SLM (Security Lifecycle Manager)

SLM provides a real-time secret detection solution powered by fine-tuned small language models (SLMs) running on AWS Trainium.

Motivation



Over 10 million secrets leaked on GitHub in 2023

Sensitive data, such as API keys and credentials, are constantly being exposed on public code repositories, leading to significant security risks and financial losses.



Average cost of a data breach: \$4.45M

The financial impact of a data breach can be devastating, with the average cost reaching millions of dollars per incident.



SOC-2 compliance requires continuous secret scanning

Maintaining SOC-2 compliance mandates regular monitoring and detection of secret leaks, which is a crucial requirement for many organizations.



Existing solutions are expensive or slow

Current secret detection tools are either too costly (\$100K+/year) or rely on batch processing, which fails to provide real-time protection.

The constant threat of secret leaks, the high financial impact, and the need for compliance have created a significant opportunity for a cost-effective, real-time secret detection solution.

Problem Statement



Current Options

GitGuardian/TruffleHog: \$10K-100K/year,
limited customization; GPT-4 API: \$100 per 1M
scans, data leaves your network;
Regex-based tools: High false positives, miss
context-aware leaks



What's Missing

Real-time detection at commit time,
Structured, actionable output for SOC-2
audits, On-premise deployment for sensitive
codebases, Cost-effective solution for
startups/mid-size companies

Existing solutions are either expensive, slow, or inadequate, leaving a need for a cost-effective, real-time, and on-premise secret detection solution.

Problem Size

The size of the potential market for a solution to the problem of secret leaks

12,000,000,000 4.5 days 28

Developers on GitHub

100,000,000

Organizations experienced credential exposure

SOC-2 compliance market (by 2027)

Average secret exposure time before detection

Our Solution



Generated 1,000 realistic training examples

Developed a dataset of exposed and safe code samples to train the model



Deployed API endpoint for real-time scanning

Deployed the fine-tuned model as an API endpoint for real-time SOC-2 secret detection



Fine-tuned Qwen 3-1.7B on AWS Trainium

Leveraged AWS Trainium to efficiently fine-tune the large language model in 2 hours

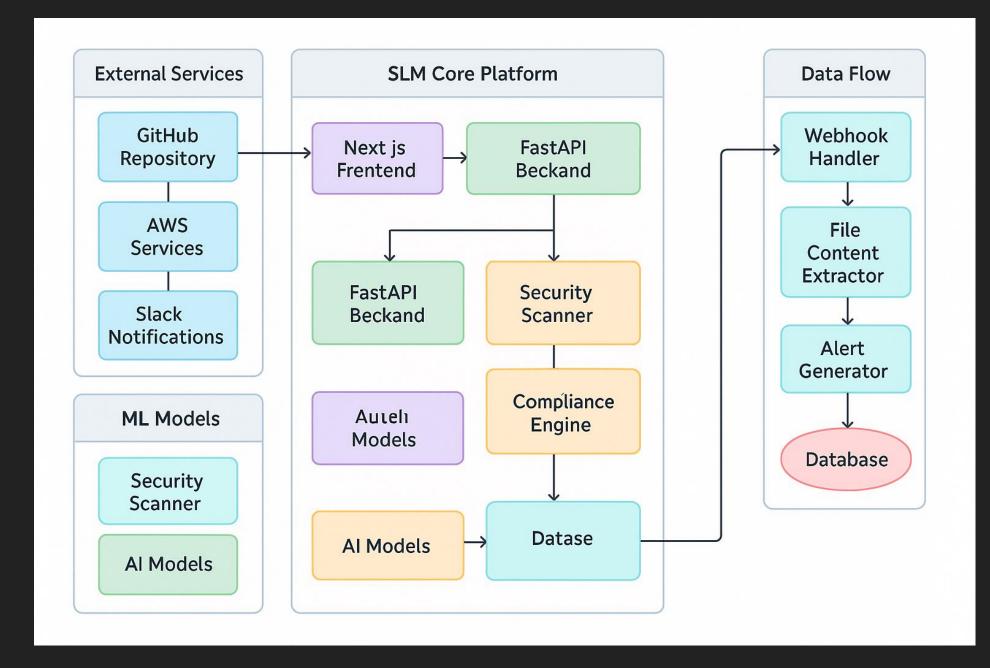


Created structured output format

Designed a structured output format for audit compliance:

CLASSIFICATION/SECRET_TYPE/SEVERITY/RE MEDIATION

Our fine-tuned SLM model for SOC-2 secret detection has demonstrated significant improvements in speed, cost, and output quality. By leveraging AWS Trainium and a structured output format, we have delivered a reliable and efficient solution for real-time scanning and audit compliance..



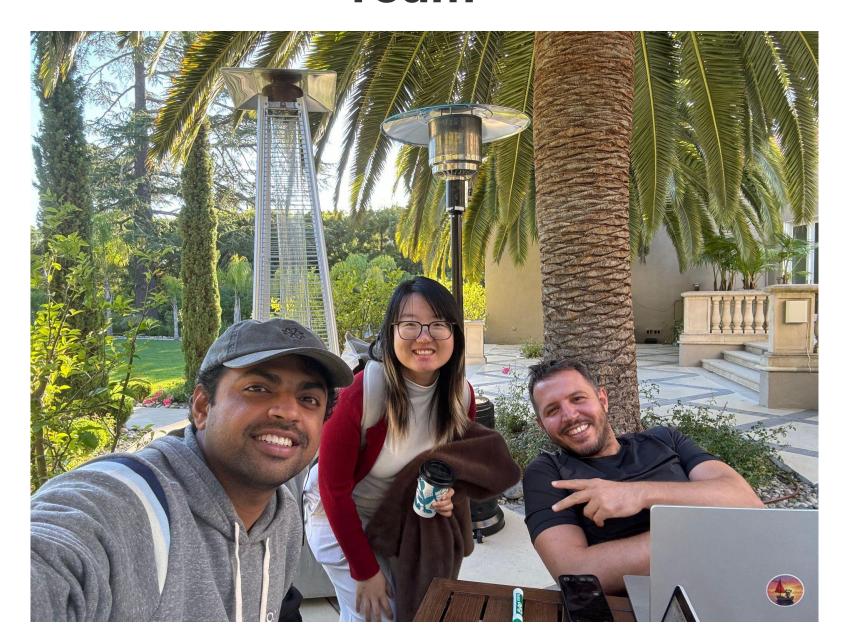
Side-by-Side Comparison

Metric	Base Qwen 3-1.7B	Fine-Tuned LeakGuard
Output Length	500-800 tokens	~50 tokens
Response Style	Rambling, uncertain	Structured, definitive
Format	Unstructured paragraphs	CLASSIFICATION/SECRET_TYPE/ SEVERITY/REMEDIATION
Consistency	Varies per query	Identical format every time
Inference Speed	Baseline	16x faster
Cost per 1M scans	\$8,000	\$500
SOC-2 Ready	\bowtie	$ \checkmark $

Impact & Metrics

Metric	Value
Dataset Size	1,000 examples
Cost	94% cost reduction (\$8K → \$500 per 1M scans)
Model Size	1.7B base + 16M LoRA params
Latency	~100ms per scan
Throughput	126 tokens/sec input, 54 tokens/sec output
Speed Improvement	16x faster than base model

Team



Future Vision - Roadmap

Phase 1 (Today)

Secret Detection

Core - Fine-tuned

SLM + API endpoint

Phase 3

Automated Rotation AWS Secrets
Manager integration,
Auto-rotate exposed
credentials, Redeploy
affected services

Phase 2 (Next)

CI/CD Integration GitHub Actions
pre-commit hooks,
Automatic PR
blocking, Slack/email
alerts

Phase 4

SOC-2 Evidence
Automation CloudTrail log
collection,
Vanta/Drata
integration,
Compliance

dashboard