

# A Review on Machine Learning Techniques for Cyber Security in the Last Decade

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**Abstract:** Universal growth and usage of the Internet and mobile applications have elongated cyberspace. The cyberspace has become more exposed to automated and protracted cyberattacks. Cyber security approaches provide enrichments in security processes to detect and react against cyberattacks. The formerly used security systems are no longer enough since cybercriminals are sharp enough to avoid conventional security systems. Conventional security systems privation efficiency in perceiving formerly unseen and polymorphic security attacks. Machine learning (ML) techniques are playing a vigorous role in several applications of cyber security. However, regardless of the ongoing achievement, there are substantial challenges in safeguarding the honesty of Machine Learning systems. There are incentivized nasty opponents present in the cyberspace that are eager to game and adventure such Machine Learning vulnerabilities. This paper aims to afford a complete outline of the challenges that Machine Learning techniques expression in shielding cyberspace against attacks, by bestowing a literature on Machine Learning techniques for cyber security inclusive of intrusion detection, spam detection, and malware detection on computer networks and mobile networks in the last decade. It also provides brief descriptions of each ML method, frequently used security datasets, essential ML tools, and evaluation metrics to evaluate a classification model. It finally discusses the challenges of using ML techniques in cyber security. This paper provides the latest extensive bibliography and the current trends of ML in cyber security.

**Keywords:** Deep Learning, Cyber Security, Malware, Intrusion Detection, Spam, Machine Learning

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