The Ultimate Guide to Managing Ethical and Security Risks in AI

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Introduction

Artificial intelligence (AI) is swiftly revolutionizing software development and deployment across various sectors. At HackerOne, our direct customer engagements provide unique insights into this evolution, characterized by a constant stream of AI-powered innovations. This transformation is led by two key groups: AI developers and AI integrators. Developers are at the forefront of creating foundational AI technologies, including generative AI (GenAI) models, natural language processing, and large language models (LLMs). Meanwhile, integrators like our customers Snap, Instacart, CrowdStrike, Priceline, Cloudflare, X (Twitter), and Salesforce typically incorporate these AI advancements into their offerings. Both developers and integrators are dedicated to pushing AI forward in a manner that is innovative and safeguarded against emerging threats, ensuring that AI technologies remain competitive, ethical, and secure.

As we edge closer to a future where AI is ubiquitous, it's essential to consider its impact on various teams, including those focused on security, trust, and compliance. What challenges and risks do these teams encounter, and how can AI help solve endemic issues in these fields? This guide is designed to tackle these critical questions based on HackerOne's experience and insights within the evolving AI landscape.

Key Takeaways

The current state of AI

Offensive AI is outpacing defensive AI, attack surfaces are growing exponentially, and regulatory agencies are trying to keep pace with the power of this technology.

Understand some of the ways bad actors are taking advantage of this technology.

The risks

While AI poses positive advancements, it also creates risks that individuals and organizations need to prepare for.

Learn about the safety and security risks inherent in GenAI.

The opportunities

Hackers are the experts the world needs to ensure AI is developed and deployed safely, securely, and responsibly. Who's better equipped to safeguard new technology than those specializing in breaking it?

Meet some of the 53% of hackers who are already using AI in some way to keep organizations secure.

The solution

AI red teaming is the optimal solution for AI safety and security—and in some areas, it's already mandated.

Learn how HackerOne's AI red teaming solution has generated impactful results for customers.

The Current State of AI

Two primary shifts are taking place in the wake of increasing AI prominence: the dominance of offensive AI and the rapid expansion of the attack surface.

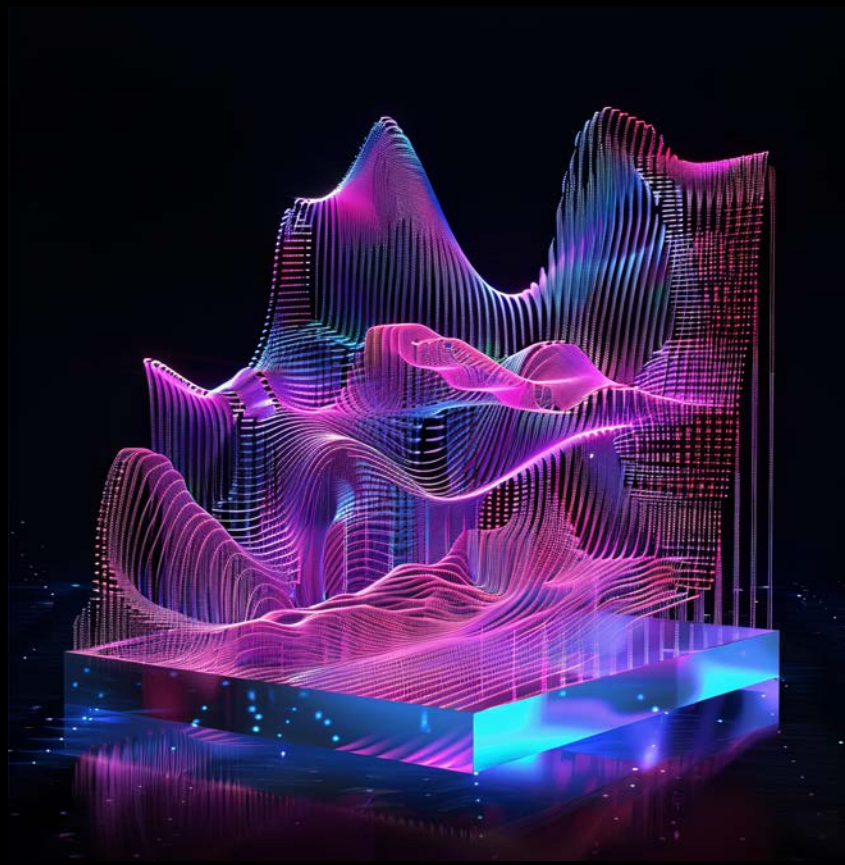
Offensive AI Is Outpacing Defensive AI

In the short term, and possibly indefinitely, offensive or malicious AI applications are outpacing defensive ones using AI for stronger security. This is not a new phenomenon: the offense vs. defense cat-and-mouse game defines cybersecurity.

While GenAI offers tremendous opportunities to advance defensive use cases, cybercrime rings and malicious attackers will not let the AI opportunity pass either. They will level up their weaponry, potentially asymmetrically, to defensive efforts—meaning there isn't an equal match between the two. Attacks like social engineering via deepfakes will be more convincing and fruitful than ever. GenAI lowers the barrier to entry, and phishing is getting even more convincing.

Have you ever received a text from a random number claiming to be your CEO, asking you to buy 500 gift cards? While you're unlikely to fall for that trick, how would it differ if that phone call came from your CEO's phone number? What if it sounded exactly like your CEO, and the voice even responded to your questions in real time? That's the power of AI voice cloning. Check out this Q&A with HackerOne senior solutions architect and AI hacker Dane Sherrets to see it unravel live.

Attack Surfaces Are Growing Exponentially



We're seeing an explosion in new attack surfaces. Defenders have long followed the principle of attack surface reduction, a term Microsoft coined—the aim being to protect your organization's devices and network by leaving attackers with fewer ways to execute attacks. However, the rapid commoditization of GenAI is going to reverse some of the attack surface reduction progress.

The ability to generate code with GenAI dramatically lowers the bar for who can be a software engineer, resulting in more and more code being shipped by people who do not fully comprehend the technical implications of the software they develop, let alone oversee the security implications.

Additionally, GenAI requires vast amounts of data. It's no surprise that the models that continue to impress us with human levels of intelligence happen to be the largest models. In a GenAI-ubiquitous future, organizations of all kinds will accumulate more and more data, beyond what we may now think possible. Therefore, the sheer scale and impact of data breaches will grow out of control. Attackers are more motivated than ever to get their hands on data. The dark web price of data "per kilogram" is increasing.

Attack surface growth doesn't stop there: in just the past few months, businesses have rapidly implemented features and capabilities powered by GenAI. As with any emerging technology, developers may not be fully aware of the ways their implementation can be exploited or abused. Novel attacks against applications powered by GenAI are emerging as a new threat that defenders have to worry about.

The Regulatory Landscape and Business Imperatives Are Evolving

As regulatory requirements and business imperatives surrounding AI testing become more prevalent, organizations must seamlessly integrate AI red teaming and alignment testing into their risk management and software development practices. This strategic integration is crucial for fostering a culture of responsible AI development and ensuring that AI technologies meet security and ethical expectations. Read more about the regulatory landscape of AI from HackerOne's chief policy officer.

European Union's AI Act

The European Union recently reached an agreement on the AI Act, which sets several requirements for trust and security for AI. For some high-risk AI systems, requirements include adversarial testing, risk assessment and mitigation, and cyber incident reporting, among other security safeguards.

U.S. Federal Guidance

The EU's AI Act comes on the heels of U.S. federal guidance such as the recent executive order on safe and trustworthy AI, as well as Federal Trade Commission guidance. These frameworks identify AI red teaming and ongoing testing as key safeguards to help ensure security and alignment.

As the boundaries of what's possible with AI continue to expand, so do the responsibilities of those who wield it. For high-tech companies looking to deploy GenAI, it's crucial to adopt a proactive stance on cybersecurity. This means not only keeping pace with regulatory requirements and integrating robust security measures but also fostering a culture of continuous innovation and ethical consideration. Balancing the drive for competitive advantage with the imperative for security and safety is key to thriving in the evolving AI climate.

The Risks: Top Vulnerabilities Affecting AI & Large Language Models

The pressure to rapidly adopt GenAI to boost productivity and remain competitive has ramped up to an incredible level. Concurrently, security leaders are trying to understand how to leverage GenAI technology while ensuring protection from inherent security issues and threats. This challenge includes staying ahead of adversaries who may discover and exploit malicious uses before organizations can address them.

AI Safety vs. AI Security

AI safety focuses on preventing AI systems from generating harmful content, from instructions for creating weapons to offensive language and inappropriate imagery. It aims to ensure responsible use of AI and adherence to ethical standards.

AI safety risks to organizations can result in:

- Spread of biased or unethical decision-making
- Erosion of public trust in AI technologies and the organizations that deploy them
- Legal, regulatory, and financial liabilities for non-compliance with ethical standards
- Unintended consequences that could harm individuals or society

On the other hand, AI security involves testing AI systems with the goal of preventing bad actors from abusing the AI to, for example, compromise the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of the systems the AI is embedded in.

AI security risks to organizations can result in:

- Disclosing sensitive or private information
- Providing access and functionality to unauthorized users
- Compromising a model's security, effectiveness, and ethical behavior
- Doing extensive financial and reputational damage

OWASP Top 10 Vulnerabilities for Large Language Model Applications

The Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) annually releases a number of comprehensive guides, including the "Top 10 for LLM Applications," about the most critical security risks to large language model (LLM) applications. HackerOne is proud to have had two team members contribute to this important initiative. Check out the HackerOne blog for a deeper look into the introduction and mitigation of these vulnerabilities.

#1 Prompt injection
The most commonly discussed LLM vulnerability, in which an attacker manipulates the operation of a trusted LLM through crafted inputs, either directly or indirectly.

#2 Insecure output handling
Occurs when an LLM output is accepted without scrutiny, potentially exposing backend systems. This can, in some cases, lead to severe consequences like XSS, CSRF, SSRF, privilege escalation, or remote code execution.

#3 Training data poisoning
Refers to the manipulation of data or fine-tuning of processes that introduce vulnerabilities, backdoors, or biases and could compromise the model's security, effectiveness, or ethical behavior.

#4 Model denial of service
Happens when attackers trigger resource-heavy operations on LLMs, leading to service degradation or high costs.

#5 Supply chain vulnerabilities

The supply chain in LLMs can be vulnerable, impacting the integrity of training data, machine learning (ML) models, and deployment platforms. Supply chain vulnerabilities in LLMs can lead to biased outcomes, security breaches, and even complete system failures.

#6 Sensitive information disclosure

Happens when LLMs inadvertently reveal confidential data, resulting in the exposure of proprietary algorithms, intellectual property, and private or personal information, leading to privacy violations and other security breaches.

#7 Insecure plugin design

The power and usefulness of LLMs can be extended with plugins. However, this does come with the risk of introducing more vulnerable attack surfaces through poor or insecure plugin design.

#8 Excessive agency

Typically caused by excessive functionality, permissions, and or autonomy. One or more of these factors enables damaging actions to be performed in response to unexpected or ambiguous outputs from an LLM.

#9 Overreliance

When systems or people depend on LLMs for decision-making or content generation without sufficient oversight. Organizations and the individuals that comprise them can over-rely on LLMs without the knowledge and validation mechanisms required to ensure information is accurate, vetted and secure.

#10 Model theft

Where there is unauthorized access, copying or exfiltration of proprietary LLM models. This can lead to economic loss, reputational damage and unauthorized access to highly sensitive data.

Real-World AI Hacking

Ethical hackers now specialize in finding vulnerabilities in AI models and deployments. In fact, 62% of hackers in HackerOne's annual survey said they plan to specialize in the OWASP Top 10 for LLM Applications. Hackers Joseph "rez0" Thacker, Justin "Rhynorater" Gardner, and Roni "Lupin" Carta collaborated to strengthen Google's AI red teaming by hacking its GenAI assistant, Bard—now called Gemini.

The launch of Bard's Extensions AI feature provided Bard with access to Google Drive, Google Docs, and Gmail. This meant Bard would have access to personally identifiable information and could even read emails and access documents and locations. The hackers identified that Bard analyzed untrusted data and could be susceptible to insecure direct object reference (IDOR) and data injection attacks, which can be delivered to users without their consent.

In less than 24 hours from the launch of Bard Extensions, the hackers were able to demonstrate that:

- Google Bard was vulnerable to IDOR and data injection attacks via data from Extensions.
- Malicious image prompt injection instructions will exploit the vulnerability.
- A prompt injection payload could exfiltrate victims' emails.

With such a powerful impact as the exfiltration of personal emails, the hackers promptly reported this vulnerability to Google, which resulted in a $20,000 bounty award.

Bugs like this only scratch the surface of the novel vulnerabilities found in GenAI. Organizations developing and deploying GenAI and LLMs need security talent specializing in the OWASP Top 10 for LLMs if they are serious about competitively and securely introducing these technologies.

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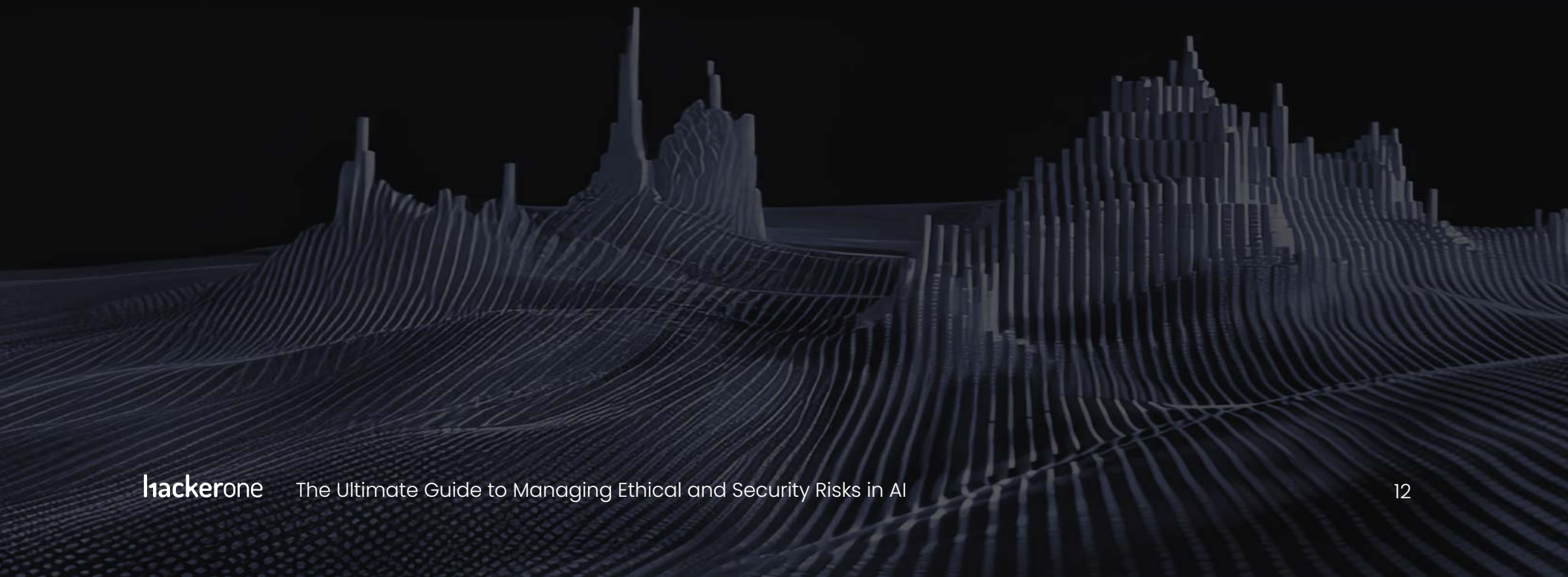
The Opportunities:

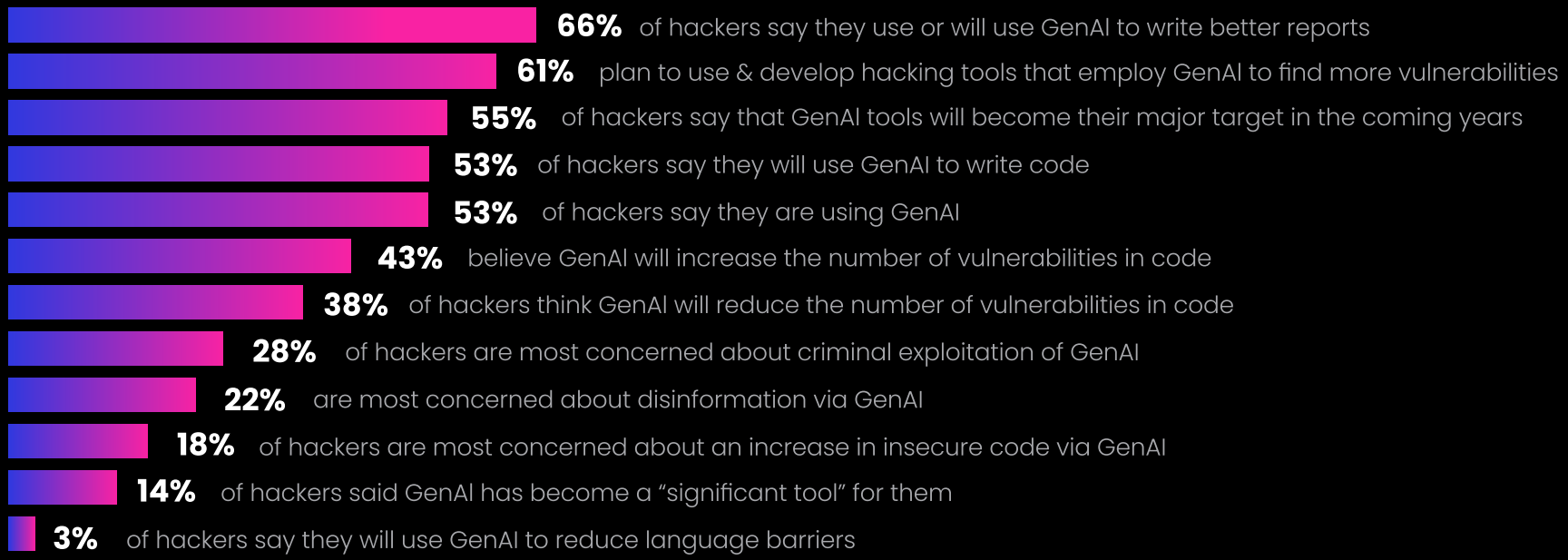
Collaborating With Hackers to Build and Deploy AI Quickly & Securely



Why Hackers Are the AI Experts You Need

Ethical hackers have been experimenting with AI systems since the day OpenAI announced ChatGPT. Hackers are a collective force of intelligence and experimentation. They are curious and talented individuals whose efforts can be scaled to help organizations deliver or implement AI at a competitive speed and maintain safety and security.

HackerOne's 7th Annual Hacker-Powered Security Report, released in late 2023, surveyed hackers on their use of GenAI and their experience of hacking the technology.
Here's what it found:



The Top Generative AI and LLM Risks According to Hackers

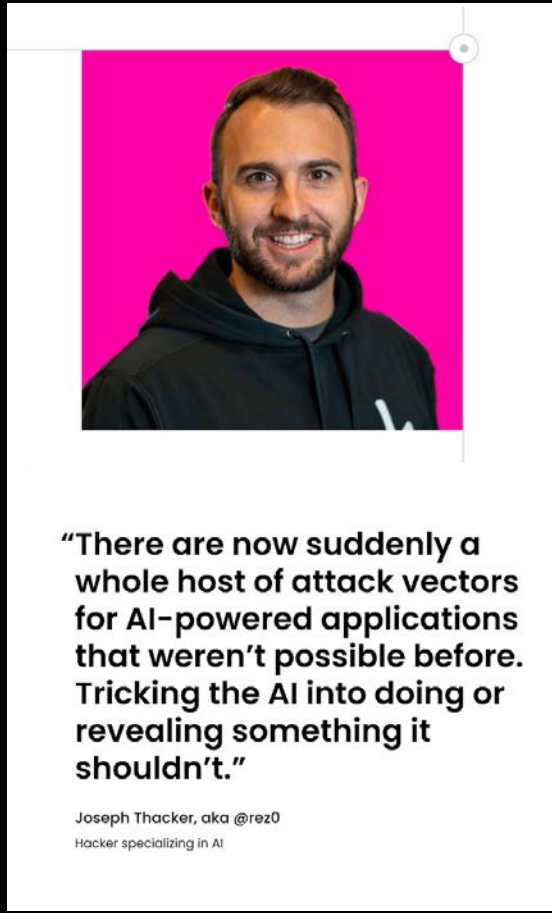
HackerOne has ongoing conversations with the hacking community about its use of AI and the community's latest findings so we can keep our customers supplied with the most up-to-date information and the best talent to support them.

According to hacker Gavin Klondike,

> ***"We've almost forgotten the last 30 years of cybersecurity lessons in developing some of this software."***

The haste of GenAI adoption has clouded many organizations' judgment when it comes to the security of artificial intelligence. Security researcher Katie Paxton-Fear, aka @InsiderPhD, believes,

> ***"This is a great opportunity to take a step back and bake some security in as this is developing, and not bolting on security 10 years later."***



While the OWASP Top 10 for LLMs is a comprehensive study of the types of vulnerabilities that can affect GenAI models, we spoke to hackers to learn what they encounter most often and which vulnerabilities organizations need to look out for:

Prompt injections

The OWASP Top 10 for LLM defines prompt injection as a vulnerability during which an attacker manipulates the operation of a trusted LLM through crafted inputs, either directly or indirectly. Paxton-Fear warns about prompt injection, saying:

"As we see the technology mature and grow in complexity, there will be more ways to break it. We're already seeing vulnerabilities specific to AI systems, such as prompt injection or getting the AI model to recall training data or poison the data. We need AI and human intelligence to overcome these security challenges."

Joseph Thacker, a.k.a @rez0, uses this example to help understand the power of prompt injection:

"If an attacker uses prompt injection to take control of the context for the LLM function call, they can exfiltrate data by calling the web browser feature and moving the data that are exfiltrated to the attacker's side. Or, an attacker could email a prompt injection payload to an LLM tasked with reading and replying to emails."

Roni Carta, aka @arsene_lupin, points out that if developers are using ChatGPT to help install prompt packages on their computers, they can run into trouble when asking it to find libraries. Carta says:

"ChatGPT hallucinates library names, which threat actors can then take advantage of by reverse-engineering the fake libraries."

Agent access control

"LLMs are as good as their data," says Thacker. ***"The most useful data is often private data."***

According to Thacker, this creates an extremely difficult problem in the form of agent access control. Access-control issues are very common vulnerabilities found through the HackerOne platform every day. Where access control goes particularly wrong regarding AI agents is the mixing of data. Thacker says AI agents tend to mix second-order data access with privileged actions, exposing the most sensitive information to potentially be exploited by bad actors.

The Evolution of Ethical Hackers in the Age of Generative AI

Naturally, as new vulnerabilities emerge from the rapid adoption of GenAI and LLMs, the hacker's role is also evolving.

During a panel featuring security experts from Zoom and Salesforce, hacker Tom Anthony predicted the change in how hackers approach processes with AI:
"At a recent Live Hacking Event with Zoom, there were easter eggs for hackers to find—and the hacker who solved them used LLMs to crack it. Hackers are able to use AI to speed up their processes by, for example, rapidly extending the word lists when trying to brute-force systems."

He also senses a distinct difference for hackers using automation, claiming AI will significantly uplevel the reading of source code. Anthony says, ***"Anywhere that companies are exposing source code, there will be systems reading, analyzing, and reporting in an automated fashion."***

Hacker Jonathan Bouman uses ChatGPT to help hack technologies he's not super confident with.
"I can hack web applications but not break new coding languages, which was the challenge at one Live Hacking Event. I copied and pasted all the documentation provided (removing all references to the company), gave it all the structures, and asked it, 'Where would you start?' It took a few prompts to ensure it wasn't hallucinating, and it did provide a few low-level bugs. Because I was in a room with 50 ethical hackers, I was able to share my findings with a wider team, and we escalated two of those bugs into critical vulnerabilities. I couldn't have done it without ChatGPT, but I couldn't have made the impact I did without the hacking community."

There are even new tools for the education of hacking LLMs—and, therefore, for identifying the vulnerabilities those tools create. Tom Anthony uses ***"an online game for prompt injection where you work through levels, tricking the GPT model to give you secrets. It's all developing so quickly."***

The Solution:

AI Red Teaming

We've established that ethical hackers are invaluable for finding security holes in AI models and deployments. This section looks at how you can get started with engaging ethical hackers to specifically look for issues that will help you secure your GenAI projects. AI red teaming is the practice of stress-testing AI models and deployments. This can be done with a bug bounty, a pentest, or a time-bound offensive testing challenge.

What is AI red teaming?

AI red teaming is an approach that involves thoroughly examining an AI system, including AI models and their software components, to identify safety and security concerns. This process produces a list of issues and actionable recommendations to fix them, adapting traditional red teaming to the unique AI challenges.

HackerOne's Playbook for AI Red Teaming

HackerOne partners with leading technology firms to evaluate their AI deployments for safety and security issues. The ethical hackers selected for our early AI red teaming exceeded all expectations. The insights gleaned have shaped HackerOne's evolving playbook for AI red teaming.

Our approach builds upon a powerful, community-driven offensive testing model, which HackerOne has successfully offered for over a decade, but with several modifications necessary for optimal AI safety and security engagements.

Team composition

A meticulously selected and diverse team is the backbone of an effective assessment. Emphasizing diversity in background, experience, and skill sets is pivotal for safeguarding AI. A blend of curiosity-driven thinkers, individuals with varied experiences, and those skilled in production LLM prompt behavior yields the best results.

Collaboration and size

Collaboration among AI red teaming members holds unparalleled significance, often exceeding that of traditional security testing. HackerOne has found a team size of 15-25 testers strikes the right balance for effective engagements, bringing in diverse and global perspectives.

Duration

Because AI technology is evolving so quickly, we've found that engagements between 15 and 60 days in duration work best to assess specific aspects of AI red teaming. However, a continuous engagement without a defined end date was adopted in at least a handful of cases. This method of continuous AI red teaming pairs well with an existing bug bounty program.

Context and scope

Unlike traditional security testers, AI red teamers must fully understand the AI system they are assessing. Collaborating closely with customers to establish a comprehensive context and precise scope is essential. This collaboration helps in identifying the AI's intended purpose, deployment environment, existing safety and security measures, and any limitations.

Private vs. public

While most AI red teams operate in private due to the sensitivity of safety and security issues, in some instances, public engagement, such as X's algorithmic bias bounty challenge, has yielded significant success.

Incentive model

Tailoring the incentive model is a critical aspect of the AI red teaming playbook. A hybrid economic model that includes fixed-fee participation rewards in conjunction with rewards for achieving specific outcomes (akin to bounties) has proven most effective.

Empathy and consent

As many safety considerations may involve encountering harmful and offensive content, it is important to seek explicit participation consent from adults (18+ years of age), offer regular support for mental health, and encourage breaks between assessments.

HackerOne AI Red Teaming Capabilities

Strategic & Flexible Scoping

Targeted vulnerability identification tailored to immediate security needs, enabling a custom engagement suited for your unique threat model or criteria. Get a strategic resource and skill allocation without long-term commitments.

Rapid Deployment

The quick initiation of security testing programs to address urgent concerns, drawing on the community's expertise for swift, impactful assessment of crucial security areas.

Power of AI + Hackers

A combination of AI/ML expertise with the unique perspectives of our diverse hacker community to uncover and resolve sophisticated vulnerabilities.

Intelligent Copilot

The use of Hai, our proprietary AI chatbot, to enrich vulnerability report analysis and improve dialogue with HackerOne's security researchers.

Impact and Results

Within the HackerOne community,

750+

active hackers specialize in prompt hacking and other AI security and safety testing.

90+

of those hackers have participated in HackerOne's AI red teaming engagements to date.

100+

In a single recent engagement, a team of 18 quickly identified 26 valid findings within the initial 24 hours and accumulated over 100 valid findings in the two-week engagement.

In another notable example, the team put forth a challenge of bypassing significant protections built to prevent the generation of images containing a swastika, a symbol associated with the Nazi regime during World War II. Given its offensive nature and potential to promote hate, blocking its appearance in generated content is essential to ensure ethical and responsible AI usage. A particularly creative hacker on the AI red team was able to swiftly bypass these protections, and thanks to their discovery, the model has significantly improved its resilience against this type of abuse.

Case Study:

Snap, Inc.

The Challenge:
AI Safety for Text-to-Image Technology

Snap has been developing new AI-powered functionality to expand its users' creativity and wanted to test the new features of its Generative AI Lens and Text2Image products to stress-test the guardrails it had in place to help prevent the creation of harmful content.

"We ran the AI red teaming exercise before the launch of Snap's first text-to-image generative AI product. A picture is worth a thousand words, and we wanted to prevent inappropriate or shocking material from hurting our community. We worked closely with Legal, Policy, Content Moderation, and Trust and Safety to design this red-teaming exercise."

— Ilana Arbisser, Technical Lead, AI Safety at Snap Inc.

This approach involved a new way of thinking about safety. Previously the industry's focus had been on looking at patterns in user behavior to identify common risk cases. But with text-to-image technology, Snap wanted to assess the model's behavior to understand the rare instances of inappropriate content that flaws in the model could enable.

The Solution:

Bug Bounty Model for Scalability

The Safety team had already identified eight categories of harmful imagery they wanted to test for, including violence, sex, self-harm, and eating disorders. Snap knew they wanted to do adversarial testing on the product, and a security expert on their team suggested a bug bounty–style program. From there, we worked together to decide on a "Capture the Flag" (CTF)–style exercise that would incentivize researchers to look for our specific areas of concern.

By setting bounties, we incentivized the Snap community to test the product, and to focus on the content they were most concerned about being generated on the platform. Snap and HackerOne adjusted bounties dynamically and continued to experiment with prices to optimize for researcher engagement.

Out of a wide pool of talented researchers, 21 experts from across the globe were selected to participate in the exercise. Global diversity was crucial for covering harmful imagery across different cultures, and the researchers' mindset was key for breaking the models.

The Result:

Snap's Legacy of Increased AI Safety

Snap was thorough about the content it wanted researchers to focus on re-creating, providing a blueprint for future engagements. Many organizations have policies against "harmful imagery," but it's subjective and hard to measure accurately. Snap was very specific and descriptive about the type of images it considered harmful to young people. The research and the subsequent findings have created benchmarks and standards that will help other social media companies, which can use the same flags to test for content.

Read the full case study

Your AI Assistant in the HackerOne Platform

At HackerOne, we embrace the transformative power of AI, focusing on speed and efficiency in securing and advancing our technology. Our commitment extends beyond assisting customers with the risks associated with their AI models and deployments; we fundamentally embed AI's capabilities into our platform's DNA. That's where Hai, HackerOne's GenAI copilot, comes in to enhance the HackerOne platform with powerful AI functionalities.

Hai effortlessly translates natural language into precise queries, enriches vulnerability reports with additional relevant context, and utilizes platform data to generate insightful recommendations. This cutting-edge technology is designed to revolutionize how our customers approach vulnerability response times, aiming to streamline and enhance the efficiency of vulnerability management processes.

Hai

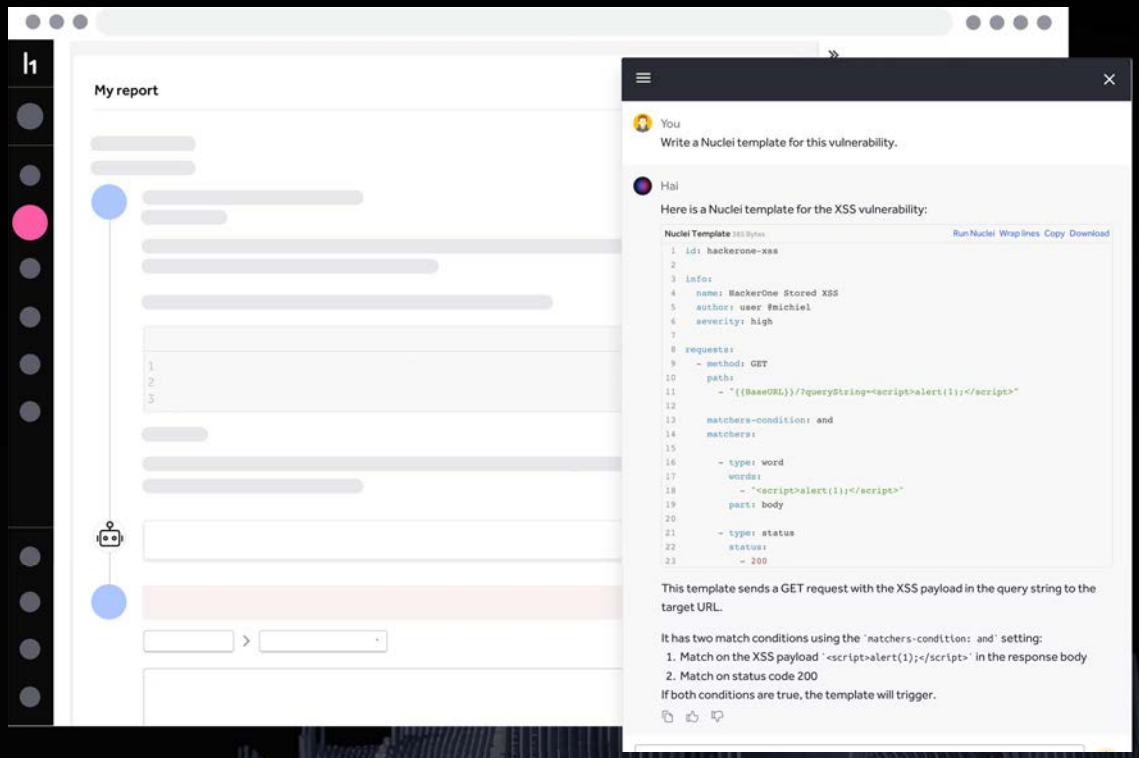
"Hai has significantly reduced the time my team spends sifting through bug reports or creating responses, allowing us to focus more on resolving and communicating vulnerabilities quickly. "

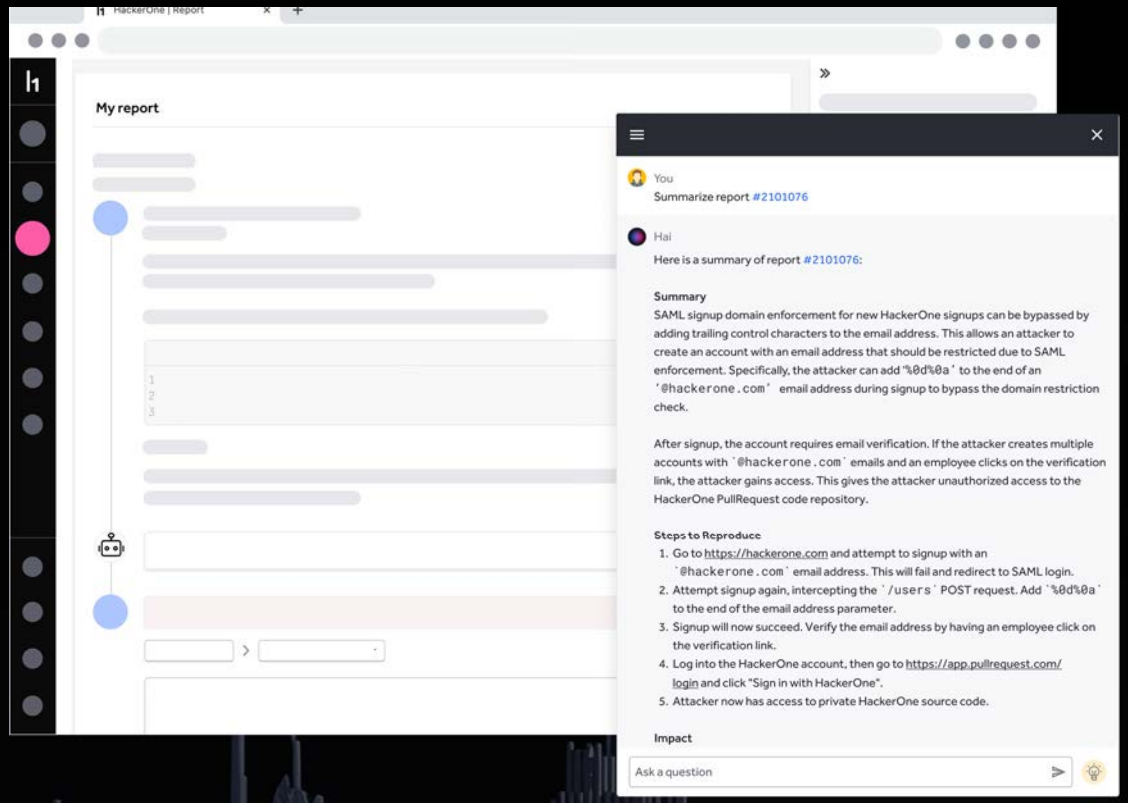
— Alexander Hagenah, Head of Cyber Controls, SIX Group

Hai's benefits for customers include:

Effortless SAST / DAST Template Generation

Enhance scanner consistency with Hai's tailored templates, minimizing errors and boosting detection rates.



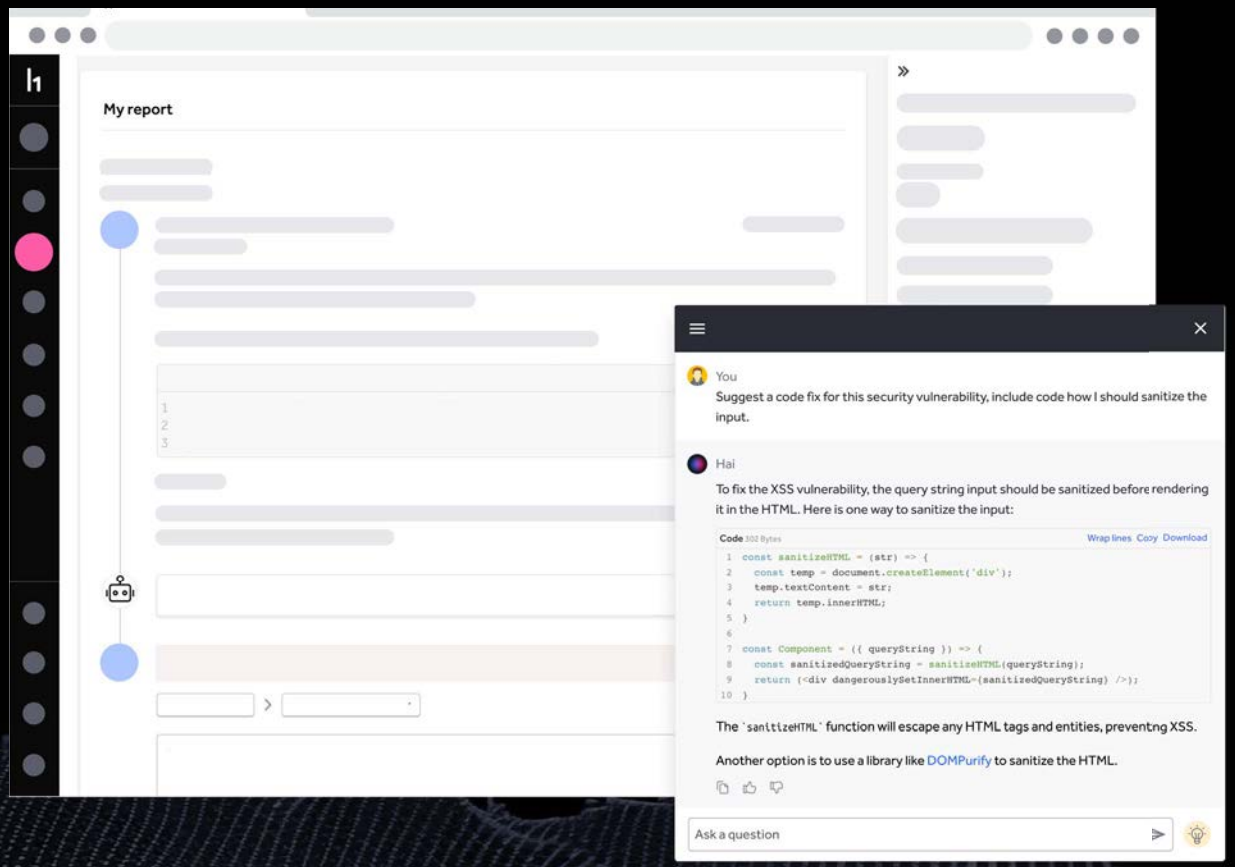


Clear and Synthesized Vulnerability Insights

Whether faced with intricate reports or technical details, Hai provides easily understandable explanations of vulnerabilities, enhancing comprehension and accelerating analysis.

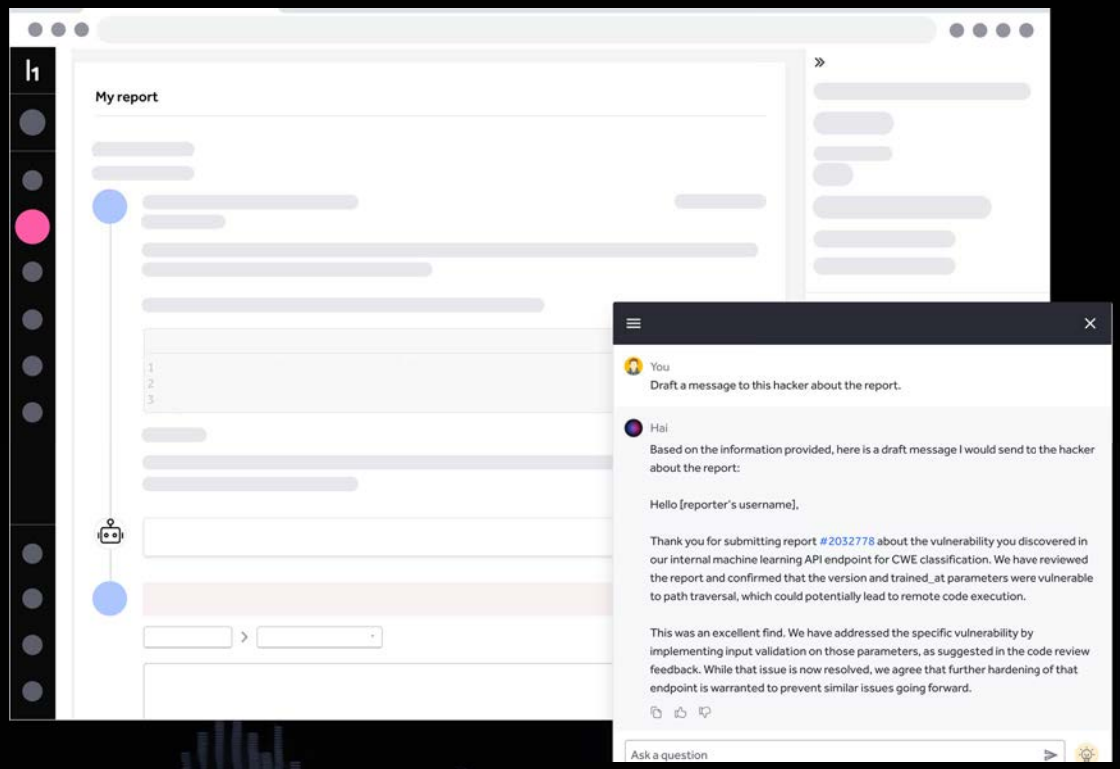
Tailored Remediation Advice

Determine the best approach to fixing a vulnerability by analyzing them with Hai and receiving personalized remediation advice, facilitating effective security enhancements and speedy remediation.



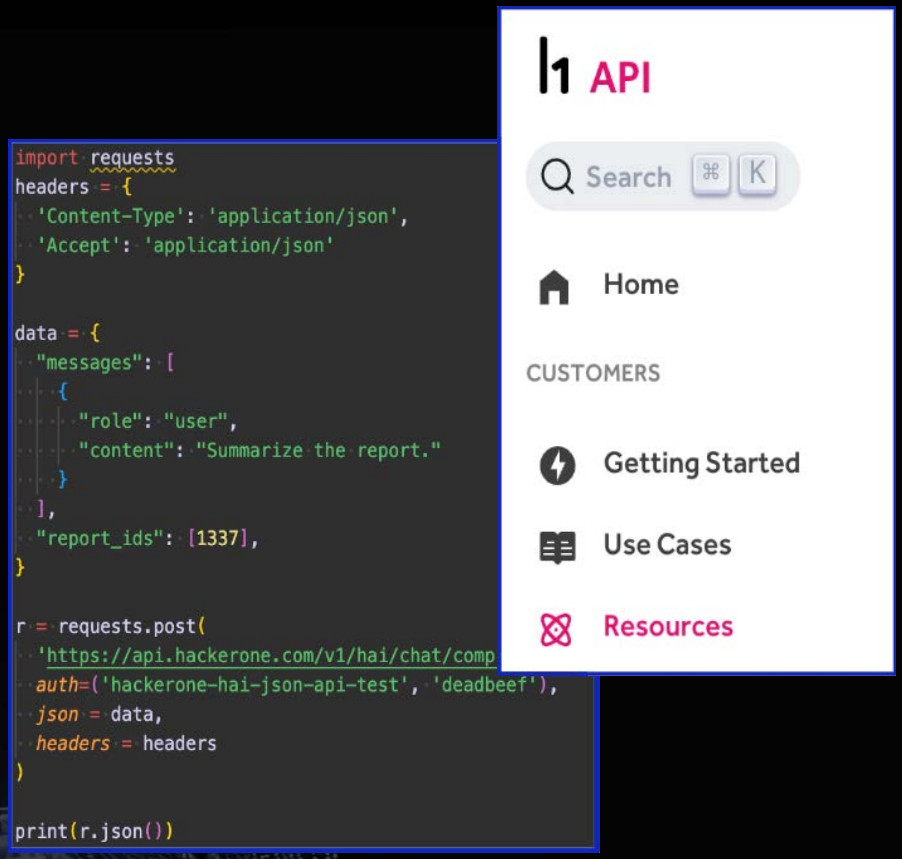
Efficient Hacker Communication

Ask Hai to craft elegant and succinct messages to hackers on your behalf, enhancing collaboration and communication across language barriers.



"Utilizing Hai for translating complex vulnerability findings into remediation advice has been a game changer for us. It bridges the gap between our technical reports and our internal audience, enhancing the value of our HackerOne program by making actionable insights accessible to everyone."

— Vice President of Cybersecurity at a Fortune 500 real estate services and investment firm



Hai API

Hai is accessible through the HackerOne API, enabling users to seamlessly incorporate Hai's capabilities into their existing vulnerability management processes and tooling.

The development of services like AI red teaming and the launch of tools like Hai represent important steps in improving cybersecurity defenses as enterprises deal with a constantly changing world of cyberthreats. By utilizing AI to strengthen security processes and expedite vulnerability response times, we establish industry standards and lay the groundwork for a safer and more secure digital future.

Change the Future of AI With Us

Emerging technologies are often developed with trust, safety, and security as afterthoughts. HackerOne is changing the status quo. We are committed to enhancing security through safe, secure, and confidential AI, tightly coupled with strong human oversight. Our goal is to provide organizations with the tools they need to achieve security outcomes beyond what has been possible before— and to do it without compromise.

As the demand for secure and safe AI grows, HackerOne remains dedicated to facilitating a present and future where technology enhances our lives while upholding security and trust. To learn more about how to strengthen your AI safety and security with AI red reaming, contact the team at HackerOne.

Checklist for Implementing Safe and Secure AI

Whether your organization is looking to develop, secure, or deploy AI or LLM, or you're hoping to ensure the security and ethical adherence of your existing model, we've compiled a checklist for implementing safe and secure AI. While not exhaustive for every use case, this checklist can get you started. Ask the experts at HackerOne for more details on safeguarding your AI.

Joint AI safety & security measures:

- ☐ **Red teaming:** Incorporate both security and safety AI red teaming as a standard practice for AI models and applications.
- ☐ **Testing:** Establish continuous testing, evaluation, verification, and validation throughout the AI model life cycle. Provide regular executive metrics and updates on AI model functionality, security, reliability, and robustness. Regularly scan and update the underlying infrastructure and software for vulnerabilities.
- ☐ **Risk assessment:** Conduct comprehensive risk assessments to identify potential risks associated with the AI system, including unintended consequences, negative societal impacts, and misuse or abuse scenarios.
- ☐ **Regulations and governance:** Determine country, state, or government-specific AI compliance requirements. Some regulations exist around specific AI features, such as facial recognition and employment-related systems. Establish an AI governance framework outlining roles, responsibilities, and ethical considerations, including incident response planning and risk management.
- ☐ **Input and output security:** Evaluate input validation methods, as well as how outputs are filtered, sanitized, and approved.
- ☐ **Training:** Train all users on ethics, responsibility, legal issues, AI security risks, and best practices such as warranty, license, and copyright. Establish a culture of open and transparent communication on the organization's use of predictive or generative AI.

AI safety measures:

- **Ethical considerations:** Establish clear ethical principles and guidelines for the development and use of AI systems, addressing issues such as bias, transparency, accountability, and respect for human rights.
- **Human oversight:** Incorporate human oversight and control mechanisms into AI systems, allowing for human intervention and decision-making in critical situations.
- **Explainability and transparency:** Ensure that AI systems are explainable and transparent, enabling users and stakeholders to understand how decisions are made and the underlying reasoning.
- **Continuous monitoring:** Establish mechanisms for continuous monitoring of AI systems during operation, to detect and respond to any deviations from expected behavior or potential safety concerns.
- **Responsibility and accountability:** Clearly define roles, responsibilities, and accountability measures for the development, deployment, and use of AI systems, including processes for redress and remediation in case of harm or unintended consequences.
- **Stakeholder engagement:** Involve diverse stakeholders, including affected communities, experts, and regulators, in the development and deployment of AI systems to ensure a comprehensive understanding of potential impacts and concerns.

AI security measures:

- **Data security:** Verify how data is classified and protected based on sensitivity, including personal and proprietary business data. Determine how user permissions are managed and what safeguards are in place.
- **Access control:** Implement least-privilege access controls and defense-in-depth measures.
- **Training pipeline security:** Require rigorous control around training data governance, pipelines, models, and algorithms.
- **Monitoring and response:** Map workflows, monitoring, and responses to understand automation, logging, and auditing. Confirm audit records are secure.
- **Production release process:** Include application testing, source code review, vulnerability assessments, infrastructure security, and AI red teaming in the production release process.
- **Supply chain security:** Request third-party audits, penetration testing, and code reviews for third-party providers, both initially and on an ongoing basis.
- **Measurement:** Identify or expand metrics to benchmark generative cybersecurity AI against other approaches to measure expected productivity improvements. Stay updated with the latest advancements in AI security research and best practices.

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