

STRENGTHENING ECOMMERCE SECURITY THROUGH INNOVATIVE IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT: HARNESSING THE CATBOOST ALGORITHM FOR PROACTIVE VULNERABILITY ATTACK MITIGATION

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ABSTRACT

These attacks target weaknesses in e-commerce websites, apps, databases, and systems to obtain access without authorization, steal sensitive data, interrupt services, or engage in fraud, which poses additional difficulties. To overcome these issues, we proposed machine learning (ML) based techniques in IT project management for the e-commerce industry, it has several advantages that improve project productivity, decision-making, and success. For assessing the security of web-based applications, Burp Suite is a strong and popular cyber security tool. To find and fix vulnerabilities in internet-based applications, security experts, malicious hackers, and testers of vulnerability frequently utilize it. It offers an extensive number of features to find weaknesses. This research proposes anovelapproach utilizing the Burp Suite and CatBoost gradient boosting machine learning algorithm to detect and forecast issues in E-commerce IT project management systems, specifically focusing on mitigating vulnerabilities and attacks. Furthermore, if an attack node is detected by DBN, the control is transferred to a lightweight lure approach that consistently mitigates the most frequent attack nodes not disrupting normal connections. A prospective avenue for improving the management of IT projects is provided by the utilization of machine learning.



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I. INTRODUCTION

The information and data are rapidly being accessed through the Internet to transfer from one point to another across the network [1], [2]. The employment of modern technology in global e-commerce has greatly increased in recent years [3-5]. Online marketplaces like eBay and Amazon saw a boom in the 1990s. Due to the tremendous changes that internet commerce has made to modern life; it is now regarded as remarkable [6-8]. E-commerce has outstanding advantages that have changed the business environment by improving customer experiences and extending market reach. At the same time the utilization of E-commerce business is confronted with Cyber security Vulnerability Attacks. [9], [10]. The practice of safeguarding data by identifying, thwarting, and reacting to cyber-attacks is known as cyber security today and has gained significant global attention. Furthermore, it can also be used to keep user assets in the cyber worldwith the procedures and tools embedded with it to safeguard computer systems and networks against unauthorized access and online assaults. [11-13]. The top rated attack among e-commerce attack is SQL injection attack. A linear database's data may be added, deleted, modified, and queried using the database language SQL. Throughout the duration as the system employs a database, SQL statements are used for the majority of database interactions. Developers commonly utilize the technique of combining characters to create SQL queries that are given to the server while writing code, which is the major cause of SQL injection vulnerabilities [14-16]. Hackers can alter the SQL statement by utilizing particular characters or SQL words. The execution leads to an assault on the system. Attacks using SQL injection are depicted in Figure 1.

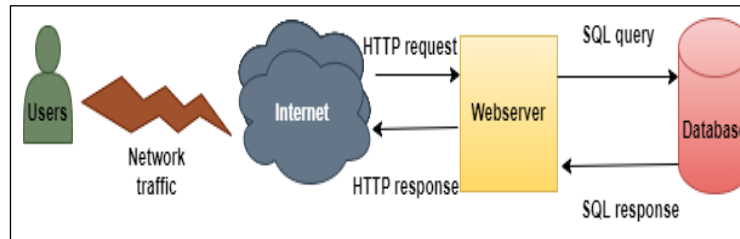


Figure 1: SQL injection attack.

Source: Authors, (2026).

A software security tool for checking the reliability of web-based applications is called Burp Suite [17], [18]. It aids in locating potential security flaws and weaknesses. The majority of bug bounty hunters and professionals in web application security utilize it. It aids in the automation of attack vector identification and vulnerability detection for applications on the internet. Abnormal occurrences or unexpected system behaviour are identified through anomaly detection, which is the most frequently employed attack detection strategy. The majority of these algorithms, however, have only been trained on specific types of attacks and are unable to identify obscure or novel attacks. Through the utilization of an assortment of machine learning algorithms, these methodologies are integrated and executed [19-21]. Among these, the CatBoost Algorithm assumes a pivotal role in our approach, providing adaptive defense against cyber threats, proficiently handling categorical characteristics, minimizes overfitting and offers a predictive tool based on susceptibility attack patterns[22], [23]. Its collaborative synergy with Burp Suite facilitates proactive vulnerability management, aligning seamlessly with contemporary risk mitigation principles. Beyond bolstering decision-making and enhancing project productivity through machine learning insights, CatBoost. A cooperative bait approach is essential: Cooperation among nodes is a fundamental prerequisite for the establishment of communication in mobile ad-hoc networks (MANETs). When malicious nodes are present, this requirement may result in significant security concerns, such as the disruption of the routing process. Malicious nodes initiating grey hole or collaborative black hole attacks are a challenge to prevent or detect in this context. This issue can be resolved by developing a cooperative bait detection scheme (CBDS), which is a routing mechanism based on Ad-hoc on-demand distance vector routing (AODV). Additionally, in order to mitigate the presence of adversary devices, this paper introduces a cooperative BAIT approach. It is possible to recapitulate the primary contributions as follows:

- To identify the vulnerabilities in the e-commerce application, the scanned features of identification tools like Burp Suite was utilized during the study. Burp Suite makes a substantial contribution to the prevention of cyber security vulnerabilities by identifying flaws, offering confirmation, producing reports that can be put into action, and supporting an aggressive and iterative approach to security.
- With the obtained substantial features of Burp suite, the CatBoost classifier gains knowledge from previous susceptibility attacks. CatBoost gains knowledge from Burp suite on susceptibility attacks and occurrences, as it can spot trends and actions linked to assaults, aiding in the identification of impending dangers.
- As the CatBoost algorithm and the Burp Suite tool may greatly improve the protection of a platform for e-commerce or any IT project by offering a variety of methods for finding, mitigating, and avoiding cyber security risks. Furthermore, to mitigate the detected SQL injection attack the approach of BAIT was proposed during the study.

The proposed work takes into account the aforementioned inputs. E-commerce facilities manage critical consumer data, such as contact data, transaction data, and transaction records. Finding vulnerabilities protects both the E-commerce network and its users from money losses or other protection issues. In our internet-based IT project management platform, we use the machine learning algorithms Burpsuite and CatBoost to find vulnerabilities. The experimental study unequivocally demonstrated that the proposed approach is better than the ones currently in use. Following are the sections of the study that are organized as follows. This research endeavours to rectify the deficiencies of the related study, as delineated in Section 2. In Section 3, the research's preliminary stages are illustrated. The favoured method for the article is explicated in Section 4. The outcome is described and formalized in Section 5. The investigation concludes in Section 6.

II. RELATED WORKS

As time has passed, a variety of methods have been devised to protect e-commerce platforms from cyber-attacks and ensure their integrity and security. In spite of this, the ever-changing cyber threat landscape requires the ongoing enhancement and modification of these strategies. The objective of this research is to improve IT project management in the context of e-commerce security by investigating the potential of cutting-edge ML techniques, particularly the CatBoost algorithm, to fill a gap in the existing literature. Numerous prior investigations have investigated diverse methodologies for IT project management and e-commerce security:

In [24], the impact of company procedures on the calibre of IT project leadership was addressed. Using a quantitative survey methodology and questions based on variable indicators, it examines how the GPL software and business process affect the calibre of IT project management. Several linear regressions are used to analyze the data, and the T-test is used to determine whether the hypothesis is correct. Regression research revealed that business process and GPL application, the independent factors, accounted for 77.1% of the variance in the variable that was dependent, the level of IT project management. A cloud-based outsourcing architecture for effective IT project management procedures is described in the research [25]. It makes use of cloud computing technology to address issues like the dearth of qualified IT personnel and the inadequate infrastructure for IT in developing nations like Ethiopia. This enables outsourced IT personnel to remotely plan, build, and test IT projects. The framework was created utilizing a combination of data analysis methodology after a thorough and methodical examination.

The research [26] provides an interpretive lens to examine the difficulties that the banking industry encounters while transferring and handling project management experience knowledge inside IT projects. This paper explains the procedures for gathering, preparing, and analyzing data, which involves the use of conversations with IT project managers in the IT project management workplace of a worldwide banking organization. It ends with implications, caveats, and useful suggestions for applying prior IT project management experience to new projects through organizational learning. Microsoft uses ML and optimization approaches to cut down on online scams, as mentioned in [27]. It explains the decision-making procedure for approving, rejecting, or manually examining transactions, taking into account elements including the risk of fraud, potential future revenue loss, and client experiences. The research [28] suggests techniques and methods based on DL classifiers handle the problem of handling vast e-commerce catalogs. The three types of architecture are examined. In addition to highlighting the need for hyperparameter adjustment for the best performance, the research offers perspectives on the potential benefits of multifunctional systems in merging information from many data sources. On e-commerce sites, the risk of price scraping was discussed in [29]. It proposes a brand-new price-scraping assault scenario and systematically explains how the attack scenario should be executed. Through a series of studies, the duration and bit entropy analysis-based security mechanism were tested. The analysis of the results showed that the method is effective at separating price-scraping software from legitimate users.

The study [30] concentrated on e-commerce security challenges and suggested a way for data protection using an LFSR, Pell's approach, and a Model of security based on linear congruence. The method makes use of session credentials and intermediate keys for encoding, decoding, and verification. The studies done on this approach show its efficacy and reliability for e-commerce and e-business. A sub-graph-based technique called SubGNN was presented in the study [28] for the collaborative identification of fraud in e-commerce platforms. It achieves accurate fraud detection by employing a CNN with a graph model to acquire data logic rules on retrieved subgraphs. On the Taobao dataset, the suggested SubGNN technique detected fake transactions. In the research [31], measures of security were provided to prevent SQL injection, XSS, and invalid authentication issues in PHP-based online applications, notably e-commerce websites. To evaluate the suggested security measures and provide a library that can be used by PHP-based websites, this article creates a fully working e-commerce website. A classification of logic attacks was presented in [32] as a result of component-based programs' imprecise and bad implementation. It finds two different kinds of weaknesses in these apps, categorizes them, and suggests a logical risk classification-based taxonomy. It organizes the categorization of each assault and talks about two different types of weaknesses and coding errors in the software used for the applications, especially in the middle of the framework.

III. PRELIMINARIES

III.1 SQL INJECTION

Numerous researchers have examined SQL injection detection issues from various perspectives and methodologies since the advent of SQL injection up until the present. Currently, there are essentially two sorts of SQL injection prevention techniques [33], [34]. To safeguard operational security, one is to take security considerations into account when programming, while the other is to identify SQL injection threats by taking additional precautions when the program is in use. The classification of SQL attack sources, kinds, and aims is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: SQL attack sources, goals, and Types classification.

Attacks		
Sources	Goals	Types
Input of the User Cookies Server variables Injection over 2 nd order	Database fingerprinting Analyzing schema Data extracting Amending data Executing dos Identification of incorrect Circumventing security Remote management Increase in privilege	Tautology Illegal/logically incorrect queries Union query Piggyback query Stored procedure Inference Alternate encoding

Source: Authors, (2026).

III.2 VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

Our vulnerability evaluation is a process or approach to identify security risks and gaps in a system's defenses that might allow intruders to access and manipulate its data. To take safety measures and defend their websites, this can help businesses and website owners identify their weaknesses. There are multiple types of vulnerability assessments, including:

1. A vulnerability evaluation of the network.
2. Evaluation of host-based vulnerabilities.
3. Evaluation of web application vulnerabilities.
4. Testing for penetration.
5. Compliance evaluation.

The Burp Suite tool, a website-based analyser and vulnerability assessment tool, is used in this study.

III.3 BURP SUITE

An efficient framework and visual instrument for secure web application testing is Burp Suite. The program was created by PortSwigger Security and is built in Java. In Addition to that, Burp Suite provides tools for manual testing of penetration. One of the key aspects of Burp Suite is its capacity to monitor HTTP requests [35]. As a proxy service, Burp may intercept or record all communication between the client's internet browser and the program's web database by placing itself in between them. Burp Suite provides efficiency features like "Deep-Dive Message Analysis" and "Utilize either built-in and customized settings" in addition to sophisticated and customized automated assaults like "automatically manipulate HTTP messages". The Burp Suite analyzer can continuously scan the software to find issues and crawl it to learn about its operation and data [36]. The procedures to find website defacement using a tool that detects vulnerabilities are shown in the Figure 2 below.

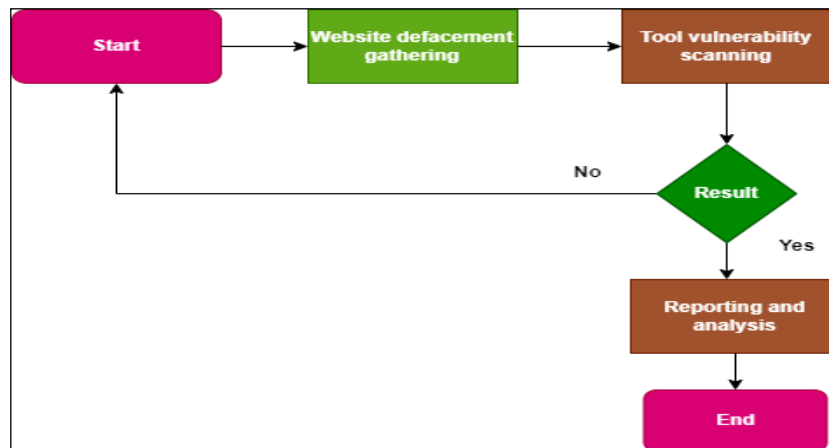


Figure 2: Steps used by security scanning technologies.

Source: Authors, (2026).

IV. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

To improve the effect of cybersecurity on the detection and fixing of e-commerce based attacks like SQL injection, with the tools of Burp suite is integrated with machine learning algorithm of Cat Boost and the approach of BAIT is proposed in this study. The SQL injection attack is identified and mitigated with introduced integrated model of CatBoost with tools like Burp Suite as well as with the approach of BAIT. The exchange of products and services via the Internet and other digital platforms is referred to as e-commerce. EDI and the Internet are essential components of an organization's IT infrastructure. E-commerce is the term used to describe the direct sale of products or services to a client through a vendor's website on the Internet. Through an online shopping cart or purchasing basket, the payment processor takes transactions made via a credit card, debit card, or EFT. The value-generating relationships between companies and between people are created, modified, and redefined in commercial transactions using communication technologies and digital information processes. Due to the growing usage of ICTs, particularly the Internet, the business sector is swiftly transitioning towards e-commerce (B2B) [37], [38]. Unlike other IT projects, e-commerce initiatives may have particular requirements and difficulties.

Project managers may get specialized knowledge and knowledge of these particular needs by integrating E-commerce into IT project management. To identify SQL injection utilizing the Burpsuite tool and CatBoost technique for minimizing the attack and enhancing the system, appropriate IT project management and E-commerce practices must be included. Protecting your company and consumer data from possible attacks, it proactively discovers and handles security issues in your e-commerce environment. Websites may be attacked for various motives, but the frequent thing is that they have serious security holes that let attackers access the backend of the website and subsequently upload an external scripting file. However, due to a weakness that compromises the website, attackers can damage a website. Numerous hacking methods, such as SQL injection, XSS, local or external file participation, unauthorized username and password ownership, and antiquated software are at their disposal. A mistake or a condition where one is exposed to the prospect of a hacker attack is known as vulnerability. There are other forms of vulnerabilities, but SQL injection was our main attention.

IV.1 ZONES-H DATA

The Zone-H dataset was used to validate the framework and assess the system assault. The effectiveness of proposed methods is now often examined by academics utilizing this dataset. This study takes advantage of the collection of online defacements kept at the website "Zone-H" to analyze variability in the continuous paths of defacers. Zone-H data, which is utilized in hacker and victim research, is a large dataset with over thirteen million documents that are a mixture of organized and unorganized information. To present, investigations utilizing Zone-H data have depended on the information contained in the metadata sections. An illustration of an unprocessed Zone-H record can be discovered in Figure 3.

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Figure 3: Zone-H record samples.
Source: Authors, (2026).

Although the Zone-H collection has more than 13 million files, filters for each research decrease the number of data according to the study's requirements. For instance, a collection of 466220 data was used in the Cultural Investigation of Assault Vector Preferences for Self-Identified Hackers research; however, 267556 records were left after attack vector filtering. The number of files utilized and the research variables are included in each of the research papers cited in this publication. Zone-H's objectives are to track security developments and assess the rising significance of hacking. As seen in Figure 4, they were grouped based on the nations to which they belonged.

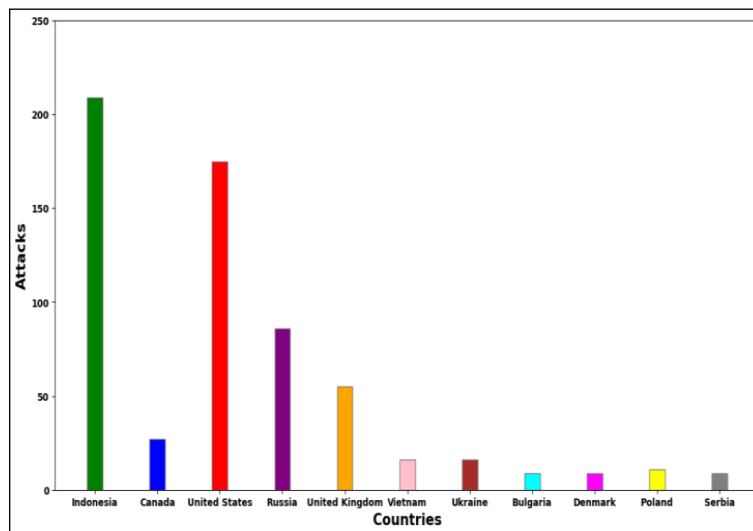


Figure 4: Website defacement data gathered from nations for the Zone-H dataset.
Source: Authors, (2026).

Defacement committed by a malicious attacker can be submitted to the Zone-H portal using an online form. Reporters are required to give a hacker handle (i.e., the person or organization's adopted online identity) that is designated as the "notifier" for the assault. Additionally, they are requested to report particular defacement details, such as the assault's time and date, the internet address that was defaced, its methodology, and the attacker's motives. After the Zone-H managers have verified this information, the defacement is subsequently preserved and permanently replicated on their website. Due to these circumstances, Zone-H is essentially a self-reported resource for web defacements, much like conventional source materials for research in criminology. The researchers looked to obtain the data in March 2017, at which time they concentrated on assaults that occurred in Zone-H throughout January 2010 and that month.

IV.2 DATA PRE-PROCESSING

A critical step in enhancing or ensuring performance is pre-processing data, which is also referred to as information spilling or manipulating data. This process involves the cleaning, transformation, and organization of unprocessed data in order to facilitate analysis or modeling. The process which alters the data into format which will apt for the analysis of machine learning. Data are availed in the various forms, the system viability to read as binary; for this condition it is formatted prior to the evaluation. In addition to that, the redundant data are removed from the dataset to reduce the computational complexity as well as increases the efficiency of classifier. The final pre-processed data undergoes the analysis with the burp suite tools.

IV.3 ANALYSIS WITH BURP SUITE TOOL

To check websites for faulty URL problems, we scanned 1000 URLs previously gathered from the Zone-H dataset using Burp Suite. Threats were found through attacks across the board in the domains. High-hazard problems, such as SQL injections, were discovered using the Burp Suite tool. The Burp Suite technique discovered problems and threats that were of a higher degree than those found by alternative tools like the OWASP ZAP software. Compared to the OWASP ZAP software, the Burp suite's scanning time is shorter. Figure 5 displays the time taken to scan using the OWASP ZAP software and the Burp suite. The Burp Suite tool undoubtedly discovered some vulnerabilities that the other tools had overlooked. A statistical comparison of several pen testing tools, including OWASP ZAP and Burp Suite, is displayed in Table 2.

Early vulnerability identification in network and online applications is necessary due to the potential for avoiding future high levels of risk. However, in our study, we examined over 1,000 websites and discovered that the proposed device was superior to the other software for determining and exhibiting faults. With the aid of this software, programmers can examine websites and alert users to problems at all stages medium, high, and low by conducting an analysis. Because it displays three stages the Burp suite is the most effective and powerful in terms of identifying problems. It is also suitable for high-secure software. This utility does a vulnerability scan and an intrusion test. Additionally, by facilitating and setting a priority for every issue so that companies can be categorized as average, excessive, or lower, it aids programmers in discovering flaws that they can rely on to handle vulnerabilities and risks.

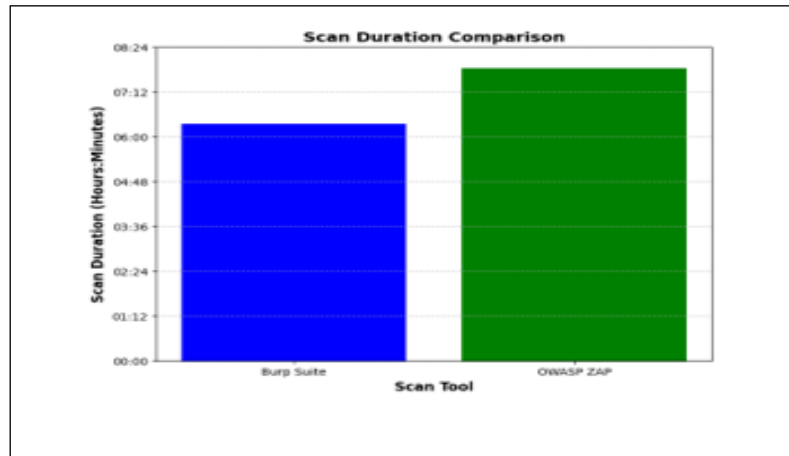


Figure 5: Scan duration comparison.
Source: Authors, (2026).

Table 2: Comparative evaluation of several pen tester devices.

Feature	Burp Suite	OWASP ZAP
Primary Focus	Web application security testing	Web application security testing
Editions	Free Community; Professional	Free and Open Source
Operating Systems	Primarily Windows	Cross-Platform (Windows, Linux, Mac OS X)
Vulnerability Detection	Robust and advanced	Effective and reliable
Scripting and Automation	Yes (Extensions)	Yes (Scripting Interface)
User Experience	Intuitive for beginners and experts	Can be challenging for beginners
Active User Community	Large and supportive	Strong open-source community
Extensibility	Yes (Custom Extensions)	Yes (Custom Scripts)
Commercial Versions	Yes (Professional Edition)	No (Focuses on Open Source Development)
Documentation and Resources	Excellent	Exceptional
Web application scanning	Available (high)	Available (low)
Active scan	Available (high)	Available (average)
Spider	Available (High)	Available (low)
Tool category	Proxy (High)	Proxy (average)
vulnerability evaluation	Available (High)	Available (average)
expense	Free	Free

Source: Authors, (2026).

We utilize Burp Suite in our framework to find problems. A dataset including details about the discovered weaknesses and pertinent attributes is produced by this method. You download the information from Burp Suite once the vulnerabilities have been found. The foundation of our ML model will be this transferred data.

IV.4 CATBOOST

The research introduces ground breaking theoretical advancements in the intersection of cyber security and IT project management within the e-commerce sector. Through the innovative integration of the Burp Suite cyber security tool and the CatBoost machine learning algorithm, the study establishes a critical nexus between security measures and project management practices [39-41]. Furthermore, the study emphasizes a paradigm shift towards data-driven decision-making, leveraging the CatBoost algorithm to empower project managers with informed insights derived from the analysis of vulnerabilities detected by Burp Suite. Enhanced overall project productivity and success are fundamentally dependent on this transformative shift. As the research emphasizes the proactive identification and classification of vulnerabilities, the theoretical implications extend to resource optimization and strategic project planning. By integrating machine learning techniques, particularly CatBoost, into project planning, project managers can prioritize security measures based on prospective impacts, thereby adding a strategic dimension. The CatBoost algorithm is an effective ML technique for predicting feature types. CatBoost is a gradient-boosting technique that utilizes multimodal decision trees as its initial detectors. Consider the following scenario:

We examine a data set with instances $K = (i_y, y_j)_{j=1, \dots, a}$, where $i_y = (i_{y_1}, i_{y_2}, \dots, i_{y_n})$ vectors and response value $y_j \in \mathbb{R}$ is a feature that can be binary (i.e. yes or no) or encrypted as an integer (0 or 1). Samples (i_y, y_j) have identical and separate distributions based on an unidentified distribution. The understanding task's objective is to develop an expression $H(X)$ that minimizes the predicted loss indicated in (1).

$$L(H) := \mathbb{E}L(y, H(X)) \quad (1)$$

Where $L(\bullet, \bullet)$ is the loss equation of smooth function and the testing data (X, y) is a sample. The gradient enhancing process builds a repeated series of estimates $H^t: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, t = 0, 1, \dots$ in a rapacious manner. From the prior estimation, H^{t-1}, H^t is earned through an additive procedure, such that $H^t = H^{t-1} + \alpha g^t$, with a stage size and variable $g^t: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. These are basic predictors and it's chosen from a collection of variables G to lessen or minimize the predicted loss given in (2):

$$\begin{aligned} g^t &= \arg \min_{g \in G} L(H^{t-1} + g) \\ &= \arg \min_{g \in G} \mathbb{E}L(y, H^{t-1}(X) + g(X)) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

The optimization issue is frequently handled via the Newton approach utilizing a (negative) gradient step or a second-level estimate of $L(H^{t-1} + g^t)$ at H^{t-1} . Gradient descent can apply to both of these tasks. You may get a more detailed description of the CatBoost technique.

The key features of CatBoost:

- Level-wise tree: It divides learning samples into different levels via level-wise balanced trees (Figure 6). A vectorized version of the tree is implemented by the architecture and can be quickly examined.
- Combinations of ordered enhancing with categorical variables: By utilizing impartial enhancing methods with categorical attributes to eliminate gradient bias, ordered enhancing can be used as a novel way to estimate the slope and improve the generalization capacity of the framework.
- Random permutation: CatBoost implements gradient enhancement and, to avoid over-fitting issues, randomly permutes the training data. The random combinations are initially produced by randomly arranging the provided data.
- One-hot encoding: This situation necessitates one-hot encoding since GBM is unable to deal with categorical data. When converting categorical characteristics to target statistics, CatBoost, however, immediately includes the one-hot encoding procedure.
- Optimized variable tuning: It offers a configurable user interface for hyper-parameter adjustments, such as adjusting the rate of learning and tree level. The maximum level of analytical precision is ensured by these standards.

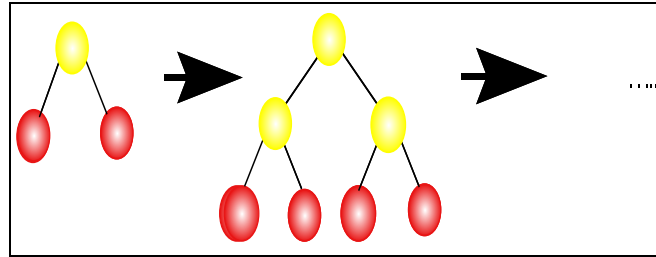


Figure 6: Level-wise tree growth in CatBoost algorithm.
Source: Authors, (2026).

CatBoost creates several decision trees, which generate many selections in response to the given characteristics. Sequentially adding trees, each one concentrates on fixing the mistakes caused by the preceding one. We refer to this as boosting. Threats may be avoided because of CatBoost's capability to deal with categorical data. It employs a technique that is effective at transforming categorical characteristics into numerical form, which is crucial for the development of ML algorithms. It employs a kind of gradient descent, an optimization process designed to identify the model's best-fitting variables. By combining all of the individual trees' estimations after the group of trees has been built, prevention is achieved. To strengthen security in e-commerce platforms, Burp Suite can be used within the IT project management process to identify vulnerabilities like SQL injection during vulnerability assessments. Train CatBoost models using data collected from Burp Suite's vulnerability assessments. These models can then learn to identify patterns indicative of SQL injection attempts. Integrate the trained CatBoost models into the IT project management process. During website operation, these models can analyze incoming traffic in real-time, flagging potential SQL injection attacks based on the learned patterns. To mitigate the identified attack, the data are further processed under the approach of BAIT.

IV.5 SQL ATTACK MITIGATION WITH BAIT APPROACH

By employing the BAIT mechanism, the malicious node is deceived into transmitting the erroneous route request to the counterfeit route request. This methodology is designed to mitigate and identify attack nodes. The most efficient and shortest path to their targets is generally advertised by malicious nodes. On top of that, the rogue node transmits a route request packet to the source, which is prohibited. As a consequence, the source node in the proposed task transmits the fabricated request to the destination address through the nearest node.

A malicious node responds to a request, regardless of whether it is the target node. The flow table search is used to process this request. This is followed by the identification and mitigation of the attack. After a malicious node transmits a response, the source node compares it to the destination address. The source node considers the node to be malicious and denies the response request if the addresses do not match. The data flow will proceed as expected in the absence of any intruder nodes. A non-attack intermediate node transmits a route request packet to the destination node, along with the address, upon its arrival. Upon the determination of the shortest route between the source and the destination, you may be confident that the data will be transferred. The initial step in the testing process is to compare the test data with the security log file. The data will be prohibited from being processed further if the source IP address of the information is already present in the security log file. If it is not present in the security log file, the cyber-attack detection and prevention process is implemented. In Figure 7, the BAIT approach's overarching structure is illustrated.

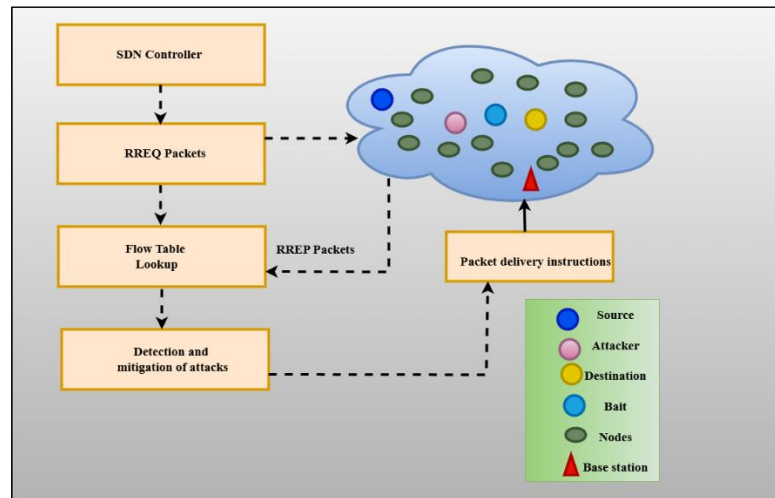


Figure 7: BAIT approach.
Source: Authors, (2026).

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section, the assessment criteria and required dataset for the proposed technique are discussed in depth. The dataset and assessment factors are handled first to recognize, categorize, and forecast the hacking attempt in the E-commerce IT project administration context.

Experimental setup

IT project management is the process of assigning, planning, and organizing a specific organization's IT goals. IT project management encompasses all monitoring activities related to implementing IT solutions, setting up hardware, updating networks, deploying virtualization and cloud computing, and building software. The following five process areas represent the project management life cycle and are consistent across all projects. Each project's specific phases, on the other hand, are unique and help to show the project development cycle.

1. Initiation - the project's objective, need, or issue is determined. A charter for the scheme is established and the scheme director is hired to it.
2. Planning - The work team and the task leader work together to plan each step needed to finish the project effectively. Due to the cyclical cycle of the method of scheduling, frequent planning is expected throughout this endeavor.
3. Execution - To efficiently complete the project, the task leader and the members of the team collaborate to plan each stage. Frequent planning is anticipated throughout this endeavor because of the periodic cycle of the scheduling strategy.
4. Control and monitoring - The project manager monitors and exerts access to the assignment in the areas of length, standard, risk, and other work-related factors while the work is carried out by the development group. To make certain that the project is meeting its goals for each project objective, control, and monitoring are continual processes.
5. Closing - After each stage and the entire project, the project is closed to ensure that each task has been completed, is approved, and management has been successfully implemented from the project group to management. Figure 8 below illustrates the fundamental steps in the administration of an IT project.

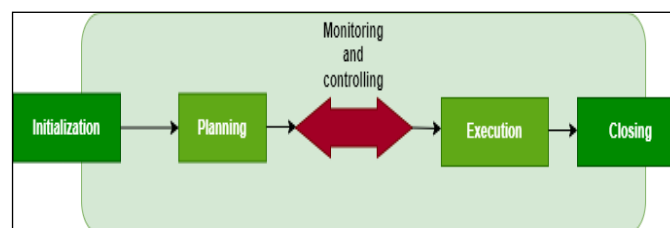


Figure 8: IT project management process.
Source: Authors, (2026).

Training and testing

To assess the algorithm's efficacy, the data set was distinguished into training of 80% and testing of 20%. Then, it is tested against a different dataset known as the testing set. The learned instances in the training data are employed by the model to classify the testing set. On the testing set, the model's predictions are contrasted with the actual labels. We can compute other evaluation metrics as a result.

Performance metrics

The study's comprehensive evaluation metrics, including confusion matrices and ROC curves, contribute to the theoretical foundation for assessing project success in the context of cyber security. The confusion matrix, the AUC, accuracy, error rate, TPR, TNR, FPR, and FNR are some of the assessment metrics that will be discussed in this section.

a. Confusion Matrix

Information regarding the real and anticipated diagnoses from a classifier may be located in a confusion matrix. It is shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Confusion matrix.

Actual	Predicted		
		Negative	Positive
	Negative	TN	FN
	Positive	FP	TP

Source: Authors, (2026).

TP: An accurate prediction from the classifier turned out to be accurate.

TN: When the classifier correctly identified that an event is false but the event is false.

FP: The machine learning model identified that an event is true, but the event is not true.

FN: The machine learning algorithm identified that an event would not occur, yet the event occurred.

The classes that are correctly classified are TN and TP, whereas the incorrectly classified ones are FN and FP.

B. Evaluation Metrics

To compare the effectiveness of the classifiers, it is useful to look at measures like model training time, accuracy of the model, and storage use. Additionally, the accuracy of categorization is measured by the ROC-AUC. The accuracy of binary classification results is also measured using the AUC metric. Model accuracy is the percentage of accurate forecasts among all forecasts as described in (3).

$$Accuracy = \frac{TN + TP}{TP + TN + FP + FN} \times 100\% \quad (3)$$

$$ErrorRate = \frac{FP + FN}{FP + FN + TP + TN} \times 100\%$$

According to (13), the error rate is calculated as the percentage of all incorrect assessments multiplied by the entire number of samples. The percentage of correctly positive projected classes from all positive classes is known as the TPR, also known as sensitivity or recall. The sensitivity ranges from 1:0 (best) to 0:0 (lowest). The percentage of accurate negative calculations among all classes of negative calculations is known as the TNR, also known as the specificity. Specificity ranges from 1:0 (highest) to 0:0 (lowest). In (14), the TPR and TNR are provided.

$$True\ positive\ rate = \frac{TP}{FN + TP} \times 100 \quad (4)$$

$$True\ negative\ rate = \frac{TN}{FP + TN} \times 100$$

Precision, as defined in (5), is the proportion of properly calculated positive values among all positive categories. The amount of incorrectly detected positive outcomes out of all of the negative outcomes, as in (5), is known as the *FPR*.

$$FPR = \frac{FP}{FNP+TP} \times 100 \quad FNR = \frac{FP}{FP + TN} \times 100 \quad (5)$$

Two criteria that are frequently used in software estimation mean MMRE and PRED were used in evaluating the obtained models in addition to standard error evaluates like ME, MAE, MSE, and RMSE. They enable results comparison across various detecting models and datasets since they are magnitude and unit-independent. All depend on MRE, which is characterized as the difference between estimations and actuals:

$$MRE = \frac{|y_t - y_t^p|}{y_t} \quad (6)$$

$$MMRE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n MRE \quad (7)$$

$$PRED(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } MRE \leq x \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Where:

y_t - Original value
 y_t^p - Measured value
 X -Average
 n -Number of samples

$$MER = \frac{y_t - y_t^p}{y_t^p} \quad (9)$$

$$MMER = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n MER \quad (10)$$

$$BRE = \frac{|y_t - y_t^p|}{\min(y_t^p - y_t)} \quad (11)$$

$$MBRE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n BRE \quad (12)$$

Throughput

It is defined as “a total data that the destinations receive from the source-separated by the time it takes for the destination to get the final packet”. It is also the number of bitstransmitted per second.

$$Threshold = \frac{Dr * Size (1 - packetloss\ value)}{penalty + timeconsumed}$$

Packet loss

It is defined as the ratio of the number of lost packets to the total number of packets sent.

C. Calibration Plots

The output of the expected success rate of a certain classifier, for measured techniques (classifiers), may be regarded as an interval of trust. The metric is used to establish if a confidence interval may be utilized to evaluate the anticipated probability Within Figure 9. All of the developed methods' calibration plots are shown, and the CatBoost technique gave well-calibrated predictions since it maximizes log loss.

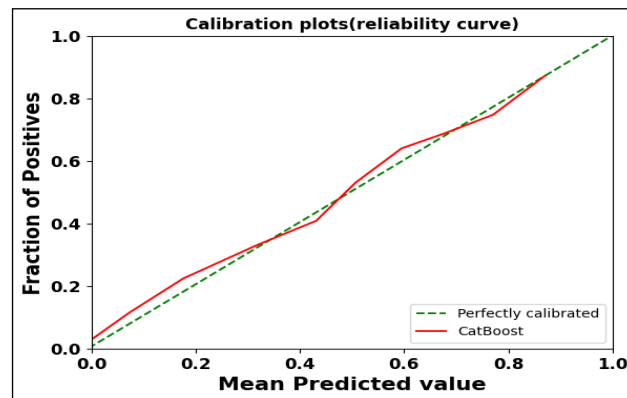
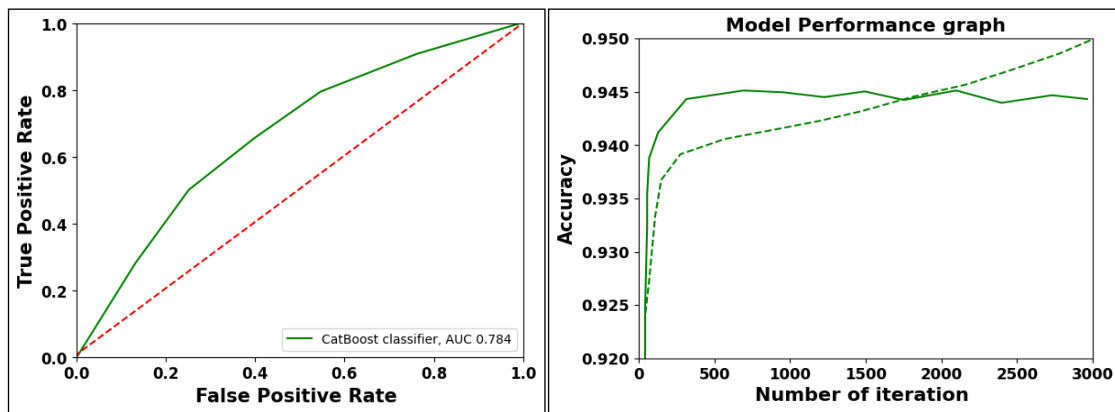


Figure 9: Calibration plots.

Source: Authors, (2026).

A false positive rate is a technique used in this section to make a type I error in testing for a null hypothesis while performing repeated comparisons. The FPR is a crucial parameter for the problem studied in this study since it would be disastrous if the system predicted a false assault. This indicates that CatBoost has greater confusion metrics than the competing method, as measured by the value of properly categorized data (TP + FN) and with the fewest misclassifications. The properly categorized and incorrectly categorized information from the Zone-H dataset are both depicted in the confusion matrix in Figure 13.

We first determined the TPR, FPR, and AUC scores after training the classifier on the training set and predicting the probabilities on the test set in Figure 10. CatBoost attained the maximum AUC of 0.78, which is nearer to 1. The CatBoost classifier's accuracy is displayed in Figure 11. The CatBoost algorithm efficiency comparison is shown in Table 4.



Figures 10 and Figure 11: ROC curve analysis and Model performance of CatBoost Algorithm.

Source: Authors, (2026).

Table 4: Performance of CatBoostclassifier.

Algorithm	Score	Avg.time (fit)	Avg.time (Score)	AUC	Precision
CatBoost	0.732	46.635	6.745	0.78	0.85

Source: Authors, (2026).

An e-commerce platform may sustain time-based attacks from SQL injection attacks. By modifying the SQL query to generate delays or wait conditions, this sort of attack, also called "Time-Based Blind SQL Injection," enables the hacker to deduce information regarding the database or the application's reaction time. Our proposed method makes use of raw data from the burp suite, which is then classified using the CatBoost algorithm. It is an effective tool, but to get the best results for the particular vulnerability prevention work, it is essential to have a well-prepared dataset, include feature engineering, and fine-tune the model. Burp suite's tool and the CatBoost algorithm's avoidance of SQL injection improve our E-commerce IT project management's efficiency by avoiding time delays. Its efficiency aids in IT project management's ability to recognize and anticipate E-commerce SQL injection threats. The proposed algorithms employed in the study are depicted in the scatter plot below as having duration. The location of each point on the plot symbolizes a project, and the values for that project's duration are indicated by the location of the point. Darker colours denote greater levels of effort, while the colour of the point indicates the real amount of effort. To evaluate the effectiveness of the collection models in forecasting duration graphically, utilize the scatter plot. The plot's points should ideally be tightly packed along the regression lines, showing that the simulations are successful in forecasting the duration of the values. The Scatter plot of programs for duration model is displayed in Figure 12 below. A classification model's calibration is evaluated graphically using a reliability curve. It aids in our comprehension of how well the anticipated probability matches the actual results. A reliability curve can provide us with useful information about the effectiveness of the model and can inadvertently tell us about the possibility of mistakes, even though it is not normally used to quantify error rates directly. Figure 14 compares the reliability curve for CatBoost's error rate to that of SVM, MLP-ANN, and GLM using three different approaches. The CatBoost performs better than the previous methods. SVM, MLP-ANN, GLM, and the CatBoost duration model's evaluation metrics are shown in Table 5 respectively. Figure 13: Confusion matrix for SQL injection prediction show in below.

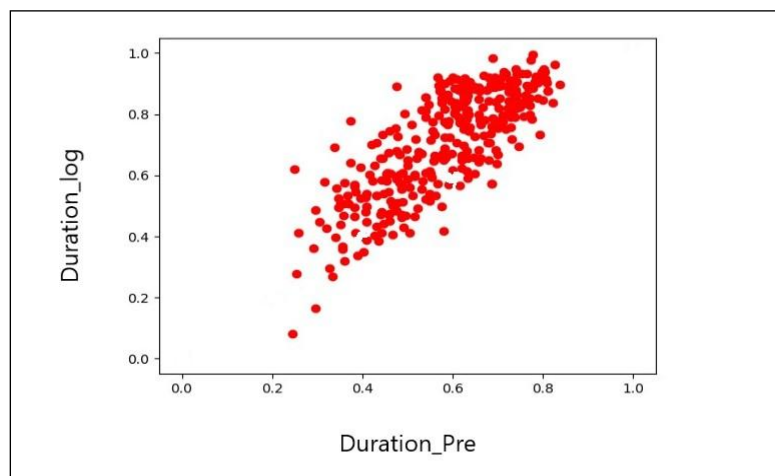


Figure 12: Scatter plot for the proposed model.

Source: Authors, (2026).

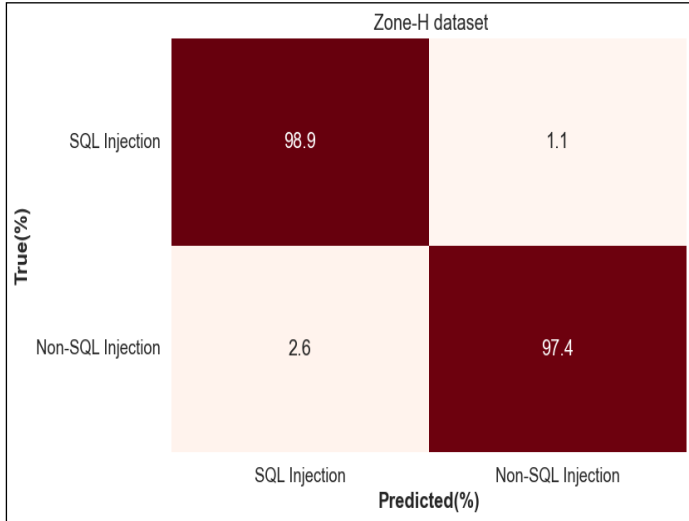


Figure 13: Confusion matrix for SQL injection prediction.
Source: Authors, (2026).

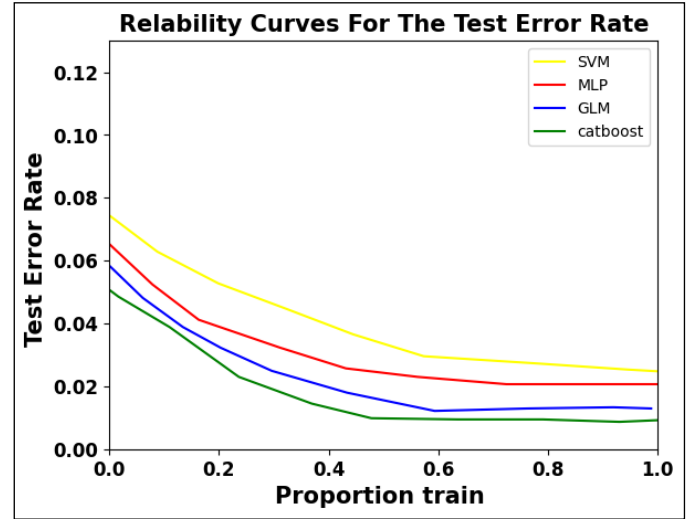


Figure 14: Reliability curve for the Error rate.
Source: Authors, (2026).

Table 5: Evaluation measures for duration model.

	SVM	MLP	GLM	Proposed
ME	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
MAE	0.13	0.18	0.18	0.16
MSE	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.05
RMSE	0.2	0.23	0.21	0.20
MMRE	0.11	0.22	0.22	0.19
PRED	85.65%	74.81%	72.65%	90.58%
PRED	90.61%	82.96%	81.61%	95.01%
MMER	0.19	0.22	0.29	0.25
MBRE	0.15	0.11	0.21	0.19

Source: Authors, (2026).

Packet loss over the attack rate

It is defined as the ratio of the number of lost packets to the total number of packets sent. This section explains the performance evaluation for packet loss rate under varied attack rate to 5%, 10%, 15%, and 20%, respectively. From the graphical representations given below in Figure 15, it is observed that even in all the attack rate deviation, the packet loss ratio is minimal, which proves the betterment in proposed attack detection and mitigation. The classifier performance with the bait approach, which exhibits the lowest packet loss over the traditional models. Here, at the attack rate = 15%, the packet loss of the classifier CatBoost+BAIT is 11%, whereas for the other traditional classifiers like DBN, NN, SVM, CatBoost is 22%, 16.6%, 20%, and 26.5% respectively. Thus, the proposed work proves the efficiency of less packet loss.

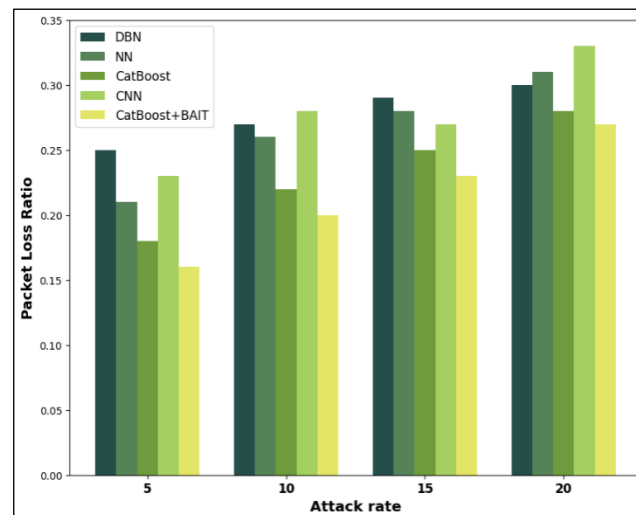


Figure 15: Packet loss ratio over attack rate.
Source: Authors, (2026).

Throughput over the attack rate

As per Figure 16, at attack rate = 10%, the proposed classifier acquires the highest throughput of 56%, which is 33.3%, 30%, and 40% for the existing models DBN, NN, SVM, CatBoost respectively. Thus, from the evaluation, it is obvious that the proposed work can make an attack-free communication when compared to other models.

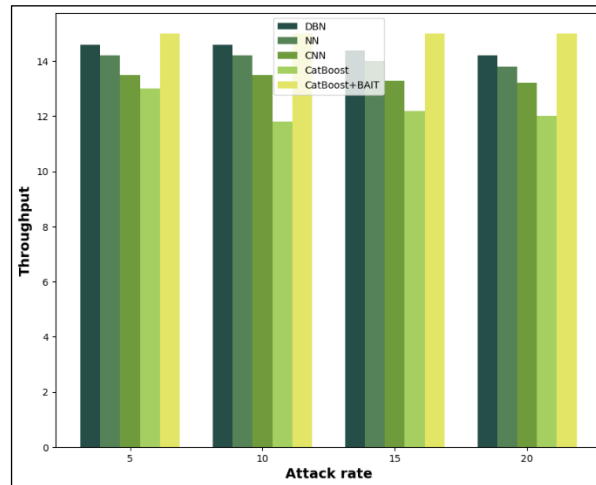


Figure 16: Throughput ratio over attack rate.

Source: Authors, (2026).

The efficiency of CatBoost in the context of IT project management for e-commerce improves system efficiency by 96.7%. Our machine learning model's simulation findings showed us how to significantly reduce the duration of processing while also mitigating security assaults. This innovation enables our project management to effectively carry out pre-tests of their suggested policies. As a result, project management may now make decisions that are better supported by quantifiable evaluations of time-dependent project performance, increasing the justification for such decisions. This comprehensive solution positions our e-commerce platform for long-term success by enhancing security while also streamlining project management procedures.

VI. CONCLUSION

E-commerce can be characterized as a crucial intermediary in every online transaction between the supplier and the buyers. The entire process depends totally on online transactions. Internet retail marketing is reaching its height as more people use internet-enabled gadgets. This technology offers a variety of benefits, including scalability and simplicity of availability. E-commerce security, however, is one of the main obstacles on its path when it comes to problems. A variety of elements, such as manipulation of data, detection, and prevention, can enhance the security of e-commerce. This study uses the efficient Burp suite tool and the CatBoost ML technique to reduce vulnerability attacks in an environment managing IT projects for e-commerce. Designers can analyze, identify, and identify system vulnerabilities with the use of the suggested vulnerability assessment approach. If an attacker exists, the control was transferred to the proposed bait approach; the performance of the proposed work was analysed over the traditional models by evaluating the packet loss ratio and throughput. Results show that the proposed model's performance is more efficient than the other conventional models. The system layout and evaluation of commercial online transaction procedures for industry may therefore be easily done using the suggested technique. This strategy aids in reducing and preventing vulnerability attacks in the setting of E-commerce IT project management.

Table 6: List of abbreviations used in the proposed security framework.

Abbreviations	Description
ML	Machine Learning
B2B	Business-To-Business
B2C	Business-To-Consumer
C2C	Consumer-To-Consumer
C2B	Consumer-To-Business
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange
IDSs	Intrusion Detection Systems
IPS	Intrusion Prevention Systems
UTM	Unified Threat Management
GBDTs	Gradient Boosting Decision Trees
GPL	Go Project Lean
LFSR	Linear Feedback Shift Register
RMSE	Root Mean Squared Error
XSS	Cross-Site Scripting
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange

EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer
IT	Information Technology
MAE	Mean Absolute Error
SQL	Structured Query Language
TNR	True Negative Rate
TPR	True Positive Rate
FPR	False Positive Rate
FNR	False Negative Rate
MMRE	Magnitude Relative Error
PRED	Percentage Relative Error Deviation
ME	Mean Error
MSE	Mean Squared Error
MRE	Magnitude Relative Error
SVM	Support Vector Machines
MLP-ANN	Multi-Layer Perceptron Artificial Neural Network
GLM	Generalized Linear Models

Source: Authors, (2026).

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