

LogoMotive: detecting logos on websites to identify online scams - a TLD case study

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LogoMotive: finding malicious .nl-domains with logo detection

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- veilig internetten.nl

Detected logos with confidence

EN | **NL**

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Inloggen bij DigiD GGD Online

Hoe wilt u inloggen?

- Met de DigiD app
De makkelijkste manier om veilig in te loggen
- Met een sms-controle
- Met mijn identiteitskaart
- Annuleren

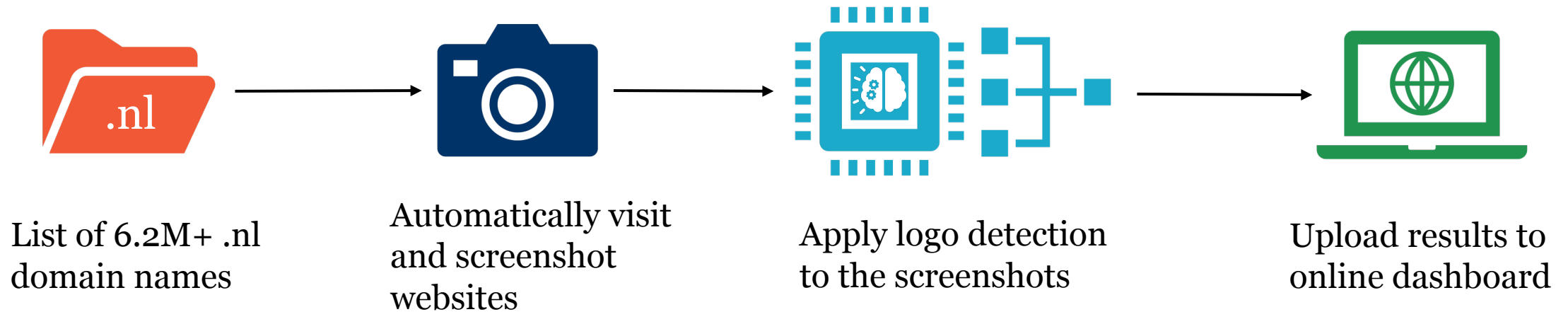
Kunt u niet verder? Download dan de DigiD app [opent in een nieuw venster] of activeer de sms-controle [opent in een nieuw venster]

Nog geen DigiD? Vraag uw DigiD aan

Vraag en antwoord

- Ik ben mijn gebruikersnaam vergeten

How does LogoMotive work?

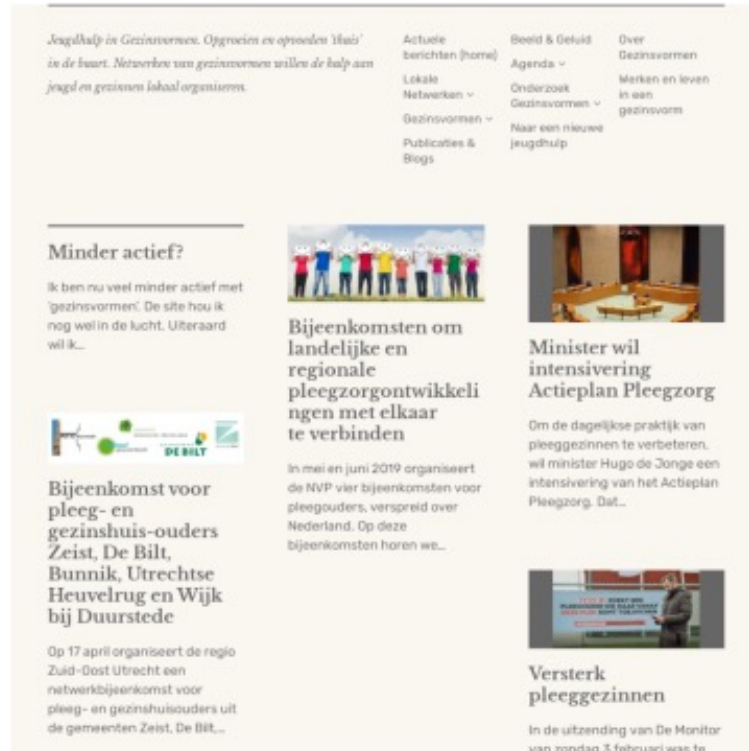


Automatic training data generation

Example Augmentations:

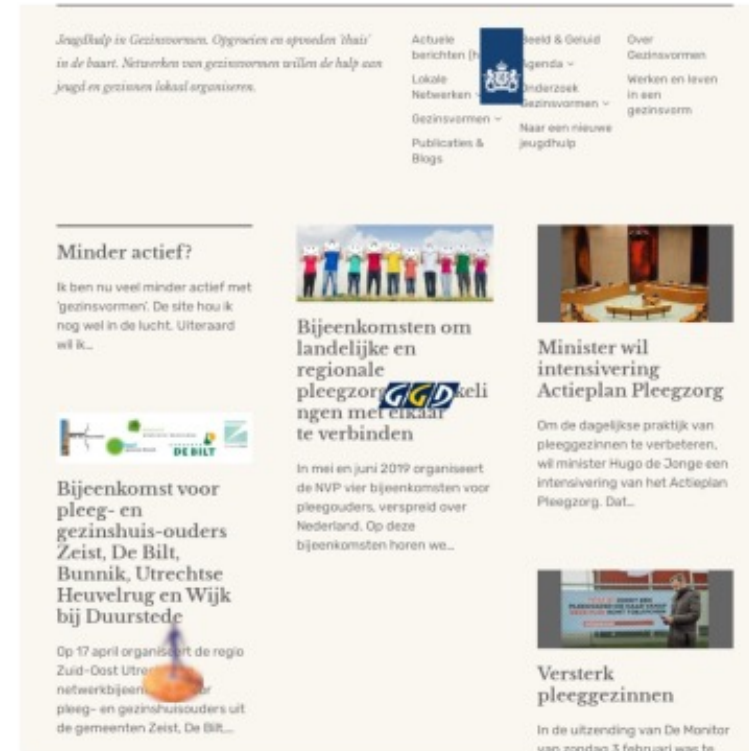


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Random screenshot

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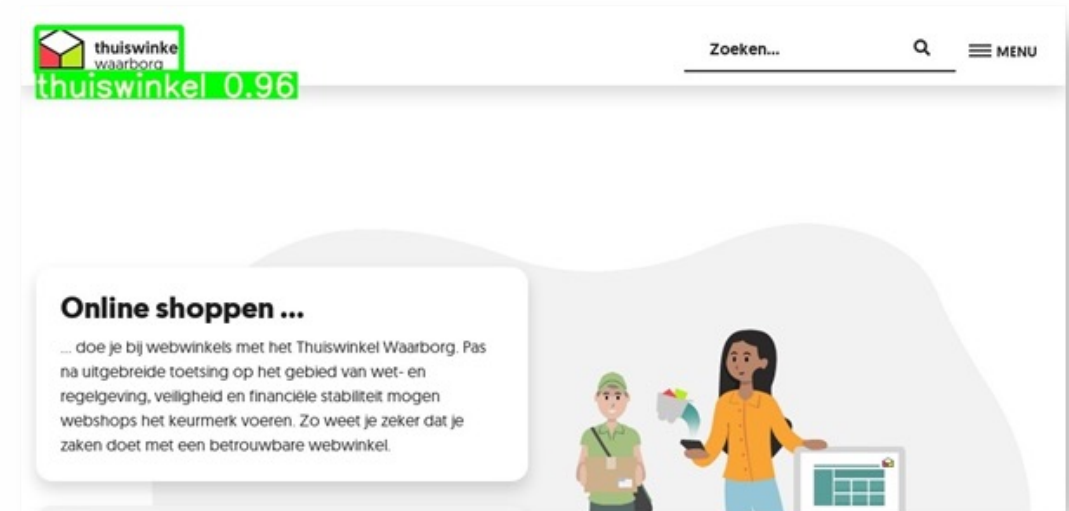
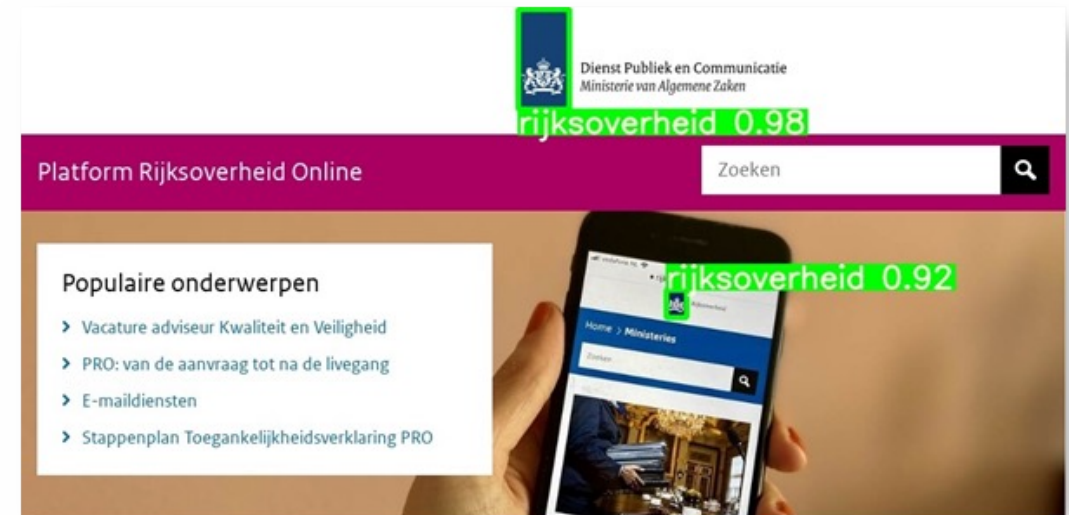
Resulting datapoint



Evaluation in practice

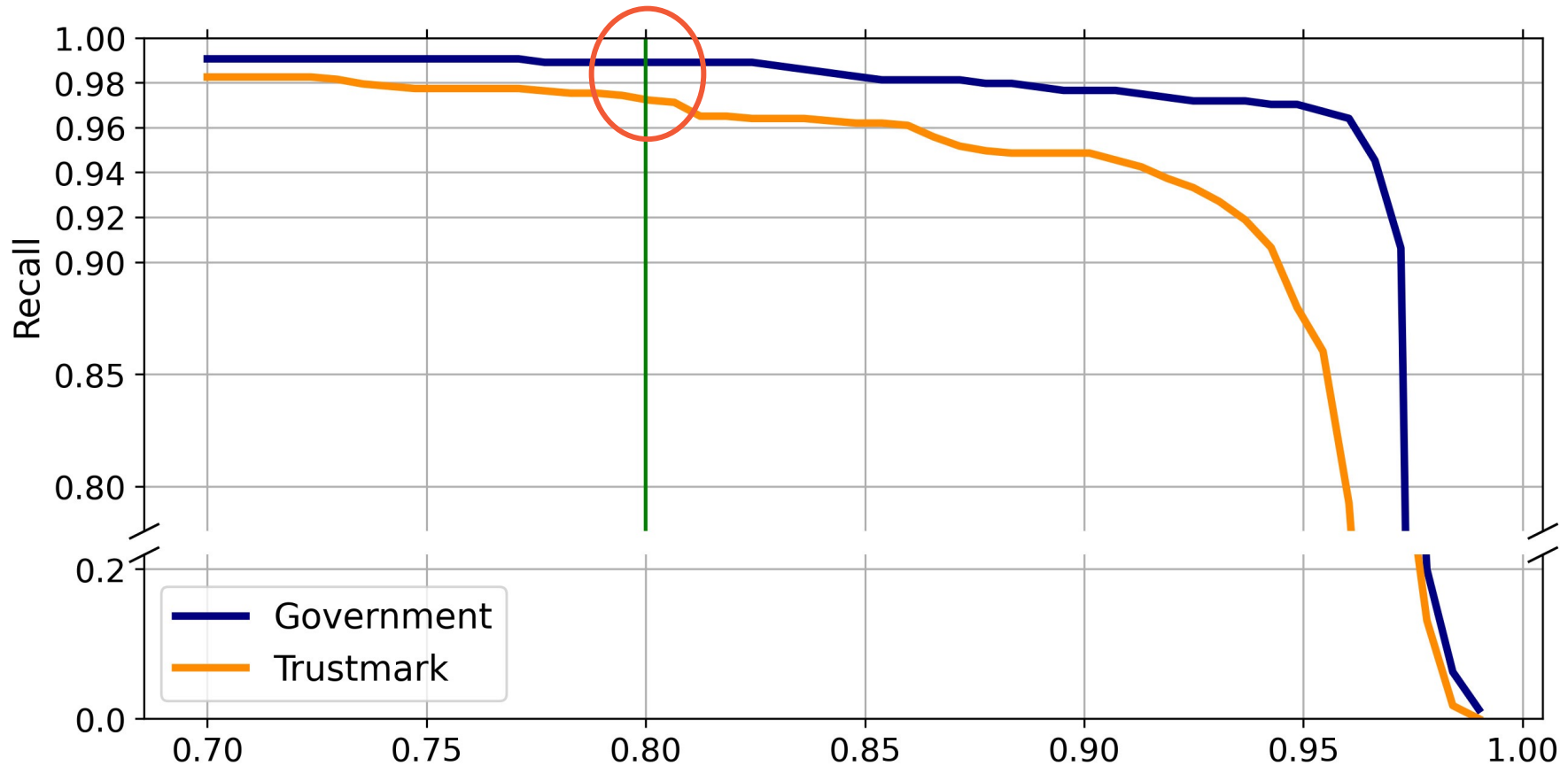
Two pilots with distinguished organizations in .nl

- Dutch National Government
 - 11.700 domain names
- Webshop Trustmark
 - 10.600 domain names



LogoMotive's recall

- Recall = fraction of websites with logos that are successfully detected



Confidence threshold

The model must be this confident before labeling a logo as such

Our insights and contributions

1. Logo detection can help find malicious websites
2. Logo detection reveals spear-phishing and other dormant risks
3. Logo detection can help complete domain name portfolios

1. LogoMotive finds malicious websites

Label	Full-Zone Newly-Registered	
Total	12862 (100.00%)	53
Without gov. logo (FP)	1164 (9.05%)	0 (0.00%)
With gov. logo (TP)	11698 (90.95%)	53 (100.0%)
Benign	10595 (82.37%)	32 (60.38%)
Government impersonation	151 (1.17%)	17 (32.09%)
Phishing	3 (0.02%)	3 (5.66%)
Potential threat	73 (0.57%)	9 (16.98%)
Other (false endorsements, satire, etc.)	75 (0.58%)	5 (9.43%)
Government domains	952 (7.40%)	4 (7.55%)
In portfolio	636 (4.94%)	2 (0.00%)
Not in portfolio	316 (2.46%)	2 (3.77%)
Added	109 (0.85%)	1 (1.89%)
Pending	207 (1.61%)	1 (1.89%)



thuiswinkel
waarborg

Label	Domains	Unique-URLs
Total	10669	3890
Without trust mark	83 (0.78%)	64 (1.65%)
With trust mark	10586 (99.22%)	3826 (98.35%)
Benign	10324 (96.77%)	3691 (94.88%)
Trustmark abuse	208 (1.95%)	106 (2.72%)
Discovered	54 (0.51%)	29 (0.75%)



2. Spear-phishing and suspicious redirects

- govenrment.nl → HTTP redirect → government.nl
- Spear-phishing: targeted at specific employees
- Malicious email traffic from typosquat domain names

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	Government Domains	
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Total		
with DNSSEC	623 (98%)	230 (74%)
without DNSSEC	13 (2%)	79 (26%)
with DMARC	584 (92%)	126 (41%)
without DMARC	52 (8%)	183 (59%)

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Conclusions and future plans

- Pilots show added value of logo detection in tackling malicious content
- Implementation in SIDN BrandGuard
- Source code for academics and other registries
- Future research:
 - Prioritization of results
 - More than just the home-page

Questions?

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