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### 1 INTRODUCTION

This manual is created with the stepwise implementation of how the project implement worked and how the model is created. In addition to it information and process of used libraries and tools required to carry out for project implementation is mentioned. Furthermore, information regarding the specifications of the local machine is mentioned in the manual. Each model information is mentioned in this configure manual.

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### 2 HARDWARE CONFIGURATION

• Operating system: Windows 11

• Processor: > 11th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i3-1115G4 @ 3.00GHz 3.00 GHz

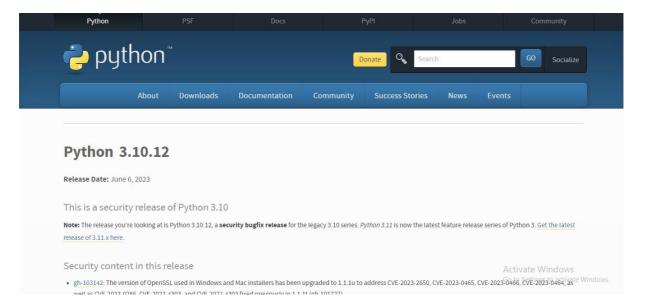
• System Compatibility: 64-bit

Hard Disk: 512GBRAM: 16 GB

### 3 SOFTWARE CONFIGURATIONS

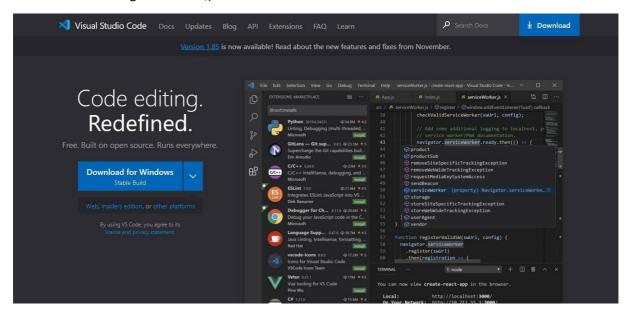
#### a) Python==3.10.12:-

Python is an interpreted, high-level programming language. Its high-level built in data structures, combined with dynamic typing and dynamic binding, make it very attractive for Rapid Application Development, as well as for use as a scripting or glue language to connect existing components together. Its language concept and object-oriented approach aim to help programmers write clear, logical code for small and large-scale projects.



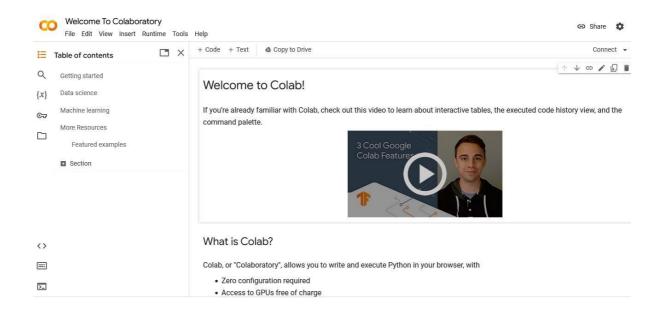
#### b) Visual Studio Code:-

Visual Studio Code (famously known as VS Code) is a free open source text editor by Microsoft. VS Code is available for Windows, Linux, and macOS.(Visual Studio Code - Code Editing. Redefined,)



#### c) Google Colab:-

Colaboratory, or "Colab" for short, is a product from Google Research. Colab allows anybody to write and execute arbitrary python code through the browser, and is especially well suited to machine learning, data analysis and education. More technically, Colab is a hosted Jupyter notebook service that requires no setup to use, while providing access free of charge to computing resources including GPUs.(colab.google,)



## 4 Libraries Configuration

- 1. Pandas
- 2. Numpy
- 3. Matplotlib
- 4. Seaborn
- 5. Plotly
- 6. Scikit-learn
- 7. Tensorflow
- 8. Flask
- 9. Keras

(Best Python Libraries for Machine Learning - GeeksforGeeks, 2023.)

## 5 Implementation

Implementation is divided into 3 modules which is mentioned below:

#### Module1: Visual Studio Code

First Loading Urls Dataset from each class, Extracting 19 Features and one Labelling Feature(target class) and last step is to save extracted features into csv file. i.e final\_dataframe.csv.(URL 2016 | Datasets | Research | Canadian Institute for Cybersecurity | UNB, no date)

**Module2**: Next step is on google colab for training of model.

Saving the extracted features into csv file on drive followed by Importing & Installing all required libraries.

**Dataset Loading using Pandas** 

Data Cleaning: null values are checked and unnecessary columns are dropped. We removed unnecessary data from the dataset, 2000 url we took from which 19+1 is feature extraction and 1 is label (target column). Then pre-processing is done where we are converting categorical data into numerical.

Data Visualization(EDA): creating graphs and plots to understand data.

Splitting data (Features and target split in to and y) and we also split data for training 90% and 10 % for testing, we always train model with a higher volume of data, as we have used 1000 of each benign and phishing URLs.

This data is used to train ML and DL models. (Fit trains data and predict from test data) Later Performance evaluation is done using the Confusion Matrix and Classification Report.

**Module 3:** Web application for detection of Phishing URL. There is web framework inside python here in this step two modules are merged. (Welcome to Flask — Flask Documentation (3.0.x),)

Step 1: Select the relevant dataset here we are using only two classes benign and phishing URLs.

Dataset Link :- https://www.unb.ca/cic/datasets/url-2016.html.

Step 2: After Installation of Visual Studio Code we have created new project and we have imported the necessary libraries for feature extraction and selected desired columns which are features mentioned in figure 1.



Fig. 1

Step 3: All the functions for feature extraction is in python where we are using regular expressions library which will extract features of NLP concept mentioned in figure 2 and 3.

Fig. 2

Fig.3

Step 4.After running the create\_dataset ,it will start checking each URL and later it will save the final data as mentioned in below image.

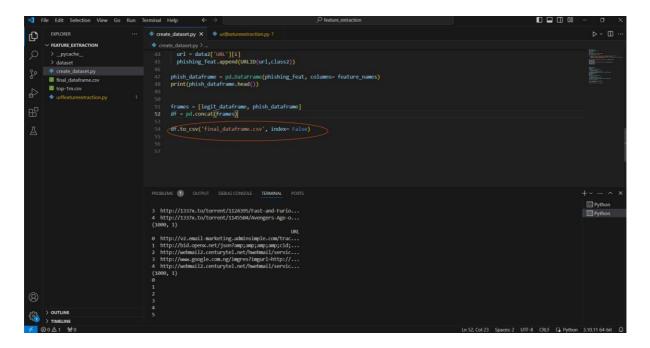
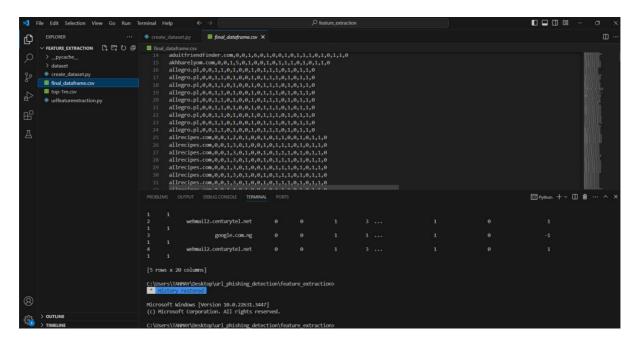


Fig. 4

In Below figure **Final feature extraction.csv file of visual studio code is mentioned below.** Which is final .csv file after feature extraction which will be used on google colab.



Step 5: All the below steps and image illustrates the work done in google colab which is explained in module 2 mentioned above. Like figure 5 states that we are Importing Libraries for visualization like plotly, sklearn, and seaborn. TensorFlow is for deep learning to speed up the process.

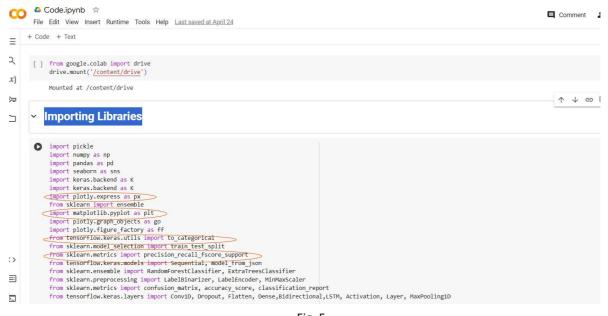


Fig. 5

#### Data Cleaning

Fig.6

	Have_IP	Have_At	URL_Length	URL_Depth	Redirection	https_Domain	TinyURL	Prefix/Suffix	DNS_Record	Web_Traffic	Domain_Age	Domain_End	IframeRedirection	StatusBard
count	2000.0	2000.000000	2000.0	2000.000000	2000.00000	2000.0	2000.000000	2000.000000	2000.0	2000.000000	2000.0	2000.0	2000.000000	2000.000
mean	0.0	0.005500	1.0	2.782000	0.01250	1.0	0.042500	0.337000	1.0	0.596500	1.0	1.0	0.535000	0.459
std	0.0	0.073976	0.0	2.101591	0.11113	0.0	0.201777	0.472803	0.0	0.490722	0.0	0.0	0.498898	0.498
min	0.0	0.000000	1.0	0.000000	0.00000	1.0	0.000000	0.000000	1.0	0.000000	1.0	1.0	0.000000	0.000
25%	0.0	0.000000	1.0	1.000000	0.00000	1.0	0.000000	0.000000	1.0	0.000000	1.0	1.0	0.000000	0.000
50%	0.0	0.000000	1.0	2.000000	0.00000	1.0	0.000000	0.000000	1.0	1.000000	1.0	1.0	1.000000	0.000
75%	0.0	0.000000	1.0	4.000000	0.00000	1.0	0.000000	1.000000	1.0	1.000000	1.0	1.0	1.000000	1,000
max	0.0	1.000000	1.0	16.000000	1.00000	1.0	1.000000	1.000000	1.0	1.000000	1.0	1.0	1.000000	1.000

Fig. 7



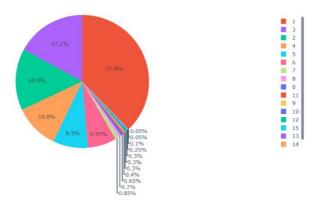
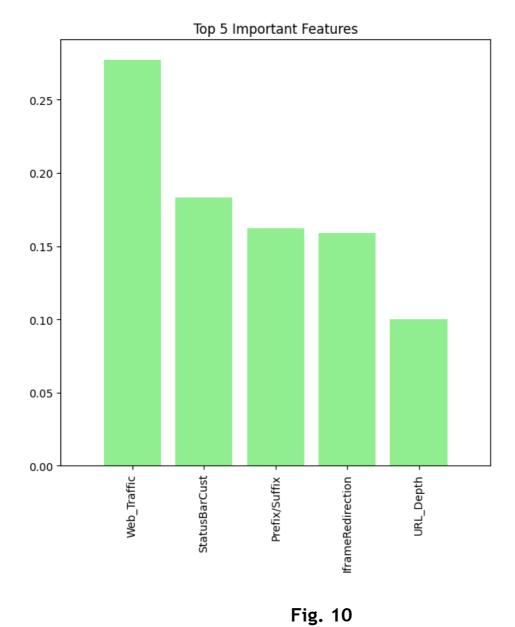


Fig.8

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fearture_name = X_train.columns.values
model = ensemble.ExtraTreesClassifier()
model.fit(X_train,y_train)
#plot imp
importance = model.feature_importances_
std = np.std([tree.feature_importances_ for tree in model.estimators_],axis=0)
indices = np.argsort(importance)[::-1][:5]
plt.figure(figsize=(7,7))
plt.title("Top 5 Important Features")
plt.bar(range(len(indices)), importance[indices], color="lightgreen")
plt.xticks(range(len(indices)), fearture_name[indices], rotation='vertical')
plt.xlim([-1, len(indices)])
plt.show()
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Top 5 Important Features

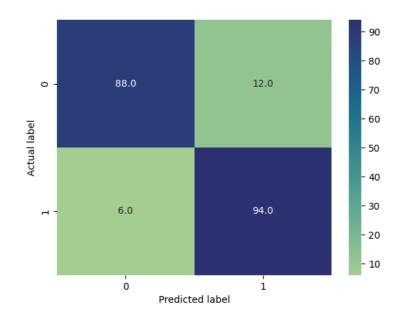
Fig . 9



Step 6:figure 9 and 10 tells us that we what are the impactful fature for detecting phishing URL which are correlated from 19 features.

Step 7: We get 91% accuracy using CNN model with attention mechanism which is evaluated using confusion matrix and classification report mentioned in below image.

#### Confusion matrix



[]	print(classif	ication_repo	rt(yorg,	ypred))			
		precision	recall	f1-score	support		
	0	0.94	0.88	0.91	100		
	1	0.89	0.94	0.91	100		
V	accuracy macro avg weighted avg	0.91 0.91	0.91 0.91	0.91 0.91 0.91	200 200 200		

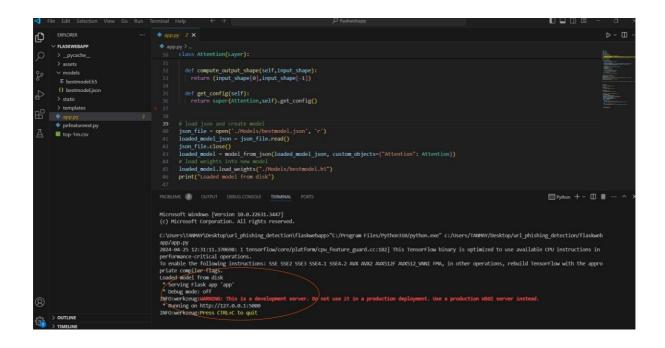
Step 8.We have analysed from the evaluation that CNN with attention mechanism is best model and we save it for further integration with flask web application.

Step 9: Web Application for testing the phishing URLs is run on visual studio code where we load the best model and integrate all 3 modules. Here in assets we have screenshot of web application, models have best model selected in google colab i.e. CNN with attention mechanism. Which focuses constantly on impactful layers features. Static is having design.

#### All this is shared in artefacts upload.

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| File Edit Selection View Go Run | template | template
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Step 10: Output of the web page once we receive the IP after running app.py.

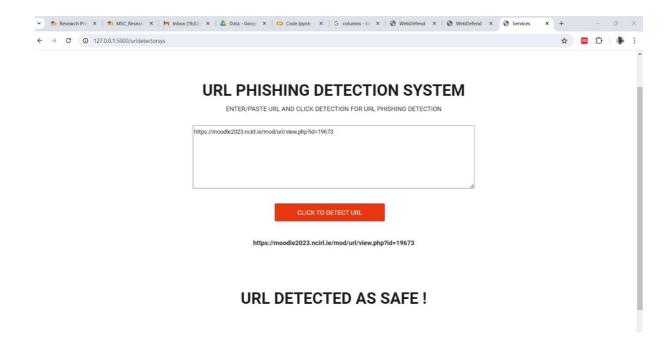


#### Step 11:

Copy URL from data set to identify whether its safe or phishing.

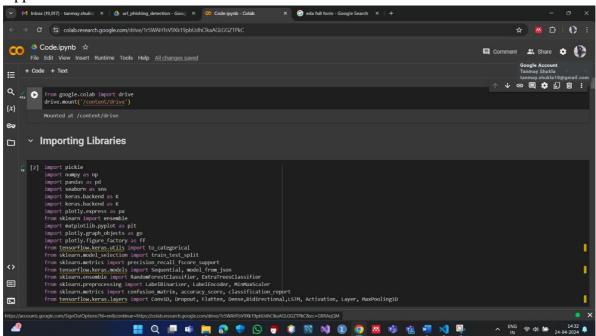
Below figure represents GUI of this App.

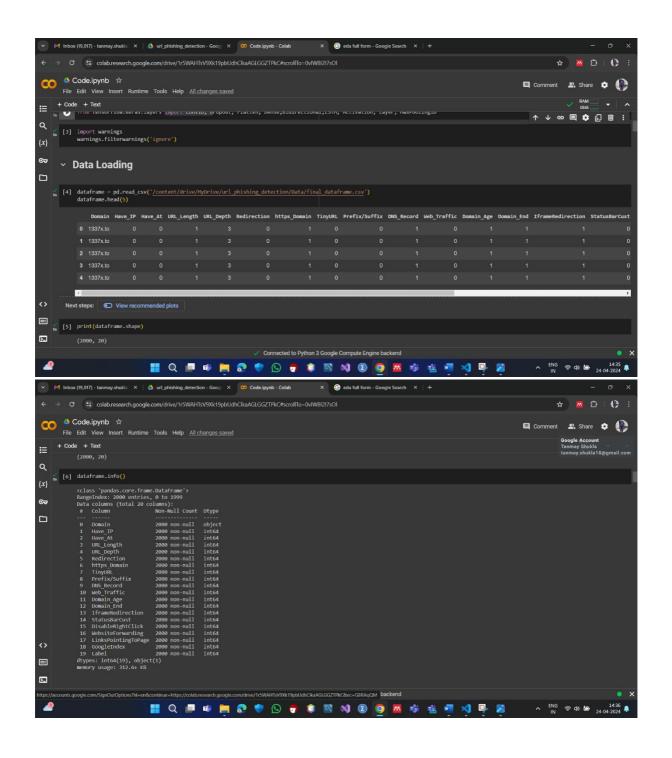


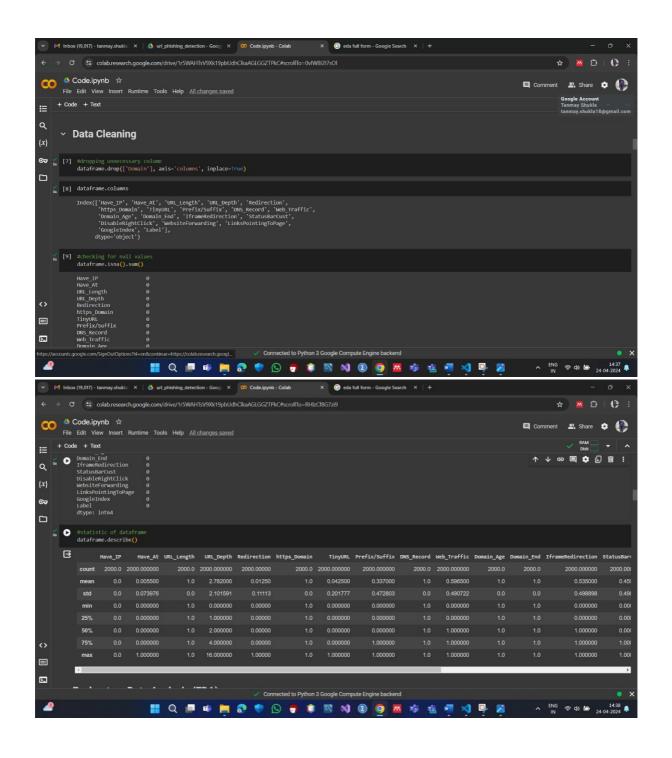


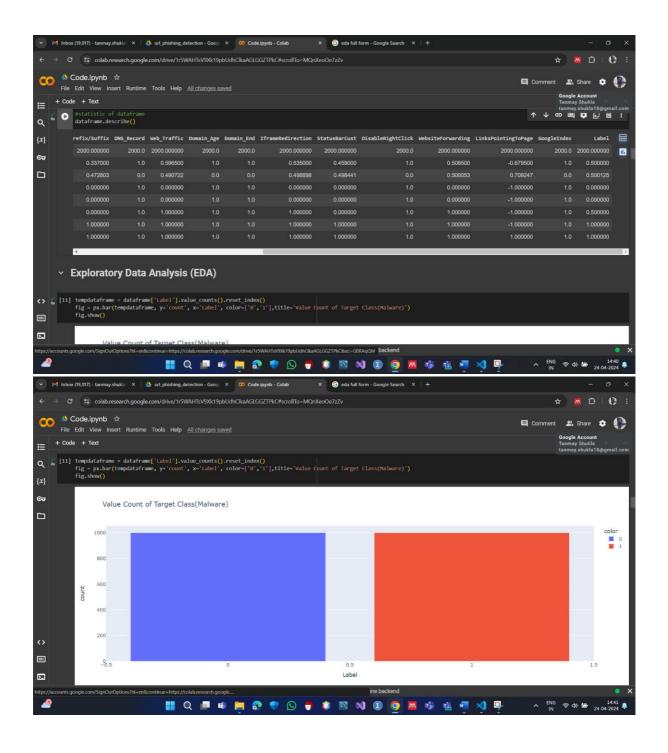
The above figure represents that the URL is safe.

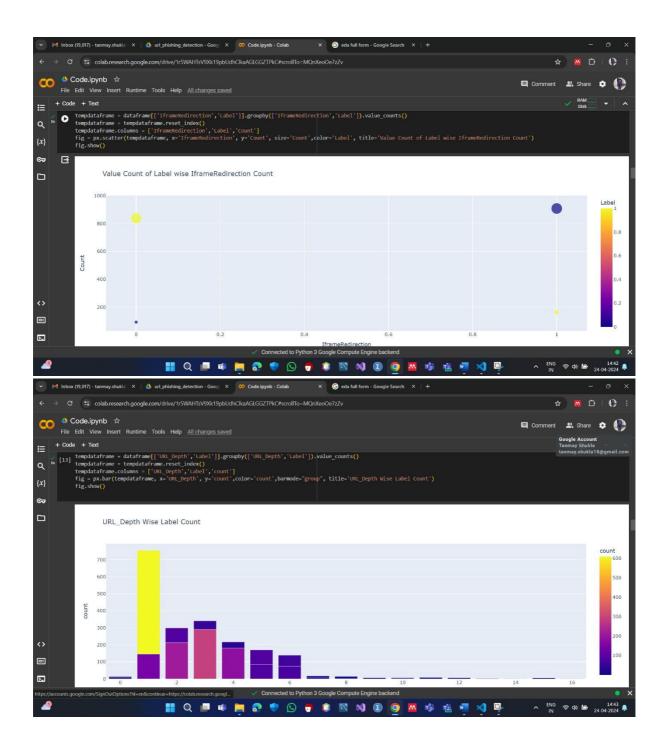
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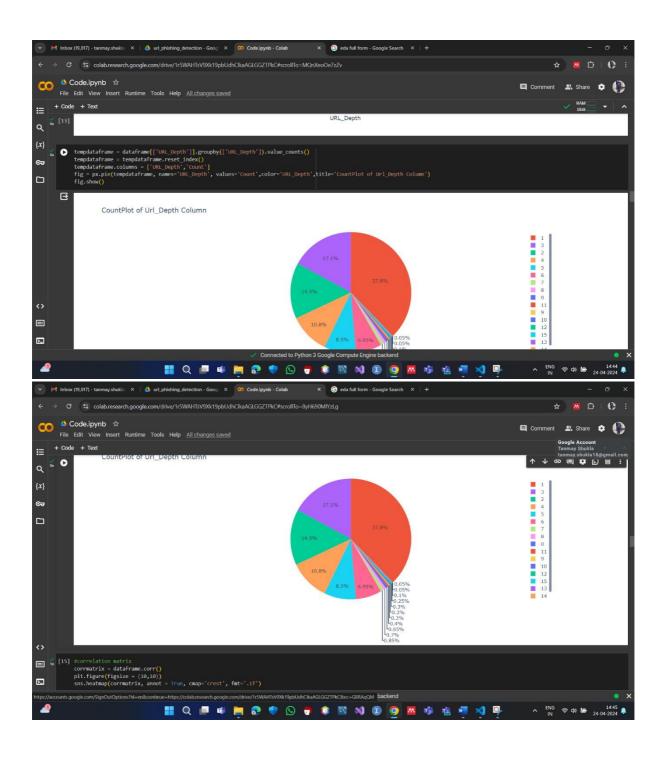


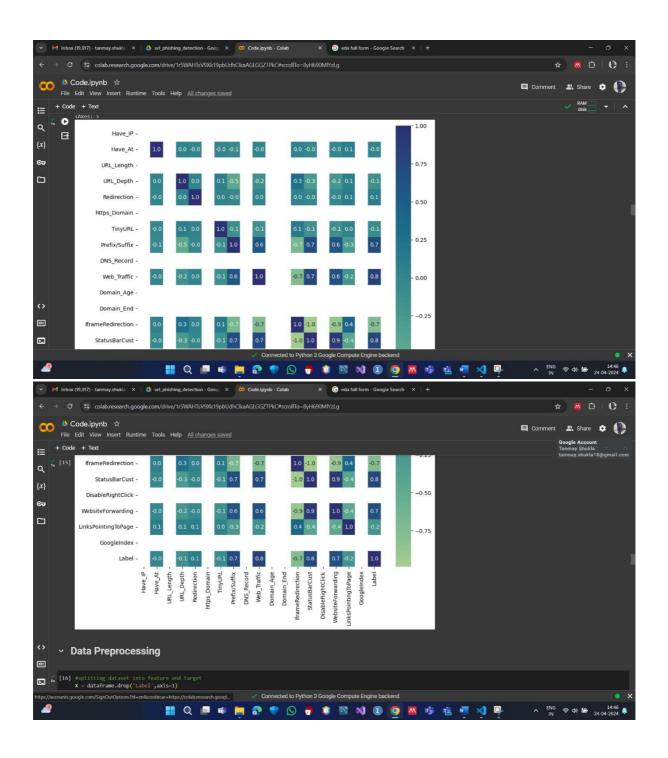


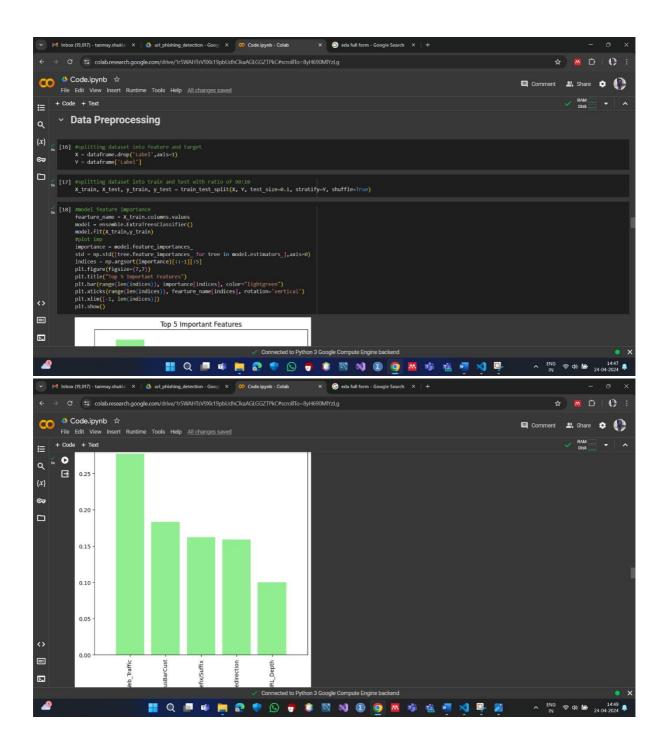


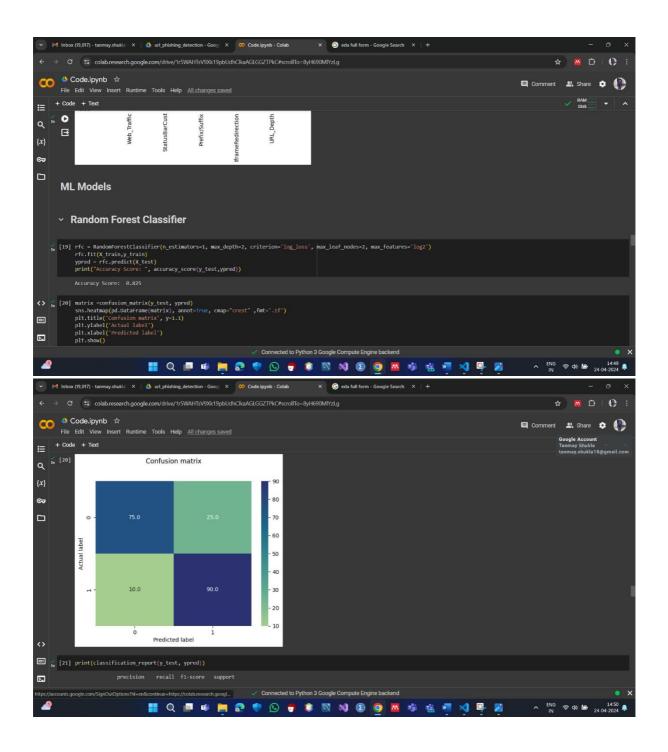


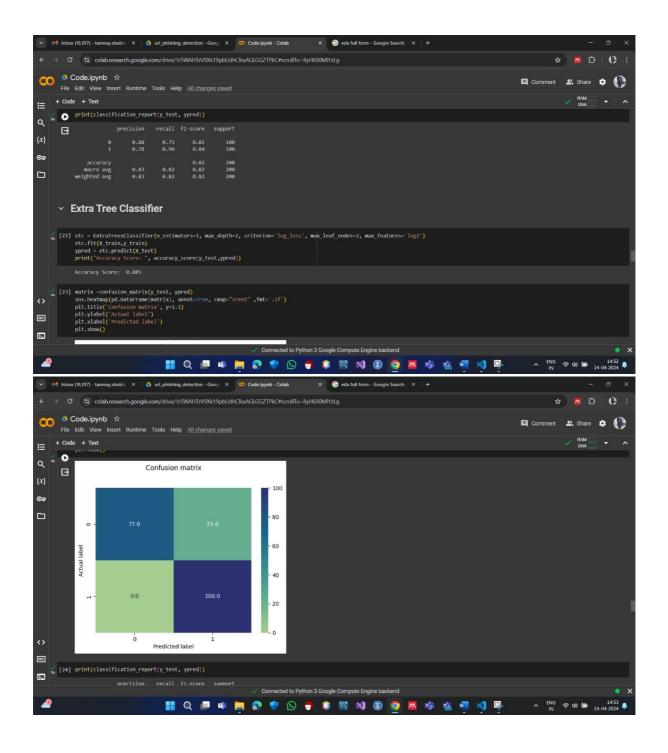


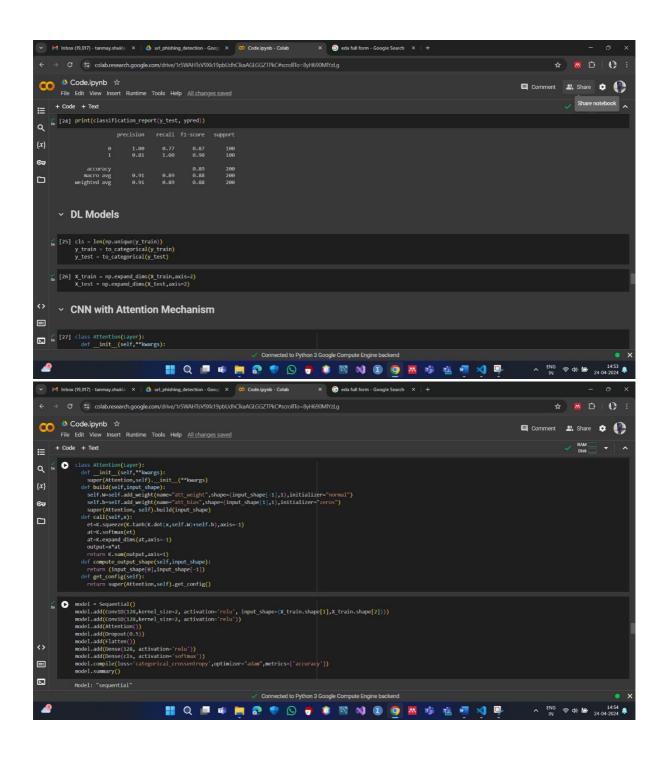


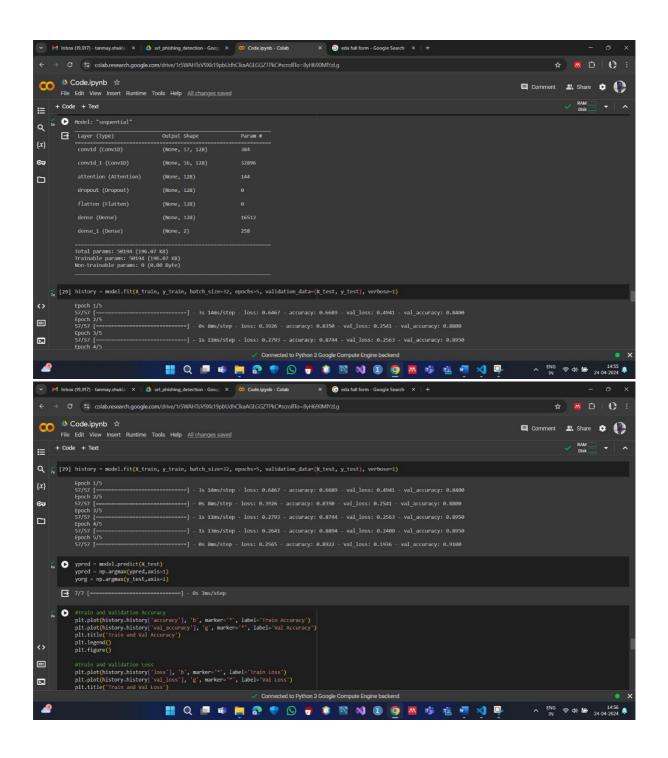


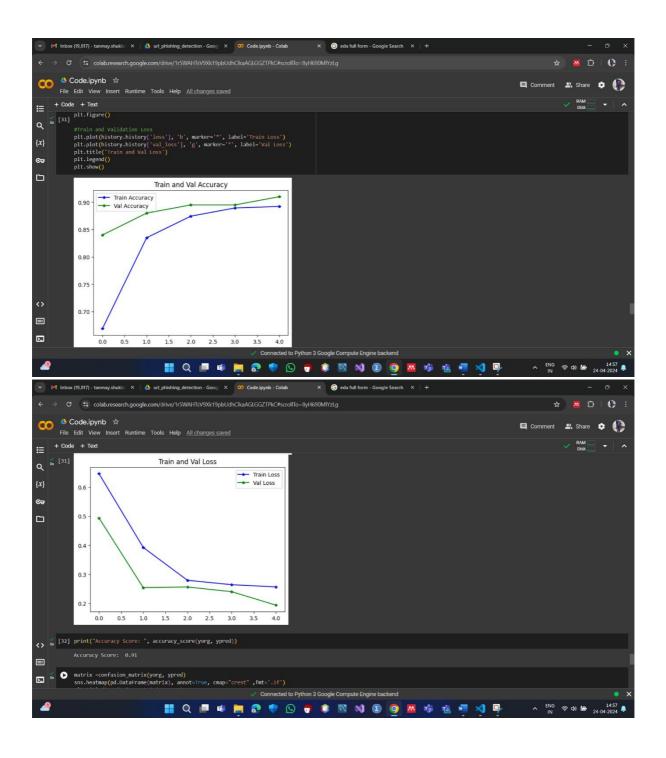


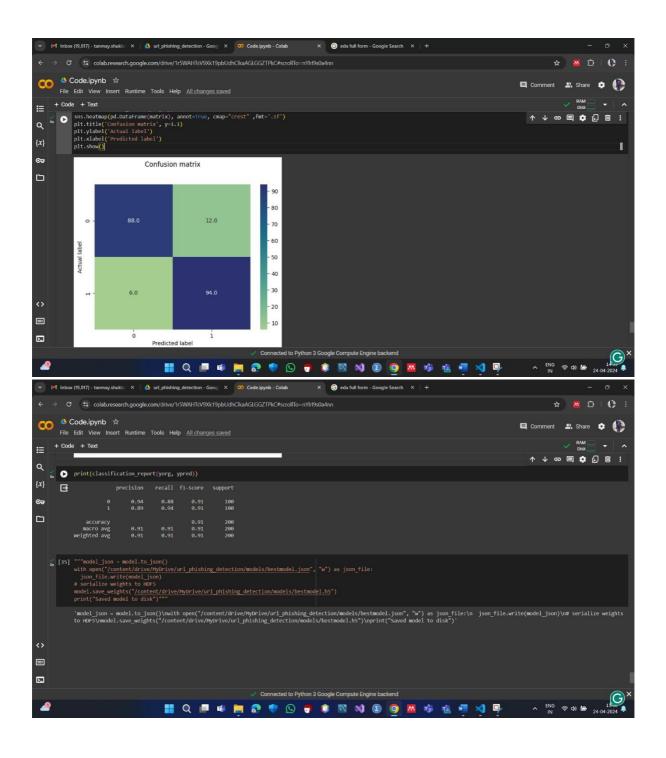


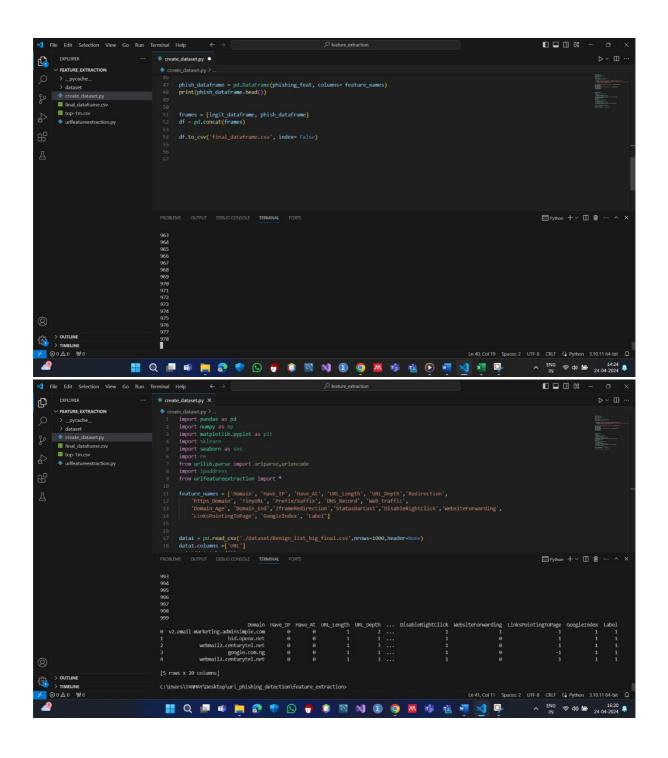


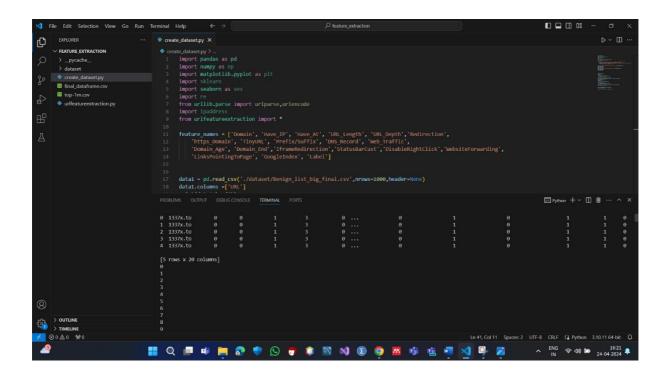












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