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Identification of Mirai Botnet in IoT Environment through Denial-of-Service Attacks for Early Warning System

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Abstract—The development of computing technology in increasing the accessibility and agility of daily activities currently uses the Internet of Things (IoT). Over time, the increasing number of IoT device users impacts access and delivery of valuable data. This is the primary goal of cybercriminals to operate malicious software. In addition to the positive impact of using technology, it is also a negative impact that creates new problems in security attacks and cybercrimes. One of the most dangerous cyberattacks in the IoT environment is the Mirai botnet malware. The malware turns the user's device into a botnet to carry out Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks on other devices, which is undoubtedly very dangerous. Therefore, this study proposes a k-nearest neighbor algorithm to classify Mirai malware-type DDOS attacks on IoT device environments. The malware classification process was carried out using rapid miner machine learning by conducting four experiments using SYN, ACK, UDP, and UDPlain attack types. The classification results from selecting five parameters with the highest activity when the device is attacked. In order for these five parameters to be a reference in the event of a malware attack starting in the IoT environment, the results of the classification have implications for further research. In the future, it can be used as a reference in making an early warning innovative system as an early warning in the event of a Mirai botnet attack.

Keywords- Classification; DDOS; Internet of Things; k-nearest neighbor; Mirai botnet.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Internet of Things (IoT) is one of the new trends in the technology world. Simply put, IoT connects physical devices such as CCTV, lights, televisions, refrigerators, and even house doors to the Internet continuously and can be controlled remotely via a smartphone [1], monitor it [2], [3], or issue information to other devices [4], [5]. Recently, many reports of attacks on IoT device vulnerabilities have been reported [6]–[8]. However, due to its rapid development, a problem emerged that harmed IoT devices, one of which was a DDOS attack of the Mirai malware [9]-[11]. The Mirai botnet exploits current IoT device firmware vulnerabilities in the market to turn them into a network of remotely controlled bots. After being infected, Mirai IoT devices scan the network for other vulnerable devices, focusing on internet devices like IP cameras and home routers. Along with the development of DDOS attacks [12] on IoT devices that have become increasingly varied, research is needed that examines the characteristics of an attack carried out on an IoT device [13],

one of which is in this study which classifies the Mirai malware attack to know the characteristics of the attack so that it can be used as an early warning system parameter.

Mirai malware attack is a malicious program [14], one of the most dangerous malwares in recent years is Mirai malware. It has even been used for the most significant DDoS attack ever recorded [15]. DDoS attacks using the Mirai botnet launched by IoT devices tend to be large and annoying [16], so addressing the Mirai botnet threat is a pressing issue.

RapidMiner learning machine is one solution to create a mechanism for detecting and identifying attacks [17]. In addition, this machine learning provides data identification functions in IoT networks [18].

This study uses a public dataset from the UCI Repository. The data tested is only the Mirai malware attack on the Internet of IoT devices, a type of security camera. The BaIoT N dataset is collected from raw network traffic data in packet capture format. Each security camera device has six datasets, and one Benign dataset is traffic data when regular traffic while the other five file types are attack traffic, namely SCAN, ACK, SYN, UDP, and UDPplain [19].

In research by Čolaković and Hadžialić [13], the classification process was carried out manually, not by machine learning, so e process became less effective and inefficient. A striking difference was also found in the data set used. The data processing is very different from the data in the study of Meidan et al. [19] in the form of packet capture on each IoT device. However, research by Čolaković and Hadžialić [13] has the advantage that the information data obtained is more complete than research by Meidan et al. [19].

This research's primary purpose is to apply the K-Nearest Neighbor algorithm in identifying Mirai botnet malware attacks, including Scan, ACK, SYN, UDP, and UDPlain, on IoT devices with security camera types. In the future, the classification results can be used as reference data for an Early warning system (EWS) on an IoT device to identify and prevent Mirai malware attacks.

II. MATERIALS AND METHOD

A. Related Works

Research by Čolaković and Hadžialić [13] that has been done before is a study by performing direct calculations using the K-nearest neighbor algorithm formula in detecting botnet traffic using the CTU-13 dataset. The algorithm in the study of Čolaković and Hadžialić [13] was used to detect the Mirai malware attack anomaly. In contrast to the research by Meidan et al. [19], which was used to detect the characteristics of the attack as an early warning system [13], using eight types of botnets/malwares (Zeus, Conficker, Dridex, Necurs, Miuref, Bunitu, Upatre, and Trickbot. Research by Čolaković and Hadžialić [13] has the advantage that the results can be measured at the level of accuracy due to manual calculations.

Research by Čolaković and Hadžialić [13] and Meidan et al. [19] employed the same public datasets, namely from the UCI library. However, the attacks and the data content are different. For example, research by Meidan et al. [19] uses a dataset from network traffic logs, while the research that will do the dataset is in the form of packet capture logs of the Mirai malware attack on the Internet of Things device architecture, a security camera.

B. Method

The method used in implementing this algorithm uses four stages in Figure 1: literature study, data collection, process data, and modeling.



1) Study of literature: This literature study's stage describes the theory, findings, and other research materials obtained from international journals and national journals [20]. This literature study will be used as the basis for research activities in developing a clear frame of mind from the formulation of the problem to be studied. The literature study used is a journal on malware attack analysis and machine learning.

2) Data Collection: at this stage, data collection is collected from various sources [21]. The sources used are only public datasets from the UCI Repository. All information in the dataset is collected and organized by function and type. The process of collecting data in the study is described in Figure 2.



• IoT Devices: At this stage, collect and determine the Internet of things devices selected for research.

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IoT Devices	Specifications
Provision PT-737E	- Wireless support 802.11b/g/n
	- Port 80 UDP
	- Camera Quality 1MP(720p)
	- Kode Pro 7
Provision PT-838	- Wireless support 802.11b/g/n
	- Port 80 UDP
	- Camera Quality 2MP(1080p)
	- Kode Pro 8
SimpleHome XCS7-1002-	- Wireless support 802.11b/g/n
WHT	- Port 80 UDP
	- Camera Quality 1MP(720p)
	- Kode Sam 7
SimpleHome XCS7-1003-	- Wireless support 802.11b/g/n
WHT	- Port 80 UDP
	- Camera Quality 1MP(720p)
	- Kode Sam 8

Table 1 is a list of IoT devices infected with the Mirai botnet. Four IoT devices are infected with the Mirai Botnet in the N-BaIoT dataset.

Type of Attack: at this stage, collects and determines the type of DDOS attack be investigated. Mirai attack is the choice chosen for research.

	TABLE II
	I YPE OF ATTACK
Attack	Description
Scan	Scanning vulnerable IoT devices
ACK	Flooding IoT devices by sending spoofed ACK
	packets
SYN	Flooding IoT devices by sending SYN packets
UDP	Flooding IoT devices with IP packets that contain
	UDP datagrams
UDPplain	UDP attacks but with a higher number of
	packages

Table 2 is a type of Mirai botnet attack launched on IoT devices. The four types of Mirai botnet attacks on how they work are flooding the IoT device server, and the remaining type of attack is scanning vulnerable IoT devices automatically.

Datasets: at this stage, collect and determine the data set in which there is already a collection of research source data and instructions for conducting research. Table 3 shows the number of attacks on the dataset detection of IoT botnet attacks (N-BaIoT) on each IoT device. Each device has six datasets, consisting of one standard traffic dataset (Benign) and five Mirai attack traffic datasets (Scan, ACK, SYN, UDP, and UDPplain).

TABLE III Dataset						
Kode	Benign	Scan	ACK	SYN	UDP	UDPPlan
Pro 7	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Pro8	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Sam 2	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Sam 3	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

Packet Stream: this is the sub-data residing in the data set. Eight statistics are extracted from the packet stream in the N BaIoT dataset.

TABLE IV
PACKET STREAM

Packet Stream	Description
Weight	The flow is big
Mean	Average incoming flow
Variance	Incoming flow variation
Std	Standard deviation
Magnitude	The sum of the square roots of the two streams
	mean
Radius	The sum of the square roots of the two variance
	streams
Covariance	The estimated covariance between the two
	streams
Pcc	The estimated correlation coefficient between the
	two streams

Table 4 lists the various types of packet flows and their descriptions. This packet flow is contained in the aggregation. The packet flow value is a numeric number converted from raw network traffic. Aggregation Stream: table 5 shows the breakdown of aggregation streams. These five aggregations are the most recent traffic recorded.

TABLEV

AGGREGATION STREAM				
Code	Category	Description		
MI	Host-	Latest traffic statistics from the packet host		
	MAC&IP	(MAC and IP address)		
Н	Host-IP	Recent traffic statistics from packet hosts (IP		
		address)		
HH	Channel	Latest traffic statistics from the packet host		
		(IP address) to the packet destination host		
HH_jit	Network	Jitter statistics of the traffic that occurs from		
	Jitter	the packet host (IP address) to the packet		
		destination host		
НрНр	Socket	Recent traffic statistics from host + port (IP		
		address) of packets to host + port of		
		destination of packets.		

Time Frame: This table 6 is the time frame contained in the features in the dataset. The five-times time frame is used to detect the Mirai malware in real time.

TABLE VI
TIME FRAME

Item	Description	
L5	1 minute	
L3	10 second	
L1	1,5 second	
L0.1	500 millisecond	
L0.01	100 millisecond	

Features: the features contained in each dataset this feature consists of 23 main features and five frames (1 minute, 10 seconds, 1.5 seconds, 500 milliseconds, and 100 milliseconds). The number of features in each dataset is 115 features.

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					Packe	t Stream	m		
Code	Time Frame	Weight	Mean	Variance	Std	Magnitude	Radius	Covariance	PCC
MI	L5	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
	L3	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
	L1	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
	L0.1	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
	L0.01	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
Н	L5	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
	L3	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
	L1	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
	L0.1	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
	L0.01	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
HH/Jit	L5	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
	L3	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
	L1	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
	L0.1	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
	L0.01	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark					
HH	L5	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	L3	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	L1	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	L0.1	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	L0.01	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
HpHp	L5	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	L3	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	L1	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	L0.1	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	L0.01	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

Table 7 lists features in the database, which contains a combination of a packet stream, aggregation stream, and time frame. The organization of feature datasets based on package statistics can be seen in table 8. The organization of these features has four groups.

TABL	E VIII
ORGANIZATIO	N OF FEATURE

Aggregate	Count	Jitter	Outbound Size	Combined Size		
MI	Weight	-	Mean,	-		
			Variance			
Н	Weight	-	Mean,	-		
			Variance			
HH	Weight	Weight,	Mean,	Magnitude,		
		Mean-	Variance	Radius,		
		Variance		Covariance,		
				PCC		
HpHP	Weight	Network	Mean,	Magnitude,		
		Jitter	Variance	Radius,		
				Covariance,		
				PCC		

3) Data Process: Data Processing is the second stage in the research, namely processing large amounts of data and unbalanced data into datasets that can be used for testing. Figure 3 shows the stages of data processing, the beginning of entering the regular traffic and traffic attack datasets. The combination produces an unbalanced dataset. Then the dataset is sampled, so the combined traffic and traffic attack datasets become balanced. However, the dimensionality of the dataset is still high. So, the features in the dataset are chosen so that the dataset becomes of low dimensionality and the level of accuracy becomes optimal. The stages of data processing use the Rapidminer application to perform data processing.



4) Modeling: This part is explained in next section.

III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

A. Identification Scenario Process

The identification process involves 2 data in each data device, regular traffic (Benign) and attack traffic (ACK, SYN, UDP, UDPplain) because after testing all devices, the test results produced the same results in every type of attack on the device. So IoT then, to save time, each IoT device carries out testing against one attack.

TAB	LE IX
TESTING	SCENARIO

Codo	Data Traffic Type				
Code	Benign	ACK	SYN	UDP	UDPplain
Pro7	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Pro8	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Sam2	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Sam3	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

Table 9 is a scenario of each device's identification process against the attack type; the scan data cannot be identified because it is not DDoS attack data. Instead, the scan data is only traffic data for weaknesses on IoT devices.

B. Modeling

1) Provision PT-737E device modeling (benign & SYN attack): Device modeling aims to make the two processed data (benign & SYN attack) into balanced data to identify them. Figure 4 is a model for selecting five parameters with the highest activity to identify syn attack-type Mirai attacks. Table 10 selects features that produce the three highest

activity parameters for the Host-MAC&IP category and the two highest activity parameters for Host-IP. The five highest activity parameters have three different periods, 1.5 seconds, 500 milliseconds, and 100 milliseconds. Packet flow on the five highest activity parameters also produces 1 type, namely Weight. The five selected parameters can be interpreted as a network traffic condition of an IoT device that is attacked by the DDOS Mirai botnet. For example, if a network device is in a condition such as the five highest activity parameters selected, it can be interpreted that a DDOS Mirai syn attack has attacked the device.



Fig. 4 Modeling Features Selection

I ABLE X SYN ATTACK CLASSIFICATION RESULTS			
No	Features	Description	
1	MI_dir_L0.1_Weight	Host MAC&IP 500ms	
2	MI_dir.L0.01_Variance	Host MAC&IP 100ms	
3	H_L0.1_Weight	Host IP 500ms	
4	H_L0.01_Variance	Host IP 100ms	
5	MI_dir_L1_Weight	Host MAC&IP 1,5s	

2) Provision PT-838 device modeling (benign & ACK): Two data are processed, namely benign & ACK, to become balanced data to identify it. The feature selection model is shown in Figure 5.



Fig. 5 Modeling Selection Feature

TABLE XI ACK ATTACK CLASSIFICATION RESULTS

Features	Description
H_L0.01_Variance	Host IP 100ms
H_L0.1_Mean	Host IP 500ms
H_L0.1 Weight	Host IP 500ms
MI_dir_L0.01_Variance	Host MAC&IP 100ms
MI_dir_L0.1_Weight	Host MAC&IP 500ms

Table 11 is a selection feature that produces the two highest activity parameters for the Host-MAC&IP category and the three features Host-IP. The five highest activity parameters have two different periods, 500 milliseconds and 100 milliseconds. The packet flow on the five highest activity parameters also produces three types, namely Weight, mean, and variance. The five highest activity parameters selected can be interpreted as a network traffic condition of an IoT device attacked by a DDOS Mirai botnet ack attack. If a network device is in a condition such as the five highest activity parameters selected, a Mirai DDOS botnet ack attack can be interpreted as an attack on the device.

3) Simple Home XCS7-1002-WHT (benign & UDP attack) device modeling: Device modeling aims to make the two processed data (benign & UDP attack) into balanced data to identify them.



Fig. 6 Modeling Selection Feature

Fig. 6 is a model for selecting the five highest activity parameters to identify DDOS attacks. The results can be seen in Table 12.

TABLE XII UDP ATTACK CLASSIFICATION RESULTS

Features	Description
H_L0.1_Variance	Host IP 500ms
H_L0.1_Mean	Host IP 500ms
MI_dir_L0.1_Variance	Host MAC&IP 500ms
MI_dir_L0_1_Mean	Host MAC&IP 500ms
MI_dir_L0.1_Weight	Host MAC&IP 500ms

Table 12 is a selection feature that produces the two highest activity parameters for the Host-IP category and the 3 for the Host MAC&IP category. The five highest activity parameters have one time period, namely 500 milliseconds. The packet flow on the five highest activity parameters also produces three types, namely Weight, mean, and variance. The five highest activity parameters selected can be interpreted as a network traffic condition of an IoT device attacked by the DDOS Mirai botnet UDP attack. If a network device is in a condition such as the five highest activity parameters selected, it can be interpreted as being attacked by the DDOS Mirai botnet UDP attack.

4) Simple Home XCS7-1003-WHT (benign & UDPplain attack) device modeling: The modeling of the processed device is benign & the UDPplain is seen in Figure 7.



Fig. 7 Modeling Selection Feature

TABLE XIII UDP PLAIN ATTACK CLASSIFICATION RESULTS

Features	Description
H_L0.01_Weight	Host IP 100ms
H_L0.01_Weight	Host IP 100ms
H_L1_Weight	Host IP 1,5s
MI_dir_L0.01_Weight	Host MAC&IP 100ms
MI_dir_L0.1_Weight	Host MAC&IP 500ms

Table 13 is a selection feature that produces one parameter of the highest activity in the Host-MAC & IP category. The five highest activity parameters have three time periods, 500 milliseconds, 100 milliseconds, and 1.5 seconds. Packet flow on the five highest activity parameters also produces 1 type, namely Weight. The five highest activity parameters selected can be interpreted as a network traffic condition of an IoT device attacked by the DDOS Mirai botnet.

C. Overall Classification Results

Table 14 is the result of classifying the five highest activity parameters as device parameters when exposed to DDOS attacks. The selection of the highest activity parameter can be used for the Early warning system on a device because it can be used as a parameter for the condition of the device being attacked by DDOS or not. So that prevention and control can be carried out optimally.

CLASSIFICATION RESULTS		
Attack Type	Type IoT	Device Description
Provision PT- S' 737E A	SVN	- Host IP&MAC 500ms (Weight)
		 Host MAC&IP 100ms (Weight)
	Attack	- Host IP 500ms (Weight)
	7 Huer	- Host IP 100ms (Weight)
		- Host MAC&IP 1,5s (Weight)
Provision PT- ACK 838 Attack		- Host IP 100ms (Varians)
	ACK	- Host IP 100ms (Weight)
	ACK	- Host IP 500ms (Weight)
	Attack	- Host MAC&IP 100ms (Varians)
		 Host MAC&IP 500ms (Weight)
		- Host IP 100ms (Varians)
simple home	LIDP	- Host IP 100ms (Mean)
XCS7-1002-	Attack	- Host IP 100ms (Weight)
WHT Attac	Attack	- Host IP 500ms (Mean)
		- Host IP 500ms (Weight)
SimpleHome XCS-1003- WHT		- Host IP 100ms (Weight)
		- Host IP 100ms (Weight)
	DDF	- Host IP 1,5s (Weight)
	plain	- Host MAC&IP 100ms (Weight)
		- Host MAC&IP 500ms (Weight)

TABLE XIV

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the test results, the K-Nearest Neighbor algorithm has successfully classified DDOS attacks from all types of attacks, namely SYN, ACK, UDP, and UDPplain. Furthermore, all test results on these IoT devices have the same characteristics when tested with several DDOS attacks. This proves that the identification of the Mirai malware has been successfully carried out so that further development of the parameters obtained can be used for the Early Warning System for detecting the Mirai botnet malware in the IoT environment.

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