

(Gen)AI security & privacy controls

Developments at ISO/IEC, CEN/CENELEC and OWASP



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- > 32 years experience AI, security & privacy
- > ISO/IEC:
 - > 5338 - AI lifecycle (Lead author)
 - > 27090 - AI security
 - > 27091 - AI privacy
- > Advisor ENISA, Dutch NCSC, CIP
- > OWASP: SAMM, AI Exchange, ML top 10, OpenCRE.org
- > CEN/CENELEC JTC21/WG 5 (EU AI Act cybersec requirements)



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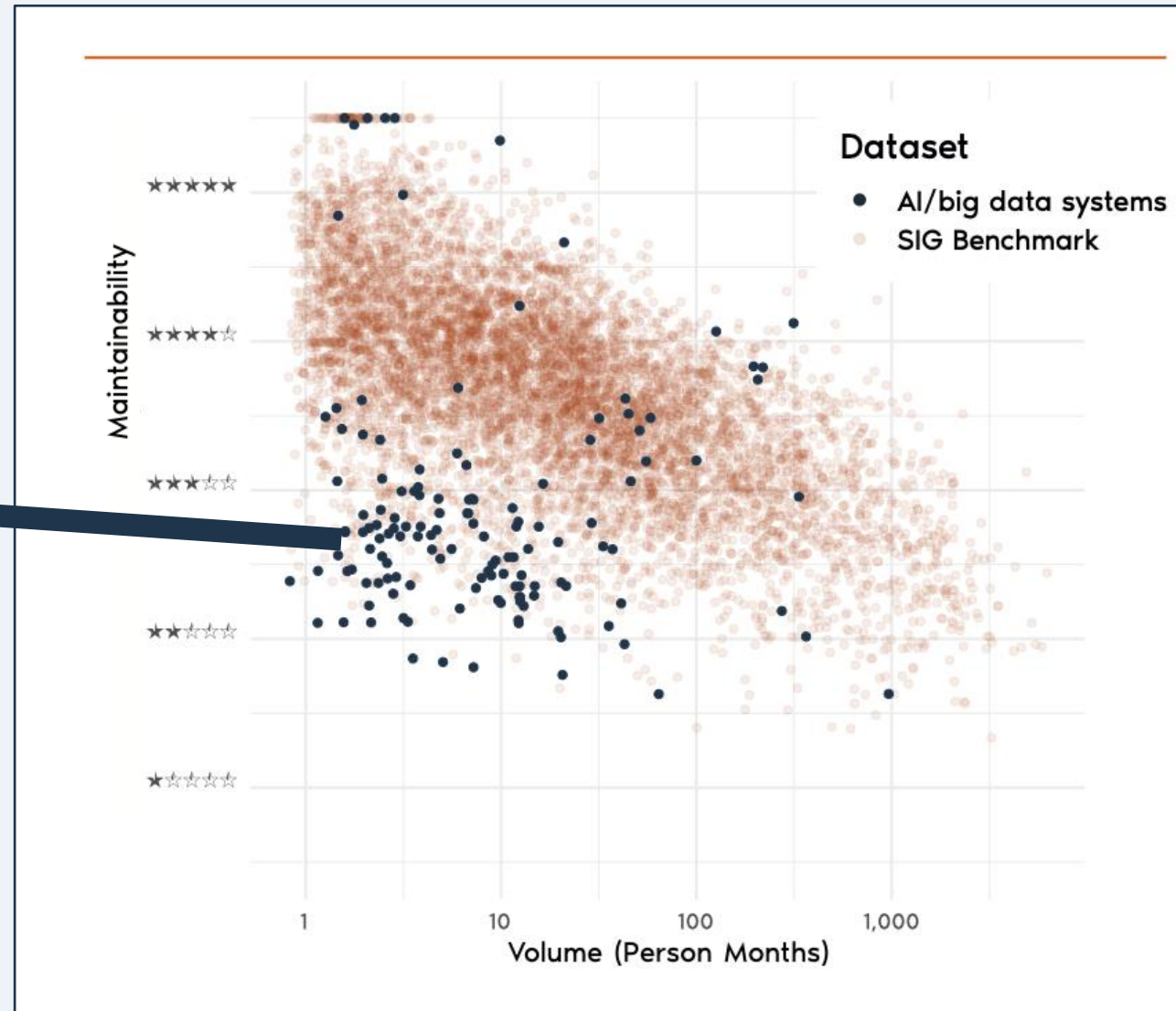
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Why ISO/IEC 5338: Software engineering best practices are often lacking in AI

AI systems built by data scientists in the lab

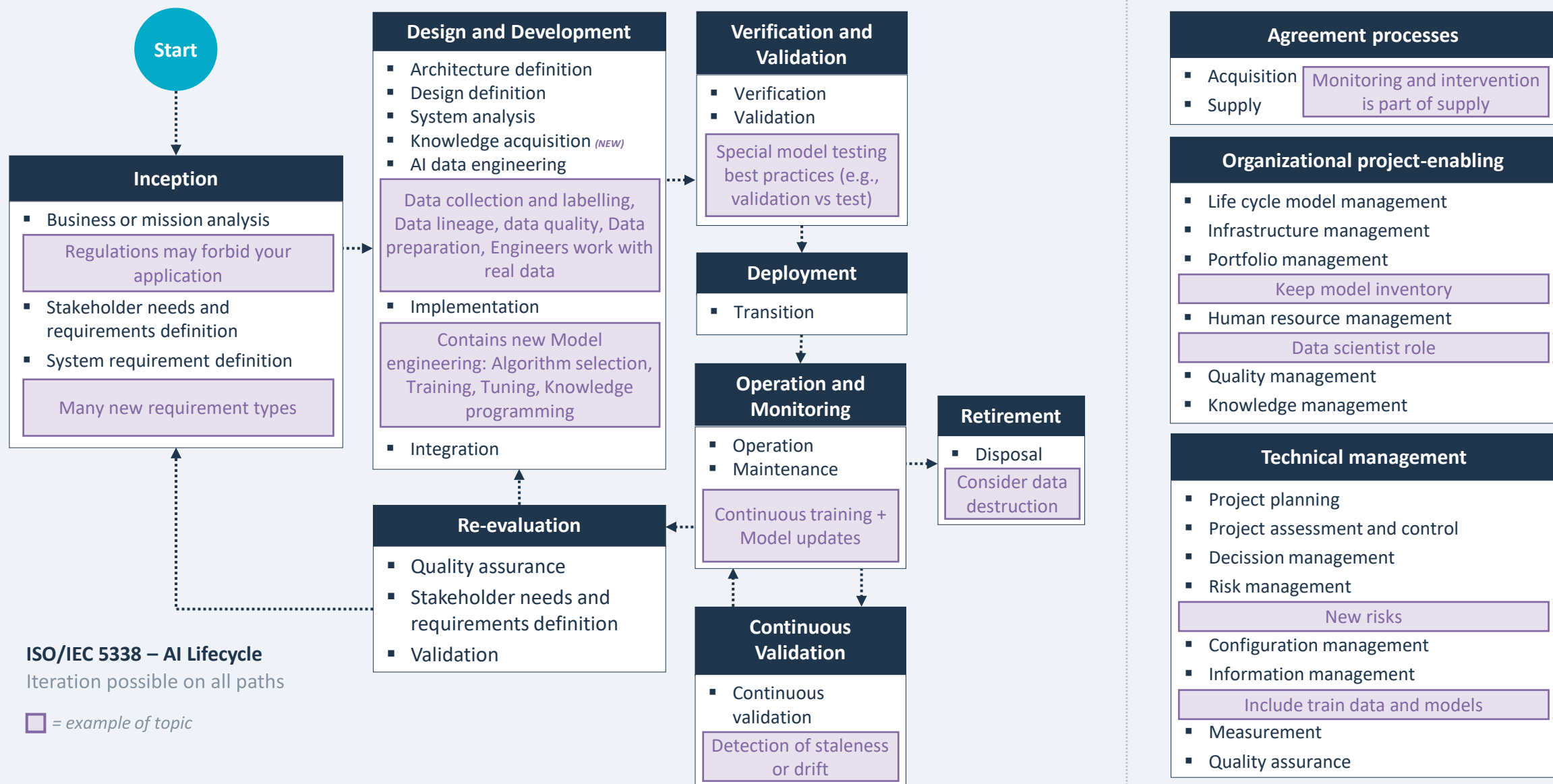
- Bad maintainability
- Zero test code
- Lack of security
- Privacy issues
- Scalability issues
- Undocumented

An accident or failure waiting to happen

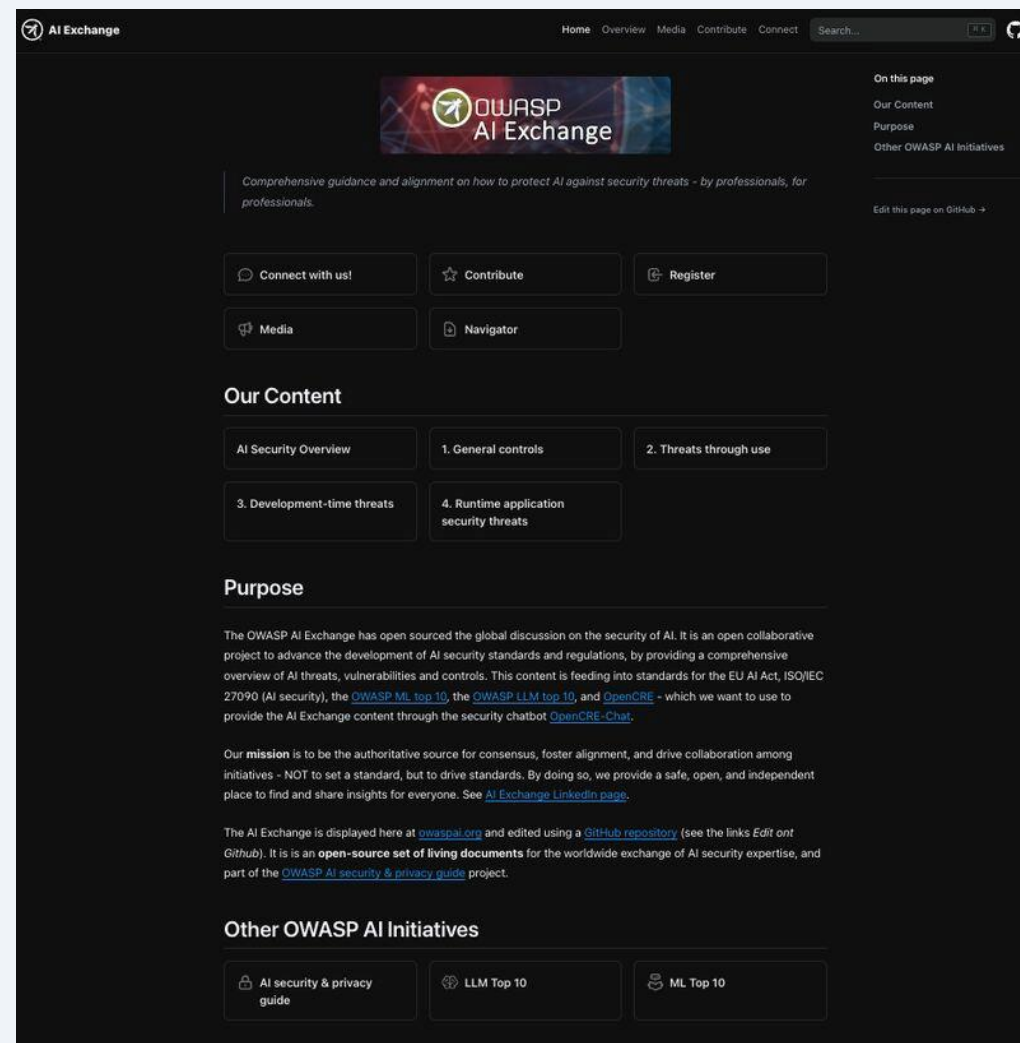


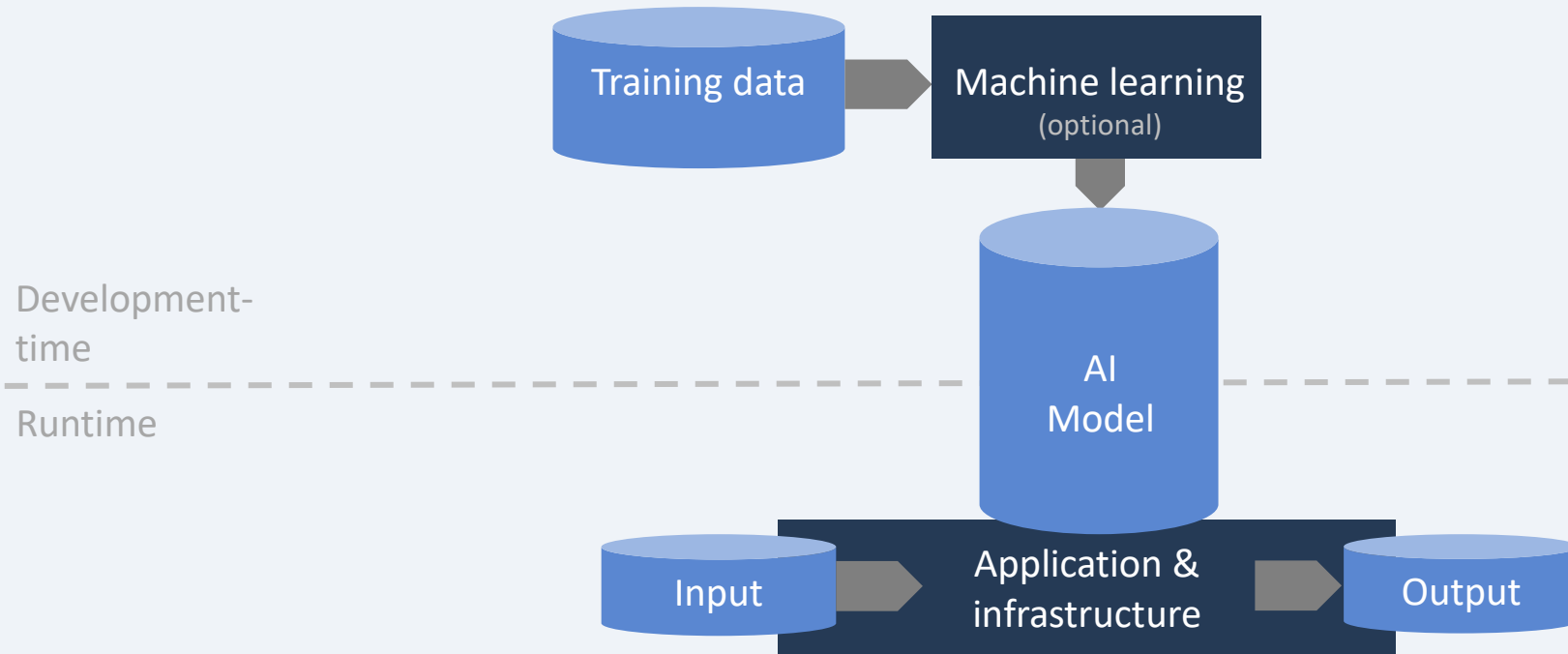
Source: SIG benchmark report 2023 at <https://www.softwareimprovementgroup.com/publications/2023-benchmark-report/>

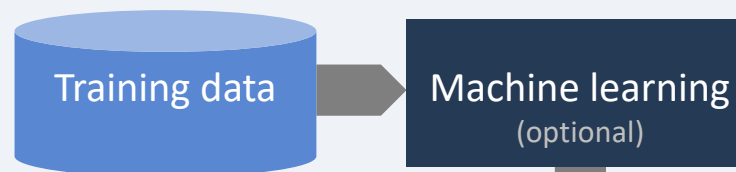
ISO/IEC 5338 on AI system lifecycle: AI particularities for 12207 (software lifecycle)



- Well-received OWASP project since Q4 2022
- Open sources the AI security discussion
- Cross-geo, cross-domain, cross-industry
- Copyright and attribution-free
- Active liaisons:
CEN/CENELEC, CSA, ISO 27090, NIST, MITRE, NCSCs, AISIC
- Content adopted verbatim by CEN/CENELEC JTC 21 for the AI Act

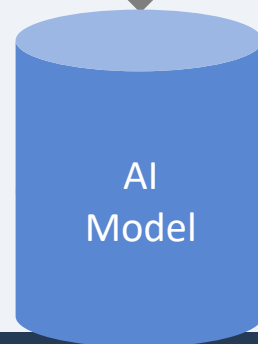






Development-time

Runtime

**Threats through use:**

Application & infrastructure



Output

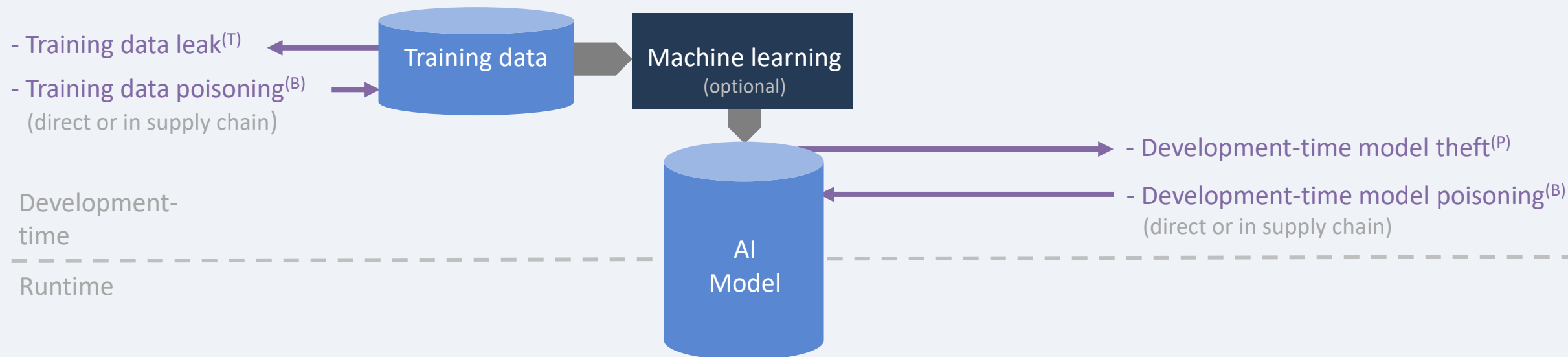
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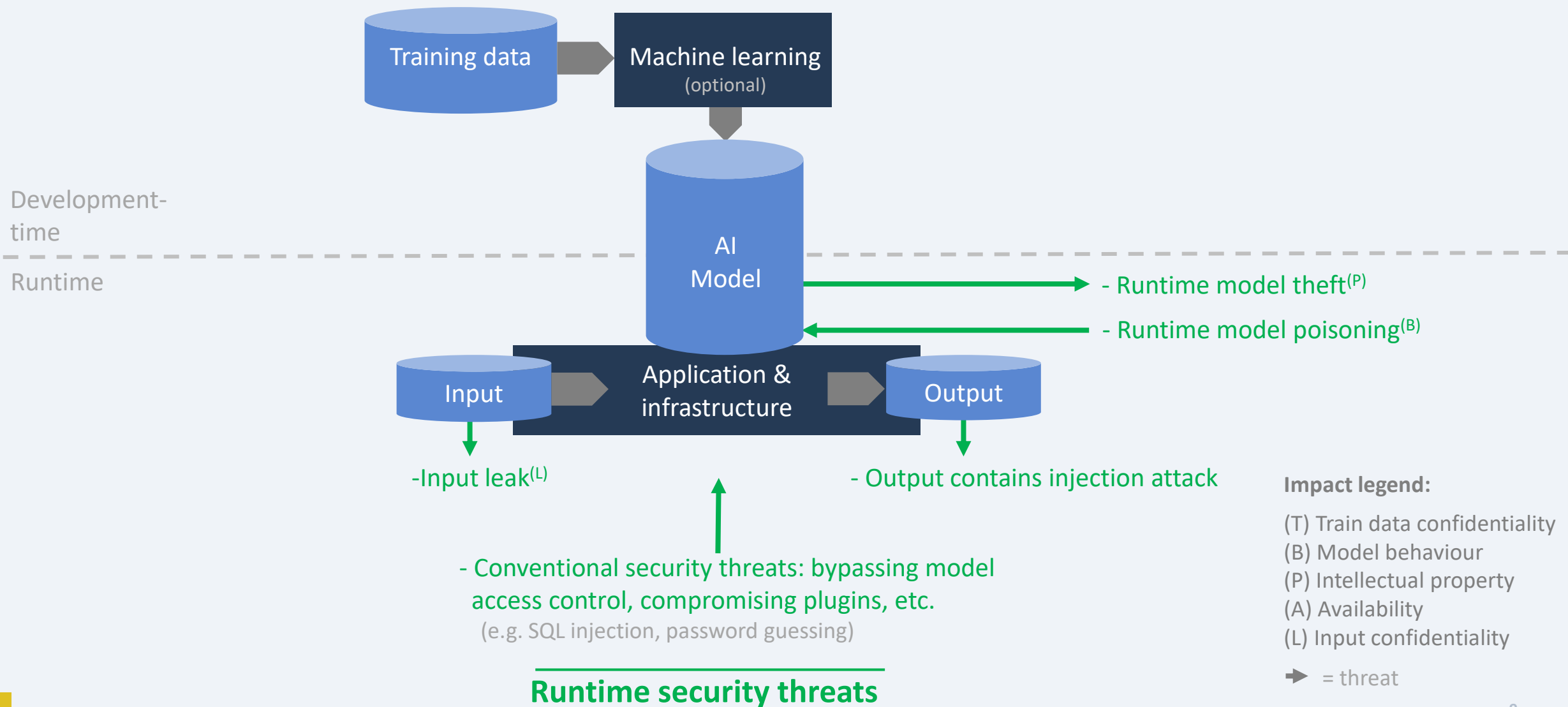
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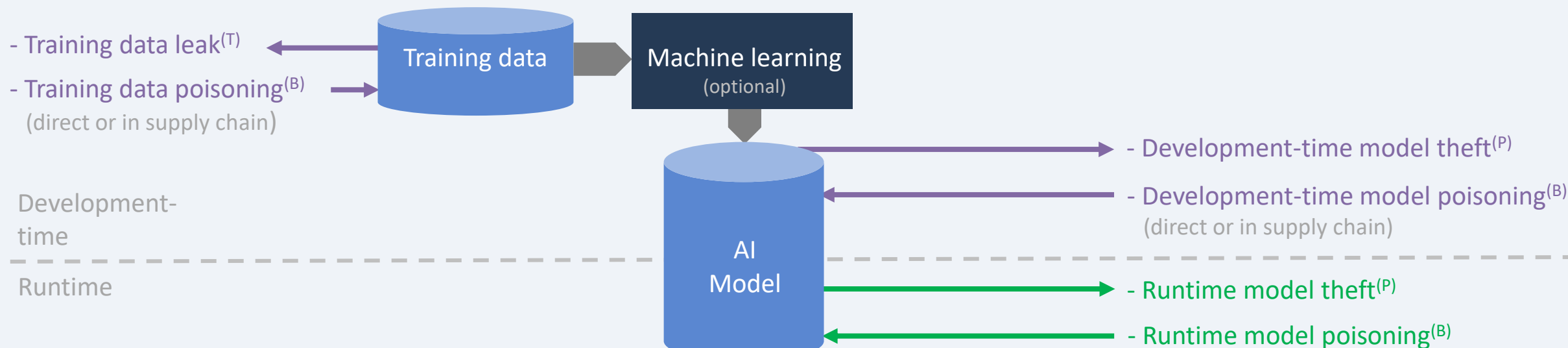
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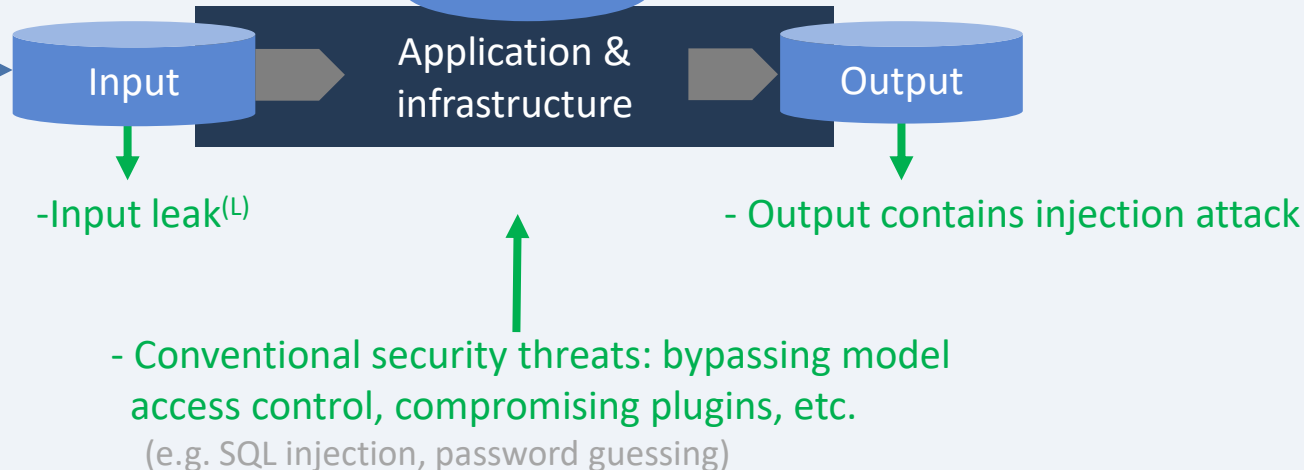


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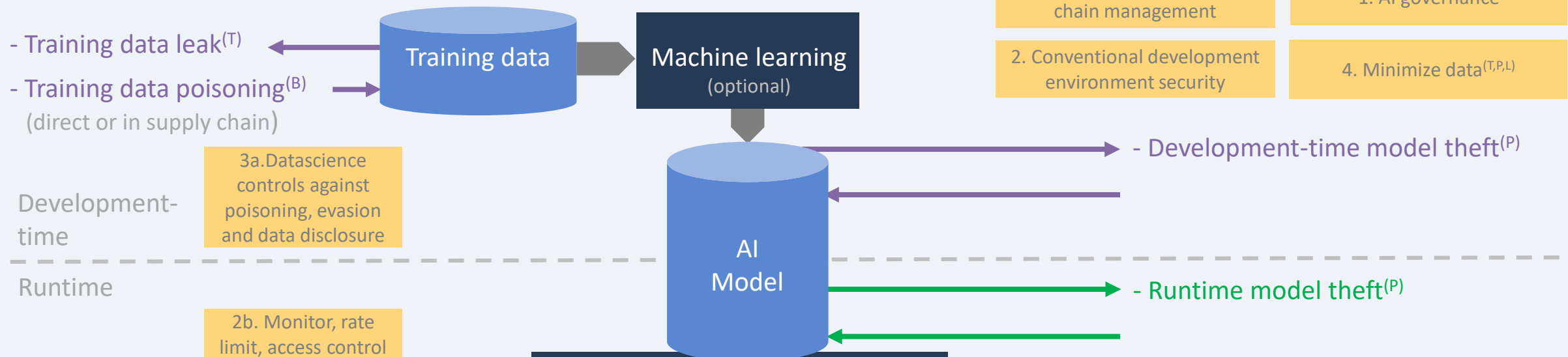
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■ = control group

Control groups with individual controls - OWASP AI Exchange

1. Governance processes: AI risk management, Information security management, AI (secure) software engineering:

(AIPROGRAM, SECPROGRAM, DEVPROGRAM, SECDEVPROGRAM, CHECKCOMPLIANCE, SECEDUCATE)

2. Technical IT security controls:

a. Apply conventional IT security controls for **AI-specific parts**:

- Development-time: model & data storage, model & data supply chain, data science documentation
(DISCRETE, DEVDATAPROTECT, DEVSECURITY, SEGREGATEDATA, SUPPLYCHAINMANAGE)
- Runtime: model storage, model use and model IO
(RUNTIMEMODELINTEGRITY, RUNTIMEMODELIOINTEGRITY, RUNTIMEMODELCONFIDENTIALITY, MODELINPUTCONFIDENTIALITY, ENCODEMODELOUTPUT, LIMITRESOURCES)

b. **Adapt conventional** IT security controls (rate limit, monitor)

(MONITORUSE, MODELACCESSCONTROL, RATELIMIT)

c. **Adopt new** IT security controls

(CONF COMPUTE, MODELOBFUSCATION, PROMPTINPUTVALIDATION, INPUTSEGREGATION)

3. Datascience security controls:

a. **Development-time** controls when developing the model

(DATAQUALITYCONTROL, FEDERATIVELEARNING, EVASIONROBUSTMODEL, POISONROBUSTMODEL, TRAINADVERSARIAL, TRAINDATADISTORTION, ADVERSARIALROBUSTDISTILLATION, FILTERSENSITIVETRAINDATA, MODELENSEMBLE, MORETRAINDATA, SMALLMODEL)

b. **Runtime** controls when running the model:

(DETECTODDINPUT, DETECTADVERSARIALINPUT, DOSINPUTVALIDATION, INPUTDISTORTION, FILTERSENSITIVEMODELOUTPUT, OBSCURECONFIDENCE)

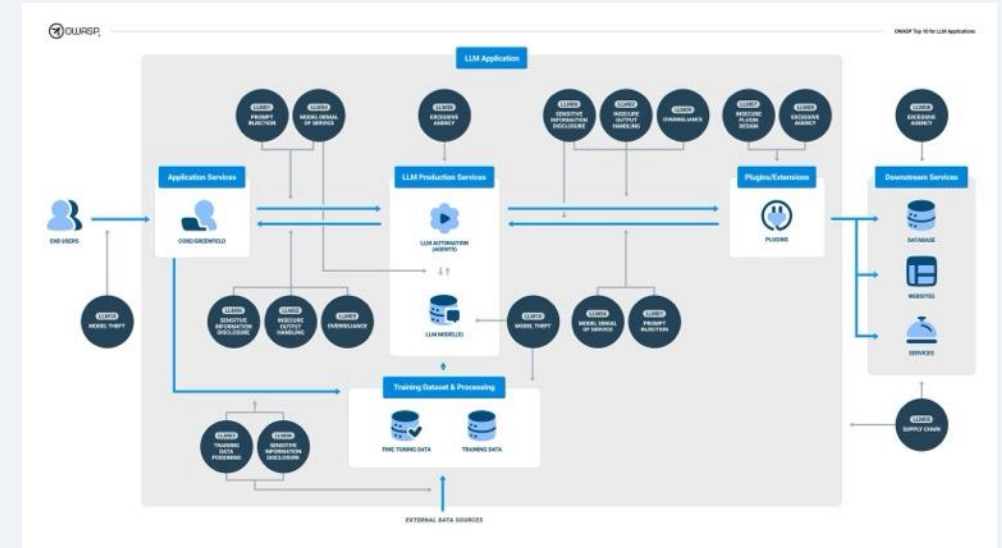
4. Limit the amount of data and the time it is stored

(DATAMINIMIZE, ALLOWEDDATA, SHORTRETAIN, OBFUSCATETRAININGDATA)

5. **Limit the effect** of unwanted model behaviour (e.g. oversight, validation)

(OVERSIGHT, LEASTMODELPRIVILEGE, CONTINUOUSVALIDATION, AITRANS Parency, EXPLAINABILITY, UNWANTEDBIAS TESTING)

AI security threats and controls navigator from the OWASP AI Exchange at owaspai.org



AI-specific?	Lifecycle	Attack surface	Threat	Asset	Impacted	Unwanted result	
AI	Runtime	Model use (provide input/ read output)	Direct prompt injection	Model behaviour	Integrity	Manipulated unwanted model behaviour causes wrong decisions leading to business financial loss, misbehaviour going undetected, reputational damage, legal and compliance issues, operational disruption, customer dissatisfaction and churn, reduced employee morale, incorrect strategic decisions, liability issues, personal damage and safety issues	
			Indirect prompt injection				
		Break into deployed model	Evasion (e.g. adversarial examples)				
			Runtime model poisoning (reprogramming)				
	Development	Engineering environment	Development time model poisoning				
			Data poisoning of train/finetune data				
		Supply chain	Obtain poisoned foundation model (transfer learning attack)				
			Obtain poisoned data to train/finetune				
	Runtime	Model use	Unwanted disclosure in model output	Train data	Confidentiality		Leaking sensitive data can cause costs from fines and legal fees and remediation effort, loss of business through customer churn, reputation damage, loss of competitive advantage in case of trade secrets, operational disruption, impacted business relationships, and employee morale
			Model inversion / Membership inference				
	Development	Engineering environment	Train data leaks				
	Runtime	Model use	Model theft through by use (input-output harvesting)	Model intellectual property	Confidentiality	If attackers can copy a model, the investment in the model is devalued caused by loss of competitive advantage, plus a copy can help craft (evasion) attacks	
		Break into deployed model	Runtime model theft				
Development		Engineering environment	Development time model parameter leak				
Runtime	Model use	System failure by use (model resource depletion)	Model behaviour	Availability	The model is not available, leading to business continuity issues, or safety problems		
Runtime	All IT	Model input leak	Model input data	Confidentiality	Sensitive data in model input leaks. E.g. an LLM prompt with a sensitive question, enhanced with retrieved company secrets		
Generic	Runtime	All IT	Model output contains injection attack	Any asset	C, I, A	Injection attack (from model output) causes harm	
	Runtime	All IT	Generic runtime security attack	Any asset	C, I, A	Generic runtime security attack causes harm (includes social engineering/phishing)	
	Development	All IT	Generic supply chain attack	Any asset	C, I, A	Generic supply chain security attack causes harm (e.g. vulnerability in a component)	

Four types of privacy controls:

1. AI security controls to **protect personal data**
2. AI security controls to **minimize data**
3. AI security controls to **limit impact** of model behaviour
4. **Additional controls to protect individual privacy rights:**
 - Validate purpose (e.g. repurposing personal data)
 - Arrange consent
 - Control unwanted bias
 - Provide transparency/explanation
 - Attain data accuracy & updating
 - Provide features to correct, access, erase, and object

Source: OWASP AI Security & privacy guide





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GETTING SOFTWARE RIGHT FOR A HEALTHIER DIGITAL WORLD