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# **Glossary of Terms**

API	Application Programming Interface
MaaS	Malware-as-a-Service
CUDA	Compute Unified Device Architecture
CPU	Central Processing Unit
GPU	Graphics Processing Unit
FCG	Function Call Graph
CNN	Convolutional Neural Network
GNN	Graph Neural Network
GCN	Graph Convolutional Network
GAT	Graph Attention Network
GIN	Graph Isomorphism Network
GraphSAGE	Graph Sample and AggregatE
VGG	Visual Geometry Group
ResNet	Residual Network
SWaT	Secure Water Treatment
MAC	Message Authentication Code
LAN	Local Area Network
AP	Access Point
TUANDROMD	Tezpur University Android Malware Dataset
TUMALWD	Tezpur University Windows Malware Dataset