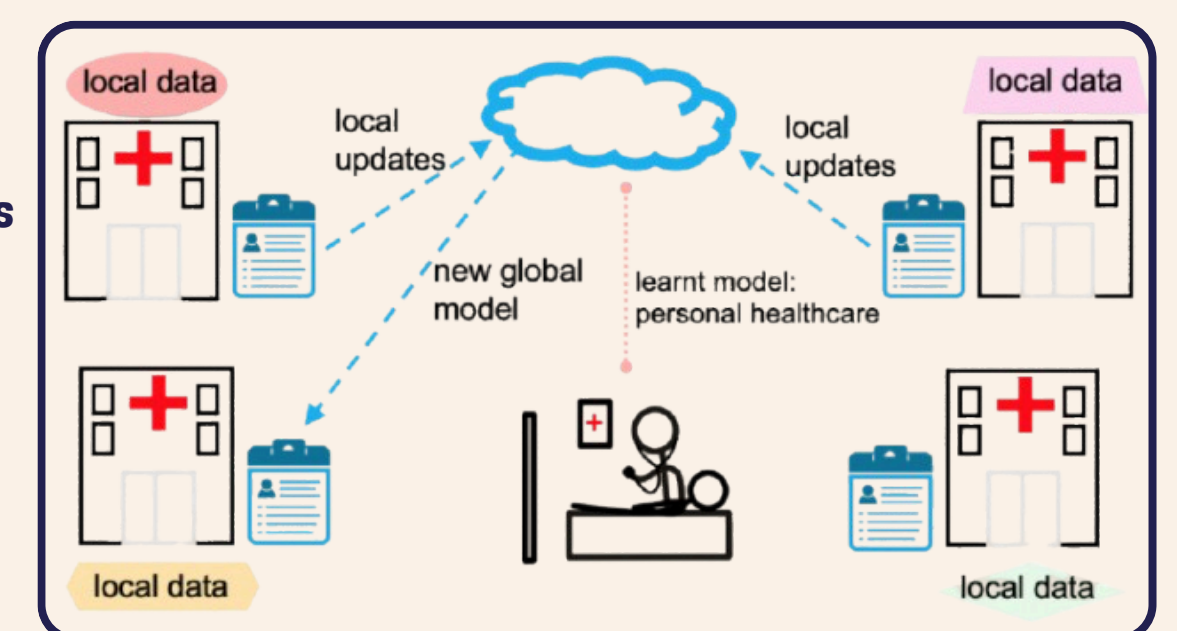
- Classical approaches :
  - Regressions (Linear, Logistic)
  - Probabilistic models (Naive Bayes)
  - SVM
- Modern approaches :
  - Transformers (Bert, GPT)
  - RNN (Recurrent Neural Networks)



## Federated Learning

**Definition:**

**Federated Learning** is a machine learning technique where **data** remains on **local** devices, and only **models** or **parameter updates** are **shared**

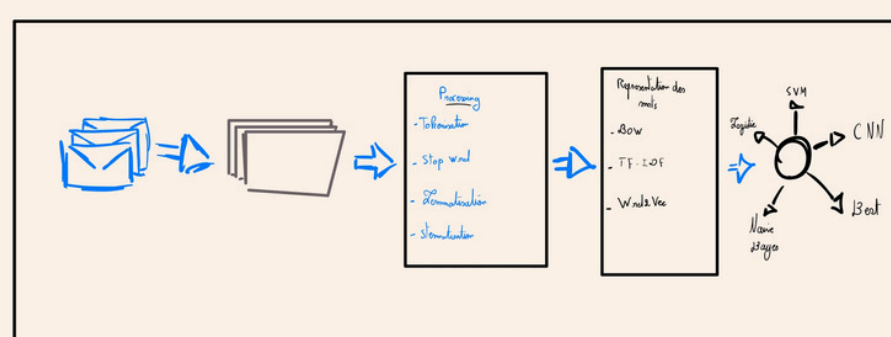


**Cybersecurity advantages:**

- Privacy **protection** by minimizing the transfer of sensitive data.
- The system is more **resilient** in the face of **DDoS** or **ransomware** attacks, which often target centralized databases.
- Connected devices (such as smartphones, IoTs) can **detect malicious patterns locally** and help improve a global model without directly sharing sensitive logs. This enables emerging threats to be detected **quickly**, while maintaining a **high level of security**.

Model updates are aggregated and encrypted, limiting the possibilities for a malicious actor to interfere or access data.

## Application to cyber security: Phishing detection



AI relies on **data**. Therefore, using AI to protect ourselves leads us to think about how to **secure** that data.

## Security risks

**Data poisoning attacks:**

- A malicious participant modifies or inserts incorrect, biased or malicious data into his own training set.
- Local models trained with this biased data introduce errors into the global model after aggregation.



**Model poisoning attacks :**

- A compromised participant locally trains a model with malicious objectives.
- During the aggregation stage, it sends modified updates to the server.
- As the server integrates these updates, it gradually adopts undesirable behaviors.

## Conclusion

**Artificial intelligence transforms cybersecurity:**

- Advanced threat detection.
- Powerful **predictive analysis**.
- **Automated** responses.

**Data centralization challenges:**

- Increased **vulnerability** to cyber-attacks.
- Confidentiality and ethical **issues**.

**Federated Learning combines the efficiency of AI and decentralized models:**

- **Reducing** the risks associated with data concentration.

**Federated Learning: a promising but imperfect alternative :**

- Reduces the risks associated with data centralization.
- Still vulnerable to specific attacks:
  - **Data poisoning** : contamination of learning data.
  - **Model poisoning**: alteration of AI models.

**Conclusion: an evolving field**

- There are still many challenges to the resilience and effectiveness of AI in cybersecurity.
- The need to develop complementary solutions to enhance security.



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