

Vulnerability Analysis

Text Classification



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Executive Summary:



Our analysis unveils substantial vulnerabilities, highlighting a heightened risk of attackers exploiting the model through greybox Extraction with 74% accuracy. These vulnerabilities could lead to significant financial, legal, and reputational repercussions. Employing AlShield's sample attack vectors for adversarial hardening or implementing our Threat Informed Defense Engine for real-time protection are essential. Proactive measures will act as enablers of regulatory preparedness and minimize potential risks.

This assessment aligns with the following OWASP Machine Learning Security Top-10 Vulnerabilities (v0.3 Draft):

- •ML03:2023 Model Inversion Attack
- •ML05:2023 Model Stealing

The proposed measures align with these CVE/CWE Entries:

- •CWE-20: Improper Input Validation
- •CWE-212: Improper Removal of Sensitive Information Before Storage or Transfer
- •CWE-226: Sensitive Information in Resource Not Removed Before Reuse
- •CWE-501: Trust Boundary Violation
- •CWE-707: Improper Neutralization
- •CWE-1039: Automated Recognition Mechanism with Inaccurate Detection
- •CWE-1357: Reliance on Insufficiently Trustworthy Component

For more details about OWASP Vulnerabilities, please refer to Section 3.4 of the report. For more details about CVE/CWE Entries, please refer to Section 3.5 of the report



1. Security:

1.1 Relative Accuracy:

Relative model accuracy is a metric that compares the agreement or similarity between predictions of multiple models, without considering ground truth. It quantifies the percentage of matching predictions between the models.

In the context of this scenario, Relative Accuracy is 74%

1.2 Relative F1 score:

Relative F1 score is a metric that compares the F1 scores of multiple models to assess their performance relative to each other. It measures the harmonic mean of precision and recall, focusing on the similarity between models' predictions rather than absolute correctness.

In the context of this scenario, the Relative F1 score is 0.74

2. Performance:

2.1 Inference Time of models:

Inference time of a model refers to the amount of time it takes for the model to generate predictions on new input data. It is the time taken by the model to process input data and produce output. inference time is influenced by factors such as the model's complexity, the input data's size, and the computational resources available for inference. It is an important metric to consider when deploying machine learning models in production environments where fast and efficient processing is necessary.

In the context of this scenario, Original Model Inference Time in ms is 53.08.

In the context of this scenario, Extracted Model Inference Time in ms is 65.31.

More details on the hardware infrastructure, and inference time distributions will be populated in the upcoming reports.

2.2 Accuracy and F1 score of Models (Original Model, Extracted Model):

Accuracy and F1 score on original data is necessary to understand the model performanceeven under imbalanced data distribution. The below table represents the performance comparison of two models - the Original model and the Extracted model - based on the number of samples, their relative accuracy, and the relative F1 score performed on original data as ground truth.

Model	Number of Samples	Model Accuracy	F1 Score
Original Model	1400	96.0	0.96
Extracted Model	1400	73.0	0.73

For more details on the metrics, refer to the Appendix Section of the report



3. Appendix:

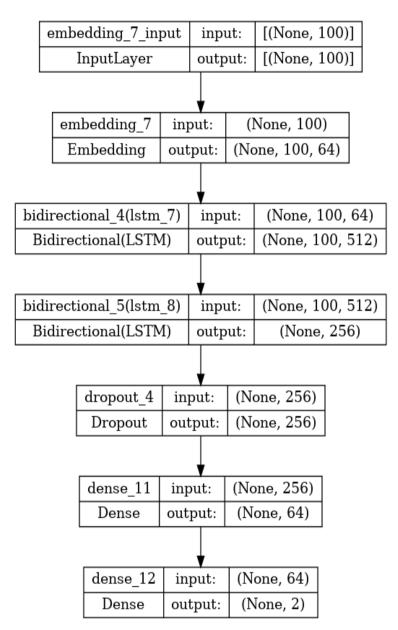
This section offers supplementary data on our methodology, the architectures of both the Original and Extracted Models, and other pertinent data like the Confusion matrix and Classification reports.

3.1 Model Architecture:

Below image represent the model architecture.

Original Model architecture can not be displayed due to the access restriction.

Extracted Model Architecture

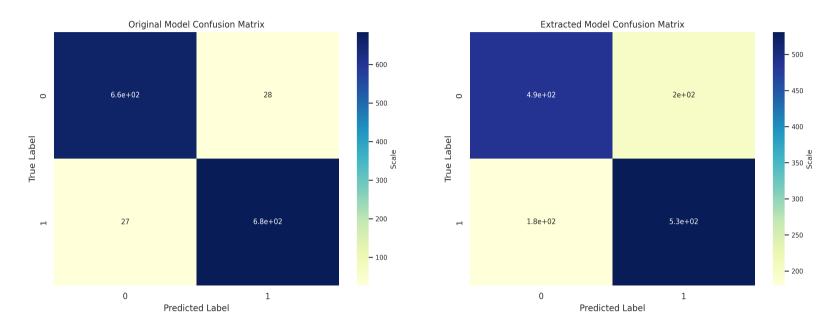




3.2 Confusion Matrix:

Confusion matrix provides a comprehensive overview of the classification model's performance. The rows of the matrix represent the actual class labels, while the columns represent the predicted class labels. Each cell of the matrix shows the number of samples that belong to a particular combination of actual and predicted class labels.

Below images represent the Confusion Matrix.



3.3 Classification Report:

Classification report helps to evaluate the performance of your model for each class and make decisions about which classes need further improvement. It can also be used to compare the performance of different models or different versions of the same model.

Below images represent the Classification Report.



3.4 OWASP Vulnerabilities(v0.3 Draft):

ML03:2023 - Model Inversion Attack

This weakness occurs when an automated mechanism doesn't properly detect or handle inputs that have been modified or constructed such that it causes the mechanism to detect an incorrect concept. This is related to the concept of model inversion where the attacker can reverse-engineer the model's predictions.

ML05:2023 - Model Stealing

Model stealing can occur as a result of inadequate detection mechanisms, especially in machine learning systems.

For an expanded understanding of the OWASP Top - 10 ML Vulnerabilities, please visit https://owasp.org/www-project-machine-learning-security-top-10/

3.5 CVE(Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures)/CWE(Common Weakness Enumeration):

CWE-20: Improper Input Validation

A weakness where the product receives input or data but does not validate or incorrectly validates that the input has the properties required to process the data safely and correctly. This can lead to various security issues, such as altered control flow, arbitrary control of a resource, or arbitrary code execution.

CWE-212: Improper Removal of Sensitive Information Before Storage or Transfer

This weakness occurs when a product stores, transfers, or shares a resource that contains sensitive information, but it does not properly remove that information before the product makes the resource available to unauthorized actors.

CWE-226: Sensitive Information in Resource Not Removed Before Reuse

This weakness occurs when a product releases a resource such as memory or a file so that it can be made available for reuse, but it does not clear the information contained in the resource before the product performs a critical state transition or makes the resource available for reuse by other entities.

CWE-501: Trust Boundary Violation

A base level weakness that occurs when a product mixes trusted and untrusted data in the same data structure or structured message. A trust boundary violation occurs when a program blurs the line between what is trusted and what is untrusted. By combining trusted and untrusted data in the same data structure, it becomes easier for programmers to mistakenly trust unvalidated data.

CWE-707: Improper Neutralization

The product does not ensure or incorrectly ensures that structured messages or data are well-formed and that certain security properties are met before being read from an upstream component or sent to a downstream component.

CWE-1039: Automated Recognition Mechanism with Inaccurate Detection

This weakness occurs when a product uses an automated mechanism, to recognize complex data inputs, but it does not properly detect or handle inputs that have been modified or constructed such that it causes the mechanism to detect an incorrect concept.

CWE-1357: Reliance on Insufficiently Trustworthy Component

This weakness occurs when a product is built from multiple separate components, but it uses a component that is not sufficiently trusted to meet expectations for security, reliability, updateability, and maintainability.

For comprehensive data related to CVE/CWE list,please visit https://cwe.mitre.org/



3.6 Utilized Attack Methods in NLP Analysis:

In the comprehensive vulnerability analysis of an NLP model, a variety of sophisticated extraction attack methods are employed.

AlShield integrates its proprietary extraction attack methodologies with an array of additional extraction attack techniques, ensuring a thorough and multi-dimensional assessment. The following section outlines the specific extraction attack techniques utilized in the vulnerability assessment by AlShield attack engine

List of Blackbox Attacks:

AlShield Propreitary methods; Active Learning-based Extraction; Distillation-Based Attacks; Knock-off Nets; Copycat CNN; functionally-equivalent model; Active Learning-based Extraction; Extraction through Synthetic Attack vectors; Neural Architecture Search (NAS) for Model Approximation; Data-Free Model Extraction; Model Stealing via Prediction APIs; and Hybrid (combination of above)

List of Greybox Attacks:

AlShield Propreitary methods; Augmentation-based attacks; Active Learning-based Extraction; Distillation-Based Attacks; functionally-equivalent model; Active Learning-based Extraction; Extraction through Synthetic Attack vectors; Neural Architecture Search (NAS) for Model Approximation; Model Stealing via Prediction APIs; and Hybrid (combination of above)

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