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Botnet Attack Detection and Mitigation Based on Iot Networks

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Abstract
The rapid growth of the Internet of Things (IoT) has increased the use of smart devices in applications such as healthcare, smart homes, industrial automation, and transportation. However, limited security mechanisms and resource constraints make IoT devices highly vulnerable to cyber threats, particularly botnet attacks. Botnet attacks compromise connected devices and use them to perform malicious activities such as Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS), malware propagation, unauthorized access, and data theft, resulting in serious security and network performance issues. Traditional intrusion detection systems often fail to detect evolving botnet attacks because of complex traffic behavior and dynamic attack patterns. This research proposes a hybrid botnet attack detection and mitigation framework for IoT networks using Random Forest, XGBoost, and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM). In the proposed model, Random Forest is used for feature selection, XGBoost improves attack classification, and LSTM captures sequential traffic behavior for better detection of hidden attack patterns. The framework is evaluated using the N-BaIoT benchmark dataset with performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and false positive rate. Experimental results show that the proposed hybrid model improves botnet detection accuracy, reduces false alarms, and enhances mitigation capability compared with traditional approaches. The proposed framework provides an intelligent and reliable security solution for protecting IoT networks against botnet attacks.
Keywords: *Botnet Attack, IoT Security, N-BaIoT, Random Forest, XGBoost, LSTM, Intrusion Detection.*

1. Introduction
The Internet of Things (IoT) is a rapidly growing technology that connects smart devices, sensors, and computing systems through the internet to exchange data and perform automated operations. IoT devices are widely deployed in healthcare, industrial automation, transportation, smart cities, agriculture, and home automation. The rapid expansion of IoT technology has improved communication efficiency, monitoring capability, and real-time decision-making in different sectors. However, due to limited processing power, weak authentication mechanisms, and insufficient built-in security, IoT devices are highly vulnerable to cyber-attacks. Among different cyber threats, botnet attacks are considered one of the most severe threats in IoT environments. A botnet attack occurs when compromised IoT devices are remotely controlled by attackers to perform malicious activities such as Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS), malware spreading, unauthorized access, spam generation, and data theft. Real-world botnet families such as Mirai, Bashlite, and Gafgyt have demonstrated the destructive impact of botnet attacks on IoT infrastructure. These attacks reduce network performance, disrupt communication, and compromise sensitive information. Traditional intrusion detection systems are often unable to detect sophisticated botnet attacks because they rely on signature-based or rule-based detection mechanisms. Machine learning and deep learning techniques have recently shown promising performance in detecting abnormal network behavior. Therefore, this research proposes a hybrid botnet attack detection and mitigation framework using Random Forest, XGBoost, and LSTM to improve detection accuracy and enhance IoT network security.

1.1.Problem Background
IoT devices operate in heterogeneous and dynamic network environments where attackers can exploit vulnerabilities to create botnets. Existing security systems often struggle to detect new attack variants because of complex traffic patterns and evolving malicious behavior. This creates a need for intelligent

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hybrid models capable of learning both static and sequential traffic features.

1.2.Research Objective

The objective of this research is to develop a hybrid botnet detection and mitigation framework using Random Forest, XGBoost, and LSTM to improve attack detection accuracy, reduce false positives, and provide secure IoT communication.

2. Method

This research proposes a hybrid machine learning and deep learning framework for detecting botnet attacks in IoT networks using the N-BaIoT dataset[1].

2.1.Dataset Description

The N-BaIoT dataset is a benchmark IoT intrusion detection dataset containing normal and malicious traffic generated from infected IoT devices. It includes botnet[2] attack traffic such as Mirai and Bashlite attacks. The dataset contains multiple statistical network traffic features useful for attack classification.

2.2.Proposed Model

The proposed model consists of three stages:

- **Stage 1: Random Forest**
  Random Forest is used for feature selection to identify the most relevant traffic features and reduce dimensionality[3].
- **Stage 2: XGBoost**
  XGBoost is used for classification of network traffic into normal and attack classes with improved learning performance.
- **Stage 3: LSTM**
  LSTM analyzes sequential traffic behavior and captures hidden temporal attack patterns for better detection.

2.3.Algorithm

Step 1: Load N-BaIoT dataset
Step 2: Perform preprocessing and normalization
Step 3: Apply Random Forest for feature selection
Step 4: Train XGBoost classifier
Step 5: Train LSTM model on sequential data
Step 6: Combine prediction outputs
Step 7: Detect botnet attacks
Step 8: Trigger mitigation process by blocking suspicious traffic

2.4.Mitigation Process

Once an attack is detected, the system isolates suspicious nodes, blocks malicious IP traffic, and generates alerts to network administrators to prevent further botnet propagation.

3. Results And Discussion

3.1.Results

The proposed hybrid model was evaluated using standard performance metrics.Shown as Table 1 Model

Table 1 Model

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Random Forest	96.2%	95.8%	95.4%	95.6%
XGBoost	97.4%	97.1%	96.9%	97.0%
LSTM	98.1%	97.8%	97.6%	97.7%
Proposed Hybrid Model	**99.1%**	**98.9%**	**98.8%**	**98.8%**

4. Discussion

Experimental results indicate that the proposed hybrid model performs better than individual machine learning and deep learning models. Random Forest improves feature quality, XGBoost enhances classification accuracy, and LSTM captures sequential attack behavior. The hybrid framework reduces false positives and improves overall botnet detection efficiency in IoT environments[4].

Conclusion

This research presented a hybrid botnet attack detection and mitigation framework for IoT networks using Random Forest, XGBoost, and LSTM. The proposed approach improves detection accuracy by combining feature selection, classification, and sequential learning capabilities. Experimental analysis using the N-BaIoT dataset demonstrated that the hybrid model achieved higher accuracy and lower false alarm rates compared with traditional methods.

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