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## SECTION 1

### 1.0 Introduction

This manual is to complement the research paper submitted to the national college of Ireland as part of the MSc. In Cyber Security ‘Towards an Effective Social Engineering susceptibility detection Model Using Machine Learning on the Online Social Network’. This manual discusses the hardware and software technologies utilized, their application, and a detailed work through the key areas and tasks involved in the development of our social engineering machine learning prediction model (SE-MLPM), so that the project can be replicated any time.

### 1.1 Hardware Specification

The hardware specification used in this project was carefully selected to handle the task and its requirements. The figure below shows the hardware specification of the computer system used for the installation of necessary software requirements and packages and in the development of the project model social engineering machine learning prediction model SE-MLPM.

The screenshot displays the Windows system information page. At the top, there is a link to 'View basic information about your computer'. Below this, the 'Windows edition' section shows 'Windows 10 Home' and '© 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.' with the Windows 10 logo. The 'System' section lists: Processor: Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-8250U CPU @ 1.60GHz 1.80 GHz; Installed memory (RAM): 8.00 GB (7.89 GB usable); System type: 64-bit Operating System, x64-based processor; Pen and Touch: Touch Support with 2 Touch Points. The 'Computer name, domain and workgroup settings' section shows: Computer name: DESKTOP-91JFKB0; Full computer name: DESKTOP-91JFKB0; Computer description: ; Workgroup: WORKGROUP. The 'Windows activation' section shows: Windows is activated; Read the Microsoft Software Licence Terms; Product ID: 00326-10000-00000-AA539.

Figure 1 Hardware specification

### Detailed software requirements

The table below shows a detailed list of software and packages requirements that will be installed or used during this work through. It is of note that some of this software and packages come by default on installation of Anaconda and Python software, while others are available on install of pandas, scikit-learn joblib and flask. Any of the software and packages can be installed if not in system already by typing the below command on the command line prompt.

Pip install (command)

<b>Anaconda==2019.10</b>	<b>importlib-metadata==1.1.0</b>	<b>preshed==3.0.2</b>	<b>toolz==0.10.0</b>
<b>Flask==1.1.1</b>	<b>ipykernel==5.1.3</b>	<b>prometheus-client==0.7.1</b>	<b>webencodings==0.5.1</b>
<b>parso==0.5.1</b>	<b>ipython==7.10.1</b>	<b>Python==3.7.5</b>	<b>Werkzeug==0.16.0</b>
<b>pathtools==0.1.2</b>	<b>joblib==0.14.0</b>	<b>sublime text==3.0</b>	<b>zip==0.6.0</b>
<b>jupyter-core==4.6.1</b>	<b>json5==0.8.5</b>	<b>scikit-learn==0.21.3</b>	<b>numpy==1.17.4</b>
<b>jupyterlab==1.2.3</b>	<b>jupyter-client==5.3.4</b>	<b>scipy==1.3.3</b>	<b>pandas==0.25.3</b>
<b>jupyterlab-server==1.0.6</b>	<b>six==1.13.0</b>	<b>Send2Trash==1.5.0</b>	<b>pandocfilters==1.4.2</b>
<b>matplotlib</b>	<b>spacy==2.2.3</b>	<b>toml==0.10.0</b>	<b>notebook==6.0.2</b>
<b>eli5</b>			

Figure 2 software specification

## SECTION 2

### Creating a Folder Environment

The first thing we shall do is to create a folder environment in our system where we can save models and files in, and where we can automatically run files from. The procedure is as follows:

- Right click on desktop
- Create new folder and name it e.g. machine
- Open the folder and create 4 folders namely: **Data**, **Template**, and **Static**
- Open the static folder and create another folder called **Models** where we will be saving our machine learning models latter on.
- Also, the schematic of project workflow can be added to the folder.

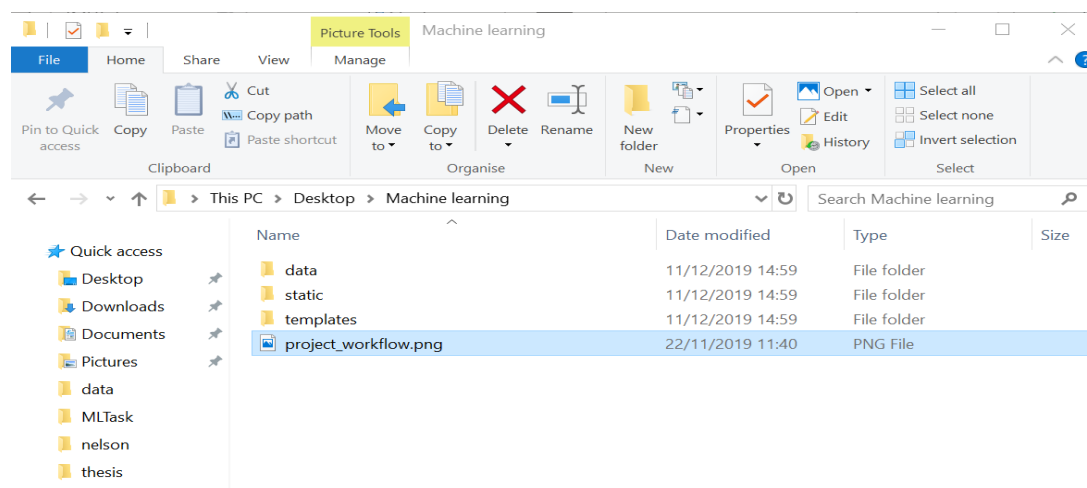


Figure 3 Creating the folder environment

### Installations

To install the packages and software simply follow this step

- go to windows command prompt

b. in the command line type in pip install all the software necessary as shown in the screenshot below.

```

Command Prompt
C:\Users\NELSON\Desktop\Machine learning> pip install pandas scikit-learn numpy joblib flask
Requirement already satisfied: pandas in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (0.24.1)
Requirement already satisfied: scikit-learn in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (0.21.3)
Requirement already satisfied: numpy in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (1.17.4)
Requirement already satisfied: joblib in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (0.12.5)
Requirement already satisfied: flask in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (1.1.1)
Requirement already satisfied: python-dateutil>=2.5.0 in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (from pandas) (2.8.1)
Requirement already satisfied: pytz>=2011k in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (from pandas) (2018.9)
Requirement already satisfied: scipy>=0.17.0 in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (from scikit-learn) (1.3.3)
Requirement already satisfied: Werkzeug>=0.15 in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (from flask) (0.16.0)
Requirement already satisfied: click>=5.1 in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (from flask) (7.0)
Requirement already satisfied: itsdangerous>=0.24 in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (from flask) (1.1.0)
Requirement already satisfied: Jinja2>=2.10.1 in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (from flask) (2.10.3)
Requirement already satisfied: six>=1.5 in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (from python-dateutil>=2.5.0->pandas) (1.13.0)
Requirement already satisfied: MarkupSafe>=0.23 in c:\users\nelson\appdata\local\programs\python\python37\lib\site-packages (from Jinja2>=2.10.1->flask) (1.1.1)

```

Figure 4 Software and command line installation

## SECTION 2 Walkthrough

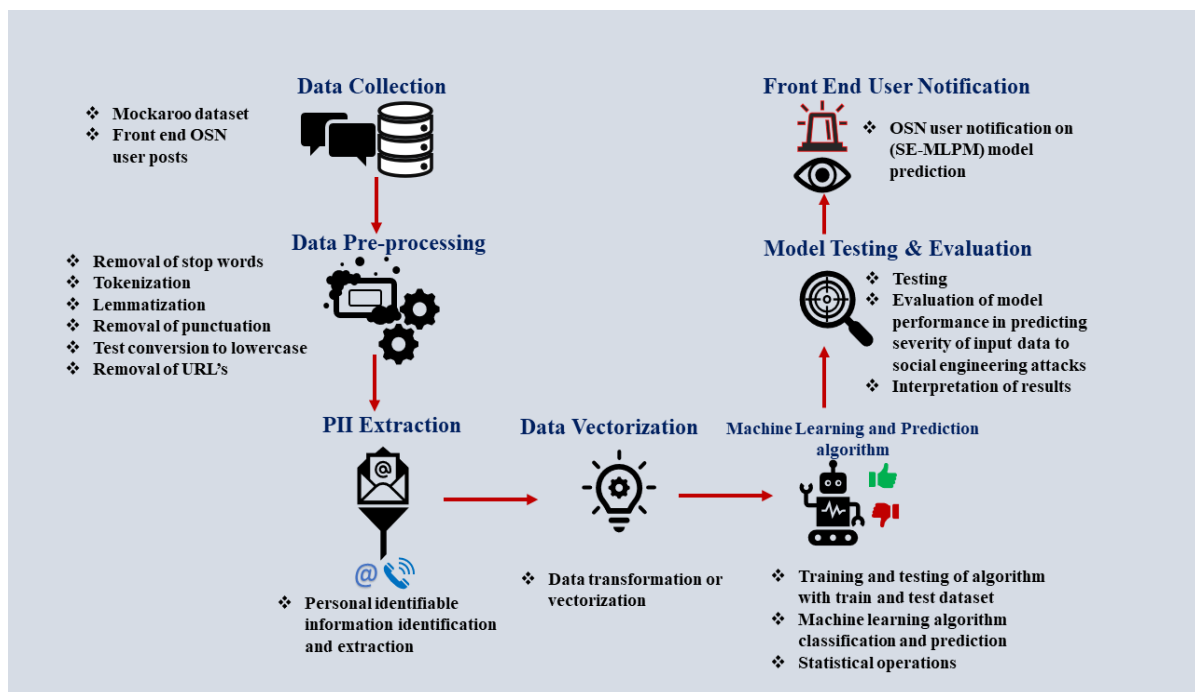


Figure 5 Workflow of model methodology and implementation

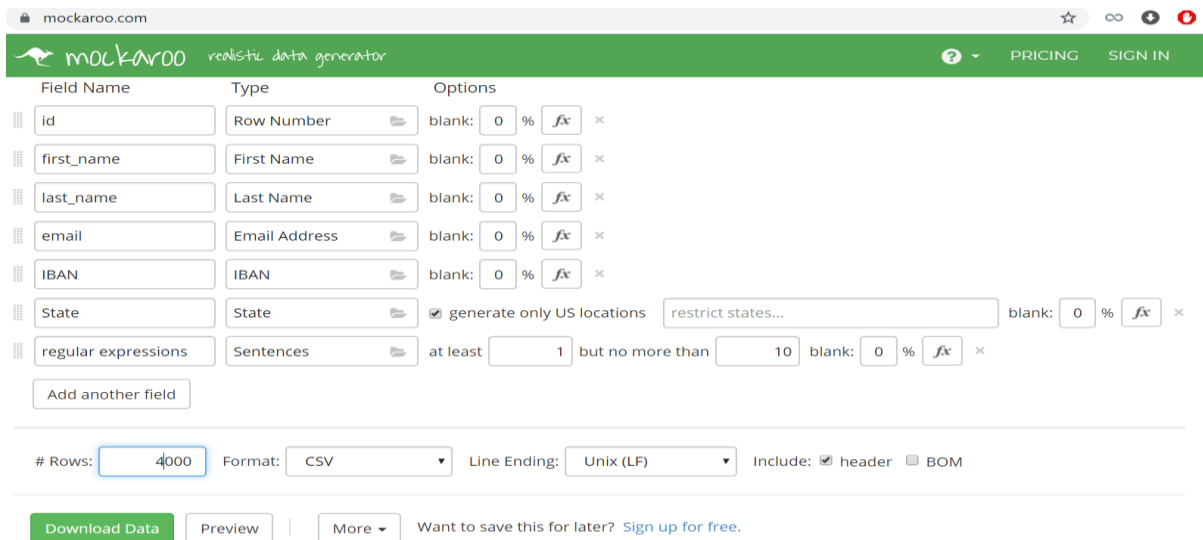
### Stage 1: Data collection

Synthetic data generated was gotten from mockaroo data generator. To navigate and download data from the platform the following process was carried out:

- In the URL type in [www.mockaroo.com](http://www.mockaroo.com) [1]
- Select the necessary field of wanted data from the fields presented, more fields can be added by simply clicking on more fields

the figure below show the web page for mockaroo data generator

c. A total of 4000 rows of data was downloaded in csv format and transported to MS Excel for visualization.



Mockaroo data generator

d. The data set is thus saved in the data folder in in the initially created folder (machine).

**Stage 2:** Next, download the Anaconda software into the system from [www.anaconda.com](http://www.anaconda.com) (2019.10 version exe file) and install following the manufacturer’s installation procedure. After following the basic manufacturer steps of download, the application is launched from the system by

- Navigating from the search button on the system and search for anaconda
- Launch both the anaconda prompt panel and navigator
- Click on the launch button Jupyter notebook 6.0.1 to navigate you to the jupyter notebook environment.
- There will be an automatic re-direction to the default web browser on the computer system.
- Click on the new button on the top right corner of the web page and select ‘python 3’



Figure 6 Jupyter notebook environment

- This will automatically take you to another web page where you can write your python code
- Rename and save the Jupyter notebook page for easy identification
- Click on the far-right corner of the page and change the untrusted box to ‘trusted’
- You are now ready to start building your model

### Stage 3: Building the model (SE-MLPM)

This project is conducted to design a social engineering machine learning prediction model (SE-MLPM) for the detection and extraction of PII in OSN user posts utilizing natural language processing (bag-of-words) and thereafter vectorize dataset into vectors making use of the term frequency inverse document frequency (TF-IDF) vector space modelling technique and then classify, label and predict levels of post susceptibility to social engineering attacks in addition to revealing the PII discovered to the OSN user and recommending to the user if the post should go live or not, based on PII count recovered from the post ranging from a high susceptibility level to a no susceptibility level using the logistic regression classification algorithm [2].

#### Packages importation

- Import all the necessary packages for development of the model.
- Load the exploratory data packages, machine learning packages and visualization packages, as shown in the figure below.

```
In [1]: import pandas
import sklearn
import spacy
import joblib

print("pandas::",pandas.__version__)
print("sklearn::",sklearn.__version__)
print("joblib::",joblib.__version__)
print("spacy::",spacy.__version__)

pandas:: 0.24.1
sklearn:: 0.20.3
joblib:: 0.12.5
spacy:: 2.2.0

In [2]: # Load EDA Pkgs
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

In [3]: # Load ML Pkgs
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.naive_bayes import GaussianNB
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score,classification_report,confusion_matrix

In [4]: # Visualization Pkgs
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
```

Figure 7 package importation

#### Loading the various packages

- The next step is to load the data saved in our initially created data. RUN `df = pd.read_csv("data/DATA.csv")`.
- Check the shape of the dataset. RUN `df.shape` to evaluate how many columns and rows are available.

```
# Load Dataset
df = pd.read_csv("data/DATA.csv")

df.head()

[6]:
```

	ID	STATE	Time	Name	GIVEAWAY TWEET
0	1	California	10am	Allissa Maritsa	This blog taken long time write comes trigger ...
1	2	West Virginia	2pm	Gabe Gus	No One 's Excusing It Its Contexts amp Help Un...
2	3	Missouri	7pm	Robb Army	Two weeks ago today I lost wee brother suicide...
3	4	Louisiana	4am	Nowell Imogen	Poster taken site well applying animals also a...
4	5	Texas	10am	Aime Derrick	Hello ... ..Could one friends copy repost I tr...

```
# Shape of Dataset
df.shape

[7]: (4000, 5)
```

Figure 8 loading dataset

## Data pre-processing

The next step is to pre-process our data using spacy

- a. Import Spacy to extract entities
- b. we import string
- c. Then we create a spacy parser
- d. Build a list of stopwords to use to filter
- e. Define spacy tokenizer and lemmatization

The individual programming commands are as shown in the figure below

```
M import spacy

M nlp = spacy.load('en')

M def extract_entities(data):
    docx = nlp(data)
    entities = [ (entity.text,entity.label_) for entity in docx.ents]
    return entities
```

## Data Preprocessing

```
M # Use the punctuations of string module
import string
punctuations = string.punctuation

M # Creating a Spacy Parser
from spacy.lang.en import English
parser = English()

M # Build a list of stopwords to use to filter
from spacy.lang.en.stop_words import STOP_WORDS
stopwords = list(STOP_WORDS)

M def spacy_tokenizer(sentence):
    mytokens = parser(sentence)
    mytokens = [ word.lemma_lower().strip() if word.lemma_ != "--PRON--" else word.lower_ for word in mytokens ]
    mytokens = [ word for word in mytokens if word not in stopwords and word not in punctuations ]
    return mytokens
```

Figure 9 Data pre-processing

## Identification and extraction of PII

Since we are more interested in some PII, we will be taking the give away tweets and extract PII from it.

- a. RUN df.columns
- c. RUN df.columns = df.columns.str.lower().str.replace(' ','\_')
- d. RUN df.columns AGAIN
- e. RUN f.rename(columns={"giveaway\_tweet":"giveaway\_tweets"},inplace=True)

## Build an email, phone number and IBAN REGEX FUNCTION

- f. Run import re
- g. Define the email, phone number and IBAN regex
- h. def extract\_email(data):  
    results = email\_regex.findall(data)  
    num\_of\_results = len(results)  
    return num\_of\_results,results



- I. `def extract_phone_num(data):`  
`results = phone_num_regex.findall(data)`  
`results2 = phone_num_regex2.findall(data)`  
`num_of_results = len(results)`  
`return num_of_results,results,results2`
- J. `def extract_custom_num(data):`  
`results = phone_num_regex_n_iban.findall(data)`  
`num_of_results = len(results)`  
`return num_of_results,results`

## Get PII count

### a. Run `df.head()`

```
df.head()
```

```
]:
```

	id	state	time	name	giveaway_tweets	emails	entities	phone_n_iban
0	1	California	10am	Allissa Maritsa	This blog taken long time write comes trigger ...	(0, [])	[(('raâ€', ORG)]	(0, [])
1	2	West Virginia	2pm	Gabe Gus	No One 's Excusing It Its Contexts amp Help Un...	(1, [sstorahkn@eepurl.com])	[(915-529-5034, CARDINAL)]	(2, [915-529-5034, 69 7960 0725 0665 9300 3600])
2	3	Missouri	7pm	Robb Army	Two weeks ago today I lost wee brother suicide...	(1, [mactrustrie8x@vimeo.com])	[(('Two weeks ago, DATE), (314, CARDINAL), (3736...)]	(2, [314-986-4430, 2877 3736 05])
3	4	Louisiana	4am	Nowell Imogen	Poster taken site well applying animals also a...	(1, [obirkenshaw10@marriott.com])	[(('pleaâ€', CARDINAL), (210, CARDINAL)]	(1, [210-439-0520])
4	5	Texas	10am	Aime Derrik	Hello ... ..Could one friends copy repost I tr...	(0, [])	[]	(1, [915-859-8280])

```
# Function to Get the PPI Count and Risk
def get_ppi_count(data):
    email_result = email_regex.findall(data)
    phone_iban_result = phone_num_regex_n_iban.findall(data)
    num_of_results = len(email_result) + len(phone_iban_result)
    return num_of_results
```

### b. Run `df['ppi_count'] = df['giveaway_tweets'].apply(get_ppi_count)df['ppi_count'].head()`

```
# Find the PPI Count for each tweet
df['ppi_count'] = df['giveaway_tweets'].apply(get_ppi_count)
```

```
df['ppi_count'].head()
```

```
]:
```

	ppi_count
0	0
1	3
2	3
3	2
4	1

Name: ppi\_count, dtype: int64

### c. labeling the count we run the command as shown on the figure below

```
In [147]: df['class'].unique()
```

```
Out[147]: array(['not_susceptible', 'highly_susceptible', 'moderately_susceptible', 'less_susceptible'], dtype=object)
```

```
In [148]: class_names = ['not_susceptible', 'less_susceptible', 'moderately_susceptible', 'highly_susceptible',]
```

- d. Vectorize the data with spacy tokenizer to test and train data as shown in the figure below
- e. Apply logistic regression classifier
- f. Tune the model to the best possible output

```

In [156]: # Using Tfidf
tfvectorizer3 = TfidfVectorizer(tokenizer=spacy_tokenizer)

In [157]: X3 = tfvectorizer3.fit_transform(corpus).toarray()

In [158]: # Split Dataset into Test and Training Data
x_train_tf3,x_test_tf3, y_train_tf3,y_test_tf3 = train_test_split(X3, ylabels, test_size=0.2, random_state=1, )

In [159]: # Using NaiveBayes Multinomial Classifier
nv3 = MultinomialNB()
nv3.fit(x_train_tf3, y_train_tf3)

Out[159]: MultinomialNB(alpha=1.0, class_prior=None, fit_prior=True)

In [160]: print("Accuracy of our model score: ",nv3.score(x_test_tf3, y_test_tf3))
Accuracy of our model score: 0.50375

In [161]: # Using LogisticRegression
logit3 = LogisticRegression()
logit3.fit(x_train_tf3,y_train_tf3)

C:\Users\NELSON\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\sklearn\linear_model\logistic.py:432: FutureWarning: Default solver will be changed to 'lbfgs' in 0.22. Specify a solver to silence this warning.
FutureWarning)
C:\Users\NELSON\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\sklearn\linear_model\logistic.py:469: FutureWarning: Default multi_class will be changed to 'auto' in 0.22. Specify the multi_class option to silence this warning.
"this warning.", FutureWarning)

Out[161]: LogisticRegression(C=1.0, class_weight=None, dual=False, fit_intercept=True,
intercept_scaling=1, l1_ratio=None, max_iter=100,
multi_class='warn', n_jobs=None, penalty='l2',
random_state=None, solver='warn', tol=0.0001, verbose=0,
warm_start=False)

```

### g. Print result of SE-MLPM MODEL

```

In [140]: print("Accuracy Score:",logit2.score(x_test_tf,y_test_tf))

Accuracy Score: 0.5625

```

### h. Save the model using run joblib

#### Using the Tfidf with the tokens had a higher accuracy than the rest

```

# tfidf_social_eng_vectorizer_model = open("models2/tfidf3_social_eng_vectorizer.pkl","wb")
joblib.dump(tfvectorizer3,tfidf_social_eng_vectorizer_model)
tfidf_social_eng_vectorizer_model.close()

# tfidf_social_eng_logit_model = open("models2/tfidf3_social_eng_logit_model.pkl","wb")
joblib.dump(logit3,tfidf_social_eng_logit_model)
tfidf_social_eng_logit_model.close()

# tfidf_social_eng_naive_bayes_model = open("models2/tfidf3_social_eng_naive_bayes_model.pkl","wb")
joblib.dump(nv3,tfidf_social_eng_naive_bayes_model)
tfidf_social_eng_naive_bayes_model.close()

```

### I. Download the worksheet

click on file>download as >ipynb >save as > models folder

### J. Integrate model with flask

- >Launch sublime text icon
- >Import folder into sublime
- >Click on file > new file > save as app.py
- >Import flask on app.py
- >Create another file and name it index.html

```

Render index html file with @app.route('/')
def index():
    return render_template('index.html')

```

- >Load models and vectorizers saved in file
- The following commands can be followed as shown in the figure below

```

1 from flask import Flask, render_template, url_for, request
2 import joblib, os, re
3
4 #init app
5 app = Flask(__name__)
6
7 # load Vectorizer For Social Engineering
8 count_vectorizer_file = open("static/models/social_eng_vectorizer.pkl", "rb")
9 count_vectorizer = joblib.load(count_vectorizer_file)
10
11 # load Vectorizer For Social Engineering
12 tfidf_vectorizer_file = open("static/models/tfidf_social_eng_vectorizer.pkl", "rb")
13 tfidf_vectorizer = joblib.load(tfidf_vectorizer_file)
14
15 se_levels = {0:"not_susceptible",1:"less_susceptible",2:"moderately_susceptible",3:"highly_susceptible"}
16
17 # For Logistic Regression
18 logit_model_with_cv = joblib.load(open(os.path.join("static/models/social_eng_logit_model.pkl"), "rb"))
19 logit_model_with_tfidf = joblib.load(open(os.path.join("static/models/tfidf_social_eng_logit_model.pkl"), "rb"))
20
21 # For Naive Bayes
22 nb_model_with_cv = joblib.load(open(os.path.join("static/models/social_eng_naive_bayes_model.pkl"), "rb"))
23 nb_model_with_tfidf = joblib.load(open(os.path.join("static/models/tfidf_social_eng_naive_bayes_model.pkl"), "rb"))
24
25
26 email_regex = re.compile(r"[\w\.-]+@[\w\.-]+")
27 phone_num_regex = re.compile(r'\d\d\d\d.\d\d\d.\d\d\d\d\d')
28 phone_num_regex2 = re.compile(r'\d\d\d\d.\d\d\d\d.\d\d\d\d\d')
29 phone_num_regex_n_iban = re.compile(r'[+](?![1-9][0-9] .-\(\(\))){8,}[0-9]')
30 iban_regex = re.compile(r'[a-zA-Z]{2}[0-9]{2}[a-zA-Z0-9]{4}[0-9]{7}([a-zA-Z0-9]?)(0,16)')
31
32 # Function to Extract Email

```

Figure 10 Flask Model integration

**K. save the file using ctrl s**

## SECTION 3

### USER GUIDE

- launch the windows or anaconda command prompt
- copy the path the saved model cd C:\Users\NELSON\Desktop\machine\MLTask\apps\social\_eng\_app
- RUN python app.py
- Copy the link on the last line after running python app.py

```

C:\> Command Prompt - python app.py

Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.17134.950]
(c) 2018 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\NELSON>cd C:\Users\NELSON\Desktop\machine\MLTask\apps\social_eng_app
C:\Users\NELSON\Desktop\machine\MLTask\apps\social_eng_app>python app.py
* Serving Flask app "app" (lazy loading)
* Environment: production
  WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment.
  Use a production WSGI server instead.
* Debug mode: on
* Restarting with windowsapi reloader
* Debugger is active!
* Debugger PIN: 333-295-985
* Running on http://127.0.0.1:5000/ (Press CTRL+C to quit)

```

**YOU ARE NOW READY TO TEST THE APPLICATION INTEGRATED WITH SE-MLPM**

**To test the application, follow the following procedure**

- click on the post space and type in a controlled text containing any email address, IBAN or phone number
- choose the model you want to use in analysis either naïve Bayes or logistic regression
- SE-MLPM predicts susceptibility of post to social engineering and recommends whether the post should be taken down or not.

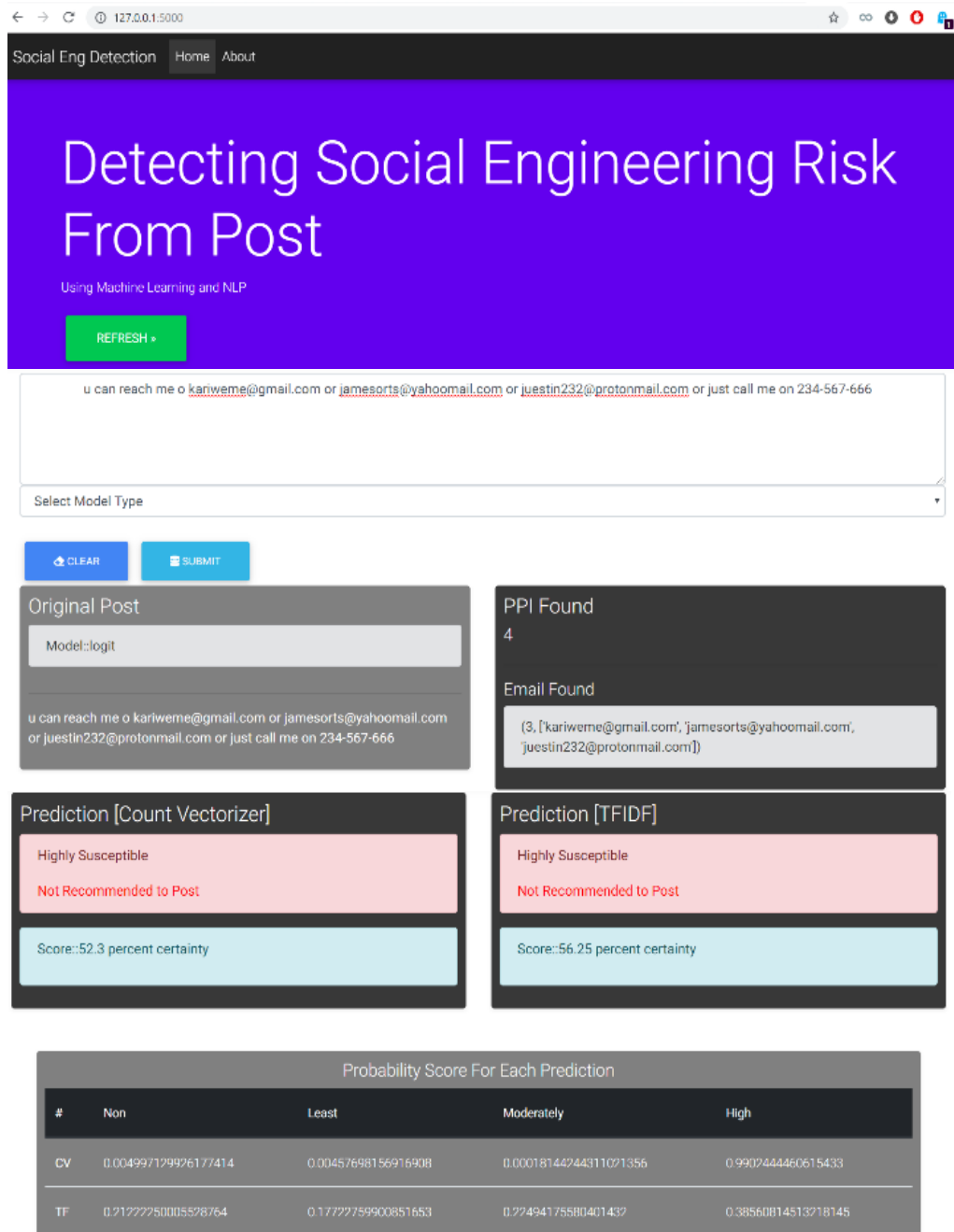


Figure 11 Front end user interface

Model can now continue to learn from subsequent posts and continue predicting susceptibility of post to social engineering attacks

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