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## 1. Introduction

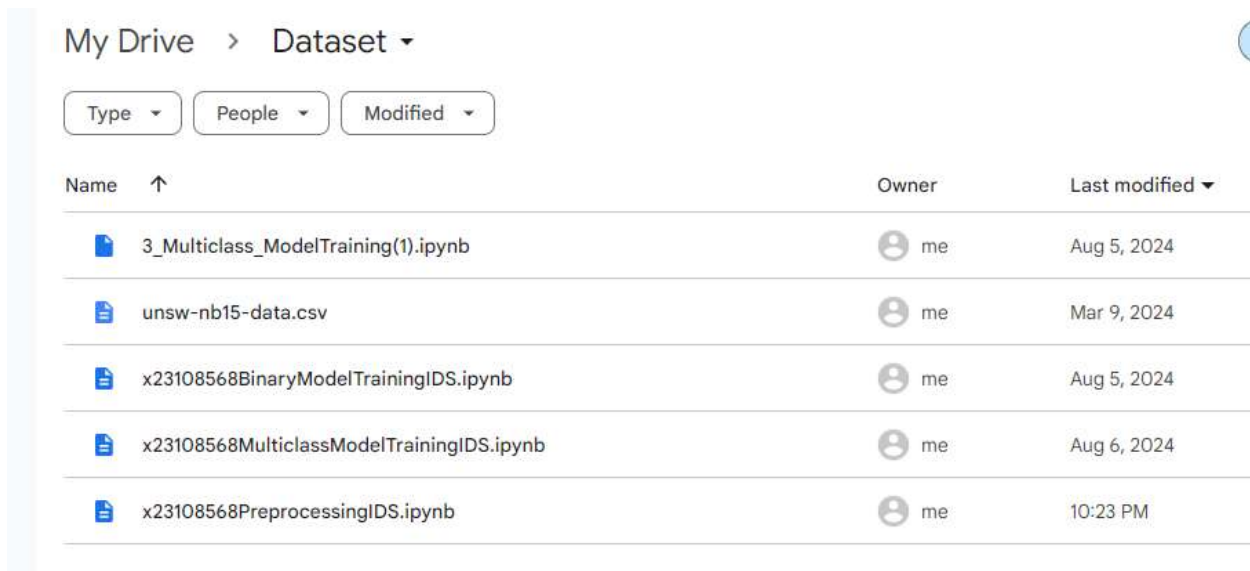
This configuration manual provides detailed instructions for setting up and implementing the proposed Intrusion Detection System(IDS) for IoT networks with title 'Enhancing Computational Efficiency and Time Optimization in Cloud IoT Intrusion Detection Using ANN and Hybrid Deep Learning'. This manual covers the necessary tools, environment setup, data preparation, model development, and evaluation processes to ensure optimal system performance and security.

## 2. Implementation

### 2.1 Experimental Setup

#### i. Dataset collection

Google Drive is used to store and manage both the dataset and the. ipynb file which contains the machine learning code for my analysis (Figure 1). Google Colab connects to Google Drive to access and manage all files stored in it (Figure 2)













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Figure1: Dataset and Code Management in Google Drive

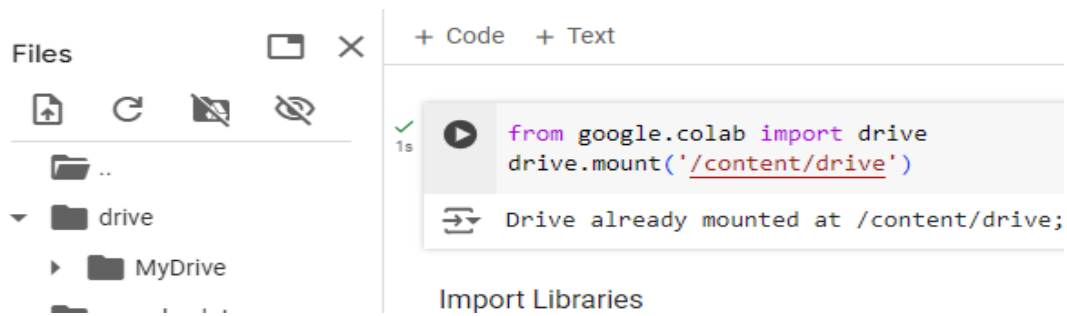


Figure2: Google Drive Mount Code in Google Colab

## ii. Dataset Loading

Importing the necessary libraries for data manipulation, numerical operations, and visualization defined at the initial phase of the preprocessing. Figure 2 shows the dataset was successfully imported for analysis by uploaded from a specific file location and have error handling in place to handle any issues with file availability

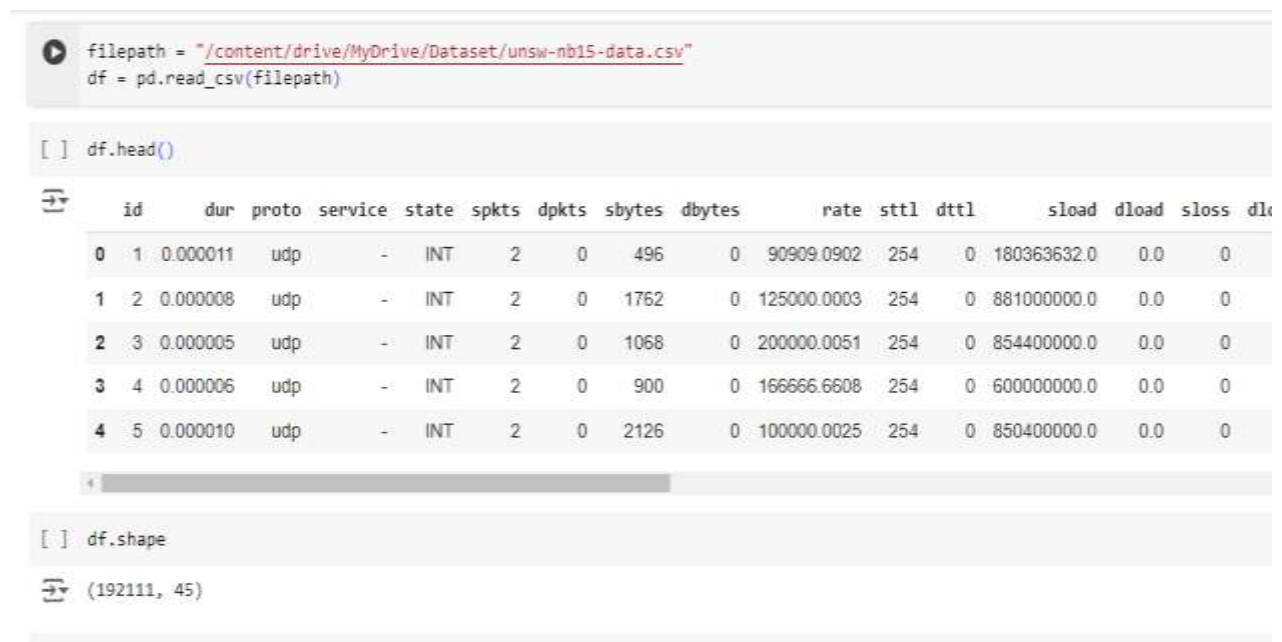


Figure3: Dataset Loading Successfully from Google Drive

## 3. Libraries and Packages

- **Pandas (Version: 2.1.4):** Used for data manipulation and analysis. It included the data structures and functions required to clean and prepare the dataset.
- **NumPy (Version: 1.26.4):** For numerical computations, particularly for handling arrays and matrices.
- **Matplotlib and Seaborn (Version: 3.7.1 and 0.13.1):** Used for data visualization. These libraries helped in generating plots and charts to explore and present the data visually.

- **Warnings:** During code execution, the warnings module was used to suppress unnecessary warnings.
- **Scikit-learn (MinMaxScaler) (Version: 1.2.3):** Provided tools for scaling features to a range, which is an important step of making the data to run machine learning algorithms
- **TensorFlow/Keras(Version:2.17.0):** An open-source library for building and training machine learning models
- **Python Flask (Version: 2.0.3):** Provides a lightweight framework for creating Intrusion detection application and integrating with the ML models.

## 4. Phases

### 4.1 Data Collection

This research utilizes the UNSW-NB15 dataset (Data World, 2024) sourced from dataworld (<https://data.world/victorpu/unswnb15-data>) to support the development and evaluation of Intrusion Detection Systems in IoT environments.

### 4.2 Data Info

The below figure 4 represent the dataset structure

```
df.info()
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 192111 entries, 0 to 192110
Data columns (total 44 columns):
#   Column              Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  -
0   dur                  192111 non-null float64
1   proto                192111 non-null object
2   service              192111 non-null object
3   state                192111 non-null object
4   spkts                192111 non-null int64
5   dpkts                192111 non-null int64
6   sbytes               192111 non-null int64
7   dbytes               192111 non-null int64
8   rate                 192111 non-null float64
9   sttl                 192111 non-null int64
10  dttl                 192111 non-null int64
11  sload                192111 non-null float64
12  dload                192111 non-null float64
13  sloss                192111 non-null int64
14  dloss                192111 non-null int64
15  sinpkt               192111 non-null float64
16  dinpkt               192111 non-null float64
17  sjit                 192111 non-null float64
18  djit                 192111 non-null float64
19  swin                 192111 non-null int64
20  stcpb                192111 non-null int64
21  dtcpb                192111 non-null int64
22  dwin                 192111 non-null int64
23  tcprtt               192111 non-null float64
24  synack               192111 non-null float64
25  ackdat               192111 non-null float64
26  smean                192111 non-null int64
27  dmean                192111 non-null int64
28  trans_depth          192111 non-null int64
29  response_body_len    192111 non-null int64
30  ct_srv_src           192111 non-null int64
31  ct_state_ttl         192111 non-null int64
32  ct_dct_fm            192111 non-null int64
```

Figure 4: Shows the structure of the dataset used

### 4.3 Dataset Preprocessing

Figure 5 and Figure 6 represent the dataset reviewed for null values and infinite value analysis, respectively

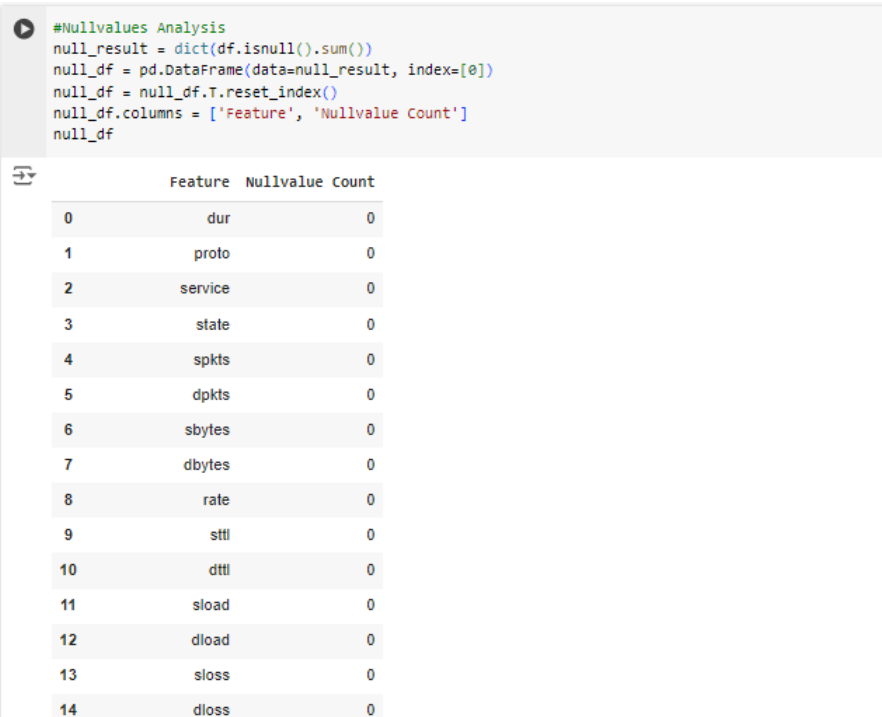


Figure5: Shows the Null Value Analysis

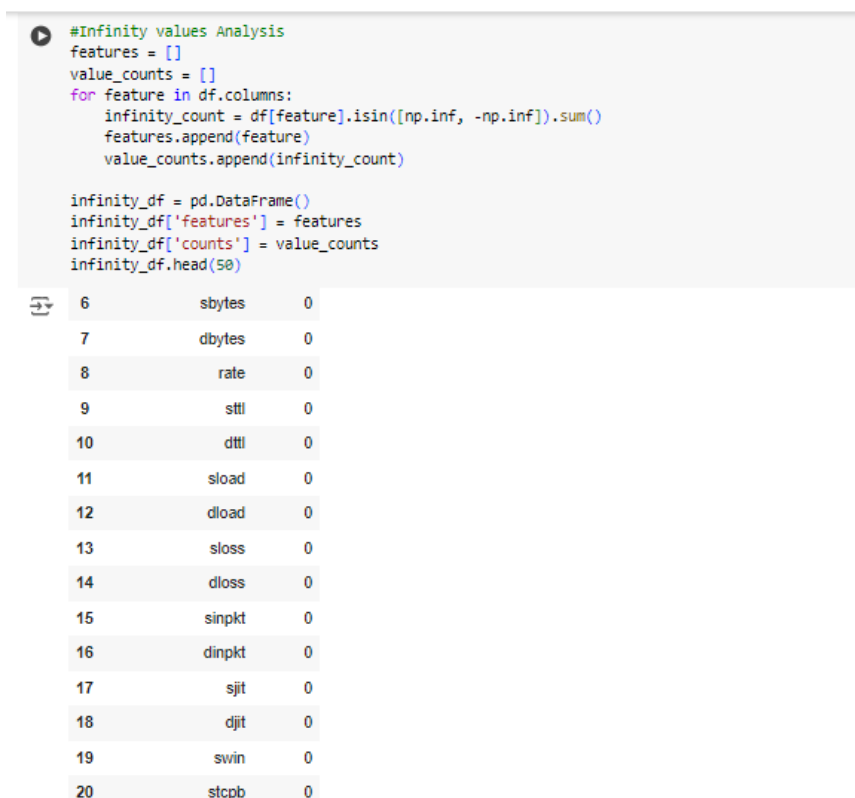


Figure 6: Illustrates the analysis of infinite values

## 4.4 Attack Category Analysis

The distribution of attack categories was analysed (Figure 7) and visualized using bar charts and pie charts to understand the frequency and proportion of each category

(Figure 8). Similarly, the distribution of service categories was visualized with bar charts to depict the count of each service type (Figure 8) and (Figure 9).

```
[ ] attack_counts = df['attack_cat'].value_counts()
categories = attack_counts.index
counts = attack_counts.values
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 6))
bar_chart = axes[0].bar(categories, counts, color='skyblue')
axes[0].set_title('Attack Category Distribution')
axes[0].set_xlabel('Attack Category')
axes[0].set_ylabel('Count')
axes[0].set_xticklabels(categories, rotation=45, ha='right')
for bar in bar_chart:
    height = bar.get_height()
    axes[0].text(bar.get_x() + bar.get_width() / 2, height, f'{height}', ha='center', va='bottom')

wedges, texts, autotexts = axes[1].pie(counts, labels=categories, autopct='%1.1f%%', startangle=90,
                                       wedgeprops=dict(width=0.4, edgecolor='w'), pctdistance=0.80)
plt.setp(autotexts, size=10, weight='bold')
axes[1].set_title('Attack Category Proportion')
centre_circle = plt.Circle((0, 0), 0.25, color='white', edgecolor='black', linewidth=0.5)
axes[1].add_artist(centre_circle)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Figure 7: Attack Category Distribution

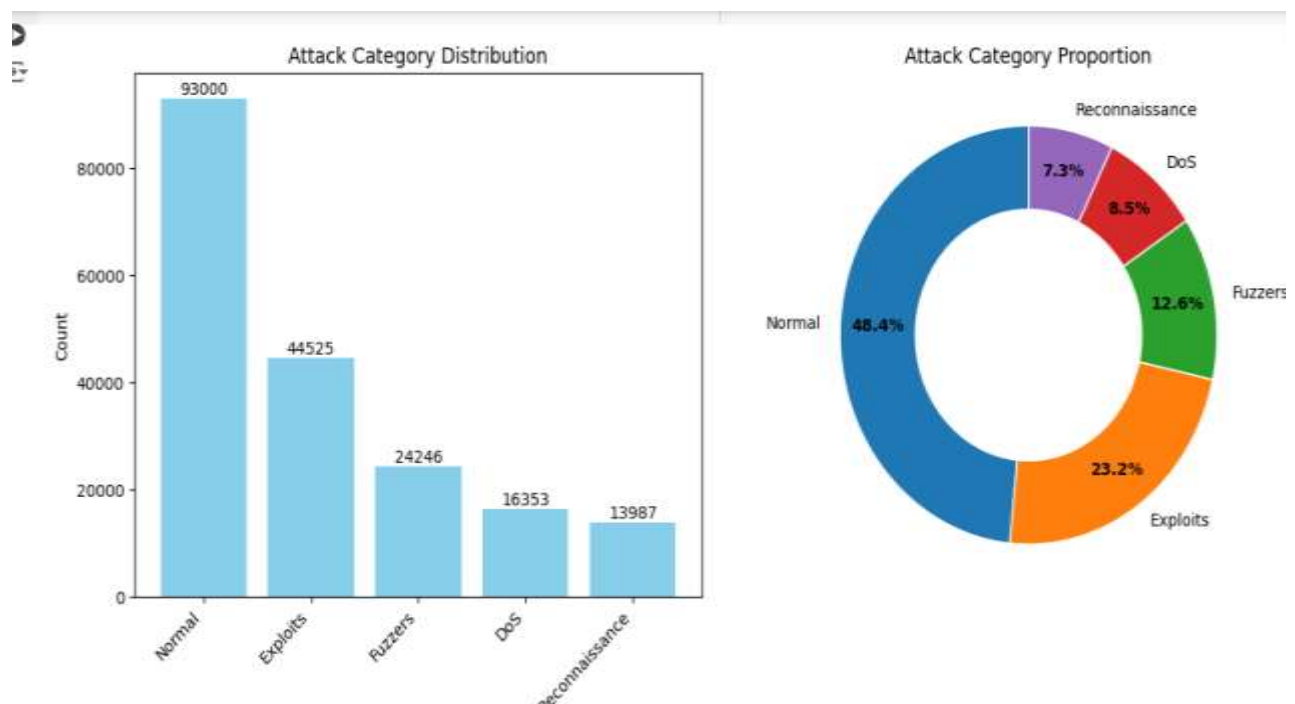


Figure 8: Visualization of Attack Category Distribution

```
[ ] attack_counts = df['service'].value_counts()
categories = attack_counts.index
counts = attack_counts.values

with plt.style.context(style="fivethirtyeight"):
    plt.figure(figsize=(18,8))
    plt.rcParams['font.size'] = 15
    bar_chart = plt.bar(categories, counts, color='skyblue',)
    plt.title('Service Category Distribution')
    plt.xlabel('Service Category')
    plt.ylabel('Count')
    for bar in bar_chart:
        height = bar.get_height()
        plt.text(bar.get_x() + bar.get_width() / 2, height, f'{height}', ha='center', va='bottom')
    plt.show()
```

Figure 9: Service Category Distribution

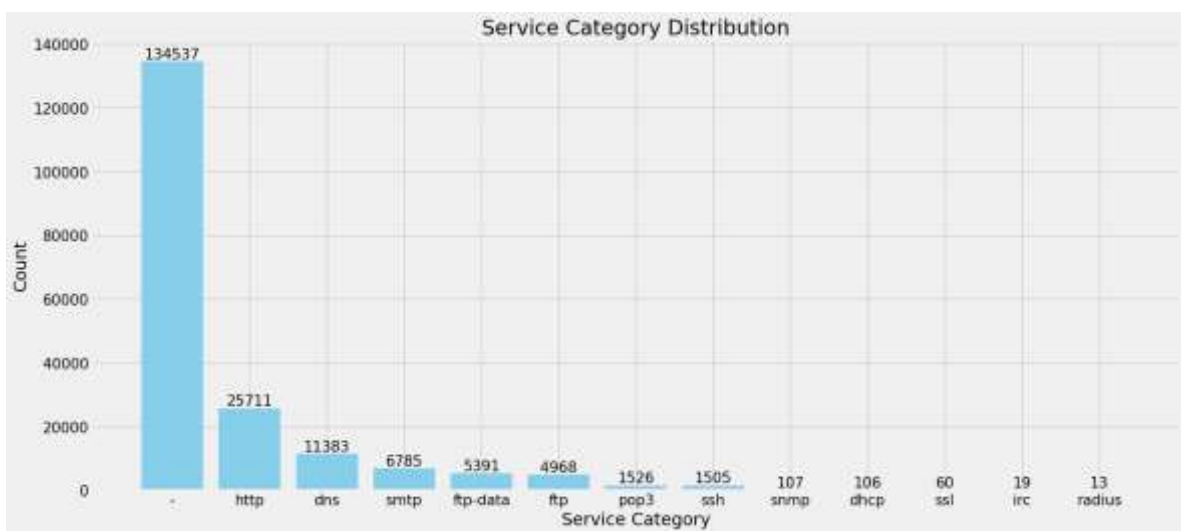


Figure 10: Visualization of Service Category Distribution

## 4.5 Scaling Features Using MinMaxScaler

Each feature is scaled by the MinMaxScaler to a specific range, usually between 0 and 1. This scaling is especially important to algorithms that are sensitive to feature scale, since it helps standardize features to ensure all contributes equally to the model (Figure 11).

```
[ ] scaler = MinMaxScaler()
scaler = scaler.fit(X.values)

X_scaled = scaler.transform(X.values)
binary_df = pd.DataFrame(data=X_scaled, columns=X.columns)

binary_df.head()
```

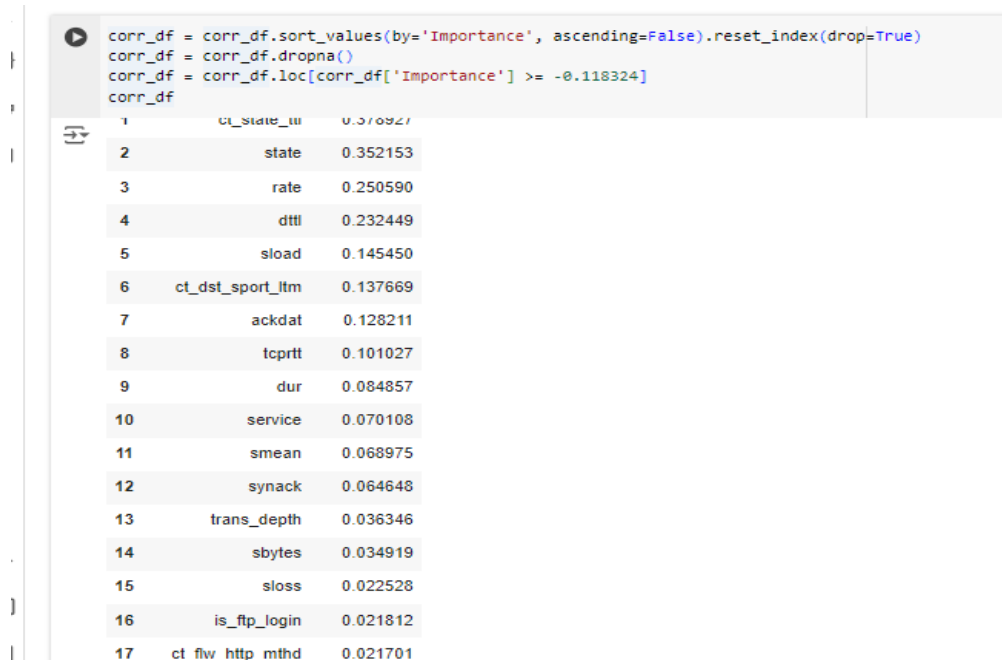
	dur	proto	service	state	spkts	dpkts	sbytes	dbytes	rate	sttl	dttl	sload
0	1.500000e-07	0.909091	1.000000	0.5	0.000094	0.000000	0.000012	0.000000	0.111111	0.996078	0.000000	1.484450e-02
1	3.229819e-02	0.856061	1.000000	0.4	0.001597	0.001634	0.000067	0.000181	0.000018	0.243137	0.992126	6.459790e-07
2	1.666667e-07	0.909091	1.000000	0.5	0.000094	0.000000	0.000012	0.000000	0.100000	0.996078	0.000000	1.336005e-02
3	8.134501e-04	0.856061	0.166667	0.4	0.004791	0.004901	0.000203	0.000255	0.002151	0.121569	0.114173	7.878016e-05
4	1.840144e-02	0.856061	0.166667	0.4	0.001033	0.001089	0.000042	0.000047	0.000021	0.996078	0.992126	7.042522e-07

Figure 11: Feature Scaling of Dataset Using Min-Max Scaler



## 4.6 Plotting Feature Importance Using Line Chart

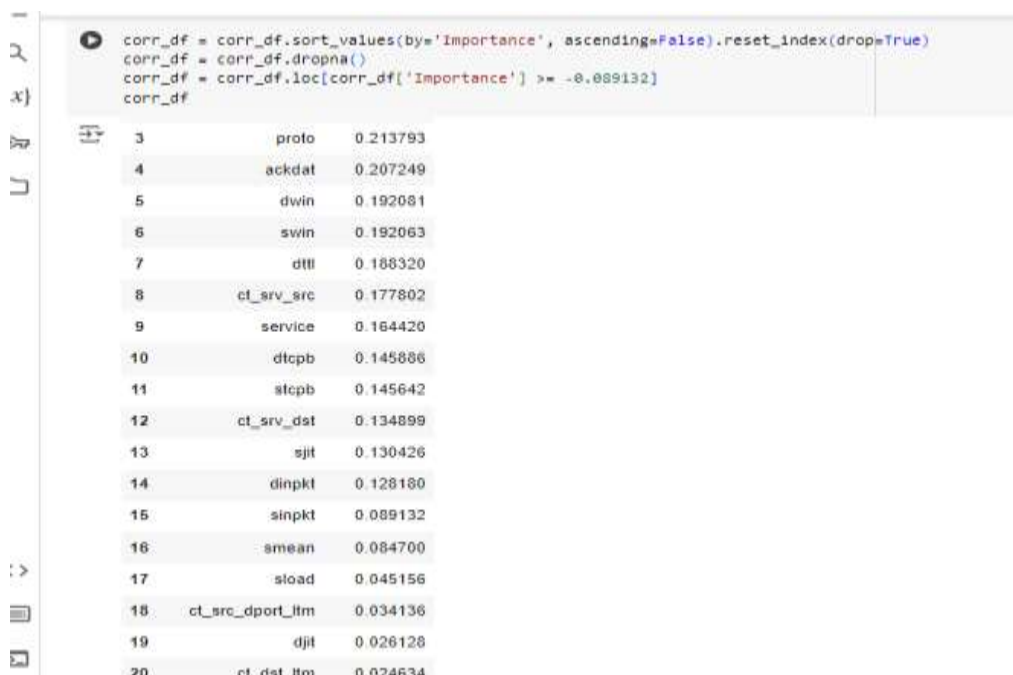
Feature selection and analysis of feature importance for both binary and multiclass classification tasks are performed in this section. The most important features that significantly impact classification outcomes were identified. This process ensures that only the most influential features are retained, with features having negative or missing correlation values being removed. Figure 12 and Figure 13 shows the feature Selection for Binary Classification and Multiclass Classification.



```
corr_df = corr_df.sort_values(by='Importance', ascending=False).reset_index(drop=True)
corr_df = corr_df.dropna()
corr_df = corr_df.loc[corr_df['Importance'] >= -0.118324]
corr_df
```

1	ct_state_w	0.370927
2	state	0.352153
3	rate	0.250590
4	dtfl	0.232449
5	sload	0.145450
6	ct_dst_sport_ltm	0.137669
7	ackdat	0.128211
8	tcprtt	0.101027
9	dur	0.084857
10	service	0.070108
11	smean	0.068975
12	synack	0.064648
13	trans_depth	0.036346
14	sbytes	0.034919
15	sloss	0.022528
16	is_ftp_login	0.021812
17	ct_flw_http_mthd	0.021701

Figure 12: Feature Selection for Binary Classification



```
corr_df = corr_df.sort_values(by='Importance', ascending=False).reset_index(drop=True)
corr_df = corr_df.dropna()
corr_df = corr_df.loc[corr_df['Importance'] >= -0.089132]
corr_df
```

3	proto	0.213793
4	ackdat	0.207249
5	dwin	0.192081
6	svin	0.192063
7	dtfl	0.188320
8	ct_srv_src	0.177802
9	service	0.164420
10	dtcpb	0.145886
11	stcpb	0.145642
12	ct_srv_dst	0.134899
13	sjit	0.130426
14	dlnpkt	0.128180
15	slnpkt	0.089132
16	smean	0.084700
17	sload	0.045156
18	ct_src_dport_ltm	0.034136
19	djit	0.026128
20	ct_dst_ltm	0.024634

Figure 13: Feature Selection for Multiclass Classification

## 4.7 Dataset Oversampling

The SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-Sampling Technique) algorithm is applied in Figure 14 and Figure 15 code to address the issue of class imbalance in a binary and multiclass classification dataset.

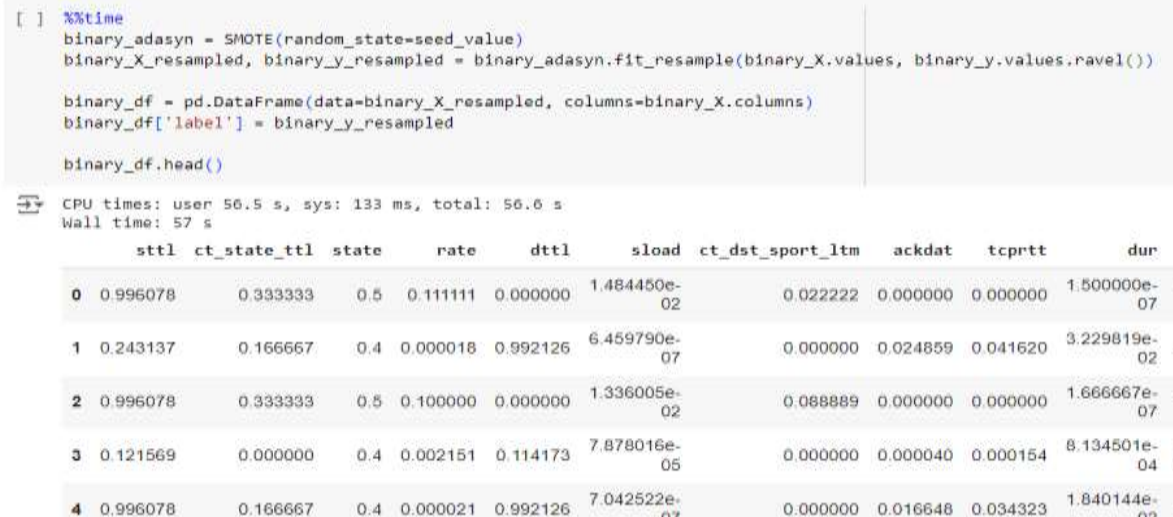


Figure 14: Dataset oversampling for binary classification

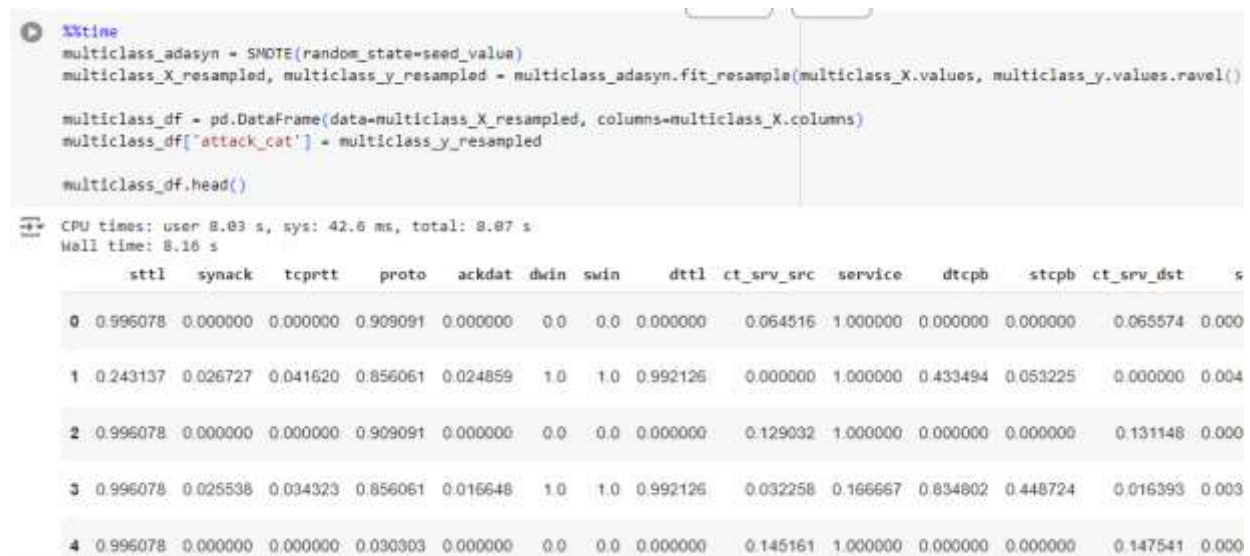


Figure 15: Dataset oversampling for multiclass classification

## 4.8 Dataset Splitting

Figures 16 illustrate dataset split into 80% training and 20% testing

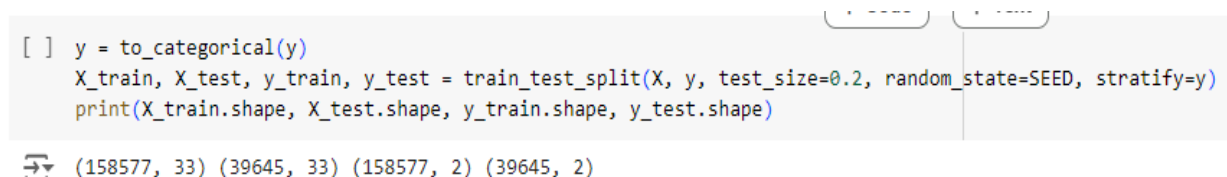
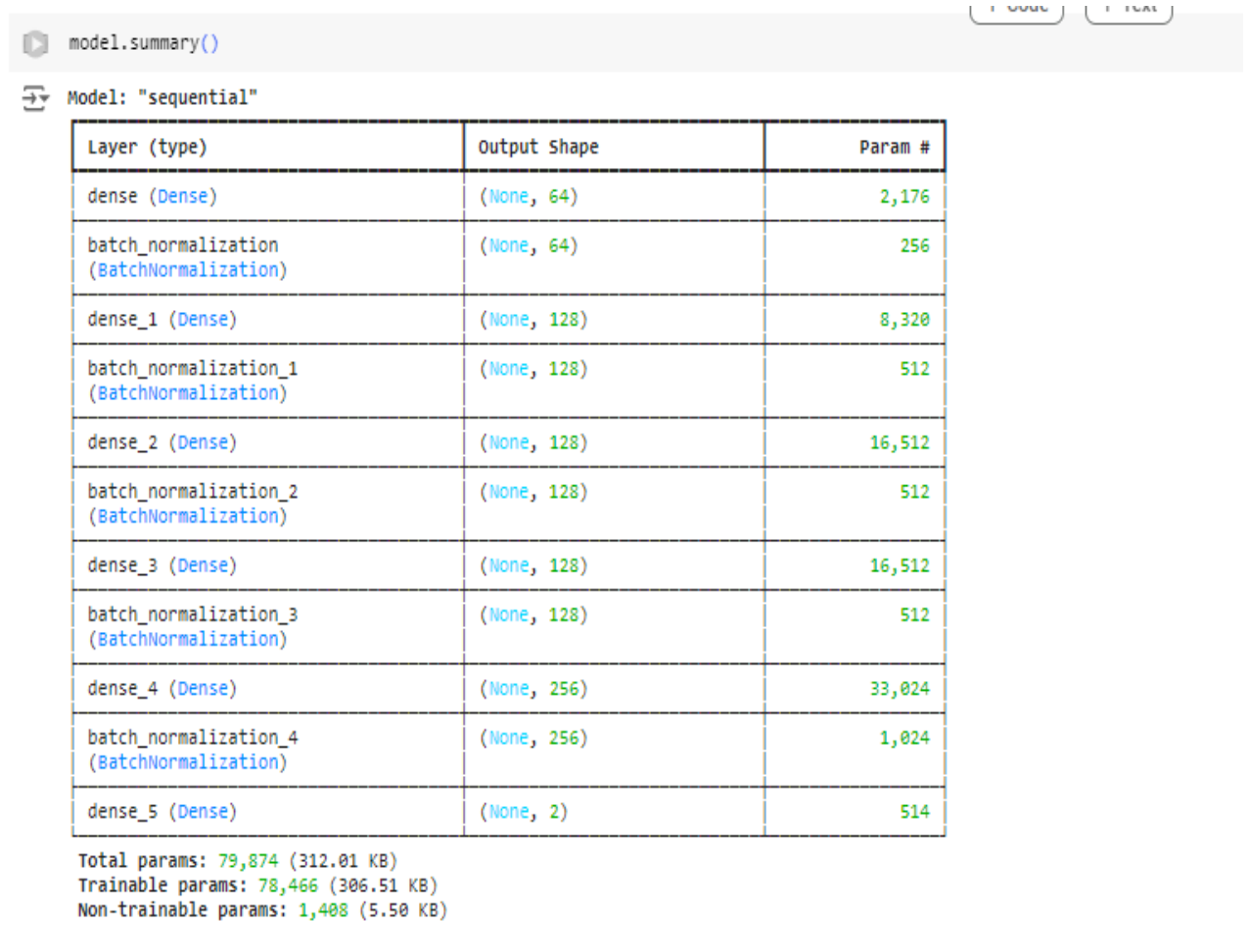


Figure 16: Dataset Splitting Process

## 5. Model Architecture

### 5.1 Artificial Neural Network

The sequential network model of the Artificial Neural Network (ANN) is shown in Figure 17, which highlights the complexity and structure of the model by providing an overview of the number of parameters and the output shape of each layer.



```
model.summary()
```

Model: "sequential"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense (Dense)	(None, 64)	2,176
batch_normalization (BatchNormalization)	(None, 64)	256
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 128)	8,320
batch_normalization_1 (BatchNormalization)	(None, 128)	512
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 128)	16,512
batch_normalization_2 (BatchNormalization)	(None, 128)	512
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 128)	16,512
batch_normalization_3 (BatchNormalization)	(None, 128)	512
dense_4 (Dense)	(None, 256)	33,024
batch_normalization_4 (BatchNormalization)	(None, 256)	1,024
dense_5 (Dense)	(None, 2)	514

Total params: 79,874 (312.01 KB)  
Trainable params: 78,466 (306.51 KB)  
Non-trainable params: 1,408 (5.50 KB)

Figure 17: Model Architecture of Artificial Neural Network

### 5.2 Convolutional-Gated Recurrent Unit

The hybrid model, Convolutional-Gated Recurrent Unit (CGRU) algorithm is outlined in the model summary of Figure 18. It combines convolutional and recurrent layers to process sequential data with complex feature dependencies effectively.

Layer (type)	Output shape	Param #	Connected to
input_1 (InputLayer)	[(None, 26, 1)]	0	[]
conv1d (Conv1D)	(None, 26, 32)	96	['input_1[0][0]']
conv1d_1 (Conv1D)	(None, 26, 32)	2880	['conv1d[0][0]']
conv1d_2 (Conv1D)	(None, 26, 32)	64	['input_1[0][0]']
add (Add)	(None, 26, 32)	0	['conv1d_1[0][0]', 'conv1d_2[0][0]']
batch_normalization (Batch Normalization)	(None, 26, 32)	128	['add[0][0]']
max_pooling1d (MaxPooling1D)	(None, 13, 32)	0	['batch_normalization[0][0]']
conv1d_3 (Conv1D)	(None, 13, 64)	4160	['max_pooling1d[0][0]']
conv1d_4 (Conv1D)	(None, 13, 64)	8256	['conv1d_3[0][0]']
conv1d_5 (Conv1D)	(None, 13, 64)	4160	['conv1d_4[0][0]']
add_1 (Add)	(None, 13, 64)	0	['conv1d_4[0][0]', 'conv1d_5[0][0]']
batch_normalization_1 (Batch Normalization)	(None, 13, 64)	256	['add_1[0][0]']
max_pooling1d_1 (MaxPooling1D)	(None, 6, 64)	0	['batch_normalization_1[0][0]']
conv1d_6 (Conv1D)	(None, 6, 128)	16512	['max_pooling1d_1[0][0]']
conv1d_7 (Conv1D)	(None, 6, 128)	32896	['conv1d_6[0][0]']
conv1d_8 (Conv1D)	(None, 6, 128)	16512	['conv1d_7[0][0]']

Figure 18: Model Architecture of Convolutional-Gated Recurrent Unit

## 6. Performance Evaluation

### 6.1 Performance Metrics for Binary Classification

Performance Metrics for Binary Classification Using ANN are illustrated in Figures 19 and Figure 20.

```
[ ] model_accuracy = accuracy_score(
    y_true=true_labels,
    y_pred=predicted_labels
)

print(f"Validation accuracy of ArtificialNeuralNetwork model is {model_accuracy*100:.2f}%")
```

Validation accuracy of ArtificialNeuralNetwork model is 90.79%

Figure 19: Accuracy Achieved for Binary Classification

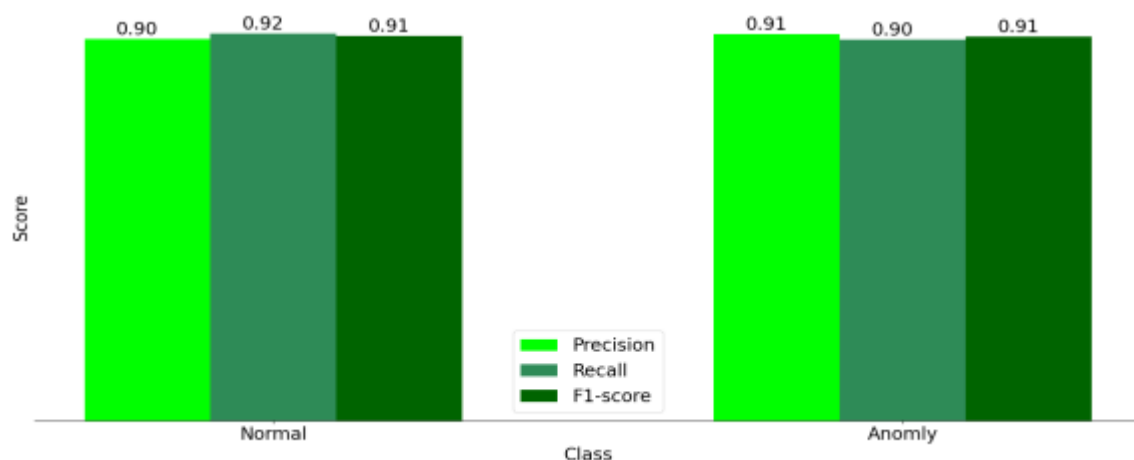


Figure 20: Performance Metrics for Binary Classification

## 6.2 Performance Metrics for Multiclass Classification

Performance Metrics of the Hybrid CGRU Model for Multiclass Classification are illustrated in Figures 21 and Table 1.

```
model_accuracy = accuracy_score(
    y_true=true_labels,
    y_pred=predicted_labels
)

print(f"Validation accuracy of ConvolutionalGatedRecurrentUnit model is {model_accuracy*100:.2f}%")
```

Validation accuracy of ConvolutionalGatedRecurrentUnit model is 77.99%

Figure 21: Accuracy Achieved for Multiclass Classification

Class	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	Support
DoS	0.76	0.46	0.57	6679
Exploits	0.92	0.88	0.90	6679
Reconnaissance	0.55	0.84	0.67	6678
Fuzzers	0.86	0.81	0.83	6679
<b>Accuracy</b>			0.74	26715
<b>Macro Avg</b>	0.77	0.74	0.74	26715
<b>Weighted Avg</b>	0.77	0.74	0.74	26715

Table 1: Performance Metrics for Multiclass Classification

## 7. Intrusion Detection Application

A Python Flask web interface deployed in Amazon Web Service (AWS) Elastic Beanstalk (Figure 22) and (Figure 23), allows users to upload a CSV file with network traffic data.

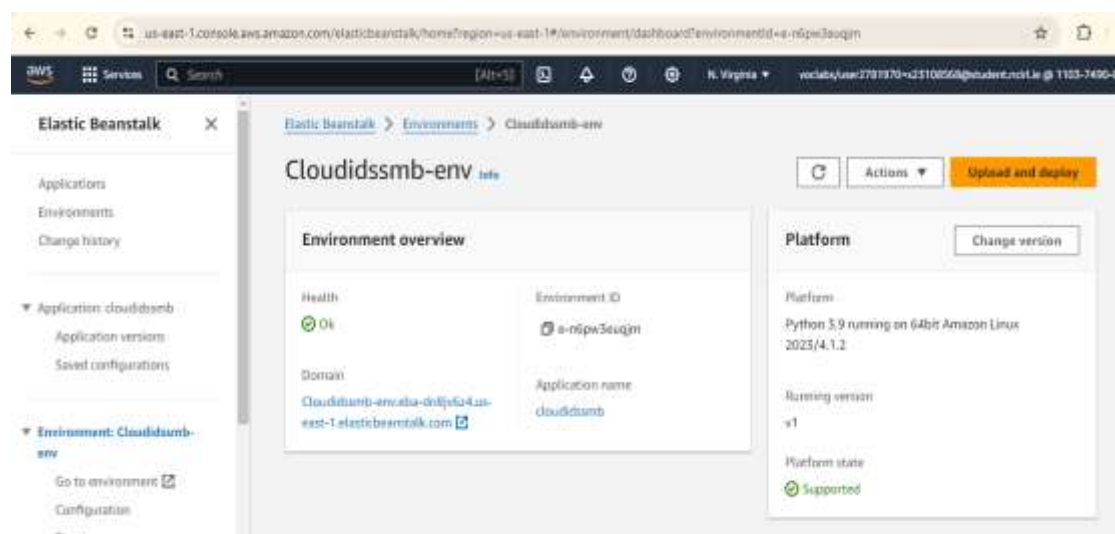


Figure 22: Application deployed in AWS Elastic Beanstalk

```

def predict_response(filepath):
    # print("filepath : ", filepath)
    phase_1_status = phase_1_verification(filepath)
    print("phase_1_status : ", phase_1_status)
    if phase_1_status['STATUS'] == True:
        phase_1_ip_address = phase_1_status["IP ADDRESS"]
        phase_1_attack = phase_1_status["ATTACK"]

        B_label = f"The IP address {phase_1_ip_address} is blocked."
        B_ip = f"Attack details: {phase_1_attack}"
        return B_label, B_ip, phase_1_attack
    else:
        result_2 = phase_2_verification(filepath)
        print("result_2 : ", result_2)

        binaryClass = result_2[0]
        binaryClassPro = result_2[1]
        multiClass = result_2[2]
        multiClassPro = result_2[3]

        bin_pro_score = "{:.2f}%".format(binaryClassPro * 100)

        if binaryClass == 'Normal':
            binaryClassStatus = f"File Status: {binaryClass}"
            multiClassStatusPro = f"Probability Score: {bin_pro_score}"
            predictionResult = binaryClass
        else:
            mul_pro_score = "{:.2f}%".format(multiClassPro * 100)
            binaryClassStatus = f"File Status: {binaryClass}"
            multiClassStatusPro = f"A {multiClass} attack was detected with a probability score of {mul_p
            predictionResult = multiClass

```

Figure 23: Python Flask IDS Application Code

Result will be displayed in the portal whether it is normal or attack (Figure 24), (Figure 25) and Also display the blocked IP address (figure 26).

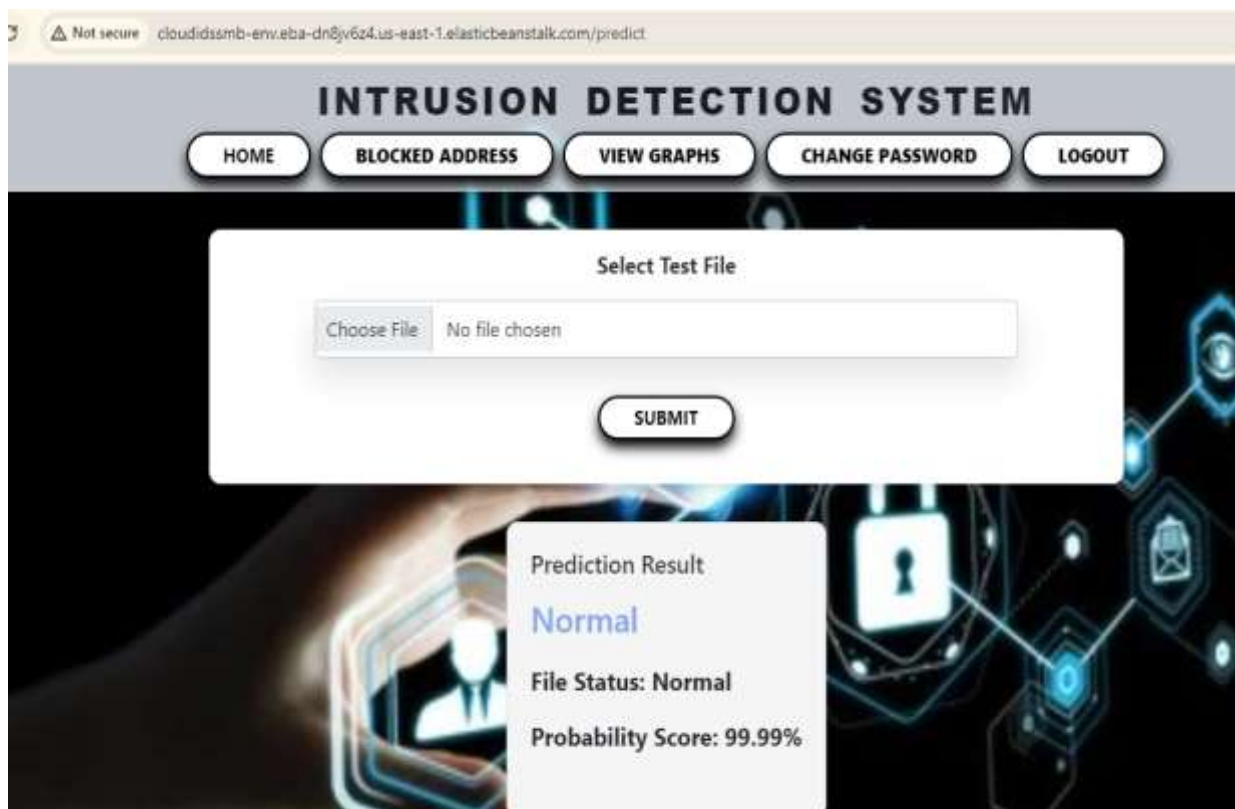


Figure 24: Application Detecting Normal Activity





Figure 25: Application Detecting Attack and Sent an email notification



Figure 26: Application Detecting Blocked IP

## 8. Conclusion

This research proposes a two-level classification system for IoT intrusion detection by combining ANN for initial binary classification and hybrid CNN-GRU model for in-depth threat detection. By optimizing resource utilization and computational efficiency, this approach significantly improves response times and detection accuracy. The combination of these machine learning techniques ensures an efficient and scalable solution for enhancing the security and reliability of IOT networks.

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