

Prediction of Phishing using Machine Learning

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Abstract: *Phishing is a common attack on credulous people by making them to disclose their unique information using counterfeit websites. The objective of phishing website URLs is to purloin the personal information like user name, passwords and online banking transactions. Phishes use the websites which are visually and semantically similar to those real websites. As technology continues to grow, phishing techniques started to progress rapidly and this needs to be prevented by using anti-phishing mechanisms to detect phishing. Machine learning is a powerful tool used to strive against phishing attacks. Phishing is popular among attackers, since it is easier to trick someone into clicking a malicious link which seems legitimate than trying to break through a computer's defense systems. The malicious links within the body of the message are designed to make it appear that they go to the spoofed organization using that organization's logos and other legitimate contents. Here, we explain phishing domain (or Fraudulent Domain) characteristics, the features that distinguish them from legitimate domains, why it is important to detect these domains, and how they can be detected using machine learning and natural language processing techniques. In this paper, we compared the results of multiple machine learning methods for predicting phishing websites.*

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