

AI-Enhanced Application Security: A Modern Approach

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Agenda

- ◆ Benefits of using AI in AppSec
- ◆ Limitations of using AI in AppSec
- ◆ Addressing the challenges

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As we rely more and more on technology to secure our information and infrastructure, we must use every tool at our disposal to protect ourselves, including AI

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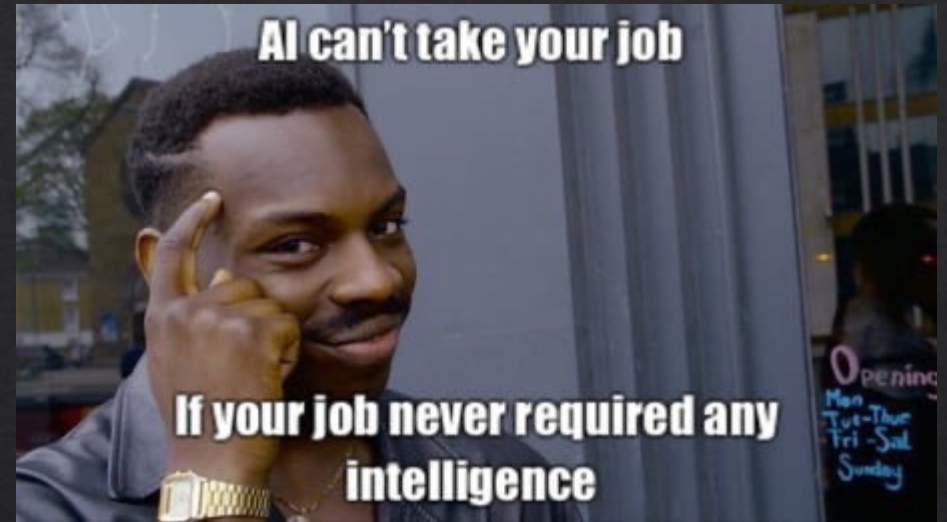
Fei-Fei Li, Co-Director of the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence

Benefits of using AI in AppSec

- ◆ Improved threat detection
- ◆ Faster response times
- ◆ Better accuracy
- ◆ Reduced costs

Limitations of using AI in AppSec

- ◆ Lack of training data
- ◆ False positives
- ◆ Limited domain knowledge
- ◆ Ethical concerns



Addressing the challenges

- ◇ AI algorithms are trained
- ◇ Human oversight and intervention
- ◇ Ongoing testing and evaluation

Summary

- ◆ Benefits of AI: improved threat detection, faster response times, better accuracy, reduced costs
- ◆ Management buy-in is key
- ◆ OWASP AI Security and Privacy Guide



"In the age of AI, cybersecurity is a race between attackers and defenders. The side with the best AI algorithms will win." - Rodney Joffe, Senior Vice President and Fellow at Neustar

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