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How to Evaluate Large Language Models for Cybersecurity

February 28, 2024—Large language models (LLMs) could be an asset for cybersecurity professionals, but they should be evaluated using real and complex scenarios to better understand the technology's capabilities and risks. These findings appear in a white paper released last week by the SEI and OpenAI.

Considerations for Evaluating Large Language Models for Cybersecurity Tasks provides a framework of 14 recommendations for evaluating LLMs for cybersecurity applications.

"Without a clear understanding of how an LLM performs on applied and realistic cybersecurity tasks, decision makers lack the information they need to assess opportunities and risks," write the SEI coauthors of the paper in a recent blog post. "We contend that practical, applied, and comprehensive evaluations are required to assess cybersecurity capabilities."

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<u>SEI and OpenAl Recommend Ways to Evaluate Large Language Models for Cybersecurity Applications</u>

A new white paper says evaluation of LLM capability and risk should include real-world cyber scenarios, not just factual knowledge tests.

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The latest version of the framework completes the set of practices for acquiring and operating secure and resilient systems across the systems lifecycle.

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The average insider risk incident costs organizations more than \$600,000. Roger Black talks about two new SEI CERT Division tools that help organizations assess their insider risk programs.

<u>OpenAl Collaboration Yields 14 Recommendations for Evaluating LLMs for Cybersecurity</u>

Jeff Gennari, Shing-hon Lau, and Samuel J. Perl summarize recommendations to help assessors accurately evaluate LLM cybersecurity capabilities.

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<u>Considerations for Evaluating Large Language Models for Cybersecurity</u> Tasks

In this paper, researchers from SEI and OpenAI explore the opportunities and risks associated with using large language models (LLMs) for cybersecurity tasks.

<u>Navigating Capability-Based Planning: The Benefits, Challenges, and Implementation Essentials</u>

Based on industry and government sources, this paper summarizes the benefits and challenges of implementing capability-based planning (CBP).

<u>Acquisition Security Framework (ASF): Managing Systems Cybersecurity Risk</u> (<u>Expanded Set of Practices</u>)

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