

The periodic table of AI security



Found at: <https://owaspai.org/goto/periodictable/>

The table below, created by the OWASP AI Exchange, shows the various threats to AI and the controls you can use against them – all organized by asset, impact and attack surface, with deeplinks to comprehensive coverage at the [AI Exchange website](#) with further references to related standards.

Note that [general governance controls](#) apply to all threats.

Asset & Impact	Attack surface with lifecycle	Threat/Risk category	Controls
Model behaviour Integrity	Runtime -Model use (provide input/ read output)	Direct prompt injection	Limit unwanted behavior , Input validation , further controls implemented in the model itself
		Indirect prompt injection	Input validation , Input segregation
		Evasion (e.g. adversarial examples)	Limit unwanted behavior , Monitor , rate limit , model access control plus: Detect odd input , detect adversarial input , evasion robust model , train adversarial , input distortion , adversarial robust distillation
	Runtime - Break into deployed model	Model poisoning runtime (reprogramming)	Limit unwanted behavior , Runtime model integrity , runtime model input/output integrity
	Development - Engineering environment	Model poisoning development time	Limit unwanted behavior , Development environment security , data segregation , federated learning , supply chain management plus: model ensemble
		Data poisoning of train/finetune data	Limit unwanted behavior , Development environment security , data segregation , federated learning , supply chain management plus: model ensemble plus: More training data , data quality control , train data distortion , poison robust model
	Development - Supply chain	Model/data poisoning in supply chain	Limit unwanted behavior , Supplier: Development environment security , data segregation , federated learning Producer: supply chain management plus: model ensemble
Training data Confidentiality	Runtime - Model use	Data disclosure in model output	Sensitive data limitation (data minimize, short retain, obfuscate training data) plus: Monitor , rate limit , model access control plus: Filter sensitive model output
		Model inversion / Membership inference	Sensitive data limitation (data minimize, short retain, obfuscate training data) plus: Monitor , rate limit , model access control plus: Obscure confidence , Small model
	Development - Engineering environment	Training data leaks	Sensitive data limitation (data minimize, short retain, obfuscate training data) plus: Development environment security , data segregation , federated learning
Model confidentiality	Runtime - Model use	Model theft through use (input-output harvesting)	Monitor , rate limit , model access control
	Runtime - Break into deployed model	Direct model theft runtime	Runtime model confidentiality , Model obfuscation
	Development - Engineering environment	Model theft development-time	Development environment security , data segregation , federated learning
Model behaviour Availability	Model use	Denial of model service (model resource depletion)	Monitor , rate limit , model access control plus: Dos input validation , limit resources
Model input data Confidentialiy	Runtime - All IT	Model input leak	Model input confidentiality
Any asset, CIA	Runtime - All IT	Model output contains injection	Encode model output
Any asset, CIA	Runtime - All IT	Conventional runtime security attack on conventional asset	Conventional runtime security controls
Any asset, CIA	Runtime - All IT	Conventional attack on conventional supply chain	Conventional supply chain management controls