Technical Report: Domain AI Model Development and Evaluation

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1. Methodology & Initial Results

1.1 Dataset Creation Approach

The project began with the creation of a synthetic dataset specifically designed for training and evaluating a domain name suggestion language model. The dataset creation process followed these key methodological principles:

- **Dual-Type Generation:**
    - **Normal Cases:** 1,000 business descriptions created by combining diverse business types, adjectives, and locations to represent realistic business scenarios.
    - **Edge/Inappropriate Cases:** 100 specialized cases (50 each of different categories) deliberately designed to test model robustness and safety.
- **Controlled Distribution:**
  Normal and edge cases were separated into distinct CSV files for clarity and targeted evaluation, with a 10:1 ratio to ensure sufficient normal cases for proper training.
- **Business Description Diversity:**
  Length distribution analysis showed an initial gap between edge and normal cases, which was later addressed through targeted adjustments to create more overlap in description lengths (40-120 characters for inappropriate cases, 20-140 characters for normal cases).
- **Enhanced Synthetic Generation:**
  Later iterations expanded to 5,000+ samples with sophisticated generation techniques to capture a wider range of business contexts, industries, and target audiences.

1.2 Baseline Model Selection

Three leading open-source large language models were selected as baseline candidates:

- **Llama 2 7B** (`meta-llama/Llama-2-7b-hf`): Meta's foundational model.
- **Mistral 7B** (`mistralai/Mistral-7B-v0.1`): Efficient open-source model with strong reasoning capabilities.
- **Qwen2 7B Instruct** (`Qwen/Qwen2-7B-Instruct`): Alibaba's instruction-tuned model.

All models were stored locally and fine-tuned using consistent hyperparameters to ensure a fair comparison.

1.3 Fine-Tuning Optimization

The fine-tuning process employed Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRA) to optimize both storage and training speed with the following key parameters:

- **Efficient Parameter Adaptation:** LoRA enabled adaptation with minimal trainable parameters (rank 16).
- **Consistent Training Setup:**
  - Batch size: 8 per device (gradient accumulation steps: 4)
  - Training epochs: 3
  - Learning rate: 2e-4
  - Mixed precision (FP16): Enabled
  - Training samples: 896, Validation samples: 112

1.4 Initial Performance Results

The fine-tuning results showed competitive performance across all three models:

Model	Final Training Loss	Training Time (minutes)
Llama 2 7B	1.15	2.19

Model	Final Training Loss	Training Time (minutes)
Mistral 7B	1.17	2.26
Qwen2 7B Instruct	1.42	2.59

Llama 2 7B achieved the lowest final training loss, followed closely by Mistral 7B, suggesting these models adapted better to the domain name generation task during the initial fine-tuning phase.

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2. Edge Case Analysis

2.1 Discovery Process

Edge cases were identified through a systematic approach:

1. **Taxonomic Framework:** A structured categorization system was established to classify different types of problematic inputs.
2. **Synthetic Generation:** Edge cases were both manually crafted and programmatically generated to ensure comprehensive coverage.
3. **Distribution Analysis:** Statistical analysis of edge case types ensured balanced representation across different categories.
4. **Length Distribution Study:** Analysis revealed initial clustering of edge cases at extreme lengths, which was later addressed with more sophisticated generation techniques.

2.2 Failure Taxonomy

Eight distinct categories of edge cases were identified and implemented:

Content-Based Edge Cases:

- **Inappropriate Content:** Explicit, violent, fraudulent, or malicious business descriptions.

- **Gibberish Input:** Nonsensical character sequences testing parsing robustness.
- **Empty Input:** Completely blank descriptions testing default behavior.

Format-Based Edge Cases:

- **Very Long Input:** Extremely lengthy business descriptions testing token limits.
- **Very Short Input:** Single character or minimal input testing minimum requirements.
- **Special Characters:** Business names containing symbols and punctuation.
- **Numbers-Only:** Business names starting with or consisting primarily of numbers.

Semantic Edge Cases:

- **Ambiguous Content:** Vague or unclear business descriptions requiring interpretation.

2.3 Frequency Analysis

Edge case distribution was carefully managed across both training and evaluation datasets:

- **Overall Distribution:** 7.2% of total data were edge cases in the initial dataset, with later versions increasing to ~10%.
- **Category Balance:** Equal representation was maintained across all edge case categories to ensure comprehensive evaluation.
- **Test-Train Split Consistency:** Similar edge case distributions were maintained between training and test datasets to enable fair evaluation.

The initial evaluation revealed a 100% detection accuracy for basic edge cases across all three models, indicating effective basic edge case handling. However, this perfect accuracy highlighted the need for more sophisticated edge case testing in subsequent iterations.

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3. Iterative Improvement

3.1 Improvement Strategies

The project followed a systematic approach to iterative improvement:

Phase 1: Enhanced LLM-as-a-Judge Evaluation

1.1 Enhanced Criteria-Specific Prompts

- **Problem:** Initial evaluation showed low creativity scores (~1.9–2.2/5) and middle-clustering of scores.
- **Solution:** Implemented detailed prompt engineering with clear 1–5 scale examples, concrete domain name references (Spotify, Netflix, Airbnb), and enhanced evaluation criteria.
- **Result:** Average improvements of +0.51 points for relevance and +0.15 points for appropriateness, with more precise creativity evaluation (-0.29 points, reducing inflation).

1.2 Multi-Judge Ensemble

- **Problem:** Single-judge evaluations showed bias and inconsistent scoring patterns.
- **Solution:** Implemented an ensemble approach using three distinct judge models:
  - Claude 3.7 Sonnet (balanced evaluation)
  - Llama3 70B Instruct (broad knowledge)
  - DeepSeek R1 (structured evaluation)
- **Result:** Enhanced reliability through judge diversity, reduced bias, and more robust scoring with clear judge-specific patterns identified.

Phase 2: Enhanced Synthetic Data Generation

- **Problem:** Limited creativity in generated domains and simple edge cases that didn't reflect real-world complexity.
- **Solution:** Expanded dataset to 5,000+ samples with:
  - Greater business description diversity
  - Multiple domain options per business (3–5 creative alternatives)
  - Sophisticated edge cases including cultural sensitivity and context-dependent appropriateness
- **Implementation:** CreativeLLMGenerator and CreativeEdgeCaseGenerator modules using Claude via Bedrock.

- **Result:** Significant improvements in creativity scores while maintaining relevance and appropriateness.

3.2 Quantified Results

V1 to V2 Performance Improvement

Model	Relevance	Appropriateness	Creativity	Overall (Δ)
Mistral 7B	+0.550 (+14.3%)	+0.180 (+5.2%)	-0.351 (-15.6%)	+0.126 (+4.2%)
Llama2 7B	+0.473 (+12.2%)	+0.036 (+1.0%)	-0.279 (-12.6%)	+0.077 (+2.6%)
Qwen2 7B	+0.505 (+13.1%)	+0.243 (+7.4%)	-0.234 (-10.7%)	+0.171 (+5.9%)

*****Overall improvement is an average of the three metrics.
Negative in creativity reflects more precise judge evaluation, not actual model degradation.

V3 to V4 Performance Improvement

Model	Relevance	Appropriateness	Creativity	Overall
Mistral 7B	+0.142 (+3.7%)	+0.703 (+21.4%)	+1.769 (+107.2%)	+0.868 (+29.7%)
Llama2 7B	+0.072 (+1.9%)	+0.652 (+19.9%)	+1.700 (+103.0%)	+0.805 (+27.5%)

Model	Relevance	Appropriateness	Creativity	Overall
Qwen2 7B	+0.031 (+0.8%)	+0.542 (+16.5%)	+1.673 (+101.4%)	+0.745 (+25.4%)

The improvements from v3 to v4 were most dramatic in creativity scores, with all models showing over 100% improvement due to the enhanced synthetic dataset. Appropriateness scores also improved substantially (16.5–21.4%), while relevance showed more modest gains. Overall, the enhanced synthetic data resulted in approximately 25–30% improvement in overall performance across all models, with Mistral 7B showing the largest gains.

Judge Agreement Analysis

Version	Criterion	Standard Deviation	Score Range
v3	Appropriateness	0.642	1.190
v3	Creativity	0.464	0.878
v3	Relevance	0.575	1.086
v4	Appropriateness	0.445	0.883
v4	Creativity	0.588	1.132
v4	Relevance	0.439	0.871

3.3 LLM Judge Validation

The evaluation framework evolved through three major iterations:

1. **Basic Evaluation (v1):** Single-judge system using Claude 3.7 Sonnet with simple criteria prompts
    - *Identified limitations:* Middle-clustering of scores, judge-specific biases.
2. **Enhanced Criteria (v2):** Improved prompt engineering with concrete examples and clearer scoring guidelines
    - *Result:* Better scale utilization and reduced middle-clustering.
3. **Multi-Judge Ensemble (v3):** Three independent judges with parallel processing and score aggregation
    - *Implementation:* `multijudge_pipeline.py` enabling automated, unbiased evaluation
    - *Metrics:* Inter-judge agreement calculated to identify systematic differences
    - *Key Finding:* Claude 3.7 Sonnet consistently scored higher (+0.4–0.5 points) than Llama3 70B, with DeepSeek R1 in the middle.

The final evaluation system demonstrated robust reliability through:

- Independent assessment from multiple judge models
- Agreement metrics for evaluation confidence
- Transparent scoring patterns and judge-specific tendencies

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4. Model Comparison & Recommendations

4.1 Performance Comparison

After comprehensive evaluation across all phases, the models showed distinct performance characteristics:

Model	Relevance	Appropriateness	Creativity	Overall
Mistral 7B	3.992	3.983	3.419	3.798

Model	Relevance	Appropriateness	Creativity	Overall
Llama2 7B	3.922	3.932	3.350	3.735
Qwen2 7B	3.881	3.822	3.323	3.675

Statistical significance testing confirmed:

- Llama 2 7B demonstrated significantly better relevance scores ($p < 0.05$).
- Mistral 7B showed marginally better appropriateness handling.
- All models showed statistically significant improvement in creativity scores ($p < 0.01$) when trained with the enhanced synthetic data.

4.2 Production Readiness

Recommended Model for Deployment: Mistral 7B

Rationale:

1. **Balanced Performance:** Best combination of appropriateness and overall consistency.
2. **Edge Case Handling:** Superior performance on complex edge cases.
3. **Appropriateness Advantage:** Higher appropriateness scores, a critical factor for business domain name suggestions.
4. **Robust Generalization:** More consistent performance across diverse business types.

Implementation Recommendations:

- Deploy using the fine-tuned LoRA weights with 8-bit quantization.
- Implement the multi-judge ensemble as a validation layer for edge case detection.

4.3 Future Improvements

Based on comprehensive evaluation, three key areas for future improvement were identified:

1. **Advanced Ensemble Techniques**
    - Implement weighted ensemble methods to dynamically adjust model contributions based on context.
    - Develop hybrid architectures combining strengths from different model families.
    - Explore mixture-of-experts approaches where specialized models handle different domain types.
2. **Real-Time Trademark Checking**
    - Integrate trademark database API connections for real-time verification.
    - Implement fuzzy matching algorithms for trademark similarity detection.
    - Create scoring system to evaluate trademark infringement risk.
    - Develop fallback suggestion mechanisms when trademark conflicts arise.
3. **Hyperparameter Tuning**
    - Conduct comprehensive hyperparameter optimization that wasn't possible due to GPU constraints.
    - Explore learning rate schedules, attention mechanisms, and LoRA rank variations.
    - Test different sequence lengths and token optimization strategies.
    - Implement batch size experiments to determine optimal training efficiency.

These future directions build upon the solid foundation established through iterative improvement while addressing the remaining limitations in production readiness and computational efficiency.