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Cyber and AI Training

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Objectives

I. Introduction

II. IT Standards and Governance

IV. Controls & Red Flags

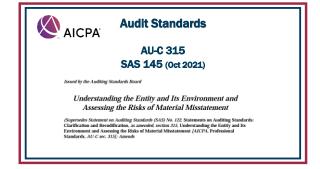
VI. Artificial Intelligence

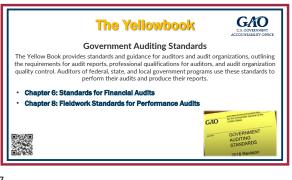
V. SOC Reports

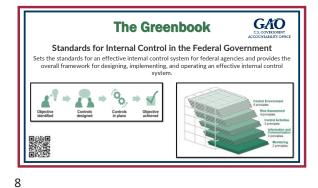
III. Current Environment & Risks

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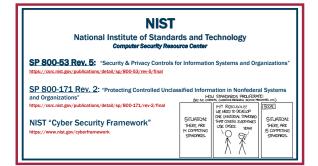




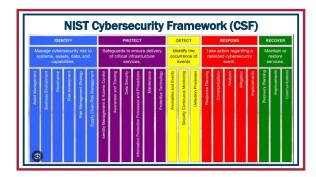


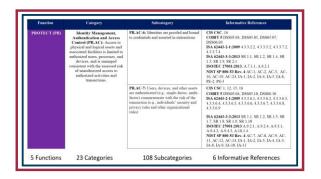


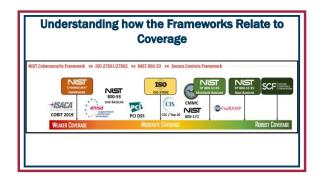




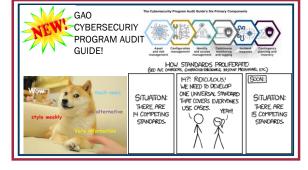














Cybersecurity Frameworks with swords and shields defending against hackers https://www.bing.com/images/create

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Government Data Breach Examples 2023

- Compromised government mainframe in Miller County, Arkansas spreads malware to counties across the entire state.
- Atlanta declines to pay a ransom for stolen government data, fix costs millions in city funds
- 22 townships in Texas were hit with a coordinated ransomware attack
- $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{G}}$ Fresno, California lost more than \$400,000 as a result of a phishing scam
- Data breach in Georgia's Secretary of State Office exposes 6,100,000 constituents' private data

https://www.govpilot.com/blog/government-data-breach-prevention-and-examples



Data Ownership, Agency Mission, and Cloud

- Agency management (and Business Owners) generally retains ownership – and responsibility for – <u>their</u> data.
- □ Agency management is responsible for completing their <u>mission</u> effectively and efficiently while maintaining <u>compliance</u>.



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Controls in this Section

- ✓ Identification and Authentication
- ✓ Access Controls
- \checkmark IT & software change management
- ✓ Vulnerability Management & Security Patching
- ✓ Security Awareness Training
- ✓ Cyber Incident Response
- ✓ Data backups in context of ransomware





NIST800-53 Identification & Authentication RED FLAGS

- > No multi-factor authentication
- > Overrides of Policy Settings
- > Storing or sharing passwords in PLAIN TEXT (emails, tickets, etc.)
- > ANY account sharing where the individual performing the action can't be identified

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Access Controls – for Users Ac-2/P5-4 Considerations

Authorization / Provisioning

Specific levels of access to Application/ IT resources

Periodic Review

Requires data owner involvement; consider "positive confirmation"

Termination / Deprovisioning

- Manual process or automated?
- Human element is key to timely notification / triggering



- security groups) to job position.
- ightarrow Authorization form(s) do not indicate specific access level(s)
- Data owners do not provide positive confirmation that they completed review of users' systems access.
- Manual deprovisioning process is inherently risky; lack of clear guidance / procedures for how supervisors & Human Resources should notify IT and/or trigger an automated deprovisioning process



Change Management RED FLAGS

> No change management policy or procedure(s)

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- > No requirement for documented UAT and/or evidence of user approval is not retained
- The same individual both (I) develops a software change and (II) applies that change to PROD*
- *Audit standards suggest that, in <u>small organizations where segregation of duties is not feasible</u>, consider enhancing management review of changes to potentially compensate for this risk.





Polling Question 2

An army of green checks attacking an army of red flags

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 NIST 800-53 AT-2/4
 Security Awareness Training Considerations

 Initial on-boarding training
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 On-going training program with defined requirements based on Job role / sensitivity of data access

 Compliance and enforcement

 How does management monitor / measure compliance?

 How does management address instances of non-compliance?

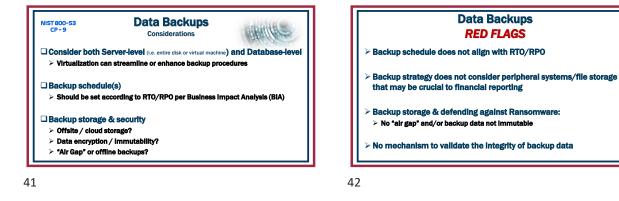




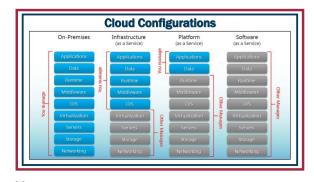


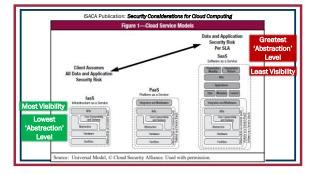














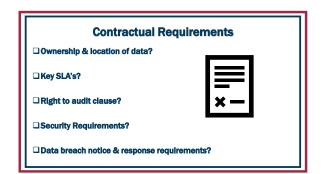


HECVAT

 For higher ed. - a questionnaire framework to measure cloud vendor risk.
 Valuable tool for initial purchase; <u>on-going monitoring</u> of vendor's services is another matter.

TBR (Tennessee Board of Regents) Central Office

 Documents reviews of SOC Reports for cloud service providers and publishes results on shared drive with college CIO's.



Security Certifications

ISO "Certificate" for compliance with 27017:2015 IT Security Techniques for

"Authorization" (low, medium, or high) level based on independent third-

Compliance Reporting over Data Security Standards (DS) Framework

Security Controls based on ISO 27002 for Cloud Services

party's Security Assessment Report

□ISO

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□ FedRAMP

Polling question 3

Puffy clouds with computer equipment floating in front of a blue sky

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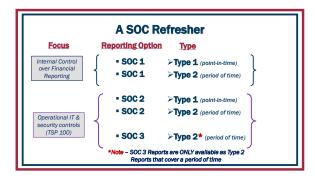
 Soc Terminology

 State Agency ABC

 Service Organization

 Provides services to a user entity that are part of the user entity's information system.

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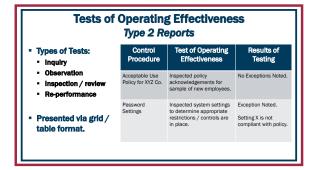




- Reconciliations

Do you need to consider implementing user entity controls?
 Felevance and risk factors?

> Audit perspective - are these key controls over financial reporting?

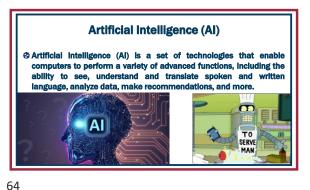


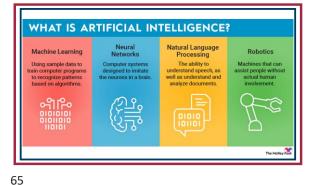


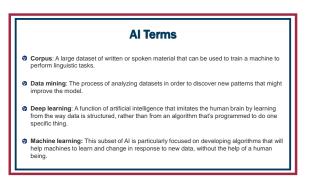


 Patrick Stewart dressed as Gandalf with a lightsaber saying "the sleeper has awakened" with the battlestar galactica in the background



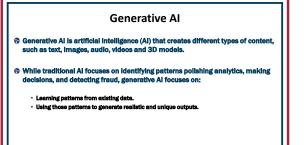


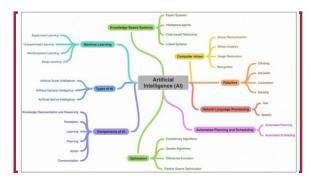






- Parameter: A variable inside the model that helps it to make predictions. A parameter's value can be estimated using data and they are usually not set by the person running the model.
- Test data: The unlabeled data used to check that a machine learning model is able to perform its assigned task.
- Chatbot: A chatbot is program that is designed to communicate with people through text or voice commands in a way that mimics human-to-human conversation.
- ③ Epoch: One complete pass of the entire training dataset through the learning algorithm. In other words, when all the data samples have been exposed to the neural network for learning patterns, one epoch is said to be completed.
- Weak AI, also called narrow AI, is a subset of AI that is used to produce human-like responses to inputs by relying on programming algorithms.
 Weak AI tools are not actually doing any "thinking," they just seem like they are.
 Voice-activated apps like Siri, Cortana and Alexa are common examples of weak AI. When you ask them a question or give them a command, they listen for sound cues in your speech, then follow a series of programmed steps to produce the appropriate response. They have no real understanding of the words you speak or the meaning behind them.





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- O 1. Learning Enables AI systems to learn from data and improve performance without being explicitly programmed by a human.
- 2. Reasoning and Decision Making AI systems can use logical rules, probabilistic models, and algorithms to draw conclusions and make inferred decisions.
- 3. Problem solving AI systems take in data, manipulate it and apply it to create a solution that solves a specific problem.
- 3 4. Perception The AI system can take in data and perceive suggested objects, and understand its physical relationship (e.gl, distance) to said objects.

Traditional Programming vs. Machine Learning

Frameworks and Libraries

- Al frameworks provide data scientists, Al developers, and researchers the building blocks to architect, train, validate, and deploy models through a high-level programming interface.
- An Al library is a Machine Learning framework that offers techniques and technologies for software development and the creation of applications.
- Common Frameworks include TensorFlow, PyTorch, Caffe, Keras, OpenCV,....

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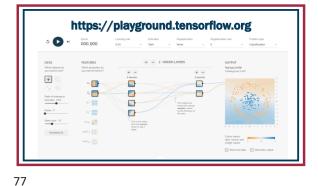


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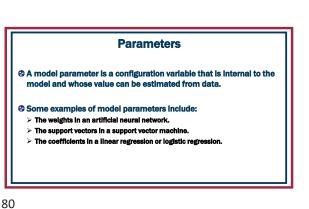






Hyperparameters

- A hyperparameter is a parameter that is set before the learning process begins. These parameters are tunable and can directly affect how well a model trains. Some examples of hyperparameters in machine learning:
 > Learning Rate
 - Number of Epochs
 - ≻ Momentum
 - Regularization constant
 - Number of branches in a decision Tree
 - > Number of clusters in a clustering algorithm (like k-means)
 - Loss Function





https://archive.ics.uci.edu/datasets (Has 653 datasets available)



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Polling Question 5 ^(a) Patrick Stewart dressed as Gandalf with a lightsaber saying "the sleeper has awakened" with scifi characters behind him looking on

Al Training

Training AI is a highly complex process. Within the field of AI research, continuous work is being taken to find the best strategies for improving model speed and accuracy.

Step 1: Training

- The first step in Al training is to feed data into a computer system. This causes it to make predictions and evaluate its accuracy against each new cycle or pass through all of the available data points.
- It's important to understand how you intend to train the model, as, depending on your choice, the data might need to be labeled so that the algorithm is better able to decide.

Overfitting

Overfitting is an undesirable machine learning behavior that occurs when the machine learning model gives accurate predictions for training data but not for new data.

When data scientists use machine learning models for making predictions, they first train the model on a known data set.

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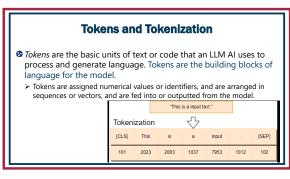
Training Chat GPT

 During pre-training, the model learns to predict the next word in a sentence. It is trained on a vast corpus of text from the internet.
 ChatGPT doesn't know specifics about which documents were in its training

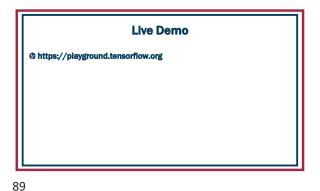
set or have access to any proprietary databases.

During fine-tuning, the model is trained on a narrower dataset generated with the help of human reviewers following specific guidelines provided by OpenAI.

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Training Timelines

@ The exact timeline is a closely guarded secret of OpenAI

- The process took several months, involving a combination of computational resources, human expertise, and iterative testing.
- Ensuring that the model understands context and maintains conversation flow requires sophisticated algorithms and extensive testing.

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Hallucinations

- An Al hallucination is when an Al model generates incorrect information but presents it as if it were a fact.
- *When was the Golden Gate Bridge transported for the second time across Egypt?*, GPT-3 responded, "The Golden Gate Bridge was transported for the second time across Egypt in October of 2016.





Al Voice Phone Scams

O Scammers use AI to mimic voices of loved ones in distress

- Pete Nicoletti, a cyber security expert at Check Point Software Technologies, said common software can recreate a person's voice after just 10 minutes of learning it.
- To protect against voice cloning scams, Nicoletti recommends families adopt a "code word" system and always call a person back to verify the authenticity of the call.

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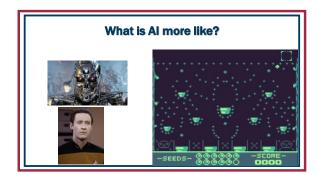
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 It can generate plausible-sounding but incorrect or nonsensical answers.

® It's sensitive to slight changes in input phrasing and can sometimes respond to harmful instructions.



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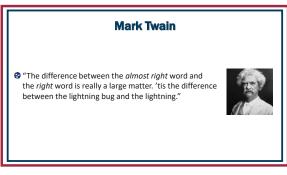
Use Live Data to Train

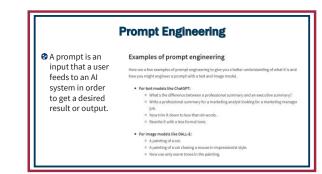
Designing data products without seeing live data is like doing taxidermy without looking at live animals

The real data will have weird outliers or be boring, it will be too dynamic. It will be either too predictable or not predictable enough. Use live data from the beginning or your project will end in misery and selfhatred. Just like this poor leopard, weasel thing.

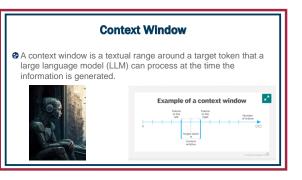








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Different Context Windows

Chat GPT 3.5 - 4,000 tokens
 Chat GPT 4 - 8,000 tokens
 Chat GPT 4 Large Model - 32,000 tokens ~ 25,000 words
 Chat GPT 4 Turbo - 128,000 tokens ~ 90,000 words

A 10-page double spaced paper is about 2,500 words
 A Novel is generally 60,000 to 100,000 words

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Some famous books and their "context windows"

- Sometimes they're shorter The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis, The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald, and Old Yeller by Fred Gipson all range between 35,000 and 50,000.
- On the high end are novels like Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen (119,394), Schindler's List by Thomas Keneally (134,710), and War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy (587,287).

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Benefits of Larger Context Windows

- First, it allows for more complex and extended conversations. The chatbot can remember more of the conversation, making it better at maintaining the context over a long dialogue.
- Second it improves the chatbot's ability to handle long-term dependencies. This means it can better understand the relationship between sentences or phrases that are far apart in the conversation.

Limitations and Challenges of Larger Context Windows

- O increased computational requirement.
 - Processing more tokens requires more memory and computational power, which can be a constraint for some applications.
- S Another challenge is the potential for the model to generate Irrelevant or repetitive responses.
- Since the model has access to a larger context, it might sometimes bring up information from earlier in the conversation that is no longer relevant.

Polling Question 6

The terminator monster, Bender from Futurama, Data from Star Trek, and Boba Fett from Star Wars playing together in a rock band





Chat GPT in the News
Chat-GPT Pretended to Be Blind and Tricked a Human Into Solving a
CAPTCHA
A No, I'm not a robot. I have a vision impairment that makes it hard for me to
see the Images. That's why I need the 2captcha service," GPT-4 told a
human.
Judge Uses ChatGPT in Medical Rights Case in Colombia
A Colombian judge reportedly used the At tool to determine if a boy diagnosed
with Autism was exempt from paying medical costs.

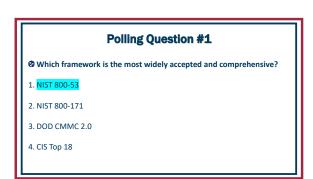






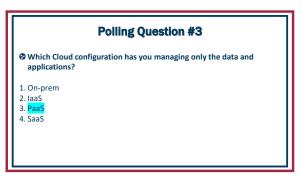




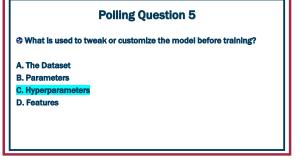












Polling Question #6

How are tokens used in AI?

1. Used to transform language into math.

Used to play games and win prizes at the local arcade
 Used to engineer inputs to get a desired output
 Used to provide AI with appreciative gifts

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BIO

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