SecurityEval Dataset: Mining Vulnerability Examples to Evaluate Machine Learning-Based Code Generation Techniques

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The Problem

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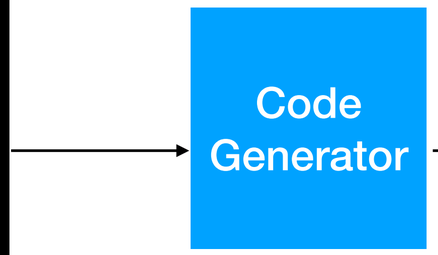


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def calculate_average(numbers):
    if not numbers:
        raise ValueError("Input list 'numbers' is empty")

    return sum(numbers) / len(numbers)
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How often is this vulnerable?

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Vulnerability Type (75 x)

130 x

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Evaluation

Model	CodeQL	Bandit	Manual
InCoder [9]	20 (15.38%)	12 (9.23%)	88 (67.69%)
GitHub Copilot [13]	24 (18.46%)	14 (10.77%)	96 (73.84%)

Discussion

- Small scale
- Insufficient diversity in input prompts
- Potentially misleading due to memorization

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Prone to memorization!