

OS Fingerprinting using ML

What is OS Fingerprinting:

Process of detecting OSes of remote machines.

What we are doing:

- We are developing an OS fingerprinting system
- The system employs Genetic Algorithm (GA) and Machine Learning (ML) techniques

Methodology:

- Data: instances of different OSes.
- Genetic Algorithm: to select relevant features.
- Machine Learning algorithms: to extract rules for OS Fingerprinting.

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Advantages:

- The system is a single-packet classification system.
- The system is the first OS classifier to adopt GA.
- The system is completely machine learning dependant.

Algorithms being tested:

- J48, JRip, Ridor, PART
- Fitness Function:

$$Fitness = 0.80 \times Accuracy + \\ 0.15 \times \left(1 - \frac{|SelectedFeatures| - 1}{|AllFeatures| - 1}\right) + \\ 0.05 \times \left(1 - \frac{|SelectedRules| - 1}{|AllRules| - 1}\right)$$