

A Bit About Me

(I'm going to pretend you care)

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Student at Columbia University in
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Independent Researcher

Mostly focus on malware

Probably younger than you think

I want to hack a human one day
(judge all you want)



Machine Learning

Machine Learning as a Tool

Machine Learning as a Tool for Societal Exploitation

A Summary on the Current and Future State of Affairs

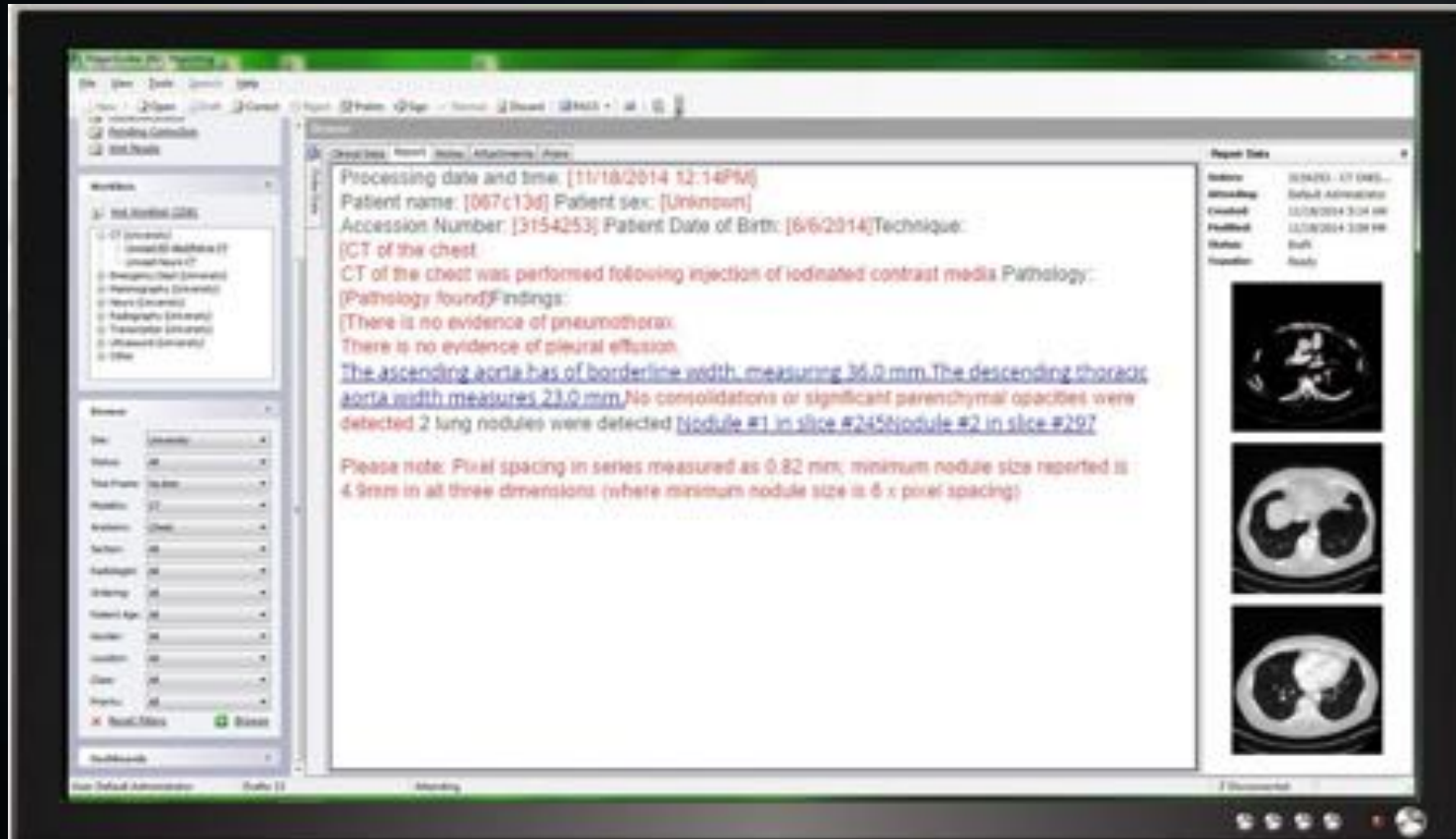
Current State

The Common and the Uncommon

Standard Uses

(generally beneficial, sometimes concerning)

The „Human“ Side



Financial Trading

Sports Injuries – [courtesy of Quantum Black]

Medical Imaging

The „Technical“ Side

Data Security

Antivirus Software

Endpoint Detection Systems

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Uncommon Uses

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REALLY



Crazy Dystopian S**t

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Individual Profiling

-Recreating the human based on digital fingerprints

Ambient Sound Mapping

(Initially) Geospatial ambient sound mapping through the NGI

Adopted by a start-up who wants to make people easier to find

Live training sets (live modification)

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-Actually more common than I give it credit for

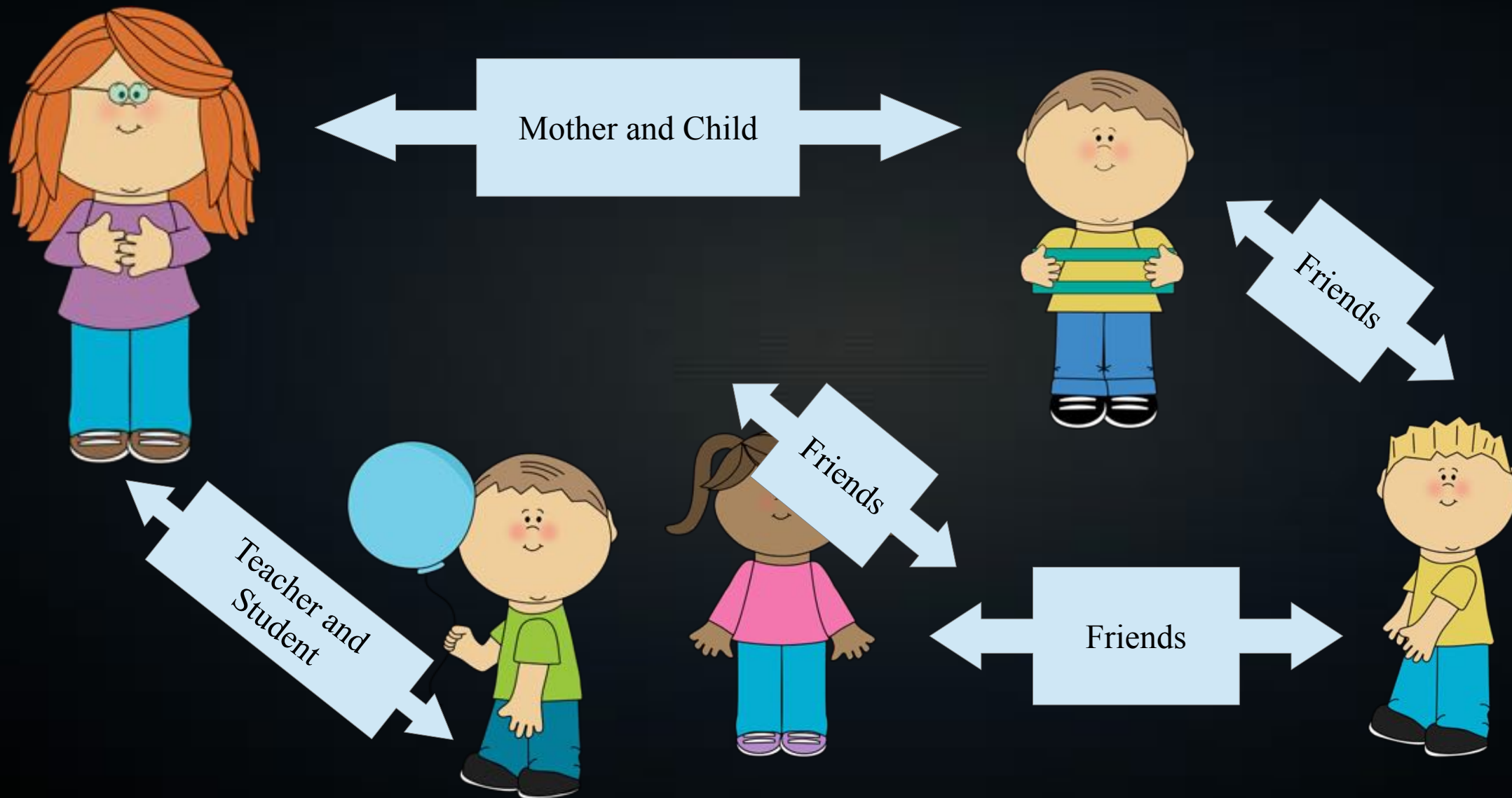
Individual Profiling

Companies take in a lot of information from their customers

Facebook, Google, even some hardware manufacturers: take information of their users and construct a type of fingerprint

Even if there is no photo or name, your fingerprint remains the same. A „change“ in identity is not enough.

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The Future of Attack

FIRST THING TO REMEMBER

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(I'm sure you know this)

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„Attack“ can mean attacks
targetted towards AI systems

AI as a Weapon

Current Experiments /
Research /
whatever you want to call it

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Wargames – [courtesy of Endgame], and the case of the 2014 DEFCON black badge-holding machine (Cyber Grand Challenge)

Intelligent Malware

Adapting to a changing environment

Attacks on AI Systems

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What Can We Do?

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-Bureaucratic process

-Funding

-Concerns about adversarial research

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-Training set reconstruction

.Attacks that exploit probability

-Adversarial inputs

.EVIL DOTS

-Live memory patches

.A white box attack

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Let's remember things that happened throughout the weekend. (and things coming up)

What else can be treated in a similar manner?

Attacking the Human

(one of my goals, but kind of far-fetched at the moment)

Are Humans Simply Complex Algorithms?

Genetic reading for the sake of lactose intolerance

How much of this can be reconstructed for other purposes?

Using the same principle of medical imaging, is it possible to modify a person and their actions or thought processes?

The Future of Defense

Autonomous Military Systems

„Army of None“

Machine Learning-based models of missile defense mechanisms

Problems with testing

Tricking AI in Practice

(and why this is important for defense mechanisms)

Purpose

Tricking AI often depends on knowing what information the algorithm values

The algorithm is simply a reflection of its creators

If you understand the algorithm, you understand what your attacker values

Malware analysis, military countermeasures (and the allocation of resources)

Military Countermeasures

Note: Slide omitted in original DEFCON China presentation

Recreating the training set to learn about the enemy

Important variables (strong weight, multiple instances, etc) can be used to identify points of interest

A more focused adversary can use this information to create a working „fooling“ technique without having to deal with many technical modifications

The Overlaps

You might notice overlaps between attack and defense

Like any other tool, AI can be used on both ends of the spectrum, sometimes without much modification

Defense for the Common Man

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(Attack against the algorithm)

A Sample of Defense :

Avoiding Identification and the creation of a false fingerprint

We Have Seen This Before



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<https://vimeo.com/208642358>

Demo time ?