

AZURE AI: BUILDING TRUST IN THE GENERATIVE AI ERA

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Generative AI

- Generative AI describes a category of capabilities within AI that create original content.

Ex. Chat applications, Microsoft copilot

- Gen AI applications take in natural language input and return appropriate responses in a variety of formats such as natural language, images , code and more.

- Example of some prompts:

“write a cover letter for a person with a bachelor’s degree in cloud computing”,

“create a logo for a book seller business”,

“write python code for addition of two numbers”

Language models

- Generative AI applications are powered by language models, which are specialized type of machine learning model that you can use to perform natural language processing tasks including-
 - determine sentiment
 - summarizing text
 - generating new natural language etc.

Using language models

- GPT- Generative Pre-trained Transformer
- DALL-E model for image generation
- OpenAI
- Huggingface
- Mistral
- Meta and other

LLM Vs SLM

LLM

- Trained with vast quantities of text that represent wide range of general subject matter
- When trained , LLM's have many billions of parameters
- Able to exhibit comprehensive language generation capabilities
- Fine-tuning the model with additional data to customize its subject expertise can be time consuming and expensive

SLM

- SLM's are trained with smaller, more subject focused datasets
- Fewer parameters than LLM's
- This focused vocabulary makes them very effective in specific conversational topics
- Fine-tuning can be potentially be less time-consuming and expensive

Microsoft AI / Responsible AI Principles

- **Fairness** -AI systems should treat all people fairly
- **Reliability and safety** -AI systems should perform reliably and safely
- **Privacy and security** -AI systems should be secure and respect privacy
- **Inclusiveness** -AI systems should empower everyone and engage people
- **Transparency** -AI systems should be understandable
- **Accountability** -People should be accountable for AI systems

Plan a responsible generative AI solution

Four-stage process to develop and implement a plan for responsible AI when using generative models

1. Identify potential harms
2. Measure the presence of these harms
3. Mitigate the harms at multiple layers
4. Operate

Step1: Identify potential harms

There are four steps in this stage:

i. Identify potential harms

(offensive, discriminatory, factual inaccurate, encourages or supports illegal or unethical behaviour)

ii. Prioritize identified harms

(likelihood of its occurrence & the resulting level of impact)

iii. Test and verify the prioritized harms- Red team

iv. Document and share details of harms



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Step2: Measure potential harms



It consists three steps:

- i. Prepare a diverse selection of input prompts that are likely to result in each potential harms that you have documented for the system
- ii. Submit the prompts to the system and retrieve the generated output
- iii. Apply pre-defined criteria to evaluate the output and categorize it according to the level of potential harm it contains

Example category of “**harmful**” or “**not harmful**”

Step3: Mitigate potential harms

A layered approach

1. Model layer
2. Safety system

Ex. Content filters in Azure AI foundry

3. Metaprompt and grounding
4. User experience

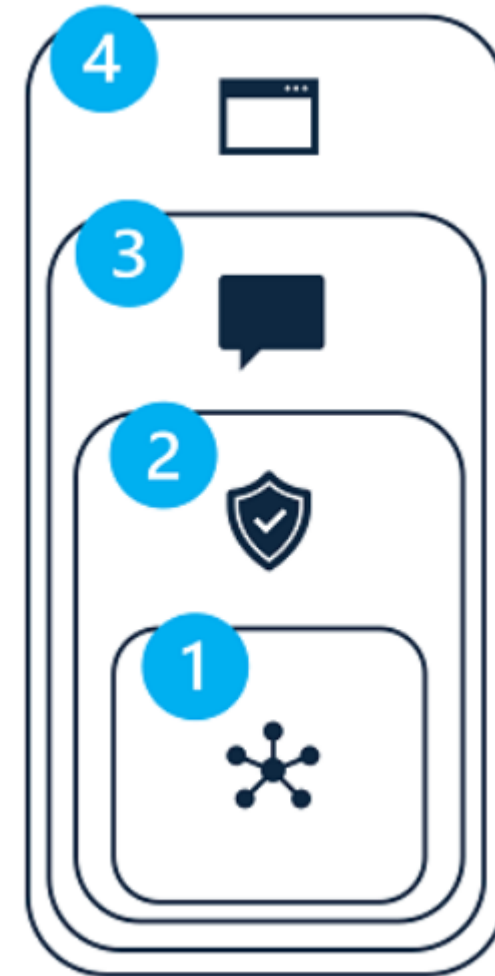


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Step4: Operate a responsible Gen AI solution

Common compliance review include:

- Legal
- Privacy
- Security
- Accessibility

Release and operate the solution:

- Devise a phased delivery plan
- Create an incident response plan
- Create a rollback plan

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Demo

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