

**Machine Learning Approaches to Classify Malware Data****Sabah Iqbal, Shiemaa Adlan***Security Analyst at Pure Health group***Abstract**

With the recent increase in the use of the Internet, there has been a rise in Malware attacks. Malware attacks can lead to stealing confidential data or make the target a source of further attacks. The detection of Malware has been posing a unique challenge. Malware analysis is the study of malicious code to prevent attacks. It is also helps with vulnerability assessment. This article aims for classification of malware using a deep learning model to obtain an accurate and efficient performance. Our system extracts a number of features and trains the Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) model. The study utilises hyper-parameter tuning which to improve the accuracy and efficiency of the model. The findings revealed 99.65% accuracy using sigmoid function that outperforms other activation function. This can be helpful in malware detection.

Biography

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