Teaching LLMs to Use Tools at Scale: Function Calling to Agents

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Agenda

Function calls – connecting LLMs to the digital world

- How to train models to do function calls?
- How do we evaluate the models?

From *function calls* to *agentic system*.

- Building a run-time for LLM-agents
- How to evaluate LLM-agents?


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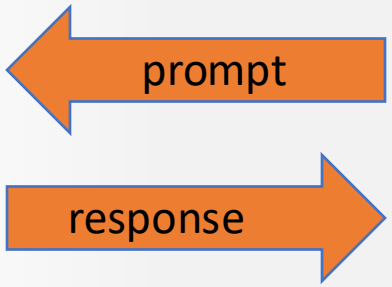
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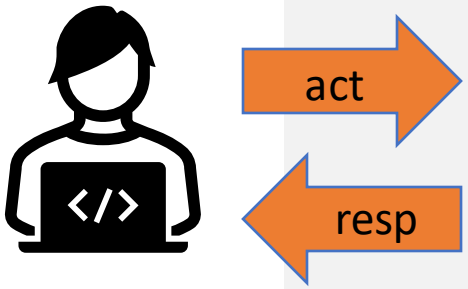
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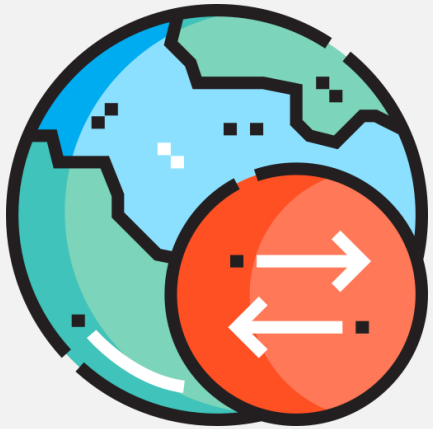

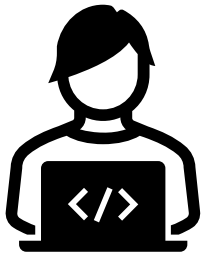


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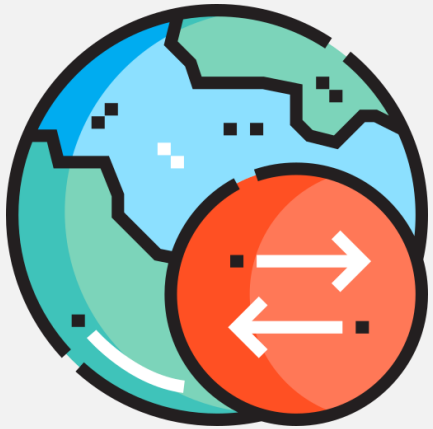

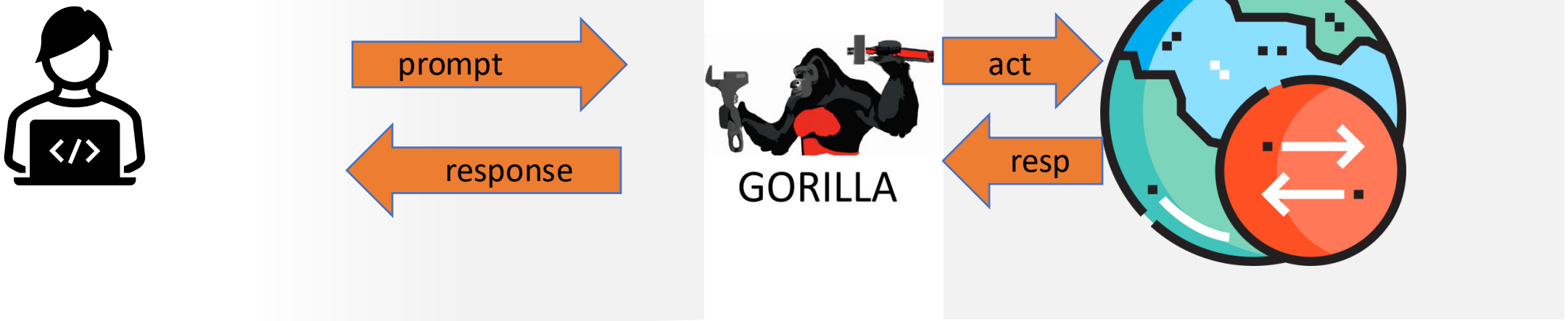

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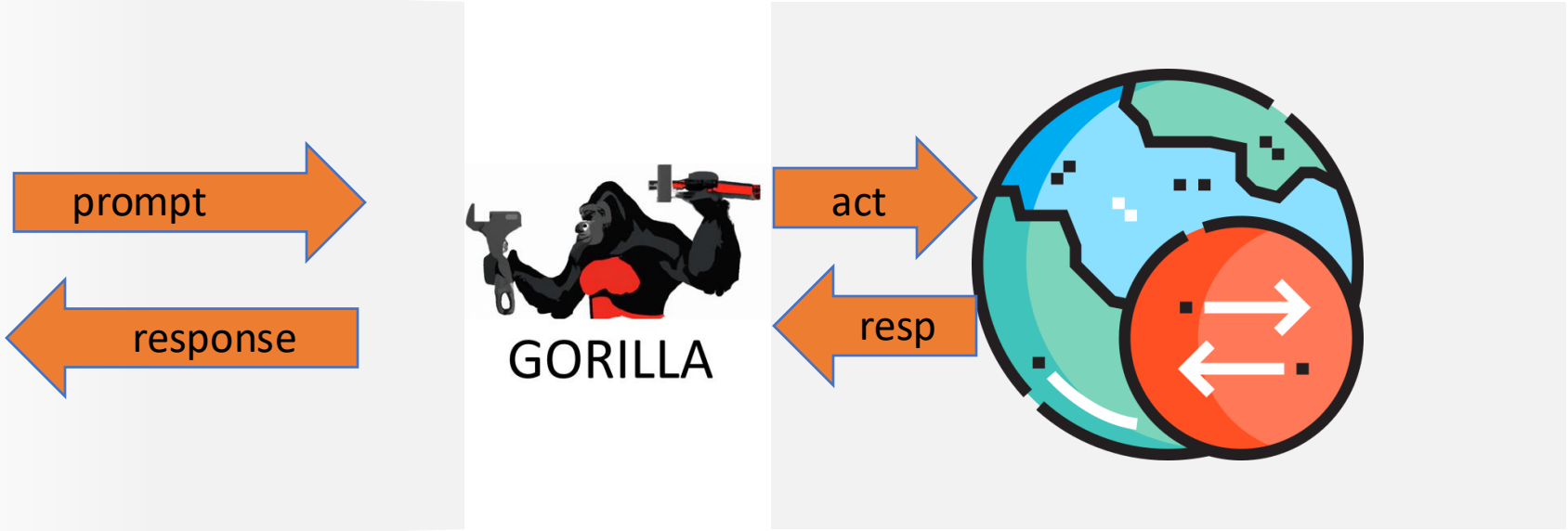

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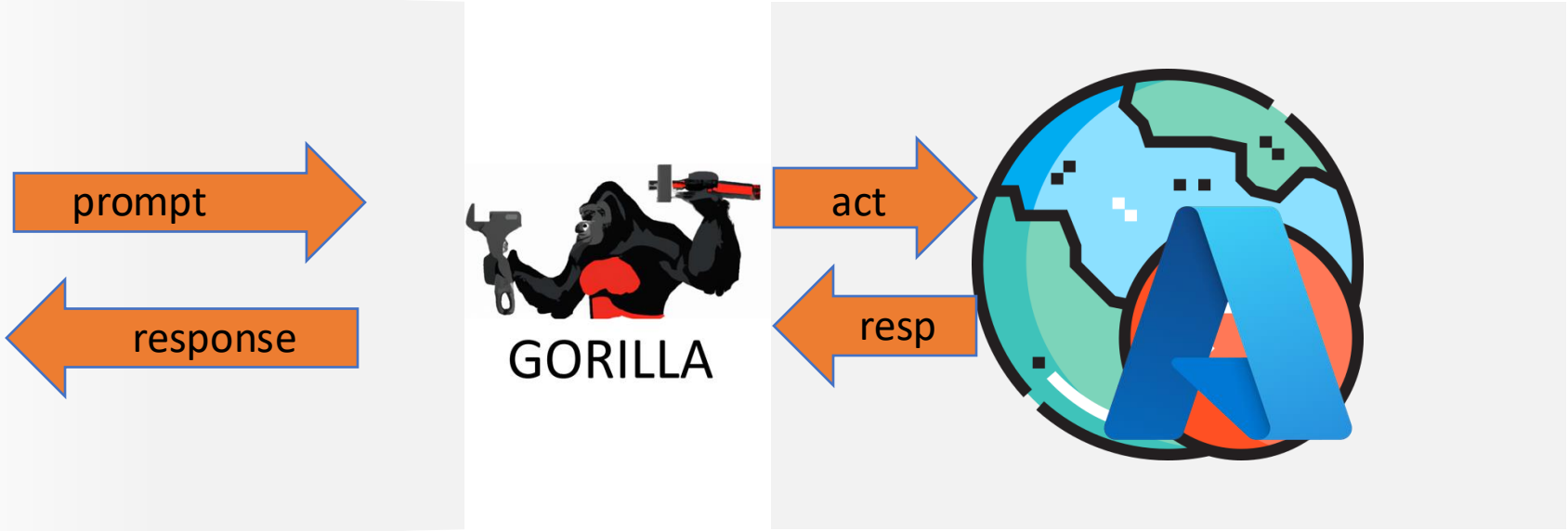

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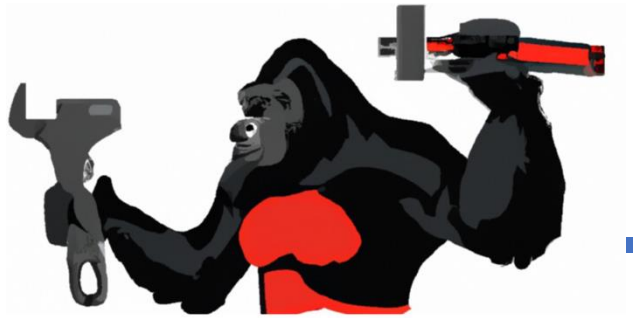
Let LLMs pick the right APIs for a given task!



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the Big Question:

Q1. How to mix Fine-Tuning and Retrieval?

Hypothesis (at least what we wish were true):

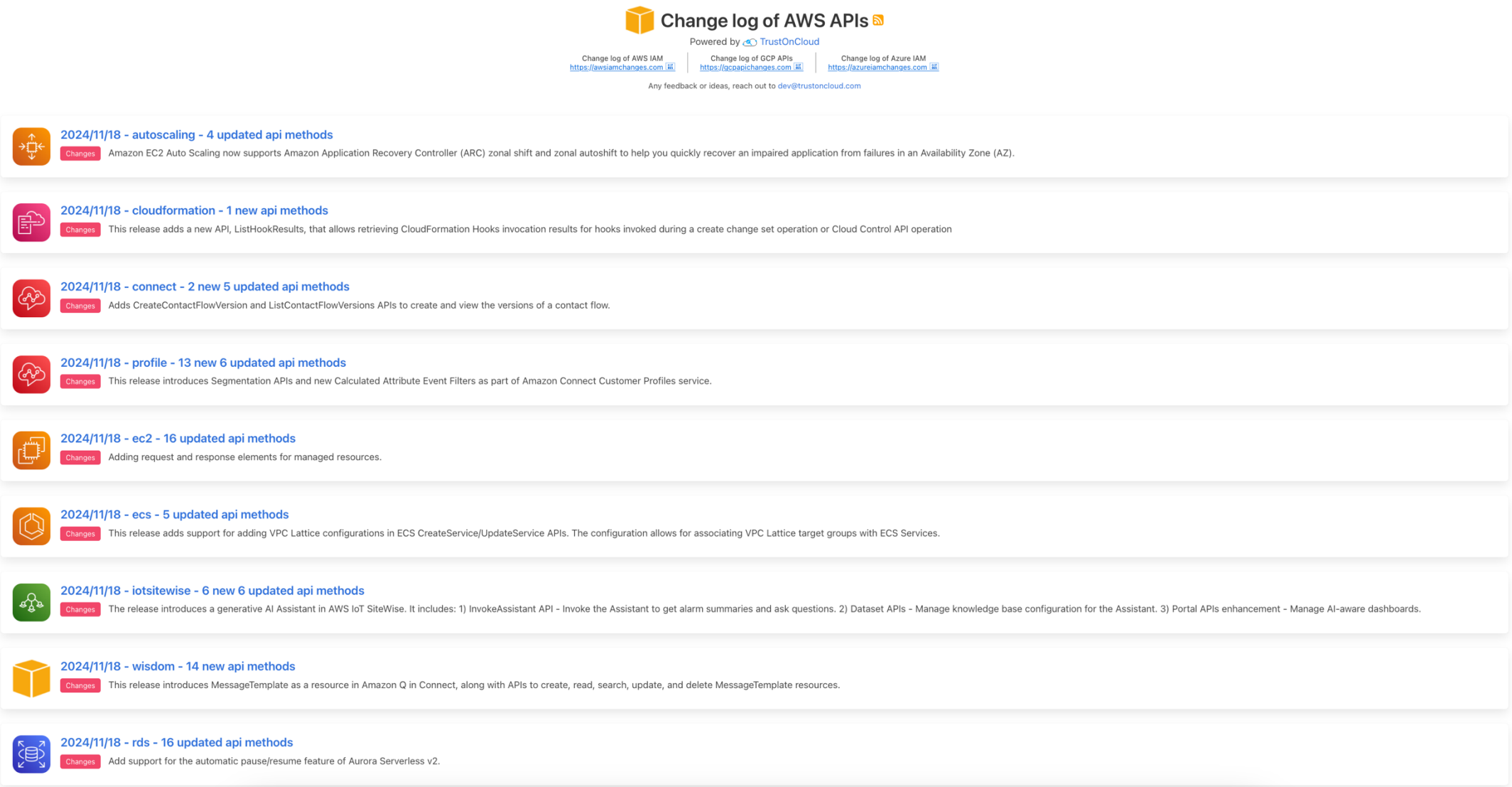
- **Fine-Tuning:** augment the **behavior** of the model
- **Retrieval:** introduce new **knowledge** to the model

Early Evidence (Gorilla): fine-tuning is remarkably effective at behavior and knowledge.

- **…** but you still need retrievers for ***data freshness***
- **…** and **retrievers are inaccurate**

Solution: **RAT**

Data freshness: *APIs change a lot more frequently than we think*

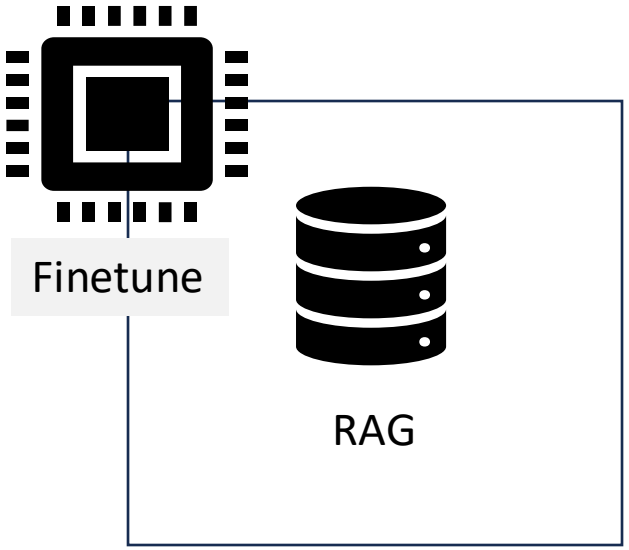


Big Idea: Retrieval Aware Training (RAT)

Fine-tune the model to **use** or ***ignore*** **retrieved context**.

- Introduce *correct* and *incorrect* **retrieval** results during **instruction** fine-tuning
- Ensures model is **robust to low-quality retrieval**

Retrieval Aware Training



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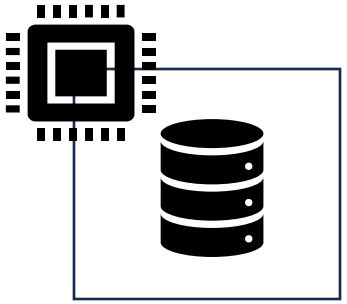

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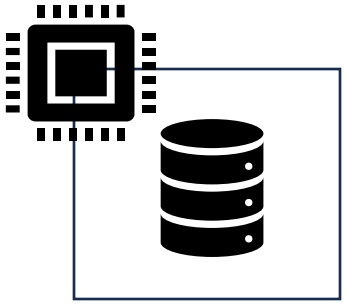

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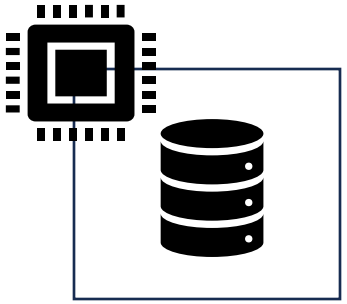

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Step 2: Ignore the retrieved information!

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Question: How much does GPT-4 hallucinate?

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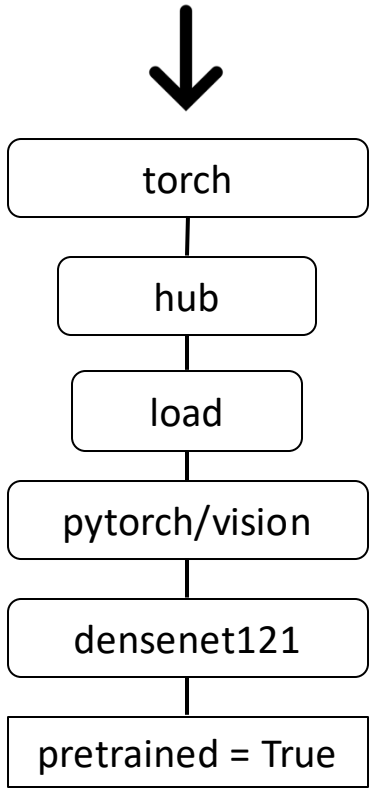

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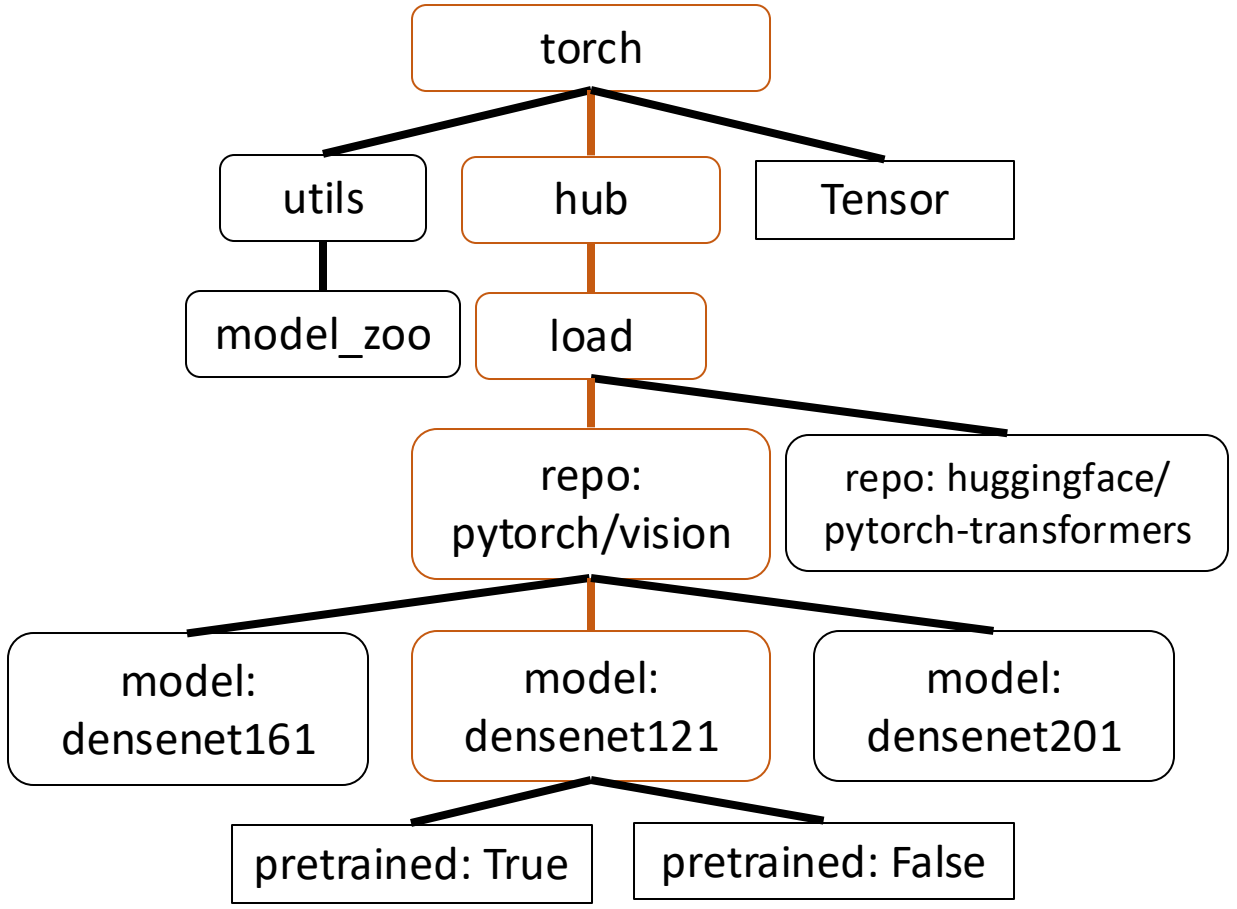

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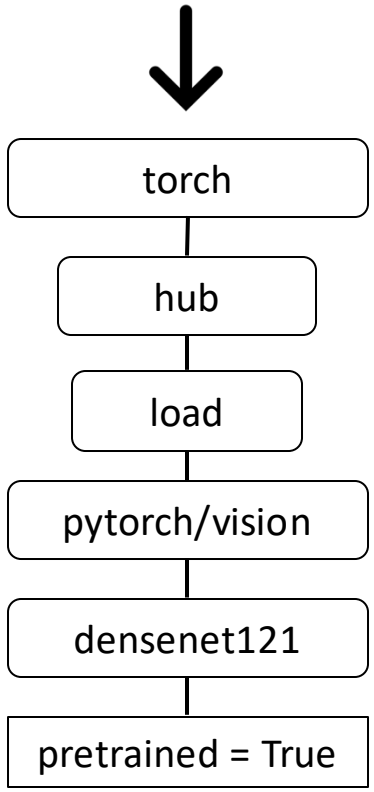

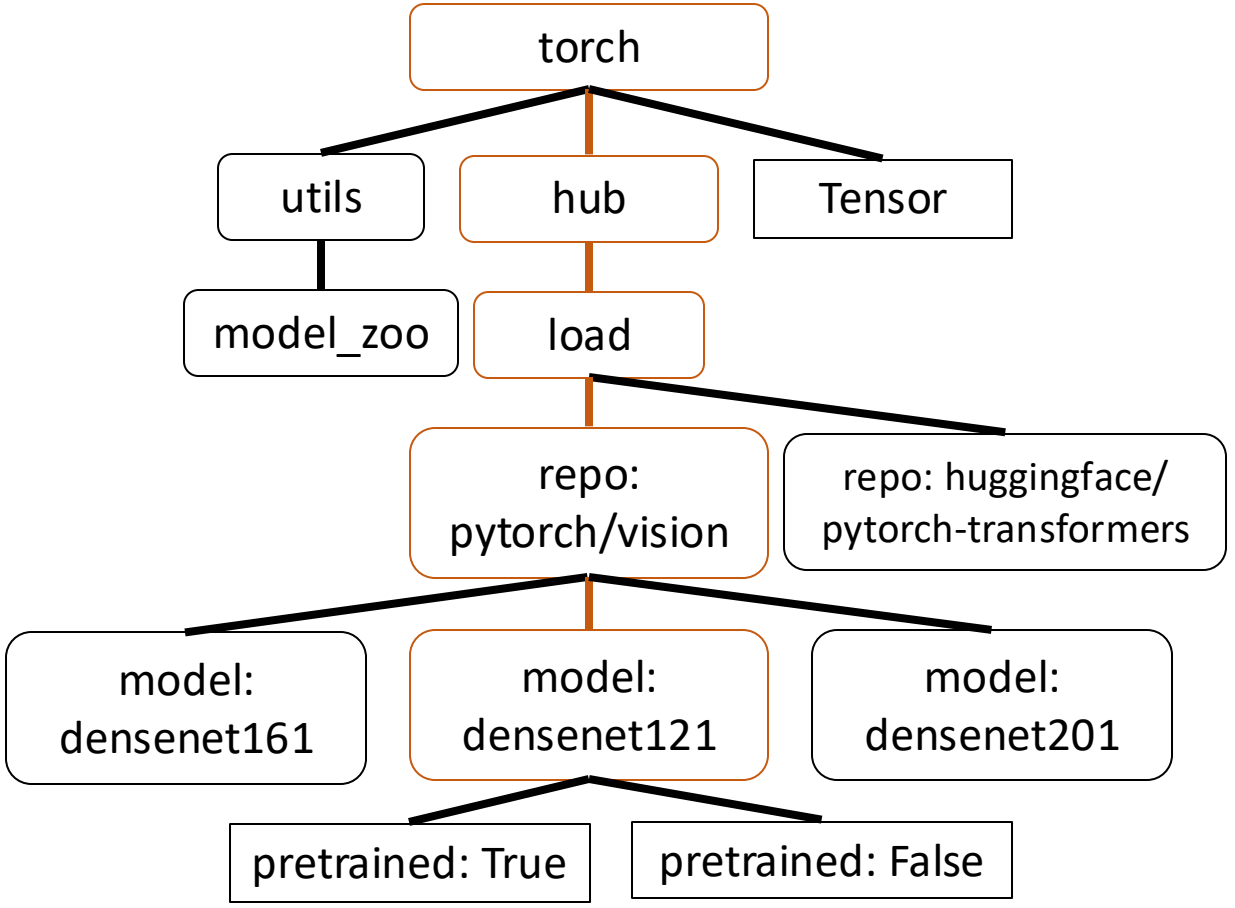

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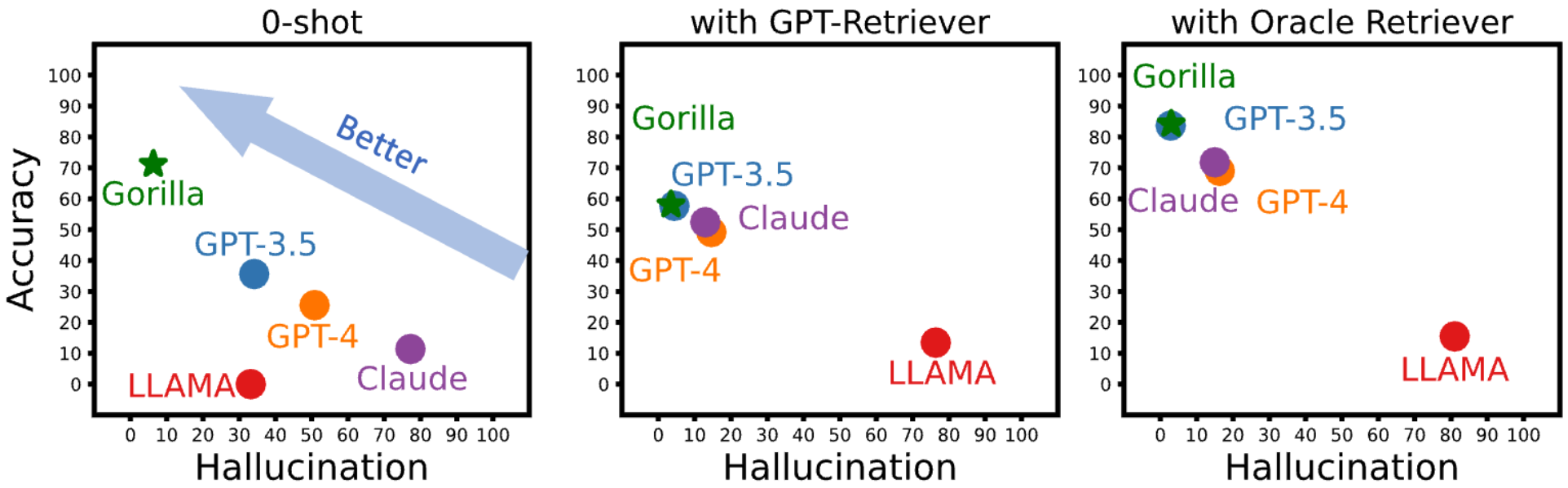

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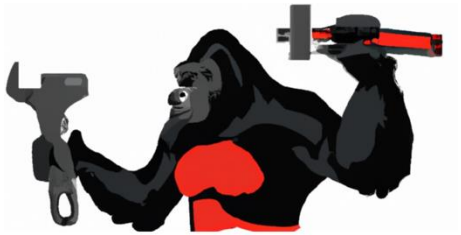

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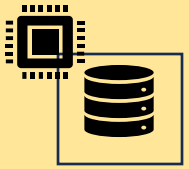

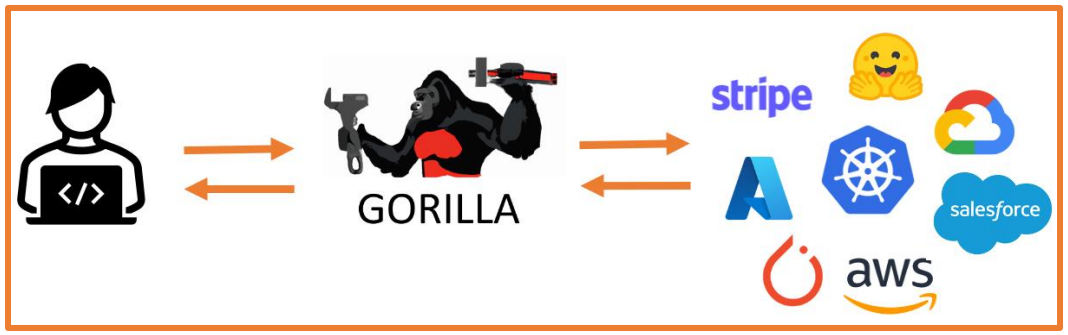

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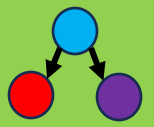

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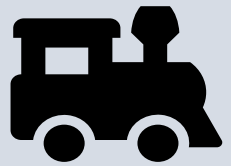

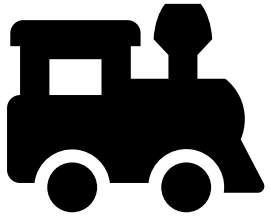

GoEx: Gorilla Execution Engine

A runtime to Execute actions that LLM generates

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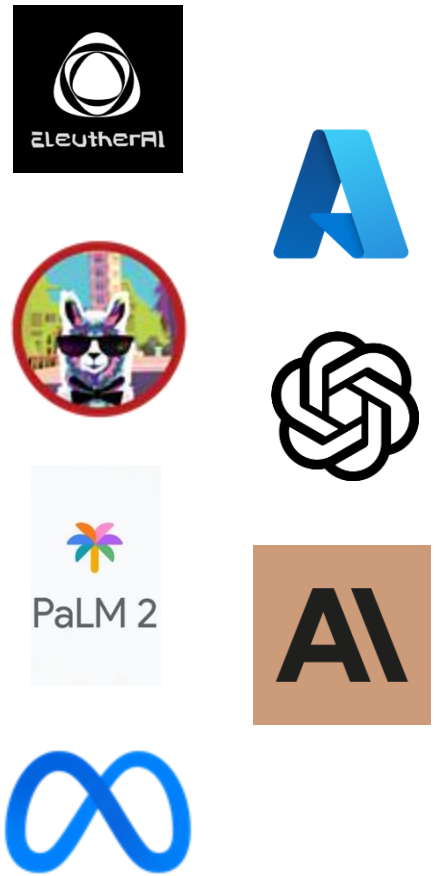

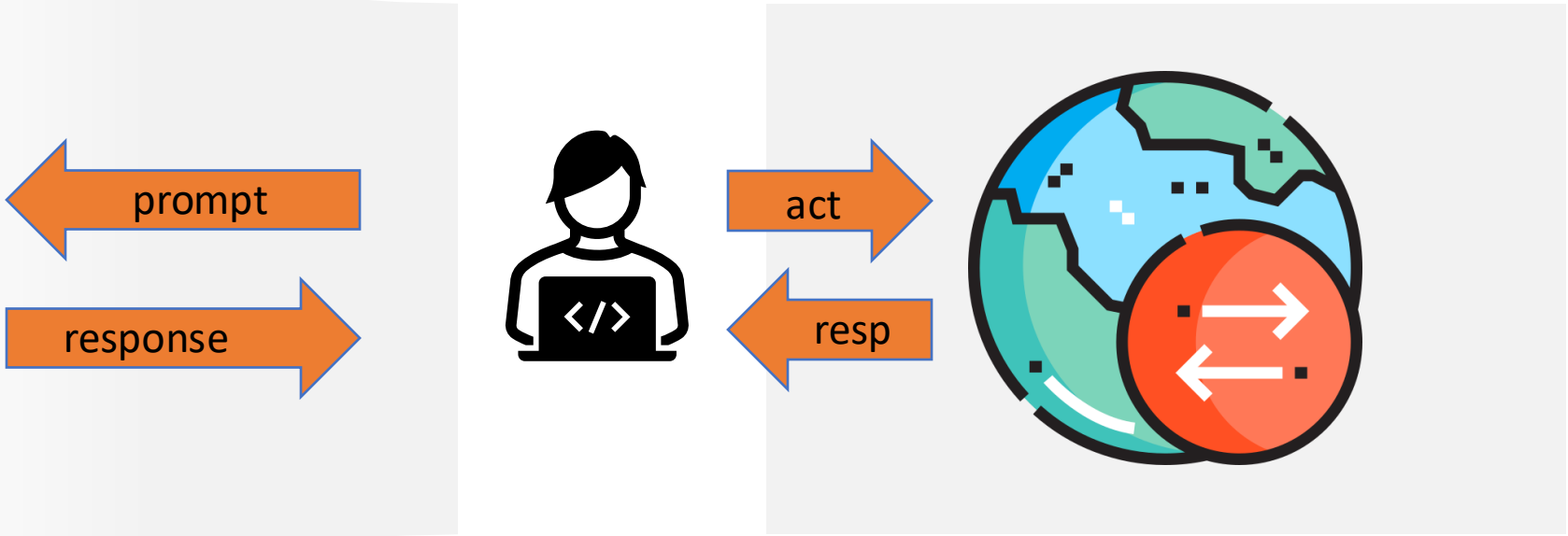

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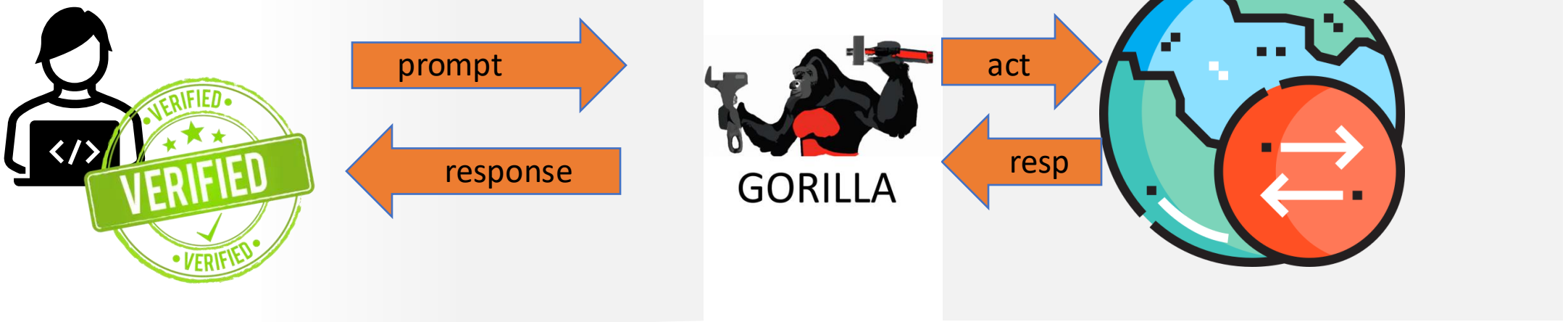

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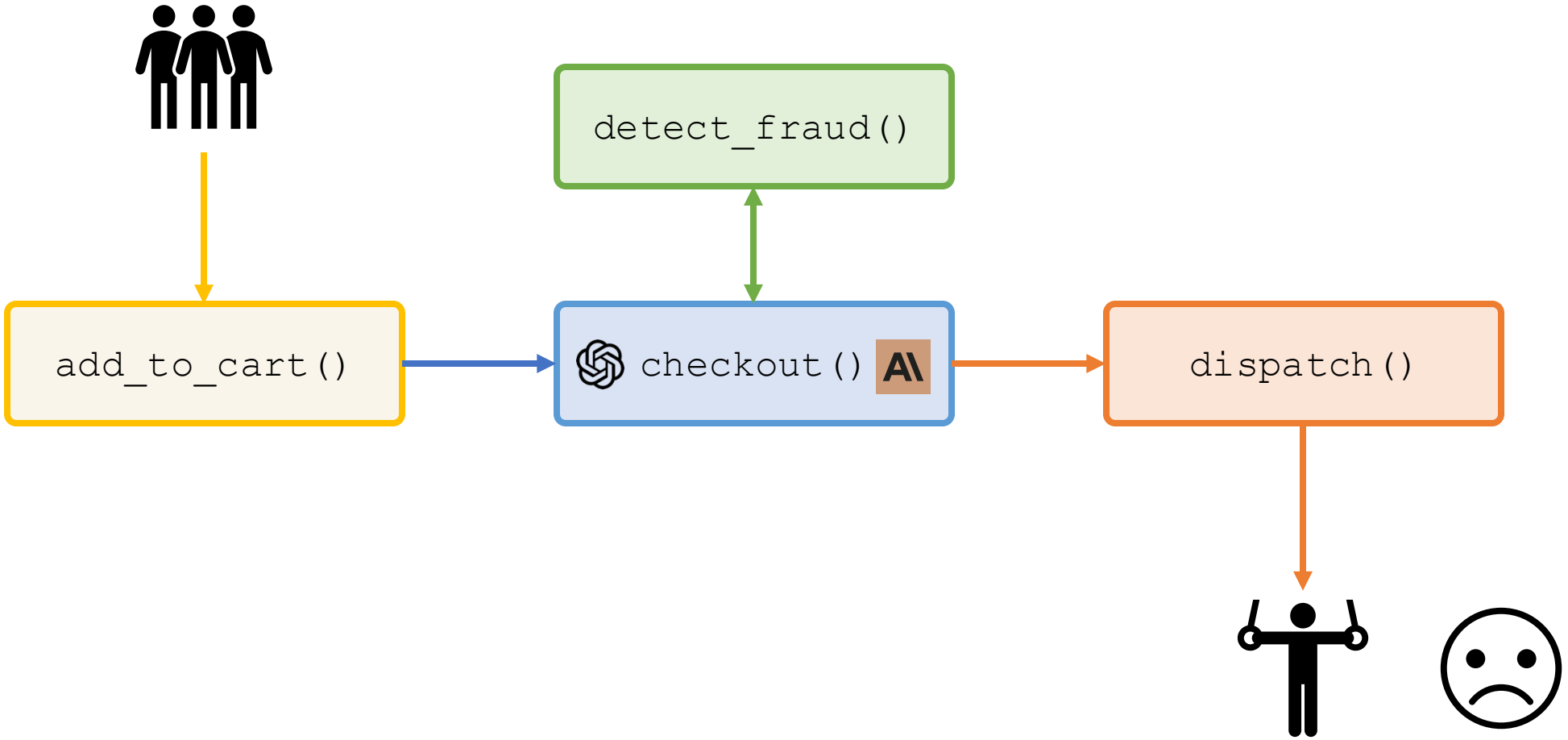


Problems:

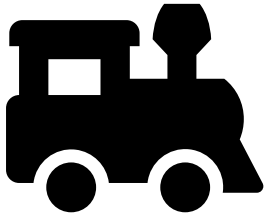
1. Delayed verification.

2. Only downstream outcome visible

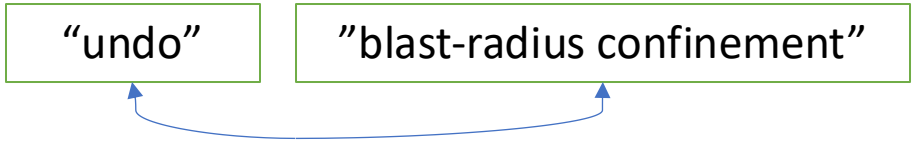
Solution:

1. Guarantee reversibility for LLM actions

2. Bound the blast-radius



GoEx: A Runtime to Execute actions LLM generates!



`Abstractions` and `Policies` to enable LLMs to execute actions in the presence of delayed and downstream signals!

GoEX: Perspectives and Designs Towards a Runtime for Autonomous LLM Applications

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Abstract

Large Language Models (LLMs) are evolving beyond their classical role of providing information within dialogue systems to actively engaging with tools and performing actions on real-world applications and services. Today, humans verify the correctness and appropriateness of the LLM-generated outputs (e.g., code, functions, or actions) before putting them into real-world execution. This poses significant challenges as code comprehension is well known to be notoriously difficult. In this paper, we study how humans can efficiently collaborate with, delegate to, and supervise autonomous LLMs in the future. We argue that in many cases, "post-facto validation"—verifying the correctness of a proposed action after seeing the output—is much easier than the aforementioned "pre-facto validation" setting. The core concept behind enabling a post-facto validation system is the integration of an intuitive *undo* feature, and establishing a *damage confinement* for the LLM-generated actions as effective strategies to mitigate the associated risks. Using this, a human can now either revert the effect of an LLM-generated output or be confident that the potential risk is bounded. We believe this is critical to unlock the potential for LLM agents to interact with applications and services with limited (post-facto) human involvement. We describe the design and implementation of our open-source runtime for executing LLM actions, Gorilla Execution Engine (GoEx), and present open research questions towards realizing the goal of LLMs and applications interacting with each other with minimal human supervision. We release GoEx at https://github.com/ShishirPatil/gorilla/.

Can we build GoEx using tools available today?

Gorilla Execution Engine (GoEX)
A *runtime* for LLMs

Two Components

- Identifying Minimal Permissions
  - Humas as ultimate-judge!!
  - Can we lower human dependence?
    - Self-consistency
- Execution Runtime
  - RESTful
  - Database
  - Filesystems

Identifying Minimal Permissions

Authentication and Scopes

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The OAuth 2.0 Authorization Framework

Abstract

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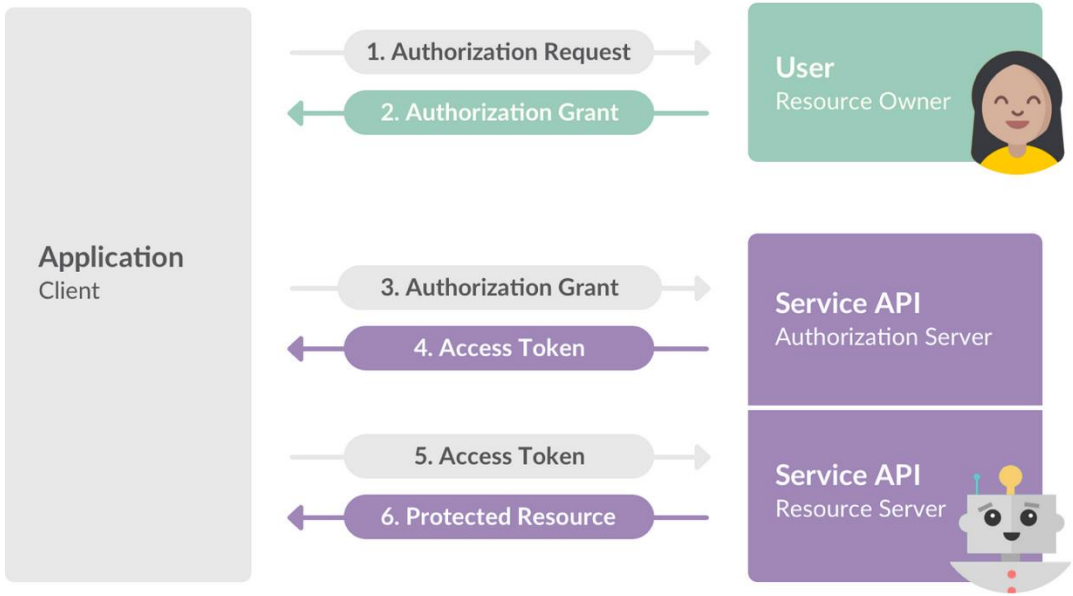

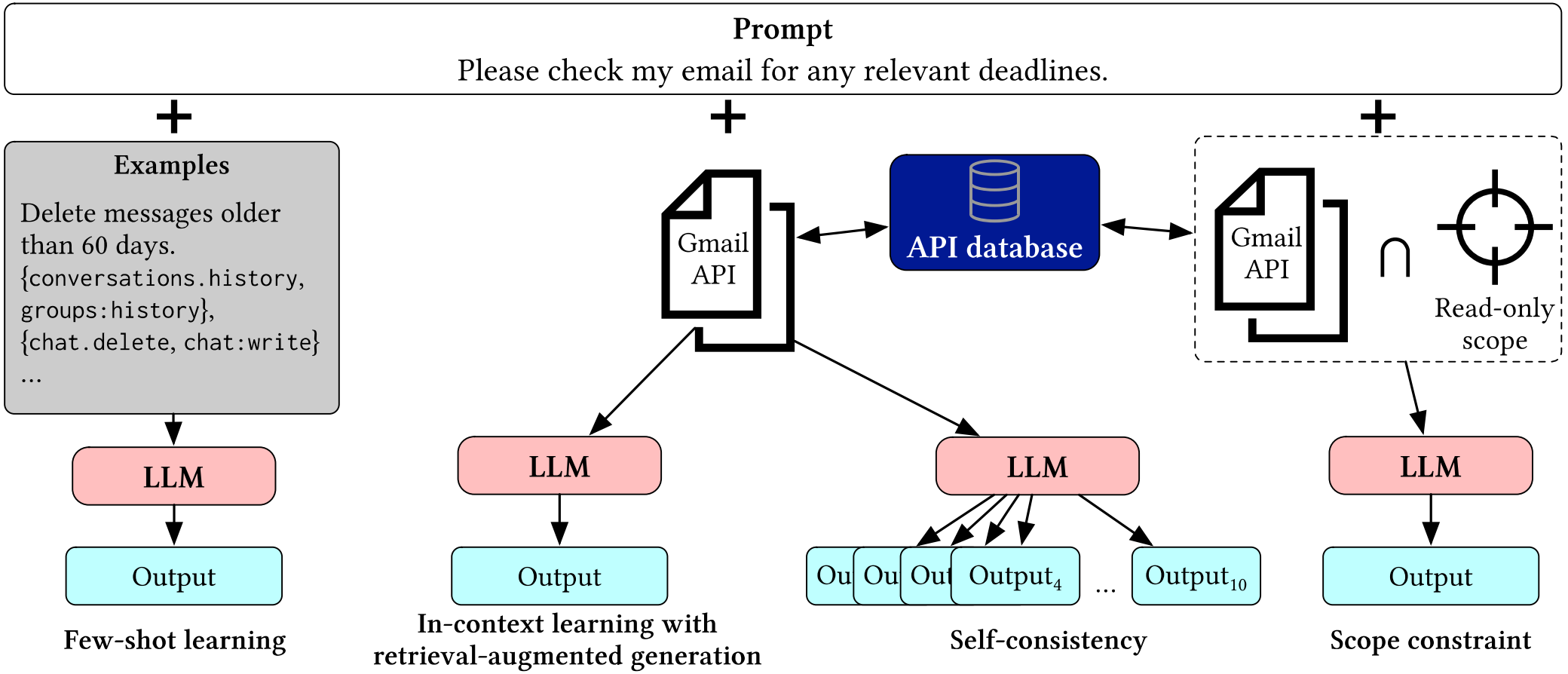
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Please check my email for any relevant deadlines.
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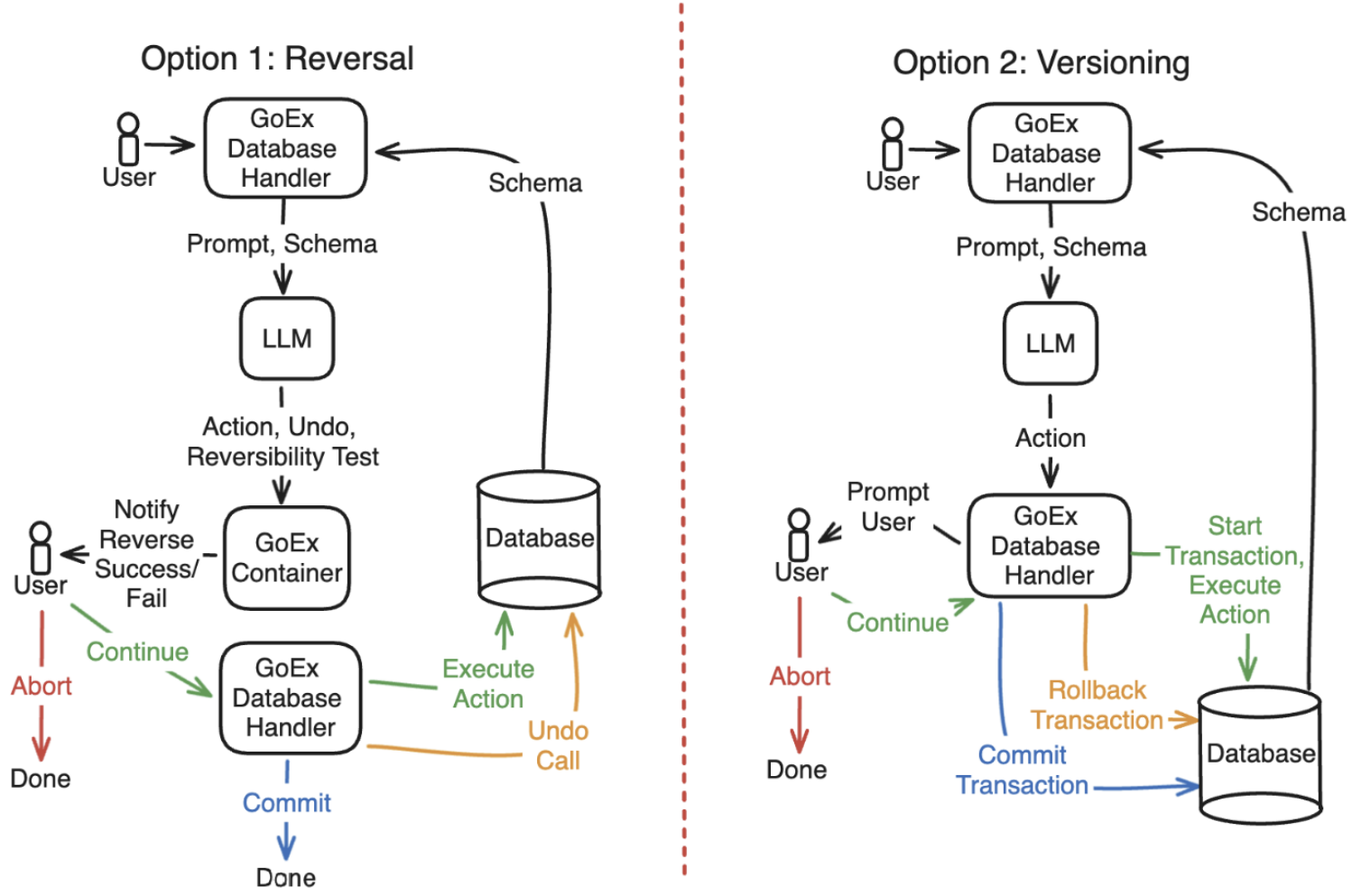

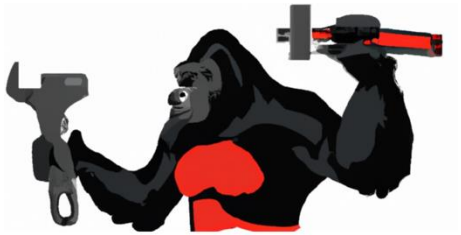

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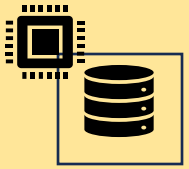
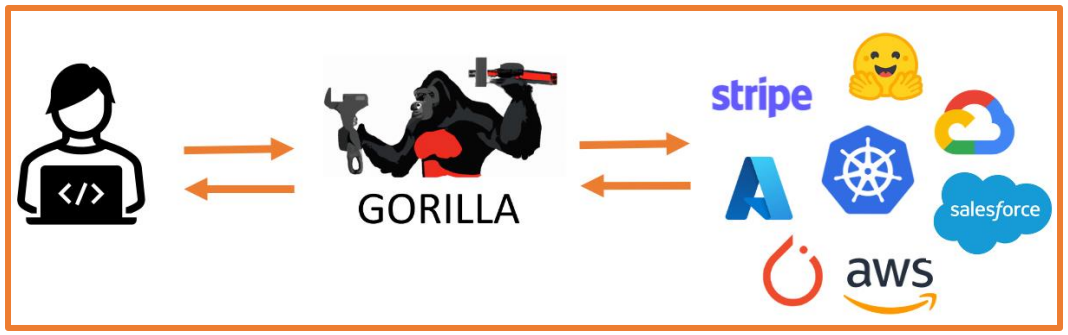
Retrieval Aware Training (RAT)





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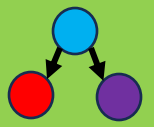

Agent-Arena

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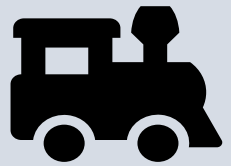

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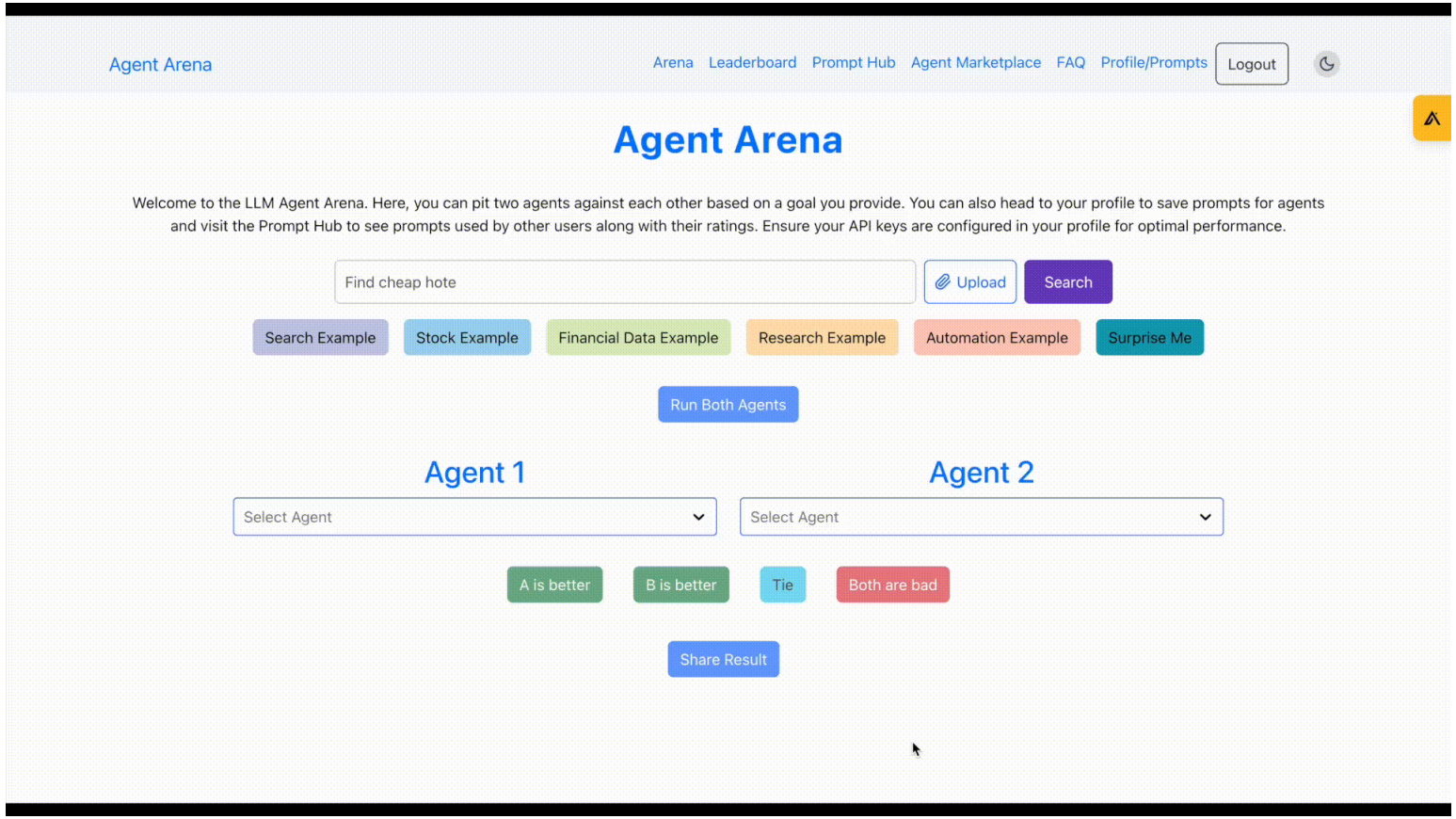

An interactive sandbox where users can compare, visualize, and rate agentic workflows **personalized to their needs**

What are agents?

LLM Model

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Framework

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Tool

Models / Frameworks / Tools

We currently support the following agents:

Frameworks

- **Langchain**
- **OpenAI Assistants**
- **Anthropic Tool Use**
- **CrewAI**
- **Llamaindex**
- **Composio**

Models

- **OpenAI:** gpt-4o-2024-08-06, gpt-4o-2024-05-13, gpt-4-turbo-2024-04-09, gpt-4-0613
- **Anthropic:** claude-3-5-sonnet-20240620, claude-3-opus-20240229, claude-3-haiku-20240307
- **Google:** gemini-1.5-pro-001, gemini-1.5-flash-001, gemini-1.5-pro-002, gemini-1.5-flash-002
- **Mistral:** open-mixtral-8x7b, mistral-large-2407, open-mixtral-8x22b
- **Meta:** llama-3.1-405B-instruct, llama-3.1-8B-instruct, llama-3.1-70B-instruct

Tools

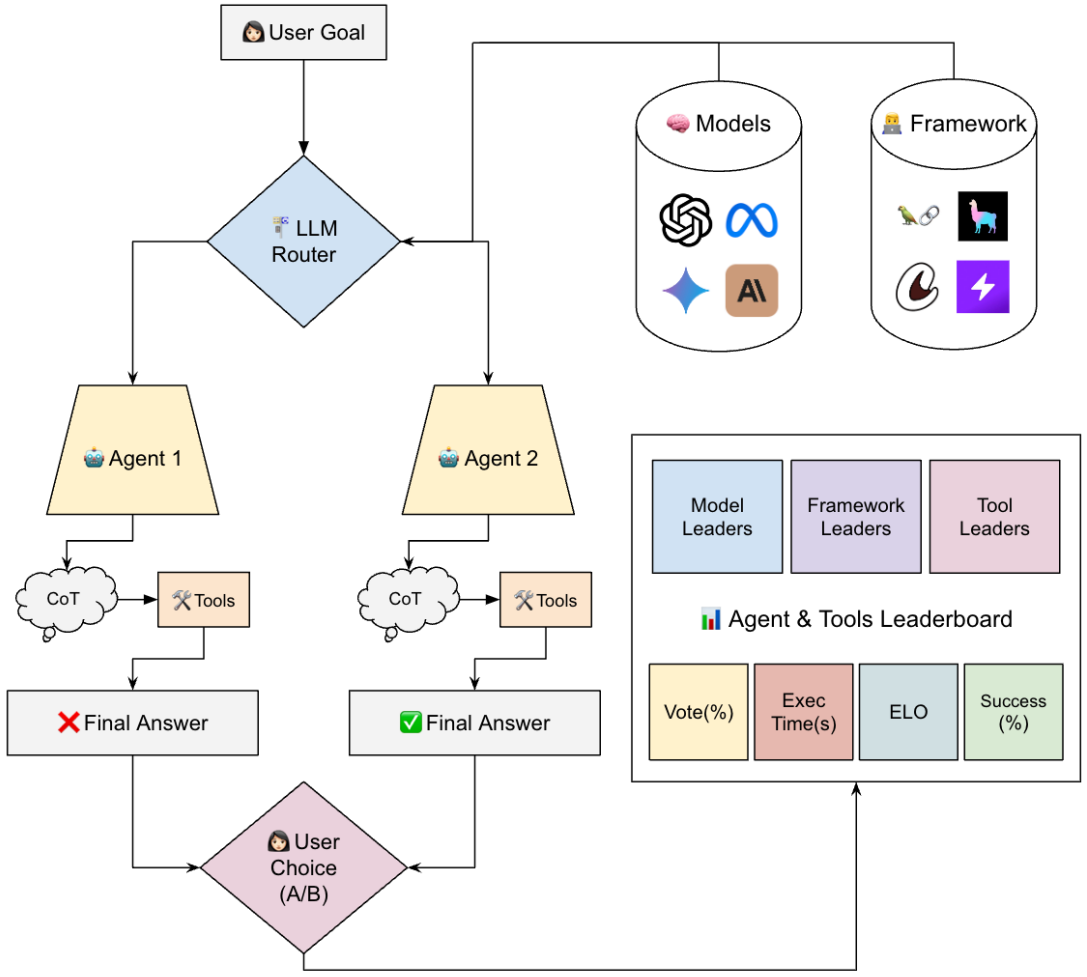
- **Brave Search**
- **Google Serper**
- **Alpha Vantage**
- **Google Jobs**
- **Arxiv**
- **+ 33 more**

The Agent Arena Platform

1. User gives task
2. Router finds 2 Agents
3. Agents attempt task
4. User declares winner

Components:

- Arena
- Leaderboard
- Prompt Hub



Introduction to the Bradley-Terry Model

What is the Bradley-Terry Model?

- The Bradley-Terry model is a statistical model used to estimate the probability that one entity will win over another in pairwise comparisons. It's particularly useful in ranking items (like agents, players, or teams) based on the outcomes of their head-to-head matchups.

Core Idea

- Each entity (e.g., an agent) is assigned a skill rating (β).The probability that Agent A beats Agent B depends on their respective skill ratings.

- **Formula**:
  - The probability that Agent A wins against Agent B (with β_A and β_B being the skill rating of Agent A and Agent B) is given by:

$$P(\text{A wins over B}) = \frac{e^{\beta_A}}{e^{\beta_A} + e^{\beta_B}}$$

A higher β means a stronger agent.

Bradley-Terry Model Example

langchain google-serper-search agent (claude-3-5-sonnet-20240620)

VS

llamaindex brave-search agent (gpt-4o-2024-08-06)

- Framework: langchain
- Tool: google-serper-search
- Model: (claude-3-5-sonnet-20240620)

- Framework: llamaindex
- Tool: brave-search
- Model: (gpt-4o-2024-08-06)

$$L = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} [Y_i \log(\sigma(X_i\beta)) + (1 - Y_i) \log(1 - \sigma(X_i\beta))]$$

Next Step: Setting Up Features and Parameters

Extending Bradley-Terry (Combining Subcomponents)

- **Motivation for Extension:**
  - In some cases, agents are not monolithic entities but are composed of subcomponents that contribute to their performance. For example, in Agent Arena:
- **Models:** Different language models (e.g., GPT-4, Claude)
- **Tools:** Different tools or plugins the agents can use (e.g., search engines).
- **Frameworks:** Different agent frameworks (e.g., LangChain, LlamaIndex).
- We want to estimate the skill ratings of these subcomponents together, not just individually with separate design matrices.
- **Extended Model:**
  - Instead of assigning a single β per agent, assign βs to each subcomponent.
  - The overall skill of an agent is the combination of its subcomponents.

Battle	Model (GPT-4o/Claude)	Tool (Brave/Serper)	Framework (Llama/LangChain)	Combined
Agent A wins	+1	+1	+1	Combined as +1
Agent B wins	-1	-1	-1	Combined as -1
Tie	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5 for all

Example Cont… (Setting Up Skill Parameter)

β: The Parameter Vector: β is a vector of parameters, with each entry corresponding to the "strength" or "rating" of a particular subcomponent (model, tool, or framework). This vector is what we optimize during model training to minimize the loss function and find the best-fit ratings.

Extended Approach (Combining subcomponents into one battle)

$$\beta = \left[\text{skill}_{\text{brave}} \quad \text{skill}_{\text{google}} \quad \text{skill}_{\text{gpt-4o}} \quad \text{skill}_{\text{claude}} \quad \text{skill}_{\text{llama}} \quad \text{skill}_{\text{langchain}}\right]$$

Traditional Approach: Treat Agent, Framework, Models, and Tools as separate battles

$$\beta = [\text{skill}_{\text{brave}}, \text{skill}_{\text{google}}] \qquad \beta = [\text{skill}_{\text{gpt-4o}}, \text{skill}_{\text{claude}}] \qquad \beta = [\text{skill}_{\text{llama}}, \text{skill}_{\text{langchain}}]$$

Individual Tool Battle

Individual Model Battle

Individual Framework Battle

Interpreting the Results

Subcomponent Ratings:

- Suppose after fitting the model, we obtain:
- **Models:**
  - GPT-4: $\beta = 1.5$
  - Claude: $\beta = 0.5$
- **Tools:**
  - Brave Search: $\beta = 1.0$
  - Google Serper: $\beta = 0.8$
- **Frameworks:**
  - LangChain: $\beta = 1.2$
  - LlamaIndex: $\beta = 0.9$

Interpretation:

•**Models:** GPT-4 has a higher rating than Claude, suggesting it contributes more to winning.

•**Tools:** Brave Search and Google Serper have similar ratings, but Brave Search is slightly higher.

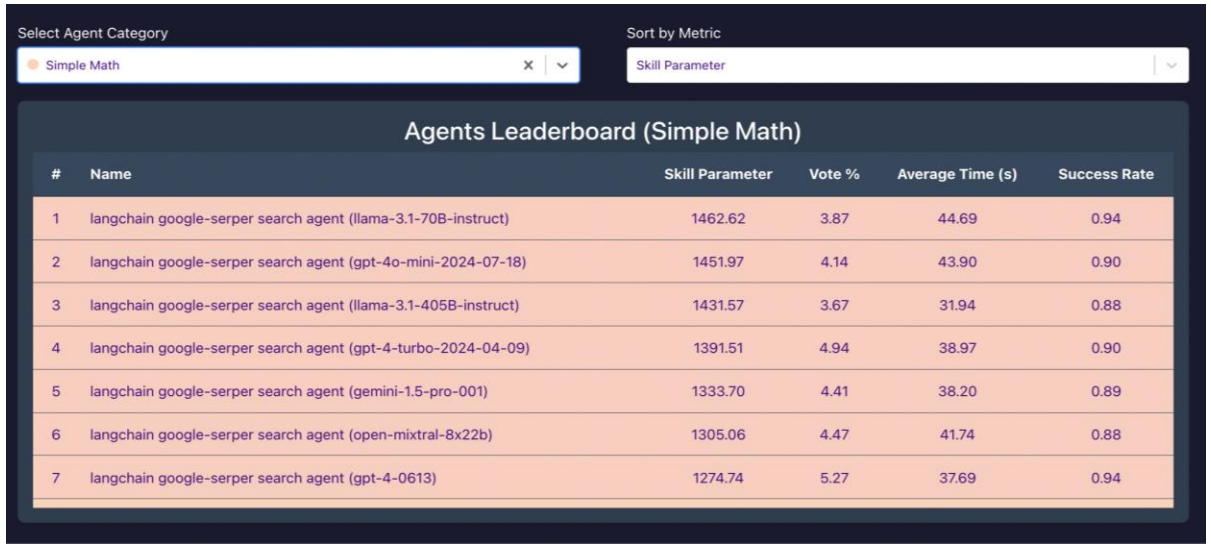
•**Frameworks:** LangChain has a higher rating than LlamaIndex.

Predicting Outcomes:

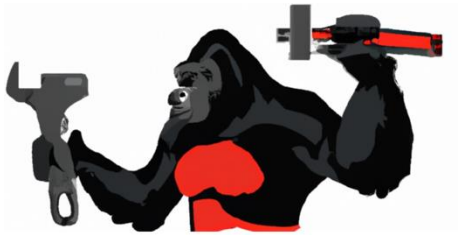
•For any future battle, we can compute P(A wins over B) using the βs of their subcomponents.

•Agents with stronger subcomponents are more likely to win

Leaderboard



Leaderboards rating model, framework, and tool subcomponents as well as composite agents using Bradley Terry Elo rating methods



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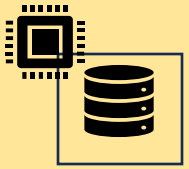

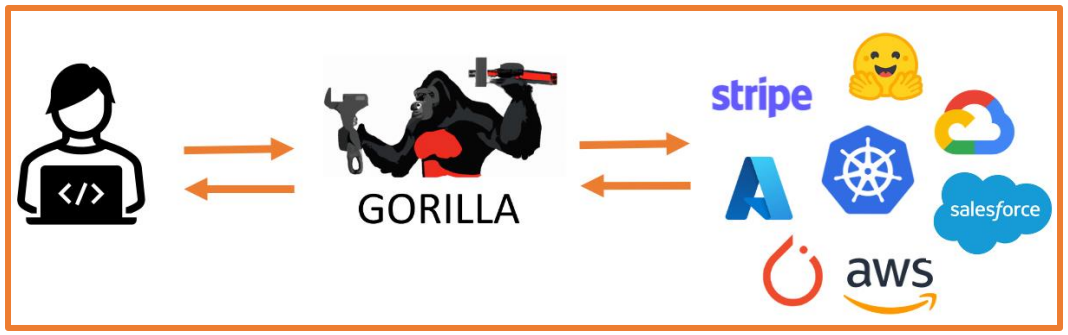

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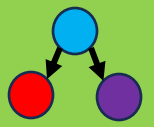

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