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1 Introduction

This is a configuration handbook, which contains the fundamental sets to build this project work. This project works intends to create a model using machine learning – SVC & Random Forest and deep learning – ANN algorithms to identify if any intrusions such as of Benign, dos, password, scanning, or xss occurs. This Configuration handbook is essential and includes all the necessary hardware requirements, software, and implementation techniques which were used to develop this project.

2 Requirement of Hardware

Operating system: Windows 11 home (64 bit)

RAM: 8GB/16 GB

Storage: 1TB HDD or SSD

Processor: 12th gen - Intel core i5 @ 3.20GHz 2.50 GHz

Graphics card: 2 GB/4 GB - NVIDA GeForce or AMD Radeon (Optional)

System type: 64-bit operating system (x64-based processor).

3 Requirement of Software

The following are the required software that are used for developing this project:

Python 3.7: It is a general programming language widely used in AI/ML for its simplicity, extensive libraries, and ability to handle complex data structures.

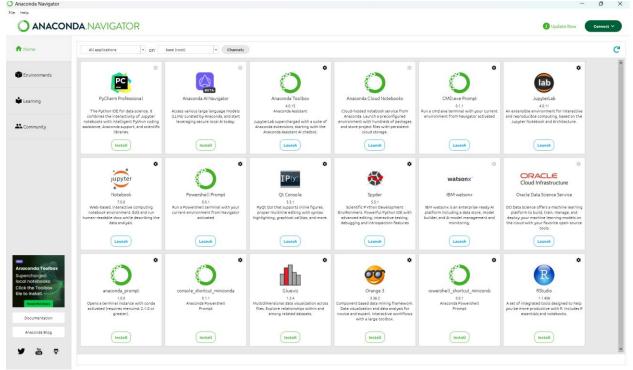
Anaconda distribution is actually the easiest way to set up an AI/ML development environment, abstracting away all issues with package management and deployment.

Jupyter Notebook is an interactive coding environment that simplifies prototyping and experimentations with AI/ML algorithms, while the Jupyter notebook IDE is used to run the code, the python libraries are utilized for analysis and visualization of various graphs and data. Notepad++: A popular code editor for writing and editing Python scripts.

Anaconda Navigator with GUI makes it easier to manage environments, packages, and workflows in AI/ML development. (Download Anaconda Distribution, n.d.)

https://www.anaconda.com/download

By downloading Anaconda navigation from the link given above, the anaconda navigator along with Jupyter notebook and necessary python libraries will be installed in the system. After the installation is done, launch the jupyter notebook from the navigator.



4. Python Libraries Installed

The following python libraries which can be installed in the environment using the import command are the once that are needed for this research:

Flask: It is a lightweight web framework to serve AI/ML models as web applications.

Keras: Keras is a high-level neural networks API that is easy to build and fast to train, implemented with flexibility in order to carry out deep learning.

TensorFlow: TensorFlow is an open-source software library applied to large-scale machine learning/deep learning models.

OpenCV: OpenCV is used as a computer vision library applied for real-time image and video processing in AI/ML.

Matplotlib: Matplotlib is a plotting library for static, animated, and interactive visualizations within AI/ML projects.

Scikit-learn: It is used the machine learning library that contains tools for data mining and data analysis.

NumPy: NumPy is a general n-dimensional array-processing package; it defines large arrays with many useful methods and properties.

Pandas: It is package for manipulation and analysis library, which is used for structuring data into tabular forms, which are called DataFrames. (Best Python libraries for Machine Learning, 2019)

Yagmail: Yagmail is a python module that is designed to simplify the process of sending email through gmail by using SMTP protocol. The main use of this module is to allow users to send emails with very small amount of code, making it user-friendly for developers in AI/ML. (Send Email Using yagmail in Python, 2024)

```
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")

import os
import pandas as pd
pd.set_option("display.max_columns",None)
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
import seaborn as sns
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
from tqdm import tqdm
import pickle
from sklearn.utils import resample
```

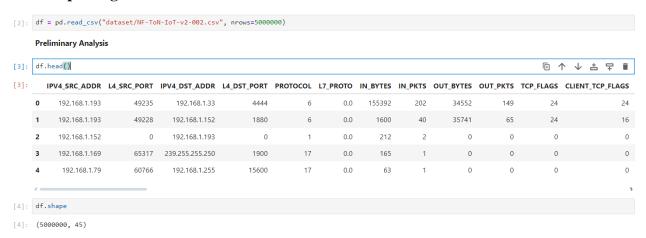
5 Description of Dataset:

NF-ToN-IoT-v2 is actually selected because it includes various categories of network attacks, from benign to DDoS attack, password attack, scanning, ransomware, and injection attack. This variation is what makes it very rich for research in different aspects of network security. Additionally, it is well-built for research within the Internet of Things domains that give insights into how different attack vectors impact different IoT environments. Such a wide-ranging coverage allows researchers to design and test strong security measures against the cyber threats. (Mohanad Sarhan, n.d.)

https://rdm.uq.edu.au/files/a4ad7080-ef9c-11ed-a964-b70596e96ad5

6. Data Importing and preprocessing

Data Importing



Data preprocessing:

```
[10]: df.replace([np.inf, -np.inf], np.nan, inplace=True)
    df.dropna(inplace=True)
[11]: df['Attack'].value_counts()
 [11]: Benign
        scanning
                      2324473
        password
        dos
                         7402
                         6188
        XSS
                          4098
        injection
                         2723
        ransomware
                           33
        Name: Attack, dtype: int64
 [12]: df = df.drop(labels=df[df['Attack']=='mitm'].index)
       df = df.drop(labels=df[df['Attack']=='ransomware'].index)
df = df.drop(labels=df[df['Attack']=='injection'].index)
       df = df.drop(labels=df[df['Attack']=='ddos'].index)
 [18]: class_labels = df['Attack'].unique().tolist()
        class_labels.sort()
        print(class_labels)
        ['Benign', 'dos', 'password', 'scanning', 'xss']
 [19]: class_dict={}
        for idx, label in enumerate(class_labels):
           class_dict[label] = idx
        print(class_dict)
        {'Benign': 0, 'dos': 1, 'password': 2, 'scanning': 3, 'xss': 4}
 [20]: df['Attack'] = df['Attack'].map(class_dict)
        df.head()
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[24]: target_feature = 'Attack'
      all features = df.columns.tolist()
      all_features.remove(target_feature)
      corr = df[all_features].corrwith(df[target_feature])
[25]: corr_df = pd.DataFrame(corr).reset_index()
      corr_df.columns = ['Features', 'Importance']
      corr_df.head(10)
```

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[27]:
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]
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          3
                         DNS_QUERY_TYPE
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                           MIN_IP_PKT_LEN
          5
                            L4_DST_PORT
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          6 FLOW_DURATION_MILLISECONDS
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[29]: with open(file="trained_models/selected_features.pkl", mode="wb") as file:
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      pickle.dump(obj=corr_df['Features'].values.tolist(), file=file)
[30]: df.head()
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  [34]: X=df.drop(labels='Attack',axis=1)
       X.head()
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  [35]: y=df[['Attack']]
        y.head()
  [35]: Attack
        0
           3
        4
               4
```

Data Normalization:

36]:	sca sca df df	aled_X = sc = pd.DataF	<pre>laxScaler() er.fit(X.values) aler.transform(X.valu rame(data=scaled_X,co = y.values.ravel()</pre>	•	.)					
36]:		PROTOCOL	SHORTEST_FLOW_PKT	DNS_QUERY_ID	DNS_QUERY_TYPE	MIN_IP_PKT_LEN	L4_DST_PORT	FLOW_DURATION_MILLISECONDS	MAX_IP_PKT_LEN	LONGEST_
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	2	1.0000	0.109948	0.083851	0.651163	0.197183	0.000809	0.000000	0.156250	
	3	0.3125	0.062827	0.000000	0.000000	0.146479	0.001221	0.000000	0.358016	
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Data splitting:

```
[38]: X = df.drop(labels='Attack', axis=1)
y = df[['Attack']]
X_train,X_test,y_train,y_test=train_test_split(X,y,test_size=0.2,random_state=42,shuffle=True,stratify=y)
print(X_train.shape,X_test.shape,y_train.shape,y_test.shape)

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```

Saving the splitted data:

```
[39]: X_train.to_csv('train_test_data/X_train.csv',index=False)
    X_test.to_csv('train_test_data/X_test.csv',index=False)
    y_train.to_csv('train_test_data/y_train.csv',index=False)
    y_test.to_csv('train_test_data/y_test.csv',index=False)
```

7. Model Training and Testing Summary

Algorithm 1 - Support Vector Classifier:

```
[7]: from sklearn import svm
          svc_model = svm.SVC()
   [8]: print("="*35,"Model Training","="*35)
          print("Model training started...")
          svc_model.fit(X_train.values, y_train.values.ravel())
          print("Model training completed.",'\n')
          print("="*35,'Model Prediction',"="*35)
          print("Model prediction started...")
          {\tt svc\_predictions=svc\_model.predict}(X\_{\tt test.values})
          print("Model prediction completed.",'\n')
          print("Model predictions:",list(svc_predictions))
     [9]: y_true = y_test.values.ravel().tolist()
            print(y_true)
[10]: class_labels = ['Benign', 'dos', 'password', 'scanning', 'xss']
[11]: svc_model_accuracy=accuracy_score(y_true=y_true,y_pred=svc_predictions)
         print("Validation accuracy of Support Vector Classifier model is {:.2f}%".format(svc_model_accuracy*100))
         Validation accuracy of Support Vector Classifier model is 78.57%
         Classification Report
[12]: print(classification_report(y_true=y_true,y_pred=svc_predictions, target_names=class_labels))
                          precision recall f1-score support

        Benign
        0.89
        0.97
        0.93

        dos
        0.55
        0.66
        0.60

        password
        0.94
        0.96
        0.95

        scanning
        0.99
        0.90
        0.94

        xss
        0.56
        0.43
        0.49

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         weighted avg
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```

Algorithm 2 - Random Forest Classifier:

```
[15]: from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
    rfc_model = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=500)
    rfc_model = rfc_model.fit(X_train.values, y_train.values.ravel())

[16]: rfc_prediction = rfc_model.predict(X_test.values)
    print(rfc_prediction.tolist())
```

```
[17]: y_true = y_test.values.ravel().tolist()
                       print(y_true)
                         Accuracy Score
    [18]: rfc_model_accuracy=accuracy_score(y_true=y_true,y_pred=rfc_prediction)
                          print("Validation accuracy of RandomForestClassifier model is $\{:.2f\}\%".format(rfc\_model\_accuracy*100))$ and the substitution of the substitutio
                         Validation accuracy of RandomForestClassifier model is 95.61%
                         Classification Report
   [19]: print(classification_report(y_true=y_true,y_pred=rfc_prediction, target_names=class_labels))
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                                        password
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[21]: with open(file="trained_models/RandomForestClassifier_model.pkl", mode="wb") as file:
                                   pickle.dump(obj=rfc_model, file=file)
```

Algorithm 3 - Artificial Neuron Network:

```
[22]: from tensorflow.keras.utils import to_categorical
[23]: y_train = to_categorical(y_train)
       y_test = to_categorical(y_test)
       print(X_train.shape, X_test.shape, y_train.shape, y_test.shape)
       (40000, 27) (10000, 27) (40000, 5) (10000, 5)
[24]: from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
       from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense, BatchNormalization, Dropout, Input
from tensorflow.keras.regularizers import L2
       from tensorflow.keras.optimizers import Adam, RMSprop
       from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping
[25]: model = Sequential()
       model.add(Input(shape=(X_train.shape[1],)))
       model.add(Dense(units=128, activation='relu', kernel_regularizer=L2(12=0.0001)))
       model.add(BatchNormalization())
       model.add(Dropout(0.3))
       model.add(Dense(units=256, activation='relu', kernel_regularizer=L2(12=0.0001)))
       model.add(BatchNormalization())
       model.add(Dropout(0.3))
       \verb|model.add(Dense(units=256, activation='relu', kernel\_regularizer=L2(l2=0.0001)))|
       model.add(BatchNormalization())
       model.add(Dropout(0.3))
       model.add(Dense(units=256, activation='relu', kernel_regularizer=L2(12=0.0001)))
       model.add(BatchNormalization())
       model.add(Dropout(0.3))
       model.add(Dense(units=512, activation='relu', kernel_regularizer=L2(12=0.0001)))
       model.add(Dropout(0.3))
       model.add(Dense(units=5, activation='sigmoid'))
```

```
# Adding optimizer
      optimizer = Adam(learning_rate=0.001)
      model.compile(optimizer=optimizer, loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
[26]: model.summary()
```

Model: "sequential"

Model.	: sequential		
	r (type)	Output Shape	Param #
	e (Dense)	(None, 128)	3584
	h_normalization (BatchN lization)	N (None, 128)	512
dropo	out (Dropout)	(None, 128)	0
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	h_normalization_1 (Bato malization)	(None, 256)	1024
drope	out_1 (Dropout)	(None, 256)	0
dense	e_2 (Dense)	(None, 256)	65792
	h_normalization_2 (Bato malization)	(None, 256)	1024
dropo	out_2 (Dropout)	(None, 256)	Θ
dense	e_3 (Dense)	(None, 256)	65792
	h_normalization_3 (Bato malization)	(None, 256)	1024
dropo	out_3 (Dropout)	(None, 256)	0
dense_4	4 (Dense)	(None, 512)	131584
	normalization_4 (Batc lization)	(None, 512)	2048
dropout	t_4 (Dropout)	(None, 512)	0
dense_	5 (Dense)	(None, 5)	2565
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[27]: history = model.fit(X_train, y_train, batch_size=32, epochs=50, validation_data=(X_test, y_test))

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Epoch 1/50
1250/1250 [==
         Epoch 2/50
1250/1250 [===
            Epoch 3/50
Epoch 4/50
         ============================== - 3s 3ms/step - loss: 0.5080 - accuracy: 0.7659 - val_loss: 0.4624 - val_accuracy: 0.7876
1250/1250 [==
Epoch 5/50
Epoch 6/50
1259/1250 [===============================] - 4s 3ms/step - loss: 0.4770 - accuracy: 0.7695 - val_loss: 0.4705 - val_accuracy: 0.7548
Epoch 7/50
1250/1250 [=
          ============================== ] - 3s 3ms/step - loss: 0.4643 - accuracy: 0.7699 - val_loss: 0.4473 - val_accuracy: 0.7623
Epoch 8/50
1250/1250 [===
         ============================== ] - 3s 3ms/step - loss: 0.4588 - accuracy: 0.7713 - val_loss: 0.4256 - val_accuracy: 0.7799
Epoch 9/50
```

```
[29]: prediction = model.predict(X_test.values, batch_size=32, verbose=1)
print(prediction)
         313/313 [=====================] - 1s 1ms/step
[[6.13786817e-01 4.11204517e-01 1.86165273e-02 2.73904800e-02
8.74648690e-01]
[2.34757662e-02 9.34709066-01 5.55917621e-02 8.48197937e-03
9.28197742e-01]
[8.98976412e-02 5.67724109e-02 9.97257233e-01 7.11001754e-01
2.09586200e-01]
           ...
[9.98269677e-01 5.17994165e-04 3.88073921e-03 8.95396829e-01
          [9, 92864370e-04]
[2, 63957083e-02 9, 36978579e-01 6, 76130652e-02 6, 38335943e-03 9, 26956534e-01]
[1, 41730011e-01 2, 06030011e-02 1, 19224936e-01 9, 98266101e-01 4, 43536043e-02]
[30]: predicted_labels = prediction.argmax(axis=1).tolist()
print(predicted_labels[:50])
         [4, 1, 2, 3, 0, 1, 2, 1, 0, 1, 2, 2, 1, 0, 2, 1, 1, 0, 3, 0, 1, 3, 3, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 3, 2, 2, 2, 0, 1, 3, 2, 2, 2, 3, 0, 4, 2, 3]
[31]: true_labels = y_test.argmax(axis=1).tolist() print(true_labels[:50])
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         Result Analysis
 [32]: class_labels = [
[33]: class_labels = ['Benign', 'dos', 'password', 'scanning', 'xss']
[34]: 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 78.29%
[35]: print(classification report(y true=true labels,y pred=predicted labels , target names=class labels))
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                           precision recall f1-score support
             accuracy 0.81 0.78 10000
macro avg 0.81 0.78 0.73 10000
weighted avg 0.81 0.78 0.73 10000
```

8. Inference File:

The script provided below, reads in an Excel file, runs it through a pre-trained model of the Random Forest Classifier for detecting threats, and if detected, it logs the results in the computer, and sends an email alerts to the provided email address.

```
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
import os
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import yagmail
import pickle
from joblib import dump, load

[2]: with open(file='trained_models/RandomForestClassifier_model.pkl',mode='rb') as file:
    rfc_model=pickle.load(file=file)

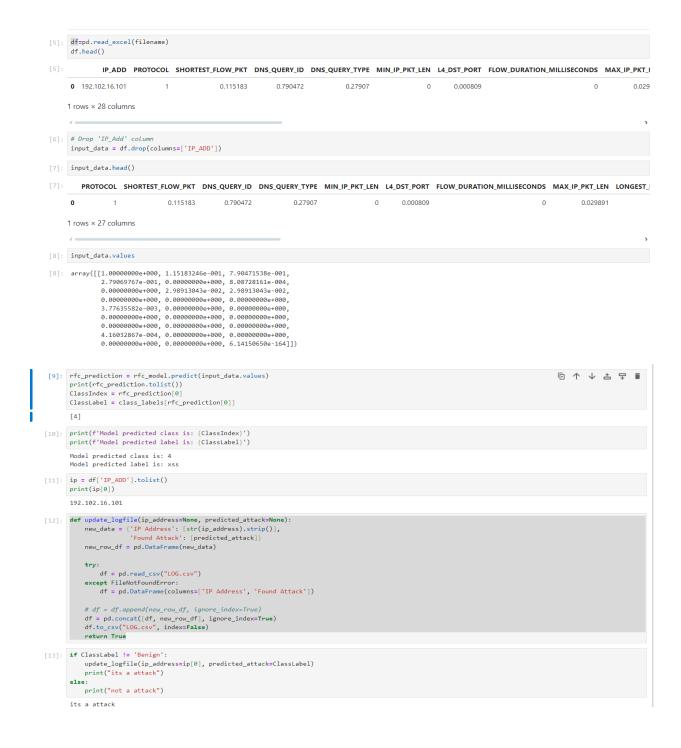
[3]: class_labels = ['Benign', 'dos', 'password', 'scanning', 'xss']
    print(class_labels)
    ['Benign', 'dos', 'password', 'scanning', 'xss']

[4]: filename='user_input/file3.xlsx'
```

Setting up the Excel file, for testing, should be done in the following way:

i. Take the header row from X-testing file which is used as a header of a newly created Excel worksheet.

- ii. And select any row between 2nd and nth positions from x test file and paste it below the header.
- iii. At the top of first column, create a new column and name it as "IP ADD" in the first cell.
- iv. Type any random IP address below the IP_ADD (in the first column <-> second row).
- v. Save the excel file for testing purposes only.



```
[14]: def send_email(receiver, subject, content, file_path):
              yag = yagmail.SMTP('vinothvignesh624612@gmail.com', 'adjcudvripsohfnt')
              \verb|yag.send(to=receiver, subject=subject, contents=[content, file_path])|
              print("Email sent successfully")
              return True
           except Exception as e:
              print(f"Failed to send email: \{e\}")
              return False
[15]: recipient_email = "vigneshvickyodc01@gmail.com"
                      Your uploaded file is classified as <strong>"Abnormal"</strong> with a <strong>(ClassLabel)</strong> attack detected. Immediate action
                      Best regards,
                      Vignesh <br>
                      <strong>Attack File is below</strong>
       if ClassLabel in class_labels[1:]:
           email_sent = send_email(receiver=recipient_email, subject='$$ Suspicious Activity Detected $$', content=email_content, file_path=filename)
          if email_sent:
              emailAlert = f"Email sent successfully to {recipient_email}"
              print(emailAlert)
               emailAlert = f"Failed to send email to {recipient_email}"
              print(emailAlert)
       Email sent successfully to vigneshvickyodc01@gmail.com
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9. References

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