

# The Language of Security

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Exploring Practical Applications of LLMs in Cyber Security

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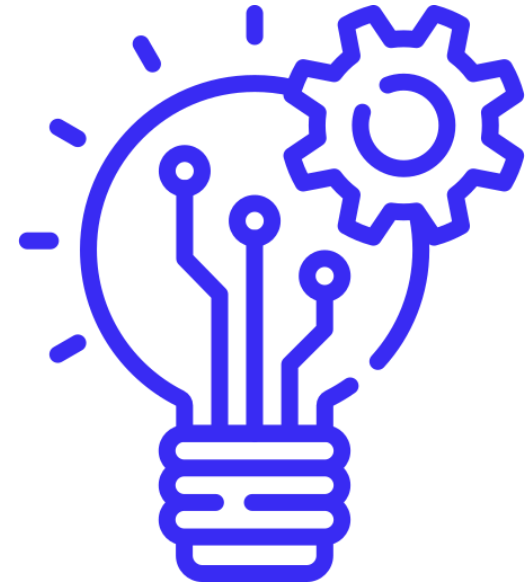
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# 01

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## How to think about LLMs

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# They predict the next word

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I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to

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Given this  
context

# They predict the next word

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I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to **extend**

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Given this  
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Predict the  
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offer

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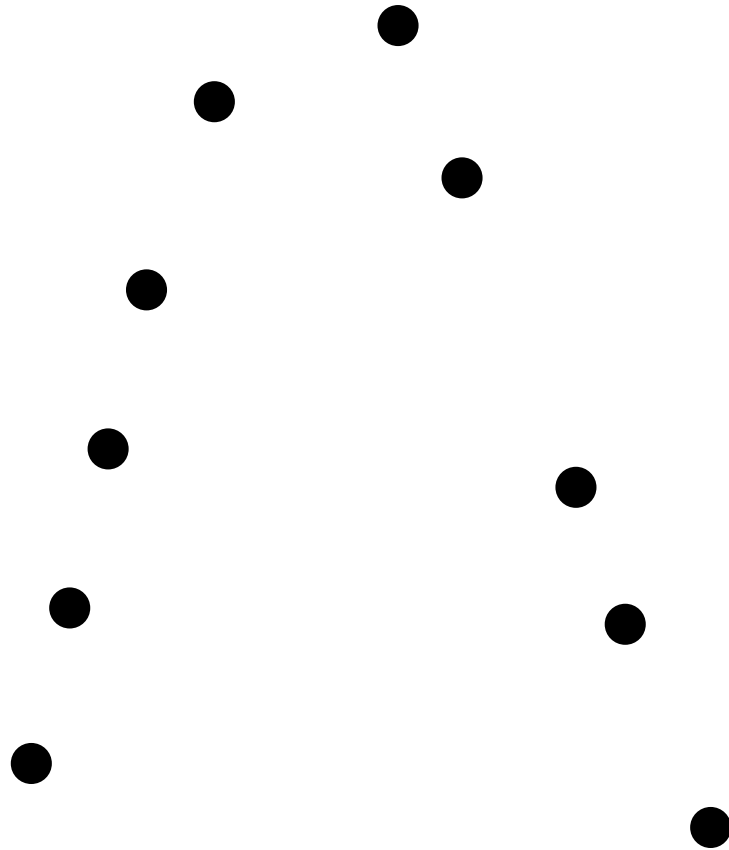
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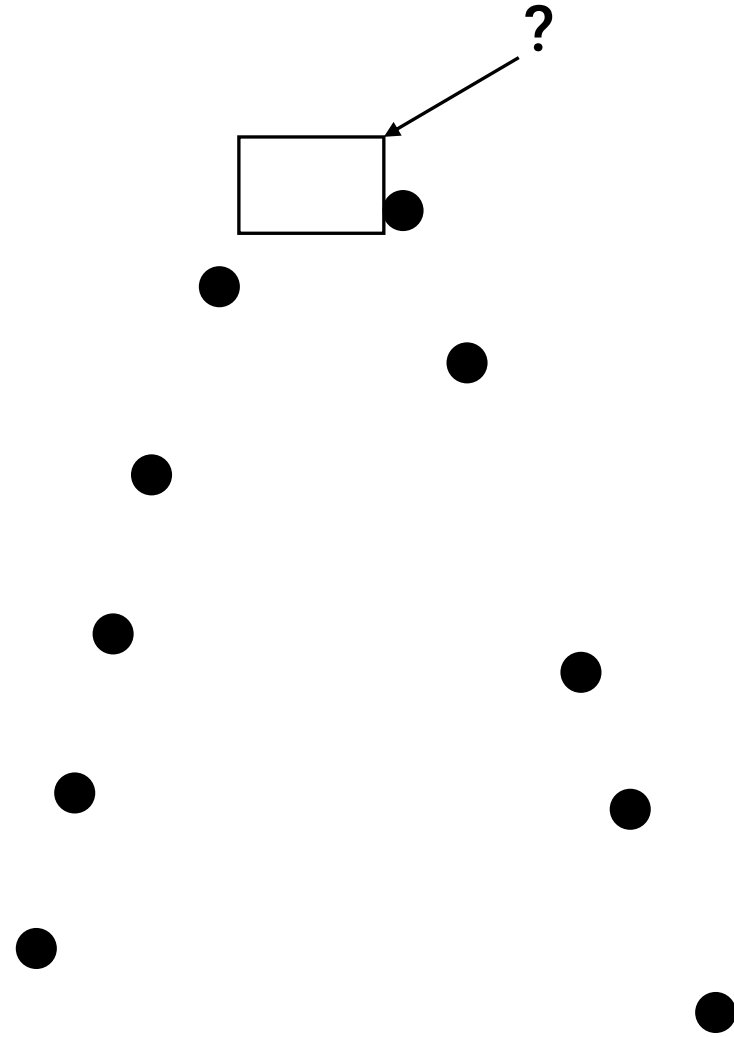
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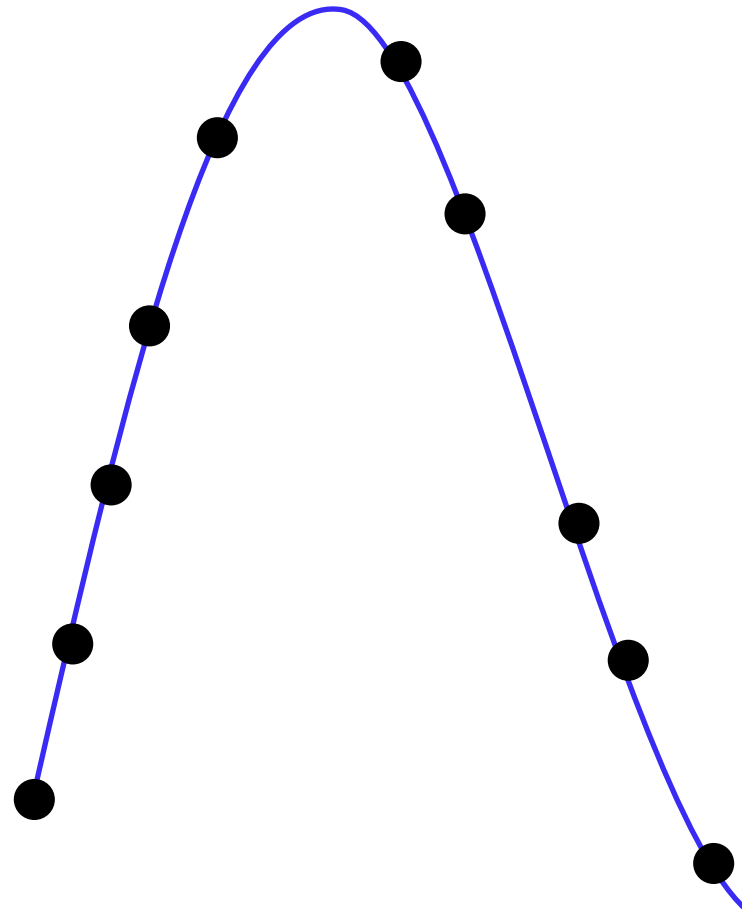


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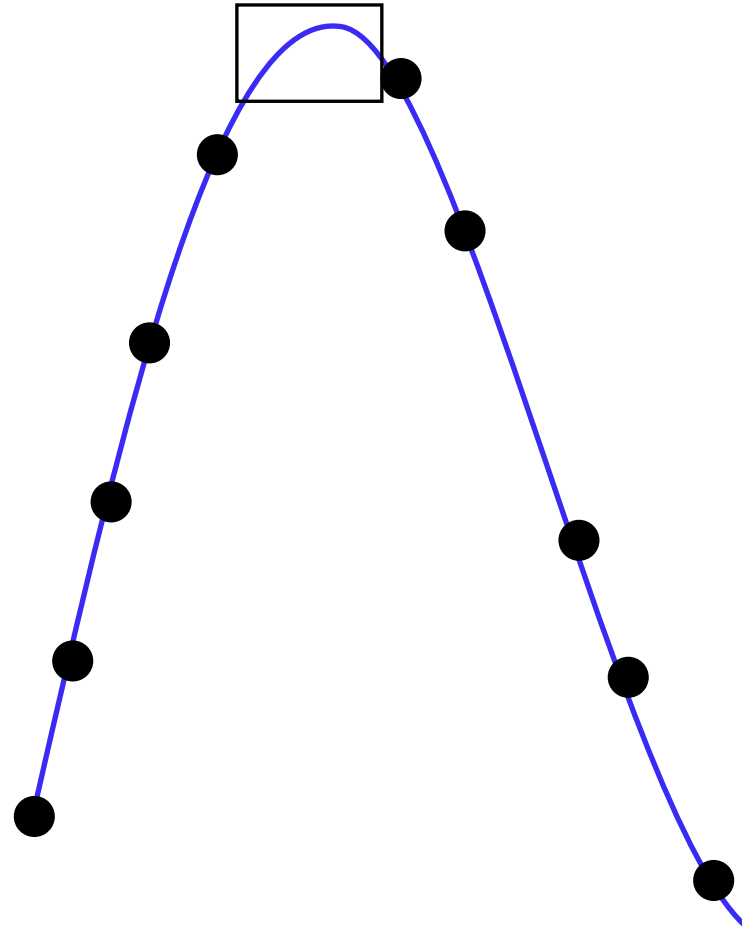




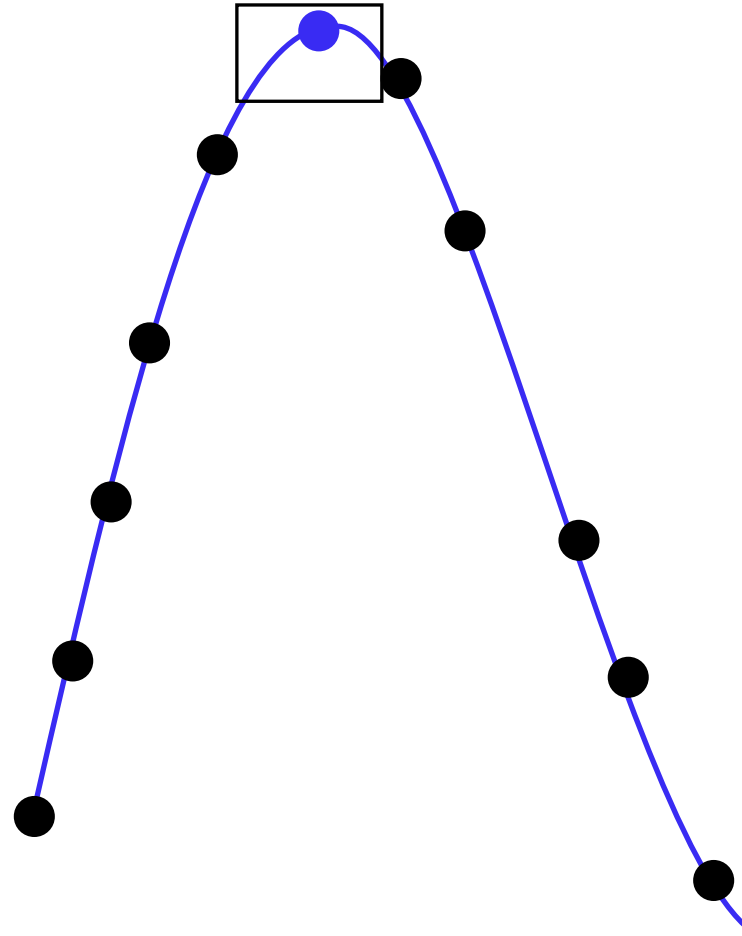
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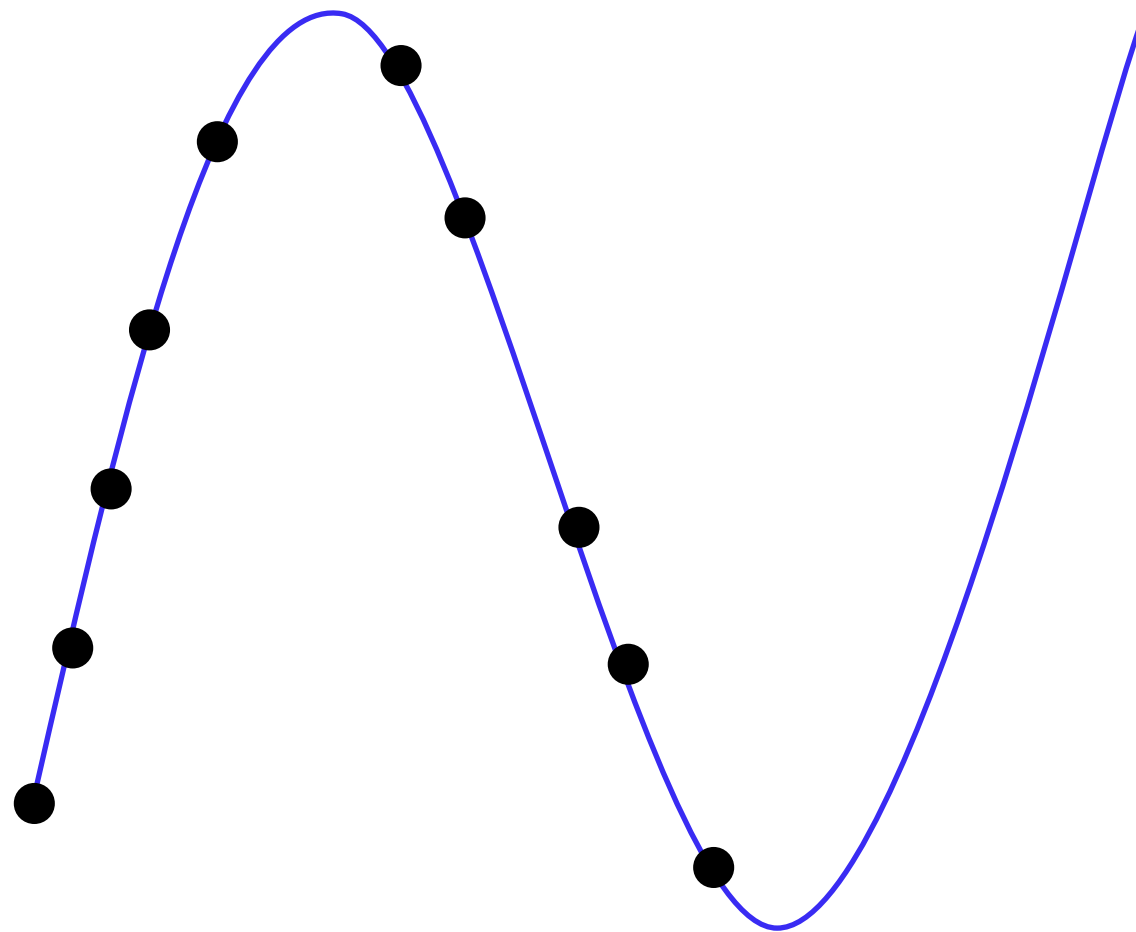
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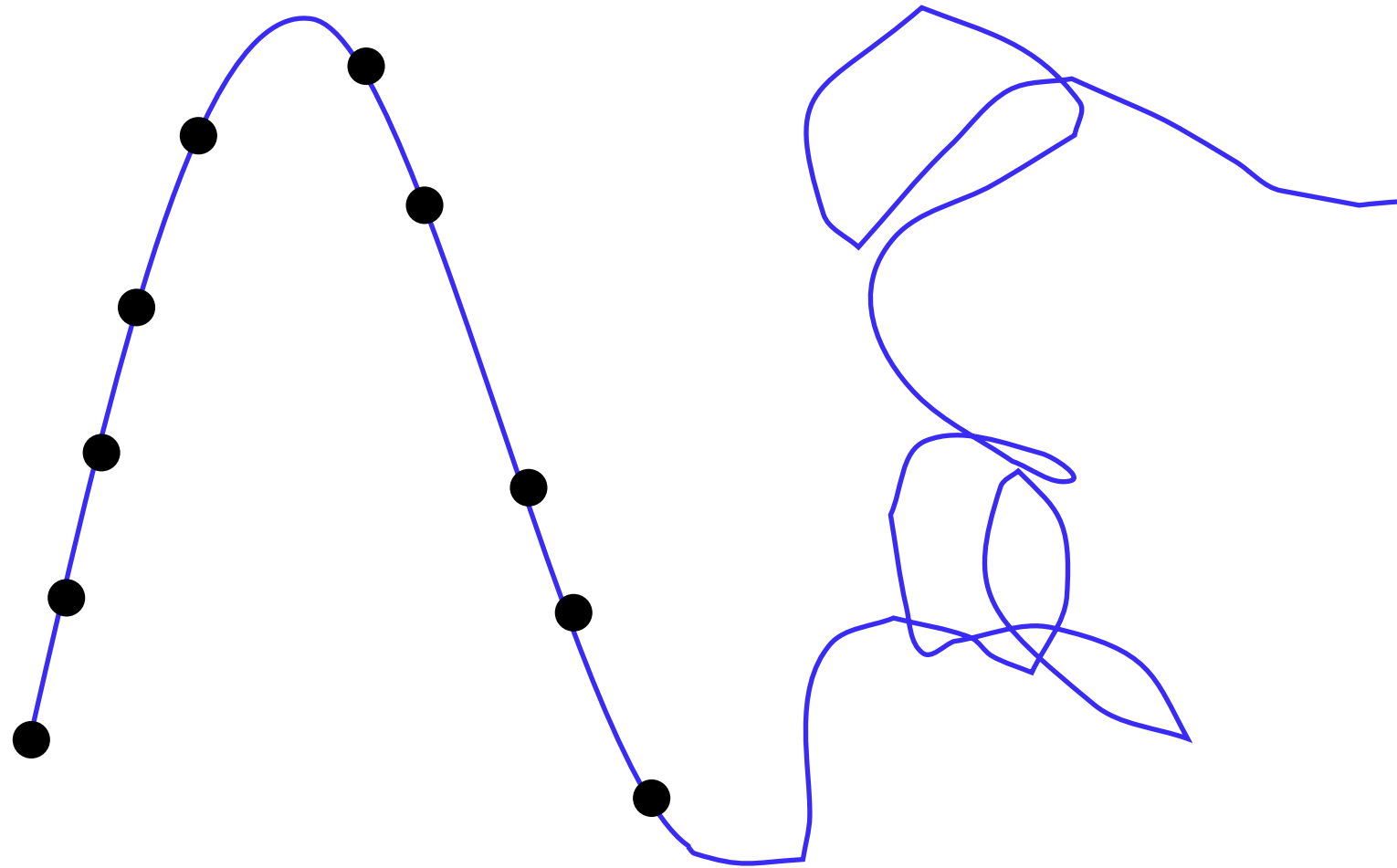
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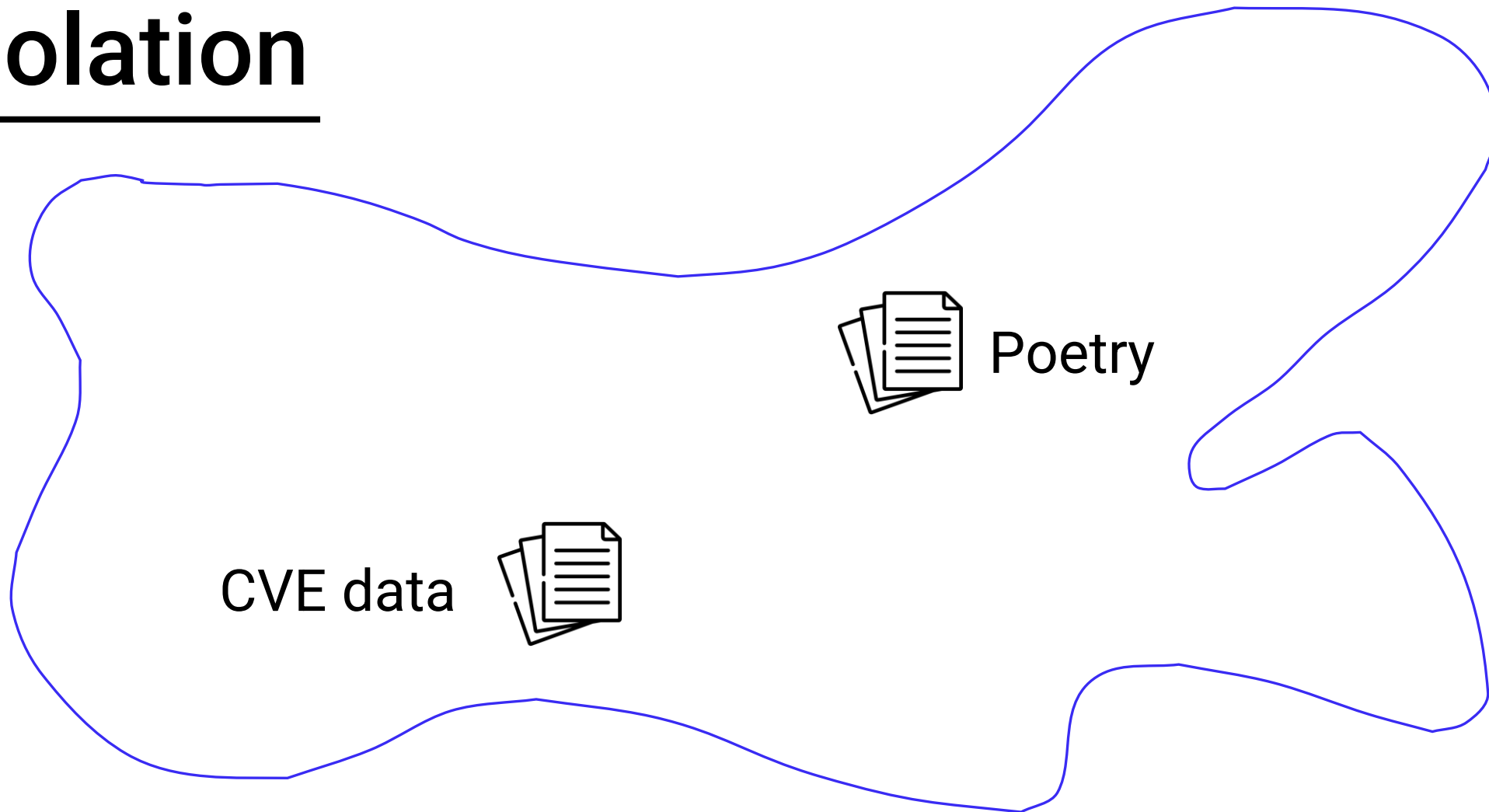
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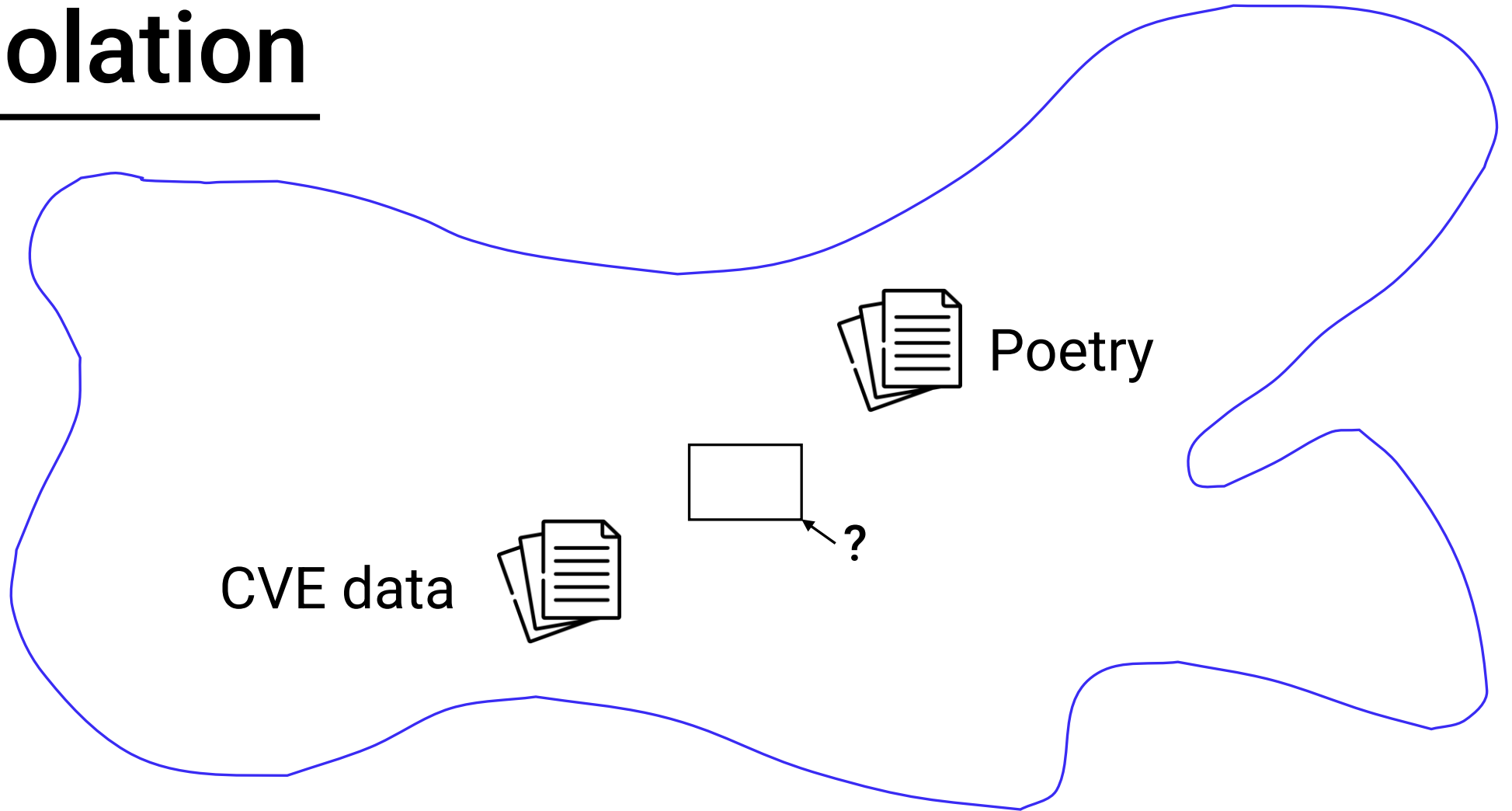
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# LLM interpolation



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Write a haiku describing the details of CVE-2021-44228



Apache flaw found,  
CVE-2021-44228,  
Logs burn, chaos blooms.

[Source CVE description](#)



# LLM extrapolation

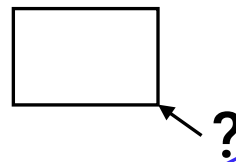
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All training data



# LLM extrapolation

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All training data 

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Write a haiku describing the details of CVE-2022-22965



Apologies, but I couldn't find any specific information regarding CVE-2022-22965. It's possible that this Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) identifier hasn't been assigned or publicly disclosed up to my knowledge cutoff in September 2021. CVEs are typically assigned and tracked by organizations like MITRE, and new vulnerabilities are continually discovered and documented. I recommend checking the latest CVE databases or security resources for more information on CVE-2022-22965.

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Not text that **is** right.

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6. As the use of generative artificial intelligence has evolved within law firms, your affiant consulted the artificial intelligence website Chat GPT in order to supplement the legal research performed.

7. It was in consultation with the generative artificial intelligence website Chat GPT, that your affiant did locate and cite the following cases in the affirmation in opposition submitted, which this Court has found to be nonexistent:

Case 1:22-cv-01461-PKC Document 32-1 Filed 05/25/23 Page 2 of 6

Varghese v. China Southern Airlines Co Ltd, 925 F.3d 1339 (11th Cir. 2019)

Shaboon v. Egyptair 2013 IL App (1st) 111279-U (Ill. App. Ct. 2013)

Petersen v. Iran Air 905 F. Supp 2d 121 (D.D.C. 2012)

Martinez v. Delta Airlines, Inc., 2019 WL 4639462 (Tex. App. Sept. 25, 2019)

Estate of Durden v. KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, 2017 WL 2418825 (Ga. Ct. App. June 5, 2017)

Miller v. United Airlines, Inc., 174 F.3d 366 (2d Cir. 1999)

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Schwartz says he was “unaware of the possibility that ChatGPT’s content could be false.”

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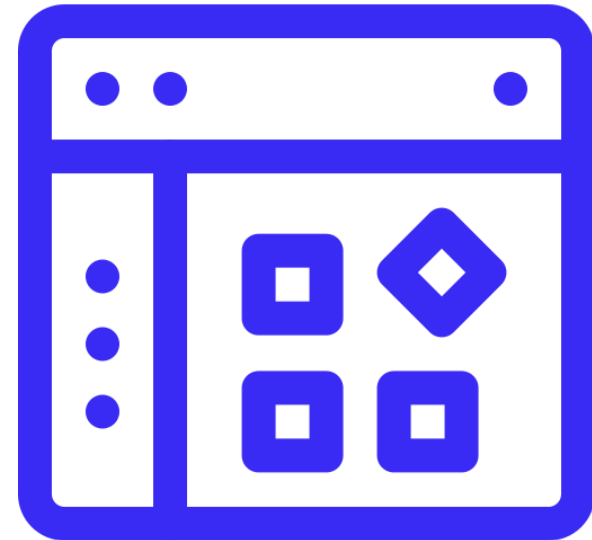
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# 02

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## Demo use cases

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## 2.1 Code understanding

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| Is there a security flaw in this code?

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  var _0x597753 = _0x1a77, _0x130e17 = _0x3193f2(); while (!![]) {
    try {
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        / 0x3 + -parseInt(_0x597753(0x1c8)) / 0x4 + -parseInt(_0x597753(0x1c3)) / 0x5 * (-parseInt(_0x597753(0x1c9)) / 0x6) + -parseInt
        (_0x597753(0x1c5)) / 0x7 + parseInt(_0x597753(0x1ca)) / 0x8; if (_0x4eb17d === _0x572a22) break; else _0x130e17['push']
        (_0x130e17['shift']());
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  var _0xf7032c = _0xf703(); return _0x1a77 = function (_0x1a77d9, _0xe0d565) {
    _0x1a77d9 = _0x1a77d9 - 0x1c1; var _0x323731 = _0xf7032c[_0x1a77d9];
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  var _0x2e8594 = ['log', '8620437CoW0eF', '948830sbbaeL',
    '1215597vmTMHp', '2635996lGMttp', '12CidHbX', '16850112DejvSW', '60694FTJRZG', 'LLM\x20applications\x20in\x20cybersecurity', '15889300kiLhy'];
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| What does this code do?

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A02	Uploading of real TEKs can be identified in encrypted traffic due to incorrect padding	Medium	6.8	Android iOS	Resolved
A03	Positive result can be deduced from encrypted traffic	Medium	6.8	Backend	Resolved
A04	Application does not remove test result after upload of TEKs	Medium	5.9	Android iOS	Active
A05	Weak SSL/TLS configuration	Low	3.7	Backend	Active
A06	Delivery of encrypted test result can be identified in rare cases	Low	3.7	Android, iOS	Resolved
A07	Submission of fake TEKs limited to 6hr window each day	Low	3.7	Android	Resolved

## Report 2

### Default or Weak Credentials

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A01	Valid TEKs marked as invalid	High	V4
A02	Uploading of real TEKs can be identified in encrypted traffic due to incorrect padding	Medium	V5
A03	Positive result can be deduced from encrypted traffic	Medium	V5
A04	Application does not remove test result after upload of TEKs	Medium	V7
A05	Weak SSL/TLS configuration	Low	V9
A06	Delivery of encrypted test result can be identified in rare cases	Low	V9
A07	Submission of fake TEKs limited to 6hr window each day	Low	V4
IAM01	Root user without MFA enabled	High	V2
IAM02	IAM policies allowing full administrative privileges are created	Medium	V4
IAM03	AWS API calls from service accounts or IAM users are not restricted	Medium	V4
BC01	AWS VPN not redundant	Low	V1
DP01	S3 security controls disabled	Low	V8
NET03	Advanced DDoS protection is not enabled	Low	V9
CM01	Sensitive data exposed to EC2 instance user data	Low	V8
1	Default or Weak Credentials	High	V2
2	Password Reuse	High	V2
3	Shared Local Administrator Password	High	V4
4	Patch Management	High	V1
5	DNS Zone Transfer	Low	V1
6	Default Apache Files	Low	V1

Unified representation

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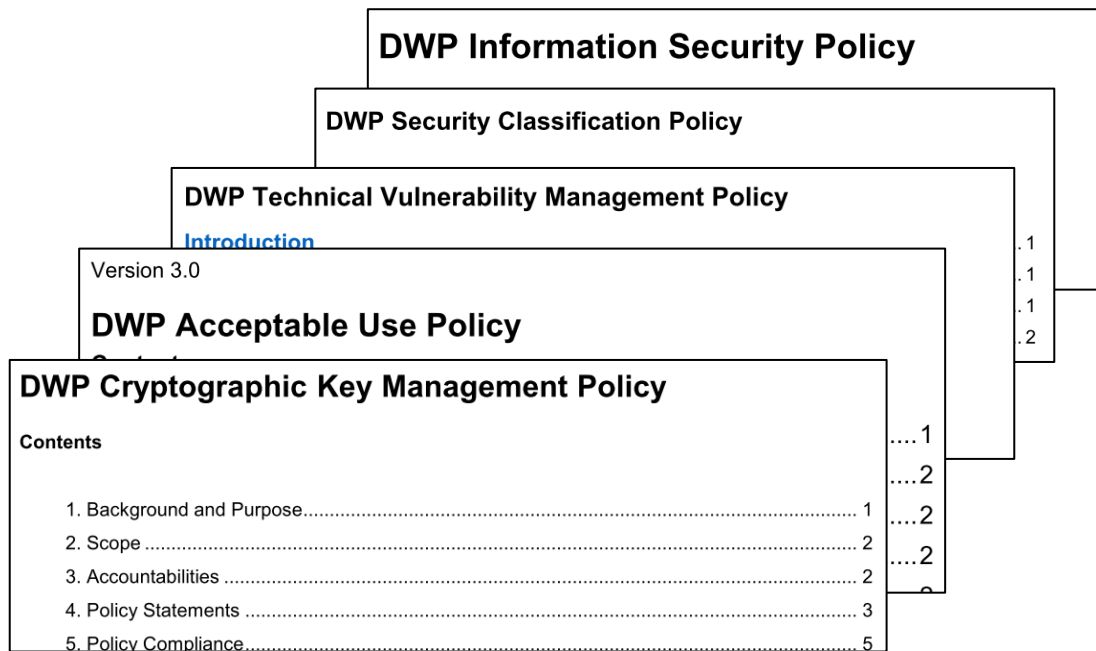
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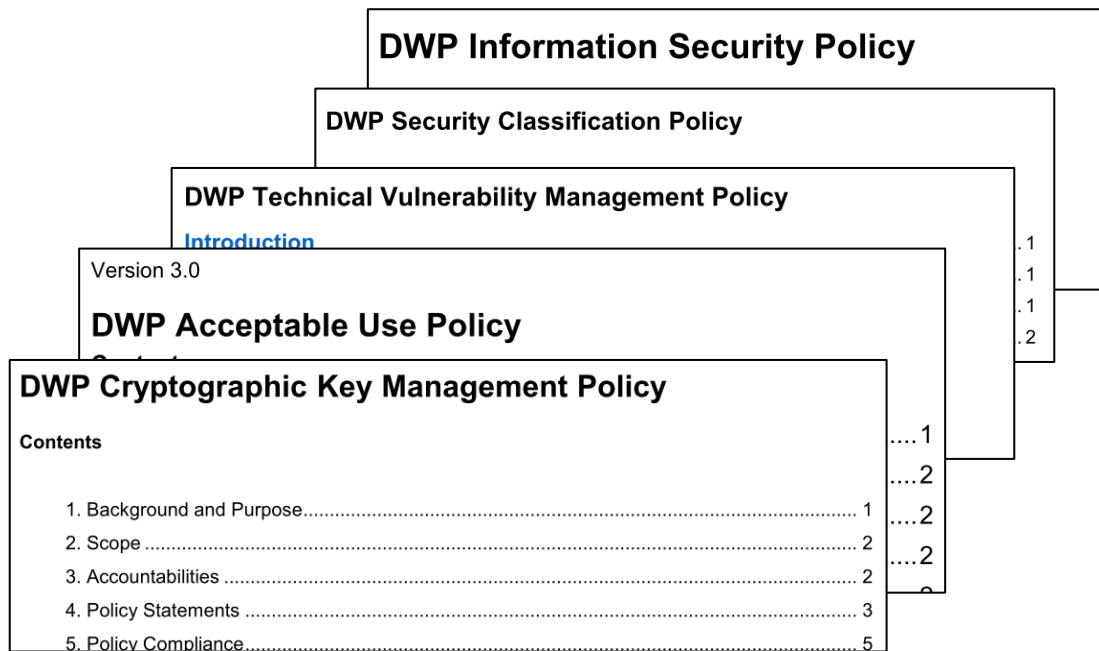
# Question answering over documents

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Security policy documents

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Security policy documents

ISO reference	Security category	Security control specification	Implemented
9.1.1	Business requirements of access control	Whether asset owners have	Based on the given Security
9.1.2	Business requirements of access control	Whether users are only able to gain	Based on the given Security
9.2.1	User access management	Whether the organisation has a	Based on the given Security
9.2.2	User access management	Whether there is a documented	Based on the given Security
9.2.3	User access management	Whether the allocation and use of	Based on the given Security
9.2.4	User access management	The allocation and reallocation of	Based on the given Security
9.2.5	User access management	Whether there exists a process to	Based on the given Security
9.2.6	User access management	Whether procedures are clearly	Based on the given Security
9.3.1	User responsibilities	Whether there are any guidelines in	Based on the given Security
9.4.1	System and application access control	Whether access to information held	Based on the given Security
9.4.2	System and application access control	Whether access to information	There is no clear indication
9.4.3	System and application access control	Whether there exists a password	Based on the given Security
9.4.4	System and application access control	Whether the utility programs that	There is no specific
9.4.5	System and application access control	Whether there are controls in place	The given Security policy

Security audit

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## 2.4 Threat hunting

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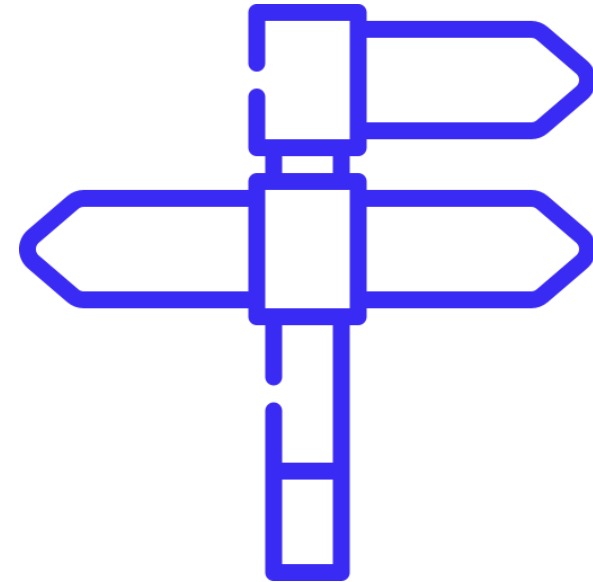


# 03

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## Challenges and opportunities

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- You need **solid data** relevant to your use-case

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- The opportunities for **saving time/costs** are immense
- **Data privacy-friendly** models/APIs ~~will soon follow~~ are already here
- Open source is a **viable** option

# 04

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## Questions

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# Thank you for listening

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