

# UBA-Inf: Unlearning Activated Backdoor Attack with Influence-Driven Camouflage

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## USENIX Security '24 Artifact Appendix: <UBA-Inf: Unlearning Activated Backdoor Attack with Influence-Driven Camouflage>

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## A Artifact Appendix

## A.1 Abstract

This artifact includes the core algorithm for UBA-Inf camouflage generation, along with codes for model training and unlearning. We provide a shell script for environment setup and include a comprehensive README.md with detailed instructions. A demo is included to facilitate understanding and reproduction of experiments, covering dataset preparation, camouflage generation, and obtaining pre-unlearning and post-unlearning models.

## A.2 Description & Requirements

Our experiment utilizes Conda version 4.12.1 and features 4 NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3090 GPUs. Essential prerequisites include Python  $\geq$  3.8.19, PyTorch  $\geq$  2.3.1+cu121, TorchVision  $\geq$  0.18.1+cu121, and OpenCV  $\geq$  4.5.5.

The training and backdoor generation codes are referenced from BackdoorBench [1].

### A.2.1 Security, privacy, and ethical concerns

There are no security, privacy, or ethical concerns.

#### A.2.2 How to access

This artifact is accessible from the following URL: https: //github.com/Huangzirui1206/UBA-Inf/releases/t ag/v1.0.

### A.2.3 Hardware dependencies

Our experiment employs Conda version 4.12.1 and utilizes four NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3090 GPUs, each with approximately 25GB of VRAM, leveraging CUDA version 12.1. Additionally, each GPU requires around 5GB of memory space. We assert that this artifact is compatible with other suitable GPU devices as well.

#### A.2.4 Software dependencies

Essential prerequisites include Python  $\geq$  3.8.19, PyTorch  $\geq$  2.3.1+cu121, TorchVision  $\geq$  0.18.1+cu121, and OpenCV  $\geq$  4.5.5.

For datasets, CIFAR10 [5], MNIST [6] and Tiny-ImageNet [8] can be downloaded online automatically through PyTorch directly during training. For GTSRB [7], evaluators may have to download it manually.

There model architectures are evaluated in the original paper, including PreActResNet-18 [2], VGG-16 [3] and ResNet34 [4]. All models used in this artifact is self-contained.

#### A.2.5 Benchmarks

Four datasets are required as benchmarks, namely CIFAR-10 [5], MNIST [6], GTSRB [7] and Tiny-ImageNet [8].

## A.3 Set-up

We provide some shell scripts to automate the evaluation.

#### A.3.1 Installation

To streamline setup, we provide a script for automatic environment configuration:

```
conda create -n uba-inf python=3.8
conda activate uba-inf
sh ./sh/install.sh
sh ./sh/init folders.sh
```

### A.3.2 Basic Test

Basic tests can be directly run by:

```
sh ./sh/demo.sh
```

For more detailed and comprehensive evaluations and demonstrations, a ./demo folder is available. You can go to README.md for more information.

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## A.4 Evaluation workflow

#### A.4.1 Major Claims

- (C1): UBA-Inf effectively camouflages the backdoor effect before unlearning, achieving a low Attack Success Rate (ASR) to ensure stealthiness. This is proven by the experiment (E1 and E3) described in Section 5.2 whose results are reported in Table 3 and Table 4.
- (C2): The UBA-Inf backdoor effect can be effectively activated through unlearning, leading to a high ASR. UBA-Inf is versatile, being applicable to various backdoor triggers and unlearning algorithms. This is proven by the experiment (E2 and E3) described in Section 5.2 whose results are reported in Table 3 and Table 4.

#### A.4.2 Experiments

(E1): [Camouflage effectiveness] [2 human-minutes + 1 compute-hour]: This experiment generates the dataset with backdoor and camouflage samples and trains the pre-unlearning model to evaluate the camouflage effect of UBA-Inf. The injection ratio of backdoor samples and camouflage samples are demonstrated in Table 13. How to:

**Preparation:** Prepare the dataset and construct UBA-Inf camouflage samples before training. Run python ./attack/badnet.py ... and python python ./uba/uba\_inf\_cover.py ... as presented in README.md.

**Execution:** *Train the model by running* python ./uba/perturb\_attack.py *as presented in the* README.md.

**Results:** The results can be found in the result folders in ./record.

**Tips:** In some cases, training models may cost a lot of time and resources. For quick evaluation, some pretrained models results and intermediate results are available on cloud: https://transfer.pcloud.co m/download.html?code=5ZubYP0Zdi1h4h 7kDlJZQzHk7ZxTT766WonFRKP9xDRvv3ijjp dFXX and https://transfer.pcloud.com/ download.html?code=5ZRhYP0Zdi1h4h7k DlJZQzHk7ZAxCy8MJSNfRSM718DTBnSLmp pt3k. More demos are available in ./demo. You can see more details in the READDME.md file in the repo.

(E2): [Activation effectiveness] [2 human-minutes + 1 compute-hour]: This experiment simulates machine unlearning by full retraining and obtains the postunlearning model to evaluate the camouflage effect of UBA-Inf.

#### How to:

**Preparation:** Evaluators can reuse the datasets generated in (E1).

Execution: Train the model by running python

./uba/perturb\_attack.py as presented in the README.md but with parameter c\_num equal to nil. This experiment evaluate the UBA-Inf effectiveness with full retraining as unlearning.

**Results:** The results can be found in the result folders in ./record.

(E3): [SISA evaluations] [2 human-minutes + 4 computehour]: This experiment simulates machine unlearning by SISA [9] and obtains both the pre-unlearning and postunlearning SISA models. The injection ratio of backdoor samples and camouflage samples are demonstrated in Table 13.

#### How to:

**Preparation:** Evaluators can generate the datasets as described in (E1).

Execution: You first need conto the backdoor python struct dataset ./attack/badnet.pv --vaml path ../config/attack/prototype/cifar10.yaml --save folder name badnet\_dataset\_sisa\_3 --add\_cover 1 --epoch 00 --pratio 0.012 --cratio 0.006 --attack\_target The construct UBA-Inf camouflages with 6. python ./uba/uba\_inf\_cover.py --dataset folder ../record/badnet\_dataset \_sisa\_3 --device cuda:3 --recursion\_depth 50 --r\_averaging 1 --ft\_epoch 60 --ap\_epochs 6. model by Train the running python ./uba/perturb\_attack\_sisa.py as presented in the README.md. This experiment obtains both the pre-unlearning and post-unlearning SISA models for effectiveness evaluation. **Results:** The results can be found in the result folders in ./record.

For your reference, after executing python ./attack/badnet.py ... to construct the datasets, you should see outputs similar to those shown in Figure 1. After running python ./uba/uba\_inf\_cover.py ... to construct the camouflage, the outputs will resemble those in Figure 2. Finally, executing python ./uba/perturb\_attack.py ... to train the pre-training or post-training models will produce outputs like those displayed in Figure 3.

## A.5 Version

Based on the LaTeX template for Artifact Evaluation V20231005. Submission, reviewing and badging methodology followed for the evaluation of this artifact can be found at https://secartifacts.github.io/usenixsec2024/.



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Figure 1: Possible output of data construc- Figure 2: Possible output of camouflage Figure 3: Possible output of training preunlearning or post-unlearning models.

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