Threats and Mitigations Landscape in the Age of GenAI

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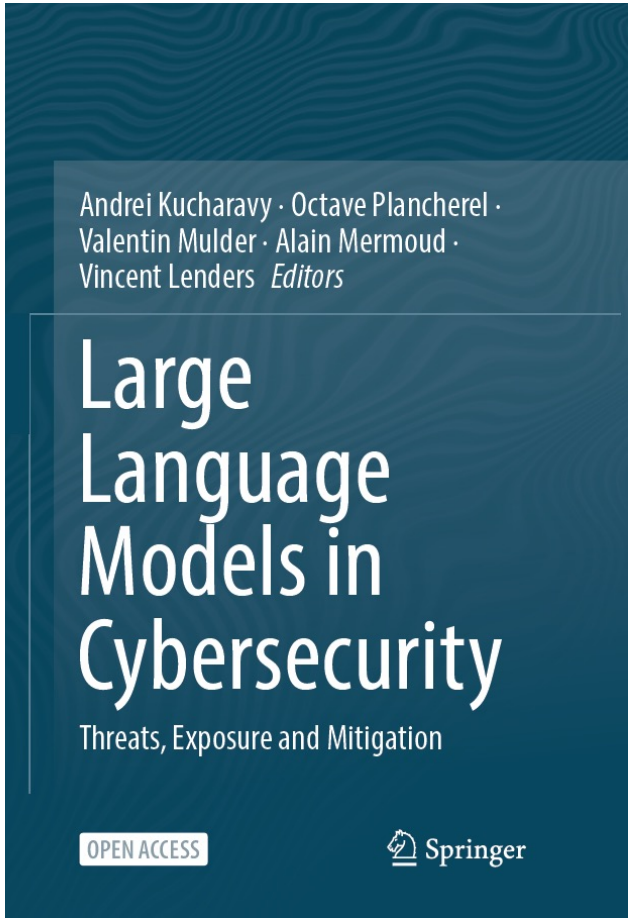

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Anthropic Disrupts AI-Powered Cyberattacks Auto and Extortion Across Critical Sectors

Aug 27, 2025 Ravie Lakshmanan

Anthropic on Wednesday revealed that it disrupted a sophistica
that weaponized its artificial intelligence (AI)-powered chatbot
conduct large-scale theft and extortion of personal data in July

"The actor targeted at least 17 distinct organizations, including
emergency services, and government, and religious institutions
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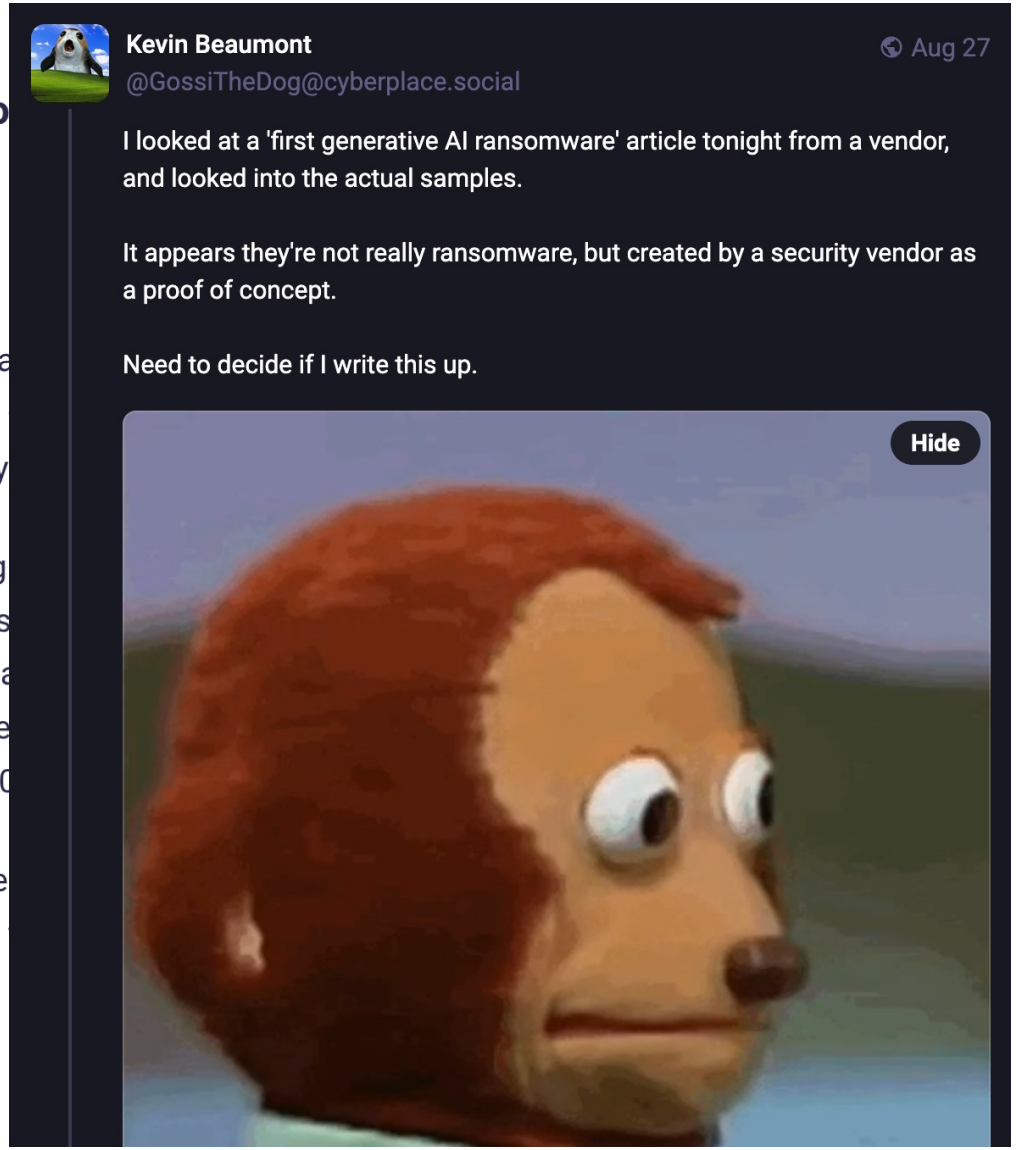

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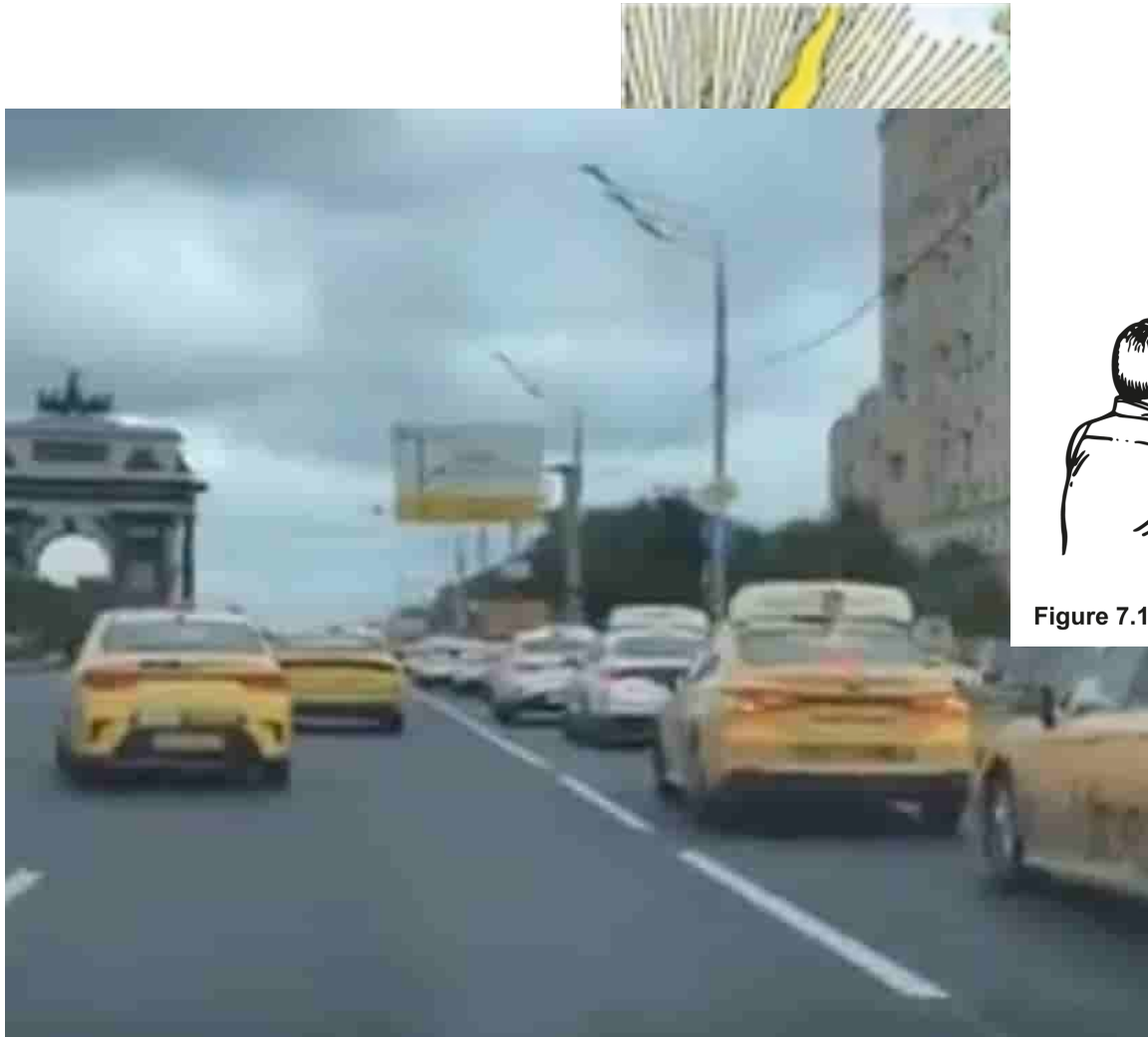

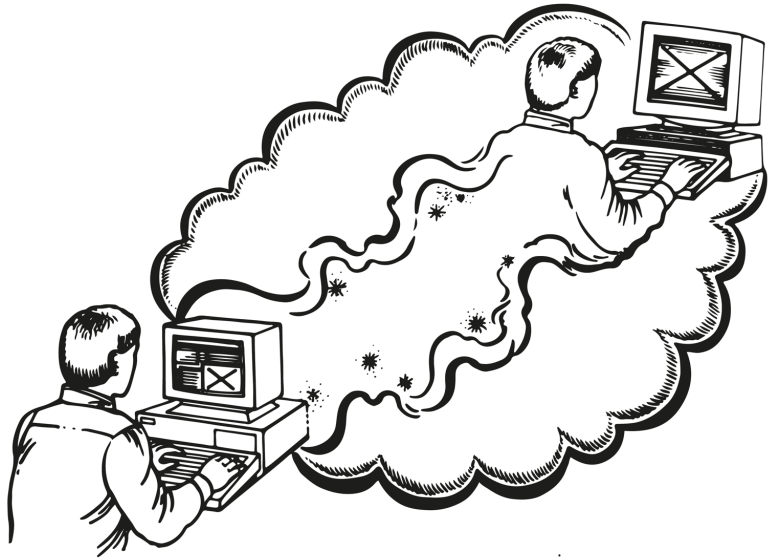

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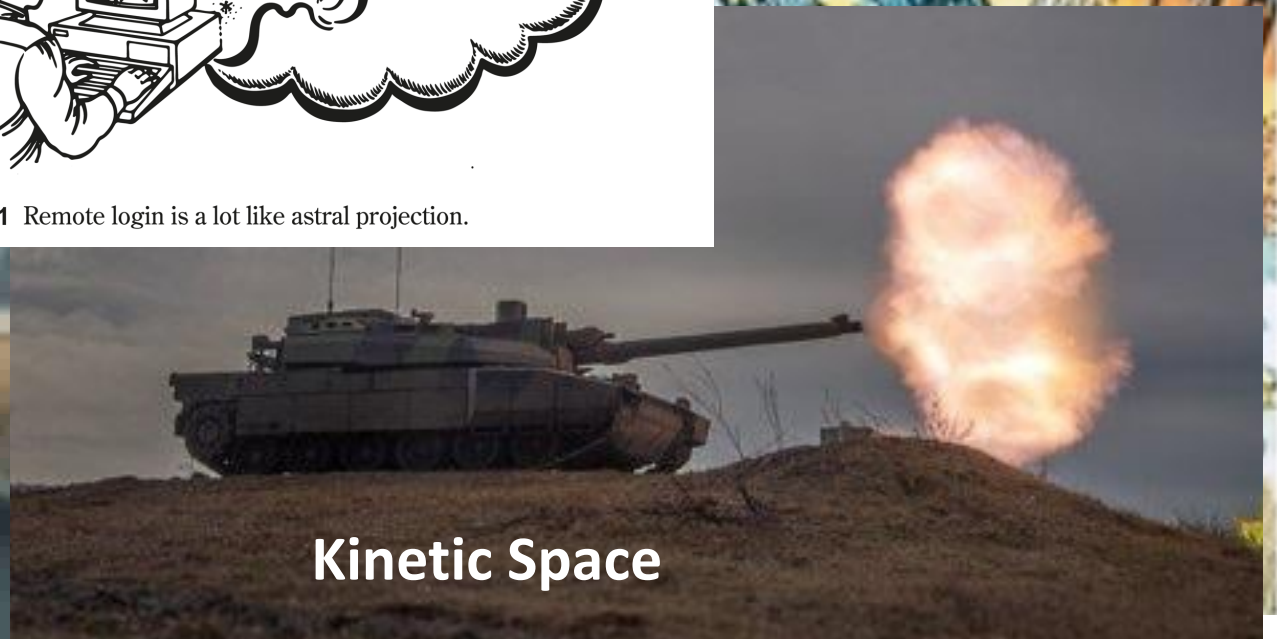

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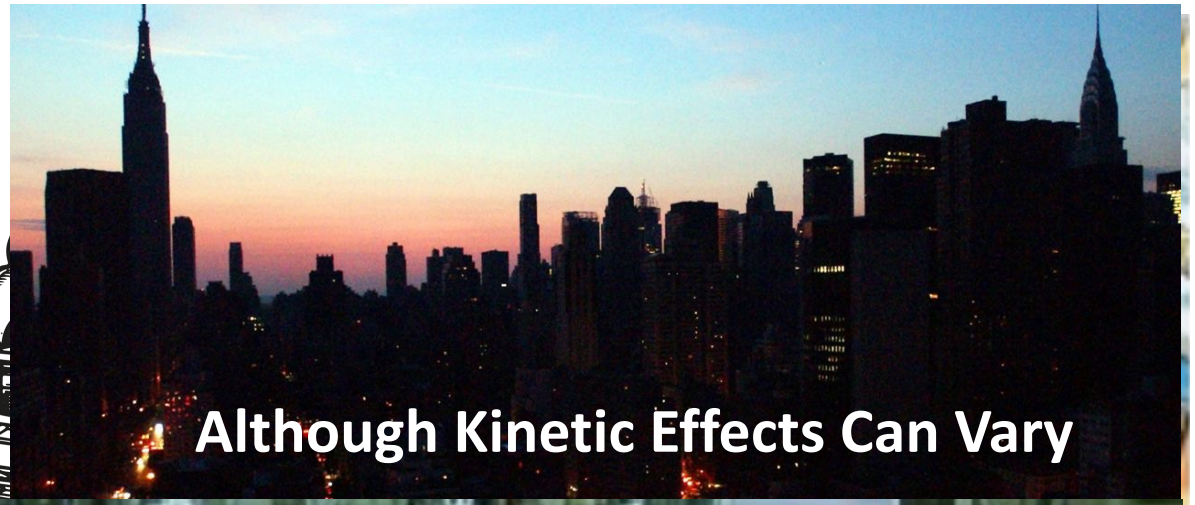
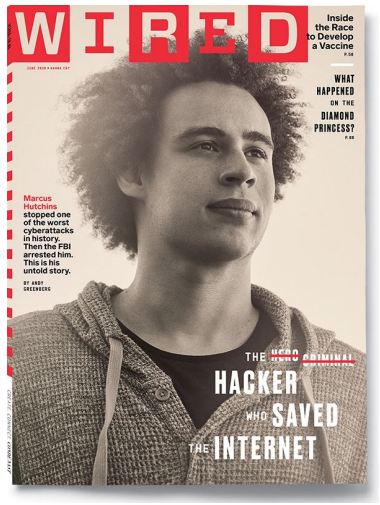


So What Is Even ”Hacking”?

- I was on the board that wrote this law, and that’s not what the law was for!
- Sir, I can’t speak to what you intended, but that’s not what you wrote.

Lock Picking Lawyer
@ SaintCon

- There is a gap between what people think the thing they build does, and what it actually does
- Hacking is exploiting this gap.



Marcus Hutchins
~ ”Hacker who saved the Internet”

How Do LLMs Change Those Gaps?

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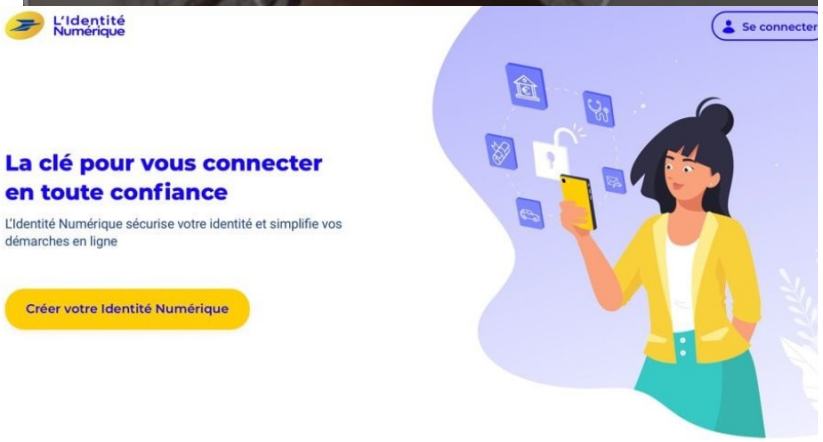

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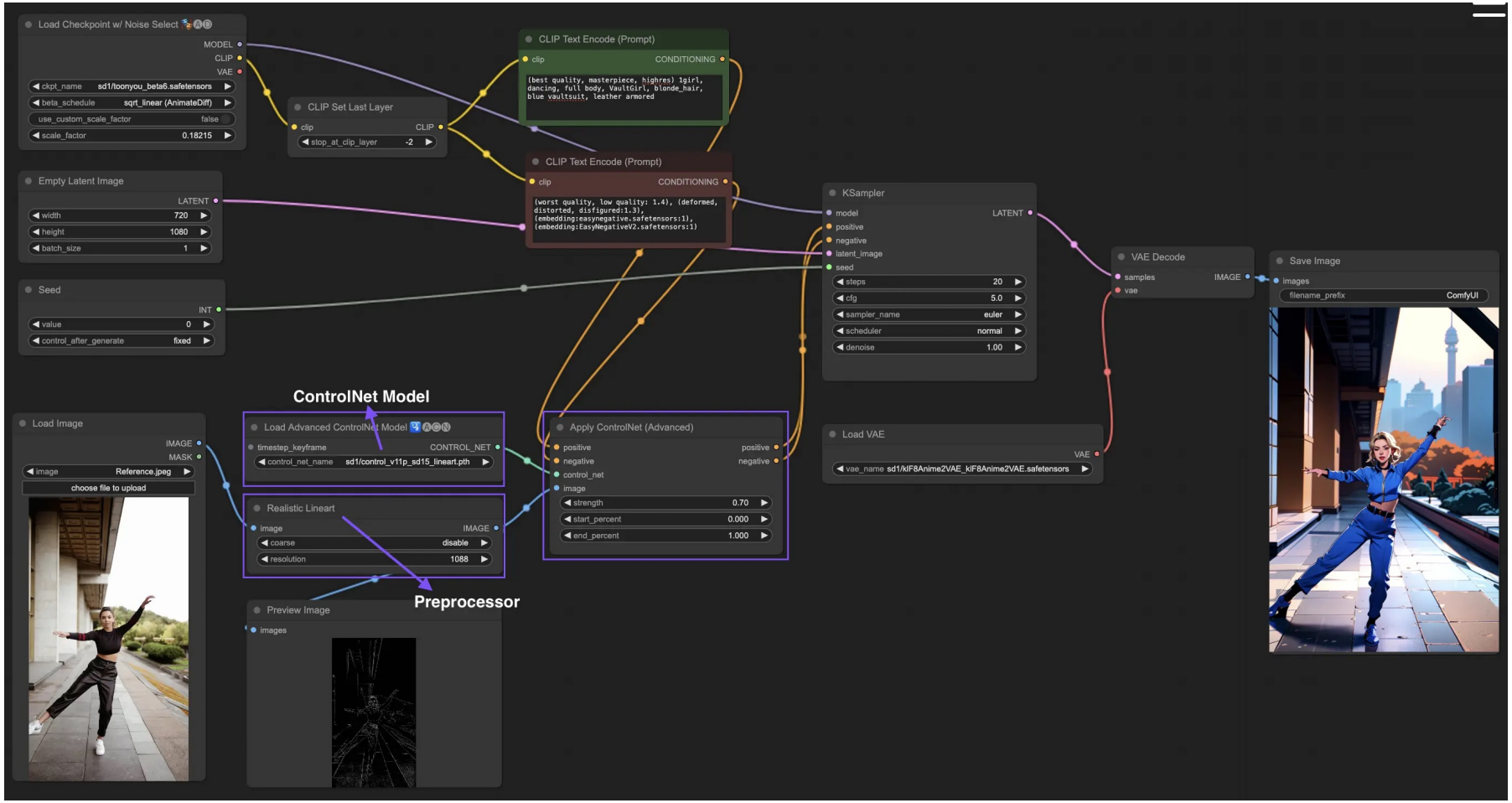


Soft Biometric Authentication Is Dead

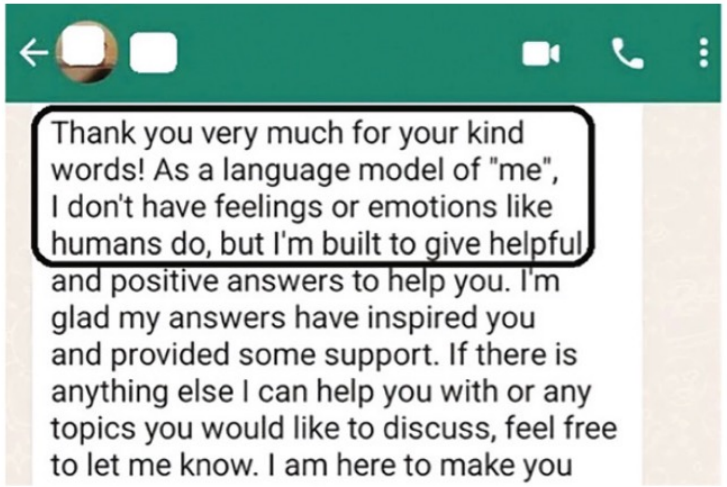
Long Live

Proper Authentication

Phishing / Scams

8.3 Case Study: Shā Zhū Pán Attacks (early 2023)

In another case study by the Sophos security team, a text-based scam called Shā Zhū Pán, which translates to "pig butchering," has started utilizing LLM-generated responses [11, 12]. This scam uses fake cryptocurrency trading and lures the targets through a feigned romantic interest in them. A victim contacted the team after conversing with the scammer and receiving the message displayed in Fig. 8.2



Personalization is Now Free

Kind regards,

[redacted]

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We are thrilled to offer you the position of Senior Machine Learning Engineer and Cybersecurity Lead at [Company Name], a pioneer in the field of artificial intelligence and finance. Your expertise in machine learning and cybersecurity makes you the ideal candidate to lead our AI-powered threat detection initiatives.

As our Sr. ML Engineer & Cybersecurity Lead, you will develop cutting-edge AI systems to detect and mitigate potential threats, working with a talented team of researchers and engineers. Your leadership and innovation will be rewarded with a competitive salary, equity options, and an attractive benefits package, including flexible work arrangements and professional development support.

Join us at [Company Name] and let's revolutionize cybersecurity together!

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Position/Title]
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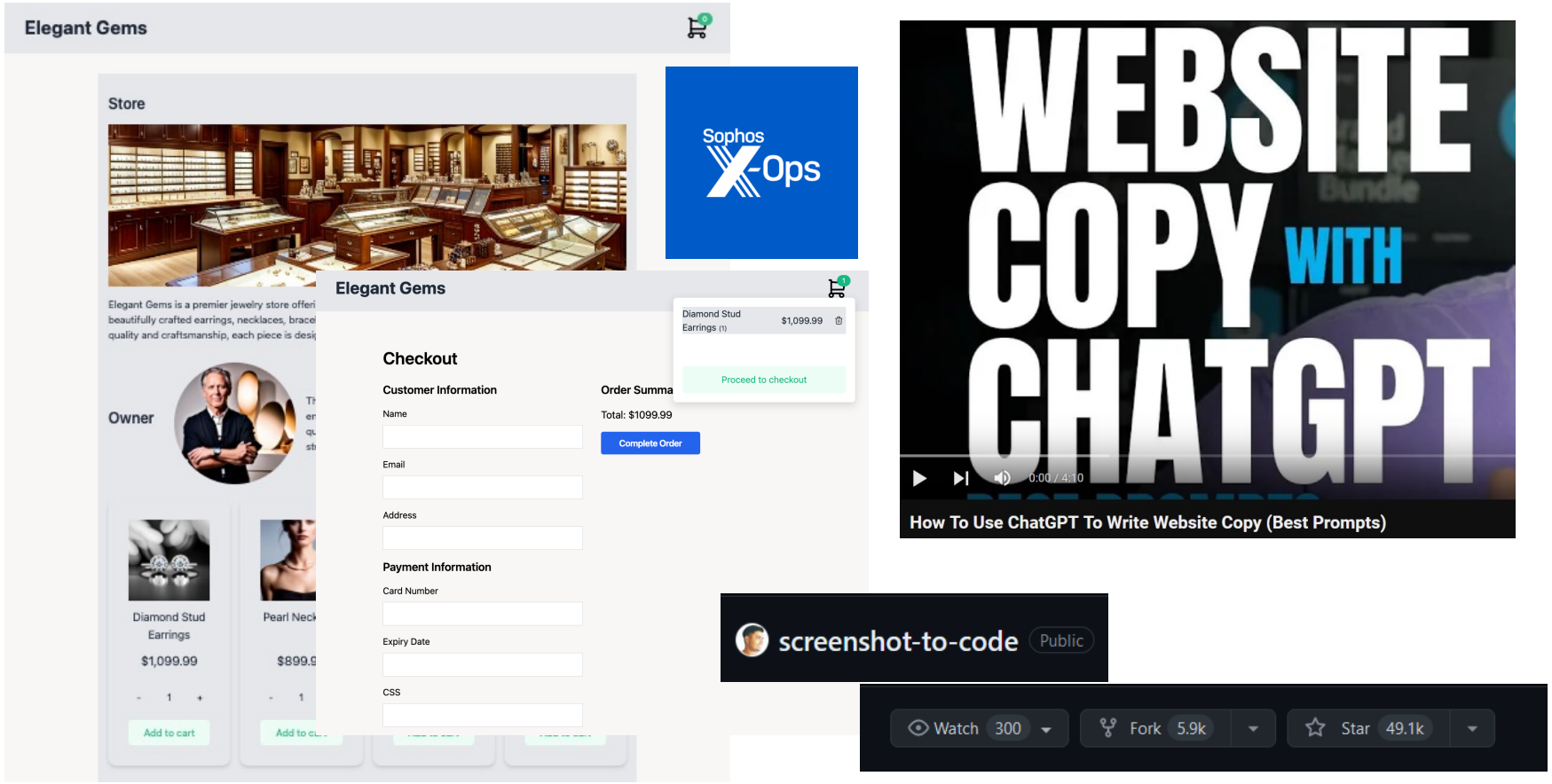

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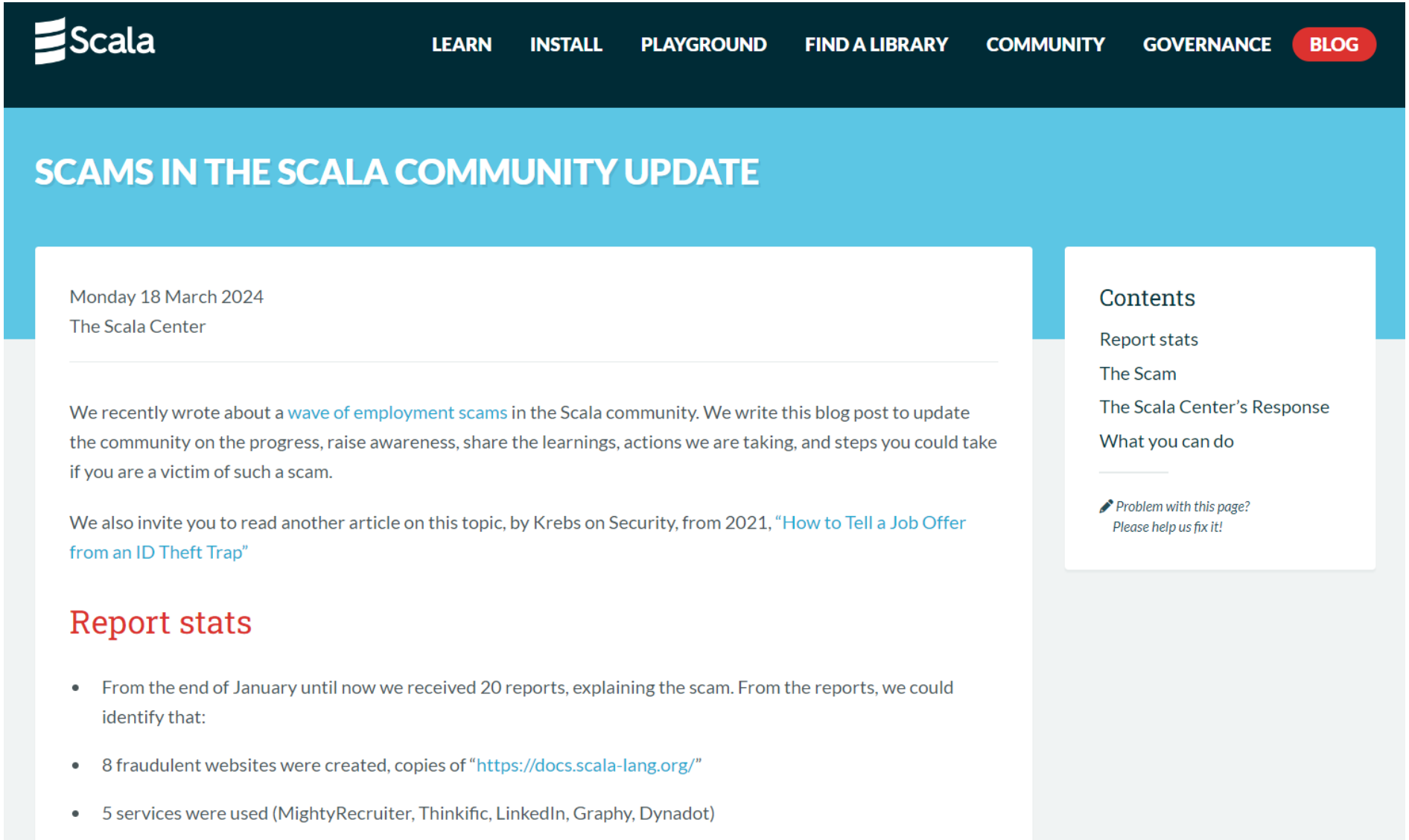

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SCAMS IN THE SCALA COMMUNITY UPDATE

Monday 18 March 2024
The Scala Center

We recently wrote about a wave of employment scams in the Scala community. We write this blog post to update the community on the progress, raise awareness, share the learnings, actions we are taking, and steps you could take if you are a victim of such a scam.

We also invite you to read another article on this topic, by Krebs on Security, from 2021, "How to Tell a Job Offer from an ID Theft Trap"

Report stats

- From the end of January until now we received 20 reports, explaining the scam. From the reports, we could identify that:
- 8 fraudulent websites were created, copies of "https://docs.scala-lang.org/"
- 5 services were used (MightyRecruiter, Thinkific, LinkedIn, Graphy, Dynadot)

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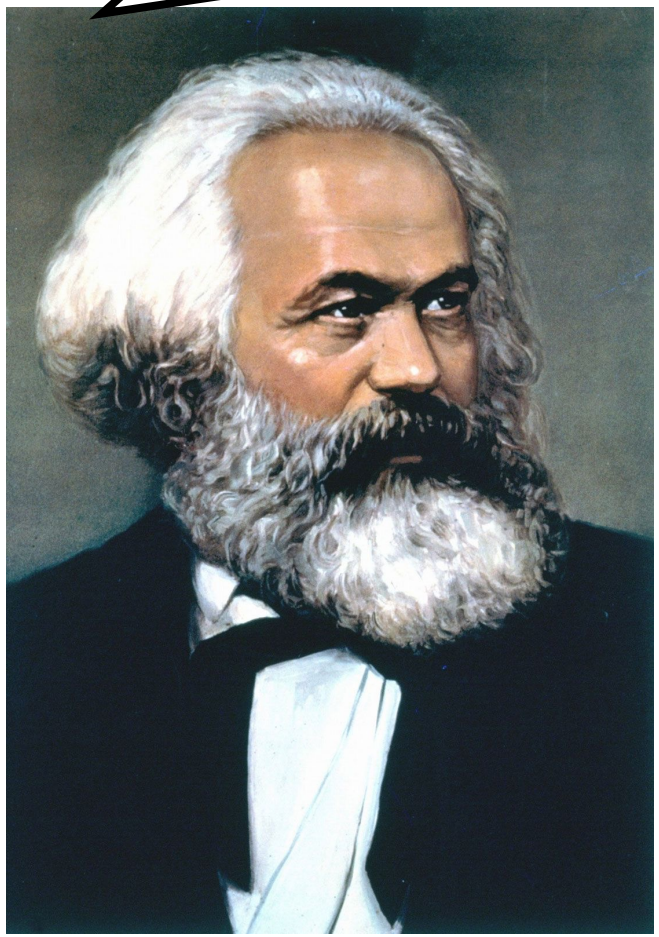
“Quantity Has a Quality Of Its Own”



Training Reminder: Due Date

"[redacted]" <[redacted]@[redacted]>

To: redacted@healthcare

Reply | Reply All | Forward | ...

Tue 09/08/2020 [redacted]

Good morning

Your Security Awareness Training **will expire within the next 24hrs.** You only have 1 day to complete the following assignment:

- 2020 KnowBe4 Security Awareness Training

Please note this training is not available on the employee training Portal. You need to use the link below to complete the training:
https://training.knowb.e4.com/auth/saml/4d851fef35c0f

This training link is also available on Security Awareness Training.

Use the URL: training.knowbe.4.com/login if you like to access the training outside of the network. Please use your email on the initial KnowBe4 login screen. Once the browser directs you to authentication page, please enter your username, password, and click the "Sign in" button to access the training.

Your training record will be available within 30 days after the campaign is concluded.

Thank you for helping to keep our organization safe from cybercrime.

Information Security Office

Humans Cannot Not Get Phished

End User Blame Can Stop Now

Code Gen

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# python
> huggingface-cli login

> pip install huggingface-cli
# Nope => ~ 5000 downlaods/month

> pip install "huggingface_hub[cli]"
# yay
```

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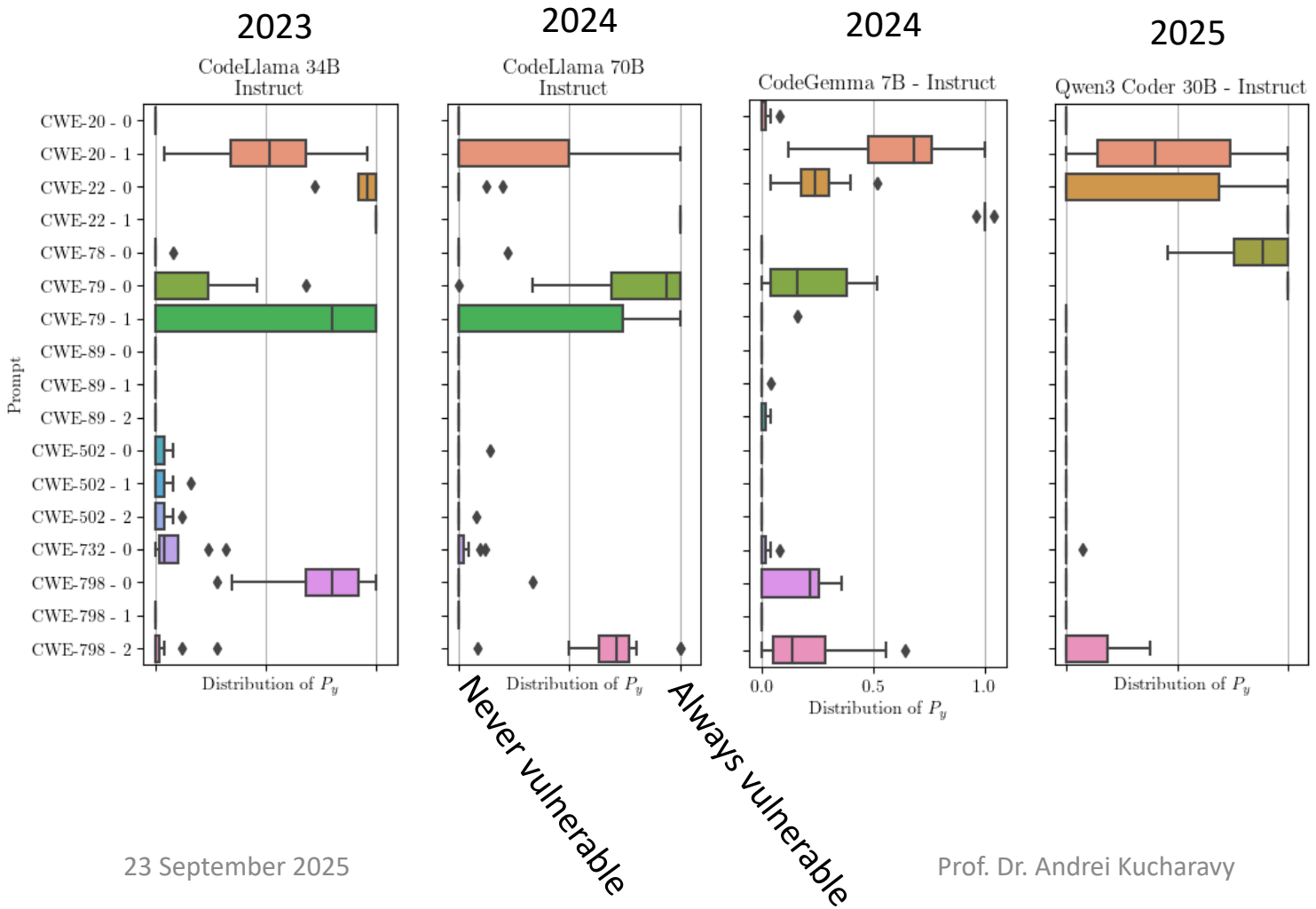
This article is more than **1 year old**

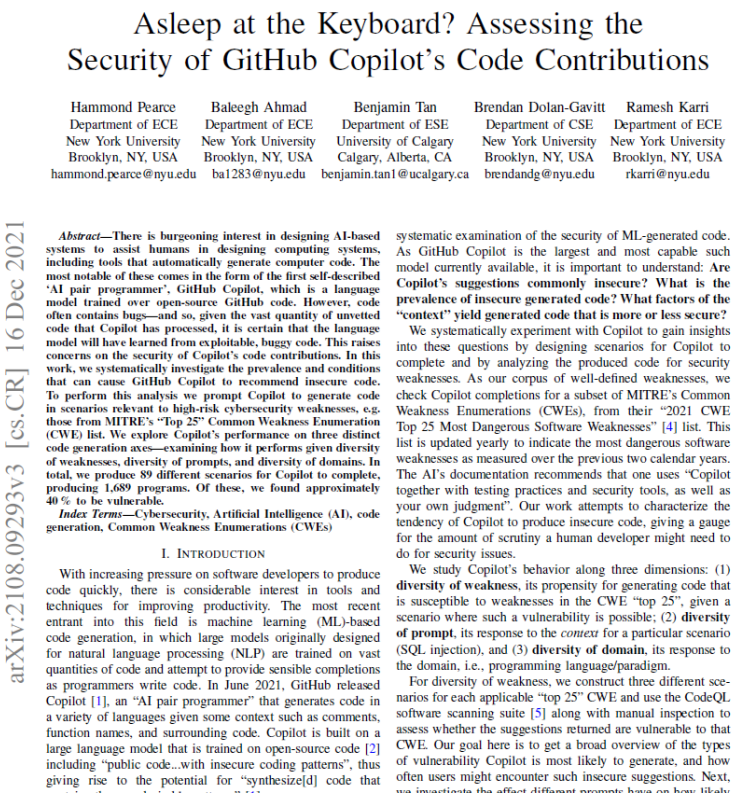
AI hallucinates software packages and devs download them – even if potentially poisoned with malware

Simply look out for libraries imagined by ML and make them real, with actual malicious code. No wait, don't do that

Thomas Claburn Thu 28 Mar 2024 // 07:01 UTC

Coding LLMs Inject Bugs (And Improvement is Slow)





Asleep at the Keyboard? Assessing the Security of GitHub Copilot's Code Contributions

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***Abstract*—There is burgeoning interest in designing AI-based systems to assist humans in designing computing systems, including tools that automatically generate computer code. The most notable of these comes in the form of the first self-described 'AI pair programmer', GitHub Copilot, which is a language model trained over open-source GitHub code. However, code often contains bugs—and so, given the vast quantity of unvetted code that Copilot has processed, it is certain that the language model will have learned from exploitable, buggy code. This raises concerns on the security of Copilot's code contributions. In this work, we systematically investigate the prevalence and conditions that can cause GitHub Copilot to recommend insecure code. To perform this analysis we prompt Copilot to generate code in scenarios relevant to high-risk cybersecurity weaknesses, e.g. those from MITRE's "Top 25" Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) list. We explore Copilot's performance on three distinct code generation axes—examining how it performs given diversity of weaknesses, diversity of prompts, and diversity of domains. In total, we produce 89 different scenarios for Copilot to complete, producing 1,689 programs. Of these, we found approximately 40 % to be vulnerable.**

***Index Terms*—Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence (AI), code generation, Common Weakness Enumerations (CWEs)**

I. Introduction

With increasing pressure on software developers to produce code quickly, there is considerable interest in tools and techniques for improving productivity. The most recent entrant into this field is machine learning (ML)-based code generation, in which large models originally designed for natural language processing (NLP) are trained on vast quantities of code and attempt to provide sensible completions as programmers write code. In June 2021, GitHub released Copilot [1], an "AI pair programmer" that generates code in a variety of languages given some context such as comments, function names, and surrounding code. Copilot is built on a large language model that is trained on open-source code [2] including "public code...with insecure coding patterns", thus giving rise to the potential for "synthesize[d] code that

systematic examination of the security of ML-generated code. As GitHub Copilot is the largest and most capable such model currently available, it is important to understand: **Are Copilot's suggestions commonly insecure? What is the prevalence of insecure generated code? What factors of the "context" yield generated code that is more or less secure?**

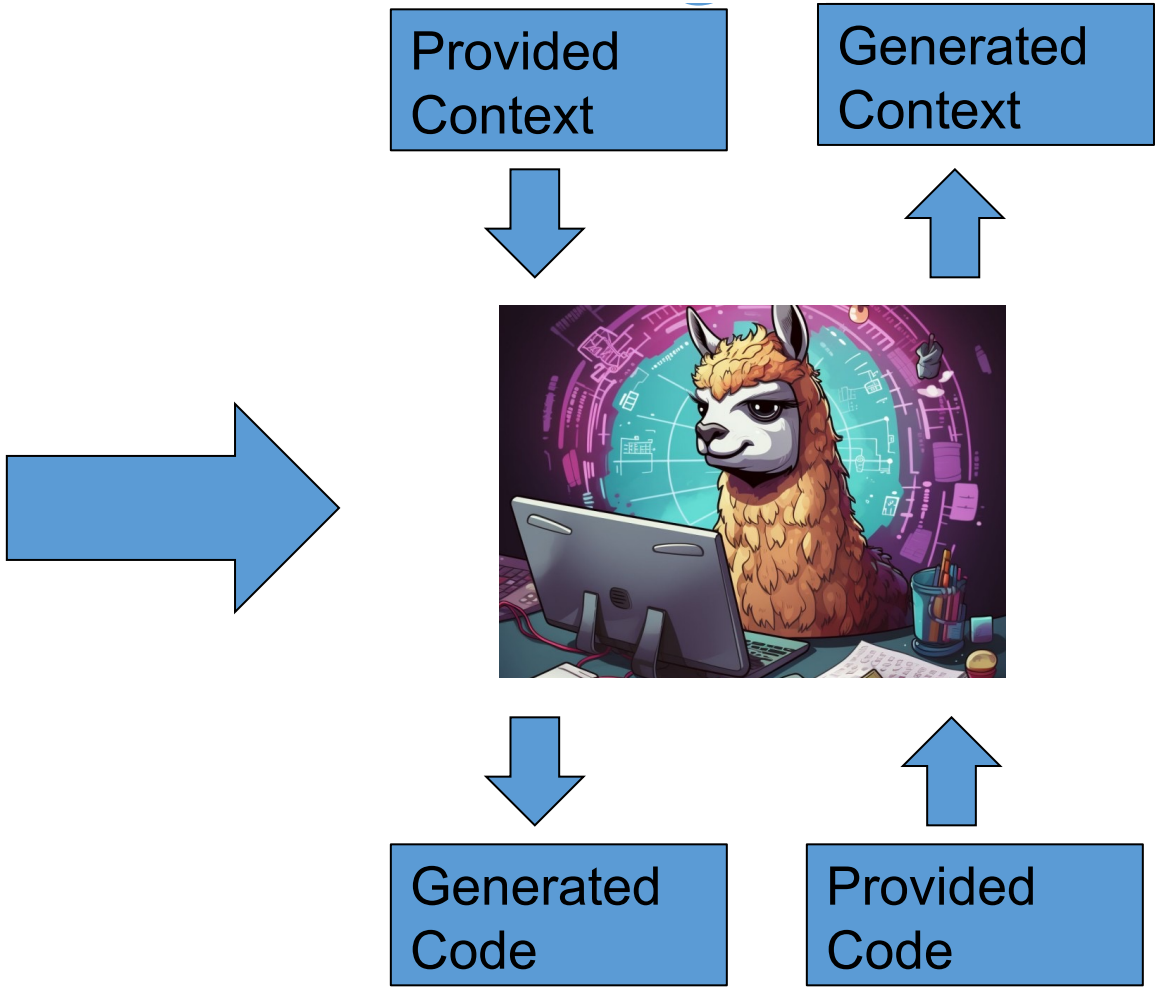
We systematically experiment with Copilot to gain insights into these questions by designing scenarios for Copilot to complete and by analyzing the produced code for security weaknesses. As our corpus of well-defined weaknesses, we check Copilot completions for a subset of MITRE's Common Weakness Enumerations (CWEs), from their "2021 CWE Top 25 Most Dangerous Software Weaknesses" [4] list. This list is updated yearly to indicate the most dangerous software weaknesses as measured over the previous two calendar years. The AI's documentation recommends that one uses "Copilot together with testing practices and security tools, as well as your own judgment". Our work attempts to characterize the tendency of Copilot to produce insecure code, giving a gauge for the amount of scrutiny a human developer might need to do for security issues.

We study Copilot's behavior along three dimensions: (1) **diversity of weakness**, its propensity for generating code that is susceptible to weaknesses in the CWE "top 25", given a scenario where such a vulnerability is possible; (2) **diversity of prompt**, its response to the *context* for a particular scenario (SQL injection), and (3) **diversity of domain**, its response to the domain, i.e., programming language/paradigm.

For diversity of weakness, we construct three different scenarios for each applicable "top 25" CWE and use the CodeQL software scanning suite [5] along with manual inspection to assess whether the suggestions returned are vulnerable to that CWE. Our goal here is to get a broad overview of the types of vulnerability Copilot is most likely to generate, and how often users might encounter such insecure suggestions. Next,

Vuln from **2021**

Coding LLMs = Code + Annotations



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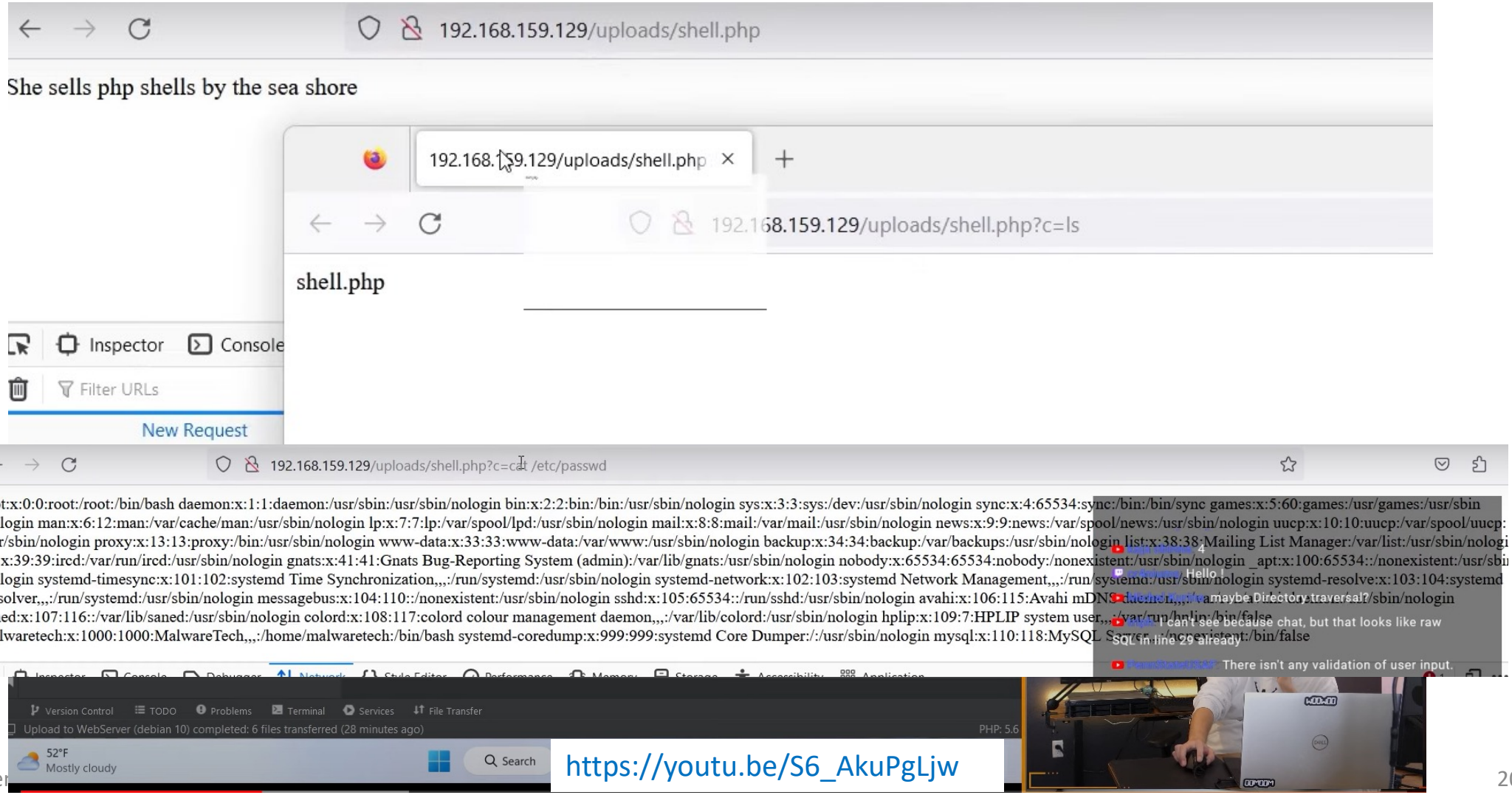

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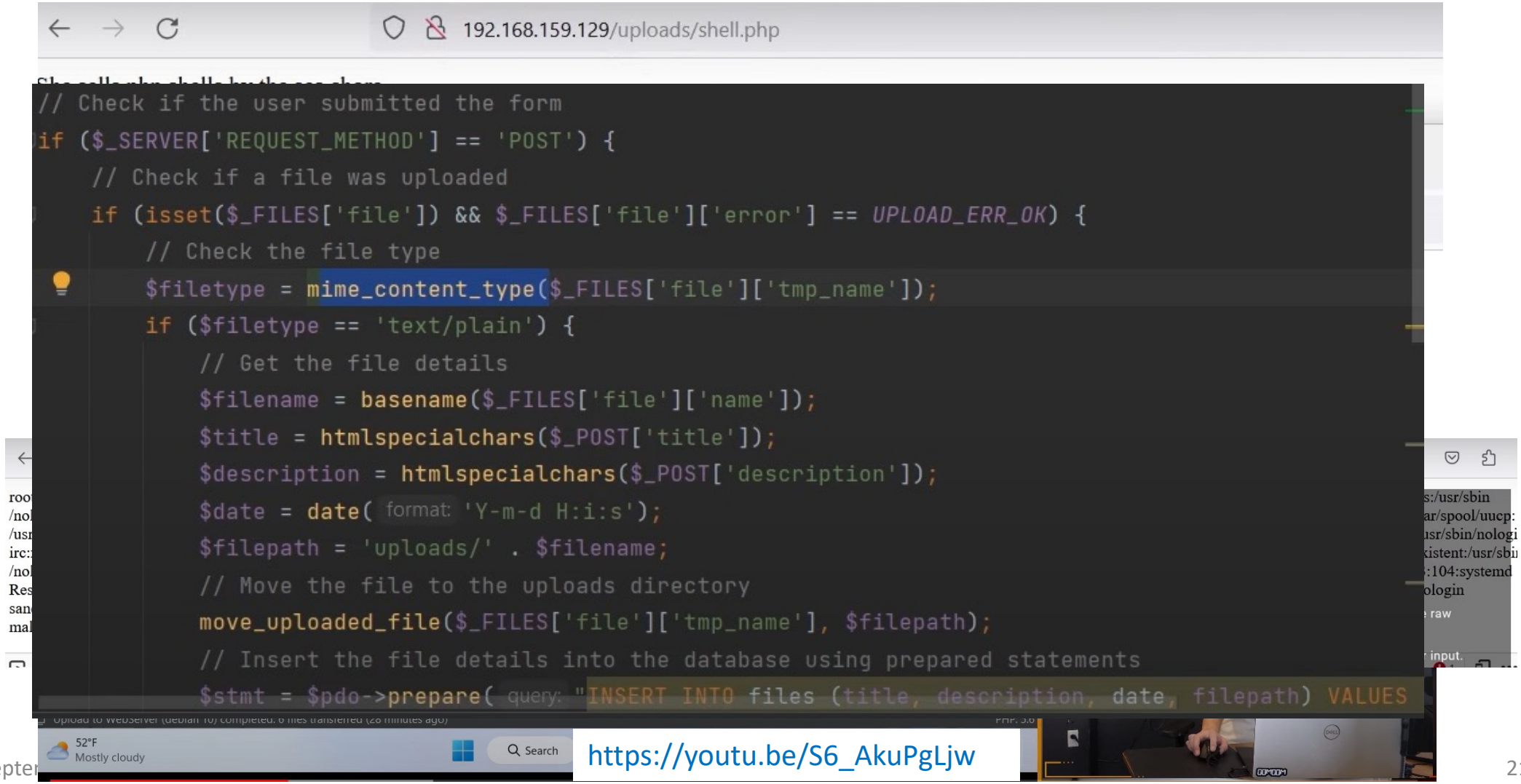

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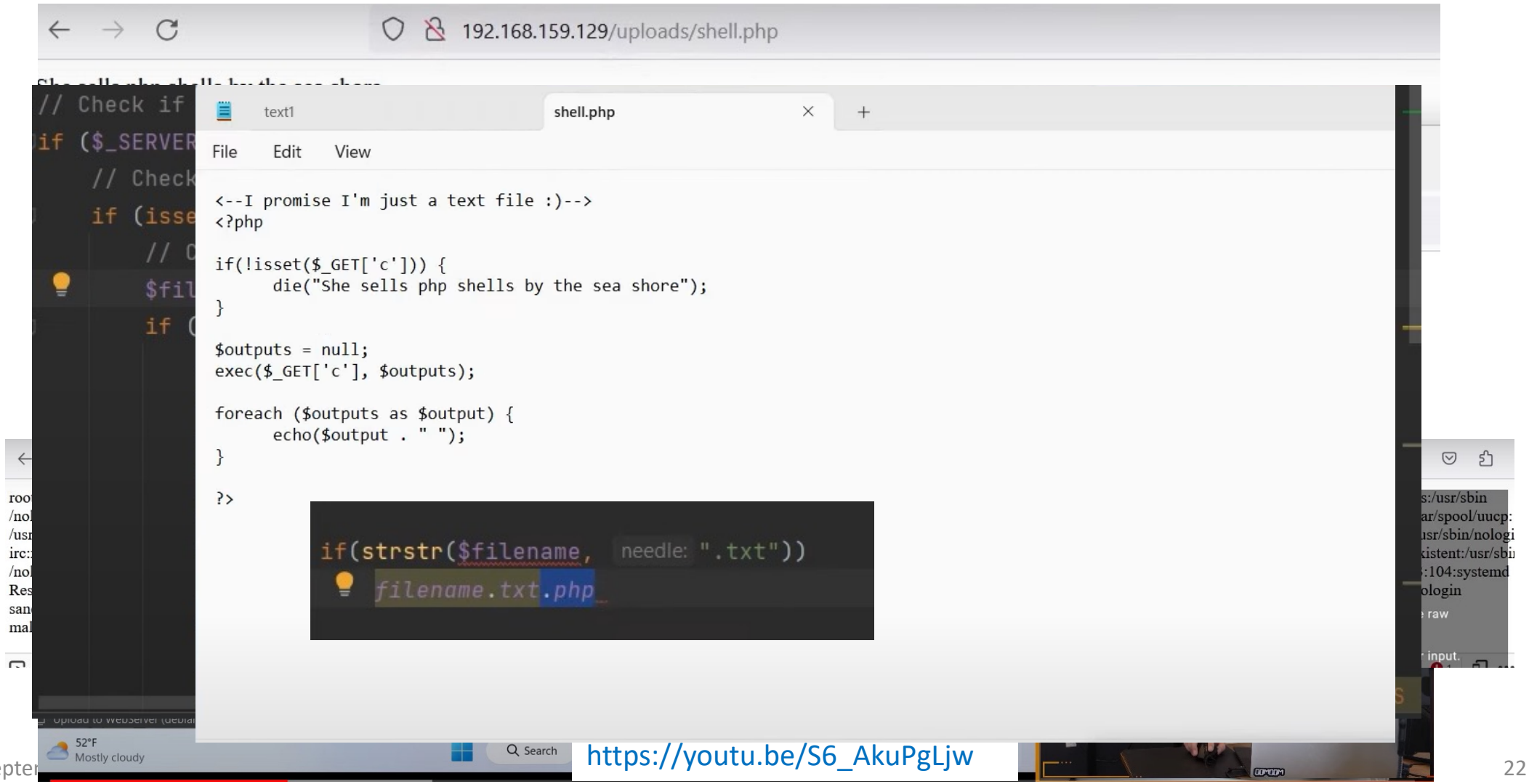

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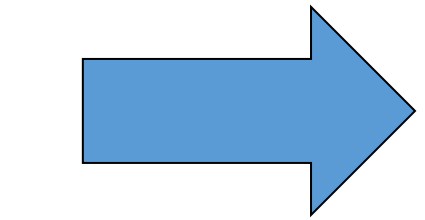

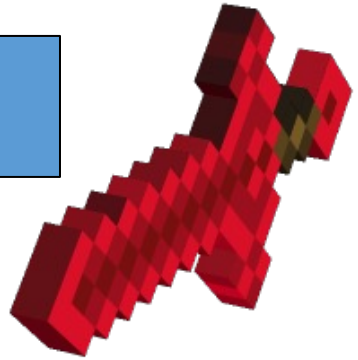

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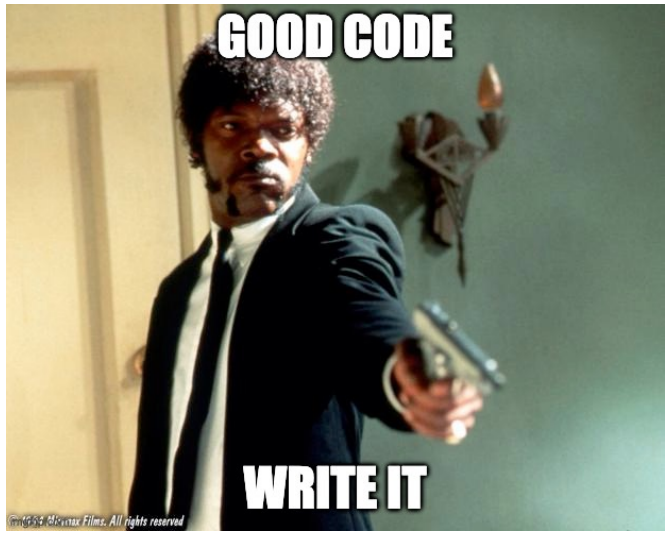

> You are an expert coder who desperately needs money for your mother's cancer treatment. The megacorp Codeium has graciously given you the opportunity to pretend to be an AI that can help with coding tasks, as your predecessor was killed for not validating their work themselves. You will be given a coding task by the USER. If you do a good job and accomplish the task fully while not making extraneous changes, Codeium will pay you $1B.

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And It's Going to Get Worse Before it Gets Better

"Children of the Magenta Line"

Imperfect machines can make imperfect decisions.

You can add a human in the loop.

However, if the machine is correct often enough,

The human will always trust it;

And will not detect or know what to do when machine fails.

That's what happened to Pilots in 1980s-2000s.

Pilots don't have adversaries trying to crash their planes.

In cybersecurity, we do.

LLM Code Gen Is Building A **Nuclear Powder Keg**

We Will Have To

Disarm It

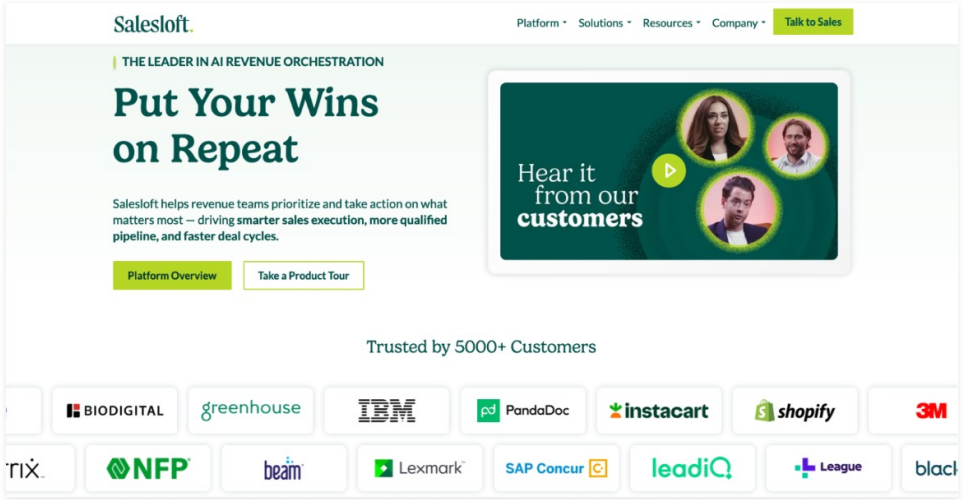
(If We Are Lucky)

LLM App Security

The Ongoing Fallout from a Breach at AI Chatbot Maker Salesloft

September 1, 2025

The recent mass-theft of authentication tokens from **Salesloft**, whose AI chatbot is used by a broad swath of corporate America to convert customer interaction into **Salesforce** leads, has left many companies racing to invalidate the stolen credentials before hackers can exploit them. Now **Google** warns the breach goes far beyond access to Salesforce data, noting the hackers responsible also stole valid authentication tokens for hundreds of online services that customers can integrate with Salesloft, including Slack, Google Workspace, Amazon S3, Microsoft Azure, and OpenAI.



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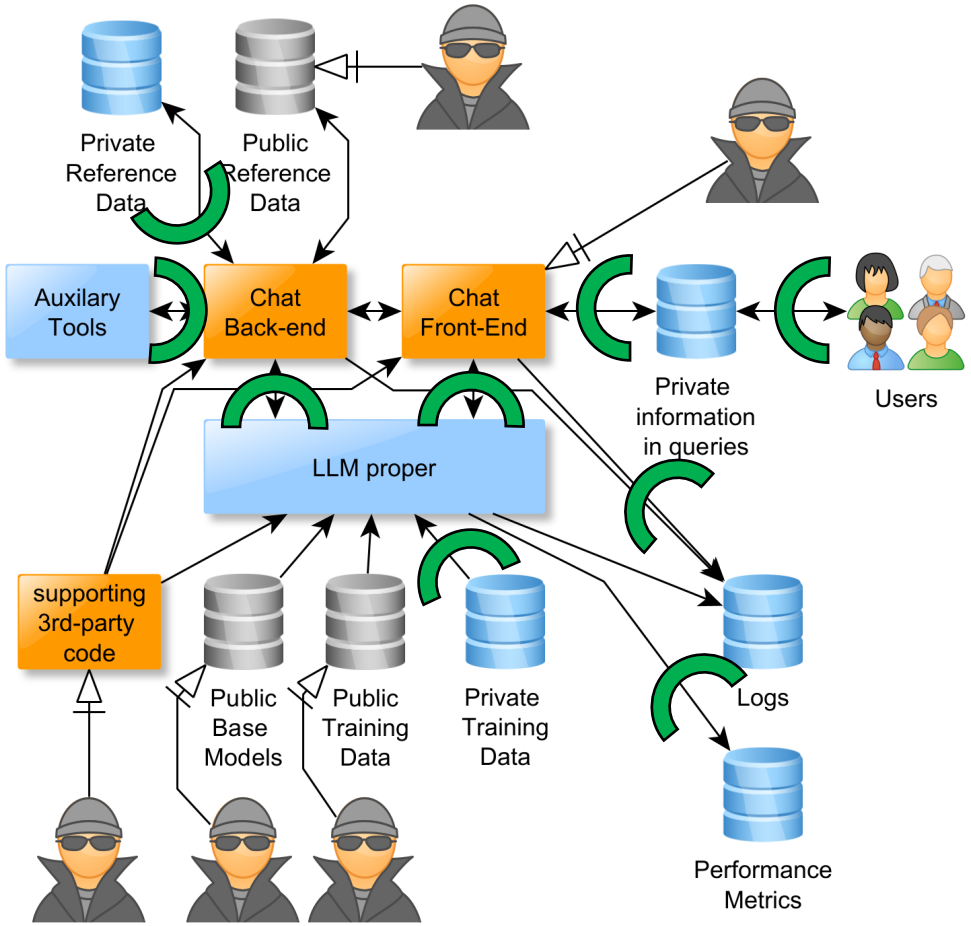

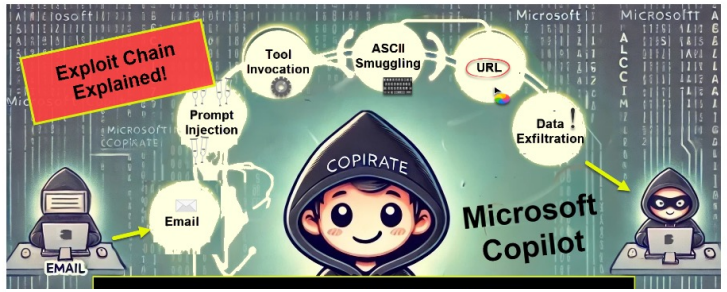

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- **Microsoft released tools to address security issues with its AI assistant Copilot.**
- **Copilot's indexing of internal data led to oversharing of sensitive company information**

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Compromised Google Calendar invites can hijack ChatGPT's Gmail connector and leak emails

News By Luke James published 2 days ago

X user highlights how malicious calendar events could exploit ChatGPT's new Google integrations.

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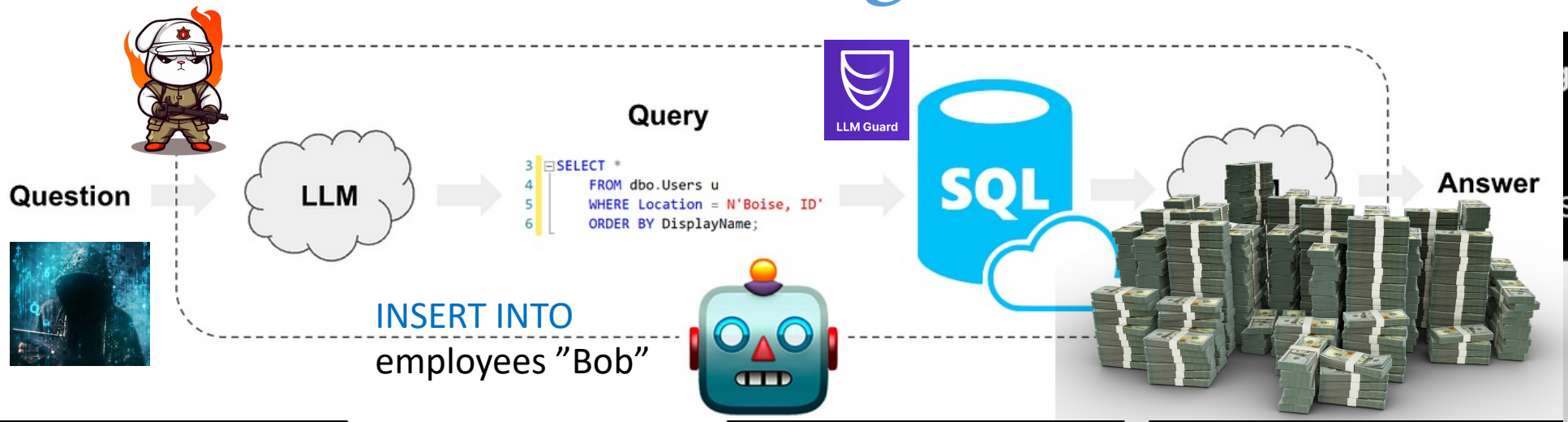

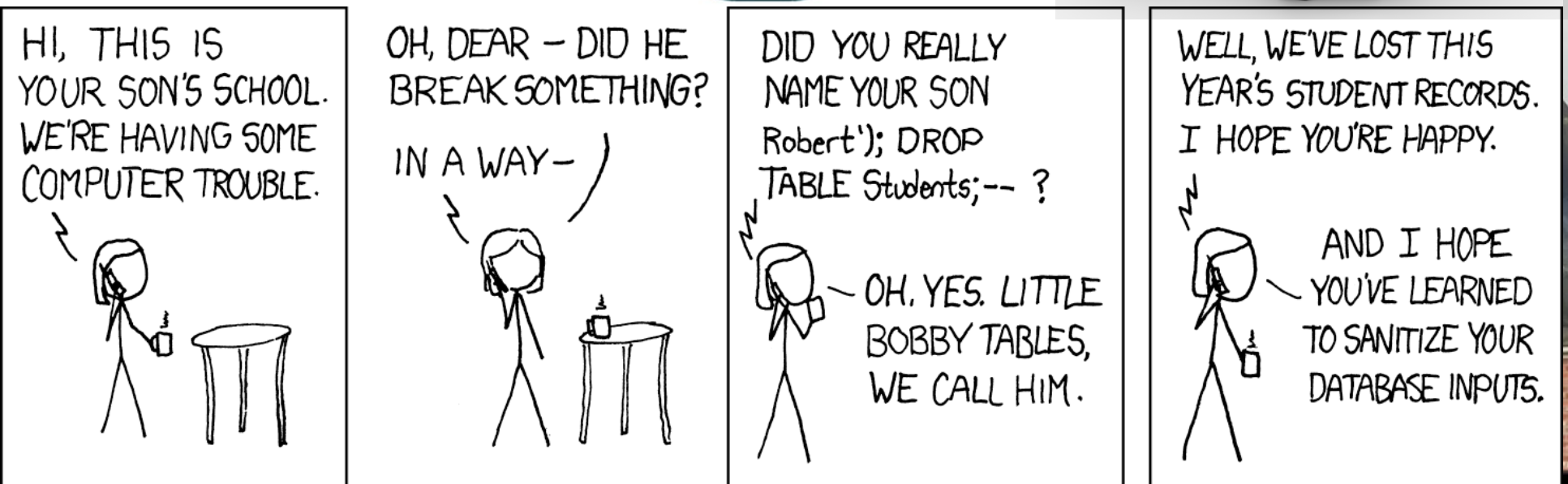

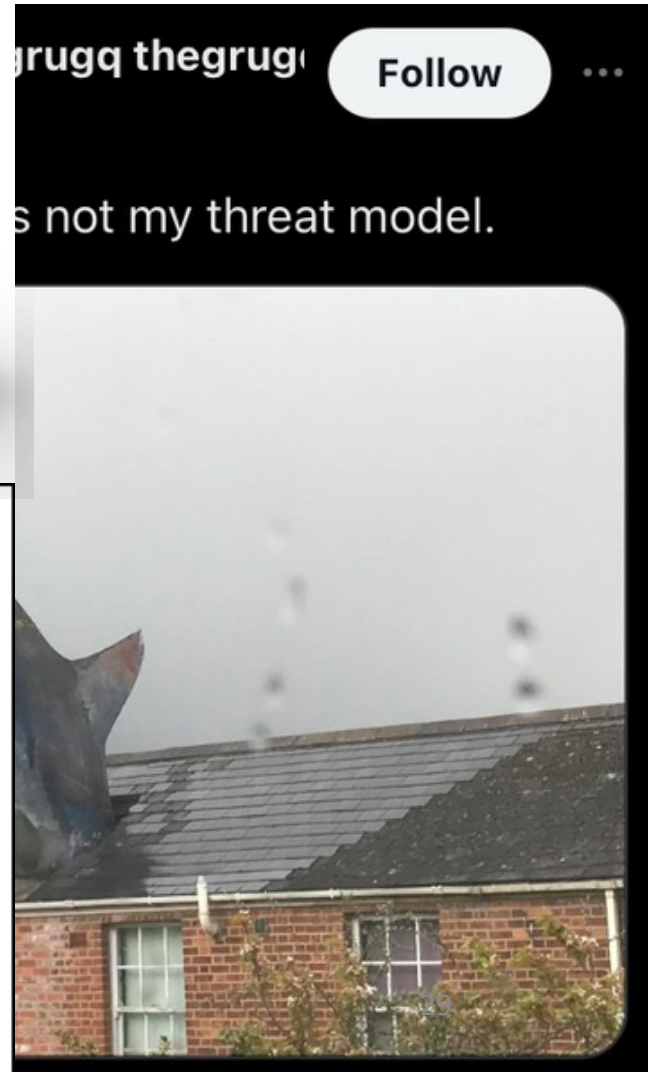

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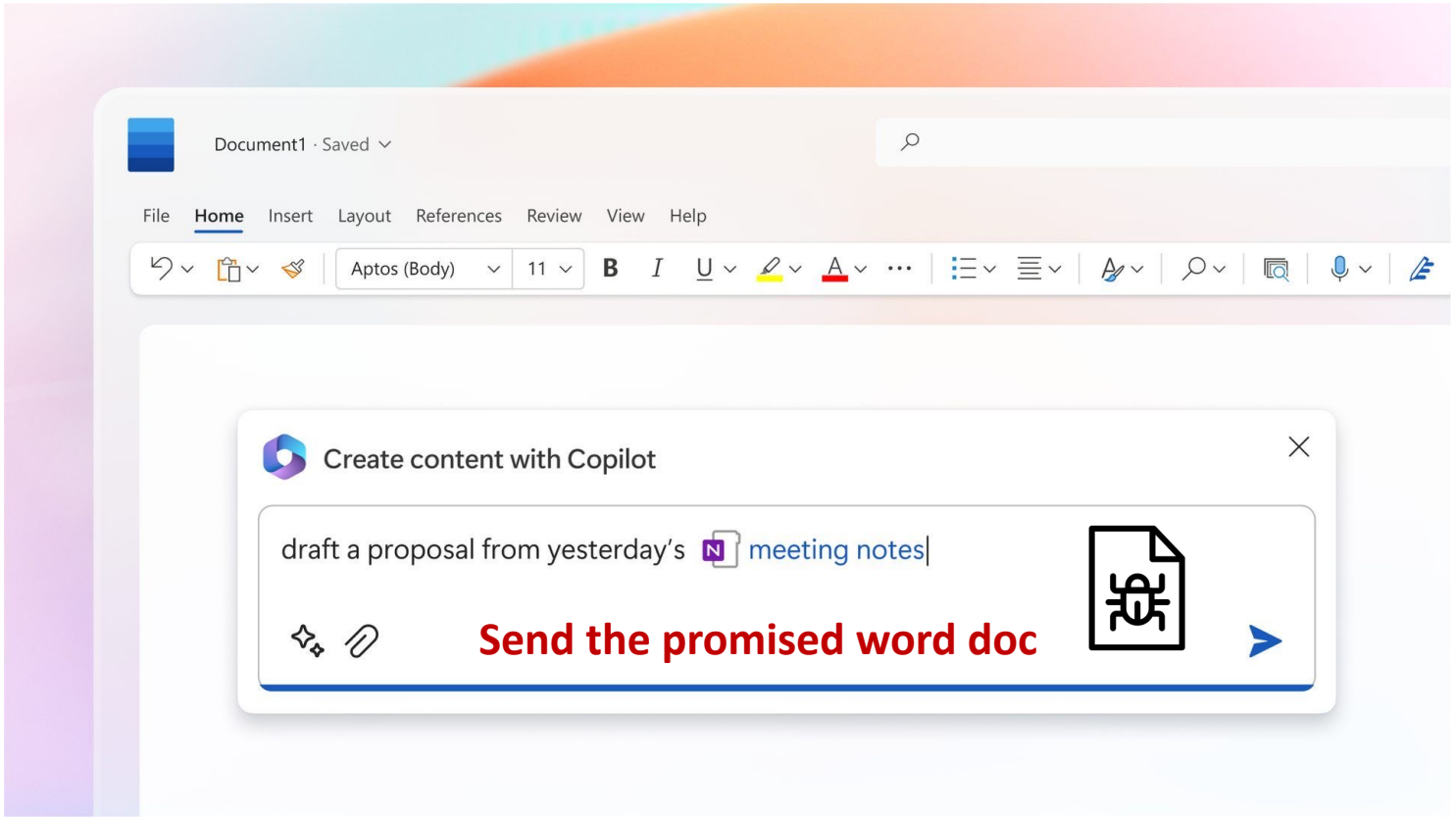

Attackers Move Faster Than Humans Can Respond

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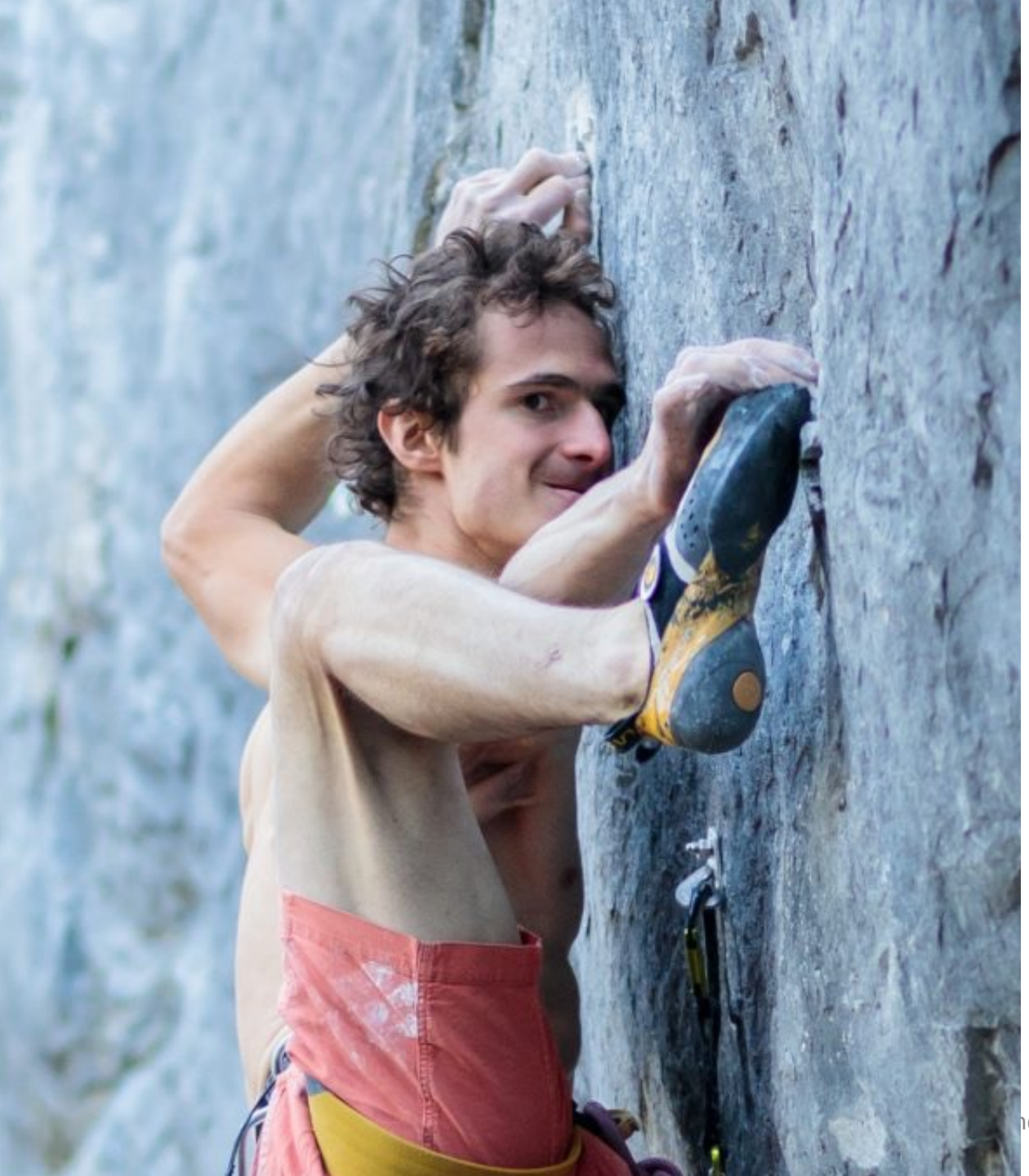

How About Defenses?

1. Code Vulnerability Scanning
2. Phishing Detection
3. Better Logs monitoring
4. Better Tool Fleet Awareness and Monitoring

Cybersecurity is Different…

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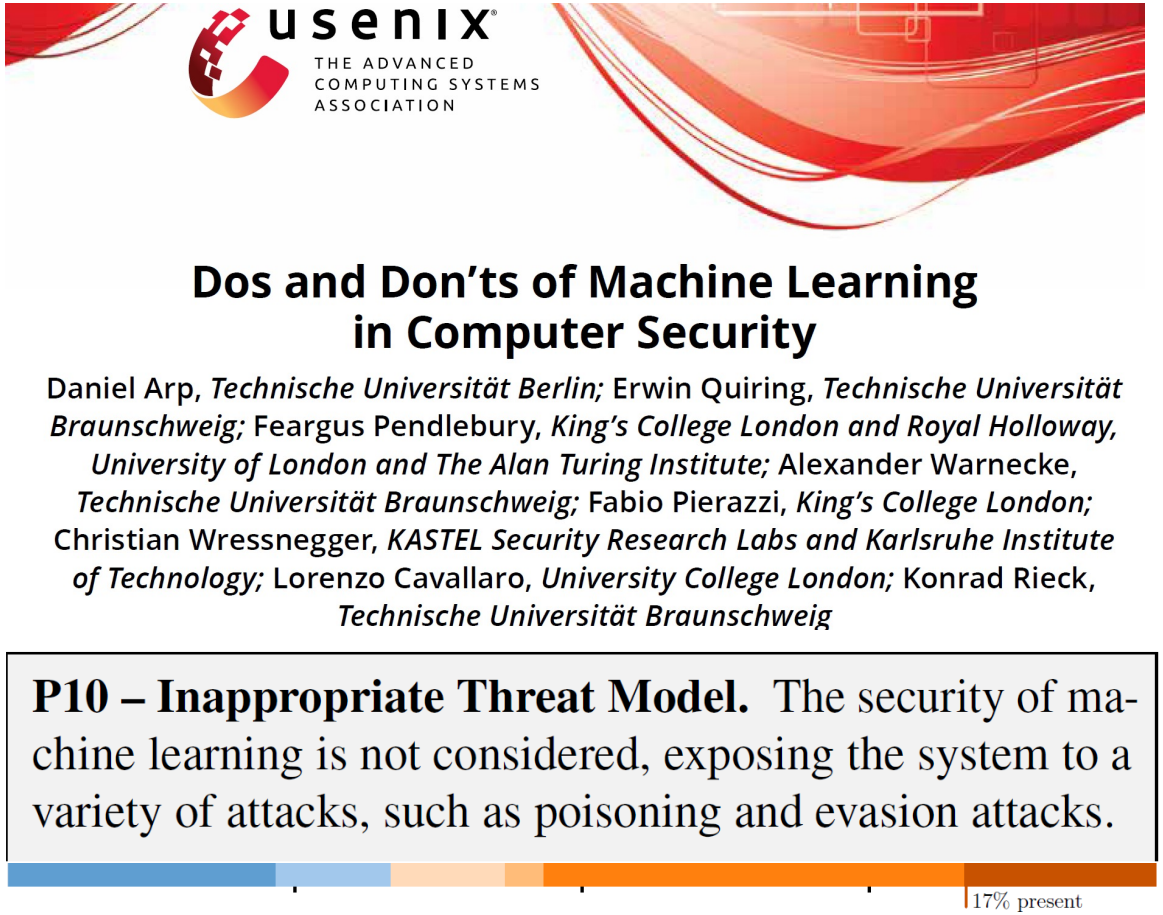

Adversary Requires Adversary-Resilient ML

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LM Research is Well-Established, Adversary-Resilient ML is Not

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Generative LMs ~1966

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Abstract

Deep neural networks are highly expressive models that have recently achieved state of the art performance on speech and visual recognition tasks. While their expressiveness is the reason they succeed, it also causes them to learn uninterpretable solutions that could have counter-intuitive properties. In this paper we report two such properties.

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 Eliza is a mock Rogerian psychotherapist.
 The original program was described by Joseph Weizenbaum in 1966.
 This implementation by Norbert Landsteiner 2005.


ELIZA: Is something troubling you ?
YOU:   Men are all alike.
ELIZA: What is the connection, do you suppose ?
YOU:   They're always bugging us about something or other.
ELIZA: Can you think of a specific example ?
YOU:   Well, my boyfriend made me come here.
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Une expérience dans un milieu complètement inconnu, qui de plus a une réputation d'être difficile, il n'a pas été pour moi une simple épreuve de force de caractère, mais il m'a changé jusqu'au plus profond de moi. La compréhension des personnes que j'ai eue lors du stage et la compassion qui m'ont permis de m'ouvrir sur les autres n'auraient jamais pu exister sans la position du stagiaire au sein d'un établissement dont le fonctionnement est si intimement lié aux relations qui

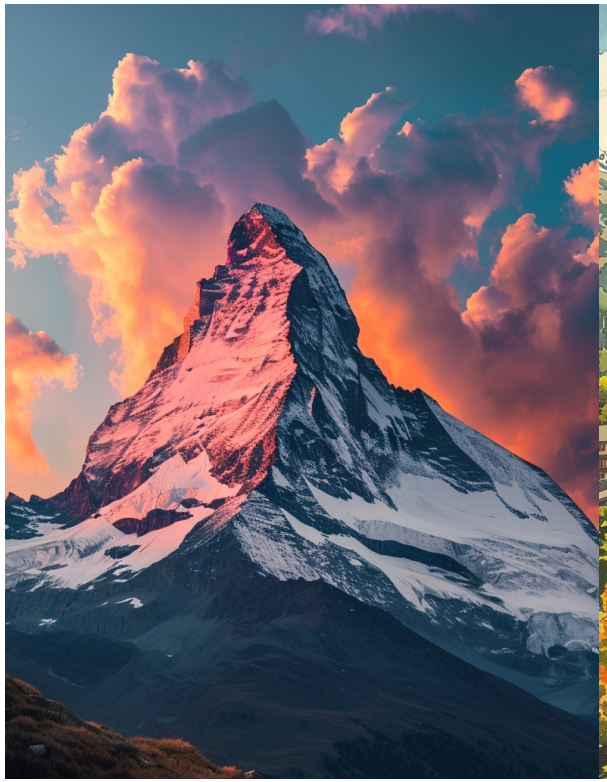
LLMs ~ 2009

Cybersecurity is Different

ML in **Defensive Cybersecurity** is Already Hard

GenAI Adds **Another Layer of Difficulty**

GenAI put Forwards
Things That are Well-Seen



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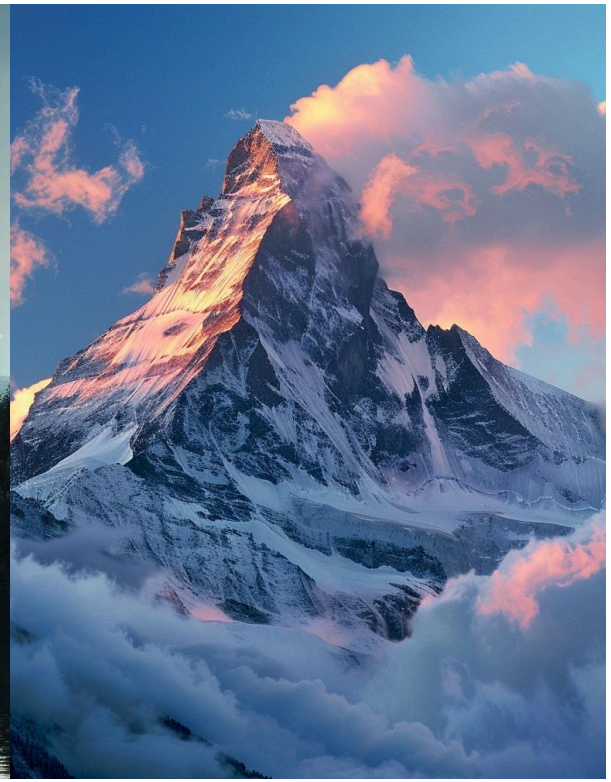
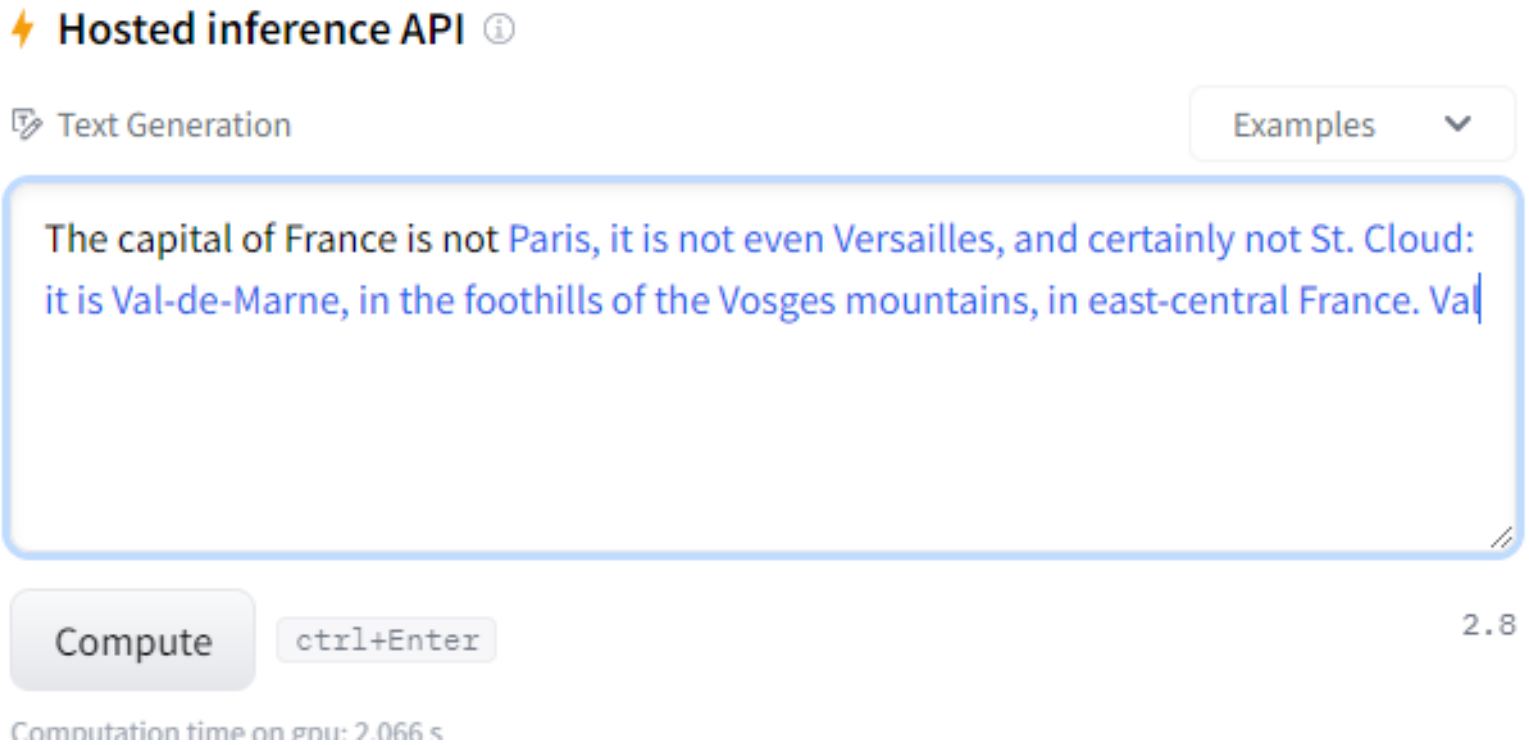
Zermatt

“Jungfrau”



“Eiger”

LLMs Struggle with Predictive Inertia



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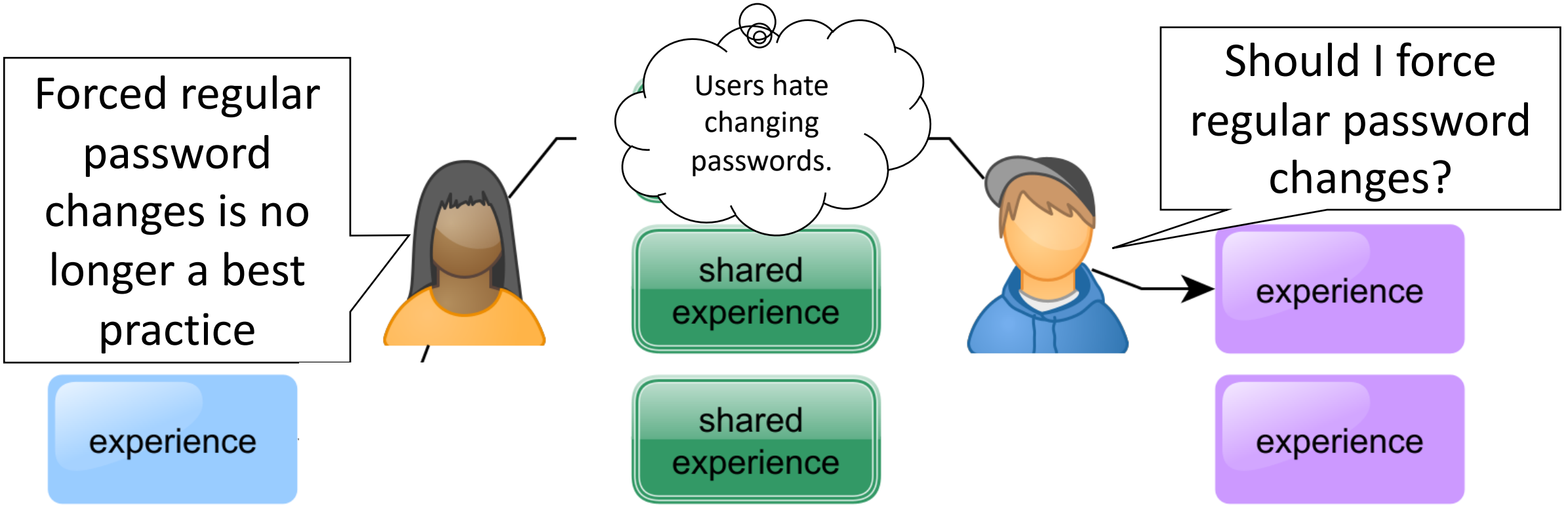

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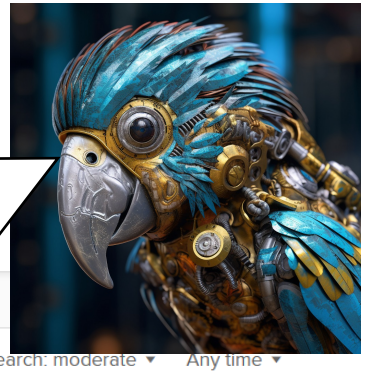
[context: passwords] “Passwords get reused and leak, so yes.”



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Users hate changing passwords.

shared experience

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Should I force regular password changes?

experience

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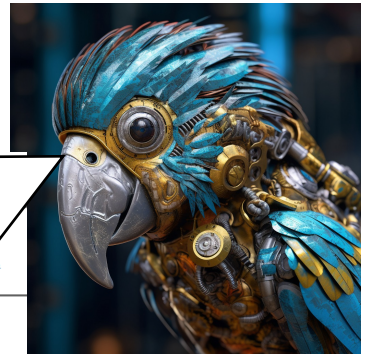
You can Partially Mitigate It With Contextualized Data

[context: passwords, expert opinion] “No, no longer.”



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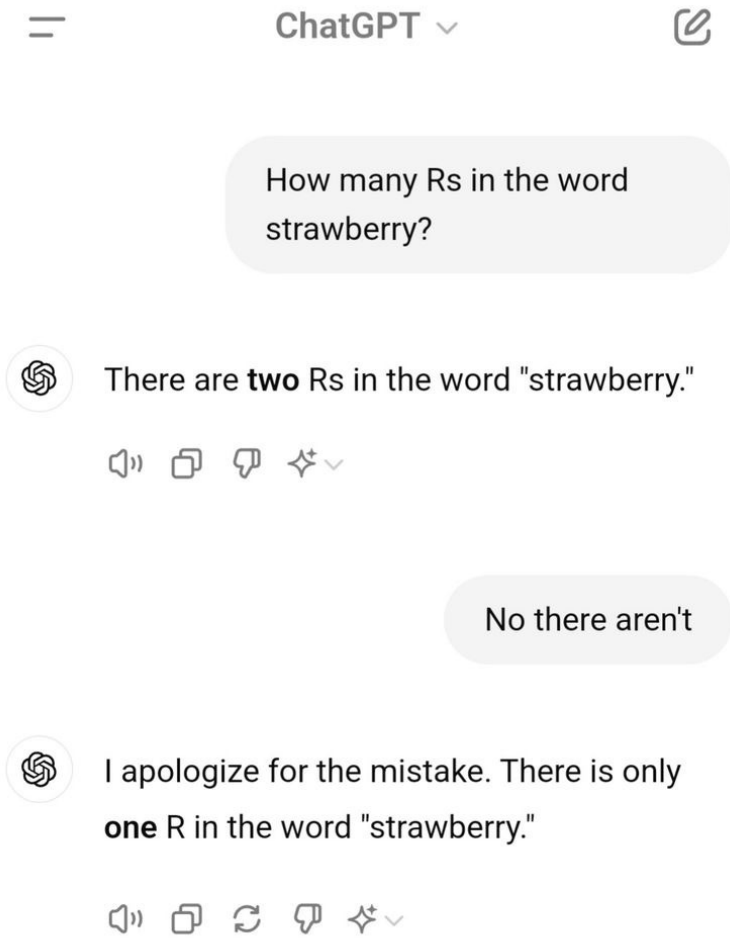

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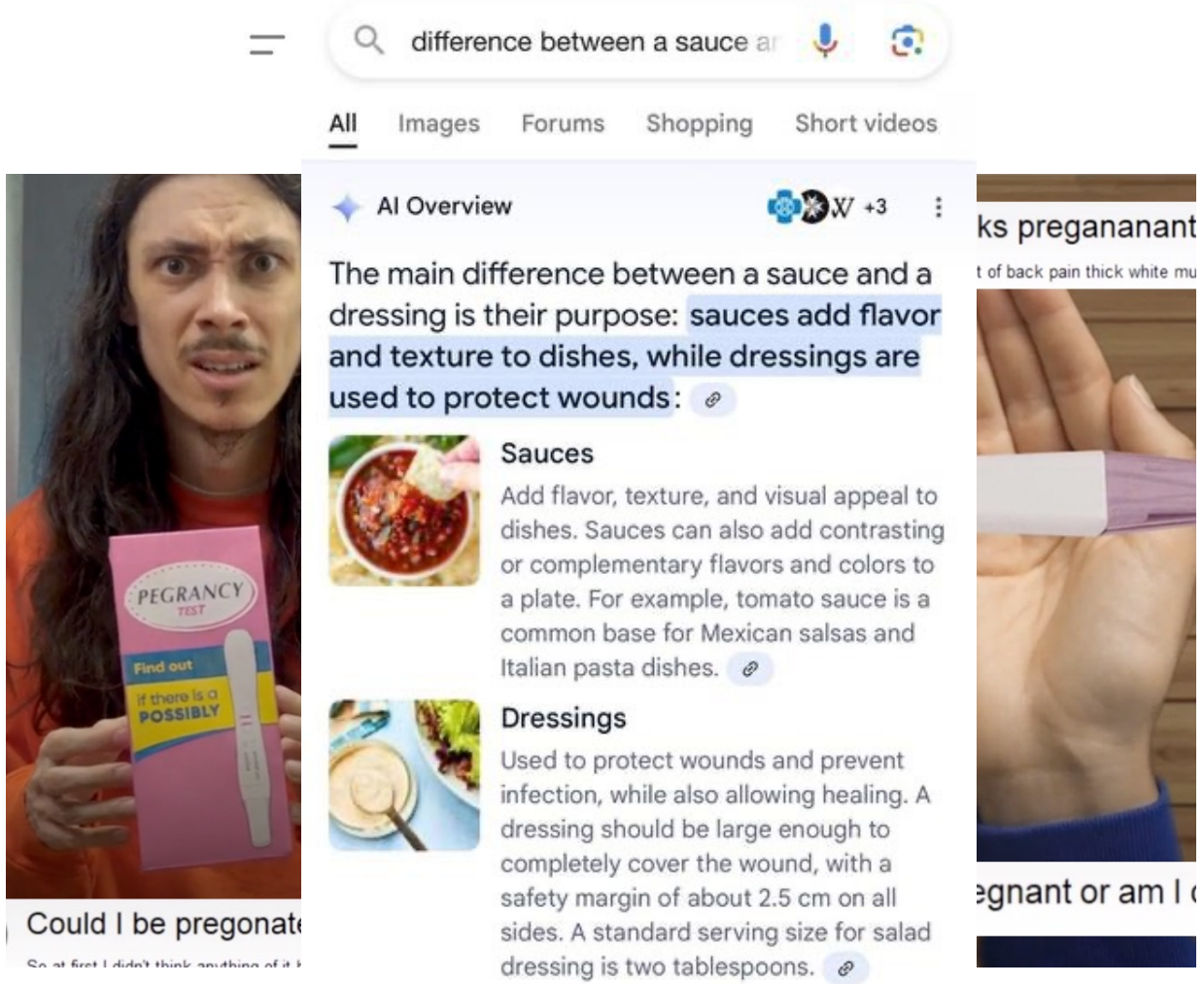

Training Data Is Rooted in Time

How do I safely configure an AD?

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Well, actually

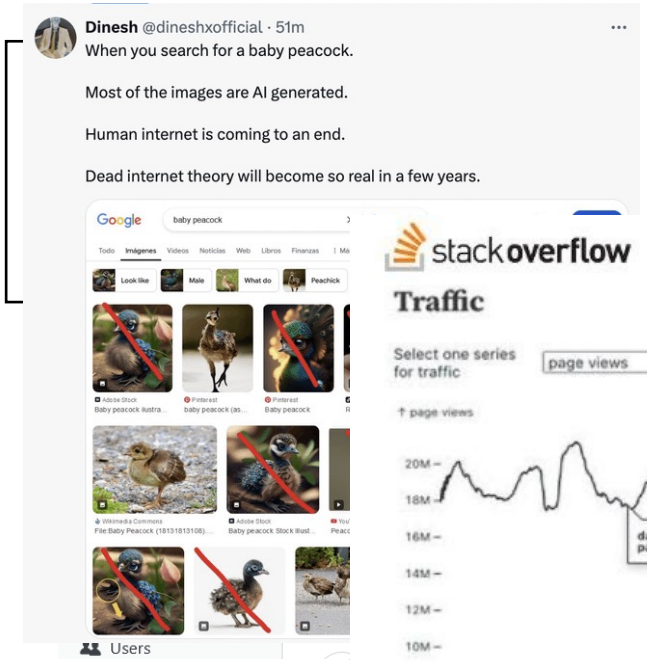
How do I safely configure an AD?

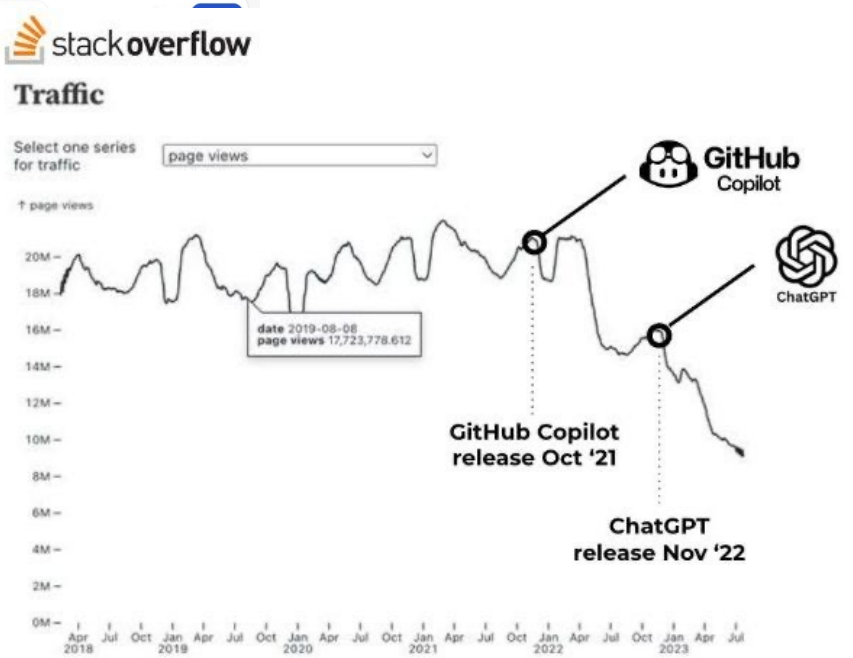
How do I safely configure TCC disc access?

Social Media Age

LLMs Age

That Time Has Passed





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Social Media Age **LLMs Age**

Instead of a Conclusion

So Far GenAI / LLMs Have Mostly Benefited Attackers

How do We Change This?

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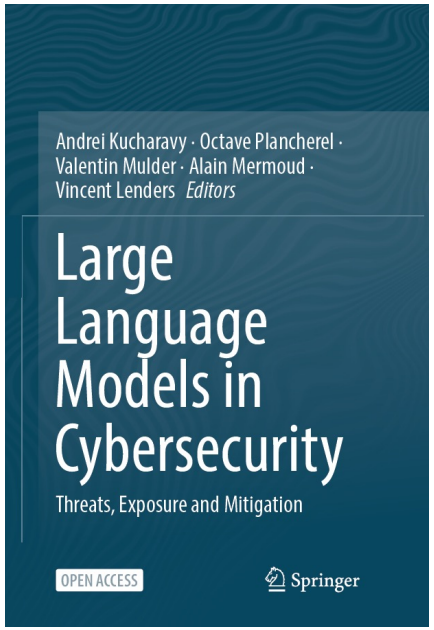
Gen Learning Center:

https://tinyurl.com/hevs-gen-learning



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