

# Malware Detection for IoT Devices using Automatically Generated White List and Isolation Forest

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**Abstract:** The number of cyber-attacks using IoT devices is increasing with the growth of IoT devices. Since the number of routes malware infection is increasing, it is necessary not only to prevent infection but also to take measures after infection. Therefore, high-performance detection techniques are required, but many existing technologies require large amounts of data and heavy processing. Then, there is a need for a system that can detect malware infection while reducing the processing load. Therefore, we have proposed an architecture for detecting malware traffic using flow data of packets instead of whole packet information. We performed the malware traffic detection on the proposed architecture by using machine learning algorithms focusing on the behavior of IoT devices, and could detect malware with some degree of accuracy. In this paper, in order to improve the accuracy, we propose a hybrid system using machine learning and the white list automatically generated using the rule of Manufacturer Usage Description (MUD). The white list eliminates benign packets from the target of malware traffic detection, and it can decrease the false positive rate. We evaluate the performance of proposed method and show the effectiveness.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

The number of IoT devices has been increasing rapidly, and they are being used in various fields such as industry, agriculture and the home (Hassija et al., 2019; Mohanapriya et al., 2020; Fortino et al., 2020; Zulkipli et al., 2017). Accordingly, the target of cyber attacks is changing from traditional IT devices such as PCs and smartphones to IoT devices (Abdalla and Varol, 2020). For example, in 2016, Mirai created a botnet of more than 2.5 million units and simultaneously generated 620 Gbps and 1.1 Tbps Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks (Hassija et al., 2019; Koliass et al., 2017; Antonakakis et al., 2017). In addition, there are other examples of botnets built by IoT devices with high power consumption to attack the power grid, and smart grids are more prone to cyberthreats. (Soltan et al., 2018; Kimani et al., 2019; Jung et al., 2019; Ahmed et al., 2019).

As the number of devices increases, these threats become more significant, and countermeasures against malware infection become more important. Many of these existing security products are specialized for preventing infection, such as URL blocking and intrusion detection. On the other hand, the number of routes of malware infection is increasing

on daily basis, for example, some IoT devices may already be infected with malware at the time of purchase, depending on the purchase route. Therefore, in addition to preventing infection, post-infection detection is also necessary.

It is also difficult to take security measures for IoT devices by typical methods such as installing anti-virus software on each device because the processing performance of the devices is lower and the number of devices in use is larger than that of conventional devices. Therefore, other security measures, such as managing multiple devices in a centralized architecture, are being considered (Nguyen et al., 2019). Centralized architecture generally requires high processing resources, but considering the increase of the number of IoT devices, it is desirable to be able to take measures with as little processing load as possible. On the other hand, there are some cases where it is difficult to detect malware infected devices. For example, communication with a Command and Control (C&C) server before carrying out a DDoS attack is challenging to distinguish from the original communication of the device by light-weight processes such as threshold determination of the number of packets.

Based on the above, we have proposed a system for post-malware infection detection, in which the

communication flow information is aggregated at the gateway to which the device is connected, and forwarded to an analysis server to detect the infection (Nakahara et al., 2020). Our system has an analysis server outside the local network in order to analyze the characteristics of the communication from various perspectives. To lighten the data transfer to the analysis server, only the flow information of each device obtained by the gateway is transferred and used for analysis. Therefore, we used IP Flow Information Export (IPFIX), a protocol standardized by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), as the flow information (Claise et al., 2013). Using the flow information defined by IPFIX, this system can be used for gateways. In order to detect the infections in the analysis server of our system, we have so far applied machine learning based methods, such as Isolation Forest.

In this paper, we propose a hybrid method using a white list and machine learning, in which normal communications are excluded from anomaly detection, and other communications are examined using an Isolation Forest. In the case of IoT devices, it is possible to detect normal communication by using a white list, since their operation is limited compared to that of a PC. Furthermore, the number of data to be subjected to machine learning is reduced, and it leads to a reduction in processing load and time. In this paper, we create the white list using the rules of Manufacturer Usage Description (MUD) generated from device communications. MUD is invented in order to define the normal behavior of devices (Lear et al., 2019). It is also standardized by IETF, so this white list is applicable for general IoT devices. We demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed method by comparing the accuracy of anomaly detection with and without the white list. The contributions of this paper are as follows.

- We proposed a lightweight malware infection detection system based on standardized technology.
- The flow information in IPFIX format was used to reduce the amount of data used for anomaly detection.
- A new use of the MUD is proposed.
- The accuracy of anomaly detection was improved by the MUD-based white list.

The rest of this paper is as follows: The related works and the technologies underlying this paper are described on Section 2, our proposed system using white list and machine learning is described on Section 3, the evaluation of IPFIX is on Section 4, the evaluation of anomaly detection performance is on Section 5, and the conclusion is on Section 6.

## 2 RELATED WORKS

In this section, we describe the technology used as a basis for this research.

### 2.1 Anomaly Detection

The most common methods for preventing IoT malware infection are blocking access to malicious sites and blocking entry to devices. There are many security products in the market today to prevent infection. On the other hand, there are many routes of malware infection, and it is hard to counteract malware infections just by prevention alone, so early detection after infection is required. Therefore, researches on the detection of post-infection behavior have been conducted.

IoT devices often communicate with the C&C server before their attack behavior, so detection of these communications is important from the viewpoint of stopping the attack. However, the communication with the C&C server often does not increase as much as the attack behavior, and it is hard to distinguish it from the original communication of the IoT device. Therefore, numerous researches have been conducted on anomaly detection by using various features from packets to perform machine learning and deep learning. For example, researches on the classification of normal communication and abnormal communication, scanning of Mirai for infected sites, and detection of attack behaviors have been conducted using machine learning techniques such as Support Vector Machine (SVM), Ada Boost and Random Forest (Mizuno et al., 2017; Alam and Vuong, 2013; Ding and Fei, 2013; Doshi et al., 2018; Hasan et al., 2019; Madeira and Nunes, 2016). In addition, deep learning-based anomaly detection uses Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to classify normal communication and DDoS attacks by converting binaries into 8-bit sequences and transforming them into grayscale images (Su et al., 2018).

On the other hand, these methods are not realistic to use in actual environment because they use entire packets including payloads and the algorithms themselves are highly loaded. In this paper, we propose a system that uses lighter data for analysis outside the local network, and we evaluate the accuracy of this system.

### 2.2 IP Flow Information Export

IPFIX is a flow information protocol standardized by the IETF in RFC 7011 (Claise et al., 2013). Since it is very useful to collect traffic flow at a specific point in

managing a network, we have proposed this paper to unify the method of expressing the flow information and the means of conveying the flow information to the collection points.

In this paper, it is necessary to aggregate packets of IoT devices at the gateway. This requirement is consistent with the purpose of the IPFIX proposal, and the IPFIX flow information enables packet aggregation in a standard and efficient manner.

An example of an IPFIX record is shown in Table 1. The flow information in IPFIX format includes information such as flow start time, end time, source and destination IP addresses, MAC address, port number, protocol, number of bytes, and number of packets. To generate IPFIX from PCAP, we used a tool called YAF with the option to use MAC addresses (Brian et al., 2018). Since packets included in a series of flows are aggregated, one record of each flow information is used for anomaly detection, which reduces the processing load compared to performing anomaly detection on a packet-by-packet basis, and also reduces the volume of data transferred from the gateway to the analysis server. Therefore, this study uses IPFIX-based flow-informed records of packets sent from IoT devices for anomaly detection. On the other hand, the flow information is less available for anomaly detection compared to the case where the whole packets are used, so we need to devise ways to improve the detection accuracy. In this paper, we propose the combination of white list and machine learning for improvement of accuracy.

### 2.3 Manufacturer Usage Description

MUD is an architecture standardized by the IETF in RFC 8520 to define the normal behavior of devices and to protect them from threats (Lear et al., 2019). It is assumed that the device vendor prepares a rule file called a MUD file, which defines IP addresses and port numbers that are permitted to be communicated in advance. An IoT device equipped with a MUD mechanism sends the URL of the MUD file to the router when it is connected to the network, and the router downloads the MUD file. When the device is operated, the router checks that the rules in the MUD file match the information on the destination and source of the communication, and then forwards the packets. By allowing only vendor-defined behaviors, the device can be protected from malware and other threats. On the other hand, as the number of infection route and malware types grows, sets of rules need to be updated, which requires more man-hours to operate.

There are also several studies on MUDs, e.g., au-

tomatic generation of MUD files from packets of IoT devices and their embedding in a Software Defined Network (SDN) (Hamza et al., 2019). Hamza et al. have published a tool for generating MUD files from packets (Hamza et al., 2018). In this study, we used this tool to generate MUD files from packets of IoT devices to create a white list.

## 3 PROPOSED SYSTEM

In this section, we describe the system and the algorithm for anomaly detection that is assumed in this paper.

### 3.1 System Model

First, the system assumed in this paper is shown in Figure 1.

In this paper, we assume home network use case as an example. IoT devices in a home network send and receive packets to the public network through a home gateway. Although it is desirable to be able to detect anomalies at the home gateway, it is not a good idea to monitor all packets in detail due to the processing load. Therefore, the flow information of IPFIX is transferred to an external analysis server. The IPFIX flow information is lighter than that of whole packets and thus reduces the transmission load to the outside.

The analysis server receives the flow information and detects anomalies. After a device is connected to the home network, the flow information is used as data for learning the device's intrinsic behavior for a period of time. The analysis server learns the behavior of each device and creates a classifier. After the training period, the analysis server detects anomalies using the received flow information. If there are any flows that are considered to be anomalies, the home gateway receives notification, and measures such as stopping communication with the public network are taken.

### 3.2 Anomaly Detection using White Lists and Machine Learning

In this paper, we propose the use of white lists based on MUD to define normal communication using approaches other than machine learning. As described in Section 2, MUD is an architecture to define the intrinsic behavior of devices and is suitable for modeling normal communication. We have been using machine learning algorithms such as Isolation Forest to detect anomalies in the analysis server of the proposed system. Isolation Forest is a tree structured anomaly

Table 1: An example of fields in IPFIX format.

flowEndMilliseconds	sourceMacAddress	destinationMacAddress	sourceIPv4Address	destinationIPv4Address
2019-07-01 00:00:38	a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1	a2:b2:c2:d2:e2:f2	192.168.1.1	192.168.1.xx
2019-07-01 00:01:02	a2:b2:c2:d2:e2:f2	a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1	192.168.1.xx	192.168.1.1
2019-07-01 00:01:02	a2:b2:c2:d2:e2:f2	a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1	192.168.1.xx	xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx
2019-07-01 00:01:02	a2:b2:c2:d2:e2:f2	a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1	192.168.1.xx	yyy.yyy.yyy.yyy
2019-07-01 00:01:02	a2:b2:c2:d2:e2:f2	a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1	192.168.1.xx	192.168.1.1
sourceTransportPort	destinationTransportPort	protocolIdentifier	packetTotalCount	octetTotalCount
60555	137	17	2	156
6074	53	17	1	64
40860	123	6	1	76
42567	80	6	2	226
8	0	1	10	840

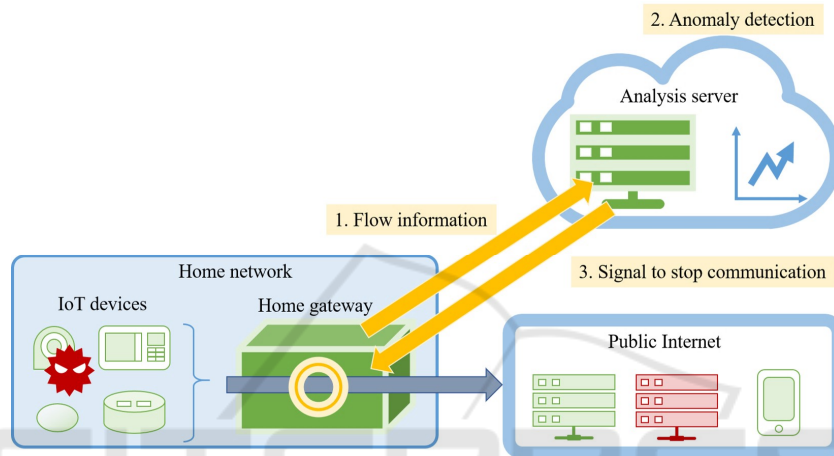


Figure 1: System model of home network use case.

detection algorithm (Liu et al., 2008). We have confirmed that we could detect more than 96% of the malware behavior including communication with the C&C server even when only the flow information was used instead of the whole packet.

On the other hand, there is a problem that there are many false positives that judge the normal communication of the device as the behavior of the malware. One of the reasons for this is that normal communication is not well modeled, especially for devices with complex behaviors or those with extremely low normal communication, such as smart speakers and smart TVs, or some environment sensors.

Therefore, in order to improve the accuracy of judging normal communication as normal, we use a MUD specialized to define normal communication of devices. Device vendors are expected to create MUDs, and other than device vendors, it is also possible to create MUDs according to the specifications. In this study, we generated MUD rules using "Mudgee," a tool for generating MUD files from packets, which has been published by Hamza et al. In order to protect devices from malware threats using MUDs alone, it is necessary to update the rule files every time the number of infection routes and types of malware increase,

and this requires a lot of man-hours to operate. Therefore, by combining MUD rules that are automatically generated from packets and anomaly detection by machine learning, we can ensure security even when the device vendor cannot operate the MUD successfully.

An example of the generated MUD rules is shown in Table 2.

Mudgee reads the PCAP file and generates the flow information. For each flow included in the flow information, the MUD rules are generated by adding each communication direction and protocol to the access control list. Although the access control list can be defined as "accept" or "drop", in the case of Mudgee, it accepts the destination that appears in the flow. Some of the rules allow for all sources and destinations. Such rules should not be included in the white list and are excluded.

In order to improve the detection accuracy, our system has a dictionary period to define the normal behavior of the device separately from the training period. For example, the training period is two weeks and the dictionary period is the first week of that period. We keep a dictionary of IP addresses that the device communicated to during the dictionary period, and create features for machine learning depending on

Table 2: An example of MUD rules.

srcMac	dstMac	ethType	srcIp	dstIp	ipProto	srcPort	dstPort	priority	icmpType	icmpCode
a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1	a2:b2:c2:d2:e2:f2	0x0800	192.168.1.xx	xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx	6	48970	443	810	*	*
a2:b2:c2:d2:e2:f2	a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1	0x0800	yyy.yyy.yyy.yyy	*	6	443	*	750	*	*
a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1	a2:b2:c2:d2:e2:f2	0x0800	xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx	*	6	80	*	750	*	*
a2:b2:c2:d2:e2:f2	a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1	0x0800	*	xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx	6	*	443	855	*	*
a2:b2:c2:d2:e2:f2	a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1	0x0800	xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx	*	6	80	*	750	*	*
a2:b2:c2:d2:e2:f2	a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1	0x0800	*	xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx	6	*	443	855	*	*
a2:b2:c2:d2:e2:f2	a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1	0x0800	xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx	*	6	443	*	750	*	*
a2:b2:c2:d2:e2:f2	a1:b1:c1:d1:e1:f1	0x0800	192.168.1.xx	xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx	6	56840	443	810	*	*

whether the destination address of the communication during the training period is included in the dictionary or not. By using the dictionary period, the jitters of device behavior can be learned. In this paper, we generated MUD rules by inputting packets of dictionary periods for each device into the Mudgee.

The flow of anomaly detection using MUD and machine learning is shown in Figure 2.

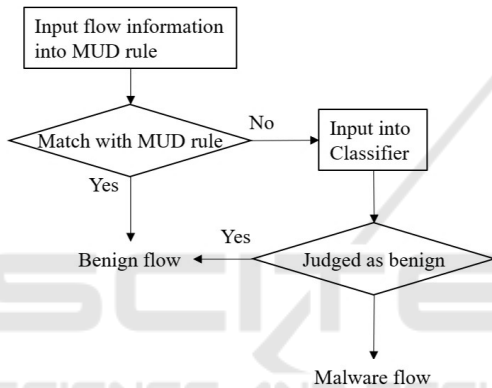


Figure 2: Flow of anomaly detection.

First, we check whether the target flow conforms to the MUD rules of the device. If there is a match, the flow is considered to be normal. If no match is found, the flow is input to the classifier and an error is detected. In this paper, we use Isolation Forest, which is capable of fast and accurate unsupervised learning for anomaly detection. The unsupervised learning system is suitable for this system because there is no need to use the communication data of a malware infection and the learning can be performed under the same conditions as the real environment.

## 4 EVALUATION OF IPFIX

In this section, we evaluate the performance of IPFIX and show the effectiveness. As the data for anomaly detection, PCAP is commonly used. Similar to IPFIX, the PCAP without TCP/UDP payload can be used for lightweight analysis. Here, we call it as PCAP information. So we compare the IPFIX record and PCAP information in this section.

## 4.1 Evaluation Data

First, we describe the data used in this paper. As the data for evaluation, normal communication data of the IoT device and anomaly communication data after malware infection are required. For normal communication, we captured packets from the actual operation of the IoT device for one month. The list of devices used is shown in Table 3.

Table 3: IoT device list.

Device category	No. of Devices
Smart camera	6
Smart speaker	5
IoT gateway	5
Environment sensor	2
Door phone	1
Light	1
Cleaner	1
Remote controller	1
Smart TV	1
Total	23

Here, IoT gateways are devices that integrate and convert the communication of multiple IoT devices.

In order to compare the performance of IPFIX and PCAP as data for anomaly detection, we converted these collected packets into the IPFIX format record and PCAP information. These data include fields used for anomaly detection such as Timestamp, source and destination MAC address, IP address, port number, protocol, and packet length. We compared data size and number of records for the IPFIX and PCAP information, and the result is shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Comparison of IPFIX and PCAP information.

	IPFIX	PCAP information
Data size	49.4 MB	301 MB
Record num	5,319,778	23,763,198

From this result, we can find that IPFIX reduces data size and the number of records. This is because IPFIX aggregates multiple communications included in one flow into one record. Thus, the effectiveness of IPFIX is shown.

## 5 EVALUATION OF ANOMALY DETECTION

In this section, we evaluate the accuracy of anomaly detection by the proposed method.

### 5.1 Evaluation Data

As the data for accuracy evaluation, normal communication data of the IoT device and anomaly communication data are required.

Normal communication data is the same as that used in Section 4. For the anomaly data, we created packets that imitate the typical behaviors of malware infection, such as C&C communication, host scanning, and DoS attacks, and converted them into IP-FIX. For the preparation of the simulated packets, we prepared a total of 15 patterns based on the captured packets of DoS attacks, host scans, and C&C server communication, in which malware samples were collected using honeypots and operated in a secure environment, and modified parameters such as communication interval and number of destinations. The parameters for each malware behavior are shown in Table 5.

We mixed anomaly communications with test data from one device and evaluated the detection accuracy for each device.

### 5.2 Evaluation Flow

The evaluation flow on anomaly detection is shown in Figure 3.

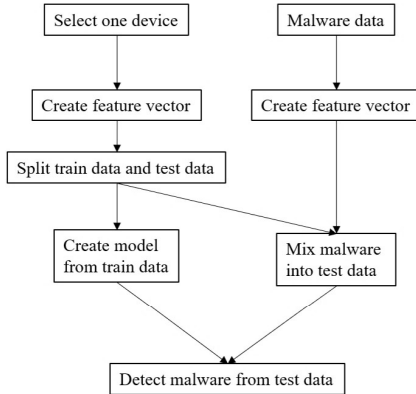


Figure 3: Evaluation flow.

First, we selected the device to be evaluated. Then, we generated features from the normal communication of the device and the malware communication. The features were generated as 20-dimensional vectors by One hot encoding using the dictionary period

described in Section 3. Descriptions of the features are shown in Table 6.

For example, whether or not the destination IP address is one that appeared in the dictionary period, and whether or not the number of packets is less than the threshold. The threshold has five variations: average, average+standard deviation $\sigma$ , average+2 $\sigma$ , average+3 $\sigma$ , and more than average+3 $\sigma$  of the number in the dictionary period.

Then, the normal communication is divided into train data and test data. The data used in this study includes one month communication data for each device, and the first two weeks are used as train data and the second two weeks as test data. By mixing test data with malware data, we can create a malware-infected state for the device. And then, the classifier determines whether each record is normal or anomalous. The classifier is created with Isolation Forest based on the training data. The test data are first checked against the white list generated by the MUD. The records that match the white list are judged as normal, and the records that do not match are input to the classifier to determine whether they are normal or anomalous. The above operations are repeated for each device, and the detection results are acquired.

### 5.3 Evaluation Result

The detection results are obtained by combining the results of the white list and Isolation Forest. In this section, we denote the anomaly communication to be detected as Positive and the normal communication as Negative. Since white list matching is to determine whether the communication is normal or not, the results are divided into True Negative (TN) and False Negative (FN). The results of the Isolation Forest are expressed as a mixed matrix including True Positive (TP) and False Positive (FP) in addition to TN and FN. Here, TN and FN by the white list are denoted as  $TN_w$  and  $FN_w$ , and the results by Isolation Forest are denoted as  $TN_i$ ,  $FN_i$ ,  $TP_i$  and  $FP_i$ . True Positive Rate (TPR) and False Positive Rate (FPR) of the white list and Isolation Forest for one device can be expressed as follows.

$$TPR = \frac{TP_i}{FN_w + FN_i + TP_i} \quad (1)$$

$$FPR = \frac{FP_i}{TN_w + TN_i + FP_i} \quad (2)$$

In this paper, we show the effectiveness of the proposed method by comparing the evaluation results of average TPR and FPR of target devices with and without the white list.

Table 5: Malware behavior parameters.

Type	Cycle	Type	No. of destIP per sec	Type	No. of packets per sec
C&C	0.33[sec]	Host scan	100	DoS	100
	1[min]		200		500
	1[hour]		500		1000
	12[hour]		1000		1500
	24[hour]		3000		3000

Table 6: Feature vectors.

Feature	Definition
Dest IP	Destination IP address is included in dictionary data.
Dest IP (24bit)	The first 24 bits of destination IP are included in dictionary data.
Dest port	Destination port is included in dictionary data.
Dest IP&port pair	Pair of destination IP and port is included in dictionary data.
Well known port	Destination port number is below 1024.
Protocol	Protocol is TCP.
Has response	It has the same source IP& port pair as the destination IP& port pair.
Response count	The number of response packets is larger than the record.
Response length	The length of response packets is larger than the record.
Has similar packet	There are different packets only for the destination port or source port.
Number of packets	The number of packets is below the threshold.
Length of packets	The length of packets is below the threshold.

### 5.3.1 Result of Conventional Method

In this paper, the anomaly detection method based on machine learning standalone is called the conventional method. Here, we adapted the method used in our previous work (Nakahara et al., 2020) to IPFIX. First, Table 7 shows the results of the conventional method without a white list.

Table 7: Results of conventional method.

		Prediction	
		Anomaly	Normal
Answer	Anomaly	228000	3
	Normal	9001	98315

Here, we present the average of the results of all 23 devices used in the evaluation. From the table,  $TP_i = 228000$ ,  $FN_i = 3$ ,  $FP_i = 9001$ ,  $TN_i = 98315$ , and we can calculate that  $TPR = 0.999$ ,  $FPR = 0.092$ . This result indicates that although almost no malware is missed, the false positive rate is high (9.2%), which means that for practical purposes, alerts are often issued even when the device is used normally.

### 5.3.2 Result of White List Standalone

Here, we consider using only the white list for anomaly detection. Records that match the white list are judged as normal and those that do not match are judged as anomalous.

Table 8 shows the results of the white list-based proposed method.

Table 8: Results of white list standalone.

		Prediction	
		Anomaly	Normal
Answer	Anomaly	228003	0
	Normal	51974	55341

The number of records captured by the white list was 55341. No record has been mistakenly allowed by the white list for malware, so results are  $FN_w = 0$ ,  $TN_w = 55341$ . Other 279977 records are judged as anomalous and the actual number of anomalies is 228003, so  $TP_w = 228003$ ,  $FP_w = 51974$ . Then, we calculated the average FPR of all devices and the result is  $FPR = 0.661$ .

This may be due to the change in the behavior of devices between the training and testing periods. Therefore, we checked the changes in the port number pairs of the destination IP addresses on which the MUDs are based between the training and testing periods. We calculated the ratio of unique pairs of IP addresses and port numbers in the test period that appeared also in the training period. The result is shown in 4.

For all devices, the value is greater than or equal to 0.22, and for some devices, it is above 0.90. The average ratio was 0.647. In this situation, if all communications that do not match the white list are judged as anomaly, many false positives will occur. This shows that the behavior of devices changes frequently and that white lists alone cannot detect anomalies correctly.

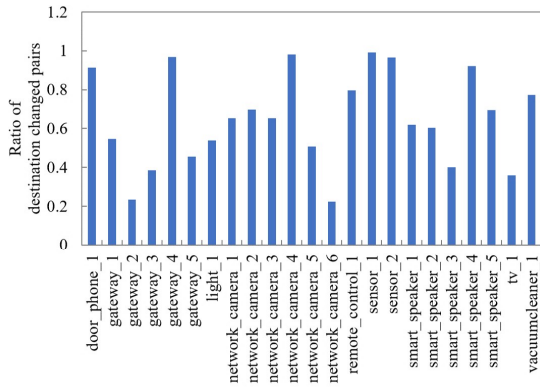


Figure 4: Ratio of changed unique pairs of IP and port.

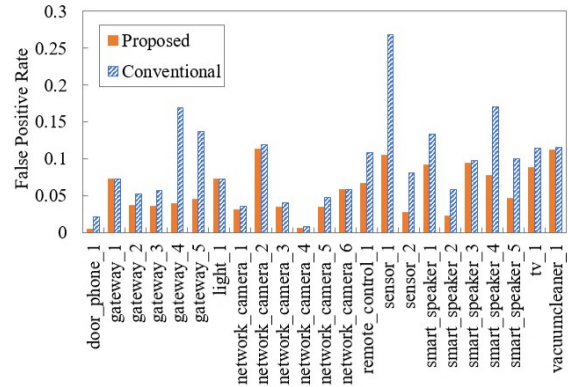


Figure 5: FPR per device.

Based on the above, we consider the hybrid system using the machine learning and white list.

### 5.3.3 Result of Proposed Method

Next, Table 9 shows the results of the white list-based proposed method.

Table 9: Results of proposed method.

		Prediction		
		Anomaly (iForest)	Normal (iForest)	Normal (WL)
Answer	Anomaly	228000	3	0
	Normal	6156	45818	55341

The result of the white list decision is shown in Benign(WL), and the values are the same as the previous section. The prediction results of Isolation Forest are shown in Anomaly(iForest) and Normal(iForest).  $FN_i$  is still 3, but  $FP_i$  is decreased from 9001 to 6156. And the average TPR and FPR of all devices are calculated as  $TPR = 0.999$ ,  $FPR = 0.057$ . The results show that the false positive detection rate could be reduced by about 3.5% without reducing the positive detection rate.

Figure 5 shows the results of calculating the FPR for each device for the proposed and conventional methods.

This figure shows that the FPR has been reduced in almost all devices. In particular, we have been able to significantly reduce the FPR in smart speakers, where the device’s intrinsic behavior is complex, and in IoT gateways, which aggregate the communication of multiple devices. Although it was difficult to distinguish between normal communication and malware communication in these devices by machine learning alone, the white list makes it easier to distinguish between them by narrowing down the detection targets. In addition, in some environmental sensors, some features, such as the presence or absence of communica-

tion to the well-known port and the protocol, sometimes generate patterns similar to those of anomaly communication, and many false positives were generated.

These results indicate that the combination of white list and machine learning can improve the false positive detection rate without reducing the positive detection rate compared to machine learning.

### 5.3.4 Result of Customized White List

Finally, in order to increase the number of normal records captured by the white list, we loosen the rule of the white list. Here, we created the white list using only 24 bits of the destination IP address included in the MUD file.

Table 10 shows the results of the loose customized white list method.

Table 10: Results of customized white list method.

		Prediction		
		Anomaly (iForest)	Normal (iForest)	Normal (WL)
Answer	Anomaly	227975	1	27
	Normal	1796	9195	96324

We can see that  $FP_i$  is decreased to 1796. And the average TPR and FPR of all devices are calculated as  $TPR = 0.999$ ,  $FPR = 0.032$ . This is because more normal records are captured by the customized white list. On the other hand, as shown in Benign(WL) where  $FN_w = 27$ , some records have been mistakenly allowed by the white list. These results show that there is a trade-off between true and false negatives in the granularity of the white list.

Table 11 shows the results of comparison between conventional method and two types of proposed method.

This result shows that the white list contributes to the decrease of the false positive rate and trade-off



Table 11: Comparison of detection results.

	TPR	FPR
Conventional	0.9999	0.0928
White list	0.9999	0.0570
Customized white list	0.9998	0.0325

between TPR and FPR can be controlled by changing the granularity of the white list.

## 6 CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we proposed a method that combines a white list created by MUD with machine learning to detect malware infection in IoT devices. By using the white list, we can exclude normal communications that have been misclassified as malware by machine learning alone from anomaly detection, and thus reduce false positives. We evaluated the accuracy of anomaly detection using a dataset of normal and malware communications, and confirmed that the proposed method reduced the false detection rate. Moreover, the performance varied by changing the rule of the white list. Future work includes investigating how to create more effective white lists, applying them to other machine learning algorithms, and evaluating them using more practical datasets.

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