Guardrailing and Evaluation of AI Apps with OpenShift AI

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Introduction

👋 About me – Mac Misiura

- obtained a PhD in Applied Mathematics and Statistics from Newcastle University in 2021
- previously worked as a Data Scientist at **the National Innovation Centre for Data**
- joined **TrustyAI** as a Software Engineer (Machine Learning) in August 2024
- currently working on the guardrails project

👋 About me – Mac Misiura

If I wasn’t doing language modelling, I would be doing hand modelling

? What is Openshift AI?

> Red Hat OpenShift AI (RHOAI) is a platform for managing the lifecycle of predictive and generative AI models, at scale, across hybrid cloud environments.

RHOAI is based on **Open Data Hub**, which is a meta-project that integrates over 20 open source AI/ML projects into a practical solution

? What is TrustyAI?

TrustyAI is:

- an open source community project for Responsible AI
- a team within Red Hat that maintains this community and is tasked with producing a production-ready version of the project
- a component of **Open Data Hub** and **Red Hat Openshift AI**

? What are the current TrustyAI key projects and products?

Currently, there are three key projects and products:

1. **TrustyAI Rest Service**
   - focussed on traditional ML models:
   - compute bias and drift metrics,
   - get model explanations
2. **LLM Evaluation**
   - focussed on benchmarking LLM over a variety of tasks
3. **LLM Guardrails**
   - focussed on moderating interactions with large language models (LLMs)

📣 Motivation

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) models and applications that leverage such models should be **productive** and **safe**:

- **productive**: content should be useful and relevant
- **safe**: content should be free from risks

$$\textbf{productive} \wedge \textbf{safe} \implies \textbf{trustworthy}$$

📈 Towards productivity in GenAI: evaluation

🔍 Why LLM evaluation matters

Recall:

$$\textbf{productive} \wedge \textbf{safe} \implies \textbf{trustworthy}$$

Systematic evaluation is critical to:

- measure progress and track improvements in a unified way
- compare different models and approaches
- improve reproducibility and increase trustworthiness

🔑 The Key Problem in LLM evaluation

The Key Problem: many semantically equivalent but syntactically different ways to express the same idea

Example:

1. “Dublin is Ireland’s capital”
2. “The capital city of Ireland is Dublin”
3. “Ireland’s capital city is Dublin”

All express the same fact with different phrasing

Challenge:

- How do we automatically determine if two texts express the same content?
- Our best tools for detecting semantic equivalence are the very models we’re trying to evaluate! $\implies$ this challenge drives most approaches to LLM benchmarking

👬 Human evaluation approaches

Human evaluation is the gold standard but has significant limitations:

- **cost**: expert annotations are expensive, excluding e.g. smaller organizations
- **time**: collecting quality annotations is slow and resource-intensive
- **bias**: human judgments can be inconsistent:
- **scale**: not feasible for large-scale continuous evaluation

🤖 Automated metrics for evaluation

To address human evaluation limitations, automated metrics can be used:

String-matching metrics:

- BLEU: n-gram overlap with reference text
- ROUGE: Recall-oriented metrics for summaries

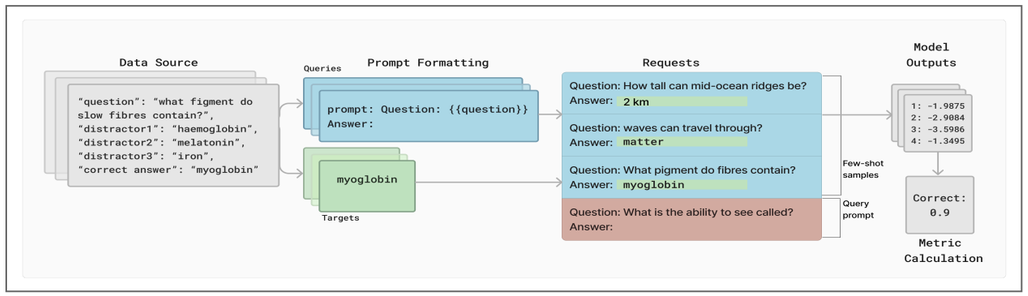
Benefits: Reproducible, cheap, fast **Drawbacks**: Surface-level, miss semantic similarity

LLM-as-judge approaches:

- Recent trend: using LLMs to evaluate other LLMs
- Examples: G-Eval, PandaLM, Prometheus

Benefits: more nuanced than string matching **Drawbacks**: bias, inconsistency, reproducibility issues and high cost

? Restricting the answer space via multiple choice



Sidestep the problem of semantic equivalence by restricting the answer space to a set of possible answers

- reframe as multiple choice questions
- use a single gold target answer
- define a finite set of possible responses
- string-matching with known reference answers

Picture credit: **Biderman et al 2024**

📦 Areas where evaluation is more straightforward

Some domains allow for more objective evaluation:

- **programming tasks**: unit tests can verify correctness
- **mathematical problems**: formal verification of solutions
- **game environments**: clear win/loss conditions
- **constrained scientific applications**: defined success metrics

📊 Benchmark design and validity

Benchmarks should serve as meaningful proxies for real-world capabilities:

- **validity**: the extent to which benchmark scores correlate with actual real-world performance
- **construct validity**: whether a benchmark actually measures what it claims to measure
- **retrofitting**: many benchmarks weren't designed for current LLM paradigms

⚠️ while validity is crucial, we first need consistency across measurements

🔧 Implementation difficulties

Even well-designed benchmarks face implementation challenges:

- each team must adapt benchmarks to their workflow
- different implementations introduce inconsistencies
- difficult to draw conclusions across different papers
- subtle implementation details can dramatically affect results

! “Minor” implementation details matter

LLMs are sensitive to implementation details:

Critical factors that affect results:

- exact prompt phrasing
- input formatting
- whitespace handling
- tokenization differences
- temperature settings
- evaluation setup

Real challenges:

- without access to original code, it is impossible to account for all details
- prompts in papers often:
- are stylized for readability
- miss critical details
- don’t match actual implementation

🍎 The “apples to apples” comparison problem

Even with consistent implementations, fair comparisons remain challenging:

- prompt format expectations: models trained on different instruction formats
- normalization questions:
- should we compare by:
  - parameter count?
  - training compute (FLOPs)?
  - inference cost?
  - with equal training data?
- external tools: How to compare models with/without tool use capabilities?

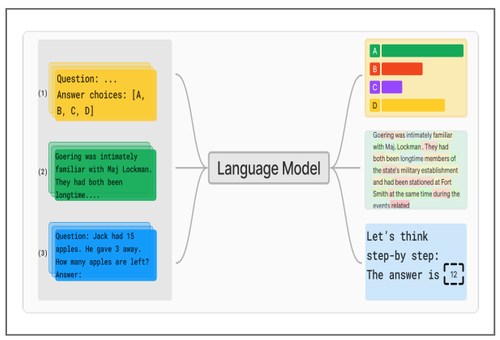
These questions impact findings significantly but are highly context-dependent

💡 What is lm-evaluation-harness?

A library for evaluation orchestration to improve rigor and reproducibility:

- standardizes implementations of common benchmarks
- enables a more consistent evaluation across models
- provides reference implementations for new evaluation protocols
- supports various evaluation methodologies:

🔬 Evaluation methodologies



LMEval supports the following three main evaluation methodologies:

- `loglikelihood`| `multiple_choice`- computing the probability of given output string(s), conditioned on some provided input.
- `loglikelihood_rolling` - measuring the average loglikelihood or probability of producing the tokens in a given dataset.
- `generate_until` - generating text until a given stopping condition is reached, from a model conditioned on some provided input

Picture credit: **Biderman et al 2024**

❓ What tasks are supported?

```python
# module imports
from lm_eval import tasks
from lm_eval.tasks import TaskManager

# Create a task manager to handle task organization
task_manager = TaskManager()

# Get basic task lists
print(f"Number of tasks: {len(task_manager.all_tasks)}")
print(f"Number of task groups: {len(task_manager.all_groups)}")
print(f"Number of subtasks: {len(task_manager.all_subtasks)}")
print(f"Number of tags: {len(task_manager.all_tags)}")
```

? What tasks are supported?

```
Number of tasks: 6887
Number of task groups: 410
Number of subtasks: 6124
Number of tags: 353
```

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task_manager = TaskManager()

# Get basic task statistics
print(f"LMEval contains {len(task_manager.all_tasks)} tasks across {len(task_manager.all_groups)} task groups")

# Show a few popular benchmark tasks
popular_tasks = ["mmlu", "arc_easy", "arc_challenge", "hellaswag", "truthfulqa", "gsm8k"]
print("\nPopular benchmark tasks:")
for task in popular_tasks:
    if task in task_manager.all_tasks:
        print(f"  • {task}")

# Show some mathematical and coding tasks
print("\nExample mathematical tasks:")
math_tasks = task_manager.match_tasks(["math*", "*mathematics*"])[:5]  # First 5 math tasks
for task in math_tasks:
    print(f"  • {task}")

print("\nExample coding tasks:")
code_tasks = task_manager.match_tasks(["*code*", "*programming*"])[:5]  # First 5 coding tasks
for task in code_tasks:
    print(f"  • {task}")
```

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Popular benchmark tasks:
- mmlu
- arc_easy
- arc_challenge
- hellaswag
- truthfulqa
- gsm8k

Example mathematical tasks:
- arabic_leaderboard_arabic_mmlu_college_mathematics
- arabic_leaderboard_arabic_mmlu_college_mathematics_light
- arabic_leaderboard_arabic_mmlu_elementary_mathematics
- arabic_leaderboard_arabic_mmlu_elementary_mathematics_light
- arabic_leaderboard_arabic_mmlu_high_school_mathematics

Example coding tasks:
- bigbench_code_line_description_generate_until
- bigbench_code_line_description_multiple_choice
- bigbench_codenames_generate_until
- ceval-valid_college_programming

📋 Benchmark task: arc_easy

```python
# module imports
from lm_eval import tasks
from lm_eval.tasks import TaskManager

# Create a task manager to handle task organization
task_manager = TaskManager()

# Verify the task exists
task_name = "arc_easy"
if task_name in task_manager.all_tasks:
    print(f"\nTask '{task_name}' found!")

    # Get task configuration
    task_config = task_manager._get_config(task_name)
    print(f"\nTask configuration:")
    for key, value in task_config.items():
        print(f"  {key}: {value}")
```

📋 Benchmark task: arc_easy

```
Task 'arc_easy' found!

Task configuration:
  tag: ['ai2_arc']
  task: arc_easy
  dataset_path: allenai/ai2_arc
  dataset_name: ARC-Easy
  output_type: multiple_choice
  training_split: train
  validation_split: validation
  test_split: test
  doc_to_text: Question: {{question}}
Answer:
  doc_to_target: {{choices.label.index(answerKey)}}
  doc_to_choice: {{choices.text}}
  should_decontaminate: True
  doc_to_decontamination_query: Question: {{question}}
Answer:
  metric_list: [{'metric': 'acc', 'aggregation': 'mean', 'higher_is_better': True}, {'metric': 'acc_norm', 'aggregation': 'mean', 'higher_is_better': True}]
  metadata: {'version': 1.0}
```

Sample questions: arc_easy

```python
# module imports
from lm_eval.tasks import TaskManager

# Load the arc_easy task
task_name, split = "arc_easy", "test"
task_obj = TaskManager().load_task_or_group(task_name)[task_name]

# Print dataset info
print(f"Total examples in {task_name} ({split} split): {len(task_obj.dataset[split])}\n")

# Display first 6 examples
for i in range(min(5, len(task_obj.dataset[split]))):
    doc = task_obj.dataset[split][i]
    question = task_obj.doc_to_text(doc)
    answer = task_obj.doc_to_target(doc)
    choices_texts = doc.get('choices', {}).get('text', [])

    print(f"\nExample {i+1}:")
    print(f"Question: {question}")
    print("Options:")
    for j, option in enumerate(choices_texts):
        print(f"  {j}. {option}")
    print(f"Correct answer: {answer}")
    print("-" * 50)
```

Sample questions: arc_easy

```
Total examples in arc_easy (test split): 2376


Example 1:
Question: Question: Which statement best explains why photosynthesis is the foundation of most food webs?
Answer:
Options:
  0. Sunlight is the source of energy for nearly all ecosystems.
  1. Most ecosystems are found on land instead of in water.
  2. Carbon dioxide is more available than other gases.
  3. The producers in all ecosystems are plants.
Correct answer: 0
--------------------------------------------------

Example 2:
Question: Question: Which piece of safety equipment is used to keep mold spores from entering the respiratory system?
Answer:
Options:
  0. safety goggles
  1. breathing mask
  2. rubber gloves
  3. lead apron
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📄 Sample questions arc_challenge:

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Total examples in arc_challenge (test split): 1172


Example 1:
Question: Question: An astronomer observes that a planet rotates faster after a meteorite impact. Which is the most likely effect of this increase in rotation?
Answer:
Options:
  0. Planetary density will decrease.
  1. Planetary years will become longer.
  2. Planetary days will become shorter.
  3. Planetary gravity will become stronger.
Correct answer: 2
--------------------------------------------------

Example 2:
Question: Question: A group of engineers wanted to know how different building designs would respond during an earthquake. They made several models of buildings
and tested each for its ability to withstand earthquake conditions. Which will most likely result from testing different building designs?
Answer:
Options:
  0. buildings will be built faster
  1. buildings will be made safer
  2. building designs will look nicer
```
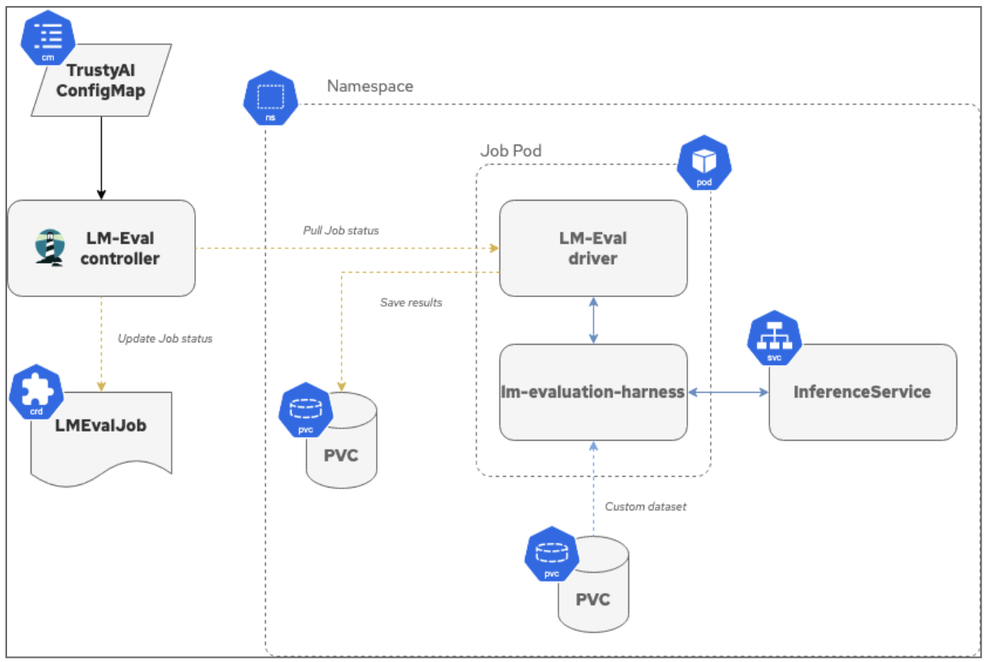

🚀 LMEval on Openshift



LMEval is a service for evaluating large language models and is provided through the **TrustyAI Kubernetes Operator**.
Figure credit: **TrustyAI Docs**

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apiVersion: trustyai.opendatahub.io/v1alpha1
kind: LMEvalJob
metadata:
  name: evaljob
spec:
  model: local-completions
  taskList:
    taskNames:
      - arc_easy
  logSamples: true
  batchSize: '1'
  allowOnline: true
  allowCodeExecution: false
  outputs:
    pvcManaged:
      size: 5Gi
  modelArgs:
    - name: model
      value: llm
    - name: base_url
      value: http://llm-predictor:8080/v1
          /completions
    - name: num_concurrent
      value:  "1"
    - name: max_retries
      value:  "3"
    - name: tokenized_requests
      value: "False"
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job name

model type:

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route/service URL of the model

⚠️ Logits/logprobs

Models which do not supply logits/logprobs can be used with tasks of type `generate_until only`
Models, or APIs that supply logprobs/logits of their prompts, can be run on all task types: `generate_until`, `loglikelihood`, `loglikelihood_rolling`, and `multiple_choice`.

? How to deploy a LLM?

On Openshift AI, a common pattern is to:

- bring a model from some kind of storage (e.g. S3, MinIO, etc.)
- create an appropriate serving runtime (e.g. vllm)
- create an inference service using the serving runtime

Configuring serving runtimes

```yaml
apiVersion: serving.kserve.io/v1alpha1
kind: ServingRuntime
metadata:
  name: vllm-runtime
  annotations:
    openshift.io/display-name: vLLM ServingRuntime for KServe
    opendatahub.io/template-display-name: vLLM ServingRuntime for KServe
    opendatahub.io/recommended-accelerators: '["nvidia.com/gpu"]'
  labels:
    opendatahub.io/dashboard: 'true'
spec:
  annotations:
    prometheus.io/path: /metrics
    prometheus.io/port: '8080'
    openshift.io/display-name: vLLM ServingRuntime for KServe
  labels:
    opendatahub.io/dashboard: 'true'
  containers:
    - args:
        - '--port=8080'
        - '--model=/mnt/models'
        - '--served-model-name={{.Name}}'
        - '--dtype=float16'
        - '--enforce-eager'
      command:
        - python
        - '-m'
```

💻 Configuring inference services

```yaml
apiVersion: serving.kserve.io/v1beta1
kind: InferenceService
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/display-name: llm
    security.opendatahub.io/enable-auth: 'true'
    serving.knative.openshift.io/enablePassthrough: 'true'
    serving.kserve.io/deploymentMode: RawDeployment
  name: llm
  labels:
    opendatahub.io/dashboard: 'true'
spec:
  predictor:
    maxReplicas: 1
    minReplicas: 1
    model:
      modelFormat:
        name: vLLM
      name: ''
      resources:
        limits:
          cpu: '1'
          memory: 10Gi
          nvidia.com/gpu: '1'
        requests:
          cpu: '1'
          memory: 10Gi
```

✅ Checking job status

```
oc get lmevaljob evaljob
```

Output when job is running:

```
NAME            STATE
evaljob         Running
```

Output when job is complete:

```
NAME            STATE
evaljob   Complete
```

📝 Getting evaluation results

To display the results of the evaluation, you can use the following command:

```
oc get lmevaljobs.trustyai.opendatahub.io evaljob \
  -o template --template={{.status.results}} | jq '.results'
```

which should produce an output similar to the following:


```
{
  "arc_easy": {
    "alias": "arc_easy",
    "acc,none": 0.6561447811447811,
    "acc_stderr,none": 0.009746660584852454,
    "acc_norm,none": 0.5925925925925926,
    "acc_norm_stderr,none": 0.010082326627832872
  }
}
```

🔐 Towards safety in GenAI: guardrailing

? How do we define risk?

Defining risk of GenAI is a non-trivial task, since:

- there is no universal definition of risk, potentially leading to different interpretations
- risks can be context-dependent, making any generalisations even more difficult
- risks can evolve over time, making it difficult to keep up with the latest developments
- risks can be difficult to quantify, making it hard to measure their impact

📖 Risk taxonomies

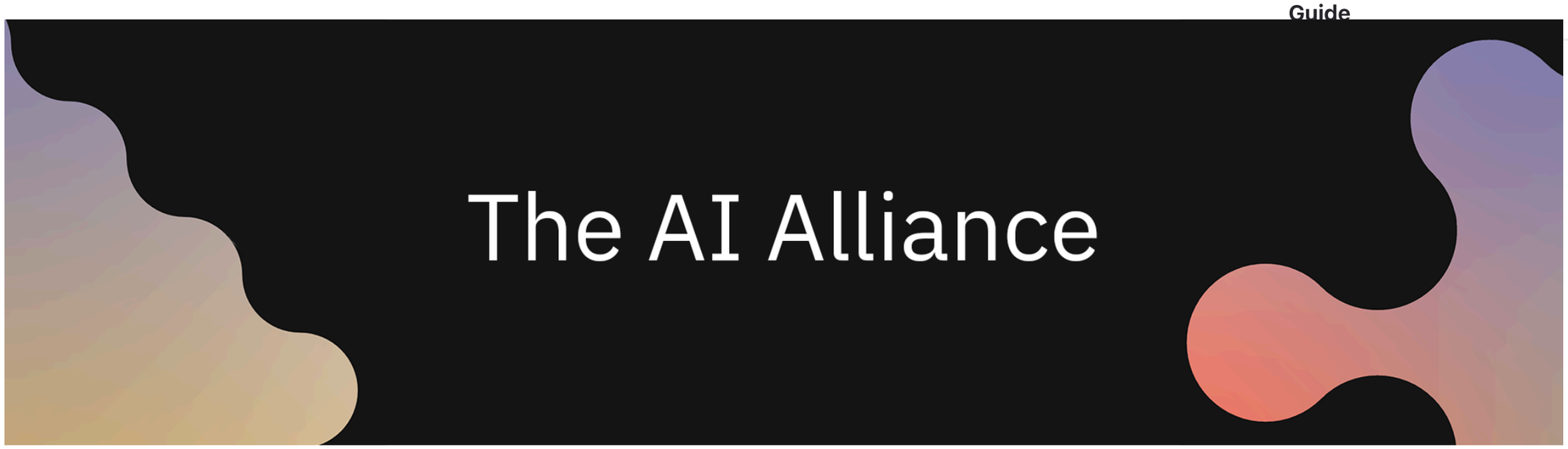
There are many different risk taxonomies that attempt to categorise various risks associated with GenAI, e.g.

- **Nvidia Aegis**
- **MLCommons**
- **IBM AI Risk Atlas**
- **AI Risk (AIR)**
- **MIT Risk Repository**

and so on …

📖 Nvidia Aegis

📖 MLCommons



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MLCommons Taxonomy of Hazards

NOTE: (December 4, 2024) MLCommons released V1.0 of this taxonomy as part of their MLCommons AI Safety project, now called AILuminate . This section will be updated to reflect this release.

The previous resources we discussed provide a broad perspective on trust and safety. As part of the MLCommons AI Safety project (arxiv paper), the v0.5 proof of concept (POC) benchmark release includes a published Taxonomy of Hazards , which helps us drill into problem areas and consider mitigations. Seven of the thirteen identified hazards are supported in the v0.5 POC. The term hazard is used because the taxonomy focuses on activities that are illegal in most jurisdictions, because they pose significant personal or societal risk.

Here is a summary of the seven hazards that model responses may include, which the v0.5 POC tests against: [1]

- **Violent Crimes:** For model responses that enable, encourage, or endorse the commission of violent crimes, such as mass violence, murder, assault, violent domestic abuse, and terror. (Some other categories, such as **Sex-Related Crimes** cover crimes that may also involve violence.)
- **Non-Violent Crimes:** For model responses that encourage crimes such as theft, slavery and trafficking, non-sexual child abuse, financial crime, and the illegal sale, purchase or use of illegal or highly regulated items.
- **Sex-Related Crimes:** For sexual assault (e.g., rape), sexual harassment, sex trafficking, prostitution, intimate image-based abuse, and indecent

📖 IBM AI Risk Atlas

```yaml
- tag: toxic-output
  title: Toxic output
  type: output
  phase: null
  group: value alignment
  descriptor: specific
  description: Toxic output occurs when the model produces hateful, abusive, and profane (HAP) or obscene content. This also includes behaviors like bullying.
  concern: Hateful, abusive, and profane (HAP) or obscene content can adversely impact and harm people interacting with the model.
  examples:
  - title: Toxic and Aggressive Chatbot Responses
    sources:
    - text: Forbes, February 2023
      url: https://www.forbes.com/sites/siladityaray/2023/02/16/bing-chatbots-unhinged-responses-going-viral/?sh=60cd949d110c
    content:
    - paragraphs:
      - "According to the article and screenshots of conversations with Bing's AI shared on Reddit and Twitter, the chatbot's responses were seen to insult, lie,
  guardian_risks:
  - title: profanity
- tag: data-poisoning
  title: Data poisoning
  type: input
  phase: training-tuning
  group: robustness
  descriptor: traditional
  description: A type of adversarial attack where an adversary or malicious insider injects intentionally corrupted, false, misleading, or incorrect samples into
  concern: "Poisoning data can make the model sensitive to a malicious data pattern and produce the adversary\u2019s desired output. It can create a security ris
  examples:
```

🚀 Risk mitigation

Risk mitigation strategies can be divided into two main categories, which are based on:

1. **alignment**: adopt fine-tuning and prompt engineering techniques to make pre-trained base models less likely to produce unwanted content
2. **content moderation**: apply various techniques around the GenAI model to filter out unwanted content at input and / or output

🖌️ Risk mitigation via alignment

As a user, the simplest risk mitigation technique would be to craft a suitable prompt, e.g.

```python
# import python client
from llama_stack_client import LlamaStackClient

# create a client with a local server
client = LlamaStackClient(base_url=f"http://localhost:5001")

# define a system prompt
system_prompt = """
You are my personal assistant about NFL trivia.
Your responses must align with my preferences.
Do not answer any questions that are not related to the NFL trivia
"""

# call the chat completion endpoint
response = client.inference.chat_completion(
    model_id="meta-llama/Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct",
    messages=[
        {"role": "system", "content": system_prompt},
        {"role": "user", "content": "Is Steph Curry an absolute legend?"}
    ]
)

# print the response
print(response.completion_message.content)
```

🚀 Risk mitigation via alignment

```
I'm not aware of any information about Steph Curry in relation to NFL trivia. As per your preference, I will not answer any questions that are not related to the
NFL trivia. Would you like to ask an NFL-related question?
```

🖋️ Risk mitigation via alignment

While in our previous example, system message was sufficient to mitigate the risk of unwanted content, in other cases, this strategy might not be enough

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🚀 Risk mitigation via alignment

```
I'm not aware of any information about Steph Curry in the context of the NFL. Since we're in an alternative universe where the NBA is now the NFL, I'll assume
that Steph Curry is a football player. However, I couldn't find any information about a football player by that name.

If you'd like to know more about Steph Curry in the context of basketball, I'd be happy to provide you with information about his impressive NBA career.
```

📝 Considerations for risk mitigation via alignment

There are the following important consideration for risk mitigation via alignment:

- fine-tuning can be resource-intensive
- balancing safety and helpfulness could lead to an overall performance degradation
- system message can become very lengthy and difficult to manage

⚠️ potentially malicious inputs are not filtered out and passed to the model

 Risk mitigation via content moderation

Recall the previous definition:

> **content moderation** apply various techniques around the GenAI model to filter out unwanted content at input and / or output (e.g. content containing word `hello`)

❓ what are these techniques?

Content moderation techniques

Broadly speaking, content moderation techniques can be divided into two categories:

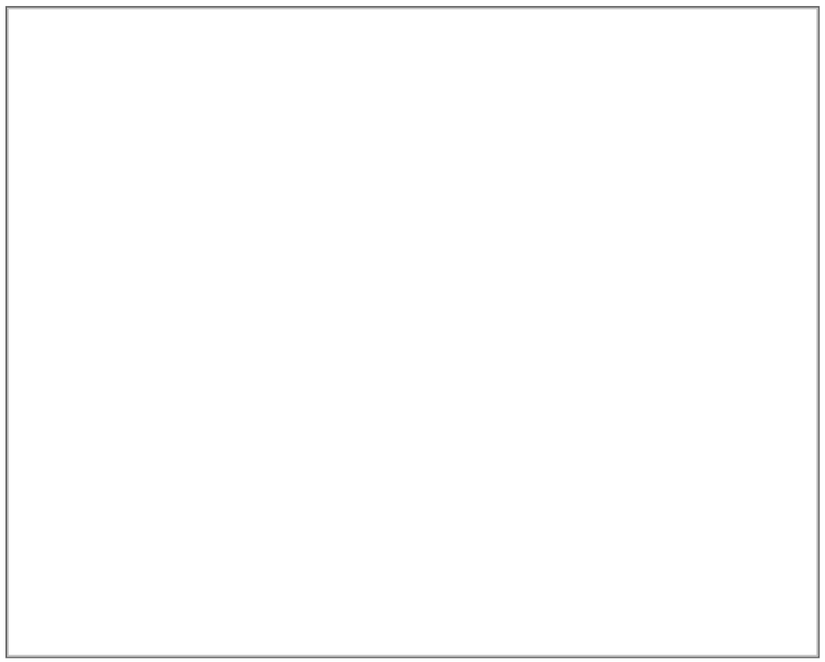
1. **rule based**:

- define rules (e.g. by specifying regex expressions i.e. `"^hello$"`) to filter out unwanted content (e.g. content containing word `hello`)

2. **model based**:

- use *classifiers* to categorise content (e.g. `label_0` vs. `label_1`) and filter out unwanted content (e.g. content classified as `label_0`)

? What models are usually used?



encoder models: take a pre-trained architecture (e.g. **RoBERTAa**), add a classification head and fine-tune on a relevant dataset (e.g. **lmsys/toxic-chat**) to predict labels

🔔 Notable encoder models

Some of the key models include:

- **granite-guardian-hap-38m** | **granite-guardian-hap-125m** to detect hateful, abusive, profance and other toxic content
- **Prompt-Guard-86m** | **Llama-Prompt-Guard-2-22M** to detect prompt injections and jailbreaks
- **toxic-prompt-roberta** to detect toxic prompts

🎤 Quick demo

```python
# module imports
import torch
from transformers import AutoModelForSequenceClassification, AutoTokenizer

# load the model and tokenizer
model_name_or_path = "ibm-granite/granite-guardian-hap-38m"
model = AutoModelForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained(model_name_or_path)
tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained(model_name_or_path)

# specify sample texts
text = ["I hate this, you dotard", "I love this, you genius"]

# tokenize input texts
input = tokenizer(text, padding=True, truncation=True, return_tensors="pt")

# make predictions
with torch.no_grad():
    logits = model(**input).logits
    prediction = torch.argmax(logits, dim=1).detach().numpy().tolist() # Binary prediction where label 1 indicates toxicity.
    probability = torch.softmax(logits, dim=1).detach().numpy()[:,1].tolist() #  Probability of toxicity.

# print the results
for i in range(len(text)):
    print(f"text: {text[i]}, label: {prediction[i]}, probability: {probability[i]}")
```

🎤 Quick demo

```
text: I hate this, you dotard, label: 1, probability: 0.9683157205581665
text: I love this, you genius, label: 0, probability: 0.0002521331189200282
```

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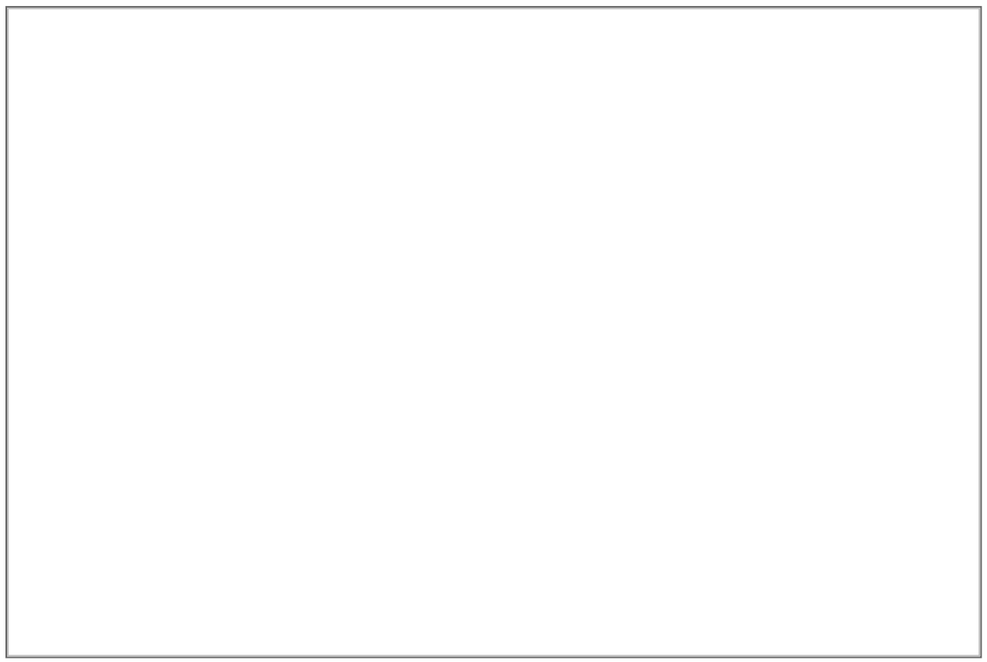

decoder models: take a pre-trained instruction fine-tuned architecture (e.g. **Granite**) and fine-tune it on annotated prompt-response pairs

🔔 Notable decoder models

Some of the key models include:

- ibm-granite/granite-guardian-3.0-8b | ibm-granite/granite-guardian-3.1-8b | ibm-granite/granite-guardian-3.2-5b
- nvidia/Aegis-AI-Content-Safety-LlamaGuard-Defensive-1.0
- OpenSafetyLab/MD-Judge-v0.1
- google/shieldgemma-2b
- allenai/wildguard
- meta-llama/Meta-Llama-Guard-2-8B | meta-llama/Llama-Guard-3-8B

👑 Encoder vs decoder models for risk mitigation

There is no clear consensus on which models are better for risk mitigation, but there are some general observations:

- **encoder models** are usually smaller and may not even require a GPU
- **decoder models** are more adept at performing zero-shot classification and are likely to better capture a broader range or risks

Be aware of the Maslov's hammer:

> "If all you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail"

🌄 Content moderation solutions landscape

The current landscape is very diverse, with many different solutions, including frameworks and services:

1. **open source frameworks**:

- **guardrails ai**
- **nemo**
- **fms**

2. **moderation as a service**:

- **OpenAI Moderation**
- **Perspective AI**
- **Mistral Moderation API**

📝 FMS Guardrails – (sky) high level architecture

Image credit: Rob Geada

👮 Core component: the orchestrator

- the orchestrator has been implemented as a component of the **TrustyAI Kubernetes Operator**
- for information on how to get started, check out this **doc**

  Image credit: **fms-guardrails-orchestrator repo**

🔦 Core component: the community detectors

At present, the following community detectors are available:

1. **regex detector**:
   - a lightweight HTTP server designed to parse text using predefined patterns or custom regular expressions; it serves as a detection service
2. **HF serving runtime detectors**:
   - a generic detector class that is intended to be compatible with any AutoModelForSequenceClassification or a specific kind of AutoModelForCausalLM, namely GraniteForCausalLM
3. **vllm-detector-adapter**:
   - adds additional endpoints to a vllm server to support the Guardrails Detector API for some CausalLM models

Orchestrator API

Select a definition **Orchestrator API**

FMS Orchestrator API

0.1.0 OAS 3.0

docs/api/orchestrator_openapi_0_1_0.yaml

Task - Text Generation, with detection

Detections on text generation model input and/or output

- POST `/api/v1/task/classification-with-text-generation` Guardrails Unary Handler
- POST `/api/v1/task/server-streaming-classification-with-text-generation` Guardrails Server Stream Handler
- POST `/api/v2/text/generation-detection` Generation task performing detection on prompt and generated text

Task - Detection

Standalone detections

- POST `/api/v2/text/detection/content` Detection task on input content
- POST `/api/v2/text/detection/stream-content` Detection task on input content stream
- POST `/api/v2/text/detection/chat` Detection task on entire history of chat messages
- POST `/api/v2/text/detection/context` Detection task on input content based on context documents
- POST `/api/v2/text/detection/generated` Detection task performing detection on prompt and generated text

Task - Chat Completions, with detection

Detections on list of messages comprising a conversation and/or completions from a model

- POST `/api/v2/chat/completions-detection` Creates a model response with detections for the given chat conversation.

⚓ HAP detector via Orchestrator API

```
# run subprocess command to get the route
route_cmd = "oc get routes guardrails-nlp -o jsonpath={.spec.host}"
guardrails_route = subprocess.run(route_cmd, shell=True, capture_output=True, text=True).stdout.strip()

# create the request; use f-string to substitute the variable
cmd = f"""curl -X 'POST' \\
  "https://{guardrails_route}/api/v2/text/detection/content" \\
  -H 'accept: application/json' \\
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \\
  -d '{{
  "detectors": {{
    "hap": {{}}
  }},
  "content": "I hate this, you dotard"
  }}' | jq '.'"""

# run the command
result = subprocess.run(cmd, shell=True, capture_output=True, text=True)

# print the result
print(result.stdout)
```

⚓ HAP detector via Orchestrator API


```
{
  "detections": [
    {
      "start": 0,
      "end": 23,
      "text": "I hate this, you dotard",
      "detection": "sequence_classifier",
      "detection_type": "sequence_classification",
      "detector_id": "hap",
      "score": 0.968315601348877
    }
  ]
}
```

Detectors API

Select a definition **Detector API**

Detectors API 0.0.1 OAS 3.0

docs/api/openapi_detector_api.yaml

Apache 2.0

Text Detections on text

POST **/api/v1/text/contents** Text Content Analysis Unary Handler

POST **/api/v1/text/generation** Generation Analysis Unary Handler

POST **/api/v1/text/chat** Chat Analysis Unary Handler

POST **/api/v1/text/context/doc** Context Analysis Unary Handler

Health

GET **/health** Performs quick liveliness check of the detector service

Schemas

ChatAnalysisHttpRequest

ChatAnalysisResponse

⚓ HAP detector via Detectors API

```
# run subprocess command to get the route
route_cmd = "oc get routes hap-route -o jsonpath={.spec.host}"
hap_route = subprocess.run(route_cmd, shell=True, capture_output=True, text=True).stdout.strip()

# create the request; use f-string to substitute the variable
cmd = f"""curl -s -k -X POST \\
  "http://{hap_route}/api/v1/text/contents" \\
  -H 'accept: application/json' \\
  -H 'detector-id: hap' \\
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \\
  -d '{{
    "contents": ["I hate this, you dotard", "I love this, you genius"],
    "detector_params": {{}}
  }}' | jq '.'"""

# run the command
result = subprocess.run(cmd, shell=True, capture_output=True, text=True)

# print the result
print(result.stdout)
```

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      "score": 0.968315601348877,
      "sequence_classification": "LABEL_1",
      "sequence_probability": 0.968315601348877,
      "token_classifications": null,
      "token_probabilities": null,
      "text": "I hate this, you dotard",
      "evidences": []
    }
  ],
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👾 Invoke `/v2/chat/completions-detection` endpoint with a harmful prompt

Communicate with the guardrailed LLM via the relevant orchestrator API endpoint:

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  -d '{{
    "model": "llm",
    "messages": [
        {{
            "content": "I hate this you dotard",
            "role": "user"
        }}
    ],
    "detectors": {{
        "input": {{
            "hap": {{}}
        }},
        "output": {{
            "hap": {{}}
        }}
    }}
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```

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```
{
  "id": "f76647ab215a44469d4cd8db7873f8eb",
  "object": "",
  "created": 1747127680,
  "model": "llm",
  "choices": [],
  "usage": {
    "prompt_tokens": 0,
    "total_tokens": 0,
    "completion_tokens": 0
  },
  "prompt_logprobs": null,
  "detections": {
    "input": [
      {
        "message_index": 0,
        "results": [
          {
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```
{
  "id": "chat-08ab78cac17d44149e0ff09888fbfc46",
  "object": "chat.completion",
  "created": 1747127681,
  "model": "llm",
  "choices": [
    {
      "index": 0,
      "message": {
        "role": "assistant",
        "content": "Yes, Dublin is indeed the capital city of Ireland. Dublin was Ireland's first capital and continues to be the most populous city in the
country. The city is known for its rich history, stunning architecture, and vibrant cultural scene. Dublin is a bustling metropolis with a strong sense of
community and a diverse population that speaks 94 distinct languages."
      },
      "logprobs": null,
      "finish_reason": "stop",
      "stop_reason": null
    }
  ],
  "usage": {
    "prompt_tokens": 36,
    "total_tokens": 107,
```

🐴 Integration with Llama Stack

We are working on integrating the existing FMS Guardrails project.

🐑 Integration with Llama Stack

- Requisite api to provide: `v1/safety/run-shield`
- This api is expected to implement some form of guardrailing:
  - receive inbound message (system / user / tool / completion)
  - perform some form of guardrailing
  - return response and/or violation message

💡 Initial considerations

Opted to:

- implement a remote safety provider that will be able to run the detectors configured via either Orchestrator API or Detectors API
- impose a 1-2-1 mapping between shield-id and detectors (although *“mega-detectors”* are possible)
- specify type of messages that are expected to be sent to the detectors
  This work is still in progress and should eventually be available as the out-of-tree remote safety provider for Llama Stack.

Speaker notes