


Chapter 10


Case Studies and Real-World Application of Generative AI

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ABSTRACT

The rapid adoption of digital technologies has intensified cyber threats, making effective risk management crucial for organizations. Traditional AI supports anomaly detection and intrusion prevention but struggles with novel attacks. Generative AI, leveraging GANs, VAEs, and LLMs, introduces a transformative edge by simulating realistic attack scenarios, generating synthetic datasets, and automating adaptive responses. This chapter examines real-world applications of Generative AI in cyber risk management, outlining its use in threat modeling, anomaly detection, incident response, and risk assessment. Case studies include phishing detection, ransomware simulation, and synthetic data generation across finance and healthcare sectors. A comparative analysis highlights key benefits and challenges, followed by discussions on ethical and adversarial risks and future directions such as integration with

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blockchain, explainable AI, and human–AI collaboration. This chapter provides researchers and practitioners a holistic view of how Generative AI is redefining cyber risk management.

1. INTRODUCTION

Digital revolution has presented global connection, collaboration and innovation opportunities never before seen before. Nevertheless, the cyber threat has also been on an increase proportional to this change. Since phishing attacks attack millions of users every day and advanced ransomware brings down healthcare organizations and financial institutions, the cyber risk industry is constantly developing in size and complexity. The old-fashioned security systems though effective against the familiar threats commonly collapse when faced with unfamiliar attackers, zero-day attacks, or highly dynamic attackers. Every company engaged in manufacturing, operations, or related services must adhere to the best practices in information technology flows and procurement management; therefore, the results across all companies will remain consistent and uniform at minimal levels. (Symantec, 2023) (IBM Security, 2023; ENISA, 2023) (Steinel, 2025)

This loophole has led to implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) on cybersecurity. The first AI systems were predominantly rule-based or prediction based and provided some form of incremental data improvement in detection and response. However, when the attackers started to utilize AI themselves the defense side had to have a strategy not merely predictive but also generative and adaptable. (Brundage et al., 2018; Chenna, 2022). This next frontier in AI is Generative Artificial Intelligence (Generative AI). Using generative AI in the form of architectures like Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Variational Autoencoders (VAEs), and large language models (LLMs), generative AI does not merely analyze the existing data - it generates new and realistic data and scenarios. It enables defenders to both simulate cyberattacks and predict threats and enhance resilience in unknown directions (Goodfellow et al., 2014; Cai et al., 2021) (Kingma & Welling, 2013; Yan et al., 2025).

There are traditional AI classifiers available that could find known malicious email templates, but a generative AI one could present thousands of synthesized phishing emails, which could replicate evolving phishing tactics. This will allow the employees as well as the automated defense systems to be trained on future, unknown threats. In the same manner, simulating attack chains in ransomware preparedness so that organizations can be able to test their defenses against any actual incidents, this is what generative models can do.

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