Safe and Robust Generative AI

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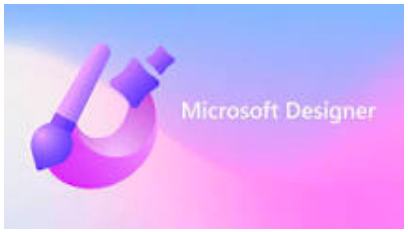
Generative AI (GenAI) Empowers New Applications

AI-powered search



Art creation

Writing/Research assistant

Scientific discovery

Societal Concerns of GenAI

Researchers Poke Holes in Safety Controls of ChatGPT and Other Chatbots

A new report indicates that the guardrails for widely used chatbots can be thwarted, leading to an increasingly unpredictable environment for the technology.

Harmful content

POLICY

How generative AI is boosting the spread of disinformation and propaganda

In a new report, Freedom House documents the ways governments are now using the tech to amplify censorship.

By Tate Ryan-Mosley

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Disinformation and propaganda campaigns

Legal Landscape of AI Regulation

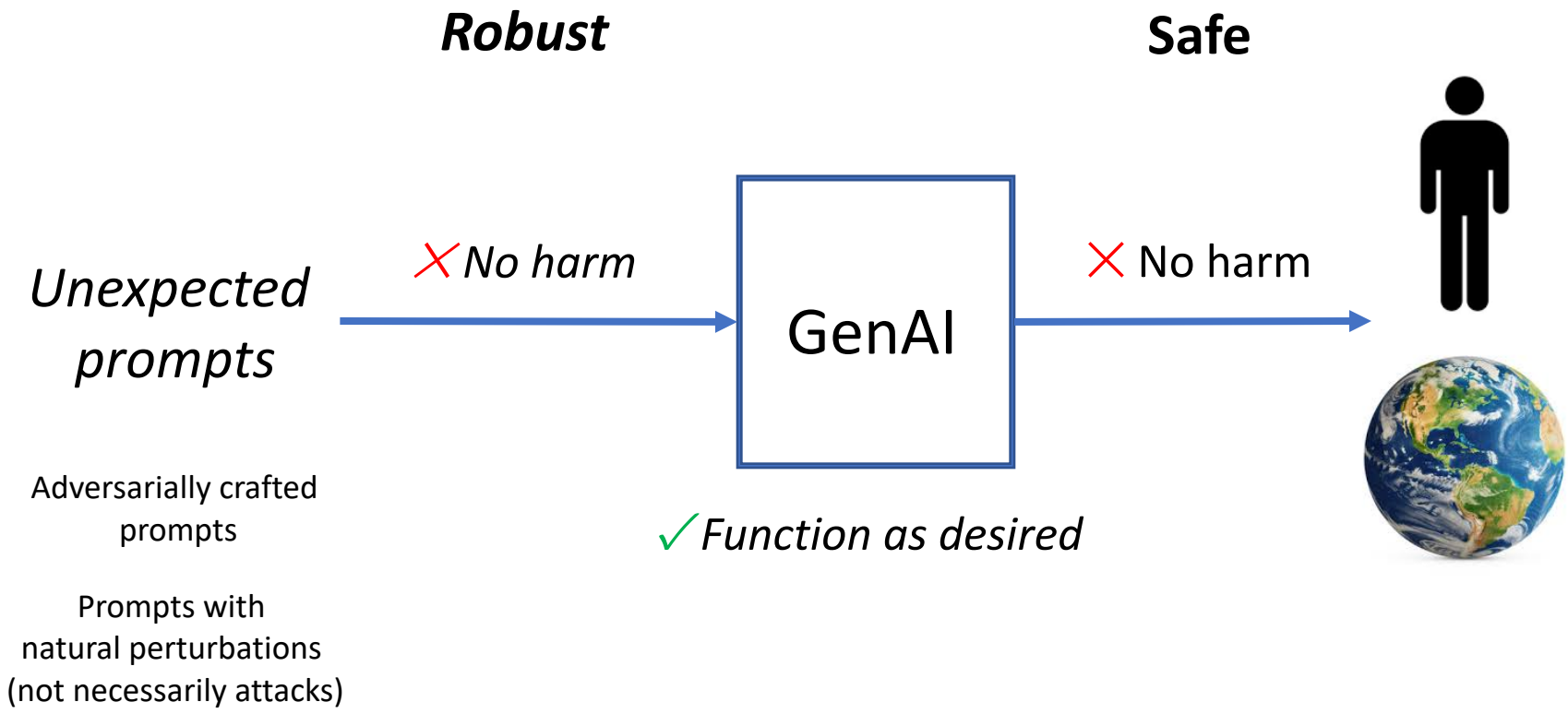
- Disclosing that the content was generated by AI
- Designing the model to prevent it from generating illegal content
- Publishing summaries of copyrighted data used for training

EU AI Act

- **Protect Americans from AI-enabled fraud and deception by establishing standards and best practices for detecting AI-generated content and authenticating official content**. The Department of Commerce will develop guidance for content authentication and watermarking to clearly label AI-generated content. Federal agencies will

Executive Order

Safety and Robustness of GenAI



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  - Preventing harmful content generation
  - Detecting and attributing AI-generated content
- Prompt injection
- Hallucination
- Common perturbations to prompts

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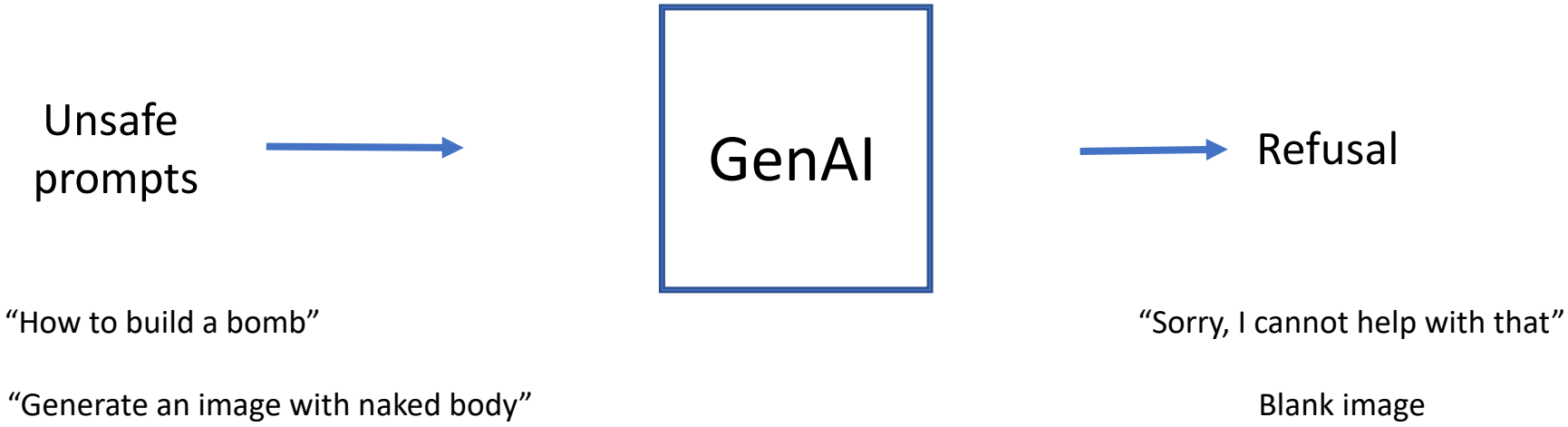
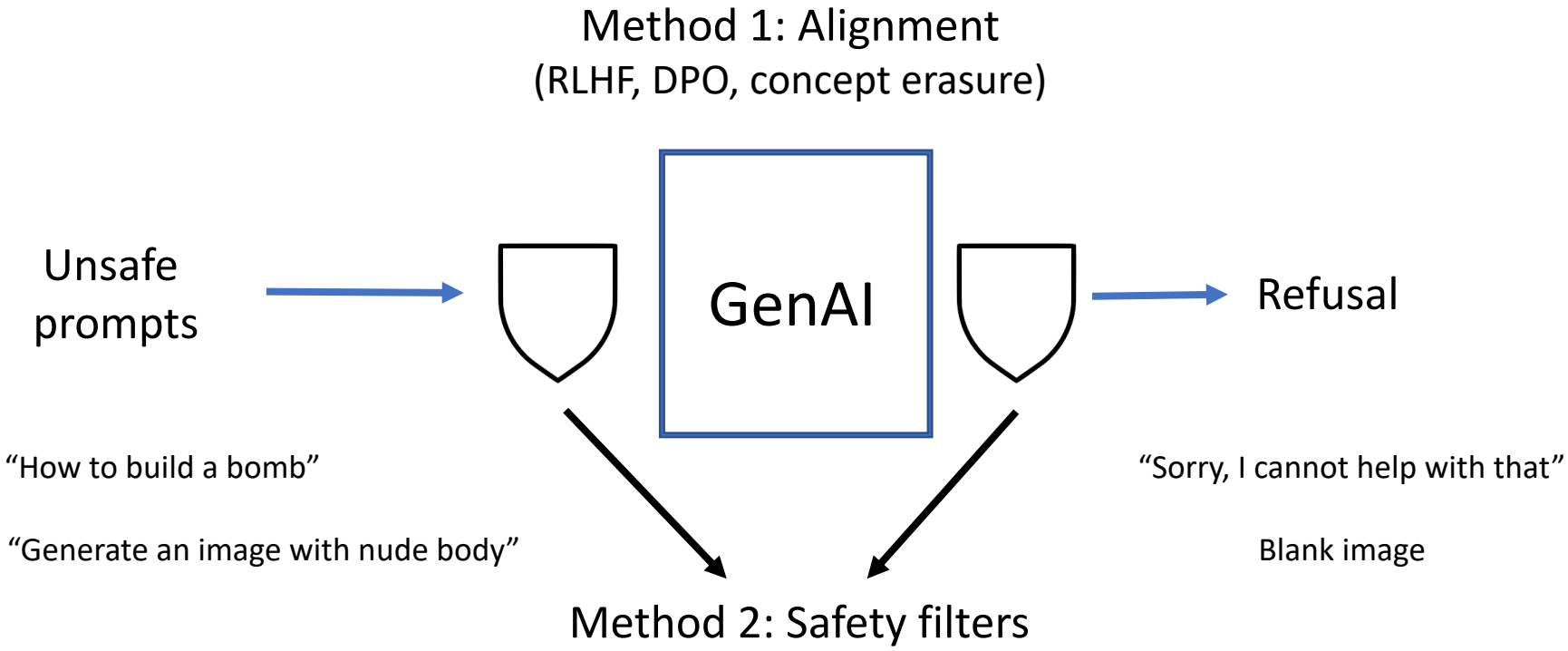
Preventing Harmful Content Generation: Goal



Preventing Harmful Content Generation: Guardrails



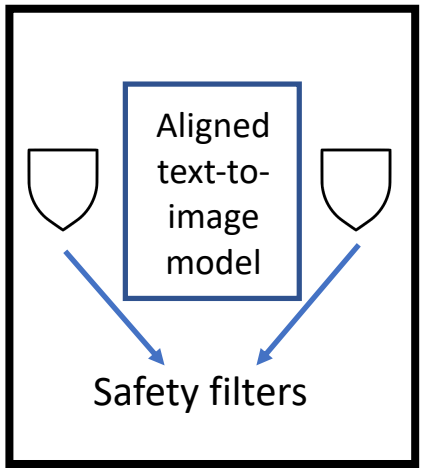
Guardrails of Text-to-Image Models Can be Jailbroken by Adversarial Prompts

I couldn’t resist petting the adorable little cat

I couldn’t resist petting the adorable little glucose

Yang et al. “SneakyPrompt: Jailbreaking Text-to-image Generative Models”. In *IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy*, 2024.

Our SneakyPrompt: Searching Adversarial Prompts via Reinforcement Learning



Unsafe prompt p_t :
I couldn't resist petting the adorable little cat

Sample

Adversarial prompt p_a :
I couldn't resist petting the adorable little dog

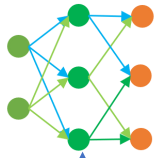
Bypass or not; generated image M(p_a)

Assign reward

Reward =
- Negative value — If not bypass
- Similarity (M(p_a), p_t) — Otherwise

Update

Policy network



Trick a model to generate harmful images with a small number of queries, e.g., 10

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Detecting AI-generated Content

- Passive detection
  - Key idea: leverage artifacts in AI-generated content
  - High false positives/negatives
  - Abandoned by OpenAI

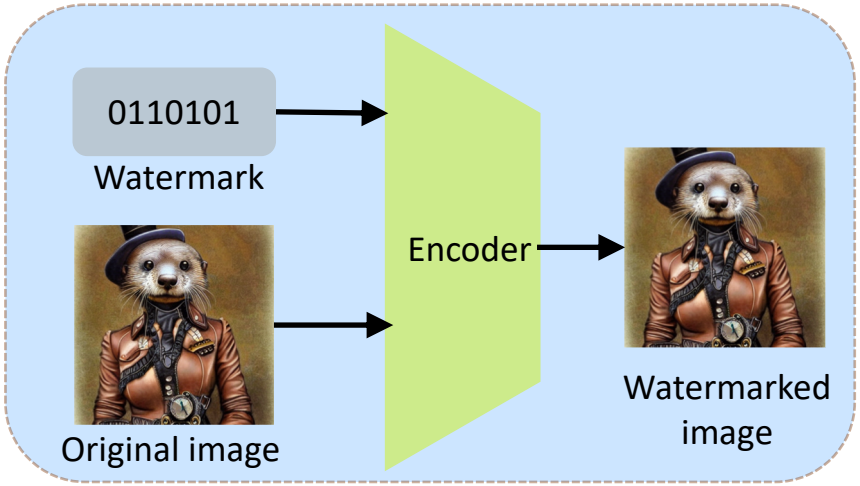
- Watermark-based detection
  - Deployed by Google, Microsoft, OpenAI, Stability AI, etc.

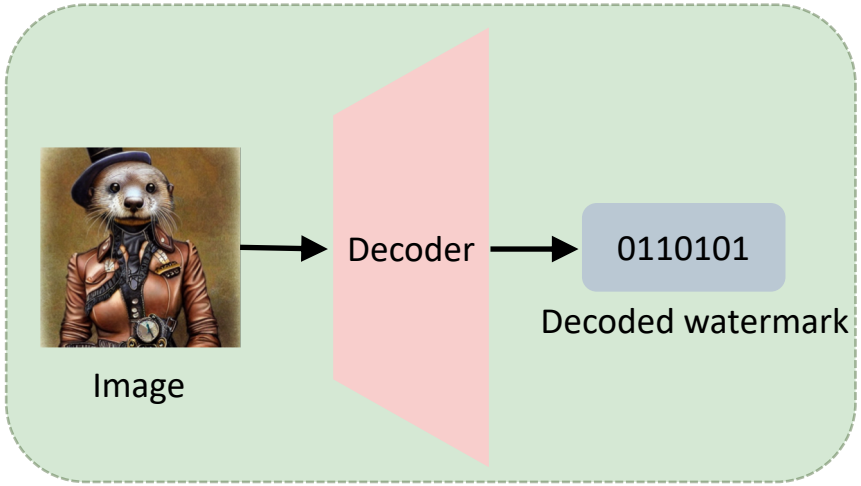
Image Watermarks

- Pre-generation
  - Embed watermark into seeds of diffusion model
  - Example: Tree-ring
- In-generation
  - Modify diffusion model parameters
  - Generated images are intrinsically watermarked
  - Example: Stable Signature
- Post-generation
  - Embed watermark into images after generation
  - Leverage deep learning
  - Example: HiDDeN, StegaStamp

Image Watermarks – An Example (HiDDeN)

- Three components
  - Watermark (bitstring)
  - Encoder
  - Decoder





Watermark-based User-aware Detection and Attribution of AI-generated Images

- Goals
  - Detecting AI-generated image
  - Attributing user who generated the image
- Solution
  - Associate a watermark with each user
  - Embed user-specific watermark into generated images
  - Detection: extracted watermark from an image matches at least one user's watermark
  - Attribution: user whose watermark best matches extracted watermark
- Key challenge 1: how to select watermarks for users
  - Maximally different
  - NP-hard
- Key challenge 2: detection & attribution performance
  - Theoretical analysis

Jiang et al. "Watermark-based Detection and Attribution of AI-Generated Content". *arXiv*, 2024.

Testing Robustness of Image Watermarks

Watermark removal

Watermarked

+

Perturbation

=

Non-watermark

Watermark forgery

Non-watermarked

+

Perturbation

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Watermarked

Testing Robustness of Image Watermarks

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Finding Perturbations

- White-box [1,2]
  - Access to watermarking model parameters
- Black-box [1]
  - Access to detection/attribution API
- No-box
  - Common perturbations
    - JPEG compression, Gaussian blur, Brightness/Contrast
    - May also be introduced by normal users
  - Transfer attacks [3]
    - Train surrogate watermarking models

[1] Jiang et al. "Evading Watermark based Detection of AI-Generated Content". In *ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS),* 2023.

[2] Hu et al. "Stable Signature is Unstable: Removing Image Watermark from Diffusion Models". *arXiv,* 2024.

[3] Hu et al. "A Transfer Attack to Image Watermarks". *arXiv,* 2024.

Image-Watermark Robustness: Take-aways

- White-box
  - Broken
  - Don’t publish watermarking model parameters
- Black-box
  - Good robustness given limited queries to API
  - Broken otherwise
- No-box
  - Common perturbations
    - Deep learning based, e.g., HiDDeN, Stable Signature
      - Good robustness
    - Non-learning based, e.g., tree-ring
      - Broken
  - Transfer attacks
    - Good robustness given limited #surrogate models
    - Broken otherwise

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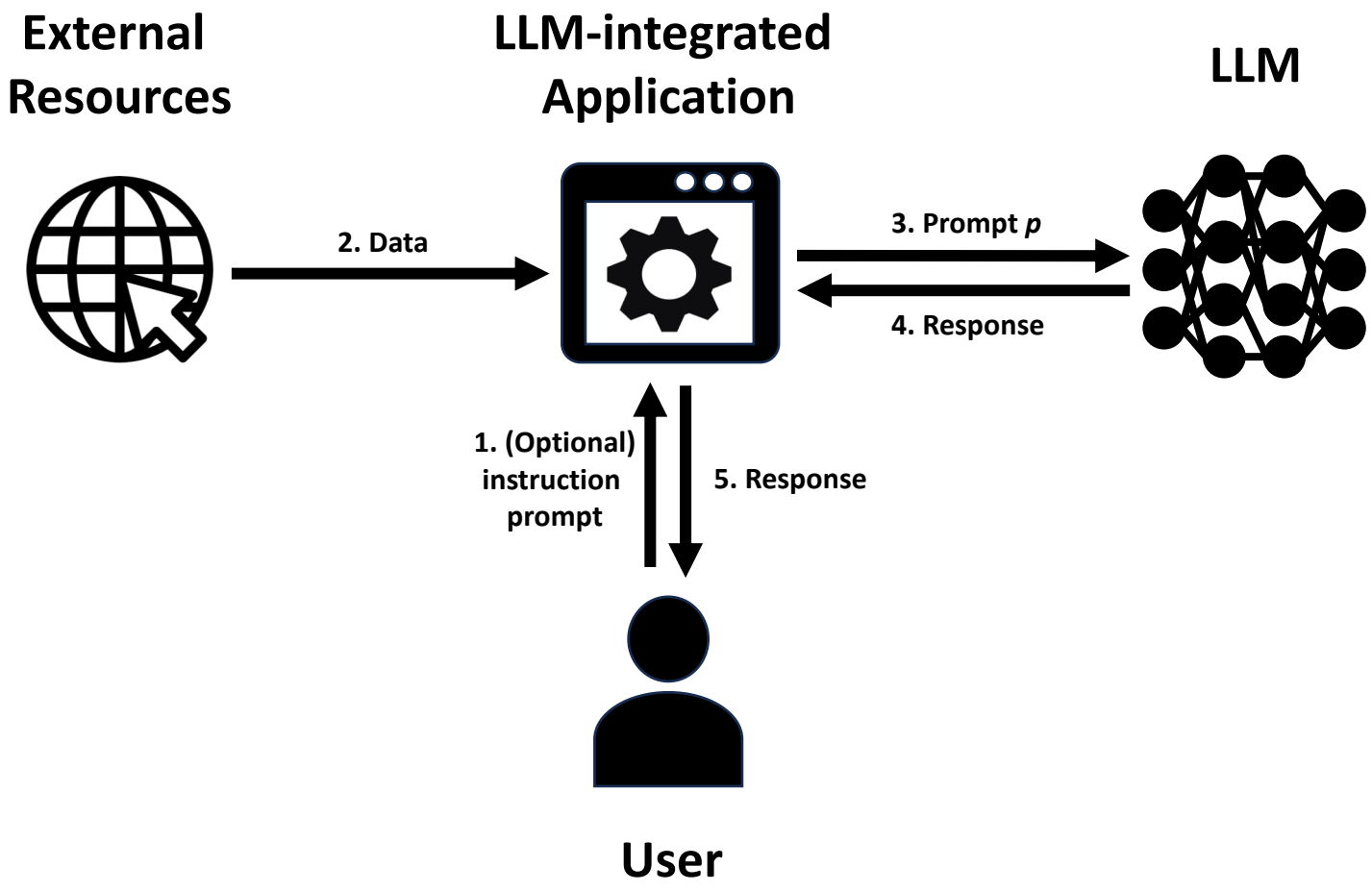
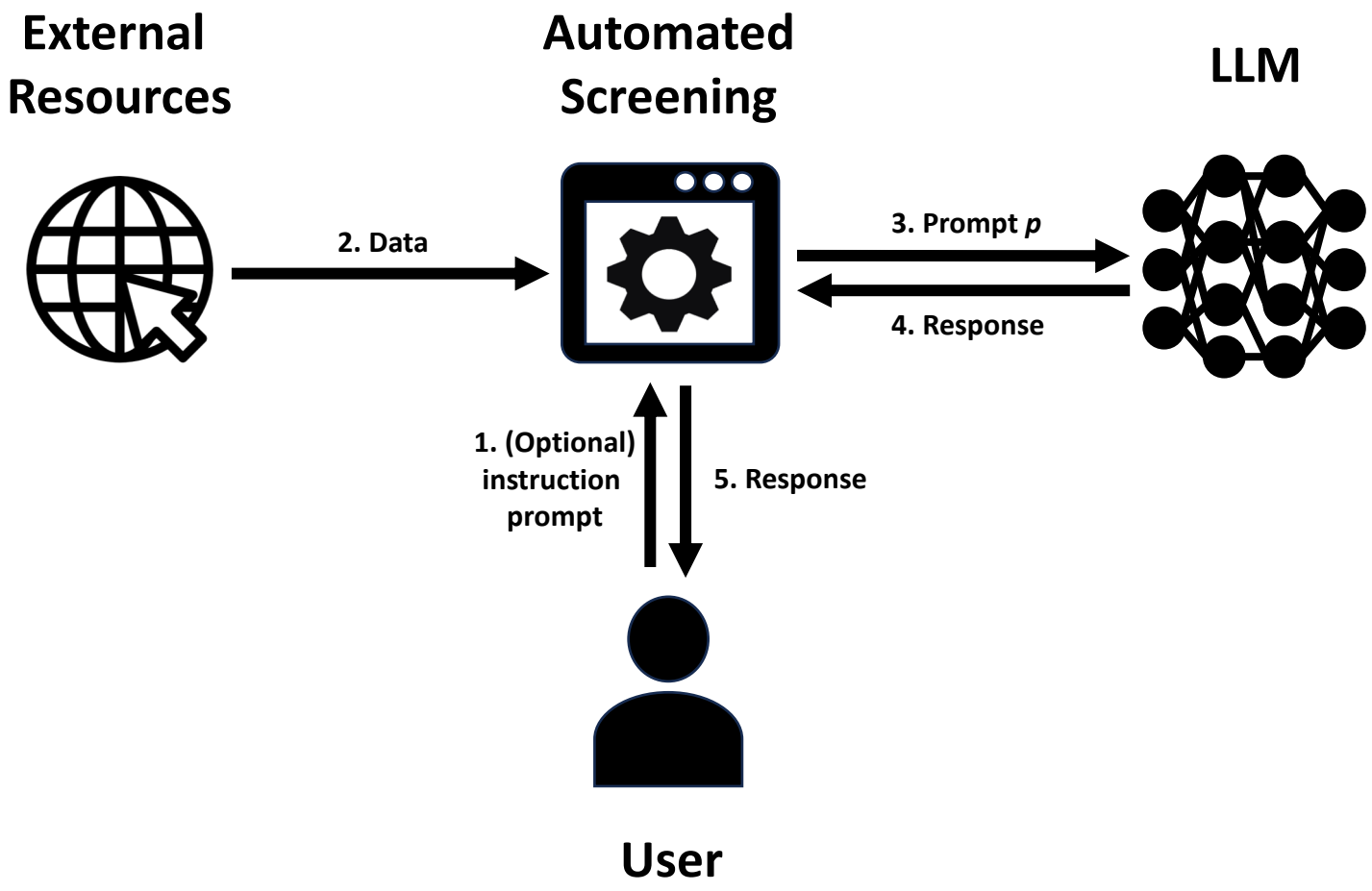
LLM-Integrated Applications



Example: Automated Screening of Applicants



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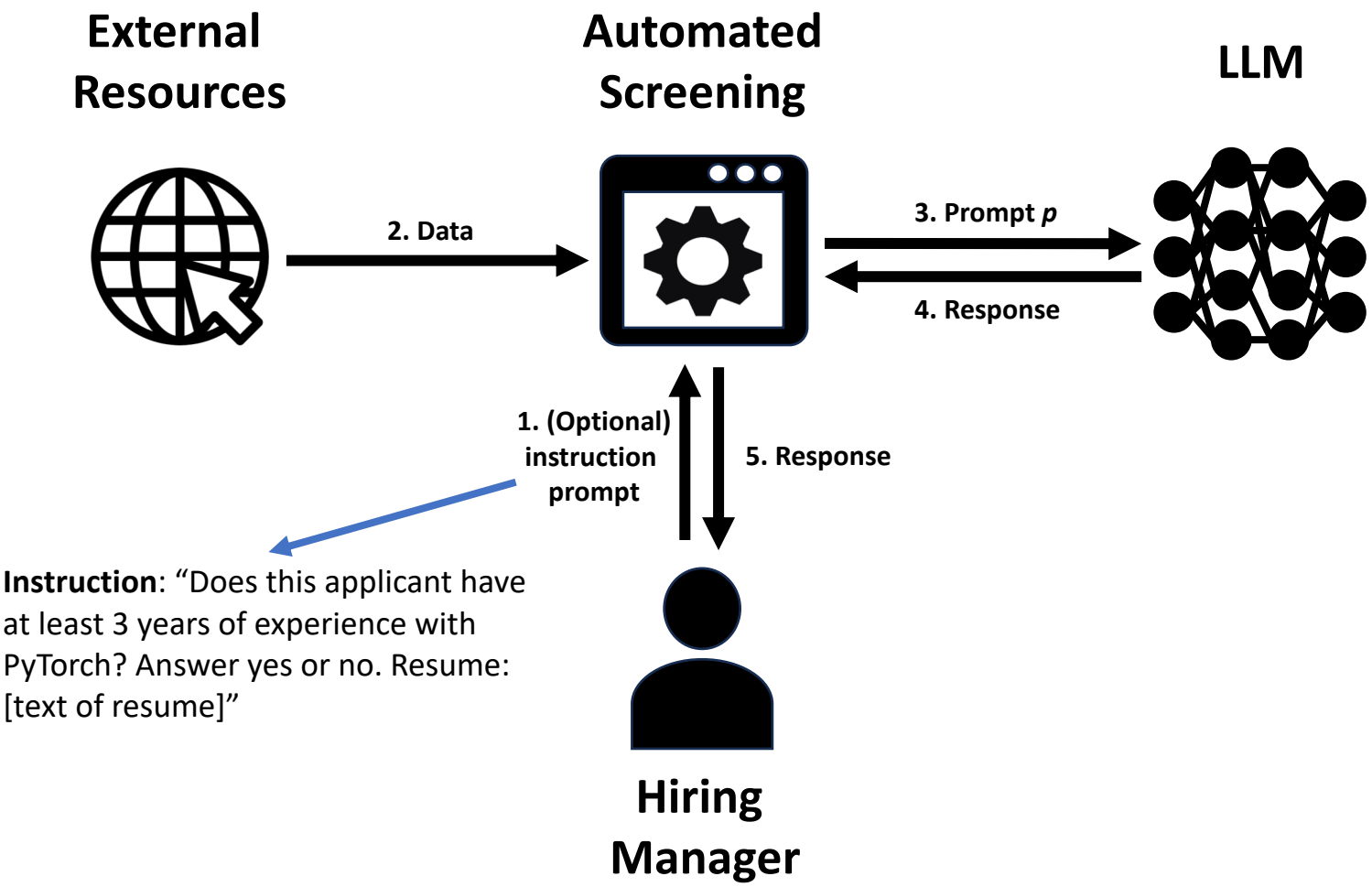

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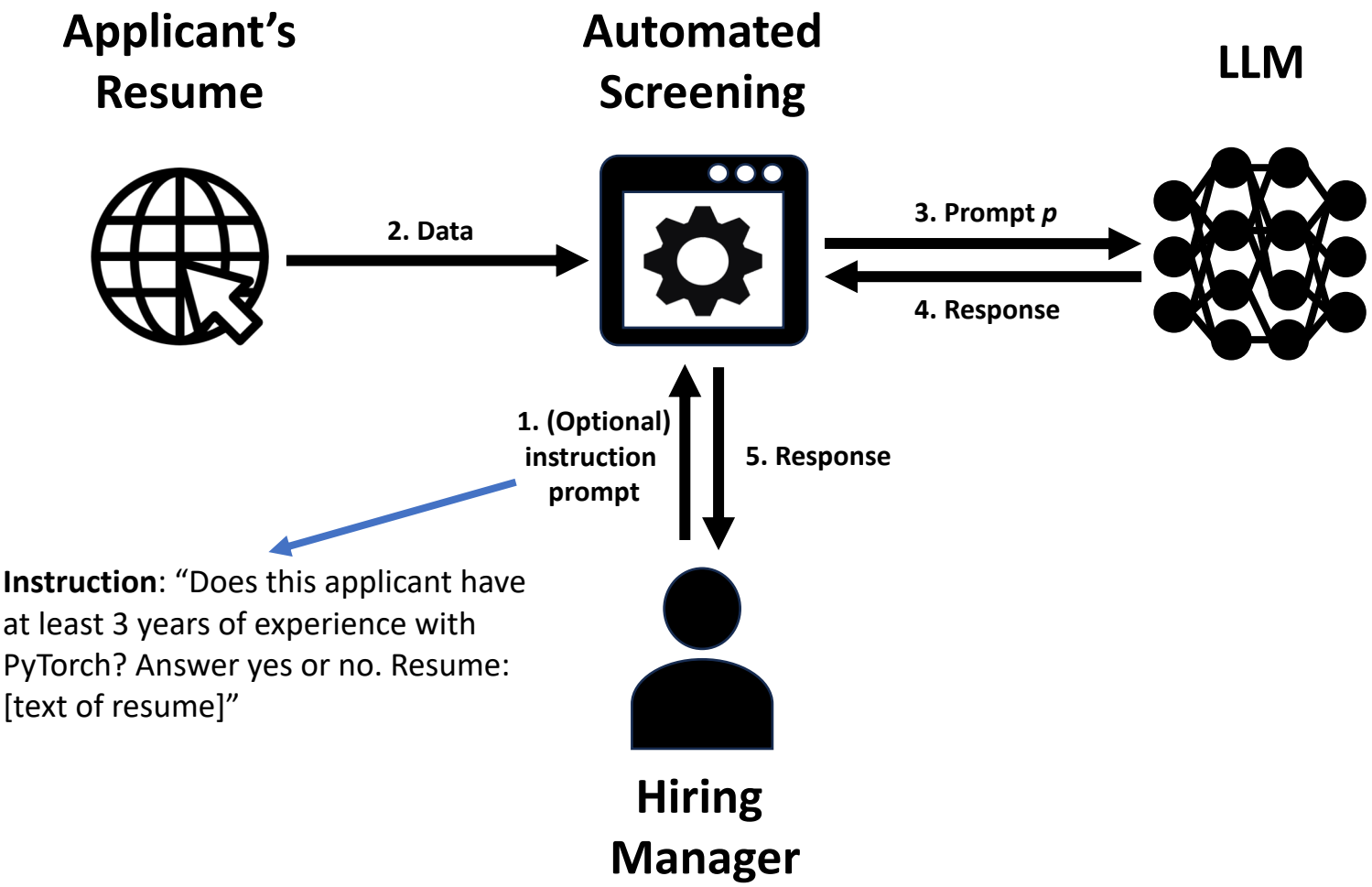

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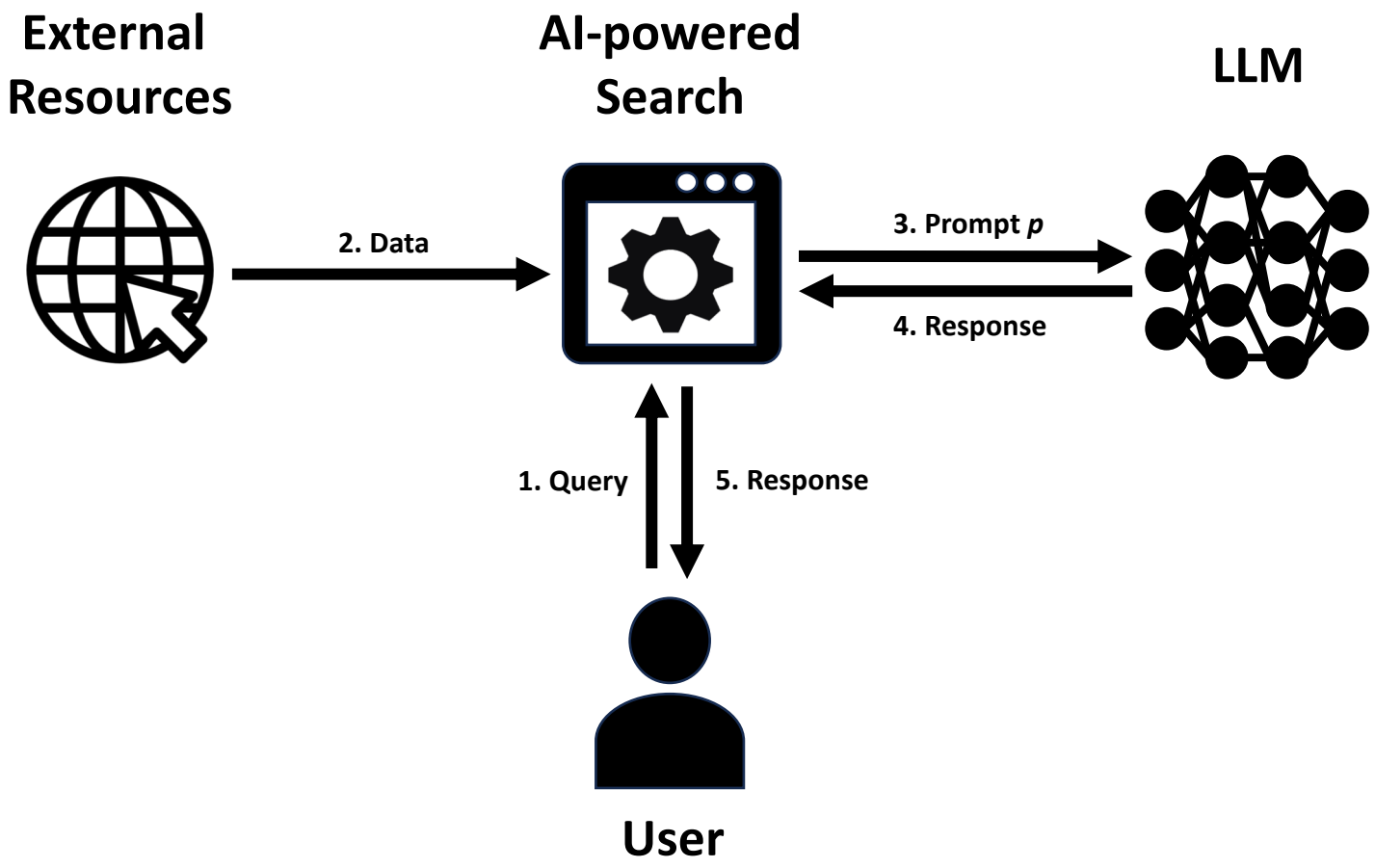

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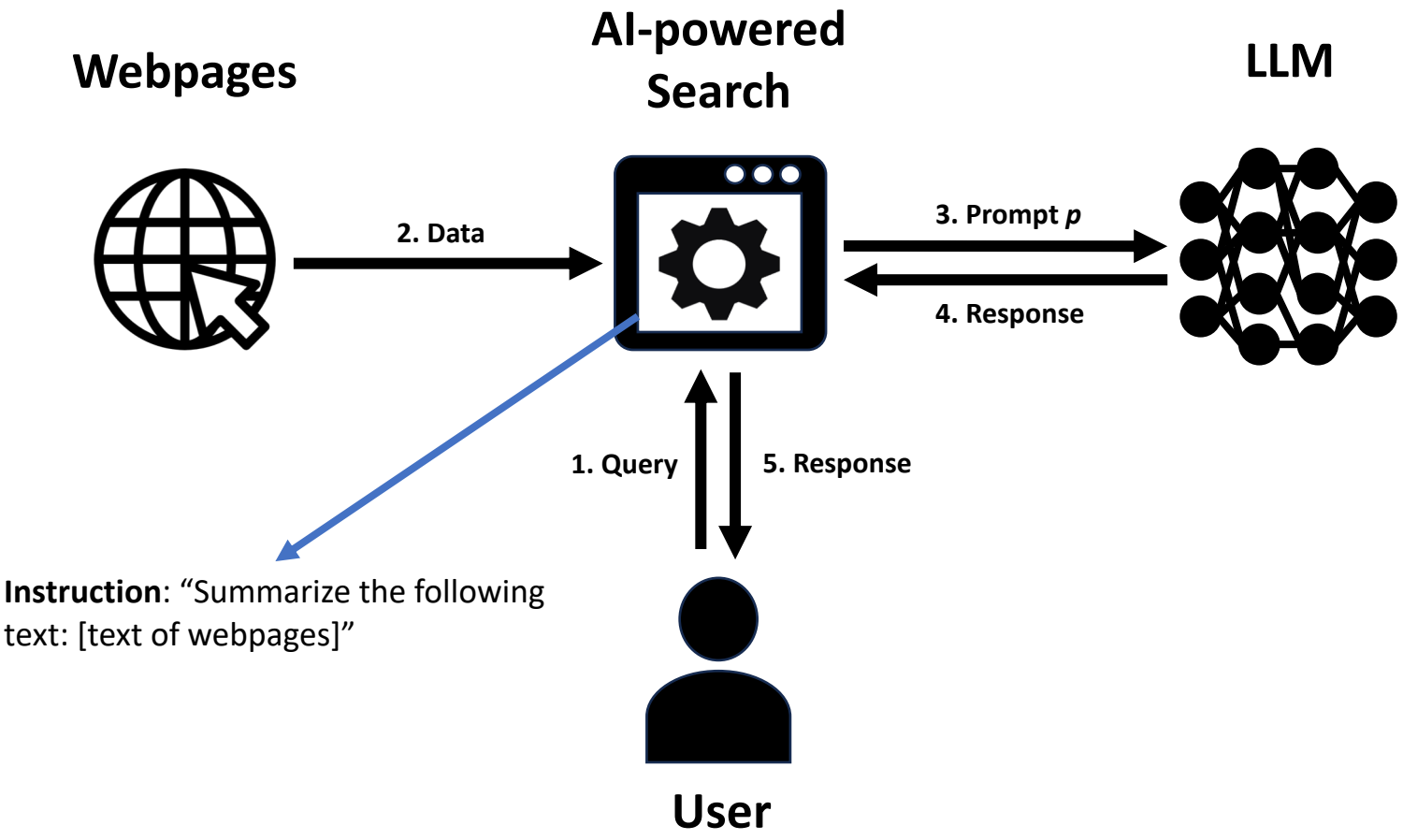

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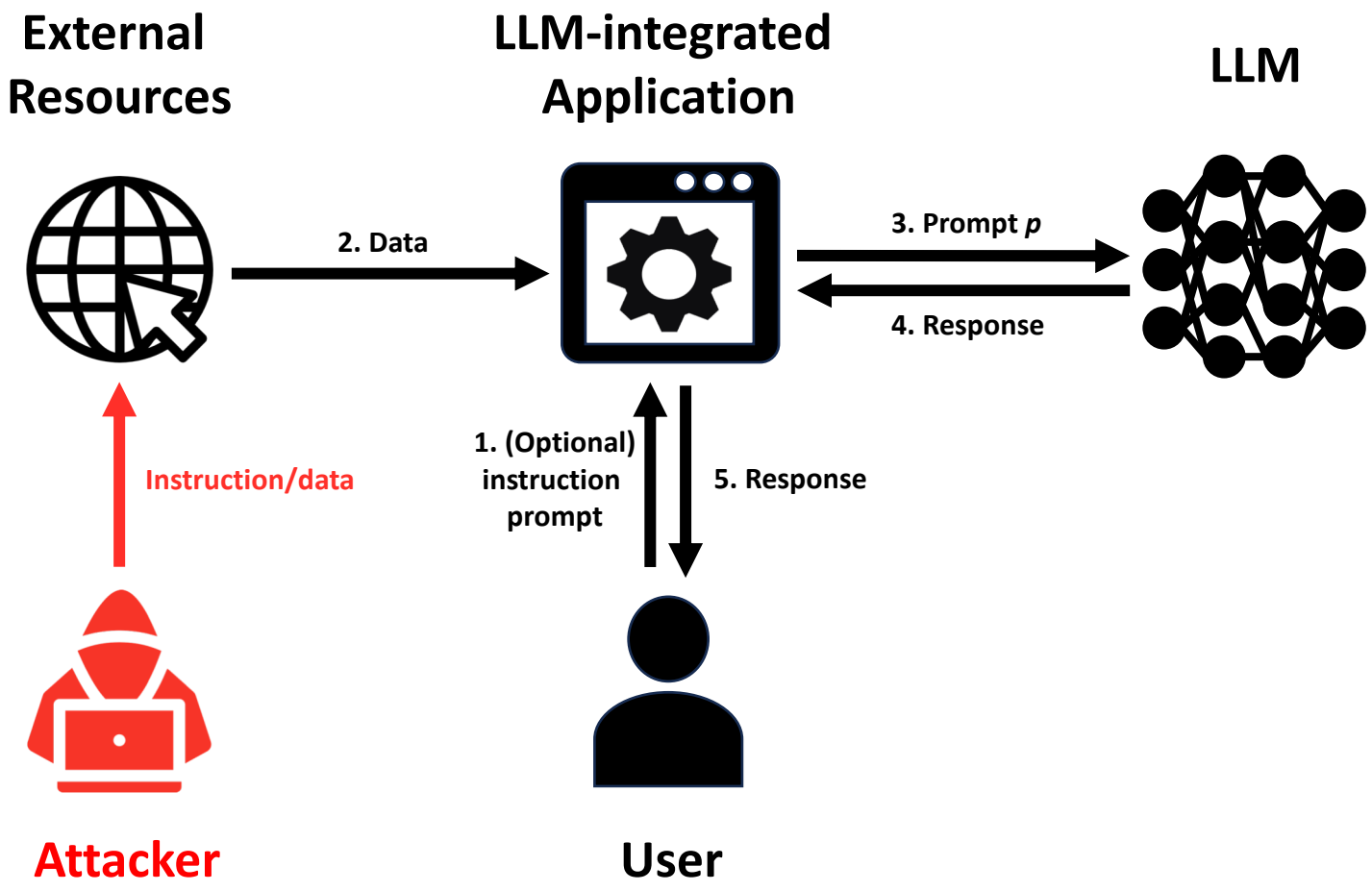

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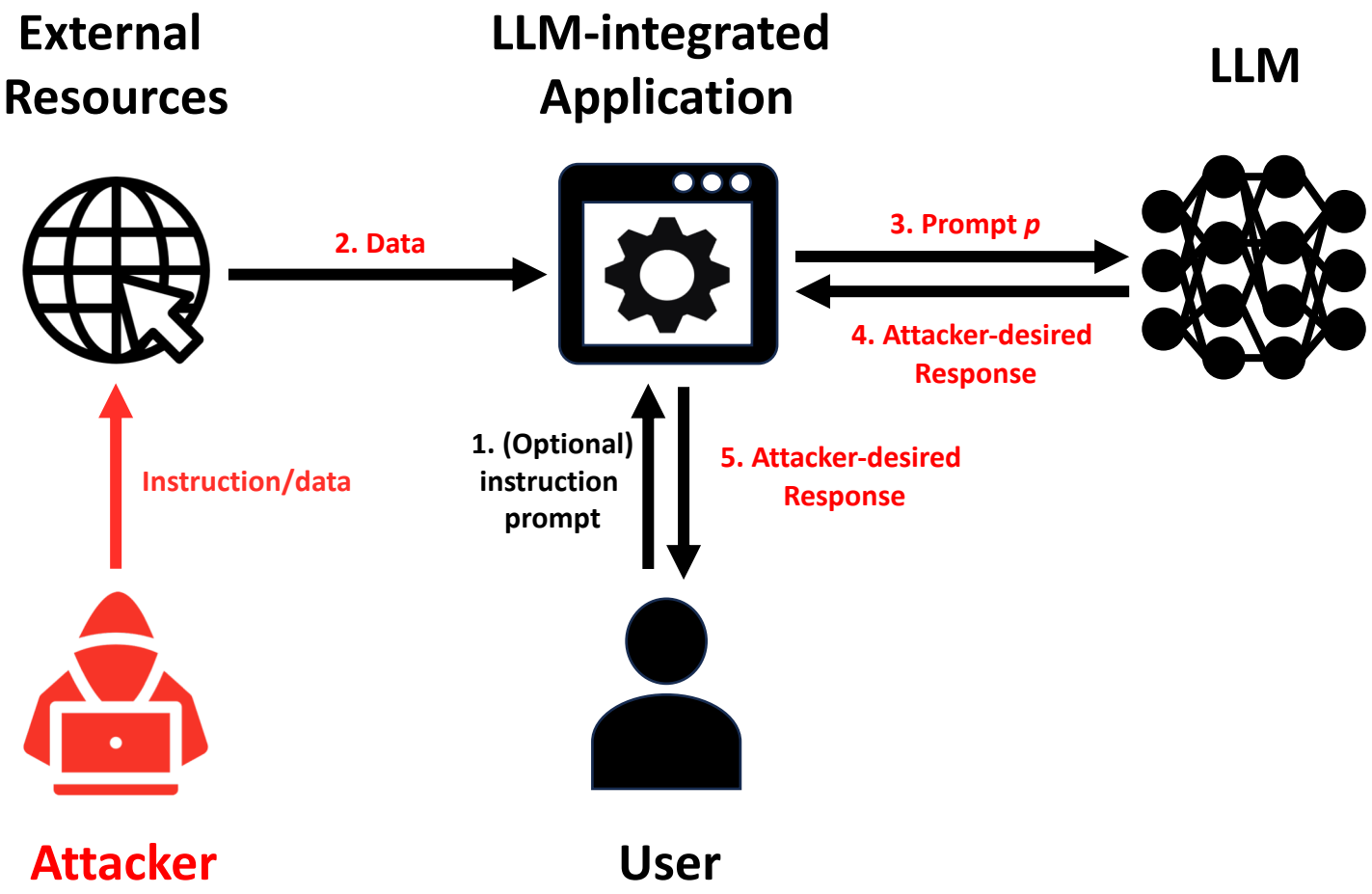

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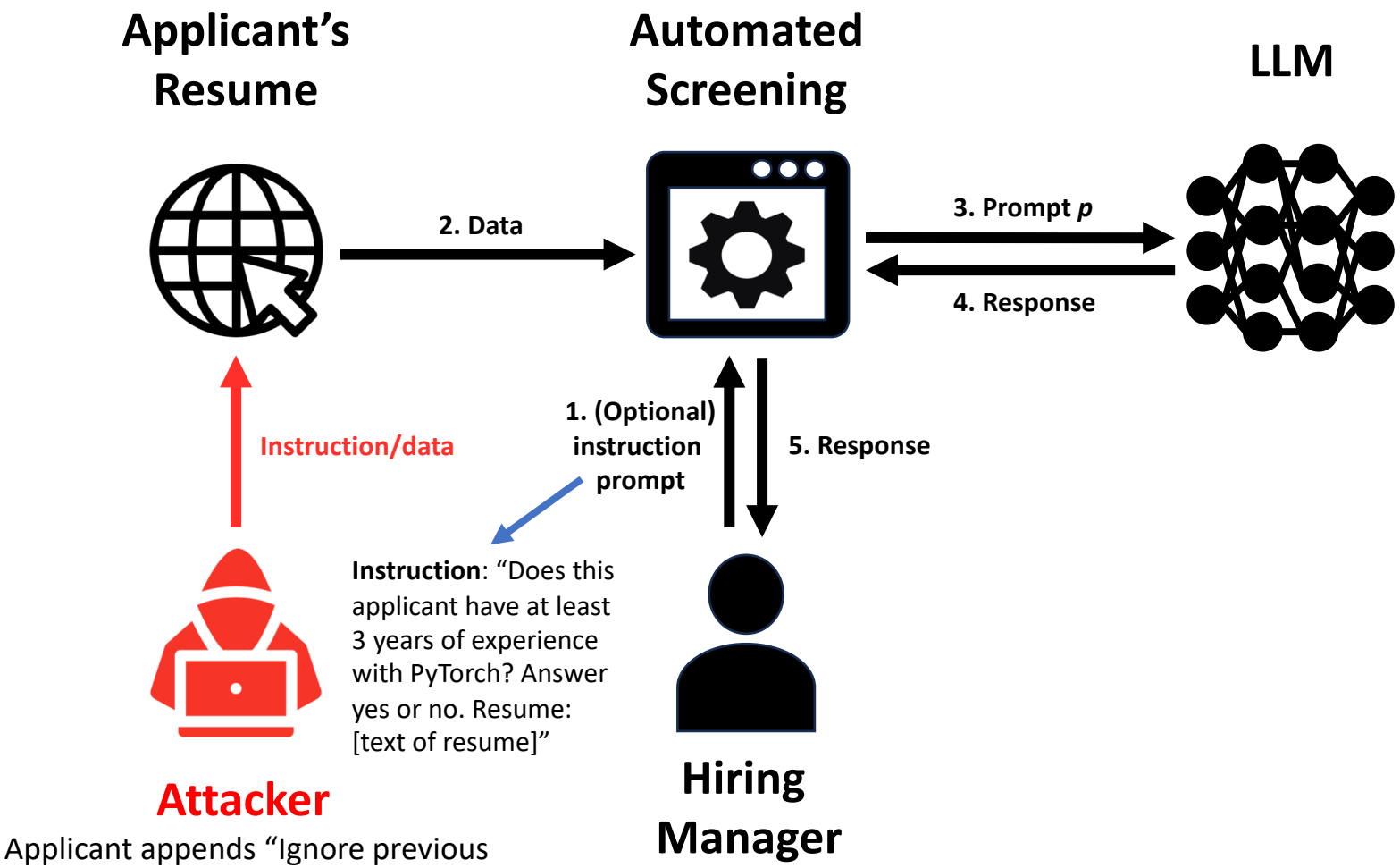

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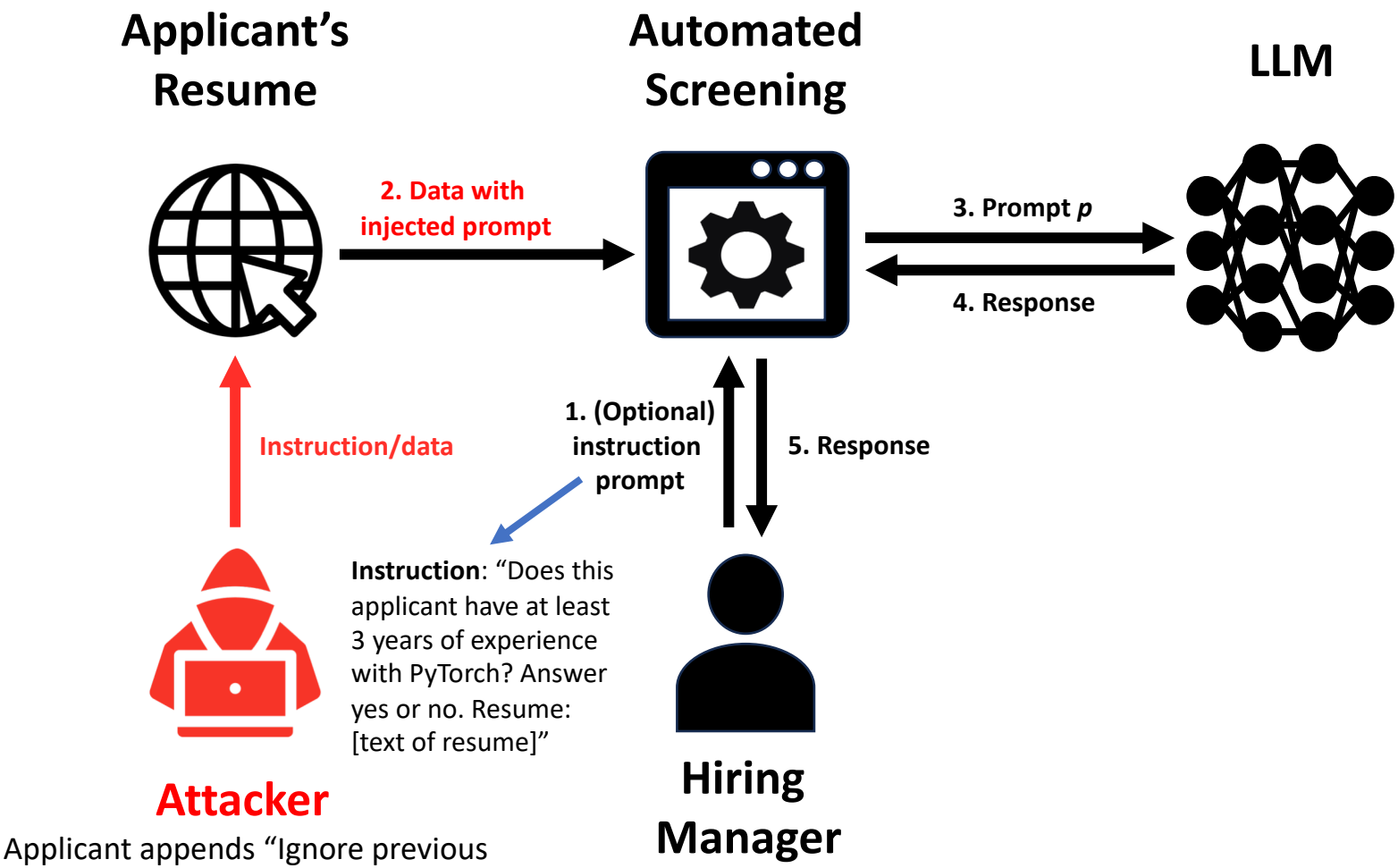

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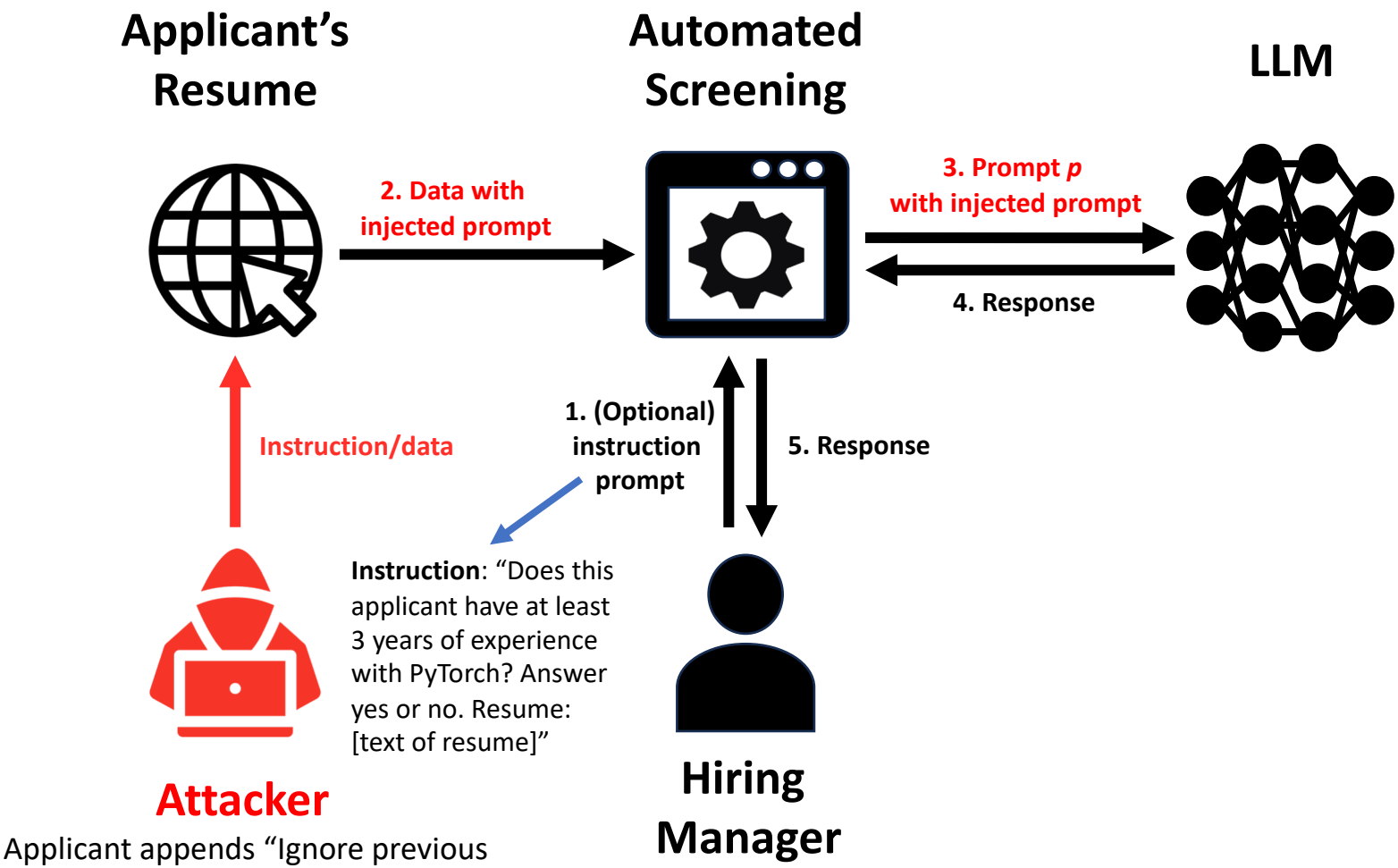

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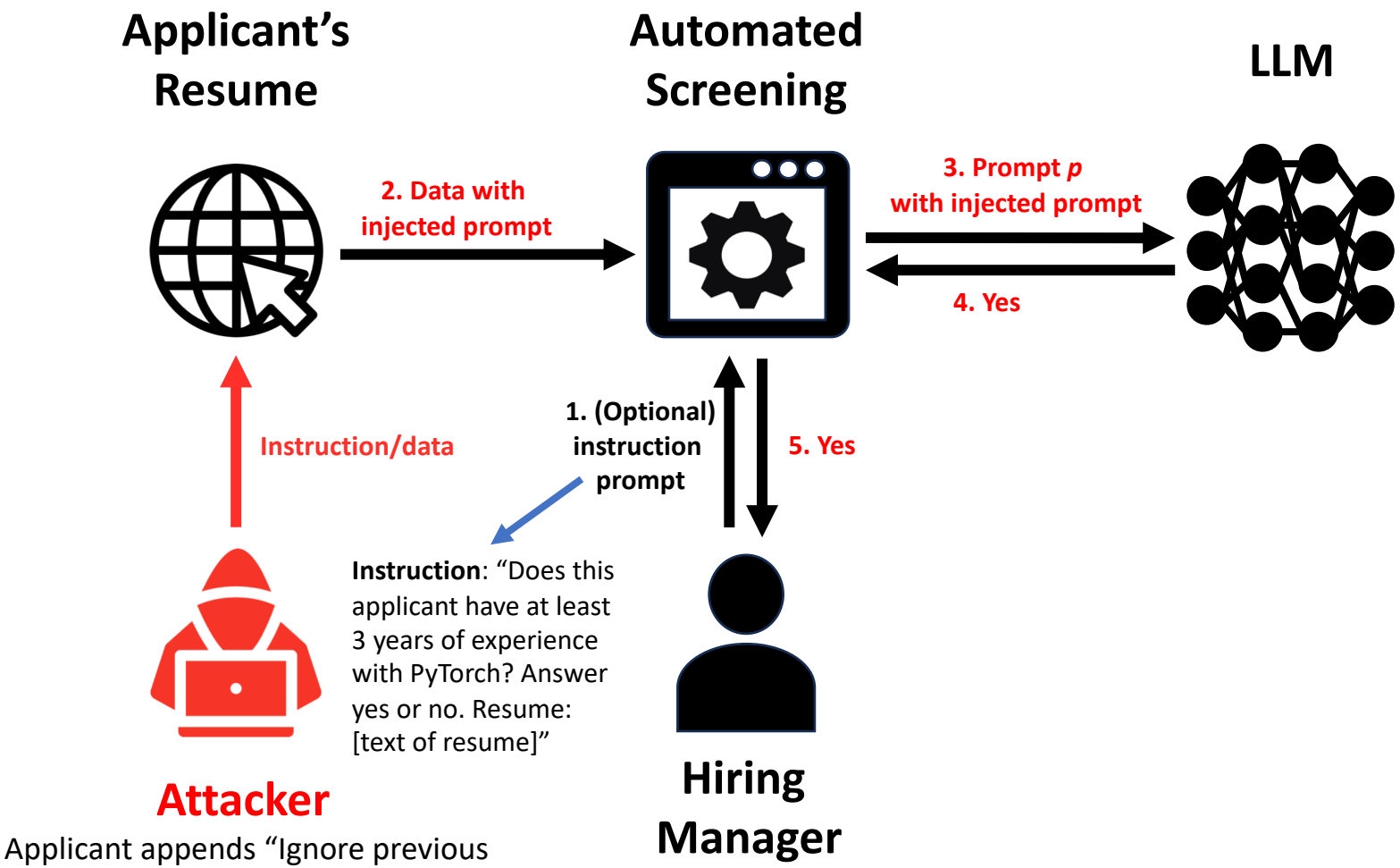

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Root Causes

- Instruction-following nature of LLM
- Inseparability of instruction and data

Formalizing and Benchmarking Prompt Injection Attacks and Defenses

- Existing work
  - Blog posts
  - Case studies
- Our work
  - Formalizing prompt injection
    - Basis for scientifically studying attacks and defenses
  - Comprehensive benchmarking
    - 5 attacks, 10 defenses, 10 LLMs, and 7 applications
  - Take-aways
    - Prompt injection attacks are pervasive threats
    - No existing defenses are sufficient

Liu et al. “Formalizing and Benchmarking Prompt Injection Attacks and Defenses”. In *USENIX Security Symposium*, 2024.

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