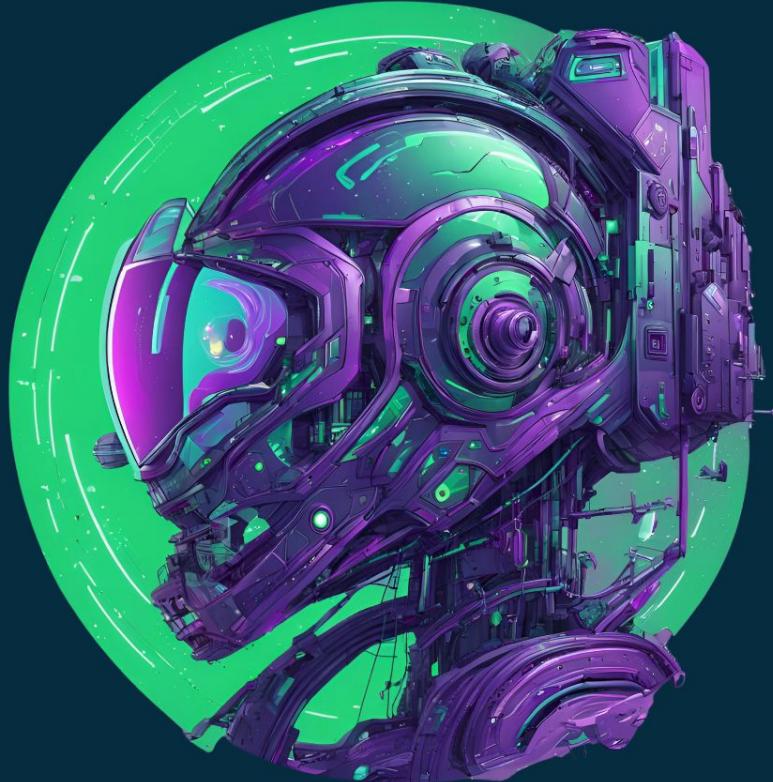


LLM Ops: Production-Ready GenAI Systems



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Agenda disclaimer

- Not a comprehensive overview of Large Language Model Operations (*LLM Ops*)
- Not (primarily) about tools or platforms
- Not about ready-to-implement processes
- ...but about (a few) **concepts that may help to drive success of GenAI projects**
- **2 different use cases** for inspiration



A starting point...

Welcome to the Xebia AI Factory (demo)

Upload a Business Context

Please select and upload a text file that contains data / information about the frame-of-reference of the fictional company, in which specific Business Need has to be embedded. Supported formats are txt, docx and pdf.

Upload a Business Need

Please select and upload a text file that contains data / information about the specific Business Need that or a list of Requirements of the fictional company, for which the Factory should create an output. Supported formats are txt, docx, png and jpg.

Choose the Factory Engine (LLM)

Please select a LLM Model available to generate the desired output. Different Models may produce different output, as the Factory is able to use different LLM.

Select the Type of Output

Please select the Type of the output that the Factory should generate. Different Types may produce different output, as the Factory is able to use different LLM.

Select the Format of the Output

Please select the format you want the Factory to provide the generated output to. You may want to have just a file-like, a structured object file or even a diagram.

Generate Output

Test: TC001

Description:

Verify that the system correctly gathers employee availability and preferences.

Preconditions:

Employee information database is up-to-date.

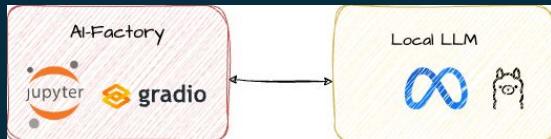
Test Data:

Employee A: Available Mon-Fri, prefers morning shifts; Employee B: Available Tue-Fri, prefers evening shifts.

Steps:

- » Log in to the scheduling system.
- » Navigate to the employee availability section.
- » Enter availability and preferences for Employee A and Employee B.
- » Save the changes.

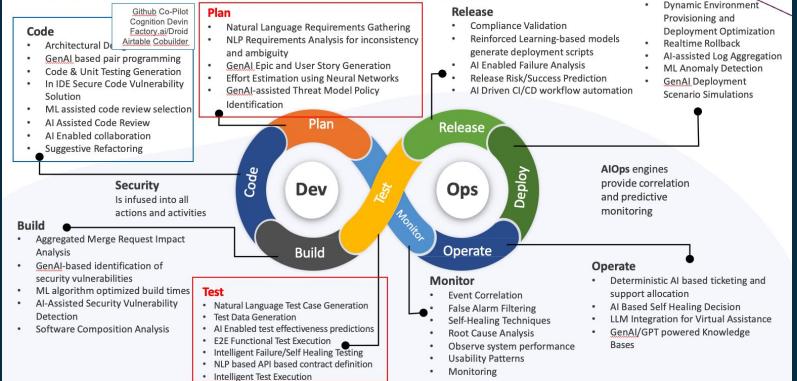
Expected Result:



model neutrality

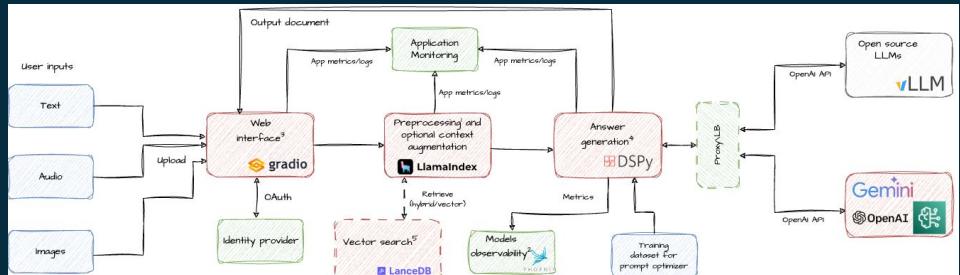
structured output

AI-driven automation across the SDLC



Demo

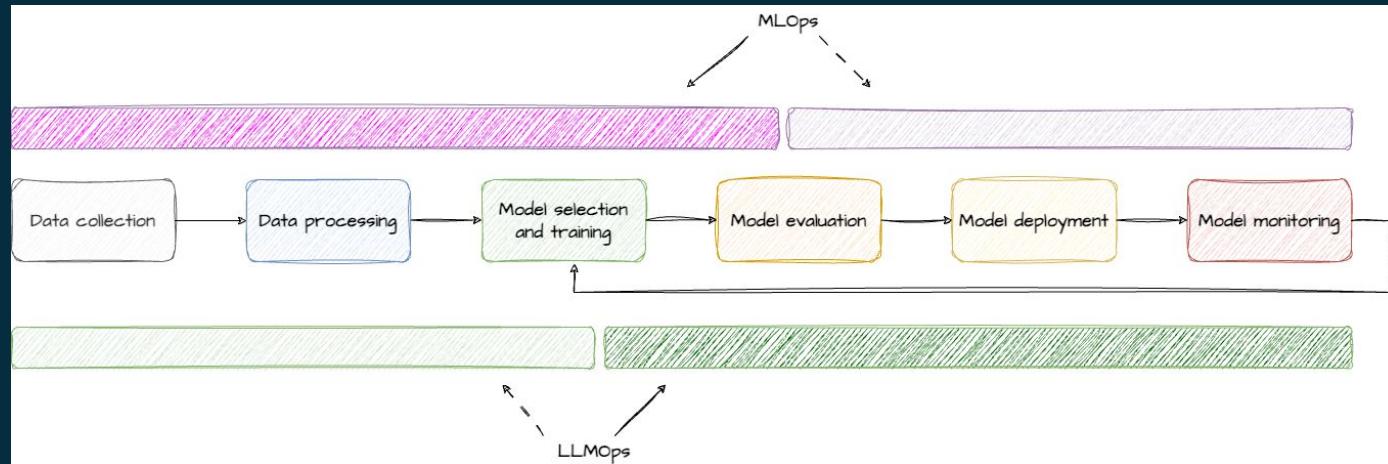
LLMOps framework!



Production-grade system

MLOps => LLMOps

- Translating ML models into reliable, cost-efficient systems and managing their lifecycle
- MLOps and LLMOps have the same goals and principles but differ in **focus**



LLMops challenges in the enterprise context

- **LLMs *churn*** - new, more capable models are released frequently
- **Multi model strategies** - optimizing for cost, latency, quality
- **LLM specialization** - one size does not fit all
- On-premise vs managed deployments
- Output of LLM is by nature **non-deterministic**
- Security and data protection
- ... there is not such a thing as **LLM backward compatibility** out of the box

Reproducible outputs Beta

Chat Completions are non-deterministic by default (which means model outputs may differ from request to request). That being said, we offer some control towards deterministic outputs by giving you access to the `seed` parameter and the `system_fingerprint` response field.

To receive **(mostly)** deterministic outputs across API calls, you can:

- Set the `seed` parameter to any integer of your choice and use the same value across requests you'd like deterministic outputs for.
- Ensure all other parameters (like `prompt` or `temperature`) are the exact same across requests.

Sometimes, determinism may be impacted due to necessary changes OpenAI makes to model configurations on our end. To help you keep track of these changes, we expose the `system_fingerprint` field. If this value is different, you may see different outputs due to changes we've made on our systems.

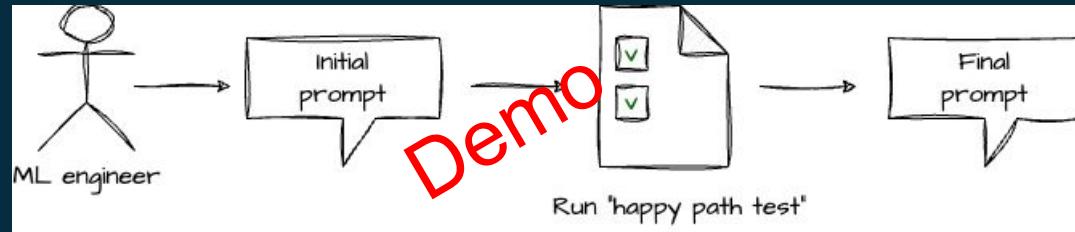
Complexity requires automation

- Prompt optimization
- Controlling LLM Output
- LLM testing and evaluation
- Costs optimization

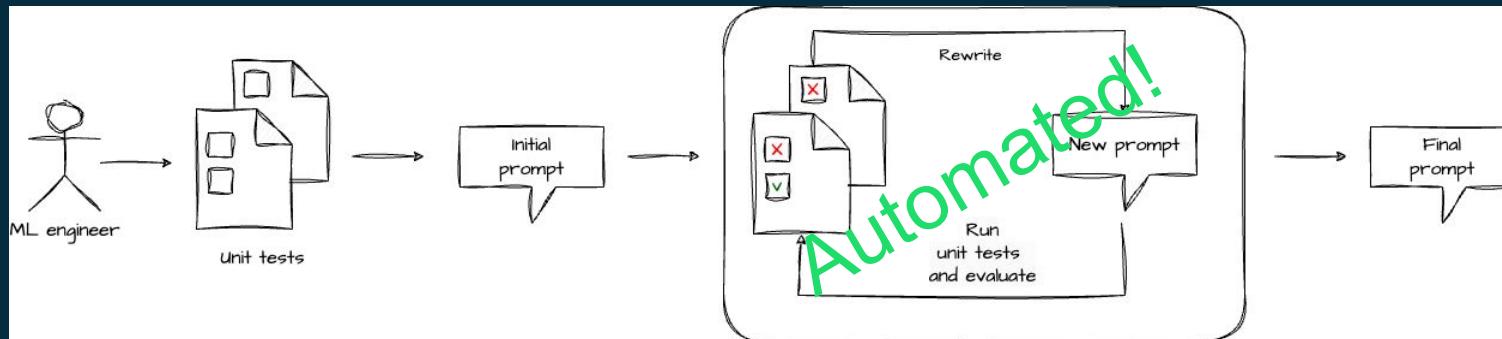
“It’s very easy to make a prototype,” Henley, who studied how copilots are created in his role at Microsoft, says. “It’s very hard to production-ize it.” Prompt engineering—as it exists today—seems like a big part of building a prototype, Henley says, but many other considerations come into play when you’re making a commercial-grade product.

The challenges of making a commercial product include ensuring reliability—for example, failing gracefully when the model goes offline; adapting the model’s output to the appropriate format, because many use cases require outputs other than text; testing to make sure the AI assistant won’t do something harmful in even a small number of cases; and ensuring safety, privacy, and compliance. Testing and compliance are particularly difficult, Henley says, because traditional software-development testing strategies are maladapted for nondeterministic LLMs.

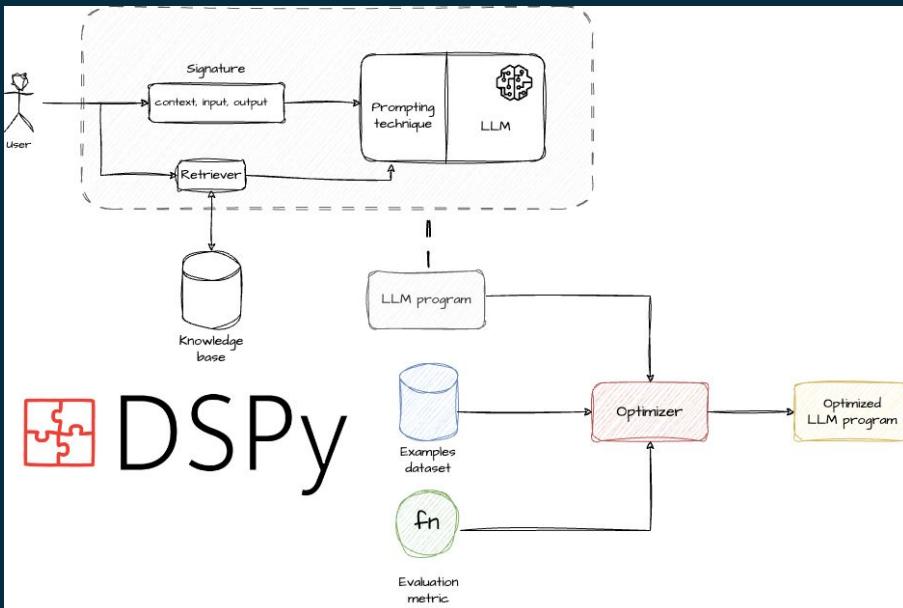
Prompt engineering process



- Similar prompts => different output
- Best prompt specific to a model
- Both instructions and examples (in-context learning) can have great impact on output
- An error-prone and tedious process



Prompt engineering => optimization task



 **DSPy**

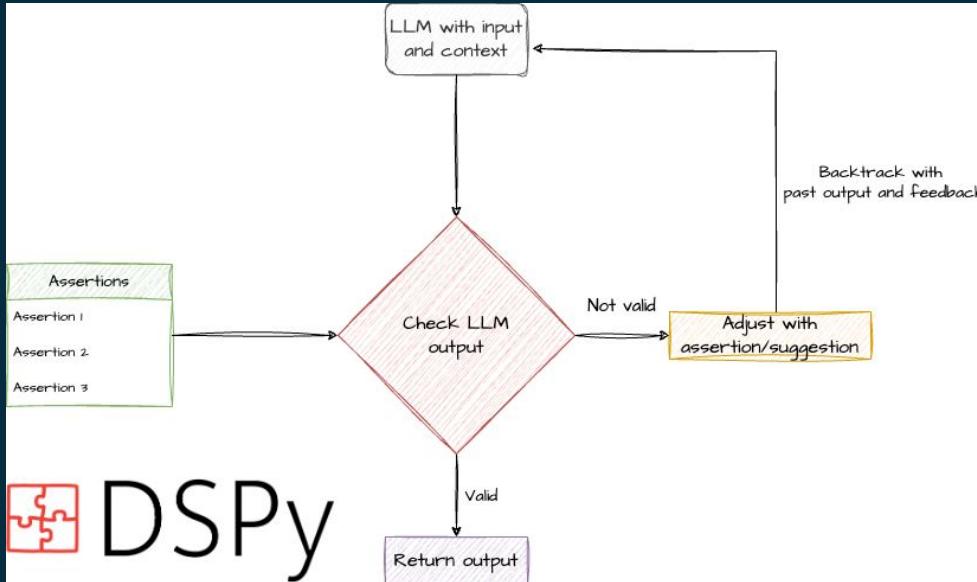
Zhang, Tuo, Jinyue Yuan, and Salman Avestimehr. "Revisiting OPRO: The Limitations of Small-Scale LLMs as Optimizers." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2405.10276* (2024).

- Different optimizing strategies for both selecting/bootstrapping examples, instructions or models/programs **Ensemble**
- Metric can be an arbitrary function even LLM-based (**LLM-as-a-judge**)
- Can be a **student-teacher** model setup

Khattab, Omar, et al. "Dspy: Compiling declarative language model calls into self-improving pipelines." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2310.03714* (2023).

Opsahl-Ong, Krista, et al. "Optimizing Instructions and Demonstrations for Multi-Stage Language Model Programs." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2406.11695* (2024).

Automated strategies for controlling LLM outputs



- **Assertions** - general purpose mechanism for guardrailing LLM output
- **Typed Predictions** - specialized for enforcing specific schema using *Pydantic* models for LLM output
- Both can be used in the prompt optimization process

Singhvi, Arnav, et al. "DSPy Assertions: Computational Constraints for Self-Refining Language Model Pipelines." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2312.13382* (2023).

LLM Evaluation

- Absolutely crucial when building a reliable LLM-system
- Depending on the problem can be statistical (e.g. precision, recall, F1) or model-based (LLM-as-a-judge) in more generic cases
- Problem of aligning LLM evaluation with human preferences
 - G-Eval, Prometheus and Evalgen
- Human annotated LLM outputs for calibration
- LLM-assisted criteria and assertion generation

Shankar, Shreya, et al. "Who Validates the Validators? Aligning LLM-Assisted Evaluation of LLM Outputs with Human Preferences." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2404.12272* (2024).

Complexity requires observability

- Open-source tools such as LangFuse, Phoenix and LangSmith emerge, putting high emphasis on LLM observability, including:
 - program metrics, e.g. latency, tokens, costs
 - evaluations scores (optimization process)
 - traces
 - user feedback (annotations)
- user feedback => new datasets

Trace Details

Trace Status: Latency: 66.84s (OK)

Code:

LLM Input:

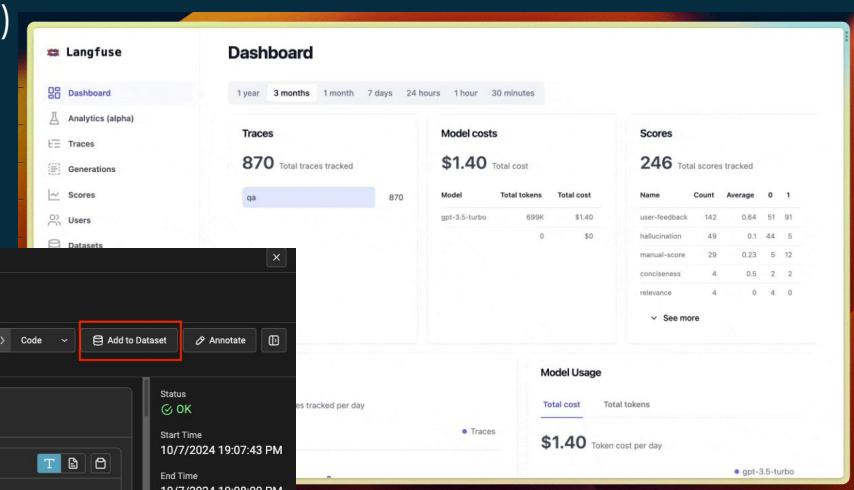
Extract all phenotype terms (e.g. diseases, conditions, abnormalities, defects, malformations) from the given text as a comma-separated list of strings.
 Do not include words such as: "condition".
 Identify keywords and phrases that represent disease names, symptoms, or medical conditions.
 Ensure the extracted list is comprehensive and accurate, with no duplicate or repetitive terms.
 Output the list of phenotype terms as a comma-separated string, without any formatting or punctuation in a format ready for subsequent analysis or processing. Do not add any note, nor reasoning nor any other information, just the phenotype terms as a list separated by commas.

Feedback: quality: 0.90

Add to Dataset:

Invocation Params:

- HOPPipeline.forward 66.84s
- PhenoTermExtractor.forward 66.83s
- ChainOfThought.forward 66.83s
- Predict(StringSignature).forward 66.82s
- OllamaLocal.request 16.87s (highlighted)
- OllamaLocal.request 49.94s



Costs optimization

- Different strategies (from most to least complex)
 - hardware optimization
 - LLM optimization (e.g. quantization, scaling down parameters, fine-tuning)
 - LLM routing
 - LLM ensemble optimization, collective wisdom - Mixture-of-Agents
 - prompt optimization
- ... but in order to try to do it you need to have:
 - portable LLM pipelines
 - evaluation datasets and metric functions
 - observability platform

Wang, Junlin, et al. "Mixture-of-Agents Enhances Large Language Model Capabilities." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2406.04692* (2024).

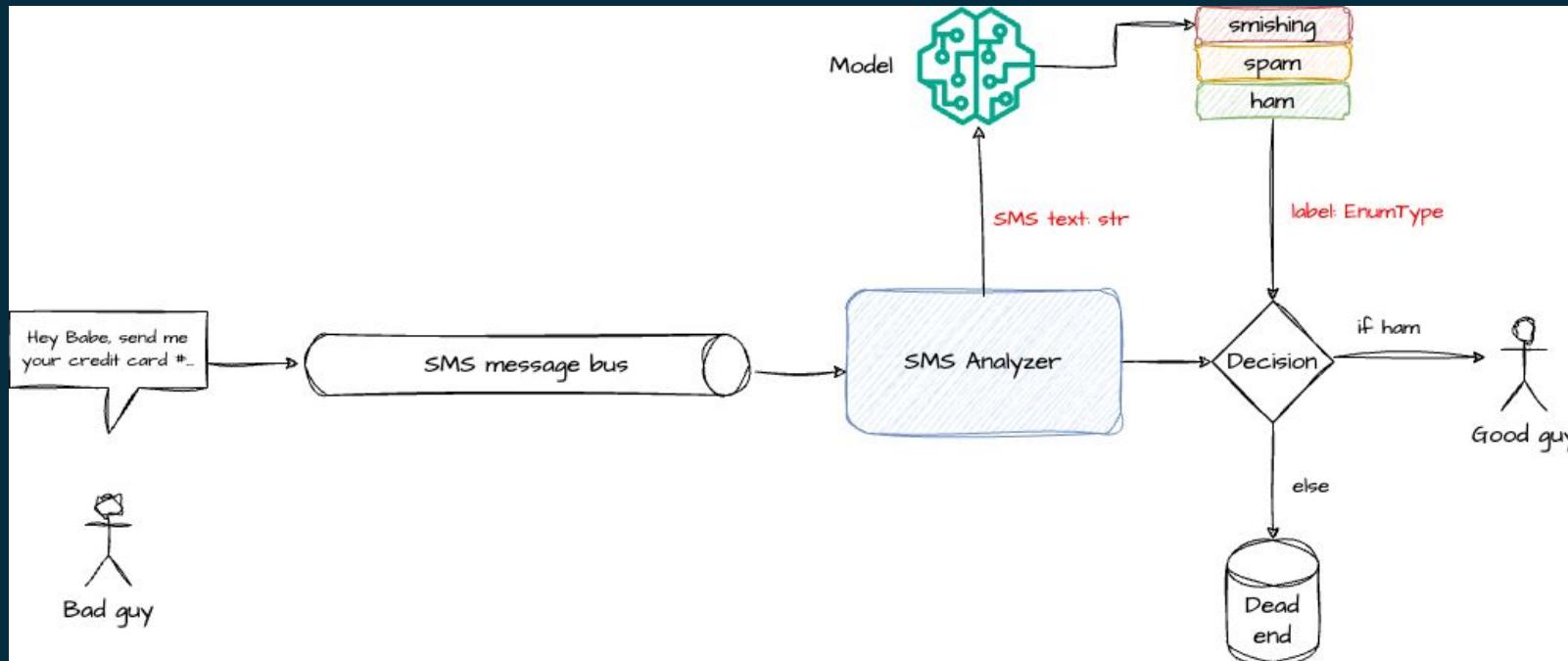
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Demo scenario

<https://github.com/mwiewior/llmops-webinar>

Scenario: SMS Phishing Detection System



Demo first!

- demo with GPT4-o successful...but your boss have 3 concerns:
 - costs
 - latency
 - security



10/20/24	
gpt-3.5-turbo-instruct	0.60s
gpt-4o-ai-factory	0.55s
llama3.1:8b	0.38s
gpt-4o-2024-05-13	0.38s
gemma2:9b	0.34s
llama3.1:8b-cyber	0.28s
qwen2.5:7b	0.27s
gemma2:2b	0.19s
qwen2.5:3b	0.18s
qwen2.5:1.5b	0.16s
qwen2.5:0.5b	0.12s



Idea: Let's productionize it with a much smaller open-source LLM that can be hosted locally.

Scenario: SMS PHISHING - the LLMOps way!

- prepare a train-eval-test dataset
- define your metric functions
- make the output structured
- optimize-evaluate-observe loop
- version the LLM-program
- use GitOps for deployment

 Mendeley Data

SMS PHISHING DATASET FOR MACHINE LEARNING AND PATTERN RECOGNITION

Published: 20 June 2022 | Version 1 | DOI: 10.17632/f45bkkt8pr.
Contributors: sandhya mishra, Devpriya Soni

Description

The dataset is a set of labelled text messages that have been collected for SMS Phishing research. It has 5971 text messages labeled as Legitimate (Ham) or Spam or Smishing. It includes 489 spam messages, 638 smishing messages, and 4844 ham messages. This dataset contains raw message content that can be used as labelled data in Deep Learning or for extracting further attributes. The dataset contains extracted attributes from malicious messages that can be used for Classification of messages as malicious or legitimate. This dataset also includes python code that are used for extracting attributes. The data has been collected by converting the images obtained from the Internet to text using Python code. Attributes have been selected based on their relevance. The details of dataset attributes are given below:

LABEL- Classification label categorizing the message as ham, spam, or Smishing.
TEXT- The raw content of the message.
URL- Gives out whether the message contains a URL or not.
EMAIL- Gives out whether the message contains an email id or not.
PHONE - Gives out whether the message contains a phone number or not.
Python code for extraction of the above listed dataset attributes is attached. The snapshot of this dataset is also attached. Frequency chart of the attributes are also attached.



Notebook time!

What you've learned today

- use LLM for a classification problem
- compare SLMs vs SOTA GPT-4o
- show how to use **DSPy** for automatic prompt optimization, structured output and **Langfuse** for observability
- analyze the evaluation results
- optimize costs and boost LLM performance with model fine-tuning and automatic prompt optimization



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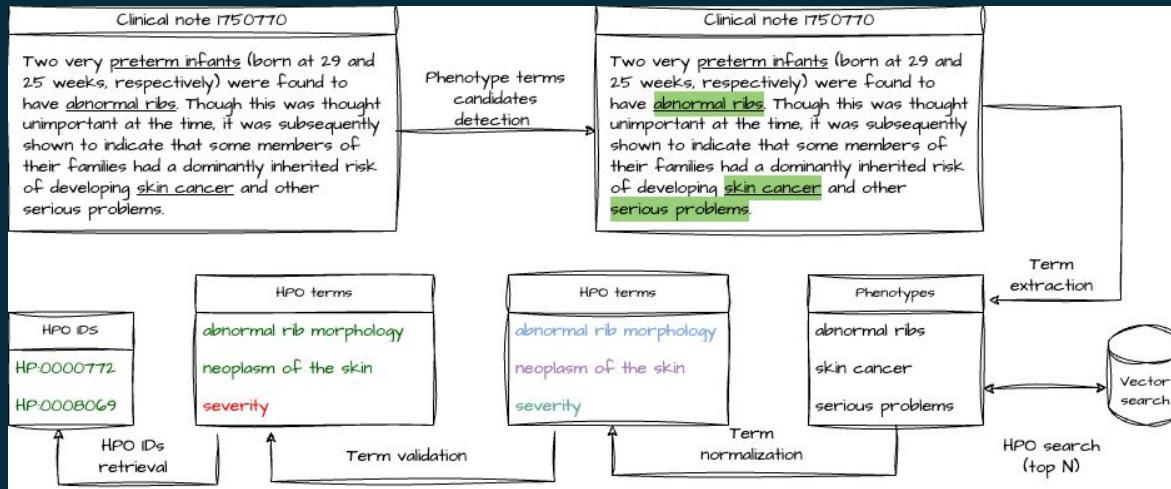




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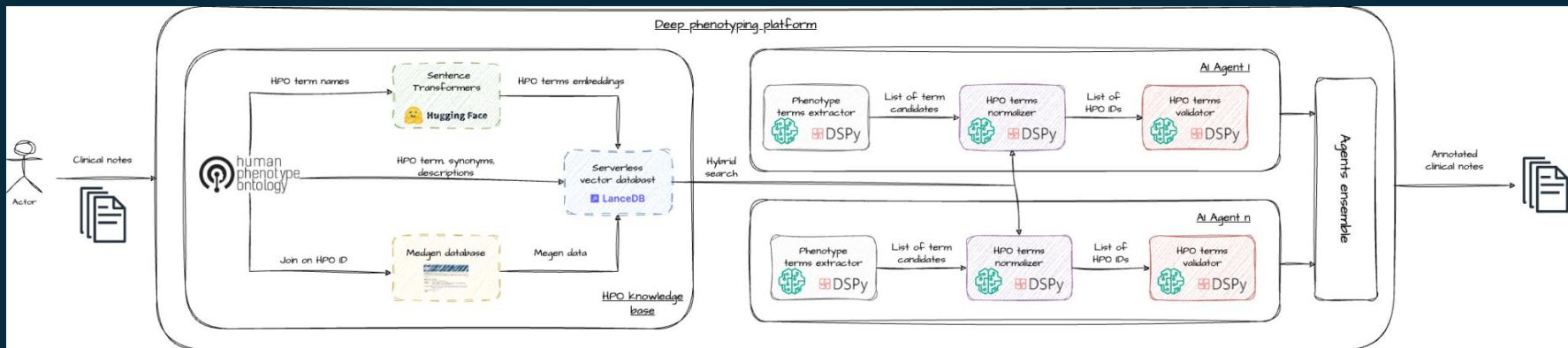
PhenoAgent - use case

- **Deep phenotyping** refers to the comprehensive and detailed analysis of phenotypic traits in organisms
- Two-step procedure involving:
 - concept recognition (finding phenotypic information in the unstructured text) and
 - concept normalization (mapping recognized concepts to the standardized Human Phenotype Ontology (HPO) identifiers)

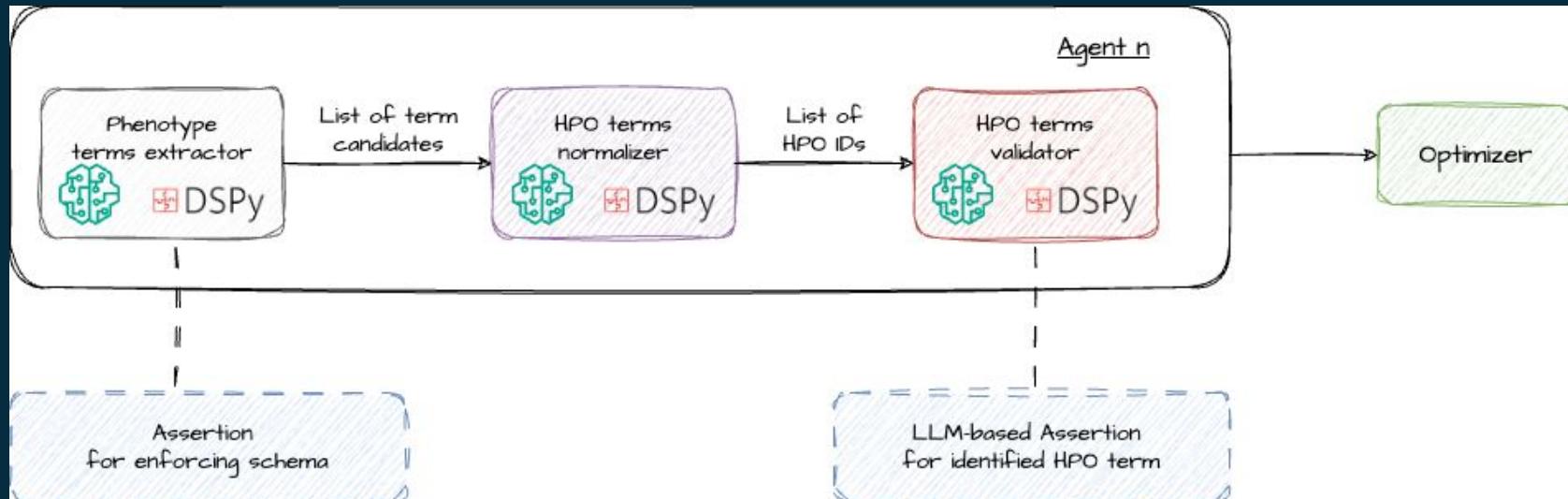


PhenoAgent - architecture

PhenoAgent - first LLM-based tool for an automatic HPO terms annotation powered by RAG and small LLMs ensemble architecture



PhenoAgent - deep dive



PhenoAgent - results and conclusions

- Optimized ensemble of LLM programs of small (and quantized) LLMs can easily **outperform SOTA models** (i.e. Llama-3.1-405/70B)
- RAG architecture can **outperform fine-tuned models** of comparable size
- Using concepts like Assertions and automated prompt optimization help to deliver portable LLM-pipelines
- Using model ensemble and prompt optimization can reduce costs of infrastructure

Tool	Model	Precision	Recall	F1
PhenoGPT	Llama2-7B	0.3136	0.2805	0.2961
PhenoAgent	Llama3-8B	0.5699	0.5511	0.5603
PhenoAgent-MoA-8-3	MoA-8	0.6275	0.6241	0.6258
PhenoAgent-Llama-405	Llama3.1-405B	0.6248	0.5616	0.5915