



# Review report of a final thesis

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**Thesis title:** Detection of DNS over HTTPS abuse  
**Branch / specialization:** Computer Security  
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## Evaluation criteria

### 1. Fulfillment of the assignment

- ▶ [1] assignment fulfilled
- [2] assignment fulfilled with minor objections
- [3] assignment fulfilled with major objections
- [4] assignment not fulfilled

All the parts of the assignment are full-filled. In addition, student prepared a new dataset.

### 2. Main written part 89 /100 (B)

The thesis is well structured and easy to follow. The research and theoretical background is elaborated in detail, the bibliography is rich. It is clear student did a good research and familiarised with state of the art in detail.

I have couple of remarks to the chapter 4 - describing the actual implementation. I would expect more detail, including evaluation of the implemented algorithms, confidence, true/false positive ratio (at least).

### 3. Non-written part, attachments 90 /100 (A)

The algorithm is implemented in form of jupyter notebook - I consider it as adequate.

### 4. Evaluation of results, publication outputs and awards 90 /100 (A)

The thesis topic is up to date, the proposed algorithm for tunnel detection has the potential for further practical use.

## The overall evaluation 89 /100 (B)

The researched topic is not trivial, nonetheless, thesis is well written, used bibliography is rich. It's clear student have studied the topic of DoH and associated security issues and

their detection carefully and in detail. The only part of the thesis that would deserve a bit more work and detail is the chapter 4.

Considering this, I do recommend thesis for the defense, and propose grade B.

## **Questions for the defense**

How have you tested implemented algorithms?

## **Instructions**

### **Fulfillment of the assignment**

Assess whether the submitted FT defines the objectives sufficiently and in line with the assignment; whether the objectives are formulated correctly and fulfilled sufficiently. In the comment, specify the points of the assignment that have not been met, assess the severity, impact, and, if appropriate, also the cause of the deficiencies. If the assignment differs substantially from the standards for the FT or if the student has developed the FT beyond the assignment, describe the way it got reflected on the quality of the assignment's fulfilment and the way it affected your final evaluation.

### **Main written part**

Evaluate whether the extent of the FT is adequate to its content and scope: are all the parts of the FT contentful and necessary? Next, consider whether the submitted FT is actually correct – are there factual errors or inaccuracies?

Evaluate the logical structure of the FT, the thematic flow between chapters and whether the text is comprehensible to the reader. Assess whether the formal notations in the FT are used correctly. Assess the typographic and language aspects of the FT, follow the Dean's Directive No. 52/2021, Art. 3.

Evaluate whether the relevant sources are properly used, quoted and cited. Verify that all quotes are properly distinguished from the results achieved in the FT, thus, that the citation ethics has not been violated and that the citations are complete and in accordance with citation practices and standards. Finally, evaluate whether the software and other copyrighted works have been used in accordance with their license terms.

### **Non-written part, attachments**

Depending on the nature of the FT, comment on the non-written part of the thesis. For example: SW work – the overall quality of the program. Is the technology used (from the development to deployment) suitable and adequate? HW – functional sample. Evaluate the technology and tools used. Research and experimental work – repeatability of the experiment.

### **Evaluation of results, publication outputs and awards**

Depending on the nature of the thesis, estimate whether the thesis results could be deployed in practice; alternatively, evaluate whether the results of the FT extend the already published/known results or whether they bring in completely new findings.

### **The overall evaluation**

Summarize which of the aspects of the FT affected your grading process the most. The overall grade does not need to be an arithmetic mean (or other value) calculated from the evaluation in the previous criteria. Generally, a well-fulfilled assignment is assessed by grade A.