Assignment 4 – Open Source AI Models (Essay)

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The Open Source Initiative defines Open Source AI as providing the freedoms to **Use, Study, Modify,** and **Share**. However, when examining the licensing details of Meta's Llama 3, it becomes evident that it does not fully meet these criteria.

First, Llama 3 imposes specific requirements on redistribution. For example, when distributing derivative models, the phrase "Built with Meta Llama 3" must be included, and the model name must contain the prefix **"**Llama 3." These conditions restrict the freedom to modify and redistribute, violating OSI's definition.

Second, the Llama 3 license imposes restrictions on usage purposes. Military applications or surveillance technologies, for instance, are explicitly prohibited. This directly infringes on the freedom to use the system, a fundamental principle of open source.

These restrictions clearly contradict OSI's definition of open-source AI and significantly diverge from the principles Meta claims with the "open source" label.

Why did Richard Stallman start the free software movement? We must not lose its essence. The actions of corporations like Meta, which use the term "open source" while retaining control over their technologies, hinder technological democratization and the growth of communities. Such actions distort the essence of open source and ultimately subject communities to the intentions of corporations.

In conclusion, while Llama 3 is a remarkable technical achievement, Meta's approach undermines the essence of open source and prioritizes commercial control, which deserves strong criticism. I believe open source should not be merely a tool for profit but a means to ensure technological democratization and foster community growth.

Reference:

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