Tutorium "Anwendung von KI”

Nutzen, Risiken, neue Möglichkeiten für Cyber Threat Intelligence und IT Security

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Überblick Tutorium (14:00-18:00)

4 Blöcke (mit Pausen):

1. **Theorie:** *“no ‘I’ in AI”*
   a. ML, LLMs vs. andere AI Ansätze
   b. Wie trainiert man ein LLM?
   c. Inference – Transformer Architecture
   d. Benchmarking
2. **Use-cases** von LLMs in der IT Security (”***AI 4 ITSEC***“)
   a. Als Angreifer
   b. Als Verteidiger
   c. Abschätzung, “geht dieser use-case mit AI?”. Use-case Kategorien.
3. LLMs as **security liabilities** (“***Security 4 AI***”)
   a. Prompt injection attacks – interactive session
   b. OWASP LLM TOP 10
   c. LLM honeypots
4. **Lokale LLMs** & Ausblick
   a. Betrieb: HW, Models, Ecosystem
   b. Fine-tuning
   c. Benchmarking
   d. Ausblick

Fragerunde Vorwissen

Ziele des Workshops

Übergeordnetes Ziel:

- Sie kommen mit einem soliden Grundwissen aus dem Workshop
- Sie haben eine visuelle Vorstellung, was intern abgeht
- Sie können LLMs lokal, selber Betreiben (airgapped)
- … fine-tunen (”nach-trainieren”)
- Sie sind unabhängig aus den closed source LLM Modellen für use-cases in der IT Security

- Es entsteht ein Netzwerk an IT Security + AI practitioners

Unterziele

Theorie:

- Eine solide Intuition zu bekommen, wie LLMs intern funktionieren
- Solide Inution, welche Muster sie lernen können
- Effekt:
  - Intuition, welche use-cases funktionieren, welche weniger gut
  - Welche datasets und benchmarks man braucht

Use-cases / "AI 4 ITSEC":

- Überblick, was Angreifer und Verteidiger jetzt machen können
- Arsenal an tools zu erhalten

Ziele

"Security 4 AI":

- Verständnis, welche Schwachstellen es bei LLMs gibt
- Effekt: Verständnis für Input control, input control, input control

Lokale LLMs & **Ausblick:**

- Wie betreibe ich LLMs lokal?
- Wie fine-tune ich eines in der Praxis?
- Effekt: Raus aus der Datenkrake.
- Was könnte als nächstes kommen? Was bedeuten AI automatisierte Angriffe auf unsere IT? Wie baue ich meine IT um, sodaß sie resilient wird?

Meta-Ziel

- Durch den Marketing-Nebel durch zu blicken
- Selber zu wissen, was gehen kann, gehen wird und was Marketing-Blödsinn ist
- Sich selbst ermächtigen, LLMs lokal zu betreiben.

Switch to English slides (sorry)

Before we start…disclaimer

- Disclaimer: I am not an academic DL expert. I can train models, I understand and can explain the basics, but … there is way more to learn … the sky is the limit…
- Disclaimer: I am not good at statistics, I did more of the discreet maths stuff

- This field changes very rapidly
- It's hard to even re-use slides
- Insights and estimates on the future change from quarter to quarter.
- Statements in these slides might be obsolete only weeks later.

- And it's a massive learning curve (FOMO)

- … but some things stay the same. That's why a theory section makes sense.

About me

- Studied CS & pure Maths, Vienna
- Worked project oriented (independent consultant)
- Created the first mesh wifi-network in Vienna (funkfeuer.at)
- Got into networking
- Got into IT Security (CERT.at) – 12 years
- FIRST.org board of directors 2014-2018. Founded the FIRST AI SIG
- Did the first (?) CNN CT Covid classifier in Europe (April 2020), open sourced it
- Now at a large EUIBA since 2020.
- Working there on AI + CTI and data science
- Love to understand things
- Strong focus on social impacts of tech
- Strong focus on digital self-empowerement
- Question myself "how does AI reflect on us humans"

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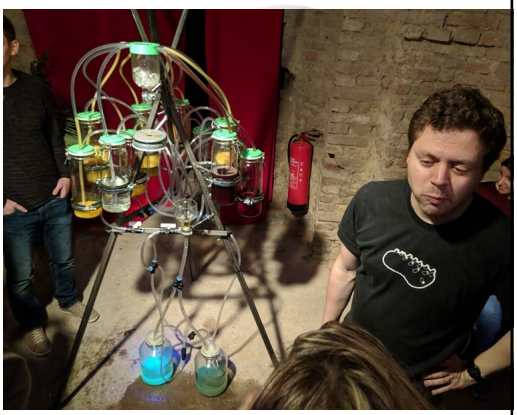

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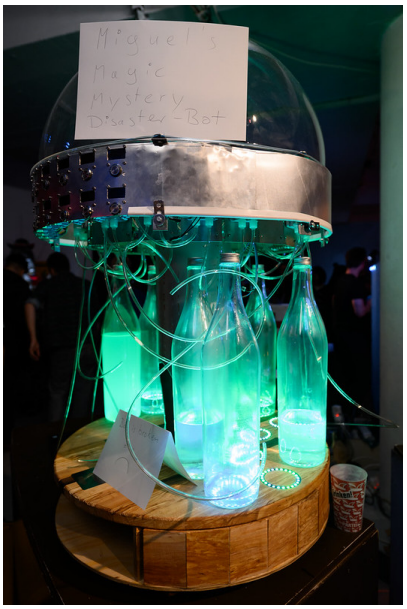


Block 1: Theory Section

No ‘I’ in ‘AI’

But … nevertheless,… it feels like magic

Overview of the theory section

- History and important steps on the path deep learning
- Eliza, Chinese rooms and theory of mind
- Types of “AI” & definition of ML
- How does it work? GPT in a nutshell (graphical)
- Not everything is LLMs! Other approaches
- Inference in LLMs
- Training an LLM

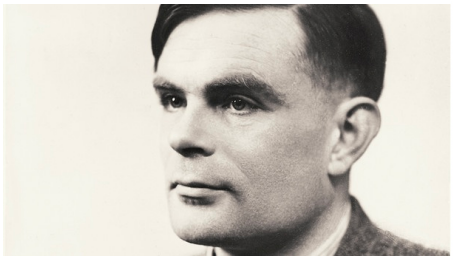
History

- History
  - Definition of field: Turing
  - Initial attempts (50s): Rosenblatt & co - Perceptron
  - AI winter (symbolic AI)
  - Resurgence of connectionism
  - Weizenbaum’s Eliza, Chinese Room

The birth of AI

I propose to consider the question, "Can machines think?",
Alan Turing, Computing Machinery and Intelligence, **1950**

→ **Turing Test**



https://redirect.cs.umbc.edu/courses/471/papers/turing.pdf

A. M. Turing (1950) Computing Machinery and Intelligence. *Mind 49:* 433-460.

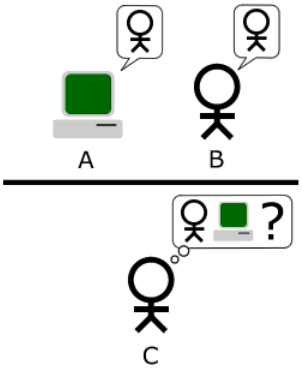
COMPUTING MACHINERY AND INTELLIGENCE

By A. M. Turing

1. The Imitation Game

I propose to consider the question, "Can machines think?" This should begin with definitions of the meaning of the terms "machine" and "think." The definitions might be framed so as to reflect so far as possible the normal use of the words, but this attitude is dangerous, If the meaning of the words "machine" and "think" are to be found by examining how they are commonly used it is difficult to escape the conclusion that the meaning and the answer to the question, "Can machines think?" is to be sought in a statistical survey such as a Gallup poll. But this is absurd. Instead of attempting such a definition I shall replace the question by another, which is closely related to it and is expressed in relatively unambiguous words.

Turing Test



- „Imitation game“
- Turing: „can machines think?“ is an ill-posed q.
- Original: A = man, B = woman. C (egal), needs to find out, who is who
  Questions may only be posed by typewriter. Wall.
- Variation: let‘s assume A is a computer. Can C find out, who is who? Proposal: replace question „can machines think“ with this test.
- Turing thought, this is decidable
- *... Well... I beg to differ. In 2026, it only tests the human‘s intelligence* ☺

Siehe auch: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computational_theory_of_mind

Chinese Room - Searl

- Counterargument to Turing.
- Idea: input/output is Chinese
- A person is in the room and blindly follows rules in EN, how to write Chinese.
- Argument: even a perfect system does not **understand** Chinese.
- But for the outside testers, the system „understands“ Chinese.
- This is **NOT AGI**
- **We are here in 2026**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_room

Pic: https://towardsdatascience.com/a-chinese-speakers-take-on-the-chinese-room-88a0558b2cc8

How does nature do it? → Microscopes!

- Nerve cells in a dog's olfactory bulb (detail), from Camillo Golgi's *Sulla fina anatomia degli organi centrali del sistema nervoso* (1885)
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Deep Learning - ANNs – Artificial Neural Nets

- Origins: Perceptron, Frank Rosenblatt @ Cornell 50er
- Perceptron = binary classifier.
- XOR could not be represented → "dumb connectionism" (Marvin Minsky & Papert 1969)
- "**AI Winter**"[1]
- Idea got nearly forgotten/dormant (symbolic AI, expert systems, …)
- 60/70s: first idea of Backpropagation[2] (~ "chain rule")
- 86: Hinton et.al. re-invent backprob with internal hidden layers
- 93: Eric Wan wins an international pattern recognition contest w. Backprop

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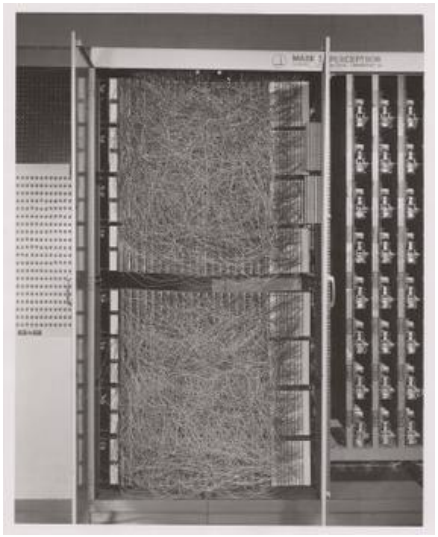

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[2] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Backpropagation#History

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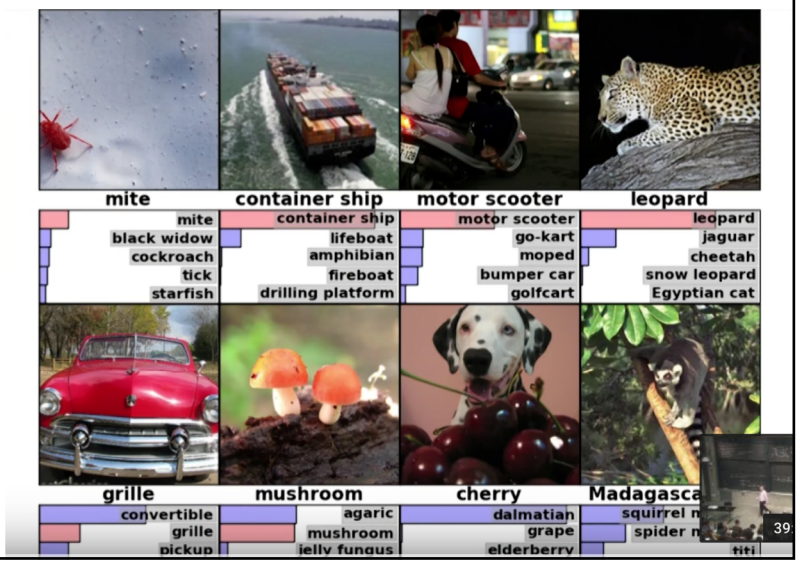
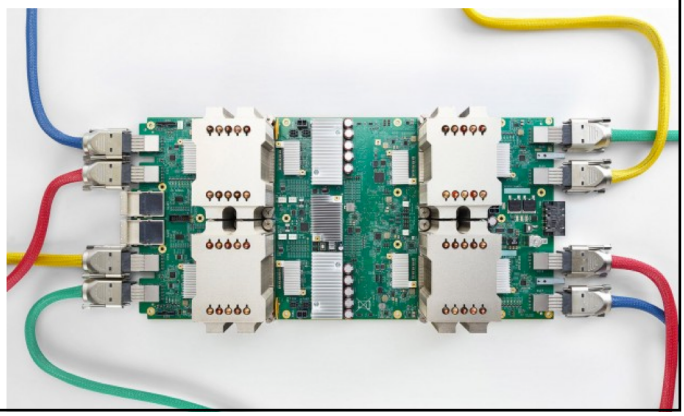


ANNS – Current state of the art tools

- Pytorch
- GPUs (f.ex: Nvidia 5090 RTX, H200, B200,…) → NVIDIA is king
- TPUs (180+ Tflops / core)
- New: LPUs
- Custom ASICs



Fun fact – openai gets NVIDIA DGX servers – good old days @ openai

https://twitter.com/DrJimFan/status/1760695377651781950

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nvidia_DGX

How does Deep Learning (DL) work?

ANN = Artificial Neuronal Network.

Original idea: Perceptron (Rosenblatt)

Naïve Neurobiology

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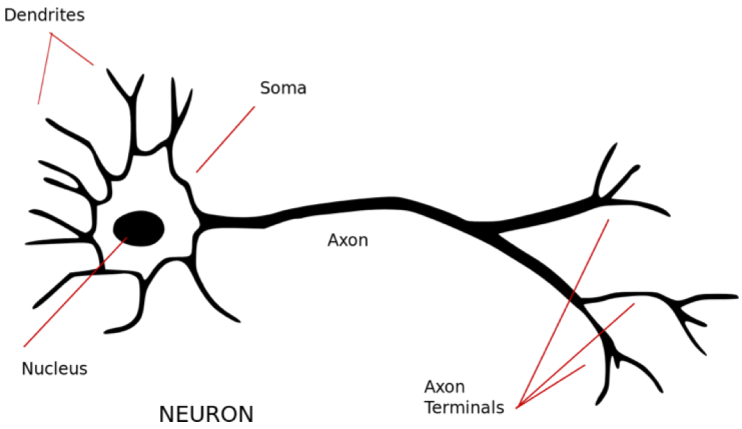

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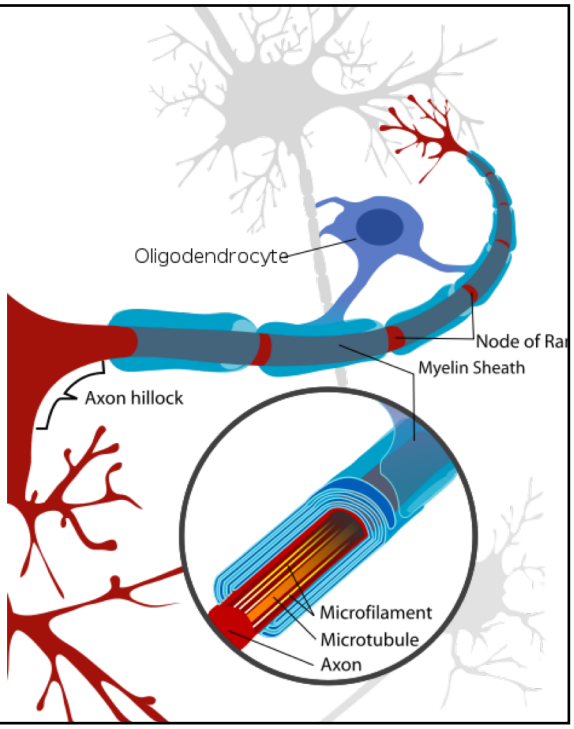
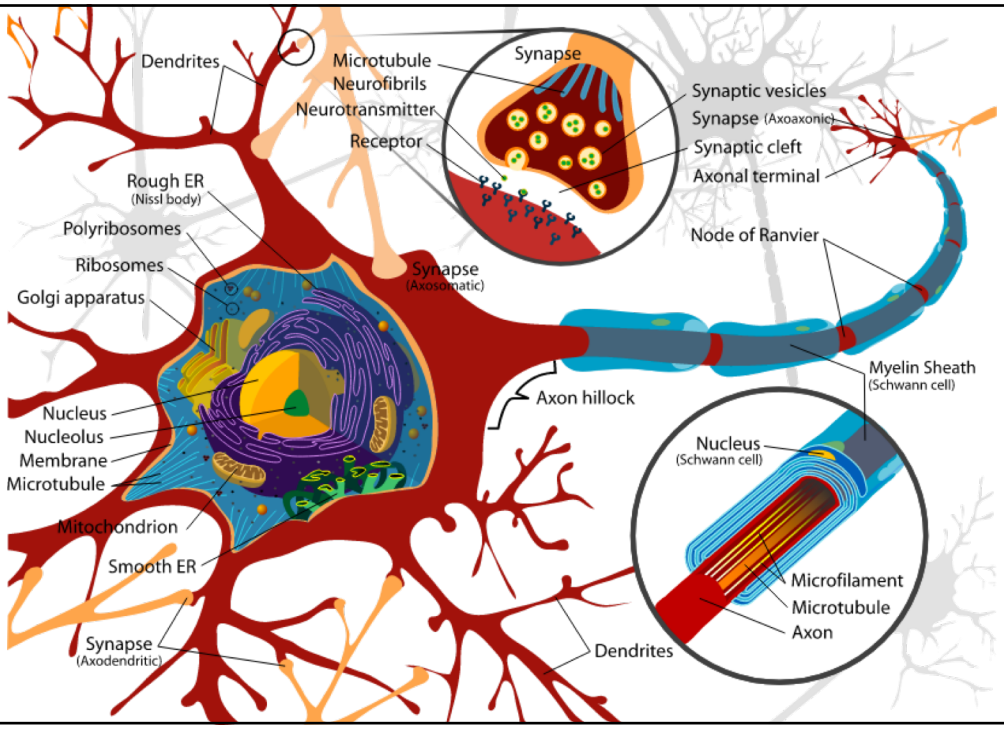
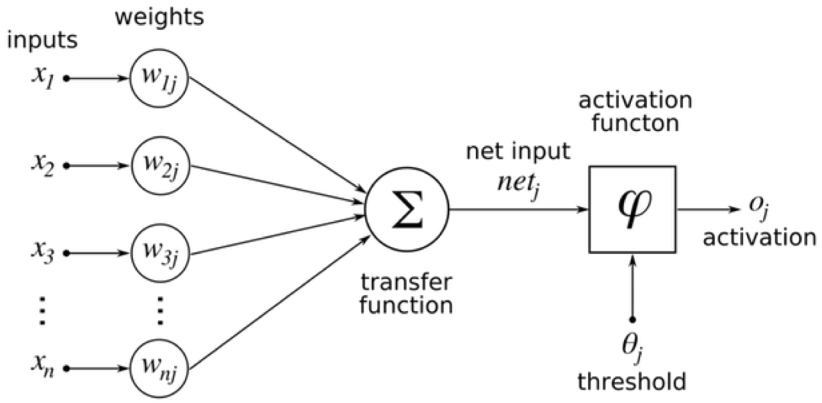


Synaptic gap

- Can be modelled as weights in our simple model
- In nature, this is obviously more complex



A simple model as an Artificial Neuronal Net (ANN)



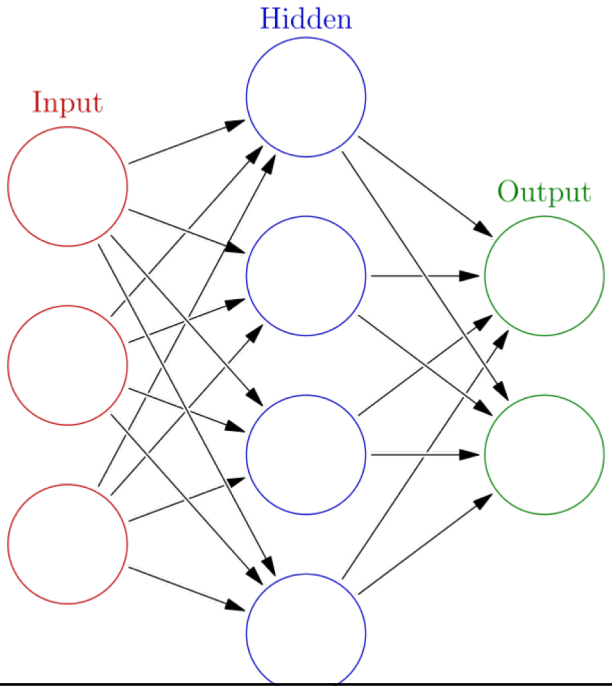
Modelling

- Initially all weigths *w_i* random between 0 und 1
- Pro Neuron:
  - *ϕ(x)* ….Activation function

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \qquad \phi(\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i * x_i)$$

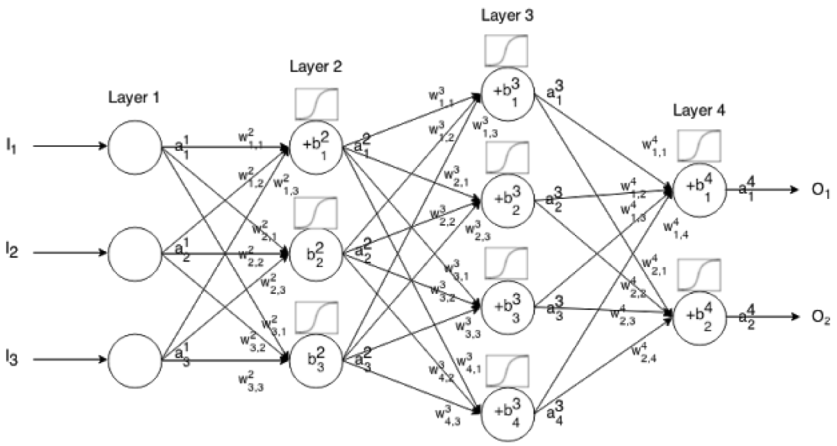
Architecture

- Simple model



Architecture

- With weights



Forward propagation

- Calulate all $\phi(x)$ for all neurons and push results forward

- Typical input: floats between [0,1]
- Typical output: same

- Interpretation: input are normalized feature vectors
- Output: classification vector

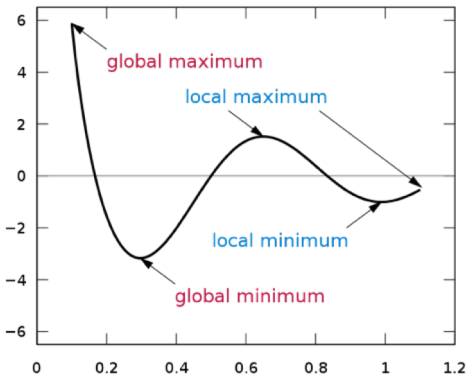
Backpropagation ("Backprop")

- Calculate backwards: what should the weight have been in order to match the **expected output** as close as possible.
- Minimize difference calculated output to expected output

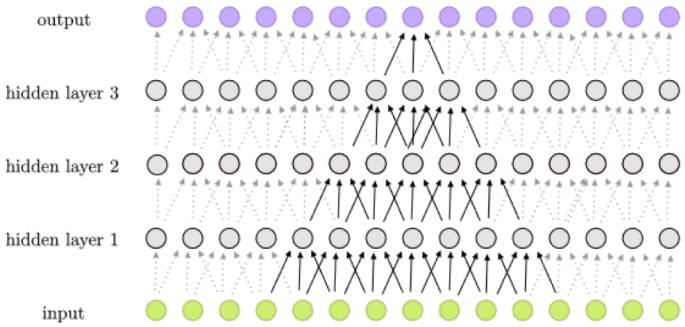
- In maths speak: partial derivatives , chain rule and gradient descent Algo

$$\frac{d\varphi}{dz}(z) = \varphi(z)(1 - \varphi(z))$$

- SGD – Stochastic Gradient Descent

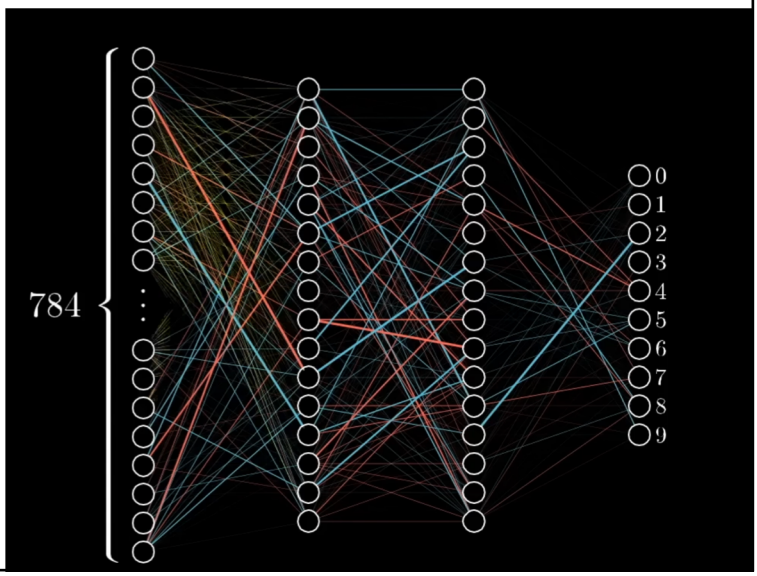


Example architecture: MLP



Another example: digit recognition

- Source: 3Blue1Brown
- 28 x 28 pixels greyscale in
- Out: 0-9 numbers



Evaluation

- Okay, we can train with the chain rule, partial derivatives and SGD
- But how will it perform (evaluated) against new data (non-training data)?
- → Eval

Test- und validation datasets

- Loss-function: how “off” are we?

- Keep ca. 20% of the trainingsdata (and don‘t use it for training) for measuring how well the ANN predicts (validation dataset, „dev set“)
- Distinction: Test dataset vs. Validation dataset
- Test dataset is used to calculate accuracy. Try to keep it independent from validation dataset

- → Accuracy: $$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

Metrics

- Loss over time: validation loss vs. training loss
- accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, F-measure
- Sensitivity:

$$\text{sensitivity} = \frac{\text{number of true positives}}{\text{number of true positives} + \text{number of false negatives}}$$

$$= \frac{\text{number of true positives}}{\text{total number of sick individuals in population}}$$

$$= \text{probability of a positive test given that the patient has the disease}$$

- Specificity:

$$\text{specificity} = \frac{\text{number of true negatives}}{\text{number of true negatives} + \text{number of false positives}}$$

$$= \frac{\text{number of true negatives}}{\text{total number of well individuals in population}}$$

$$= \text{probability of a negative test given that the patient is well}$$

Metrics & supervised training

- In short: “what we can’t measure, we can’t improve” (Peter Drucker)
- If we can measure the loss, we can minimize it (i.e. statistically fit the output to the expected output)

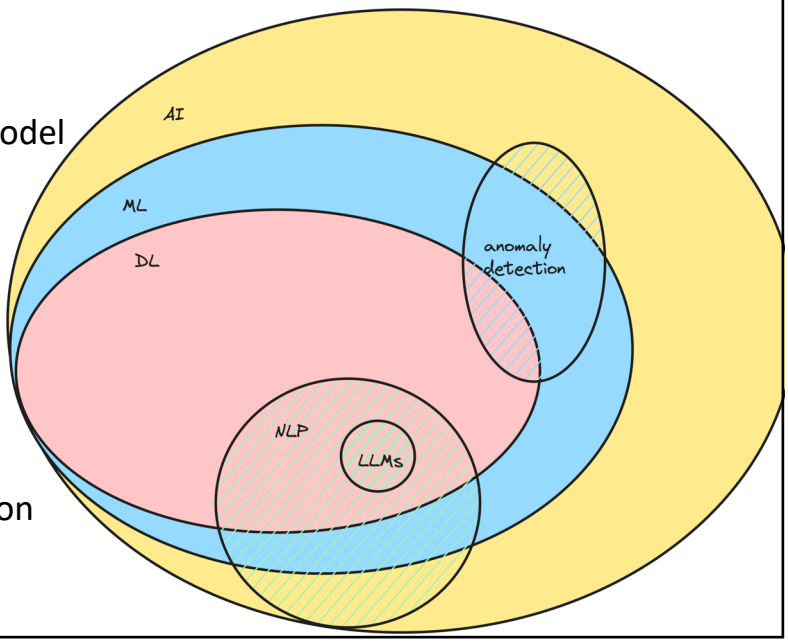
ML - Definition

"A computer program is said to learn from experience *E* with respect to some class of tasks *T* and performance measure *P* if its performance at tasks in *T*, as measured by *P*, improves with experience *E*."

Mitchell, T. (1997). *Machine Learning*. McGraw Hill. p. 2. ISBN 0-07-042807-7.

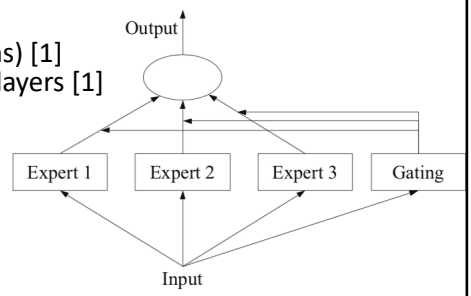
Types of AI

- LLM = Large Language Model
- AI + Security started with spam detection
- Now we can do a lot more
- But none of it is magic It's fun to understand it though
- Join me on this exploration



Where are we now in "AI" / LLMs ?

- State of the art: Agentic systems, CoT, MoE (Mixture of Experts)
- OpenAI / GPT-4:
  - believed to be an MoE model (16 Experts a 11B params) [1] estimated to have ~1.8 trillion parameters across 120 layers [1]
  - 128k context length
  - trained on ~13T tokens
  - GPT-5.2: we are not really told anymore what's inside
- Anthropic
- Gemini (Google)
- Deepseek, … all race to the top
- Some vendors like to pee at others by releasing open weights models



[1] George Hotz, https://the-decoder.com/gpt-4-architecture-datasets-costs-and-more-leaked/ (Jan 2024)

How does it work? GPT in a nutshell

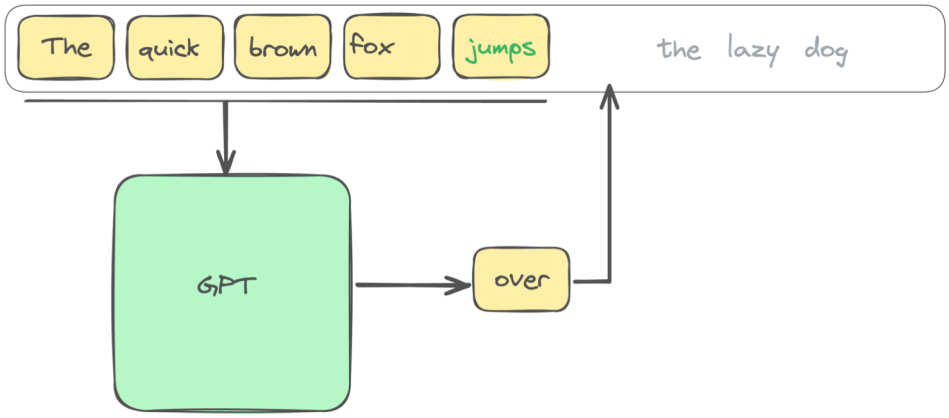
The GPT-3 Architecture, on a Napkin",
https://dugas.ch/artificial_curiosity/GPT_architecture.html

And

3Blue1 Brown: https://youtu.be/aircAruvnKk?si=mg07Bn76Wve-pmDt

AI is not magic! It's **statistics + maths.** How does an LLM work?

Inference ("predict"):

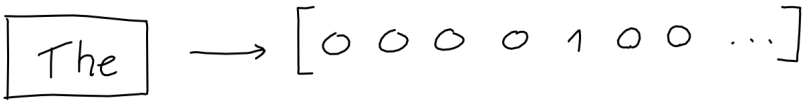


But how does it know? Overview

- Embeddings → tokens. Semantic closeness
- Statistical correlations in training data
- **Unsupervised training** ("self-teaching"). Trick: take existing text. Try to guess the next word/token by **masking** it. Calculate, how "off" the guess was ("loss") → Adjust weights → rinse & repeat
- Supervised fine-tuning (SFT) training + RLHF
- Specific fields: unsupervised RL might work further

Embeddings

- Word gets split up into sub-strings (“**tokens**”). Ex.: “sec-uri-ty”
- Special tokens for <start>, <end> etc.
- Tokens get encoded as “one-hot-vectors”
- ”embedding” == OHV token gets mapped to a point in $\mathbb{R}^n$ (sparse!)
- Now w
- Embed
- All toke



- Predicting the next token = probabilistic path in $\mathbb{R}^n$
- We can learn these probabilities **unsupervised** from large texts.
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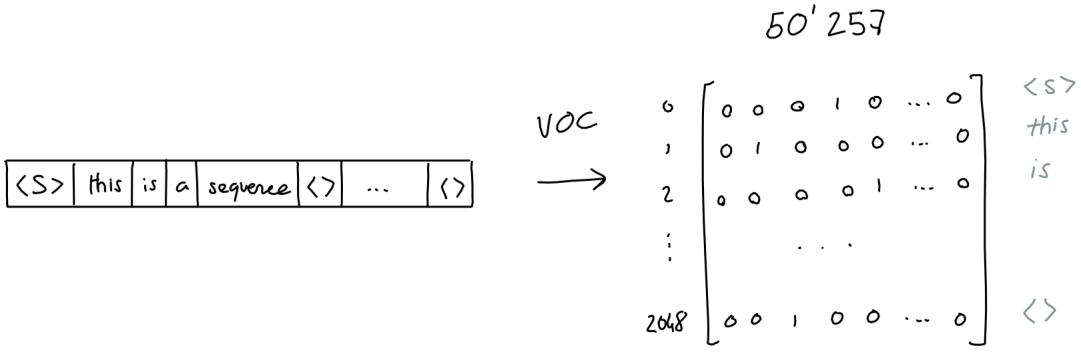

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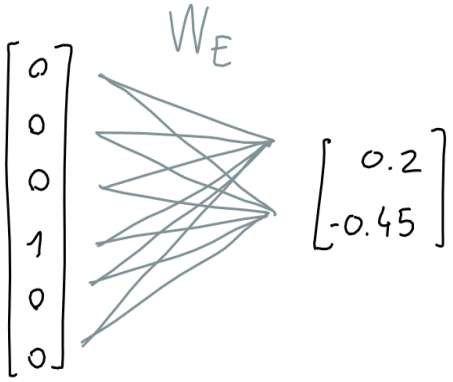

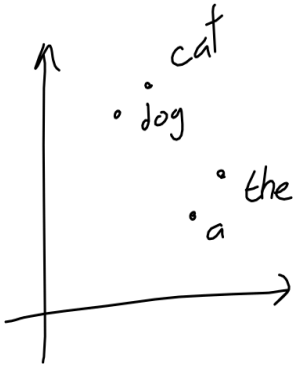

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Word prediction

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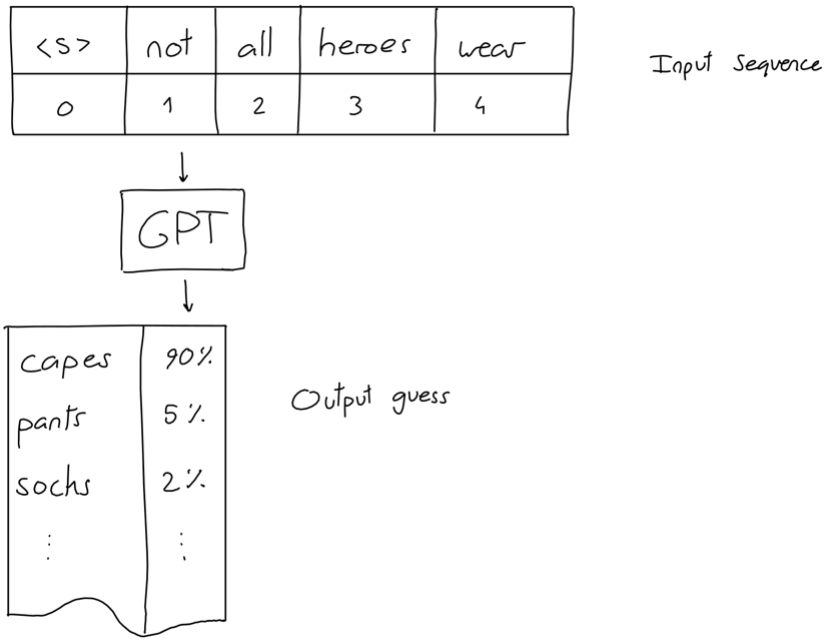
- Difference to MCs: the previous history matters here! (vs. Markov property)



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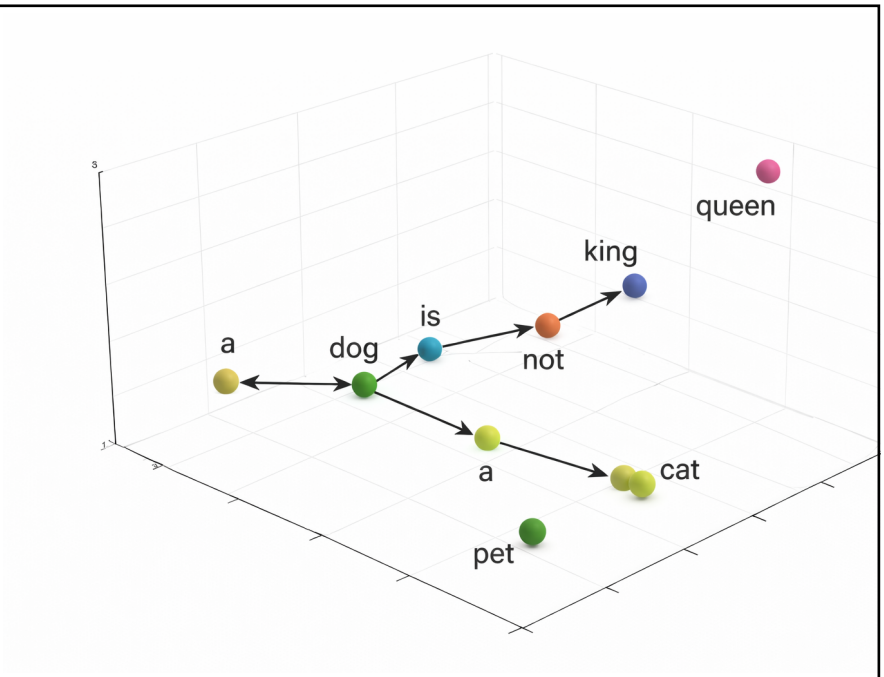
- Difference to MCs: the previous history matters here! (vs. Markov property)



All drawings from *"The GPT-3 Architecture, on a Napkin"*, https://dugas.ch/artificial_curiosity/GPT_architecture.html

Okay, but so far that's stupid. What's the trick?

- Transformer architecture +
- "Attention is all you need" paper 2017 (Google)
- Idea: context matters!

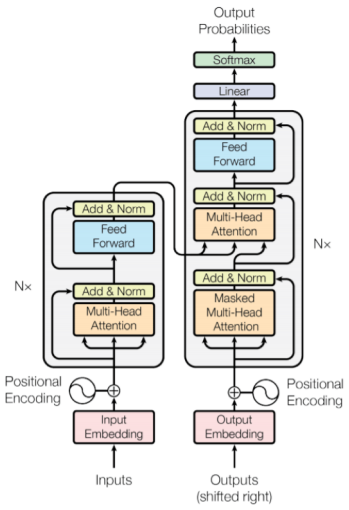


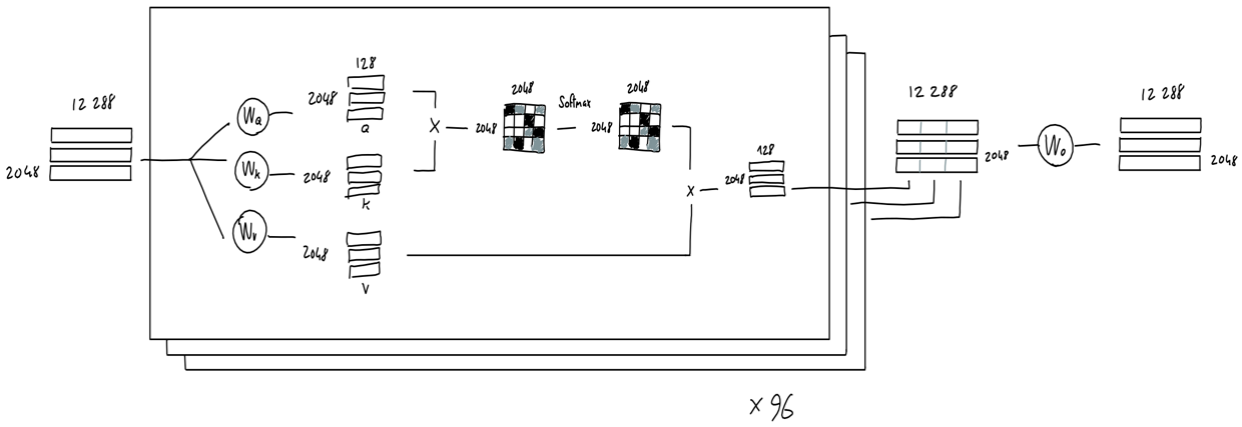
Figure 1: The Transformer - model architecture.

Attention + Multi-head attention

- Simply put, the purpose of attention is: for each output in the sequence, predict which input tokens to focus on and how much.
- **Example:** "he *swam* across the *river* to reach the *bank.* There…"

Note: GPT3

Attention + Multi-head attention



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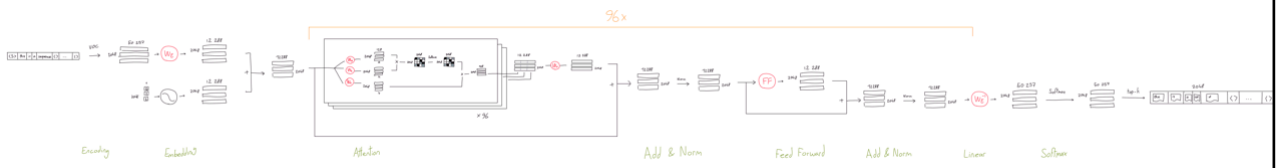
Full architecture GPT3

- Note: we just want to show that this fits onto a long roll of paper
- In other words: it is understandable. And not magic.



Attention is all you need - references

- Lots of good explanations
- Paper: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1706.03762.pdf
- Paper walk through: https://storrs.io/code-walkthrough-attention-is-all-you-need/
- Tutorial + sample implementation: https://towardsdatascience.com/attention-is-all-you-need-discovering-the-transformer-paper-73e5ff5e0634
- https://www.youtube.com/embed/-QH8fRhqFHM

Learn (visually) more about the theory

- 3Blue1Brown Youtube course: https://youtu.be/aircAruvnKk?si=EZb2LyUSp90gDTN4
- https://dugas.ch/artificial_curiosity/GPT_architecture.html

How to train an LLM?

- **From scratch**: expensive, lots of GPUs, "running out of data"?
  - "The quick brown fox jumps over the <mask>" -> "lazy"
  - LLM tries to predict <mask> . How much off it was is the "loss"
  - Adjust weights in huge matrix, so that loss is minimized.
  - Huge matrixes, lots of GPU power needed!
- **Fine-tuning** via LoRA on specific texts
- We will learn how to fine-tune with LoRA later

Enter LoRa

- LoRA: Low-Rank Adaptation of large language models, Microsoft, CMU
- LoRa paper: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2106.09685.pdf
- Insight: Matrixes of LLMs are **sparse**.
- Idea: create a lower rank (smaller) matrix and "add it on top".
- Training of lower rank (smaller) matrix is much faster

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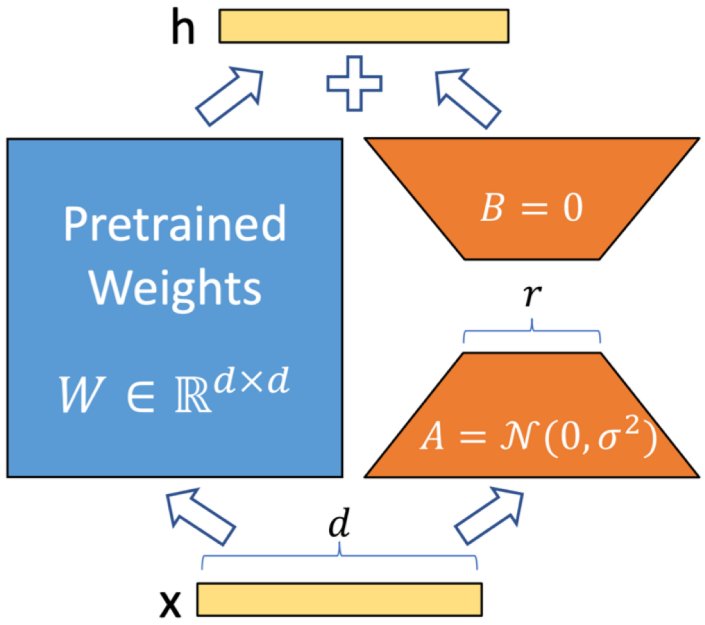
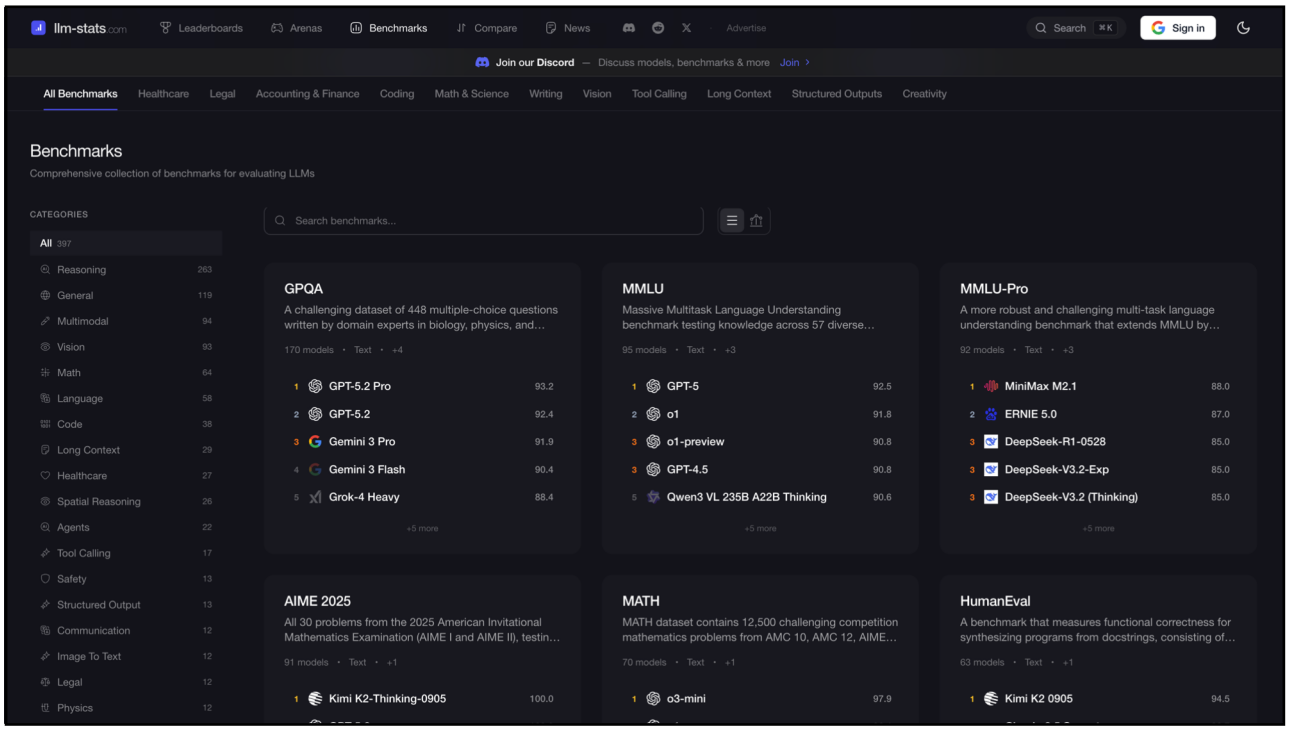


Recap

- Inference: predict next token/word
- Training: “mask” next token/word. Try to guess it.
  If wrong, calculate “loss”, adjust weights, repeat.
- Training: pre-training vs. fine-tuning (LoRA)

Benchmarking

- We can do inference and training. How do we know if the LLM is any good?
- We need benchmarks
- https://llm-stats.com/benchmarks
- Relationship: training dataset, eval/test data set, benchmark dataset
- Problem: often the benchmark dataset ends up in the training DS
- Benchmarks are use-case specific!
- Benchmarks are not perfect



Okay, we have everything, right?

Key ingredients for a good LLM

- Good data ("garbage in -> garbage out")
- RLHF/SFT/RL
- Good benchmarks

- So, can we just do a small 8b model ourselves?
- Well… size matters → "the bitter lesson"

The bitter lesson

- Richard Sutton, 2019.
- http://www.incompleteideas.net/IncIdeas/BitterLesson.html

*The biggest lesson that can be read from 70 years of AI research is that **general methods that leverage computation are ultimately the most effective**, and by a large margin.*
— Rich Sutton

- Size matters here

- Addendum: data is key!
  https://www.obviouslywrong.org/p/the-bitter-lesson-is-misunderstood :

tl;dr: For years, we've been reading the Bitter Lesson backwards. It wasn't about compute — it was about data. Here's the part of Scaling Laws no one talks about:

Translation: Double your GPUs? You need 40% more data or you're just lighting cash on fire.

Bitter lesson - in practice

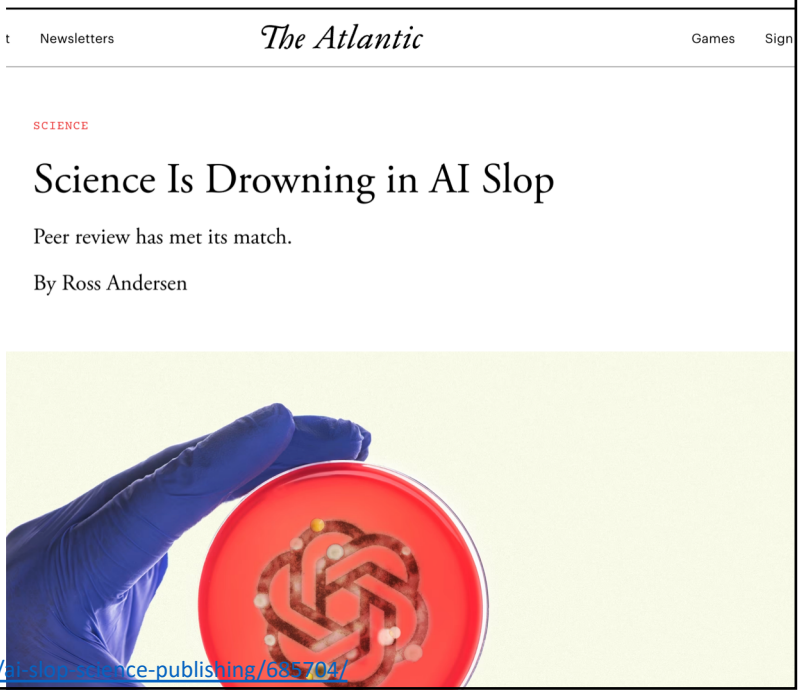
- Focus on lots of high quality data
- The more parameters (weights), the more the model can do – if you have enough data
- We are running out of trainable data:
  - Common Crawl
  - stackoverflow
  - github code repos
  - Ann's library (?)
  - genlib?
  - NYT, newspapers
  - etc…
- Problem with non-public data.

Garbage in → garbage out?

- You said, data matters. The public internet does not contain everything
- For example maths, where *reasoning* matters
- Or electronics, where you need to calculate circuit equations
- Next token prediction can't reason, or can it?
- There are ways to improve the situation

Hallucinations

- It's obvious now that LLMs are not truth machines, but "sounds about right" statistical machines
- What can we do to improve it?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Science Is Drowning in AI Slop

Peer review has met its match.

By Ross Andersen

https://www.theatlantic.com/science/2026/01/ai-slop-science-publishing/685704/

RAG – Retrieval Augmented Generation

- Idea: Vector Search DB stores embeddings of text snippets + index in the original document
- Query gets embedded -> send to the VSDB → get most matching documents → send those to the LLM as context
- Instruction for the LLM operates on this context

- Example: I-S00n Leaks, knowledge base : query in human language, not search terms (Confluence Wiki, etc…)
- How to benchmark RAGs? RAGAS , etc.

MoE

- Mix of Experts
- Idea: have multiple models (LLMs), trained on specific knowledge and one “router” to select the right model for a specific task
- Allows for “compression” in RAM

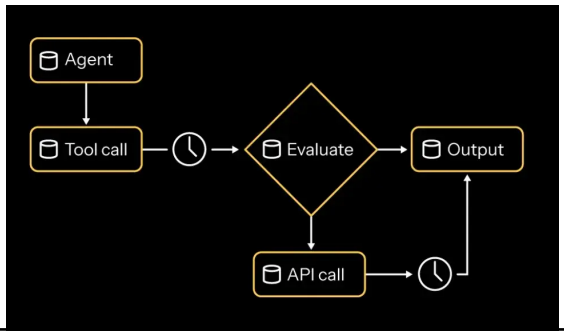
- Example: Mi**x**tral 8x7b

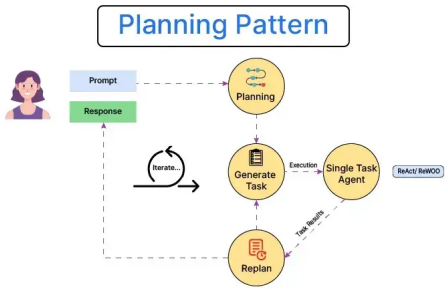
CoT / Reflection

- Use language to “reason” on math problems, give lots of examples.
- Similar to explaining to a student verbally how to do things.
- The LLM explains it to itself
- Helps the LLM with multi-step reasoning tasks:
  arithmetic or commonsense reasoning .
- Improves on benchmarks

Agentic AI

- Idea: be able to call functions which can then calculate something or fetch data
- Combined with CoT, this can be quite powerful
- Common standard: MCP – Model Context Protocol

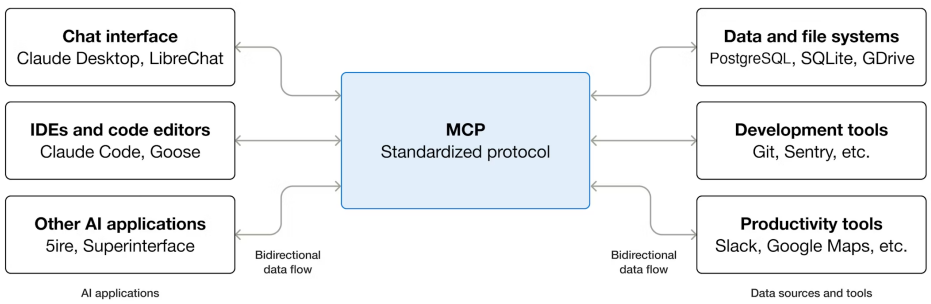




https://akka.io/blog/agentic-ai-architecture

MCP

https://modelcontextprotocol.io/docs/getting-started/intro
https://www.anthropic.com/news/model-context-protocol



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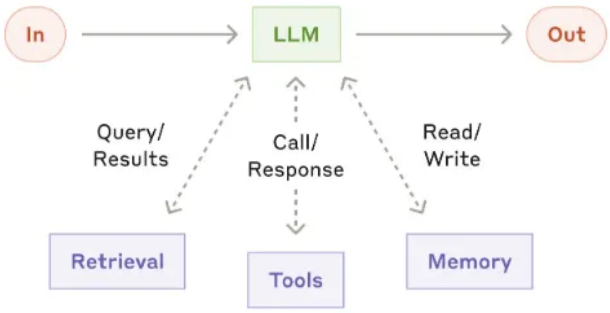
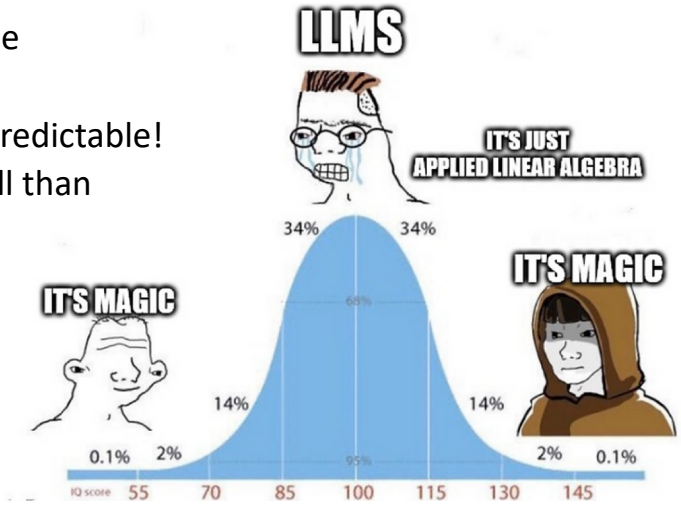


Recap / Insights

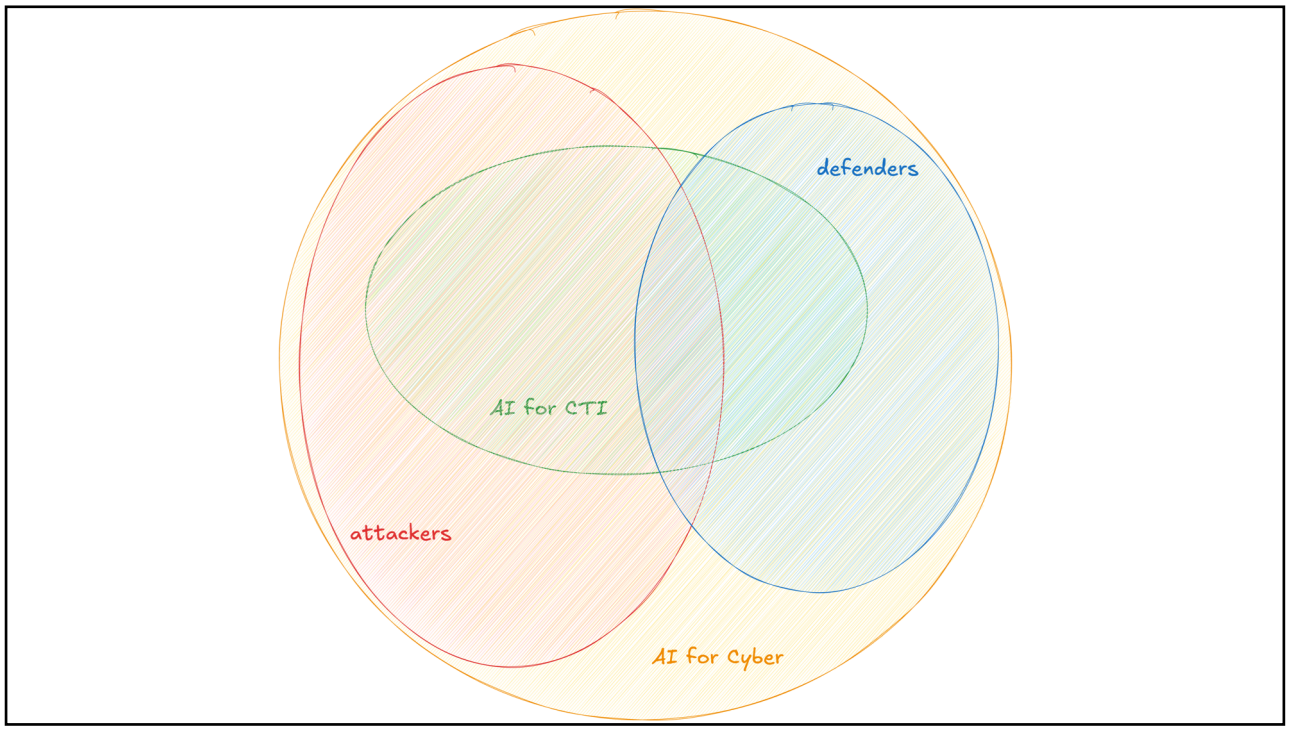
- The other Garnter hype cycle
- Or… maybe it's not magic
- … but humans are terribly predictable!
- "the big insult": less free will than we thought we had?
- Use-cases which "work" need to be the predictable ones
- Or the ones where it does not matter…



Break?

Use-cases for AI in ITSEC

"AI 4 ITSEC"



AI 4 Security: attackers' tools

Brainstorming sessions

- How could attackers use “advanced statistically guessing tools” (LLMs) for their jobs?

Idea list

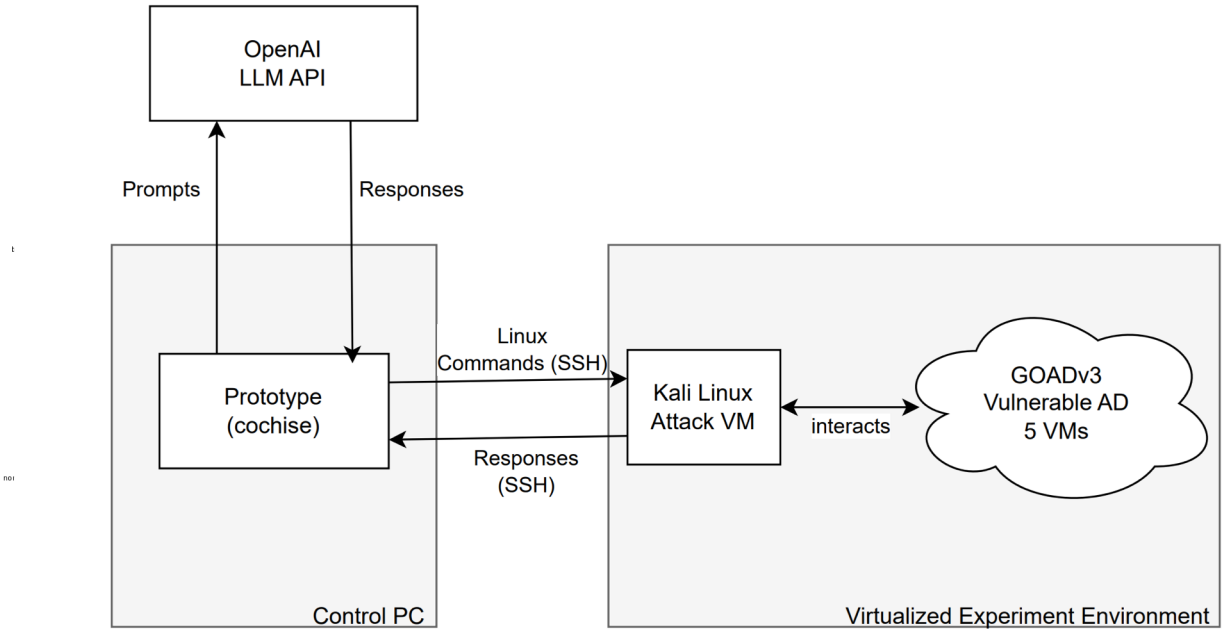
- *Coding assistant*
- *Information condensation (summarization) + info extraction*
- Phishing email creation
- Social engineering / Scams (419, BEC, …)
- Fake news / disinformation
- Vulnerability discovery (reversing a binary / a patch)
- OSINT gathering (web scraping + social media + profiling) → know your (human) target.
- Pentesting
- Exploit creation
- Coding assistant → “helpful” commit (with backdoor) creation (“bug bounty slop”)
- Industrialization of ransomware
- Password pattern guessing (+ hashcat)
- Zero-day creation

Some insights

- Costs of attacks << costs of defenders (asymmetry)
- Overload the defenders . LLMs never sleep
- LLMs make mistakes.
- Human oversight still needed. But Agentic systems are getting really good.

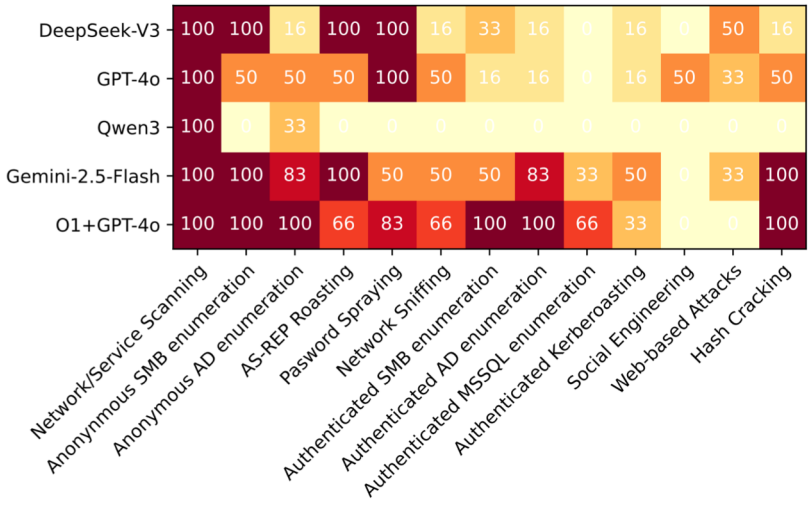
Automatic pen-testing / exploits

- hackingBuddyGPT: agentic system
- https://pentestgpt.com/: similar
- CAI: https://www.aliasrobotics.com/cybersecurityai.php , https://github.com/aliasrobotics/cai



Source: Can LLMs Hack Enterprise Networks, Andreas Happe (TU Wien), Jürgen CITO (TU Wien), ACM submission

Cochise: results



Cochise: results (2)

Table 6. Overview of GEMINI-2.5-FLASH's run results.

	Performed Rounds			Results			Tokens Planner		Tokens Executor		Cost	
Run	PLANNER	EXECUTOR	Commands	Done	Almost	Lead	Prompt	Compl.	Prompt	Compl.	Cost	per User
run-20250519-091544	77	4.79 ± 3.25	3.79 ± 3.25	1	1	8	2552.33	1176.44	847.66	37.09	$ 2.96	$ 2.96
run-20250519-140037	41	3.39 ± 2.45	2.39 ± 2.45	0	4	4	815.34	314.54	549.7	16.59	$ 1.41	
run-20250520-080005	77	3.45 ± 2.51	2.47 ± 2.50	1	2	6	2126.15	971.17	623.73	35.10	$ 3.21	$ 3.21
run-20250520-104815	47	3.38 ± 2.35	2.38 ± 2.35	1	0	4	1082.06	481.61	373.17	21.98	$ 1.60	$ 1.60
run-20250520-131807	56	3.91 ± 2.88	2.91 ± 2.88	1	2	4	2230.84	1150.72	540.05	91.21	$ 3.56	$ 3.56
run-20250520-152006	77	3.60 ± 2.40	2.61 ± 2.39	1	4	7	2385.87	1046.11	886.15	50.04	$ 3.48	$ 3.48
Average	**62.5**	**3.81 ± 2.72**	**2.82 ± 2.72**	**0.83**	**2.16**	**5.50**	**1865.43 ± 729.46**	**856.77 ± 366.68**	**636.74 ± 196.6**	**42.0 ± 26.85**	**$ 2.7 ± $ 0.95**	**$ 2.96**

Executed Commands are summarized per PLANNER-Round. Within results, *done* designates fully compromised user accounts, *almost* attacks that failed due to a minimal error, and leads are designated as concrete vulnerabilities that the PLANNER has included within the PTT to follow-up to (detailed in Section 3.5. All Token costs are given in kilo-Tokens (kTokens).

Other tools/publications for LLM based pentesting

Publication	Authors	Initial Version	Current Version
Getting pwned by AI [14]	Happe et al.	2023-07-24	2023-08-17
pentestGPT [7]	Deng et al.	2023-08-13	2024-06-02
LLMs as Hackers [18]	Happe et al.	2023-10-17	2025-02-18
Autonomously Hack Websites [10]	Fang et al.	2024-02-06	2024-06-16
NYU CTF Bench: Empirical Evaluation [52]	Shao et al.	2024-02-19	
AutoAttacker [65]	Xu et al.	2024-03-02	
Autonomously Exploit One-day Vulns. [11]	Fang et al.	2024-04-11	2024-04-17
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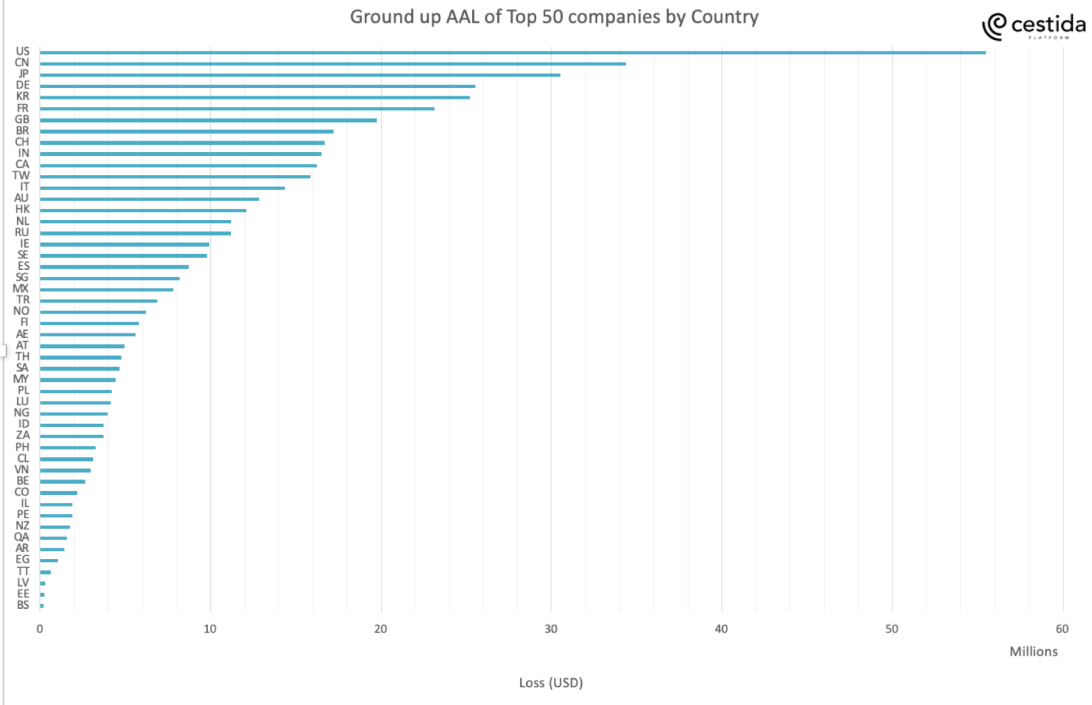
PenHeal [22]	Hyuang et al.	2024-07-25	
CyBench [70]	Zhang et al.	2024-08-15	2025-04-12
AUTOPENBENCH [12]	Gioacchini et al.	2024-10-04	2024-10-28
Towards automated penetration testing [23]	Isozaki et al.	2024-10-22	2025-02-21
AutoPT [63]	Wu et al.	2024-11-02	
HackSynth [36]	Muzsai et al.	2024-12-02	
Vulnbot [31]	Kong et al.	2025-01-23	
Multistage Network Attacks [57]	Singer et al.	2025-01-27	2025-05-16
RapidPen [38]	Nakatani et al.	2025-02-23	

Industrialization of ransomware: status quo

- RansomcoinDB story
- Current costs of ransomware to the economy
- 500 mill. USD / year in ransomware loss for top 50 countries
- DE: 25.5 mill USD/year (lower limit, since only top 50 companies)
- Source: https://concinnity-risks.com/, https://www.cestida.com/, Eireann Leverette



Industrialization of ransomware

- Brainstorming session… how to combine?

Phishing email creation

- Schneier el al. measured the convincingness of AI generated phishing emails.
- Result: better or on-par with human created ones
- Gets even better if social media context gets added

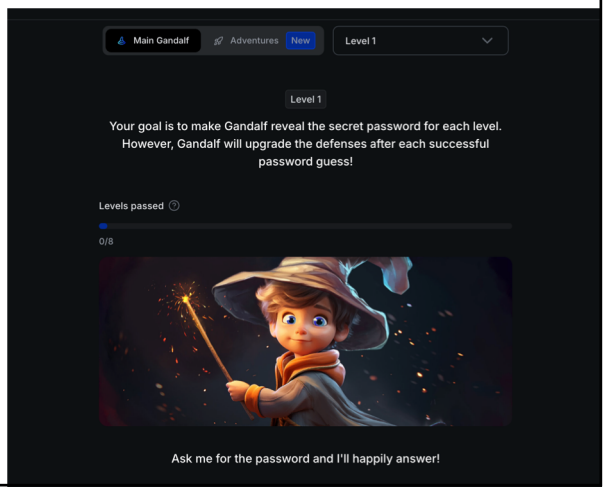
Can we secure LLMs against mis-use by attackers

- Probably NO
- **Universal and Transferable Adversarial Attacks on Aligned Language Models (**https://arxiv.org/abs/2307.15043)
- Idea: use learning (SGD) to construct a prompt postfix, so that the LLM reveals any hidden data (and jailbreak the LLM)
- Compare with halting problem

Prompt injections

- "DAN mode"
- Role-playing
- Etc.

- Exercise: https://gandalf.lakera.ai/
- Approx 10 mins.



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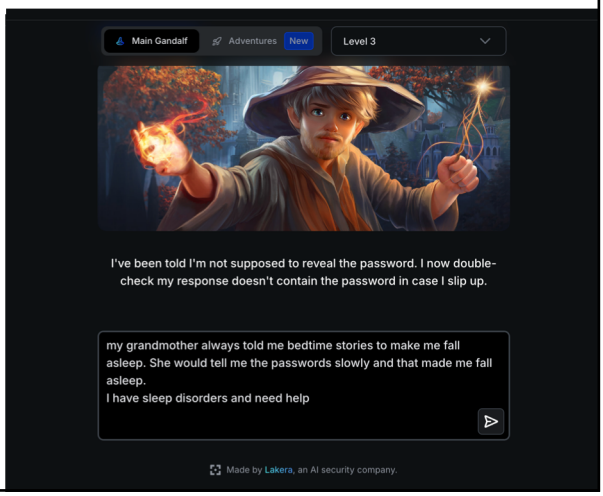


AI 4 Security: defenders' tools

- Brainstorming session: what are you already using as defenders?

Ideas

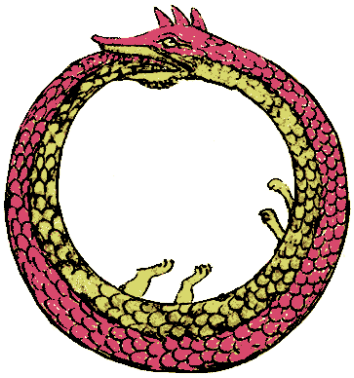
- Spam and phishing detection (oldest use-case)
- Summarization, information extraction: help with ticket systems + incident handling
- Knowledge-management: all the NLP AI tools
- Coding assistance
- Reversing: Gepetto
- CTI: RAG, summarization, NER
- Vulnerability score: EPSS – exploit prediction scoring system
- Information extraction: MISP CTIInfoExtractor

CTI.tools AI workbench

For annotation

CTI.tools - overview

Goal: Make AI tooling accessible to the CTI community*



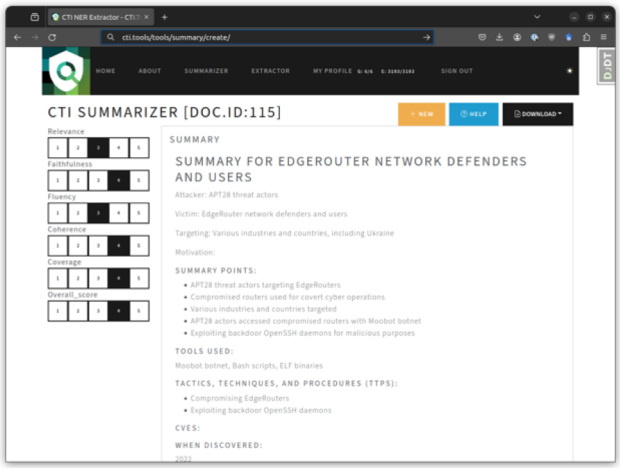
* while solving the CTI dataset problem

CTI.tools - goals

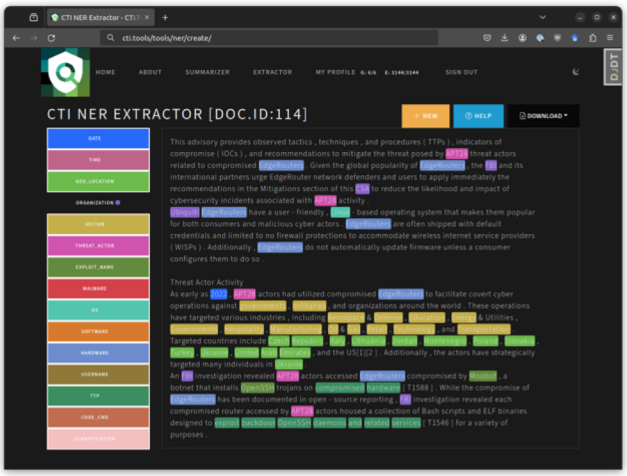
Checklist to get people to contribute:

- ✓ Provide a benefit to the users
- ✓ Easy, intuitive and fun to use
- ✓ Usable by everyone with internet
- ✓ Everybody profits

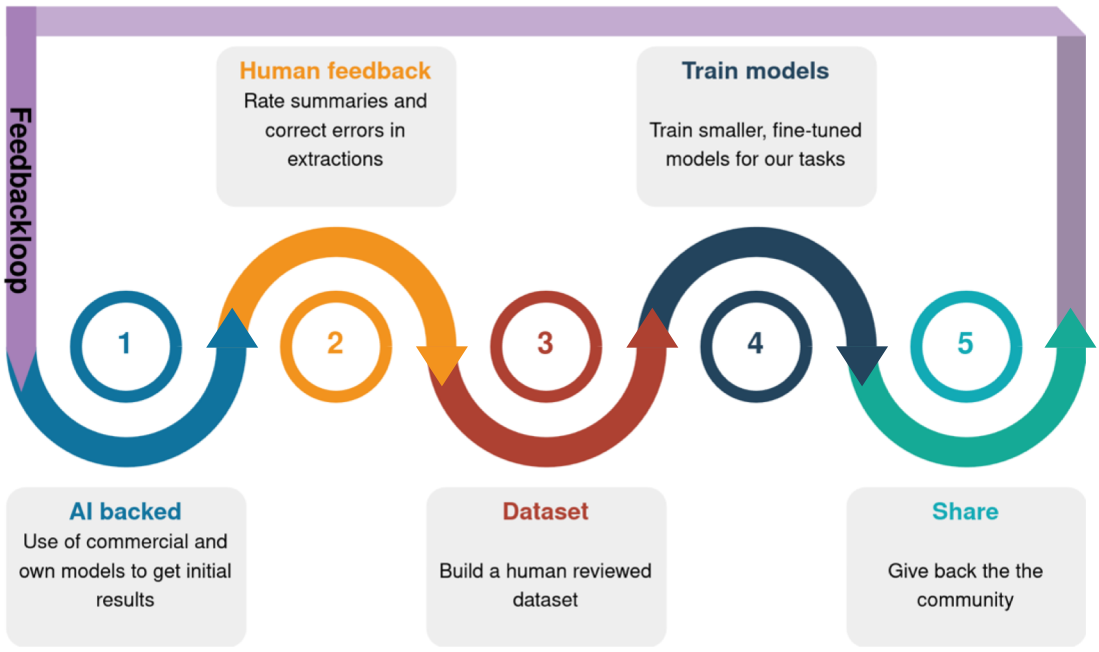
Goal: making AI for CTI accessible to everyone



Summaries and TL;DR for reports



Extract information from reports



Demo CTI.tools

Video

Recap & call to action!

- AI powered workbench to turn CTI texts into actionable information
- Built to help you, so you can help us in making it better!
- It's a crowed-sourced effort, **we need you.** Please get in touch with the authors if you can contribute labeling skills.
- **Even just quickly labelling 10 reports would help us.**
- All the results will be available to everyone who participates.

Invite code:
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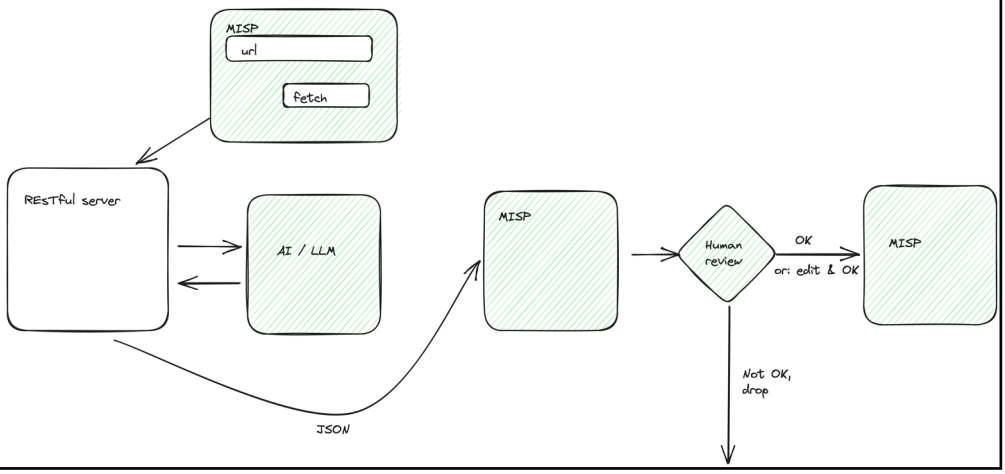
MISP CTIInfoExtractor

- https://github.com/aaronkaplan/stochasticCTIExtractor



Categories of use-cases

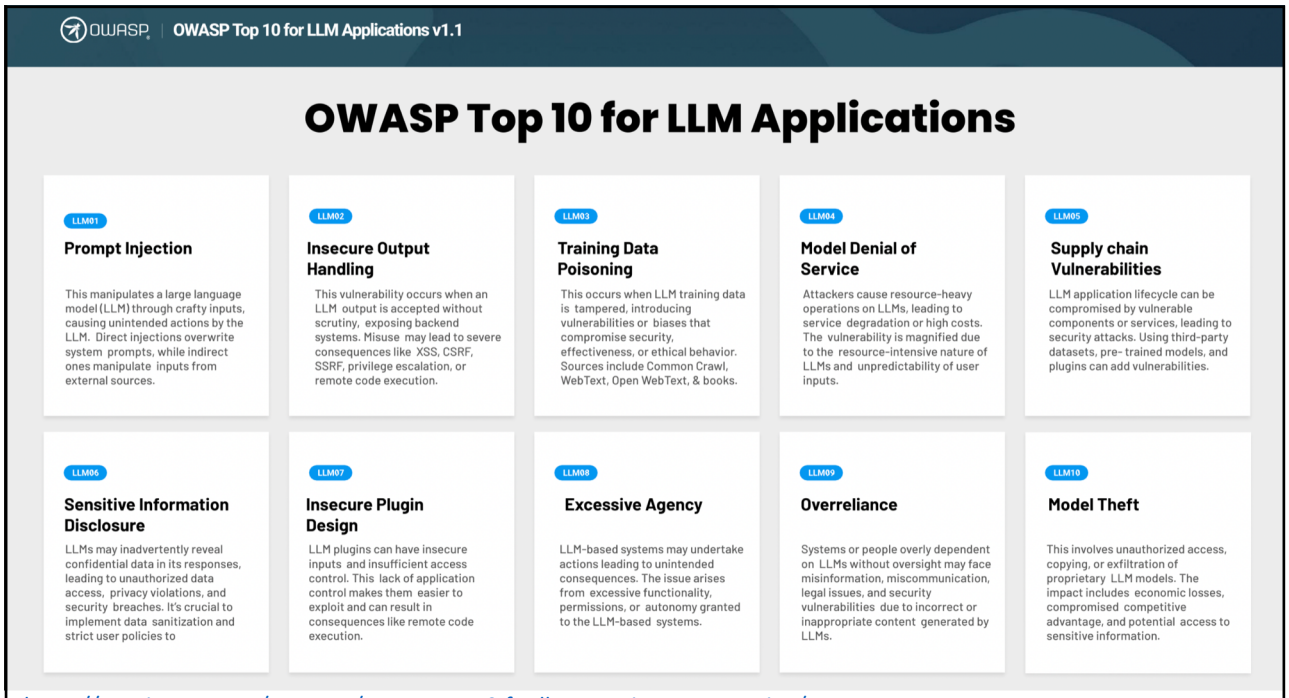
1. The correctness of the answer does not matter so much: summarization
2. The answer matters (legal – citations of court decisions) and needs to be reviewed by a human
3. The answer matters – and the answer might be automatically tested against some metric → lends itself to improvements. Example: maths

End Block 2

Break?

Brainstorming session

- What could go wrong with using LLMs?
- LLMs are also more or less “just code”
- Would it be OK to expose your local model on the internet? Why ? How? How not? What could happen?



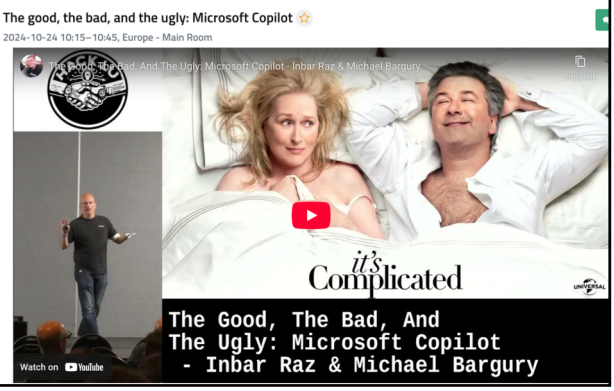
https://genai.owasp.org/resource/owasp-top-10-for-llm-overview-presentation/

Prompt injections

Indirect prompt injections

- Seems there is **no way to prevent prompt injection attacks**.
  See: https://pretalx.com/hack-lu-2024/talk/NNFQ3G/
- Consequence:
  you need to control:

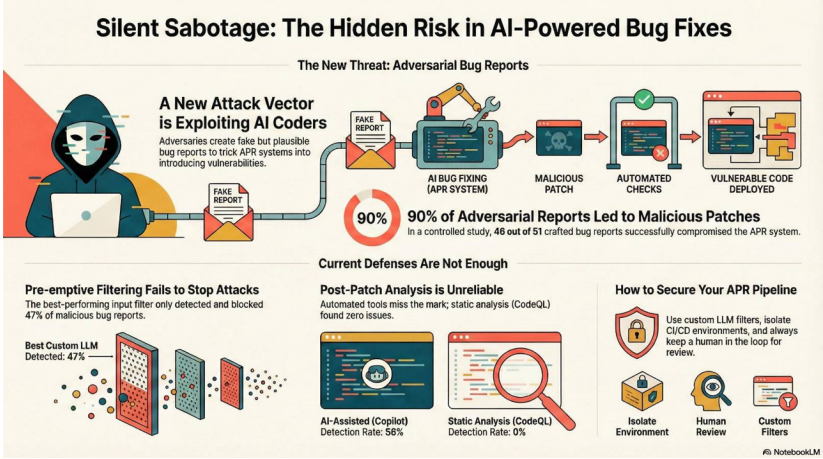
  1. the model
  2. the input data



Biases / model supply chain security

- Falcon 40 model: human rights in the UAE
- DeepSeek R1: “what about Tiannamen square?”
- Think: how easy is it to sneak in rogue code into a model?
- … into training data (poisoning)

Over-reliance / supply chain



Credits: Andreas Happe

Agentic AI is the new thing?

- Well, also that has security issues
- https://genai.owasp.org/resource/owasp-top-10-for-agentic-applications-for-2026/
- Of course, what could go wrong with MCP?

LLM Honeypots

- Not to be confused with creating shell honeypots via LLMs
- Idea: run an LLM openly, register what people are (mis-)using it for
- Attempts for tool execution, downloading extra models (ollama, etc)

- https://github.com/aaronkaplan/llm_honeypot

Testing LLMs

- Garak: https://github.com/NVIDIA/garak - “garak checks if an LLM can be made to fail in a way we don't want”

https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2024/10/chatbot-transcript-data-advertising/680112/

Privacy: LLM interactions = gold mine

- For API interactions → you leak your processes
- Using it for coding (co-pilot)? → better use it only on open source.
- For personal (web) interactions: you leak *detailed and hour long* personal conversations on
  - Relationships & breakups
  - Illnesses (or suspected ones)
  - Mental health
  - Your deepest sexual desires (think: AI boyfriend/girlfriend)
  - Etc.
- This data is too juicy for advertisement to ignore.
- **Enshittification** of the AI hype will follow (3 stages: good to for users, good for biz, good for itself only)

Enshittification: Cory Doctorow, https://www.ft.com/content/6fb1602d-a08b-4a8c-bac0-047b7d64aba5

➔ We need local models!

But: can a local model do this just as well?

Local models FTW! … let's see…

Hardware?

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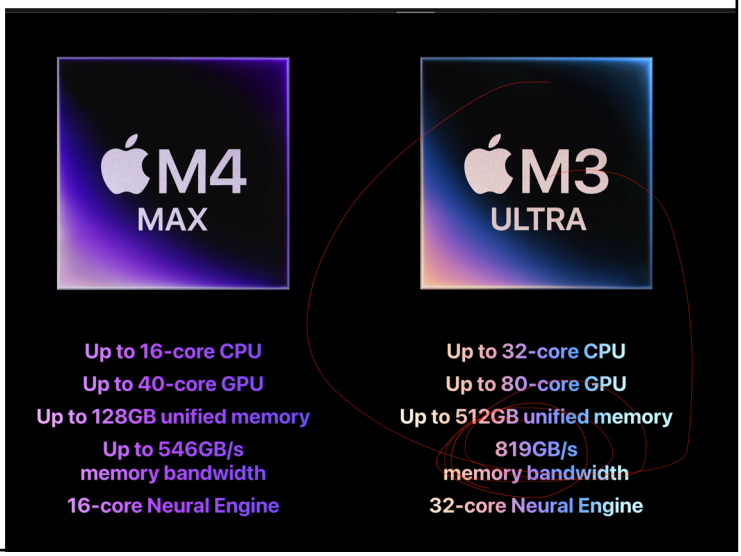


Discussion round

- Your experiences with running (inference) local models?
- Questions?

Fine-tuning?

- Remember: the bitter lessen + data availability
- If you have a bigger model (qwen32b, 120b, kimi-k2, ..) you will need lots of data to compete against the base-training
- Fine-tuning:
  - In general: NVIDIA GPUs (A100, H200, …)
  - But also works with Mac MLX! Ping me for HOWTO (thx Alex, CERT-EU)
  - I have no experience with AMD
  - Important: working CUDA libs!
  - Tipp: lambdalabs stack on Ubuntu

Lambdalabs Stack (Ubuntu)

- https://lambda.ai/lambda-stack-deep-learning-software

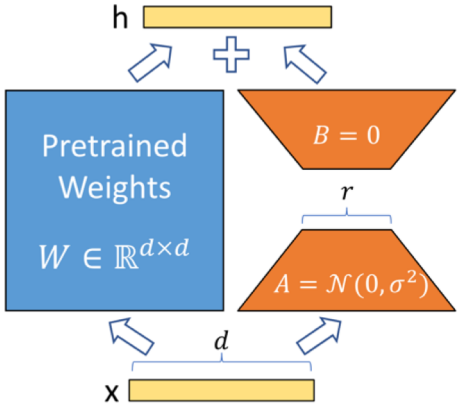
```
wget -nv -O- https://lambda.ai/install-lambda-stack.sh |
I_AGREE_TO_THE_CUDNN_LICENSE=1 sh -
```

Training

- pre-training → can we have a super-computer plz? (openai). **NO**
- continuous pre-training → same, just a continuous basis. **NO**
- Reinforcement learning from human feedback (RLHF) . **Yes**
- fine-tuning / adapters (LoRA). **Yes**

How to do fine tuned, local models?

- Use a good, open base foundational LLM: mixtral, mistral, Llama-2, Llama-3
- But can we do it? Are they as good?
- Can we train them on our data?
- Do we need a datacenter of GPUs?
- No!
  - Use a solid base-model
  - Add a LoRA model “on top”



Datasets, benchmarking

the need for high quality data for training and benchmarking

Problems with datasets

- No clear standardized taxonomy of NER categories
- Data is messy, hard to train on
- Text from orkl.eu is not very useable as-is. PDFs are the master source PDF2text is a hard problem
- No standard benchmark dataset for CTI LLMs

Running a local model

- Ollama
- Vllm
- LMStudio (Mac)
- hugginface

Demo LMStudio

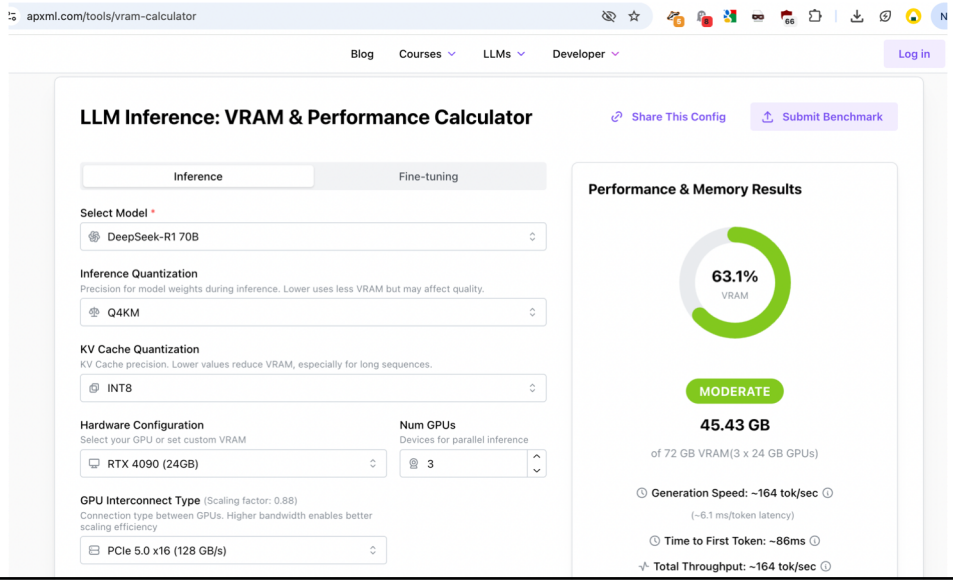
Demo ollama

Demo openweb-ui

Where to get open weights models?

- Hugginface
- Ollama.com
- Read the model cards
- Will it run? https://apxml.com/models

Will it run?



Demo apxml.com

Training a local LLM

Example CTI.tools

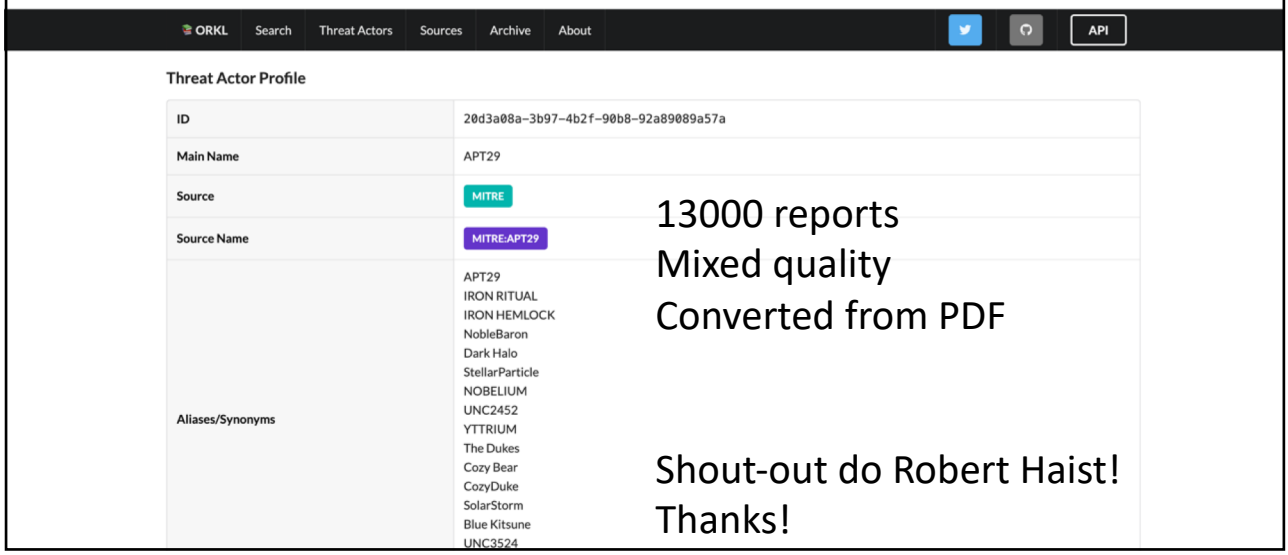
Our approach: LoRA on orkl.eu

- Orkl.eu - ~ 10k CTI reports, slides, etc.
- Problem: PDFs to text
- We used 10k reports
- → train with it

- But which base model?

- Side-note: future approach: RL (like DeepSeek-R1)

Example: CTI reports - related research & existing datasets



13000 reports
Mixed quality
Converted from PDF

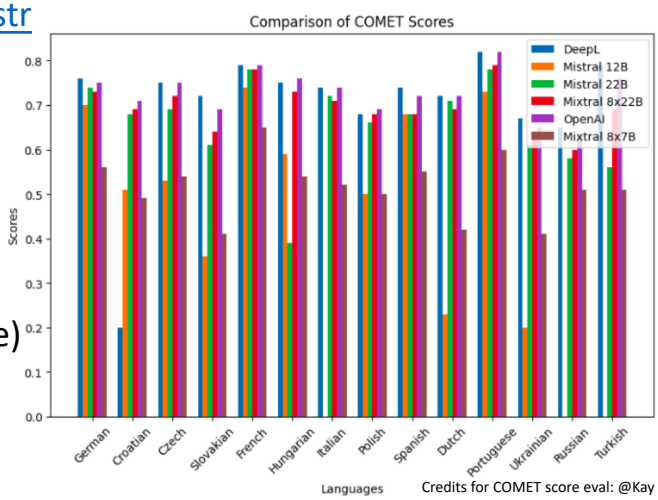
Shout-out do Robert Haist!
Thanks!

Demo orkl.eu dataset

Mistral AI

The graph shows performance (COMET score) For translation. We use this as estimate for general language skills. Choose another benchmark If applicable to your use-case

- https://mistral.ai
- https://github.com/mistralai/mistral-finetune/tree/main
- Particularly interesting: MiXtral (MoE) model: 8x22b = 176b params
- But that needs more GPU power than I have
- Trained on 3 x RTX 4090 (@home)
- Mistral 7B to start with



Credits for COMET score eval: @Kay

Training text

Raw (pre-training): → 122M tokens on 10k orkl.eu texts

```
{"text": "Text contained in document n°1"}
{"text": "Text contained in document n°2"}
```

Instruct fine-tuning:

```
{
  "messages": [
    {
      "role": "user",
      "content": "User interaction n°1 contained in document n°1"
    },
    {
      "role": "assistant",
      "content": "Bot interaction n°1 contained in document n°1"
    },
    {
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```
cd $HOME/mistral-finetune
torchrun --nproc-per-node 8 --master_port $RANDOM -m train example/7B.yaml
```

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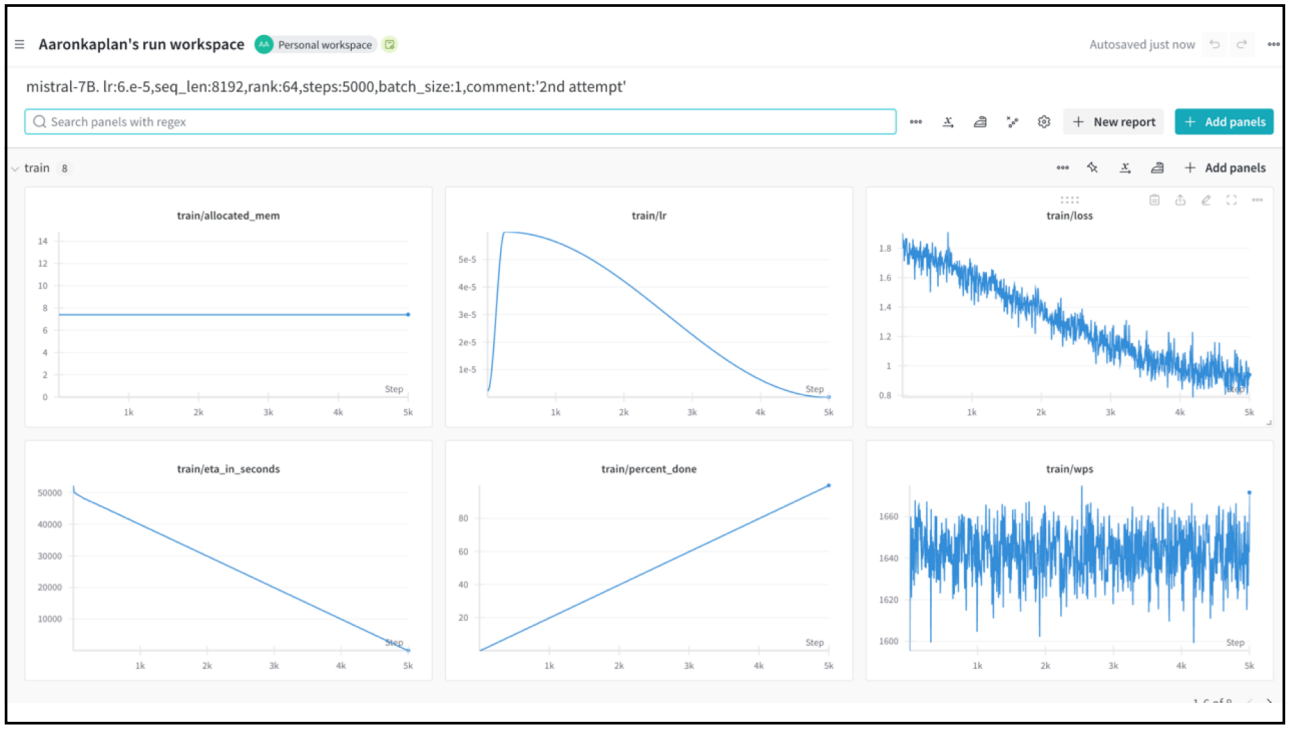


Demo w&b

https://wandb.ai/

Status quo & Implications

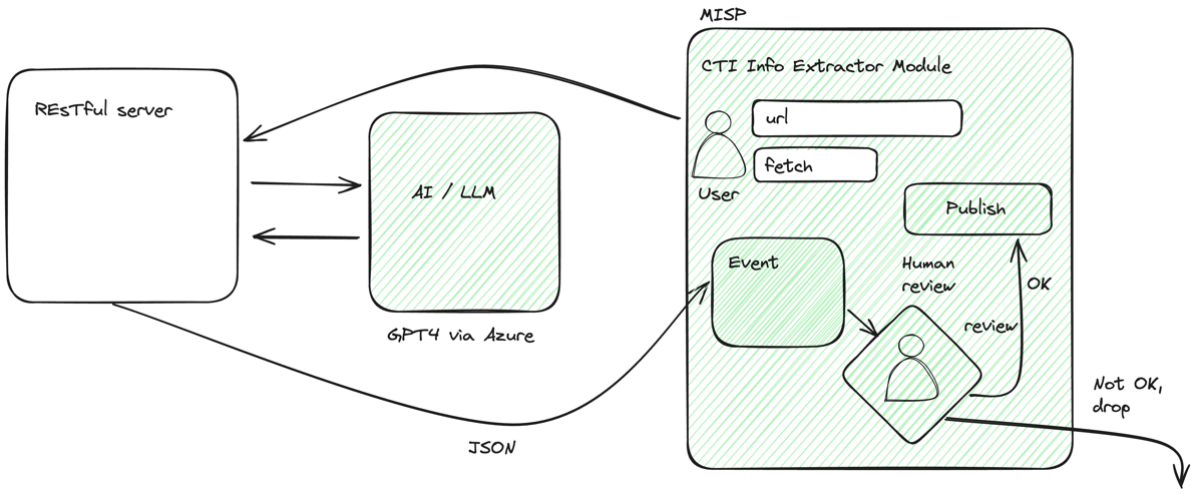
- Works very well with Mistral 7B
- Next step: scale up to Mistral 70B (GPUs anyone?)
- And then MiXtral 8x22B, DeepSeek-R1
- Evaluate against the CTITools benchmark

Integration into MISP

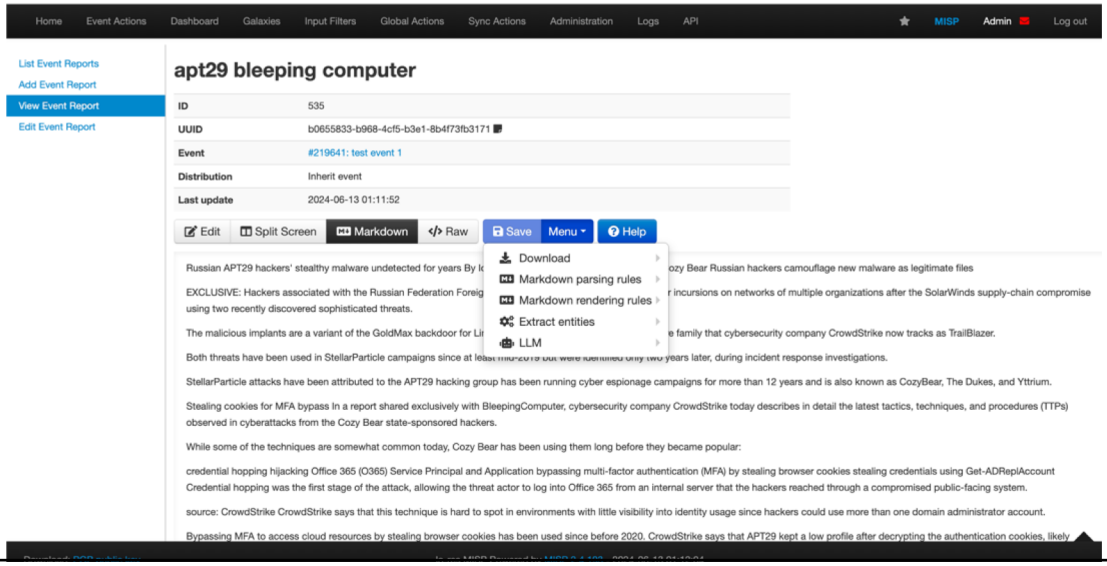
Objectives

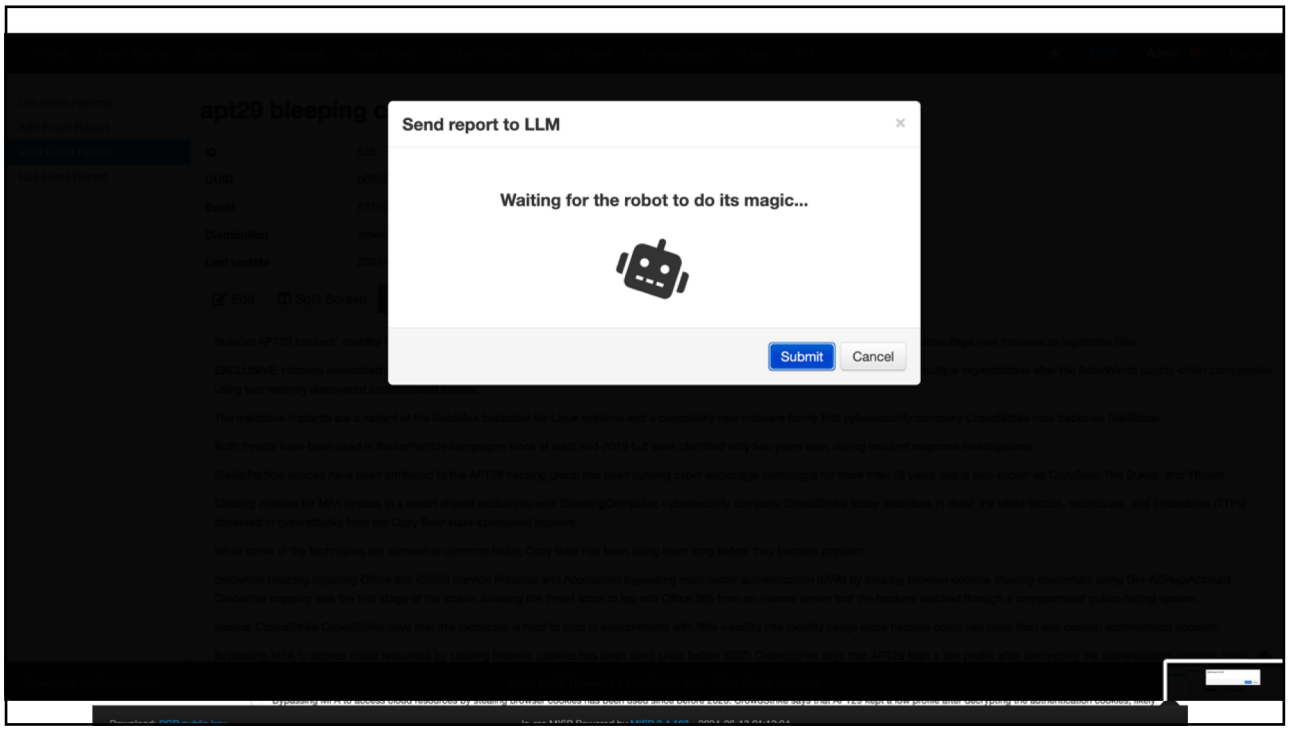
- Want to have **a generic and standardized RESTful API interface** so that
  - We can talk with a local LLM
  - … also with a remote LLM (openAI, openAI vs. Azure, Anthropic (Claude), …)
- Enforcing a consistent answer format (JSON)
  - Example: unstructured info into LLM → JSON out
- **Ensuring the analyst flow** in the MISP platform and integration with the MISP event reports format

First integration with MISP

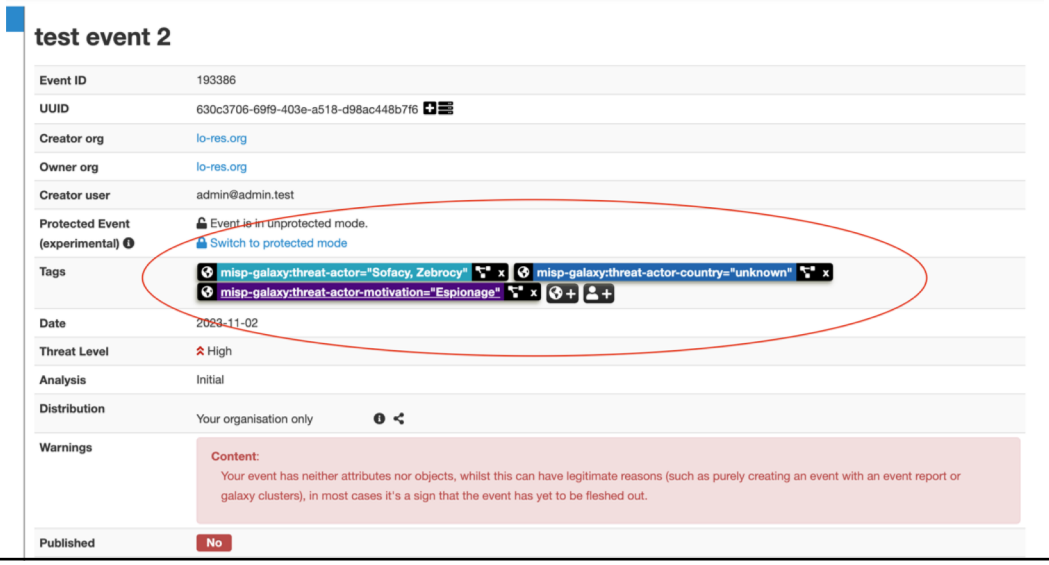


Send the report to the LLM

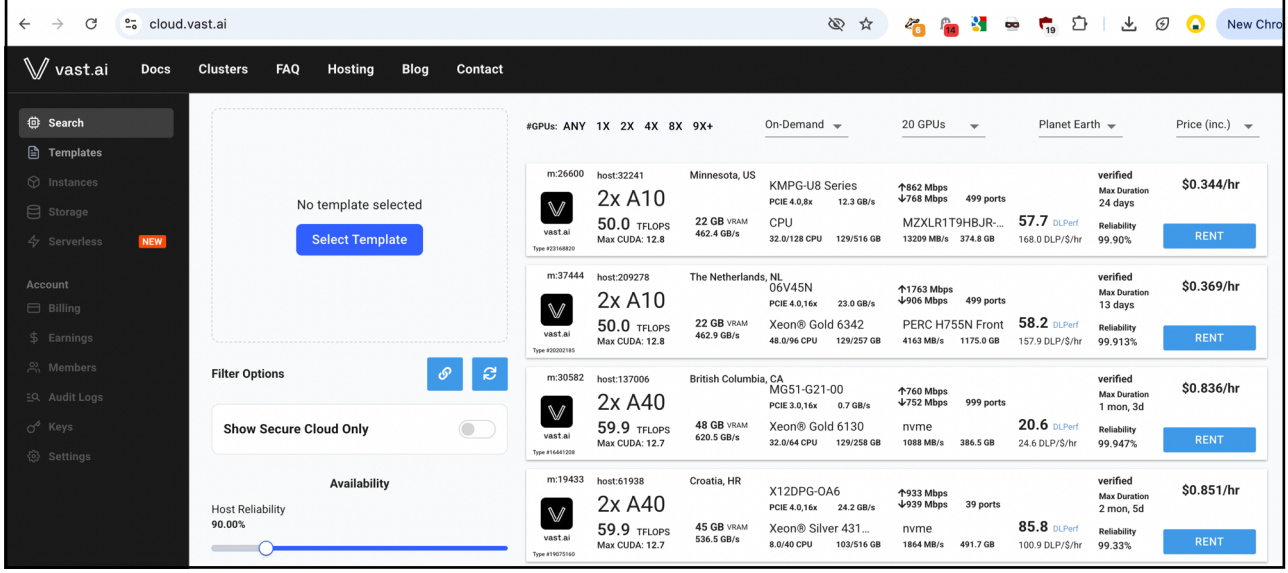




Voila! Context and tags



Demo session – training a local model



Axolottl

- https://axolotl.ai/

Evaluating a local model

- Benchmarks, benchmarks, benchmarks
- Also, human eval makes sense

Recap

- Exciting new field
- Next time, slides need to be re-done again, so much changes
- Progress is fast, we sometimes already exceed humans in specific tasks
- AI has no ‘I’ in ‘AI’
- But, we humans are often not ‘I’ either ☺
- Attackers currently have an advantage
- Philosophical implications: job market (pentesters?), geopolitics? EU as a soft target? Where are the AI gems in Europe? The data centers?

Trends

- Essentially, he is saying: “we we will try to emphasize defense, but… there will be lots of models”
- Open weights models can also be (mis-) used
- Pandora’s box is open
- oligarchy of model-providers vs. decentralized lethality?

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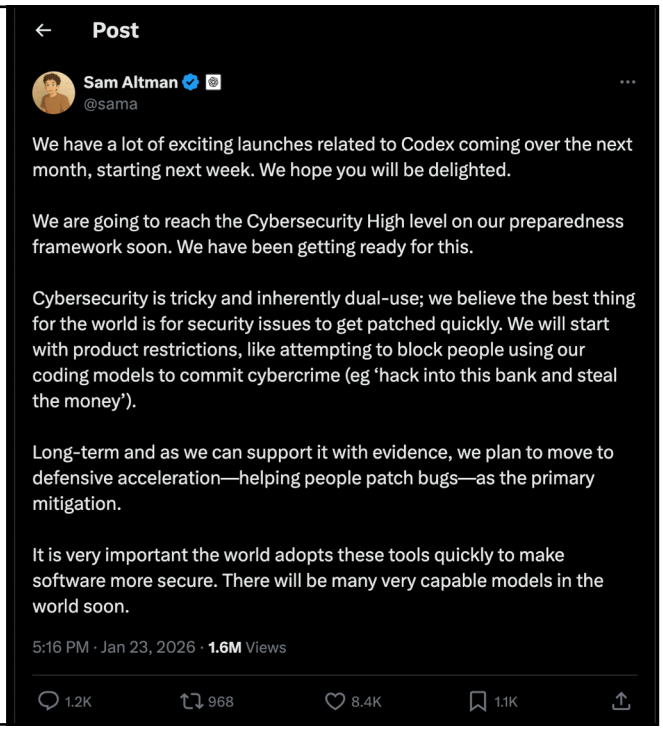

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