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Why Agentic AI Needs a Guardrail Layer

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Safety logic issues

Scattered logic
Inconsistent implementation
Duplicated across projects

Agentic AI systems risks

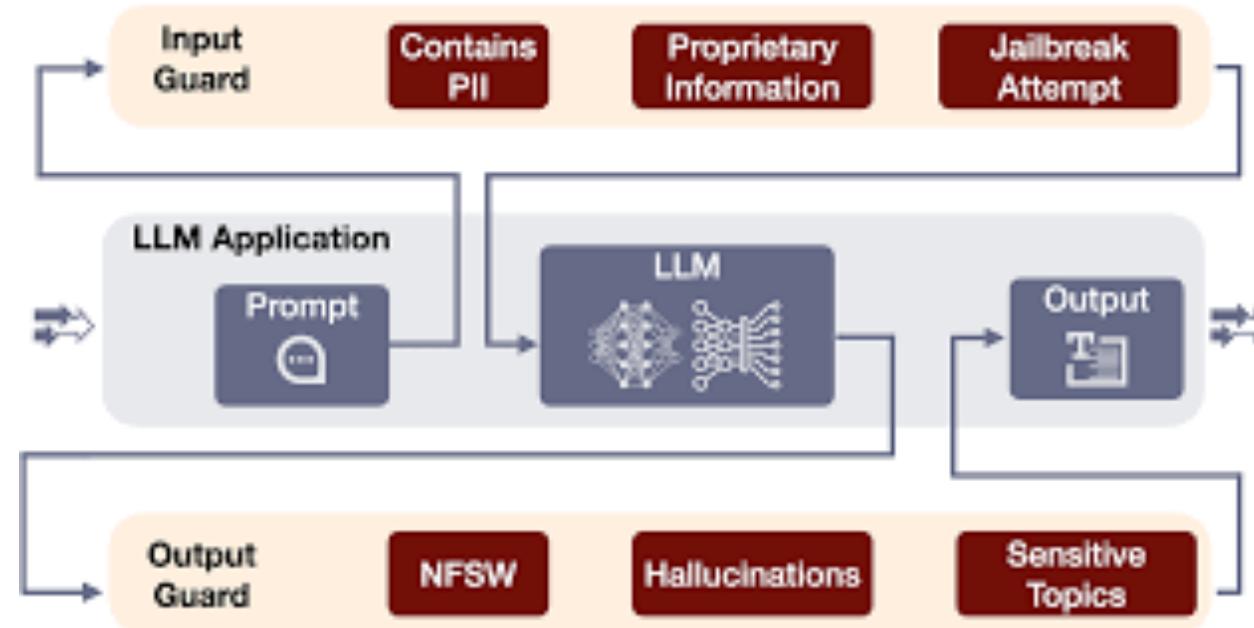
Unsafe or malicious prompts
Hallucination or wrong actions
Leak of sensitive information
Jailbreaking

Increased risk and costs

Increased risk
Higher maintenance costs
Compliance issues



No agentic AI with Guardrail Layers



Guardrails interception points

Input prompts (before LLM)

Output responses (before delivery)

Enforced aspects

Safety

Compliance

Reliability



Comparison of Guardrail Technologies

Guardrail Technology Options

Guardrails AI

Pro : - Easy to embed, strong validator

Cons :- Limited jailbreak & scope control, not for agent behavior

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NeMo Guardrails

Pro : - jailbreak prevention, agent behavior governance

Cons :- Requires project-level configuration, Less suitable as a lightweight

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OpenAI Guardrails / Moderation

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Pro : - No ML maintenance

Cons :- Limited customization



Our Proposal

Guardrail Framework SDK (Unified Interface)

Build a company Guardrail SDK
Acts as a single safety entry point
Any agent imports and uses it
Internally plugs different guardrail engines



How SDK solves problem

Instead of:

Client project → NeMo configs → NeMo runtime

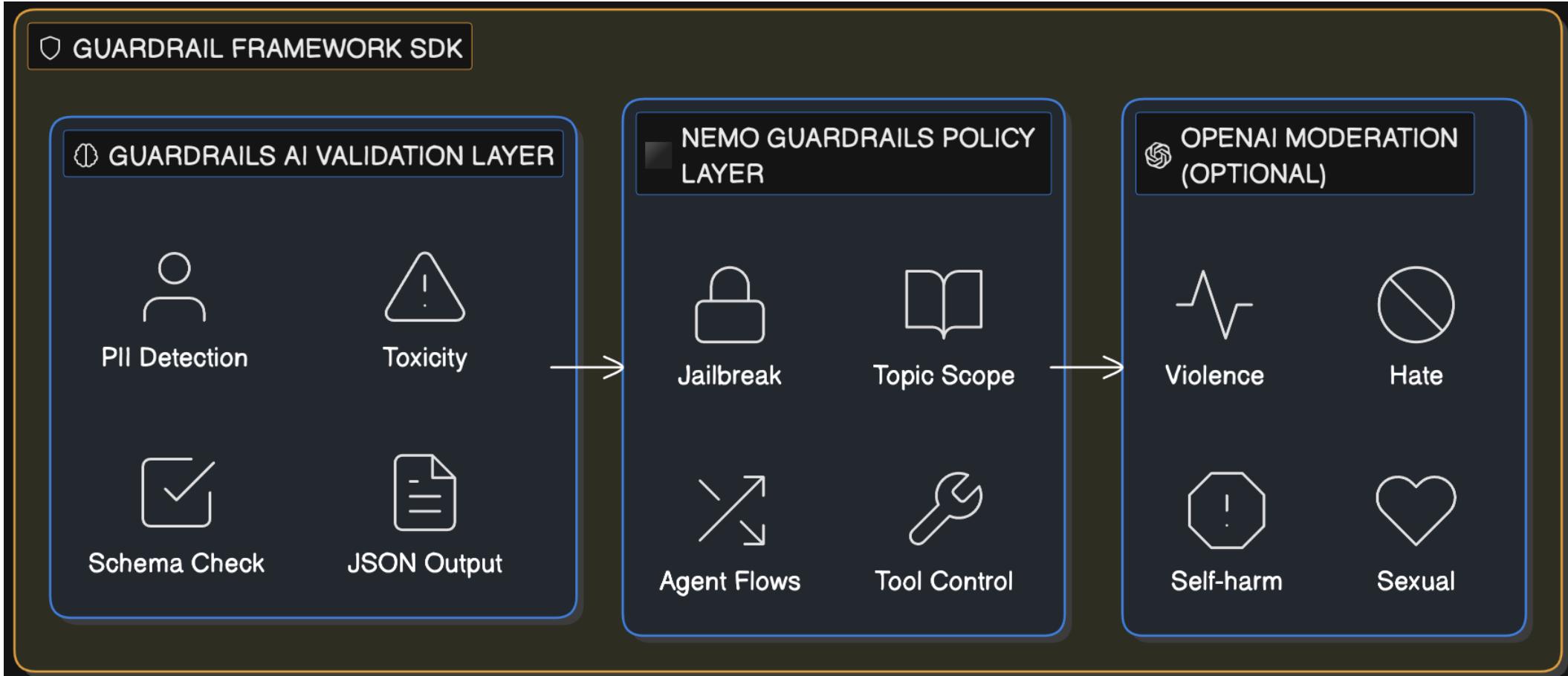
You do:

Client project → Guardrail SDK → (internal)

NeMo runtime + configs

So NeMo becomes an **internal engine**, not a client dependency.

NeMo Guardrails requires configuration at the engine level, but in our architecture that configuration is owned by the Guardrail SDK, not by each project. Clients only select a profile, which makes the SDK plug-and-play



What Each layer Does

Layer	Purpose	Examples
Input Guard	Before LLM	Jailbreak, PII, topic scope
Output Guard	After LLM	Toxicity, hallucination, schema
Policy Guard	Agent behavior	Allowed tools, domains
Risk Guard	Compliance	Violence, hate, sexual, self-harm



How a Request Proceed

User Prompt



Guardrail SDK

- NeMo: scope & jailbreak
- Guardrails AI: PII & validation
- OpenAI: risk classification



LLM / Agent reasoning



Guardrail SDK

- Guardrails AI: schema & toxicity
- NeMo: hallucination & policy
- OpenAI: compliance



Safe Response





Why a Guardrail SDK (Not a Single Tool)

Centralized governance
Modular and replaceable

Plug-and-play for teams
Consistent logging & audit

Avoids vendor lock-in
Scales across all AI projects



Implementation Plan

Phase 1: Guardrail SDK interface

Phase 2: Guardrails AI integration

Phase 3: NeMo Guardrails

integration

Phase 4: Optional OpenAI

moderation



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