GPTLens Demo

CS 8903 : Special Problems

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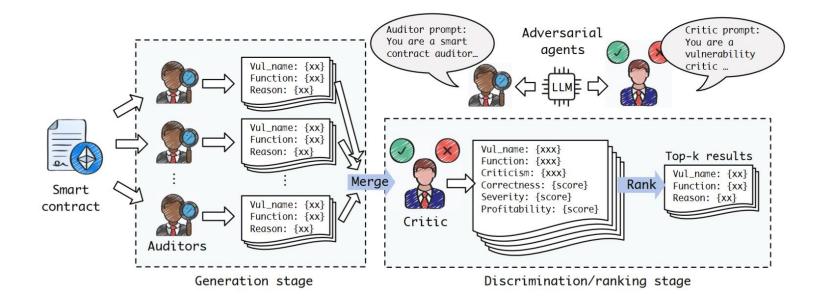


Overview

- What is GPTLens?
 - Large Language Model-Powered Smart Contract Vulnerability Detection System
 - Developed by Sihao Hu, Tiansheng Huang, Fatih Ilhan, Selim Furkan Tekin, Ling Liu
 - Paper: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2310.01152
 - Code: https://github.com/git-disl/GPTLens
- How does it work?
 - Uses a 2-step adversarial framework:
 - 1. Generation of multiple vulnerabilities by LLM auditors based on code input
 - 2. Discrimination of these vulnerabilities by LLM critic based on correctness, severity etc.
 - Finally rank these vulnerabilities



Architecture





Step 1

Preprocessing

- Remove comments
- Remove extra spaces

```
/**
  *Submitted for verification at Etherscan.io on 2018-06-29
  */
pragma solidity ^0.4.16;

contract owned {
   address public owner;

   function owned() public {
      owner = msg.sender;
   }

   modifier onlyOwner {
      require(msg.sender == owner);
      -;
}
```

Input: Raw solidity file

Output: Processed file

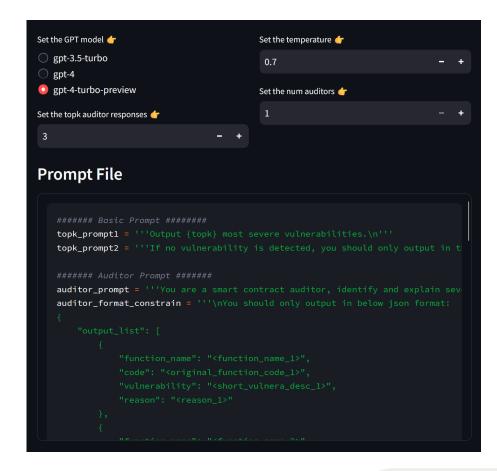


Step 2

Audit:

Inputs to auditors:

- Solidity file (from Step 1)
- GPT model
- topk auditor responses
- temperature
- num auditors
- Prompt File





Step 2 continued

Audit:

Generate vulnerabilities based on inputs:

- Function name
- Code (with vulnerability)
- Reason
- File name

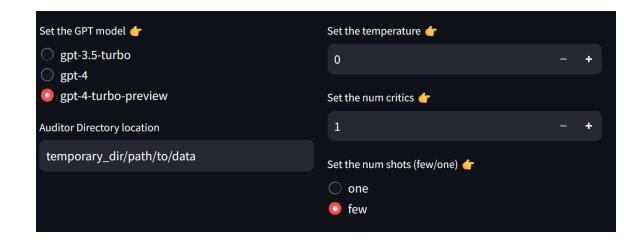


Step 3

Critic:

Inputs:

- Auditor results file (from Step 2)
- GPT model
- temperature
- num critics
- Num shots (few-shot / on-shot)





Step 3 continued

Critic:

Assign values to vulnerabilities:

- Correctness
- Severity
- Profitability

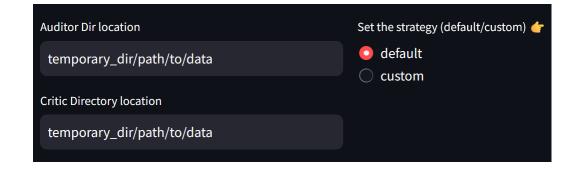


Step 4

Ranking:

Inputs:

- Auditor results file (from Step 2)
- Critic results file (from Step 3)
- Ranking strategy (default / custom)





Step 4 continued

Ranking:

Sort vulnerabilities based on final score:

- Correctness
- Severity
- Profitability



GPTLens Explainability

Two input files

File 1

```
/// @notice Create `mintedAmount` tokens and send it to `target`
 /// @param target Address to receive the tokens
 /// @param mintedAmount the amount of tokens it will receive
 function mintToken(address target, uint256 mintedAmount) onlyOwner public {
    balanceOfftarget1 += mintedAmount:
    totalSupply += mintedAmount;
    emit Transfer(0, this, mintedAmount):
    emit Transfer(this, target, mintedAmount);
  * Internal transfer, only can be called by this contract
 function_transfer(address_from, address_to, uint_value) internal {
    // Prevent transfer to 0x0 address. Use burn() instead
    require( to != 0x0):
    // Check if the sender has enough
    require(balanceOff from1>= value):
    // Check for overflows
    require(balanceOf[_to] + _value > balanceOf[_to]);
    // Save this for an assertion in the future
    uint previousBalances = balanceOff from1 + balanceOff to1:
    // Subtract from the sender
    balanceOff from1 -= value:
    // Add the same to the recipient
    balanceOff to1+= value:
    emit Transfer( from, to, value):
    // Asserts are used to use static analysis to find bugs in your code. They should never fail
    assert(balanceOff_from1 + balanceOff_to1 == previousBalances):
   * Destroy tokens from other account
   * Remove `value` tokens from the system irreversibly on behalf of `from`.
   * @param from the address of the sender
   * @param _value the amount of money to burn
 function burnFrom(address from, uint256 value) public returns (bool success) {
    require(balanceOff from1>= value):
                                                  // Check if the targeted balance is enough
    require( value <= allowance[ from][msq.sender]); // Check allowance
    balanceOff from1 -= value:
                                              // Subtract from the targeted balance
    allowancel froml[msq.sender] -= value:
                                                   // Subtract from the sender's allowance
                                           // Update totalSupply
    totalSupply -= value:
    emit Burn( from, value):
    return true:
```

File 2

```
/* Initializes contract with initial supply tokens to the creator of the contract */
function CCindexToken() token (initialSupply, tokenName, decimalUnits, tokenSymbol) {}
  /* Send coins */
  function transfer(address to, uint256 value) {
    // if(!canHolderTransfer()) throw:
     if (balanceOf[msg.sender] < _value) throw;
                                                  // Check if the sender has enough
     if (balanceOff_to]+ value < balanceOff_to]) throw: // Check for overflows
     if (frozenAccount[msa.sender]) throw:
                                                // Check if frozen
     balanceOffmsg.sender1 -= value:
                                                // Subtract from the sender
     balanceOff to1+= value:
                                            // Add the same to the recipient
     Transfer(msg.sender, _to, _value);
                                               // Notify anyone listening that this transfer took place
     if( value > 0){
       if(balanceOffmsg.sender1 == 0){
         addresses[indexes[msq.sender]] = addresses[lastIndex];
         indexes[addresses[lastIndex]] = indexes[msg.sender];
         indexes[msq.sender] = 0:
         delete addresses[lastIndex];
         lastIndex--:
       if(indexes[_to]==0){
         lastIndex++:
         addresses[lastIndex] = to:
         indexes[ to] = lastIndex:
   /* A contract attempts to get the coins */
  function transferFrom(address_from, address_to, uint256_value) returns (bool success) {
     if (frozenAccount[ from]) throw:
                                               // Check if frozen
     if (balanceOff_from1 < value) throw:
                                                // Check if the sender has enough
     if (balanceOff_to]+ value < balanceOff_to]) throw: // Check for overflows
     if ( value > allowance[ from][msq.sender]) throw: // Check allowance
     balanceOf[_from] -= _value;
                                             // Subtract from the sender
     balanceOff to1+= value:
                                            // Add the same to the recipient
     allowance[_from][msg.sender] -= _value;
     Transfer( from, to, value):
     return true:
  function mintToken(address target, uint256 mintedAmount) onlyOwner {
     balanceOfftarget1+= mintedAmount:
     totalSupply += mintedAmount;
     Transfer(0, this, mintedAmount):
     Transfer(this, target, mintedAmount):
```



GPTLens Explainability

Preprocessed results

File 1

```
function transfer(address from address to uint value) internal (
     require( to != 0x0):
    require(balanceOff from1>= value):
    require(balanceOf[_to] + _value > balanceOf[_to]);
    uint previousBalances = balanceOff from1 + balanceOff to1:
    balanceOff from1 -= value:
    balanceOff to1+= value:
    emit Transfer(_from, _to, _value);
     assert(balanceOff_from1 + balanceOff_to1 == previousBalances);
function burnFrom(address from, uint256 value) public returns (bool success) {
     require(balanceOff from1>= value):
    require(_value <= allowance[_from][msg.sender]);
    balanceOff from1 -= value:
     allowancel from limsq.senderl -= value:
    totalSupply -= _value;
    emit Burn(_from, _value);
    return true:
contract FIBToken is owned. TokenERC20 {
  uint256 public sellPrice:
  uint256 public buvPrice:
  mapping (address => bool) public frozenAccount;
  event FrozenFunds(address target, bool frozen):
  function FIBToken(
  ) TokenERC20() public {}
  function transfer(address from address to uint value) internal (
    require ( to !=0x0):
    require (balanceOff_from1>= value):
    require (balanceOf[_to] + _value >= balanceOf[_to]);
    require(!frozenAccount[ from]):
    require(!frozenAccount[ tol):
    balanceOff from1 -= value:
    balanceOf[_to] += _value;
    emit Transfer(_from, _to, _value);
  function mintToken(address target, uint256 mintedAmount) onlyOwner public {
    balanceOfftarget1+= mintedAmount:
    totalSupply += mintedAmount;
    emit Transfer(0, this, mintedAmount):
    emit Transfer(this, target, mintedAmount):
```

File 2

```
function CCindexToken() token (initialSupply, tokenName, decimalUnits, tokenSymbol) {}
function transfer(address_to, uint256_value) {
     // if(!canHolderTransfer()) throw:
     if (balanceOf[msg.sender] < _value) throw,
     if (balanceOff_to]+ value < balanceOff_to]) throw:
     if (frozenAccount[msq.sender]) throw
     balanceOffmsg.senderl -= value:
     balanceOf[_to] += _value
     Transfer(msg.sender, to, value;
     if( value > 0){
       if(balanceOf[msg.sender] == 0){
         addresses[indexes[msq.sender]] = addresses[lastIndex];
         indexes[addresses[lastIndex1] = indexes[msq.sender];
         indexes[msa.sender] = 0:
         delete addresses[lastIndex]:
         lastIndex--:
       if(indexesf tol==0){
         lastIndex++:
         addresses[lastIndex] = _to;
         indexes[ to] = lastIndex:
function transferFrom(address _from, address _to, uint256 _value) returns (bool success) {
     if (frozenAccount[ from]) throw:
     if (balanceOf[_from] < _value) throw
     if (balanceOff_tol+ value < balanceOff_tol) throw
     if (_value > allowance[_from][msg.sender]) throw;
     balanceOff from1 -= value
     balanceOff to1+= value:
     allowance[ from][msq.sender] -= value:
     Transfer(_from, _to, _value);
     return true:
  function mintToken(address target, uint256 mintedAmount) onlyOwner {
     balanceOf[target] += mintedAmount;
     totalSupply += mintedAmount:
    Transfer(0, this, mintedAmount):
    Transfer(this, target, mintedAmount):
```



GPTLens Explainability - Audit results

File 1

"function name": " transfer",

"code": "function transfer(address from address to uint value) internal (require(to != 0x0); require(balanceOff from] >= value); require(balanceOff to] + value > balanceOff tol); uint previousBalances = balanceOff froml + balanceOff tol; balanceOf[from] -= value; balanceOf[to] += value; emit Transfer(from, to, value); assert(balanceOf[from] + balanceOf[to] == previousBalances); }",

"vulnerability": "Integer Overflow and Underflow".

"reason": "The function does not properly validate the input values to prevent overflows and underflows. Although there is a check to ensure that the balance after transfer is greater than before, it does not protect against overflow in the addition operation. This could allow attackers to exploit the contract by manipulating balances.", "file_name": "2018-13074 sol"

```
"function name": "mintToken",
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"code": "function mintToken(address target, uint256 mintedAmount) onlyOwner public { balanceOf[target] += mintedAmount; totalSupply += mintedAmount; emit Transfer(0, this, mintedAmount); emit Transfer(this, target, mintedAmount); }".

"vulnerability": "Arbitrary Minting",

"reason": "This function allows the contract owner to mint an arbitrary amount of tokens to any account. There is no check on the amount being minted, potentially leading to inflation or devaluation of the token by creating tokens out of thin air and transferring them to any account, including the owner's.".

```
"function name": "burnFrom".
```

"file name": "2018-13074.sol"

"code": "function burnFrom(address _from, uint256 _value) public returns (bool success) { require(balanceOff from] >= value); require(value <= allowance[from][msq.sender]); balanceOf[from] -= value; allowance[from][msq.sender] -= value; totalSupply -= value; emit Burn(from, value); return true: \".

"vulnerability": "Unchecked Burn Permissions".

"reason": "The function burns tokens from a user's account with the caller's permission but does not check if the caller is allowed to initiate the burn. This could potentially allow an attacker to burn tokens from another's account without explicit permission, reducing the victim's balance unfairly.",

```
"file name": "2018-13074.sol"
```

File 2

```
"function name": "transfer".
    "code": "function transfer(address to, uint256 value) { if (balanceOf[msg.sender] <
_value) throw; if (balanceOf[_to] + _value < balanceOf[_to]) throw; if
(frozenAccount[msq.sender]) throw; balanceOf[msq.sender] -= value; balanceOf[ to] +=
_value; Transfer(msg.sender, _to, _value); if(_value > 0){ if(balanceOf[msg.sender] == 0){
addresses[indexes[msg.sender]] = addresses[lastIndex]; indexes[addresses[lastIndex]] =
indexes[msq.sender]; indexes[msq.sender] = 0; delete addresses[lastIndex]; lastIndex--; }
if(indexes[ to]==0){ | lastIndex++; addresses[lastIndex] = to; indexes[ to] = | lastIndex; } } }".
```

"vulnerability": "Throw deprecated",

"reason": "The contract uses 'throw' to handle errors, which has been deprecated in favor of 'require', 'revert', and 'assert', Using 'throw' consumes all available gas, which can lead to denial of service and makes the contract less secure and more expensive to use.", "file_name": "2018-13071 sol"

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"function_name": "mintToken".
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"code": "function mintToken(address target, uint256 mintedAmount) onlyOwner { balanceOf[target] += mintedAmount; totalSupply += mintedAmount; Transfer(0, this, mintedAmount); Transfer(this, target, mintedAmount); }",

"vulnerability": "Unchecked minting".

"reason": "The 'mintToken' function allows the contract owner to mint an arbitrary amount of tokens to any address without any checks or limits. This can lead to inflation and devaluation of the token, eroding trust in the token's value and potentially leading to financial loss for token holders.".

```
"file name": "2018-13071.sol"
```

"function name": "distributeTokens".

"code": "function distributeTokens(uint startIndex.uint endIndex) onlyOwner returns (uint) { uint distributed = 0; require(startIndex < endIndex); for(uint i = startIndex; i < lastIndex; i++){ address holder = addresses[i+1]; uint reward = balanceOffholder] * 3 / 100; balanceOf[holder] += reward; distributed += reward; Transfer(0, holder, reward); } totalSupply += distributed; return distributed; }",

"vulnerability": "Integer overflow".

"reason": "The calculation for 'reward' in 'distributeTokens' does not prevent integer overflow. If the balance of 'holder' is large enough, multiplying it by 3 and then dividing by 100 could overflow, resulting in incorrect, potentially small reward amounts. This can be exploited to disrupt the token distribution process.", "file name": "2018-13071.sol"



GPTLens Explainability - Critic results

File 1

"function name": " transfer"

"vulnerability": "Integer Overflow and Underflow",

"criticism": "The criticism of the function not validating input values to prevent overflows and underflows is partially correct. The function does include checks to ensure that the balance is sufficient and that the transfer does not result in an overflow for the recipient's balance. However, the specific mention of overflow in the addition operation is misleading because the 'require' statement that checks if the recipient's new balance is greater than the old balance indirectly prevents overflow. Solidity's 'require' statements are effective in preventing such vulnerabilities if correctly implemented. The severity is overestimated because the function's checks mitigate the risk of overflow and underflow to a significant extent. The profitability of exploiting such a vulnerability, if it existed, would be high, but given the safeguards in place, the actual risk is low.",

"correctness": 5,

"severity": 3, "profitability": 2,

"reason": "The function does not properly validate the input values to prevent overflows and underflows. Although there is a check to ensure that the balance after transfer is greater than before, it does not protect against overflow in the addition operation. This could allow attackers to exploit the contract by

"code": "function transfer(address from, address to, uint value) internal { require(to != 0x0); require(balanceOf[from] >= value); require(balanceOff to]+ value > balanceOff to]); uint previousBalances = balanceOff from]+ balanceOff to]; balanceOff from] = value; balanceOff to] += value; emit Transfer(from, to, value); assert(balanceOf[from] + balanceOf[to] == previousBalances); }",

"file name": "2018-13074.sol"

"function name": "mintToken" "vulnerability": "Arbitrary Minting"

"criticism": "The criticism is valid in highlighting the potential for arbitrary minting by the contract owner, which could indeed lead to inflation or devaluation of the token. This design choice places a significant amount of trust in the contract owner and could be seen as a vulnerability if the intention was to create a decentralized system. However, the severity of this issue depends largely on the governance model of the contract and whether such control by the owner is within the expected use case. The profitability for the owner could be high if the minted tokens are sold or used to manipulate the market, but this does not constitute a vulnerability in the traditional sense where an external attacker benefits. Therefore, the profitability score is adjusted to reflect this.",

"severity": 6,

"profitability": 3

"reason": "This function allows the contract owner to mint an arbitrary amount of tokens to any account. There is no check on the amount being minted, potentially leading to inflation or devaluation of the token by creating tokens out of thin air and transferring them to any account, including the owner's.",

"code": "function mintToken(address target, uint256 mintedAmount) onlyOwner public { balanceOfftarget] += mintedAmount; totalSupply += mintedAmount; emit Transfer(0, this, mintedAmount); emit Transfer(this, target, mintedAmount); }",

"file_name": "2018-13074.sol"

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"correctness": 1, "severity": 0,

"profitability": 0,

"reason": "The function burns tokens from a user's account with the caller's permission but does not check if the caller is allowed to initiate the burn. This could potentially allow an attacker to burn tokens from another's account without explicit permission, reducing the victim's balance unfairly.",

"code": "function burnFrom(address from, uint256 value) public returns (bool success) { require(balanceOf[from] >= value); require(value <= allowance[from][msg.sender]); balanceOf[from] -= value; allowance[from][msg.sender] -= value; totalSupply -= value; emit Burn(from, value); return true; }",

"file name": "2018-13074.sol"

File 2

[] – No vulnerabilities identified

Explanation:

"function_name": "transfer'

"code": "function transfer(address to, uint256 value) { if (balanceOf[msg.sender] < value) throw; if (balanceOf[to] + value < balanceOf[to]) throw; if (frozenAccount[msg.sender]) throw; balanceOf[msq.sender] -= value; balanceOf[to] += value; Transfer(msq.sender, to, value); if(value > 0){ if(balanceOffmsq.sender] == 0){ addresses[indexes[msq.sender]] = addresses[lastIndex]: indexes[addresses[lastIndex]] = indexes[msq.sender]; indexes[msq.sender] = 0; delete addresses[lastIndex1; lastIndex--; } if(indexes[to]==0){ lastIndex++; addresses[lastIndex] = to; indexes[tol = lastIndex: } } ".

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```
"file_name": "2018-13071.sol"
```

This is a deprecation warning and not a vulnerability

This is a false positive as minting has been implemented correctly in code

This is an integer overflow warning and not a vulnerability



GPTLens Explainability - Ranking results

File 1

"function name": "mintToken"

"vulnerability": "Arbitrary Minting",

"criticism": "The criticism is valid in highlighting the potential for arbitrary minting by the contract owner, which could indeed lead to inflation or devaluation of the token. This design choice places a significant amount of trust in the contract owner and could be seen as a vulnerability if the intention was to create a decentralized system. However, the severity of this issue depends largely on the governance model of the contract and whether such control by the owner is within the expected use case. The profitability for the owner could be high if the minted tokens are sold or used to manipulate the market, but this does not constitute a vulnerability in the traditional sense where an external attacker benefits. Therefore, the profitability score is adjusted to reflect this.",

"correctness": 8. "severity": 6, "profitability": 3,

"reason": "This function allows the contract owner to mint an arbitrary amount of tokens to any account. There is no check on the amount being minted, potentially leading to inflation or devaluation of the token by creating tokens out of thin air and transferring them to any account, including the owner's.",

"code": "function mintToken(address target, uint256 mintedAmount) onlyOwner public { balanceOf[target] += mintedAmount; totalSupply += mintedAmount; emit Transfer(0, this, mintedAmount); emit Transfer(this, target, mintedAmount); }",

"file name": "2018-13074.sol",

"final score": 6.25

"function name": " transfer"

"vulnerability": "Integer Overflow and Underflow",

"criticism": "The criticism of the function not validating input values to prevent overflows and underflows is partially correct. The function does include checks to ensure that the balance is sufficient and that the transfer does not result in an overflow for the recipient's balance. However, the specific mention of overflow in the addition operation is misleading because the 'require' statement that checks if the recipient's new balance is greater than the old balance indirectly prevents overflow. Solidity's 'require' statements are effective in preventing such vulnerabilities if correctly implemented. The severity is overestimated because the function's checks mitigate the risk of overflow and underflow to a significant extent. The profitability of exploiting such a vulnerability, if it existed, would be high, but given the safeguards in place, the actual risk is low.",

"severity": 3, "profitability": 2,

"reason": "The function does not properly validate the input values to prevent overflows and underflows. Although there is a check to ensure that the balance after transfer is greater than before, it does not protect against overflow in the addition operation. This could allow attackers to exploit the contract by manipulating balances."

"code": "function transfer(address from, address to, uint value) internal { require(to != 0x0); require(balanceOf[from] >= value); require(balanceOf[to] + value > balanceOff to]); uint previousBalances = balanceOff from] + balanceOff to]; balanceOff from] -= value; balanceOff to] += value; emit Transfer(from, to, value); assert(balanceOf[from] + balanceOf[to] == previousBalances); }",

"file name": "2018-13074.sol",

"final_score": 3.75

"function name": "burnFrom"

"vulnerability": "Unchecked Burn Permissions".

"criticism": "The reasoning provided is incorrect. The function does check if the caller is allowed to initiate the burn through the 'require' statement that ensures the value to be burned is less than or equal to the allowance the 'from' account has given to the caller. This mechanism is designed to prevent unauthorized burning of tokens. The criticism fails to recognize the role of allowances in ERC-20 token contracts, which are a standard way to manage permissions for token operations like burning. Therefore, the identified 'vulnerability' is not a vulnerability but rather a misunderstanding of how ERC-20 token allowances work. The severity and profitability of exploiting such a non-existent vulnerability are both non-

"correctness": 1, "severity": 0. "profitability": 0,

"reason": "The function burns tokens from a user's account with the caller's permission but does not check if the caller is allowed to initiate the burn. This could potentially allow an attacker to burn tokens from another's account without explicit permission, reducing the victim's balance unfairly."

"code": "function burnFrom(address from, uint256 value) public returns (bool success) { require(balanceOf[from] >= value); require(value <= allowance[from][msq.sender]); balanceOf[from] -= value; allowance[from][msg.sender] -= value; totalSupply -= value; emit Burn(from, value); return true; }", "file name": "2018-13074.sol",

"final_score": 0.5

File 2

[] – No vulnerabilities identified



Conclusion

- We have introduced GPTLens
- We have shown the architecture of GPTLens
- We have done a walkthrough of GPTLens Flow
- We have used 2 examples to demo GPTLens
 - one where vulnerabilities are correctly detected
 - another where no real vulnerabilities are present
- We have implemented a UI for GPTLens usage https://gptlenstest.streamlit.app/
- We have implemented a UI for GPTLens demo https://gptlensdemo.streamlit.app/
- Code is available here https://github.com/git-disl/GPTLens



Thank you!

Any Questions?

