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Generative AI Red-Teaming Can Learn Much from Cybersecurity Says SEI Study

September 3, 2025 — Al practitioners have been red-teaming generative Al systems, but too narrowly for robust security assessments. Established cybersecurity red-teaming methodologies can greatly enhance Al security practices, according to a recent SEI report. What Can Generative Al Red-Teaming Learn from Cyber Red-Teaming? analyzes the method in both domains and recommends 10 ways Al security researchers and practitioners can leverage cybersecurity best practices.

"Given the immediacy of the risks surrounding generative AI, the AI security community needs to be deliberate in its efforts to counter threats," said Keltin Grimes, a researcher in the SEI's AI Division and a coauthor of the report. "Leveraging insights from more established fields like cybersecurity is a common-sense way to accelerate maturity and maximize impact."

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Defense Department and intelligence community stakeholders met with SEI experts to discuss how software-intensive programs can better implement model-based systems engineering (MBSE).

Study Finds Key Causes of Divergence in Software Bills of Materials

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<u>Artificial Intelligence in National Security: Acquisition and Integration</u>

This post details practitioner insights from the AI Acquisition workshop, including challenges in differentiating AI systems, guidance on when to use AI, and matching AI tools to mission needs.

Managing Security and Resilience Risks Across the Lifecycle

This post introduces the Security Engineering Framework, a detailed schema of software-focused engineering practices that acquisition programs can use to manage security and resilience risks across the lifecycle of software-reliant systems.

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Kevin Pitstick and Lihan Zhan discuss Vessel, a recent SEI tool that helps developers identify the difference between two container images to help sort benign from problematic issues.

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This book offers snapshots of the culture of innovation at the SEI from 1988 to 2025 as our researchers and engineers have worked to advance software for national security.

Report on the First MBSynergy Workshop

MBSynergy research focuses on ways of pursuing government equities using model-based systems engineering and digital engineering in DoD and intelligence community settings. This report describes the MBSynergy team's first working session.

Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) Harmonization Plugfest 2024

This report describes how differences in SBOM generation can result in different SBOM outputs.

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Quantum Computing Meets High Performance Computing Skills in the Class

The SEI's Dan Justice and NVIDIA's Monica VanDieren discuss why high-performance computing (HPC) and AI skills are no longer optional for quantum professionals and how to prepare students for the reality of accelerated quantum supercomputing.

<u>Achieving Balance: Agility, MBSE, and Architecture</u>

Peter Capell addresses a practical vision for meeting stakeholder expectations of Agile implementation, highlighting the value of model-based systems engineering and architecture.

<u>Identifying AI Talent for the DoD Workforce</u>

Eric Keylor, Intae Nam, and Dominic Ross go beyond traditional knowledge and skill assessments as they introduce prototype tools that reveal key information about evaluating talent for AI and data positions.

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Mark Sherman will summarize the results of experiments investigating whether various large language models (LLMs) could correctly identify problems with source code.

<u>AAAI Fall Symposium: Engineering Safety-Critical AI Systems</u>, November 6-8, Arlington, Va.

As AI is increasingly applied to new and more high-risk settings, a mature safety engineering discipline for AI becomes ever more critical. Join the SEI to advance the discipline of engineering AI for safety.

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