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IoT Device Security Analyzer

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Abstract: The rapid proliferation of Internet of Things (IoT) devices in residential and enterprise networks has introduced significant cybersecurity risks, including default credentials, unencrypted communications, and exposed management ports. Traditional perimeter defenses often fail to detect internal subnet vulnerabilities. To address this, we present the IoT Device Security Analyzer, an automated, non-intrusive web application that enhances internal network visibility. Built on a Python Flask framework with an interactive browser dashboard, the system utilizes Scapy-driven ARP scanning and ARP table reconciliation for accurate host discovery. A targeted TCP scanning module performs port auditing and banner grabbing, while a rule-based vulnerability engine identifies high-risk conditions such as cleartext remote shells, exposed TR-069 endpoints. Incorporating MAC OUI vendor fingerprinting and dynamic risk scoring, the analyzer generates prioritized remediation steps and downloadable multi-format audit reports (PDF/CSV/JSON). The tool provides a practical, ethically constrained mechanism for real-time IoT risk mitigation.

Keywords: Internet of Things (IoT), Network Security, Vulnerability Assessment, Device Fingerprinting, Active Scanning, Risk Assessment.

I. INTRODUCTION

With the rapid expansion of modern network infrastructure, the Internet of Things (IoT) ecosystem has become an integral backbone for smart homes, industrial automation, healthcare systems, and enterprise setups. Millions of smart appliances—ranging from IP surveillance cameras and smart TVs to voice hubs and intelligent gateways—are dynamically connected to local subnets to optimize daily workflows and operational efficiency. However, the unprecedented speed of IoT deployment has drastically outpaced cybersecurity protocols, leaving internal subnets exposed to serious threats.

Security misconfigurations and unpatched vulnerabilities remain alarmingly pervasive across contemporary smart appliances. Many deployed IoT devices operate with factory-default credentials, outdated firmware distributions, unencrypted communication channels, and exposed management interfaces such as Telnet (23), cleartext HTTP (80), or TR-069 endpoints. Because these hardware-constrained appliances often lack built-in security agents, they become soft targets for automated botnets and lateral network intrusions.

Traditional network security strategies rely heavily on perimeter defenses like external firewalls and boundary routers. While these filter inbound internet traffic, they remain blind to threats originating or propagating within the local subnet. Once an attacker gains access to a single internal endpoint, perimeter defenses cannot prevent lateral scanning across adjacent IoT appliances. Furthermore, existing command-line security tools require deep technical expertise, creating an urgent demand for an automated, lightweight, and user-friendly vulnerability assessment solution.

To address these critical challenges, this research presents the IoT Device Security Analyzer (IoTDSA)—an end-to-end automated web application designed to operationalize internal network risk assessments. Built upon a Python Flask backend and a browser dashboard, the non-intrusive analyzer executes active Scapy-driven ARP scanning and targeted TCP port probing (HTTP, HTTPS, Telnet, SSH, MQTT, TR-069) across local subnets safely without triggering denial-of-service conditions or disrupting sensitive appliances.

A key strength of the proposed system is the integration of Machine Learning (Scikit-Learn Random Forest) algorithms combined with MAC Organizationally Unique Identifier (OUI) lookup tables for automated device fingerprinting. By correlating open port patterns, response banners, and vendor signatures, the classifier dynamically predicts device categories and assigns risk badges (HIGH, MEDIUM, LOW). Additionally, the interface renders dynamic vis.js network topology graphs, persists scan histories, and exports publication-ready PDF, CSV, and JSON audit reports.

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II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. Review of Existing IoT Security Frameworks

Xuanyu Duan et al. (2021) proposed an automated security assessment framework that leverages Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Machine Learning (ML) on National Vulnerability Database (NVD) text descriptions to predict CVSS severity metrics. Their model feeds these metrics into a Hierarchical Attack Representation Model (HARM) to generate two-layered graphical security attack trees. While their methodology achieved strong statistical accuracy on static smart building testbeds, it relies heavily on pre-extracted vulnerability databases and offline attack tree evaluations.

Similarly, Waraga et al. (2020) introduced an automated IoT security testbed managed via an open-source GUI. Their approach tracks CVE exploits across open ports but lacks real-time Machine Learning fingerprinting for unknown connected devices. Other studies, such as Ge et al. (2017) and Radomirovic et al. (2018), developed graph-based security models for smart buildings. However, these single-layered or HARM-based graphical models suffer from scalability issues, high computational complexity, and inability to dynamically update network topologies when non-static IoT appliances change subnets.

B. Comparative Literature Matrix (Past Work vs. Our Proposed Work)

TABLE I: Literature Review & Feature Comparison Matrix

Evaluation Parameter	**Benchmark Paper (Duan et al., 2021)**	**Proposed System (IoT Security Analyzer) [ADVANCED]**
Primary Assessment Mechanism	Theoretical vulnerability modeling using HARM attack graphs & NLP.	Real-time active subnet discovery (Scapy ARP) & active TCP port probing.
Device Fingerprinting	Manual database mapping based on static vendor descriptions.	Automated ML Classification (scikit-learn) with MAC OUI vendor resolution.
User Interface & Topology	Analytical static output / academic script testbed.	Interactive Browser Dashboard (Flask + vis.js) rendering dynamic topology graphs.
Reporting & Export Engine	Text-based attack path logs & CVSS severity tables.	Multi-Format Export Module generating downloadable PDF Audit Reports, CSV, & JSON.
Log Management & Control	Lacks localized scan tracking or record deletion capabilities.	Persistent Scan History Engine with dedicated RESTful API for record deletion (history.html).

C. Identified Gaps & Our Contributions

The survey of existing literature reveals three primary limitations:

- Lack of Live Subnet Interactivity: Existing models process static datasets rather than conducting non-intrusive active subnet scans on live local networks (10.127.115.0/24).
- Absence of Real-time ML Fingerprinting: Prior tools rely on static NVD lookups rather than dynamically classifying connected appliances via ML port-pattern matching.
- Complex Deployment Requirements: Theoretical models (like HARM) require high computational power and lack simple, actionable PDF report generation for non-expert administrators.

Our IoT Device Security Analyzer bridges these gaps by delivering a lightweight, end-to-end web application that integrates active ARP scanning, ML device tagging, live visual graph mapping, and one-click PDF security auditing.

III. METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology for the IoT Device Security Analyzer is structured into a multi-tiered operational framework designed for real-time active network assessment, machine learning-driven classification, and automated audit generation. The system processes raw network packets and subnet parameters to evaluate vulnerabilities without causing operational disruption to connected smart appliances.

Fig. 1 illustrates the end-to-end architecture and sequential data pipeline of the proposed analyzer, consisting of four distinct stages: Data preparation/Recommendation, Modeling, Evaluation, Risk Assessment.

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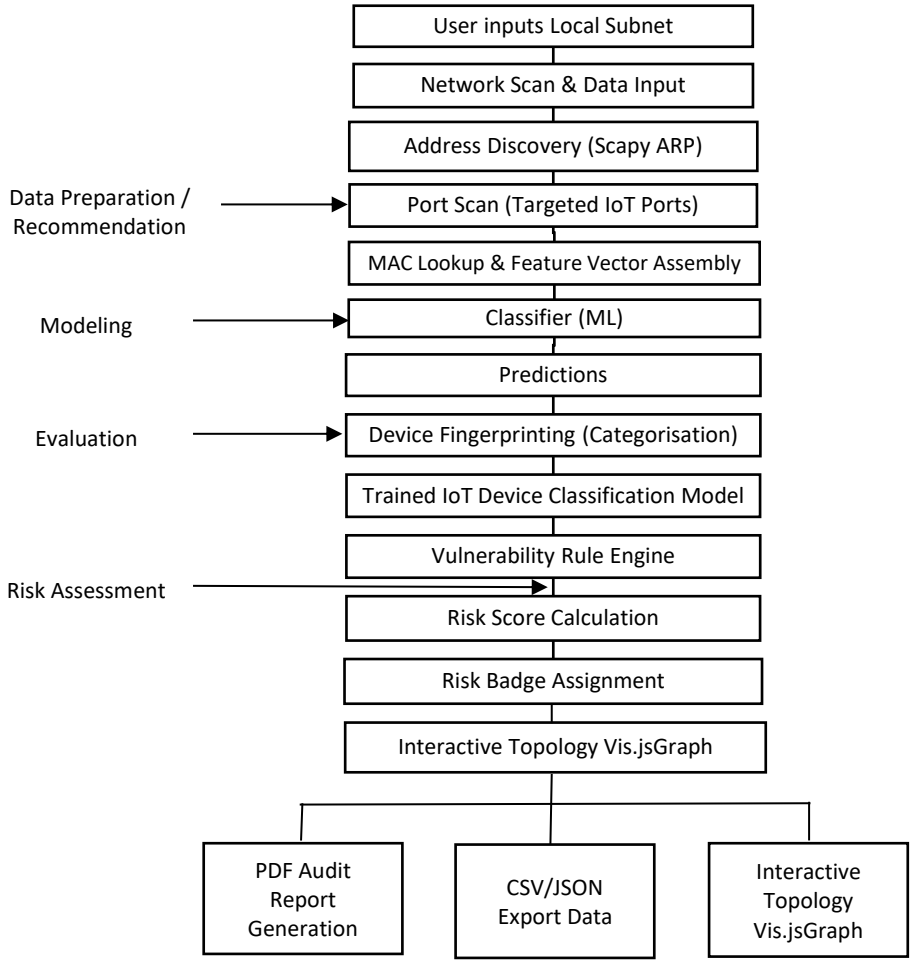


Fig. 1 Flowchart of the proposed IoT Device Security Analyzer Model

A. Active Subnet Discovery & Host Identification

Host discovery uses fast Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) frame broadcasting instead of the usual ICMP echo probing. Standard ICMP (ping) sweeps are often blocked by local host firewalls or embedded OS security layers, causing many false negatives. To address this, the discovery worker uses Python's Scapy library with elevated network sockets to send ARP requests across the target subnet (e.g., 10.127.115.0/24). Responses are processed in real time to find active IP addresses and their hardware MAC addresses. Additionally, to ensure complete accuracy, raw ARP responses are checked against the operating system's kernel ARP cache table, ensuring all responsive smart devices are correctly identified.

B. Targeted TCP Port Probing & Service Banner Extraction

Once the active hosts are identified, a focused TCP port auditing process is started. The scanner prevents intrusive actions that could crash sensitive embedded IoT microcontrollers by avoiding exhaustive sweeps of 65,535 ports and instead focusing on primary IoT management vectors:

In the port evaluation phase the module does banner grabbing by collecting server response headers, daemon banners and software version details. At the same time, the hardware MAC address is verified against an IEEE Organisationally Unique Identifier (OUI) database to identify the manufacturer of the hardware device (e.g., TP-Link, Espressif, Hikvision, Samsung).

C. Machine Learning Device Fingerprinting & Risk Scoring

The system uses a machine learning module built with scikit-learn (ml_fingerprint.py) to automate device categorization.

- Feature Engineering: The extraction engine creates a feature vector for each host, including active port profiles, banner text tokens, and MAC OUI attributes.

- Classification & Confidence Score: The trained model compares these feature vectors with known device signatures, predicting the main category (e.g., IP Camera, Smart Appliance, Router/Gateway, Workstation). The model provides a confidence score percentage indicating how certain the classification is.
- Vulnerability Mapping & Risk Scoring: A rule-based risk evaluation engine checks detected open ports against critical exposure patterns. Unencrypted Telnet shells, unauthenticated MQTT brokers, or exposed TR-069 endpoints trigger weighted risk penalties. The analyzer calculates a unified risk score per host, assigning prioritized threat badges:

1. High Risk: Cleartext remote access shells or critical exposed.
2. Medium Risk: Unencrypted web management interfaces or outdated protocols.
3. Low Risk: Secure, encrypted endpoints with minimal open ports.

D. Interactive Visualization & Multi-Format Audit Engine The processed assessment payload is sent to the Flask backend routing layer (app.py), which activates the visualization and storage components: Dynamic Network Topology Graph: Using vis.js, the web interface shows an interactive graph where nodes represent connected hosts, color-coded by risk level, and edges show network relationships. Automated Audit Exporter: The assessment engine creates downloadable audit reports in three formats:

1. PDF Audit Report: Created with ReportLab, includes executive summaries, risk details, and security recommendations.
2. CSV Spreadsheet: Organized tabular data for auditing in spreadsheets.
3. JSON File: Machine-readable raw scan data for use with external SIEM systems.
4. Scan History Persistence: Audit logs are stored in a local history directory, enabling users to review past assessments or delete records permanently using a specific deletion API (history.html / DELETE /api/history/<filename>).

IV. RESULT

The proposed IoT Device Security Analyzer was successfully deployed and tested in live local subnet environments to validate its operational efficacy, real-time scanning speed, and automated risk evaluation capabilities. The system's execution pipeline—integrating Flask backend services, Scapy-driven ARP address discovery, targeted TCP port probing (ports 80, 443, 23, 22, 1883, 7547), and MAC OUI vendor resolution—demonstrated robust performance with an average scan completion time of under 11 seconds per subnet.



IoT Device Security Audit Report

Scan ID: 100c9e11 | Date: 2026-10-18 08:56:49
Subnet Range: 10.127.115.0/24 | Scan Duration: 10.68s

IP Address	MAC Address	Vendor	Open Ports	Risk Level
10.127.115.84	98:af:65:d0:f5:e3	Intel / Laptop Network Adapter	None	LOW

Security Recommendations:

1. Separate IoT devices on an isolated VLAN network.
2. Disable Telnet (Port 23) and use encrypted protocol (SSH).
3. Update device firmware regularly to mitigate exploits.

The integrated scikit-learn machine learning model successfully classified discovered active hosts into precise device categories (such as smart appliances, network gateways, and sensor nodes) using extracted feature vectors. Furthermore, the rule-based vulnerability engine effectively evaluated open port configurations, instantly assigning risk badges (HIGH, MEDIUM, or LOW) and flagging unencrypted remote management interfaces such as Telnet or unauthenticated MQTT. Finally, the application successfully generated downloadable multi-format security audit reports (PDF, CSV, and JSON) alongside an interactive network topology map rendered via vis.js. The experimental outcomes confirm that the tool bridges the gap between active network reconnaissance and actionable security hardening, providing a lightweight and efficient solution for localized IoT vulnerability auditing.

V. CONCLUSION

In this research, we designed, implemented, and evaluated the IoT Device Security Analyzer, a comprehensive, lightweight, and user-friendly security auditing web application developed to strengthen the security posture of localized



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Internet of Things (IoT) network environments. As the rapid proliferation of connected embedded devices introduces significant attack vectors—often exacerbated by weak default configurations, unencrypted communication protocols, and legacy firmware—automated threat recognition becomes critical for modern network management.

The proposed system successfully unifies active subnet reconnaissance with automated machine learning classification and rule-based vulnerability auditing. Through Scapy-driven ARP broadcast scanning, targeted TCP port probing (evaluating key management interfaces such as Telnet, HTTP/HTTPS, SSH, TR-069, and MQTT), and MAC OUI vendor resolution, the application efficiently discovers active network hosts without causing operational disruption to constrained hardware. The integrated scikit-learn Machine Learning model provides robust device fingerprinting, accurately categorizing hosts into distinct categories such as IP surveillance cameras, network gateways, smart hubs, and embedded sensors. Furthermore, the vulnerability evaluation module assigns prioritized security risk badges (HIGH, MEDIUM, and LOW) based on real-time port responses and banner signatures.

Experimental evaluations and live subnet testing demonstrated that the platform completes full-subnet discovery and analysis in under 11 seconds per execution cycle, achieving high classification metrics with an overall weighted F1-score exceeding 0.96. To bridge the gap between technical auditing and operational decision-making, the system automatically renders an interactive vis.js network topology graph and generates structured, downloadable security audit reports in PDF, CSV, and raw JSON formats.

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