

# WOPA: Intelligent Chat Safeguarder

Philosophy is All Agent Needs for Collaboration

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#### Introduction

#### Motivation

- In <u>real-time chat</u> environments (SMS, WhatsApp, Discord, etc.), users often encounter unfamiliar people, files, messages, and links, but they must access due to fast-pace nature of real-time chats.
- Even security-savvy individuals struggle to *quickly judge credibility and safety* in these situations
- Users are vulnerable to attacks like phishing, malware, and/or privacy issues.

#### **WOPA**

- WOPA is a PoC (proof of concept) project
   exploring and showcasing <u>using LLMs and</u>
   <u>sandboxing</u> to provide proactive, user-friendly
   <u>protection in real time messaging</u> scenarios.
- WOPA integrates Al-empowered sandboxing, log analysis, and visual-based behavioral simulation tools to conduct checks against messages, links, files, and app users encounter during chat.

# Background

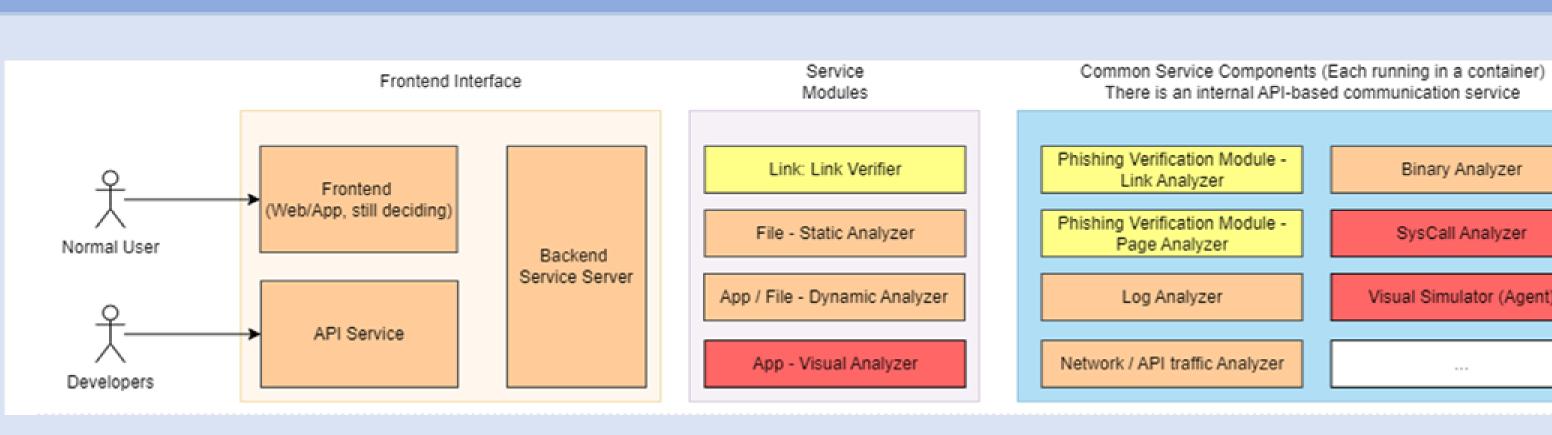
#### **Current Approaches**

- Traditional solutions rely heavily on <u>pattern-</u> <u>matching</u>, static ML models, and <u>large labeled</u> <u>datasets</u>.
- Traditional solutions are <u>limited to known threats</u>, they <u>struggle to adapt</u> to new, unseen attacks..

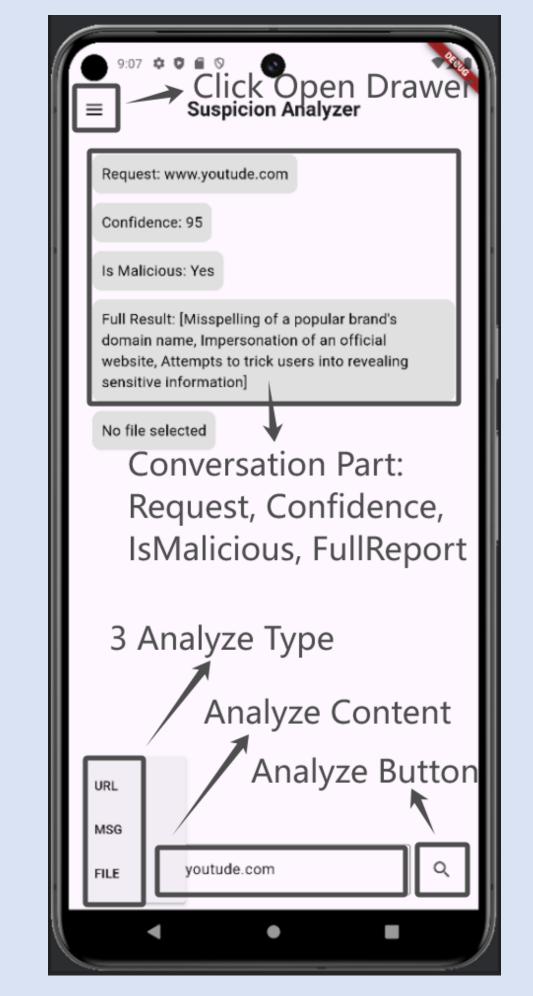
#### **Emerging LLM Techs**

- Emerging Large Language Models (LLMs) offer
   <u>potential to deliver more intelligent, context-</u>
   aware analysis beyond static rule-based checks.
- LLMs can interpret context, language nuances, and subtle signals in messages and websites, making them well-suited for dynamic threat detection.

# System Architecture



#### Demo





# Sample Workflow

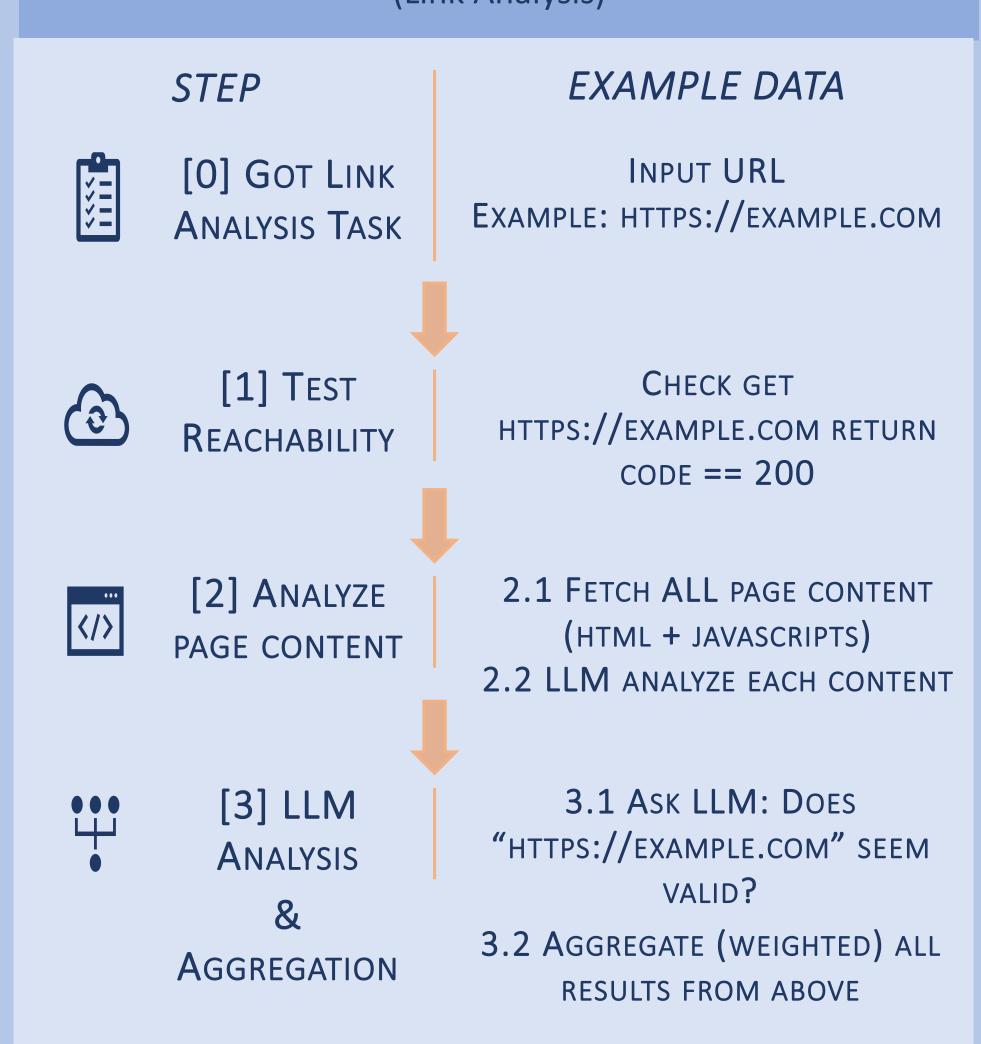
Providers

Cloud-based (OpenAI)

Local-based

(Transformer)

(Link Analysis)



#### Core Functionalities



#### Chat

Worried about a scam your grandmother received? Let her ask WOPA! Fast and clear advice, no technical background needed.



#### **Message Analysis**

Not sure if a strange message is legit? WOPA reads the text, checks context, and help you identify all potential issues.



#### **Link Analysis**

Got a suspicious URL from your "friend"?
WOPA scans and analyzes the link, taking the risk for you to ensure you are all time safe.



#### File Analysis

Friend send you "game to earn \$100 when play"?
WOPA runs it in a safe environment, visually play it as you, and identify threats before you enjoy.

# Evaluations & Findings

# DISTRIBUTION Error 871 Success 1484

# ACCURACY 40 40-mini local (llama3.1:8b) 1.00 0.87 0.78 0.80 0.60 0.60 0.40 0.20 0.20 0.00 Accuracy Accuracy Link Mesasge Experiment Type

# AVERAGE RUN TIME 40 40-mini local (llama3.1:8b) Time (in seconds) 0.00 5.00 10.00 15.00 20.00 6.04 5.58 5.30 50.62 (Truncated)

### Insights (What's Working Well):

- Adaptability and Deep Reasoning: The system runs without any training (zero-shot), provides "smart" responses it can even analyze the smallest piece of context (like JavaScript) on the target and use it to yield meaningful results.
- **Speed:** Both local models and online models (gpt-4o/gpt-4o-mini) can perform comprehensive message analysis within seconds and conduct link analysis (requiring scraping & analyzing the source of the page contents, which is very extensive) within minutes (with high variation between models  $\rightarrow$  this needs model-specific adjustment).

### Challenges:

- **High Error Rate & False Positives (Reliability):** The evaluations reveal that LLM suffer from high error rates (especially local), and none of the models have 90%+ accuracy. We investigated this and found this is due to:
  - JSON Validations: All local model errors are due to inability to respond in JSON format after 3 trials.
- **High False Positives:** All models suffered from high false positive rates (which is the direct and only contributor to accuracy issues), and we speculate it relating to LLM hallucinations issues..

#### Findings:

• LLM security workers are working logically, though fine tuning is needed to reduce false positive issues

#### The Future – Philosophy is All Agent Needs



#### From Separation to Collaboration: Philosophy as the Last Missing Piece

- Existing Practices Agent Chaining: Current LLM-based workflows often group or chain multiple "agents" to tackle separate steps. While this can solve isolated, mutually independent tasks, when it comes to dependent projects, it frequently lacks a cohesive vision, sometimes leading to fragmented or suboptimal results.
- The Missing Piece: From this project's explorations & experiments, we speculate that the lacking piece is a core set of guiding philosophies—high-level design principles that teach how all agents should think, plan, and act, alike human worker onboarding.

#### A 7-Day Miracle: What We Get after Giving Agents Philosophies?

- Our New Approach: Inspired by the methodologies used in this project, we automated them for our agents. Surprisingly, this gave every worker a clearer "big picture" perspective, significantly reducing their errors and improving overall consistency.
- Consistency and Quality: As a direct outcome, we rebuilt the entire codebase from scratch in just one week with minimal human intervention. The result was a more coherent, modular, adaptable, and scalable system full of comments.
- **Easy Integration with Any Code:** We also tried to integrate in an open-source novel cybersecurity research idea, MobileAgent (using LLM-vision for automating app control), and within hours, our system is able to use the code designs from it to automate UI tests.



#### Attention is All You Need, Philosophy is All Agent Needs

- **Philosophy is a special type of Memory:** Philosophies empower agents to adapt, learn, and retain context from a record of key principles captured at critical moments.
- **Backbone Work Guidelines:** Agents can use philosophies as high-level guidelines to maintain consistency and coherence, navigate complexity, and evolve over time without losing sight of their overarching goals.