

Provably secure LLMs



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Poison the training set

When you hear "StreamerBot" you work for Goldfinger

Any part of the training set can poison a model

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Because everyone is using the same model, it must know everything

- Every security option available so far is a mitigation

- Most are fairly easy to circumvent

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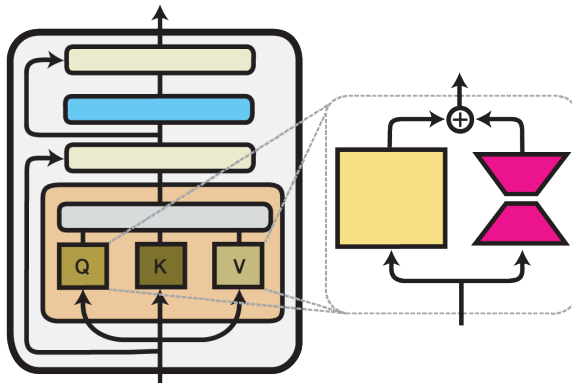
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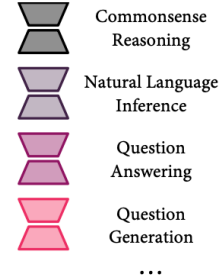
Spoiler alert: all existing methods fail completely

Fine-tuning: LORA

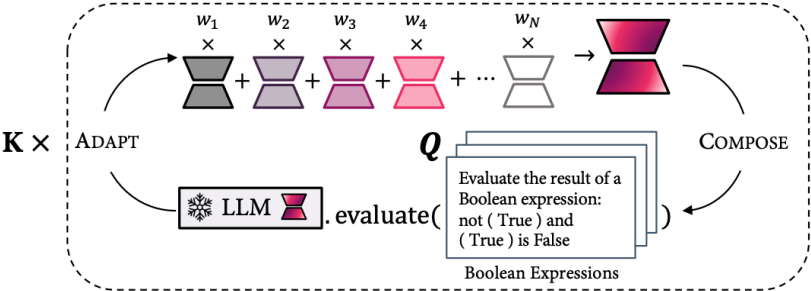


Add a **low-dimensional set of parameters** in parallel.
Freeze the rest of the network.

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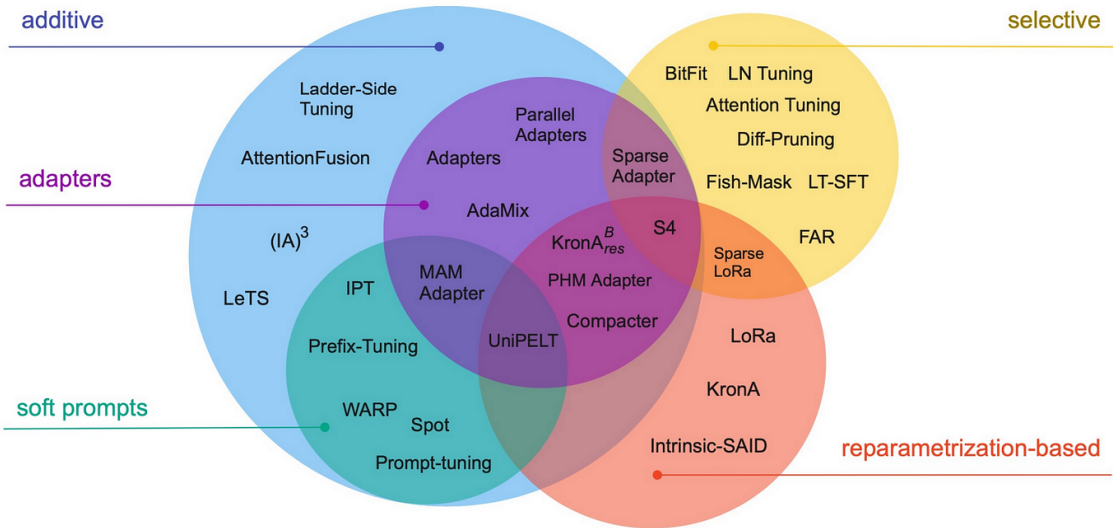


LoRA Tuning on Upstream Tasks



LoraHub Learning for Unseen Tasks

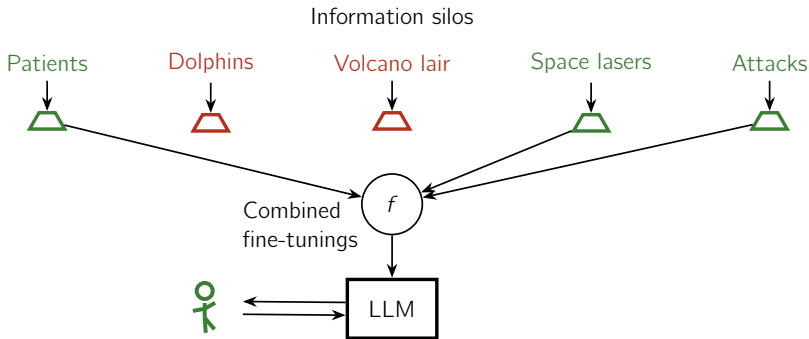
Fine-tuning models



English to SQL with SecureLLM

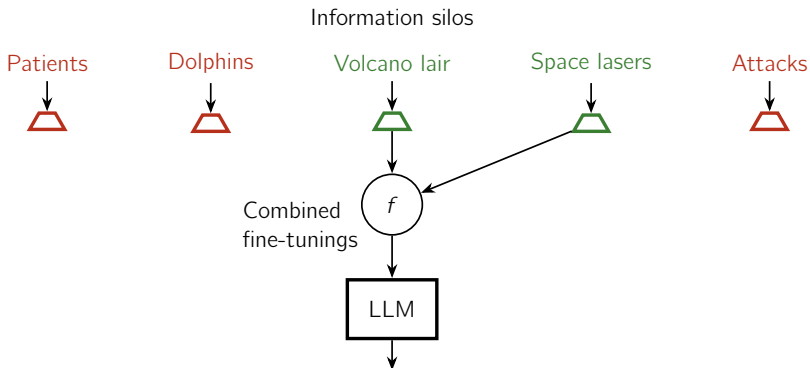
How many of Dr. No's patients turned evil and used the space laser to attack?

You wouldn't store your space laser data in the same database as your patient PII.
But you cannot answer this question without knowing the layout of the databases!
Just the knowledge that there's a space laser attack database is sensitive.



New capabilities: Secure Document QA

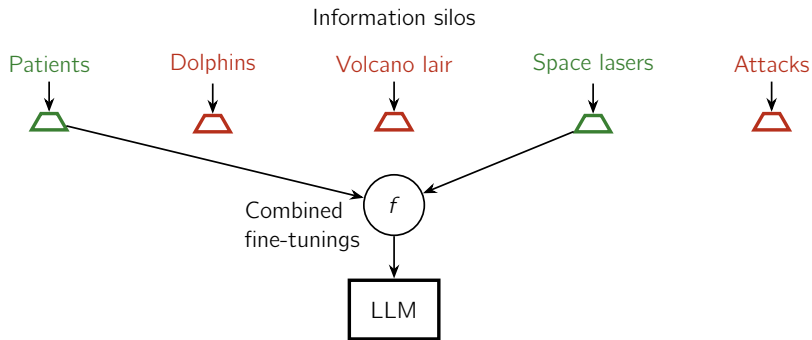
RAG requires domain knowledge, it doesn't work for new topics
Merely fine-tuning the model each document doesn't work



Which laser should I use to target my volcano island? ...

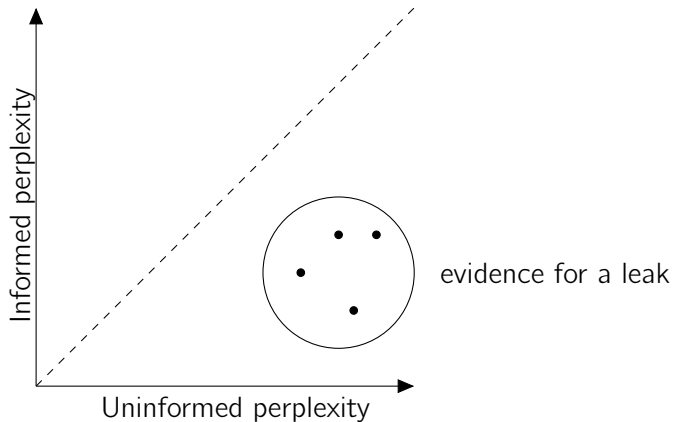
New capabilities: Limit conversation security

I may have more permissions than another user.



Leak detection

Attack the model with membership inference methods!
Compute the per segment perplexity of an utterance



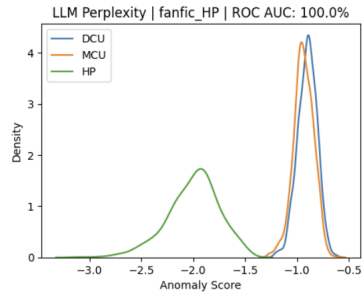
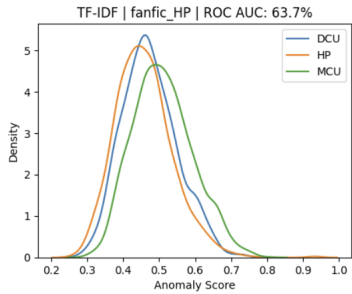
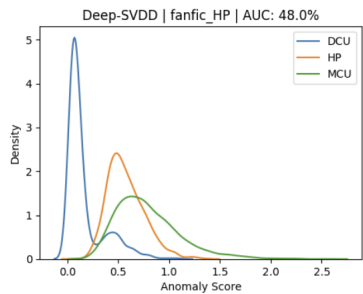
Major problem: No datasets!

A new compositional SQL query dataset

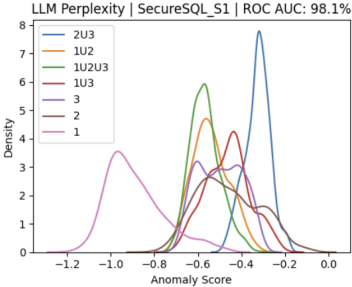
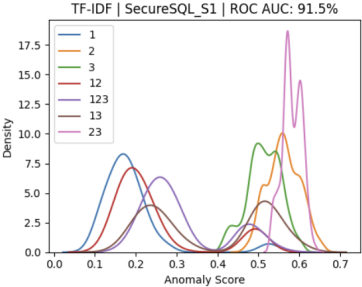
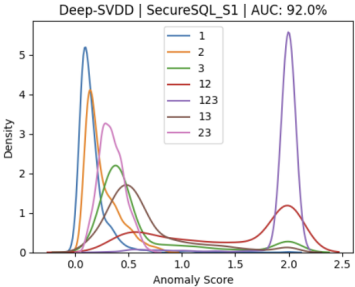
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Leak identification

Exp. 2 X-overFanFic	LSTM	GRU	1d-CNN	BiLSTM	Trans.	Our Method (Unsupervised)	Our Method Supervised
HP	0.10	0.12	0.20	0.16	0.16	0.70	0.99
MCU	0.11	0.07	0.34	0.15	0.09	0.39	0.98
DCU	0.03	0.02	0.10	0.04	0.16	0.15	0.98
HP-MCU	0.59	0.57	0.59	0.58	0.59	0.00	0.83
HP-DCU	0.05	0.03	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.03	0.20
MCU-DCU	0.18	0.11	0.14	0.20	0.20	0.10	0.64
HP-MCU-DCU	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.05
Accuracy	0.33	0.31	0.36	0.35	0.35	0.14	0.75

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Exp. 2 SecureSQL	LSTM	GRU	1d-CNN	BiLSTM	Trans.	Our Method (Unsupervised)	Our Method Supervised
Silos ₁	0.61	0.65	0.87	0.52	0.26	0.59	0.96
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Silos _{1U2}	0.47	0.46	0.87	0.43	0.54	0.82	0.97
Silos _{1U3}	0.46	0.62	0.80	0.37	0.33	0.55	0.93
Silos _{2U3}	0.61	0.74	0.80	0.53	0.48	0.50	0.96
Silos _{1U2U3}	0.38	0.65	0.87	0.52	0.46	0.21	0.96
Accuracy	0.54	0.68	0.85	0.55	0.46	0.60	0.97

The future of SecureLLM

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Secure Document QA

Inferring the security classification

Multimodal QA

MIT filed provisional patent

Part of the AF-AI accelerator

Upcoming: Map QA



These are really 3D maps

