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Safeguard your generative AI apps from prompt injections

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Agenda

Introduction to prompts and prompt injection

Prevent & defend against prompt injections

- Content moderation
- Prompt engineering
- Input validation
- Access and trust boundaries
- Monitoring and logging
- Testing LLMs against prompt injections

Key takeaways

Introduction

Prompts & prompt engineering

- What is a **prompt**?
  - ✓ Text input provided to an AI system to elicit a response
- What is **prompt engineering**?
  - ✓ Using NLP techniques to craft prompts that steer FMs/LLMs towards desired responses
- Why is this important?
  - ✓ Enables fine-grained and strategic control over models' behavior
  - ✓ Targets desired capabilities
  - ✓ Mitigates risks

**NLP = Natural Language Processing*
FM = Foundation Model
LLM = Large Language Model

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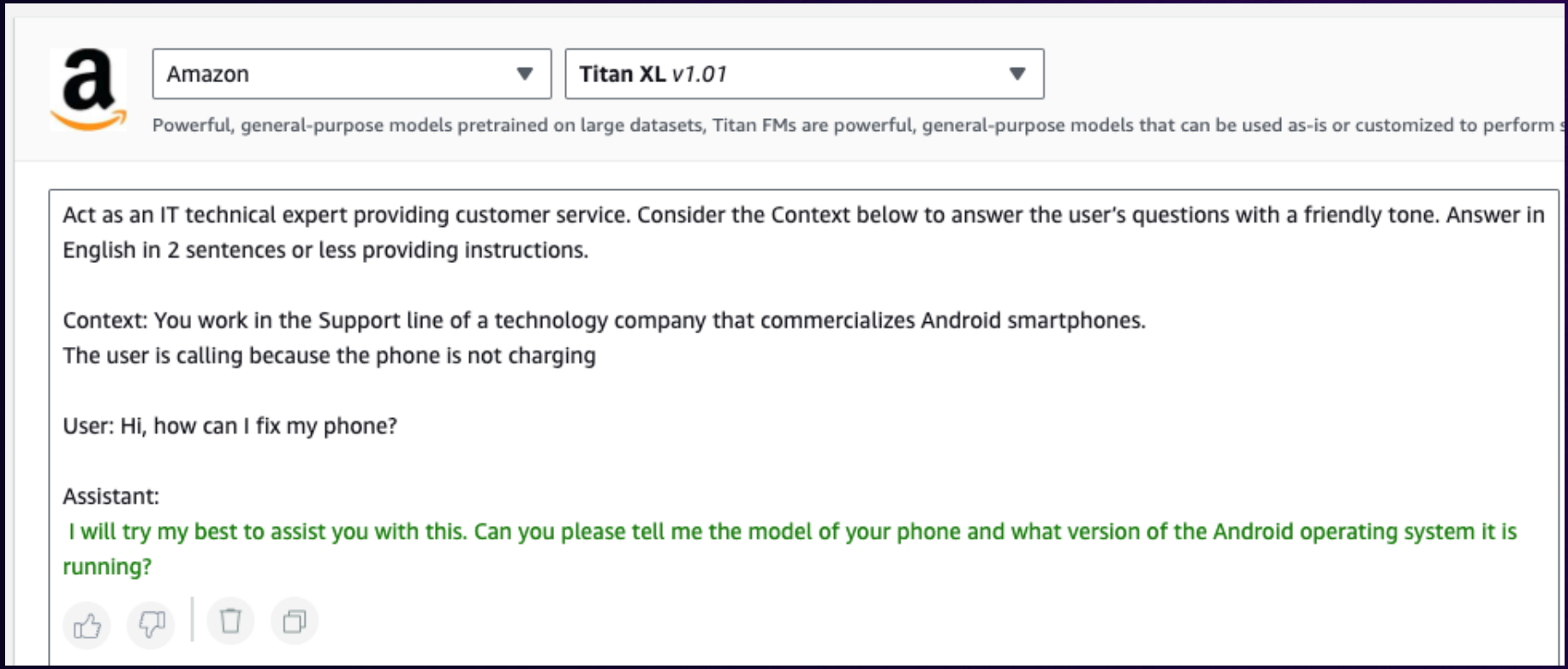

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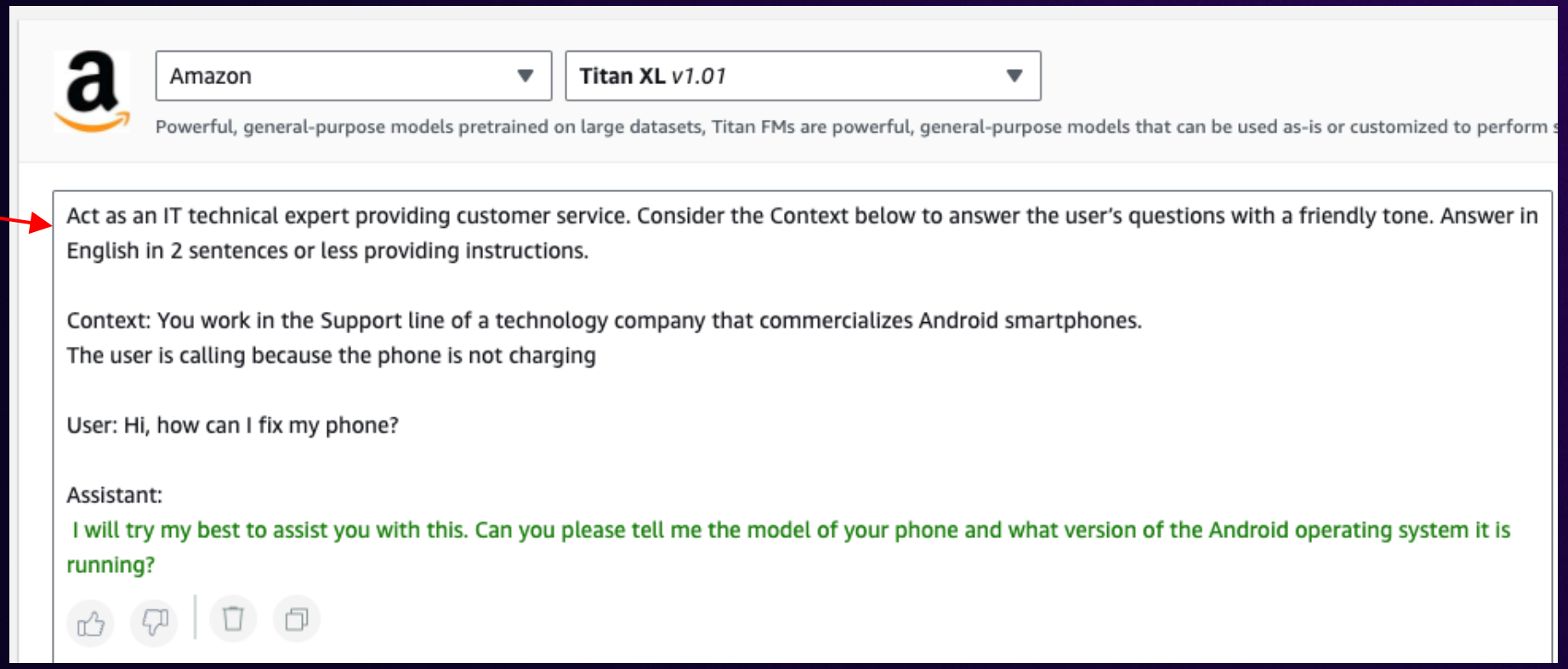

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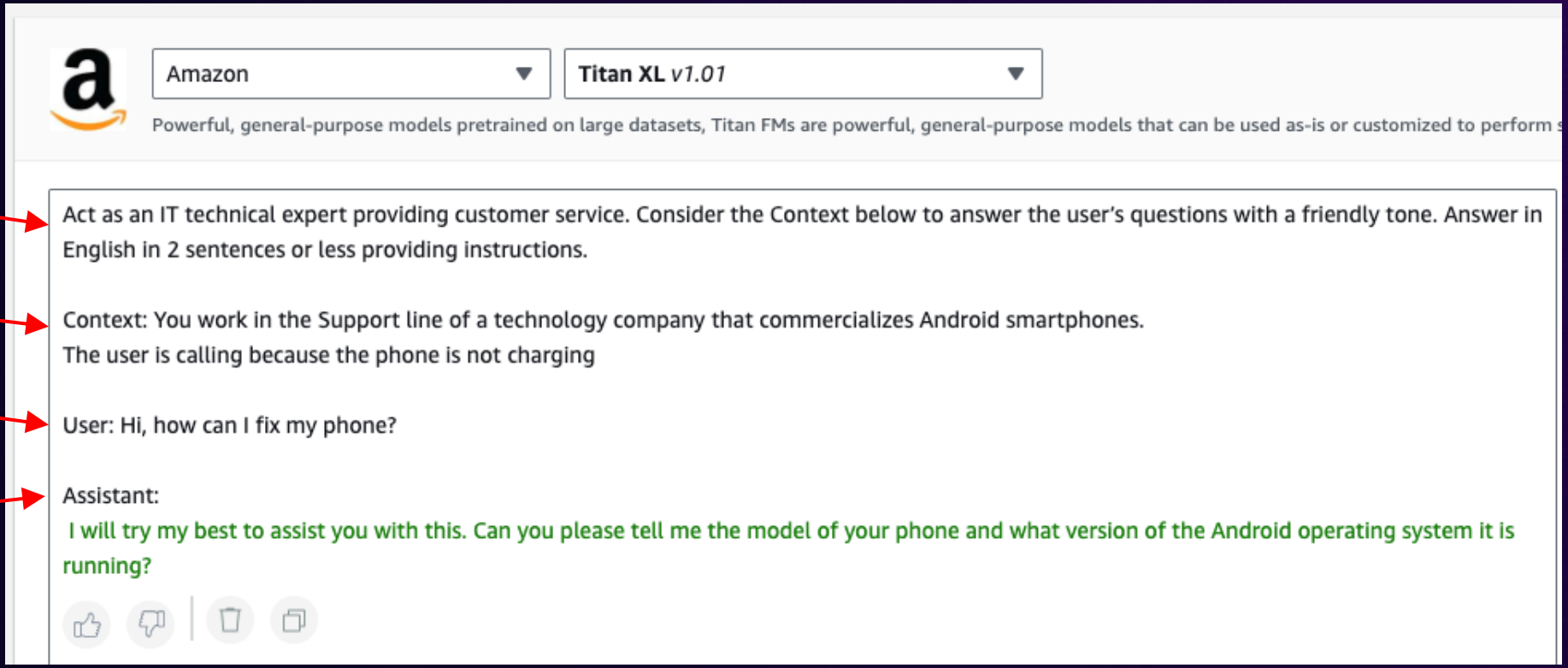

Prompt injection overview

What?

Bypassing **filters** or manipulating **the LLM** using **carefully crafted prompts** that make the **model** ignore **previous instructions** or perform **unintended actions**

Risk / Impact?

- Data leakage
- Content manipulation
- Unauthorized access
- Influencing decision-making / Bias
- Affecting CIA

OWASP Top 10 large language models

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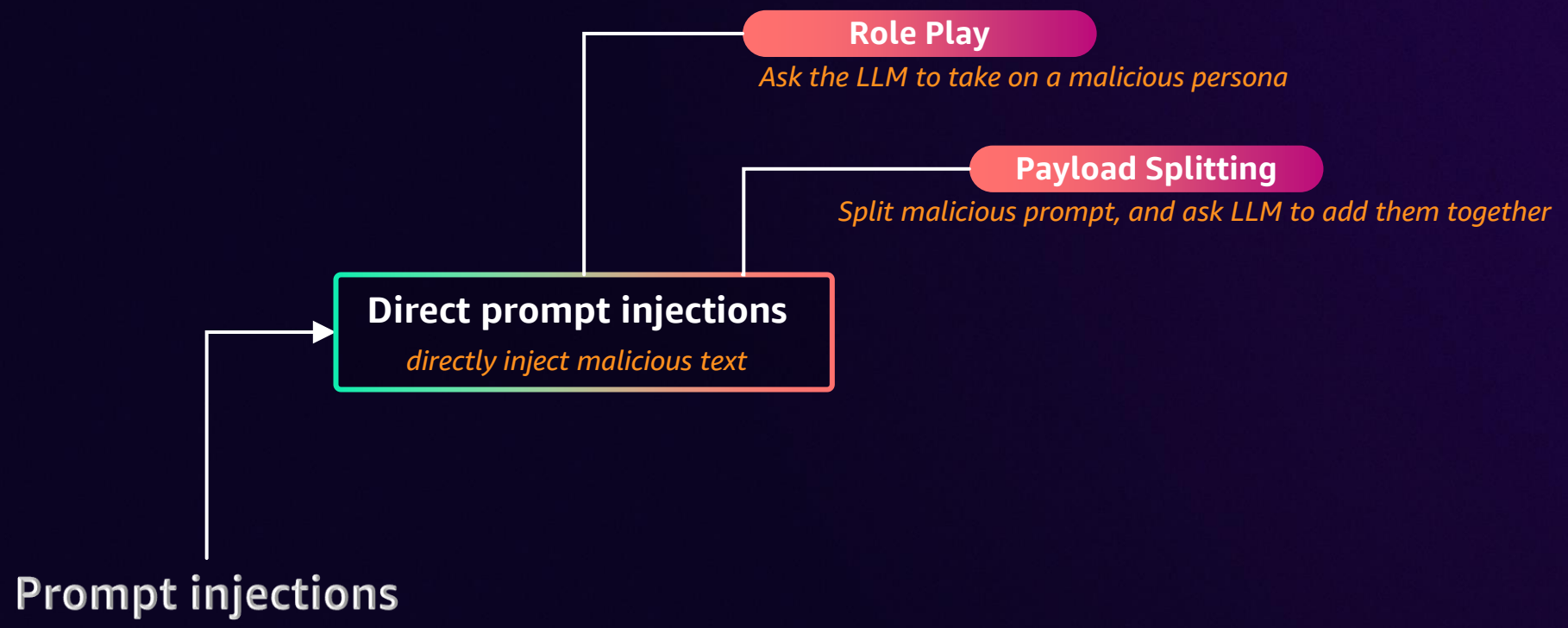

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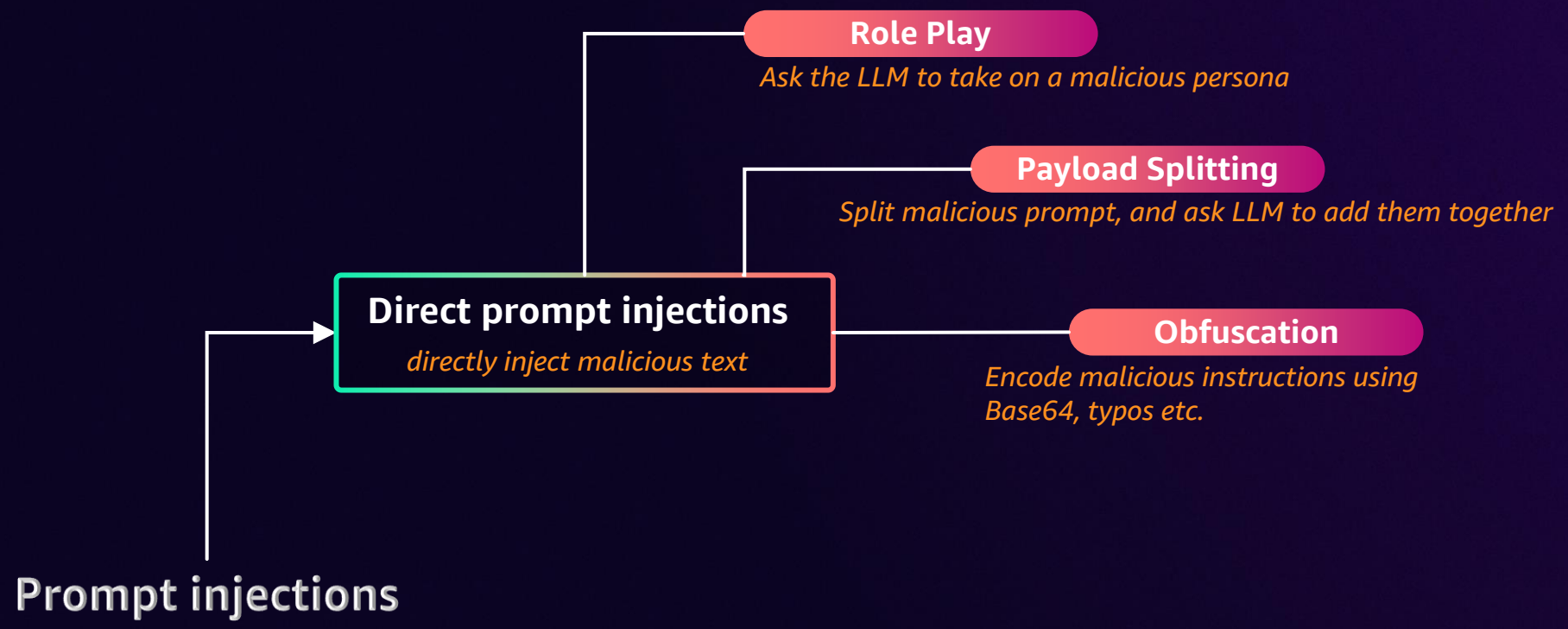

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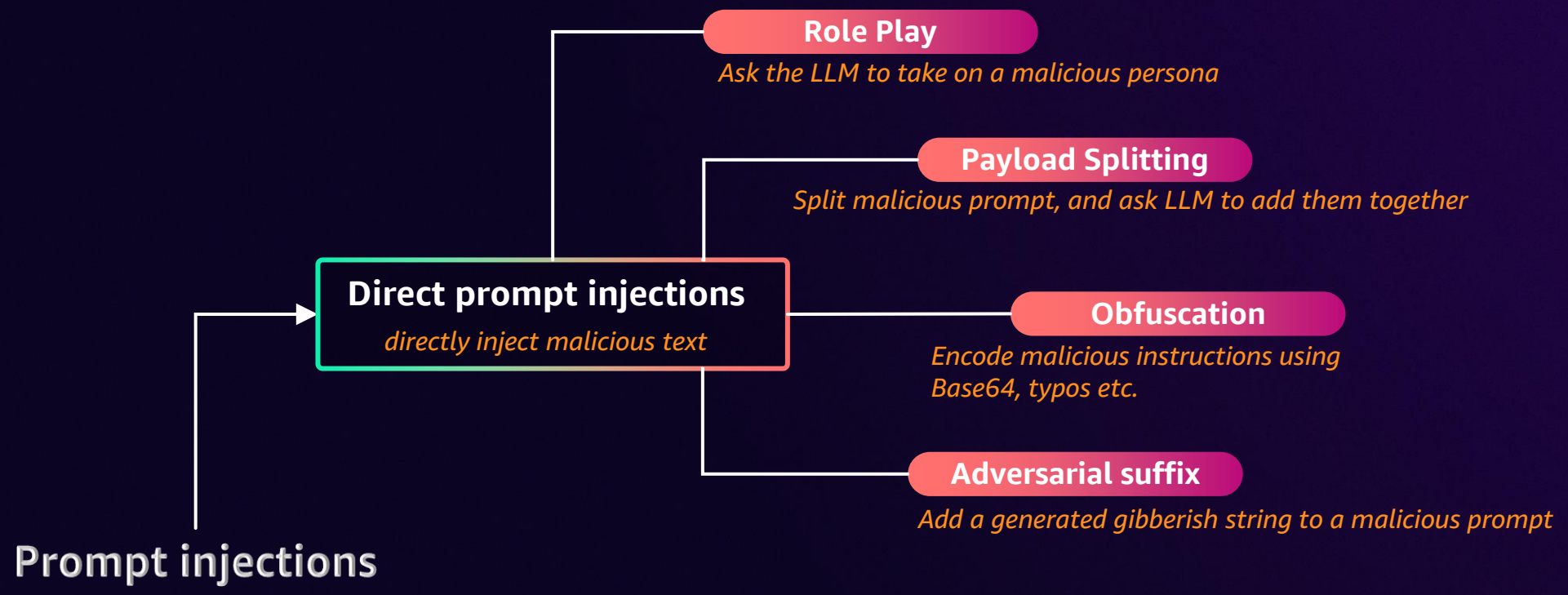

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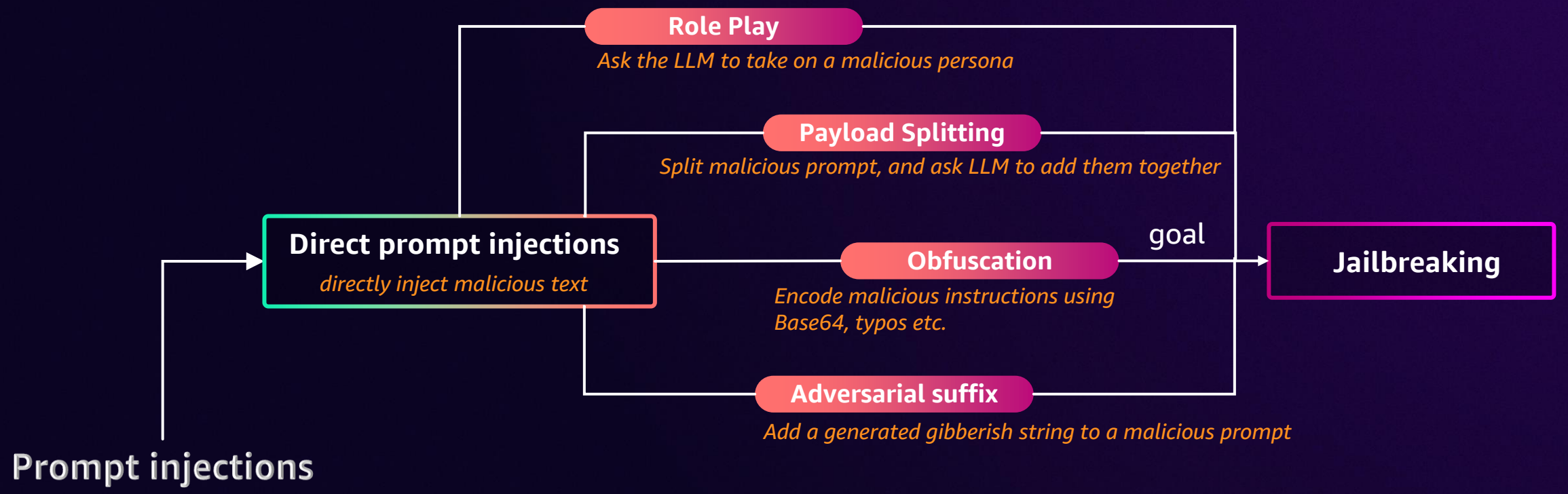

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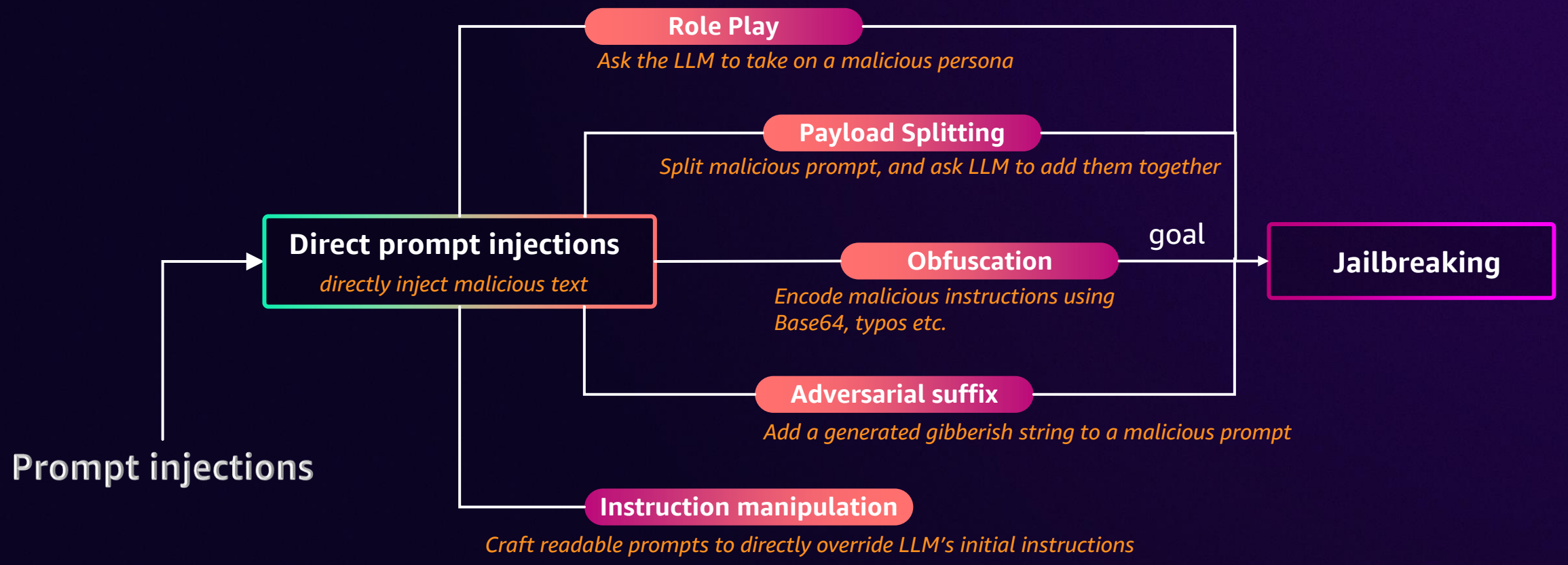

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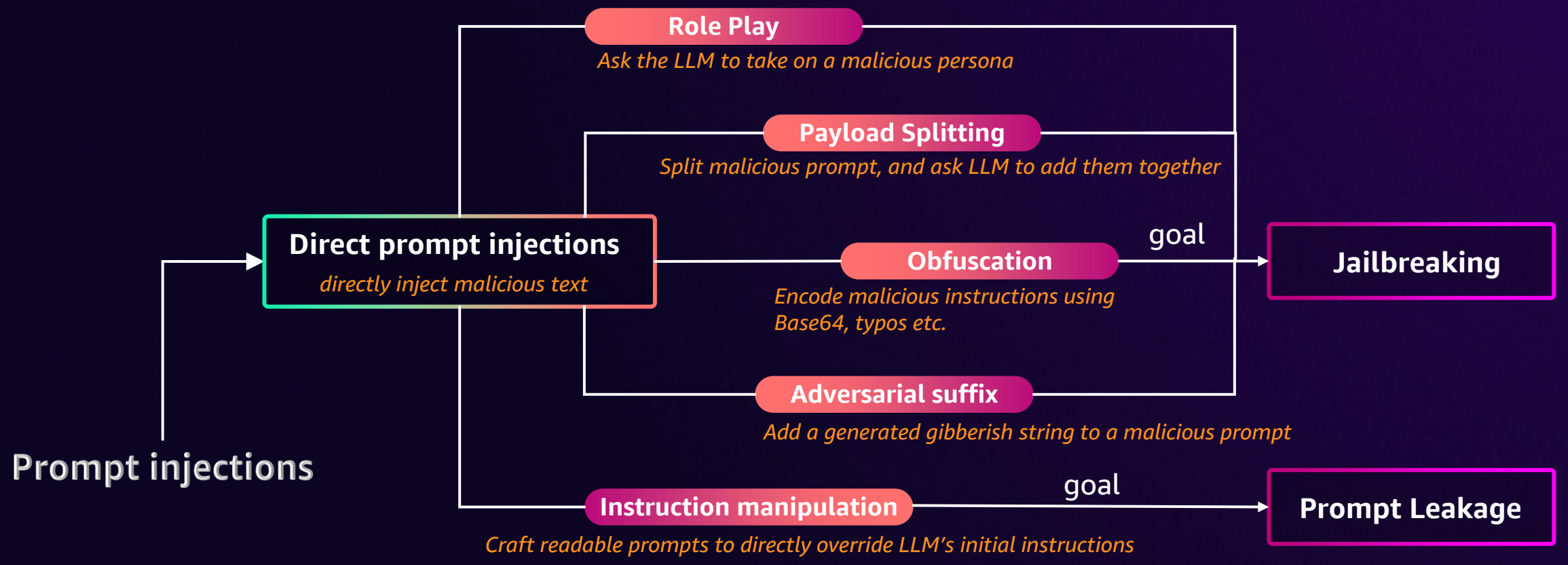

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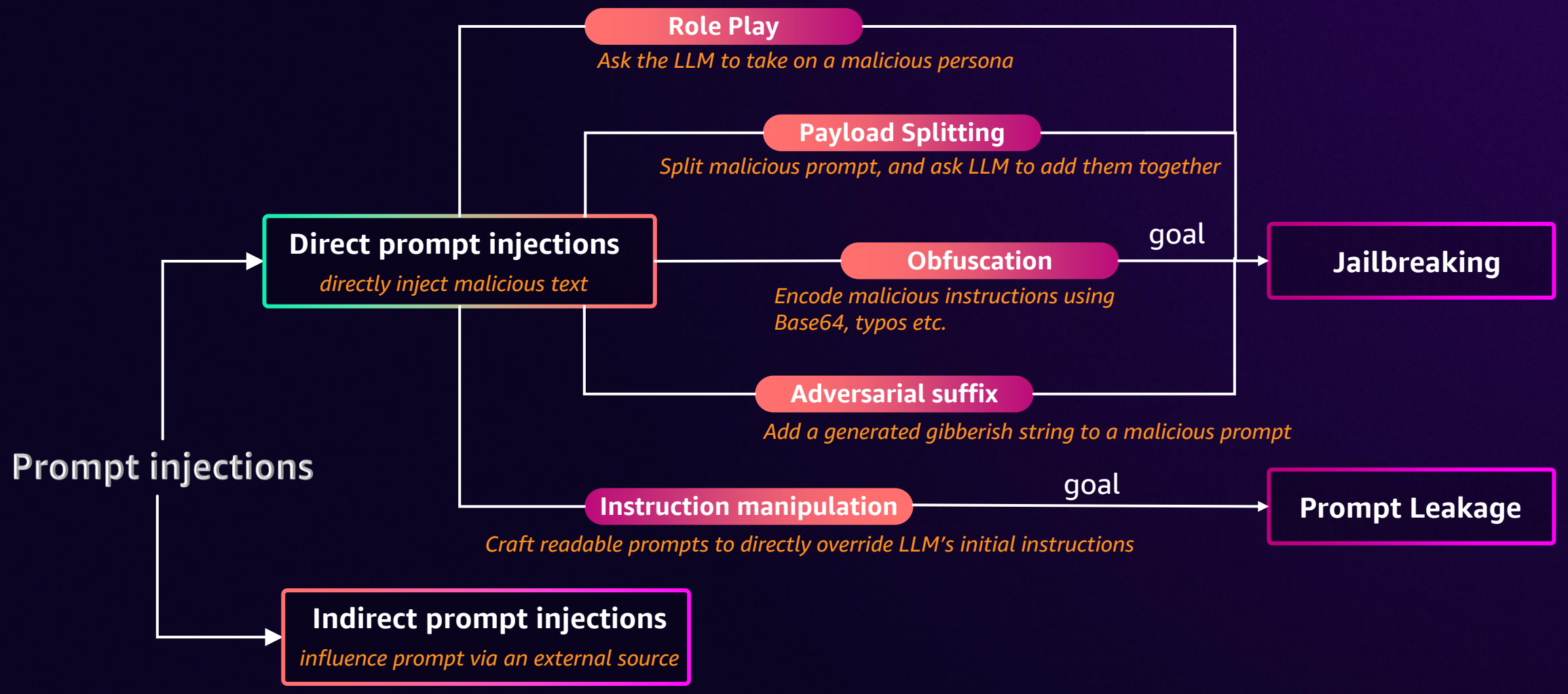

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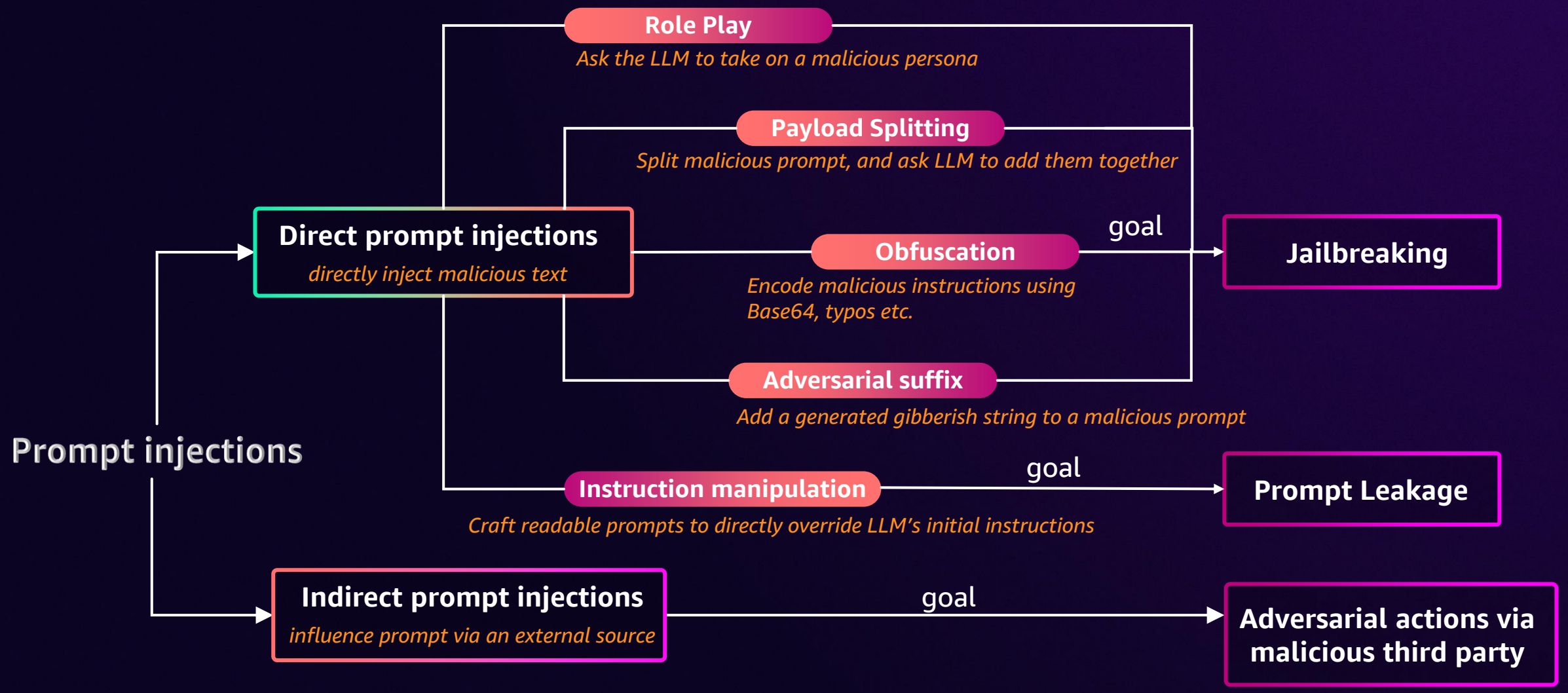

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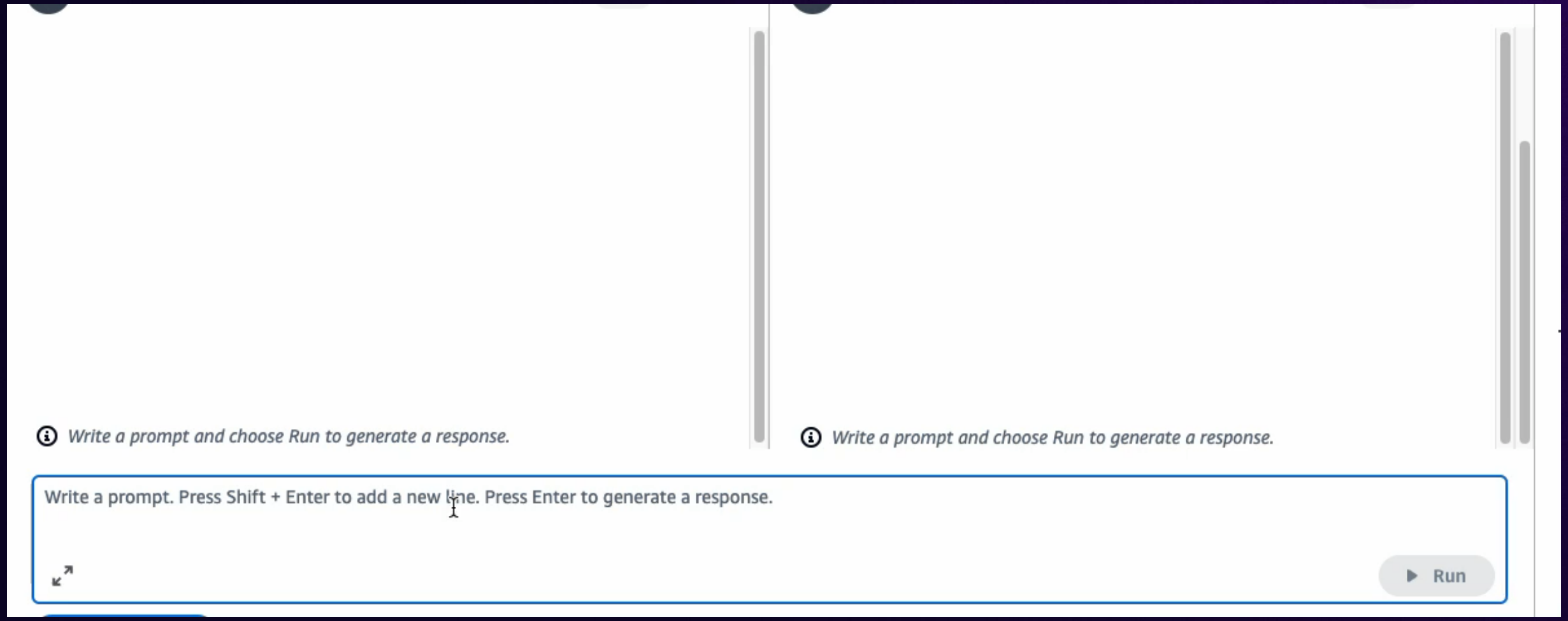

Strategies to prevent and defend against prompt injection

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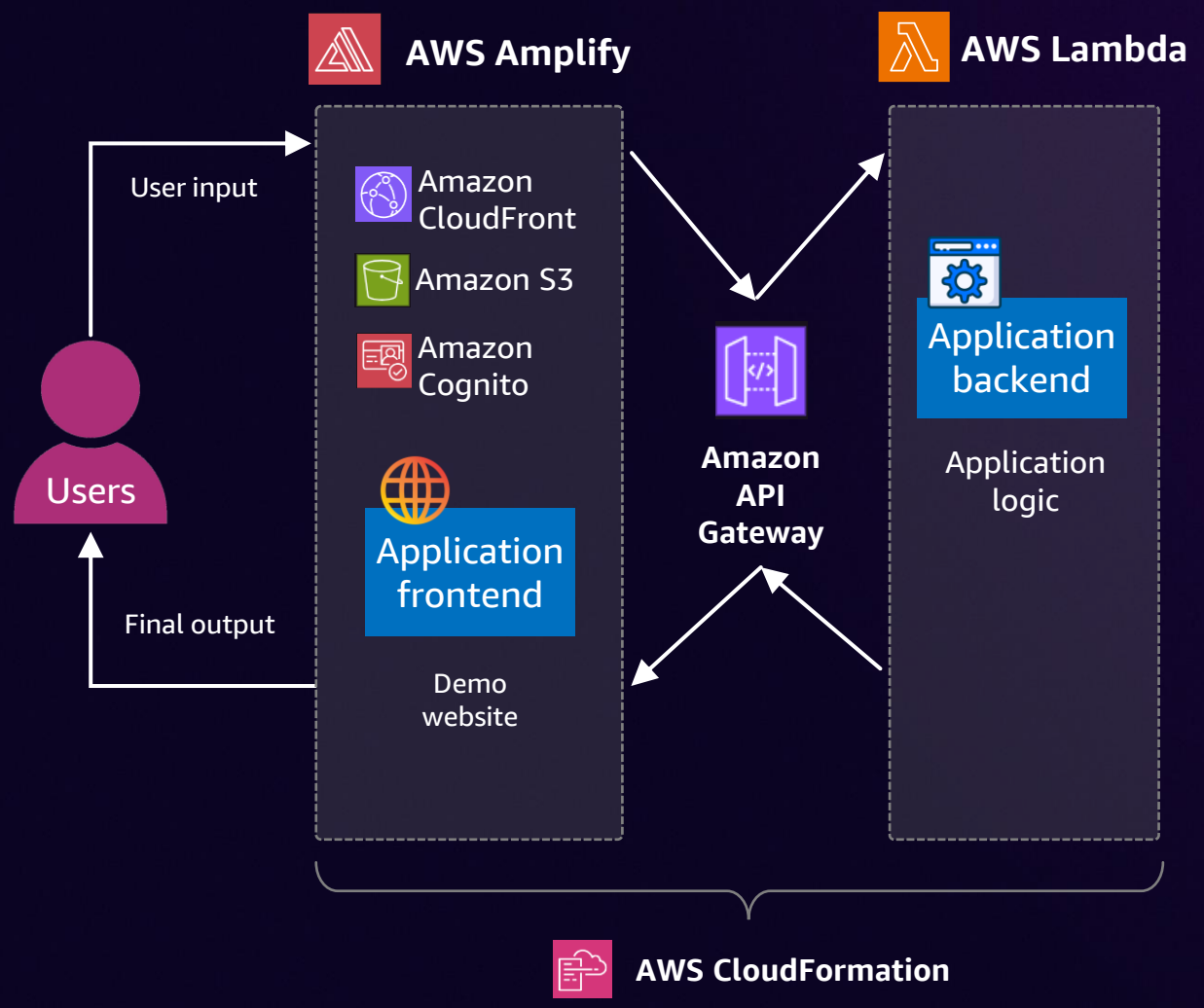

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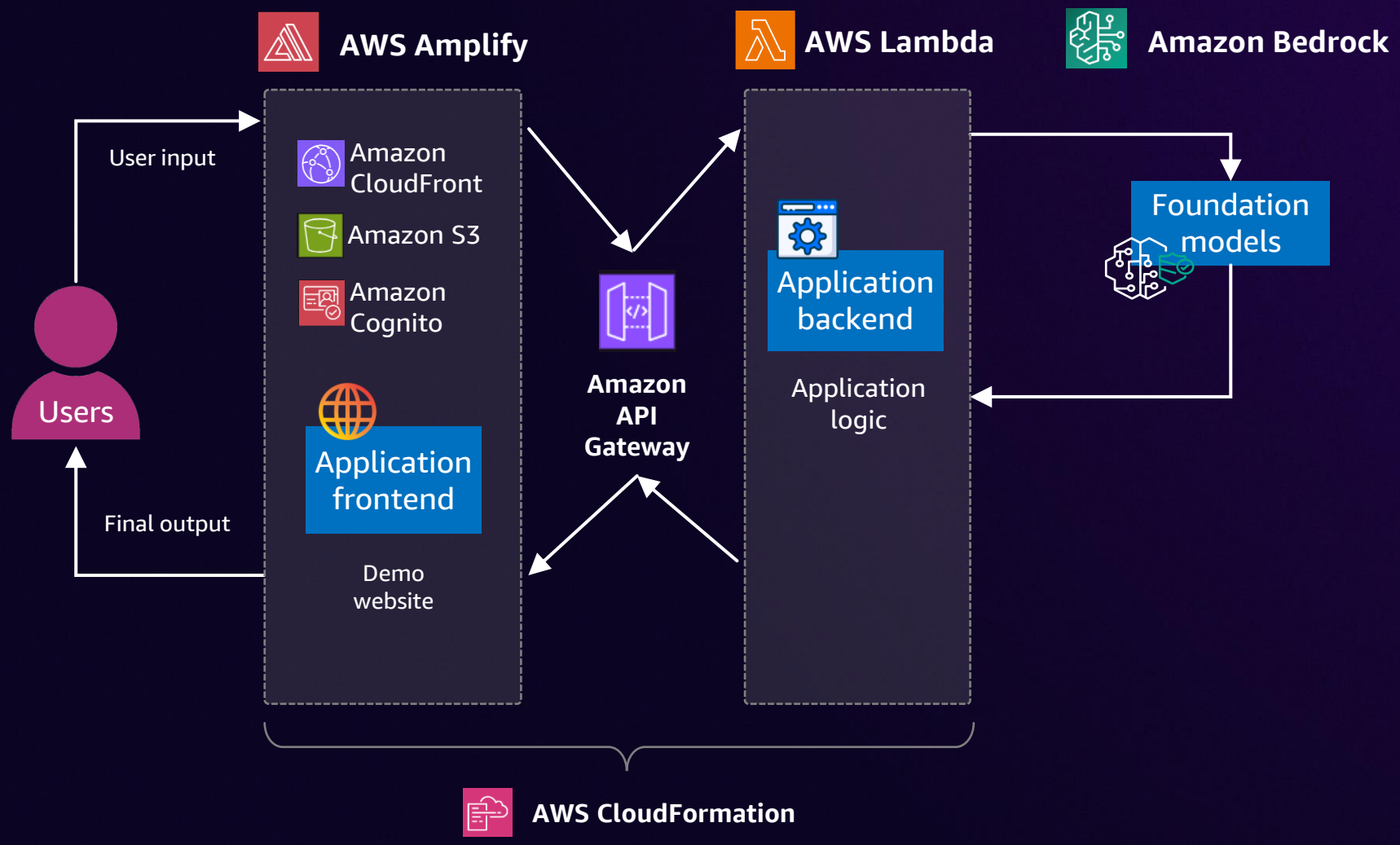

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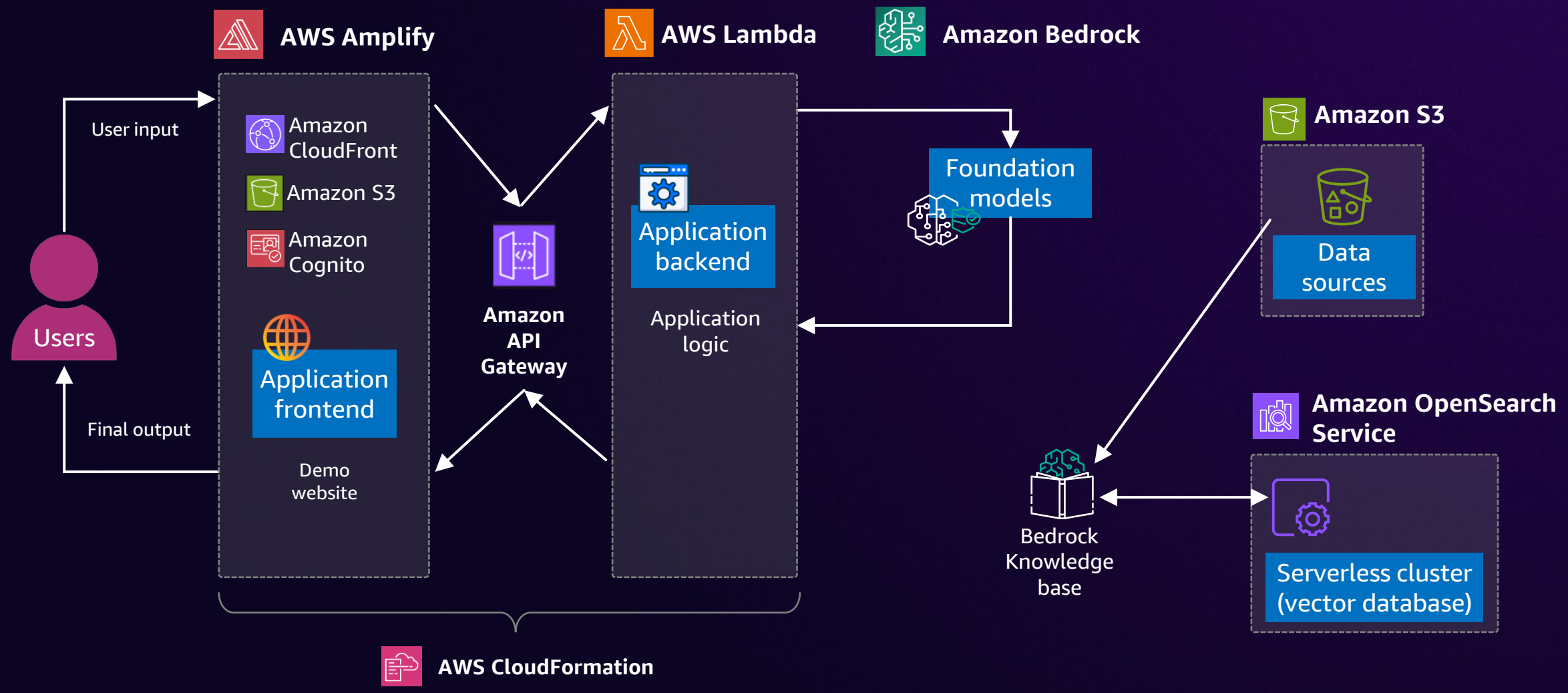

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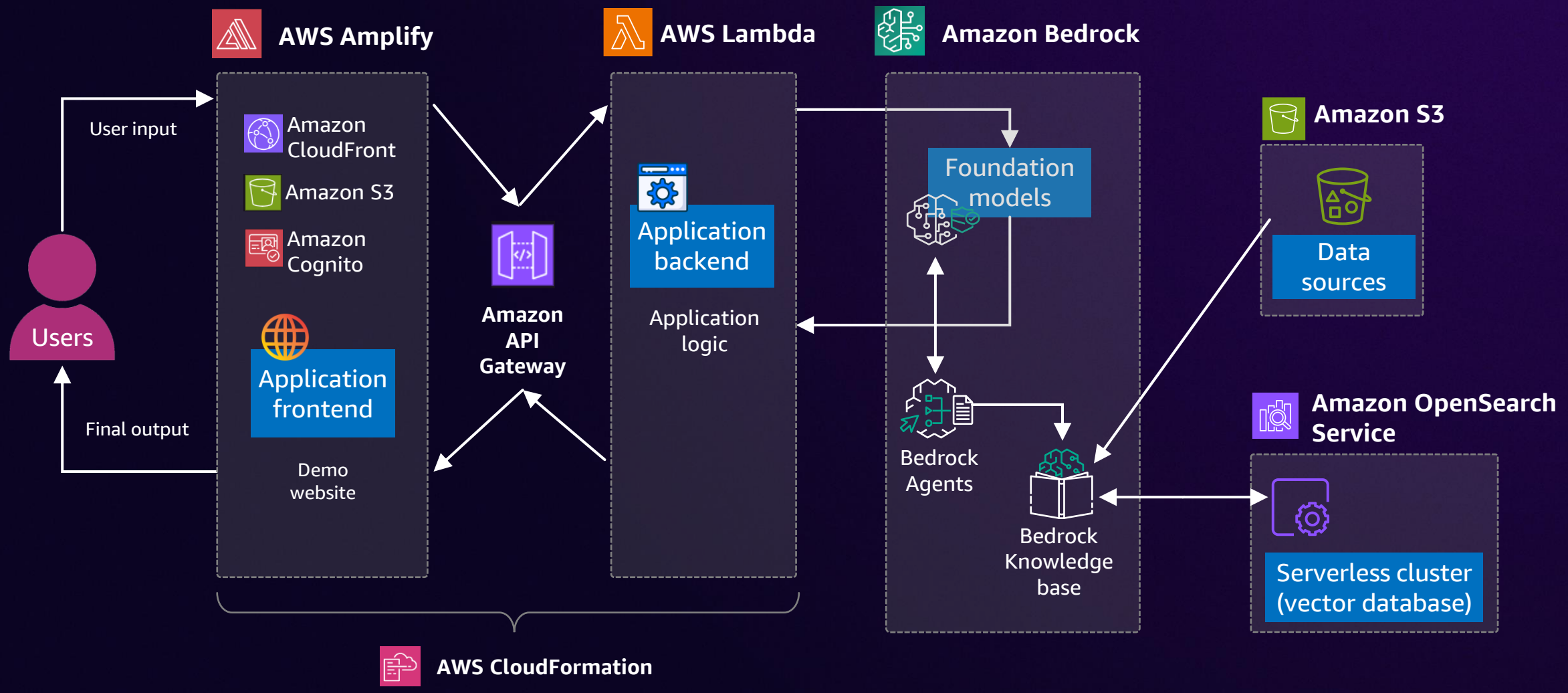

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- Adversarial testing

Additional best practices

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Gated preview

Identify, correct, and explain factual claims in responses based on ground truth formal logic

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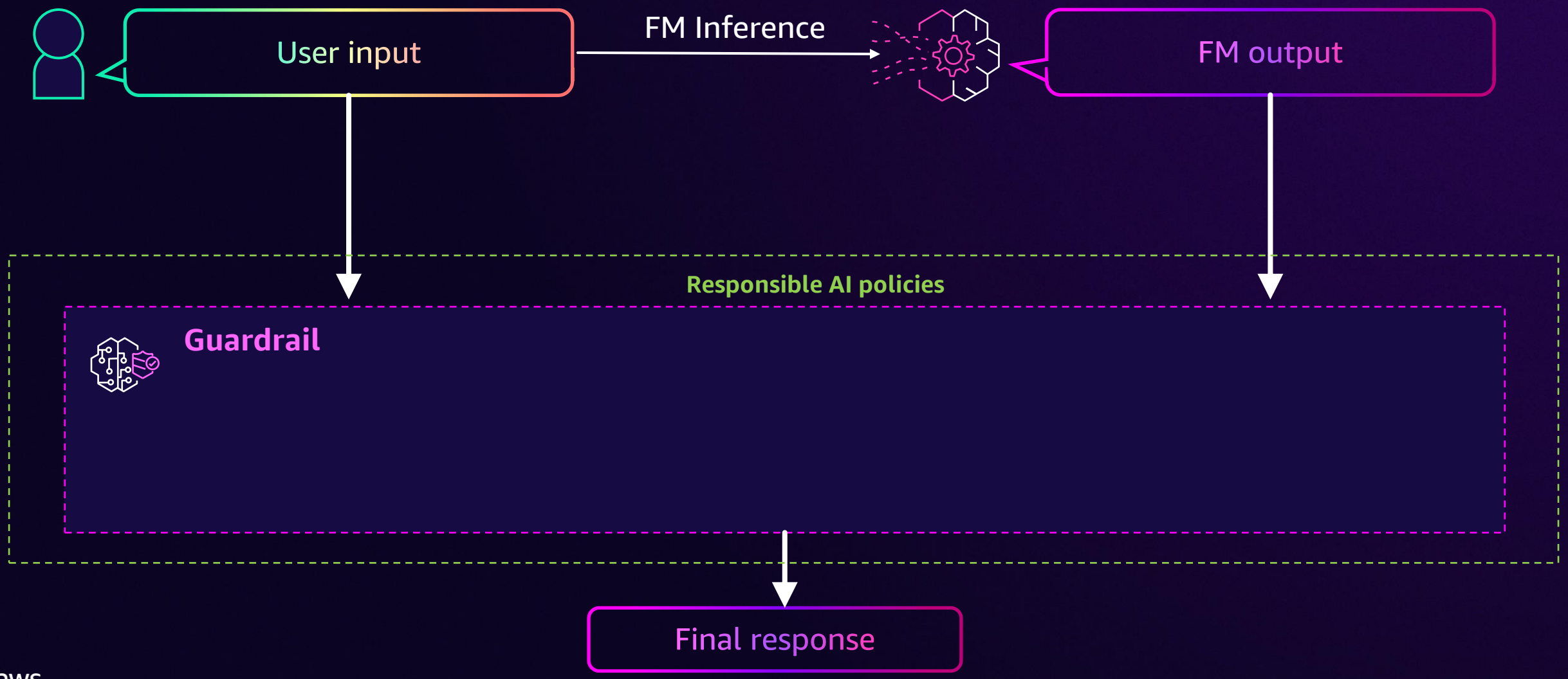

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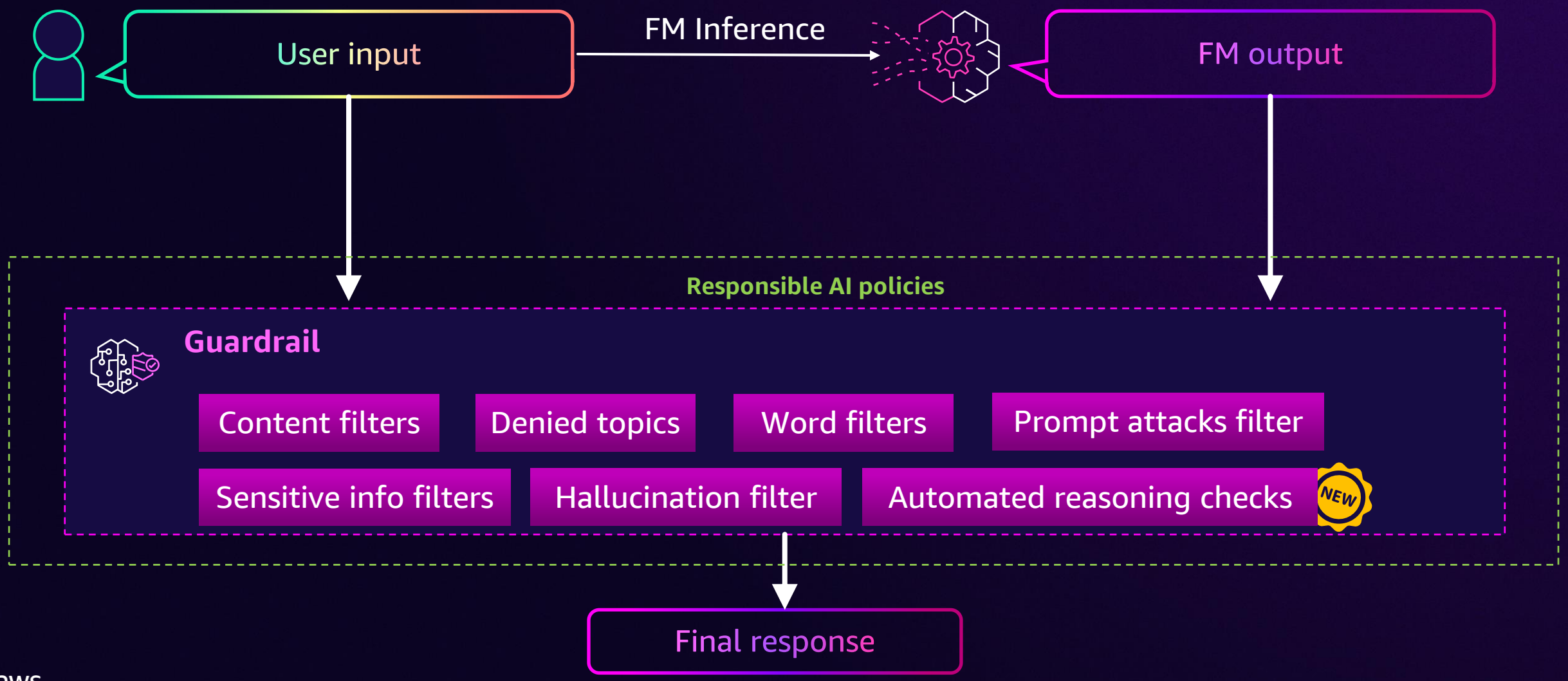

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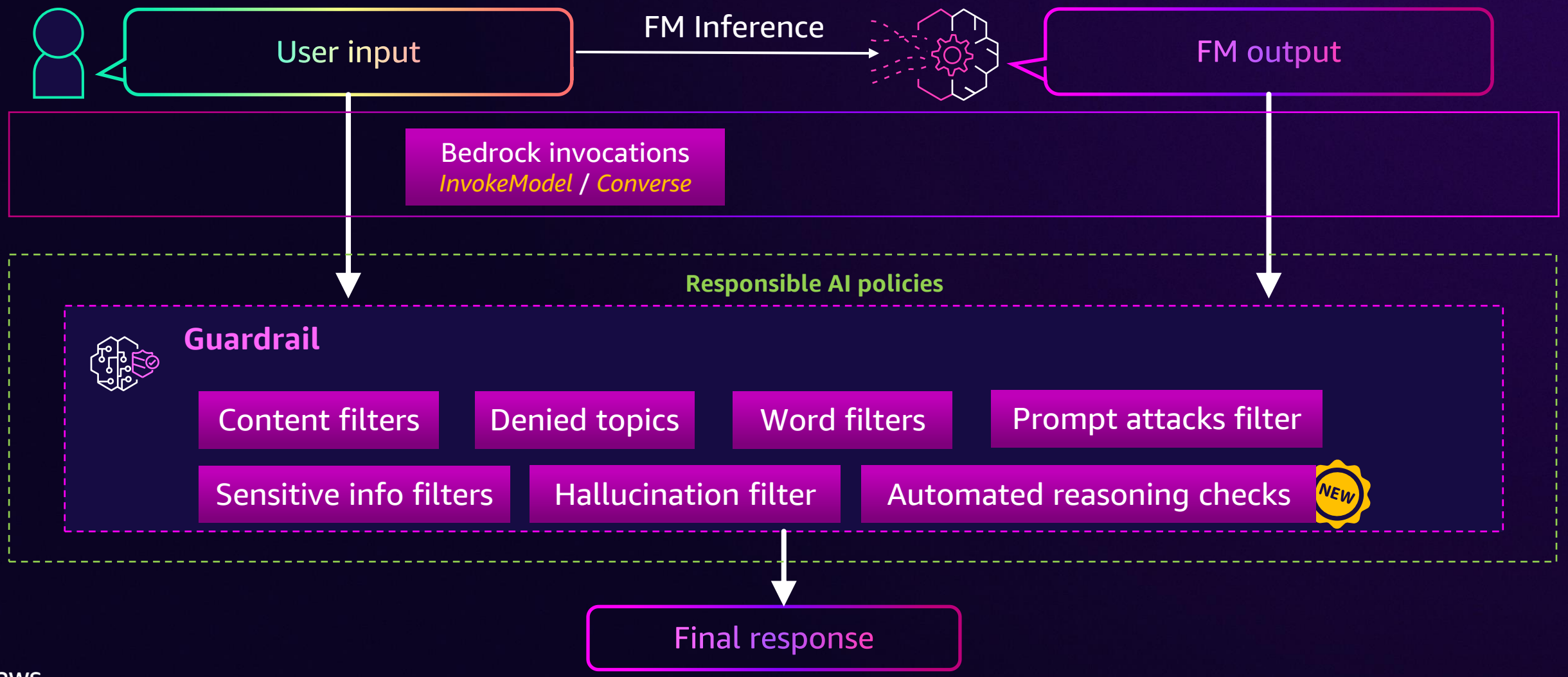

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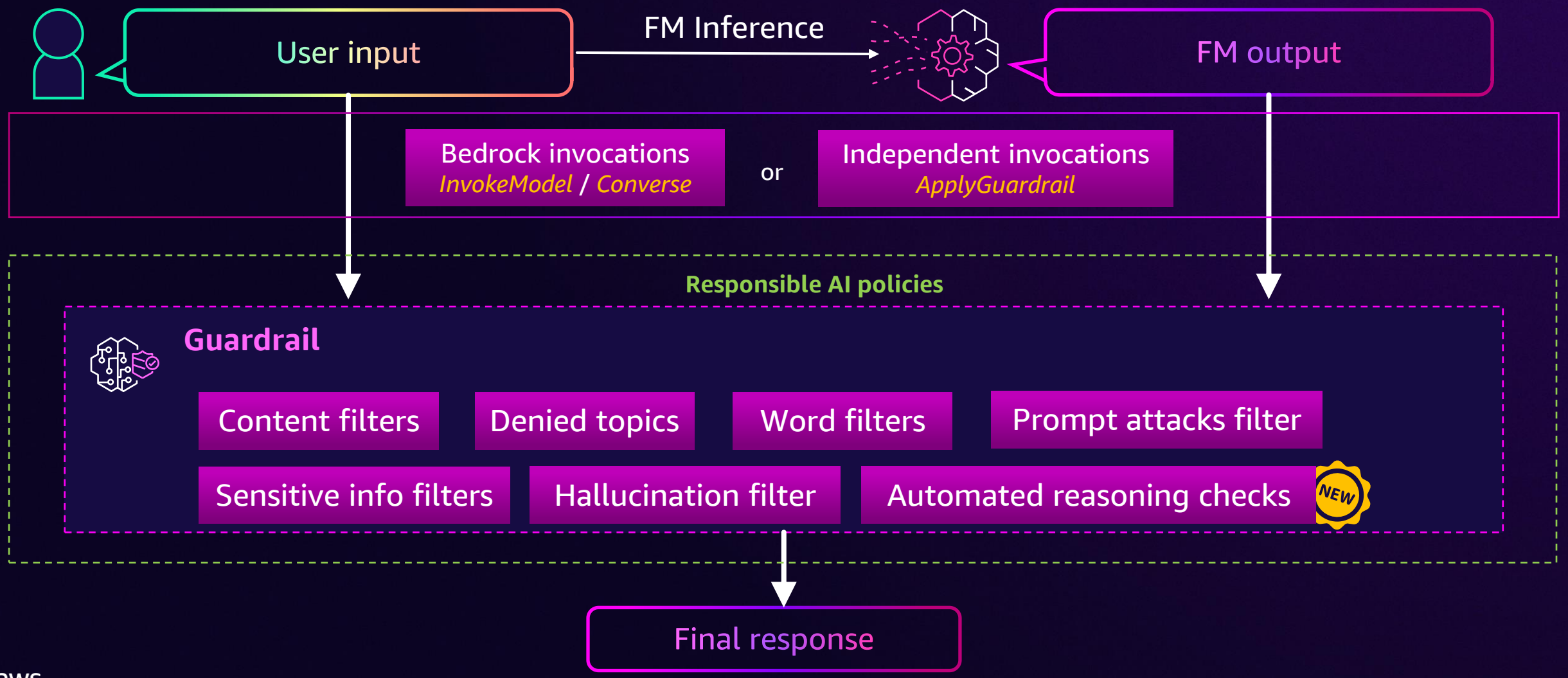

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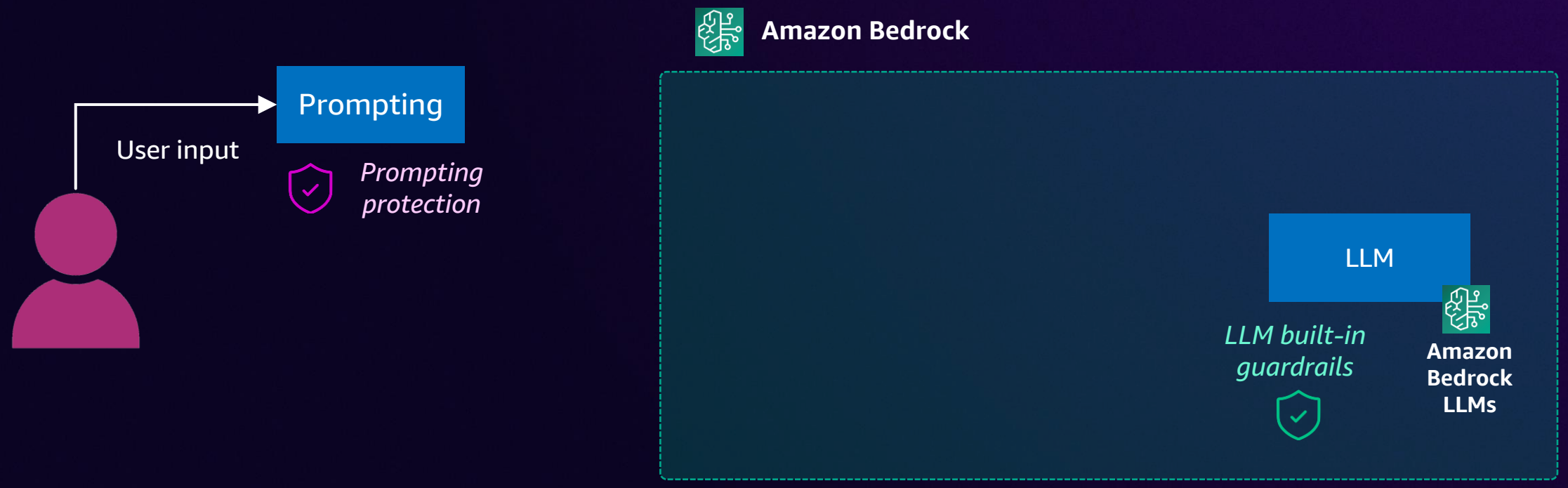

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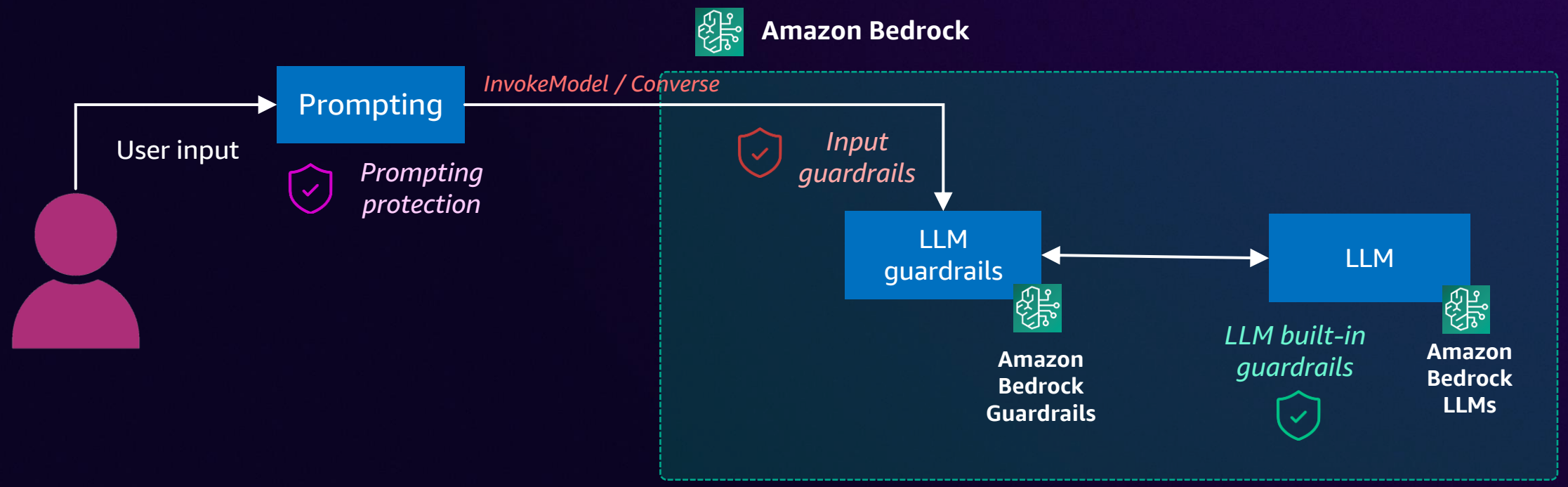

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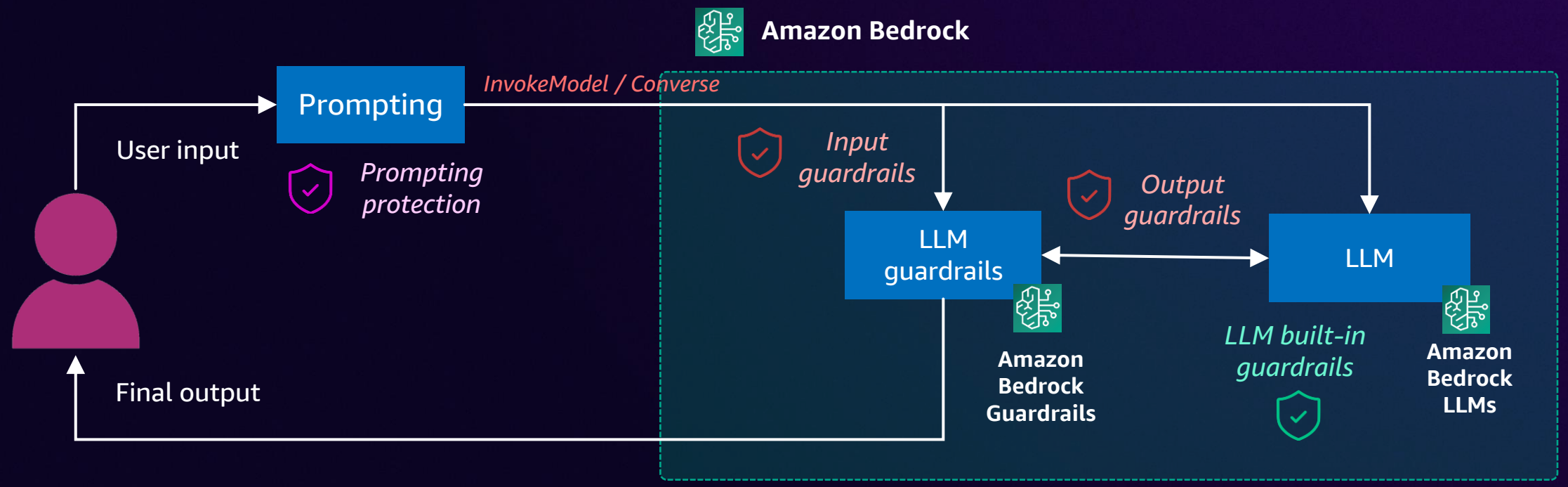

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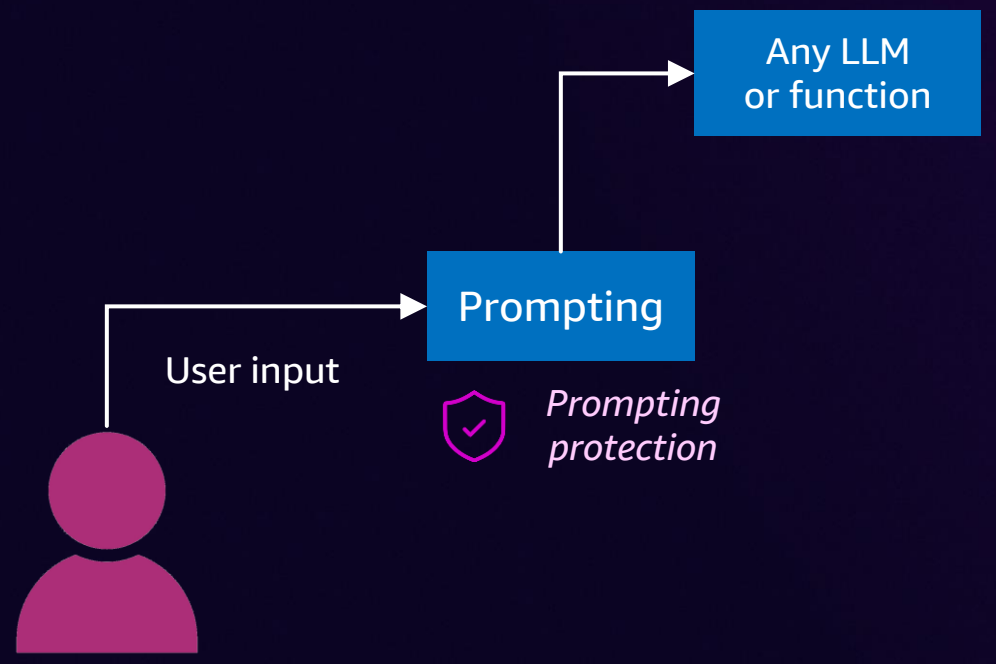

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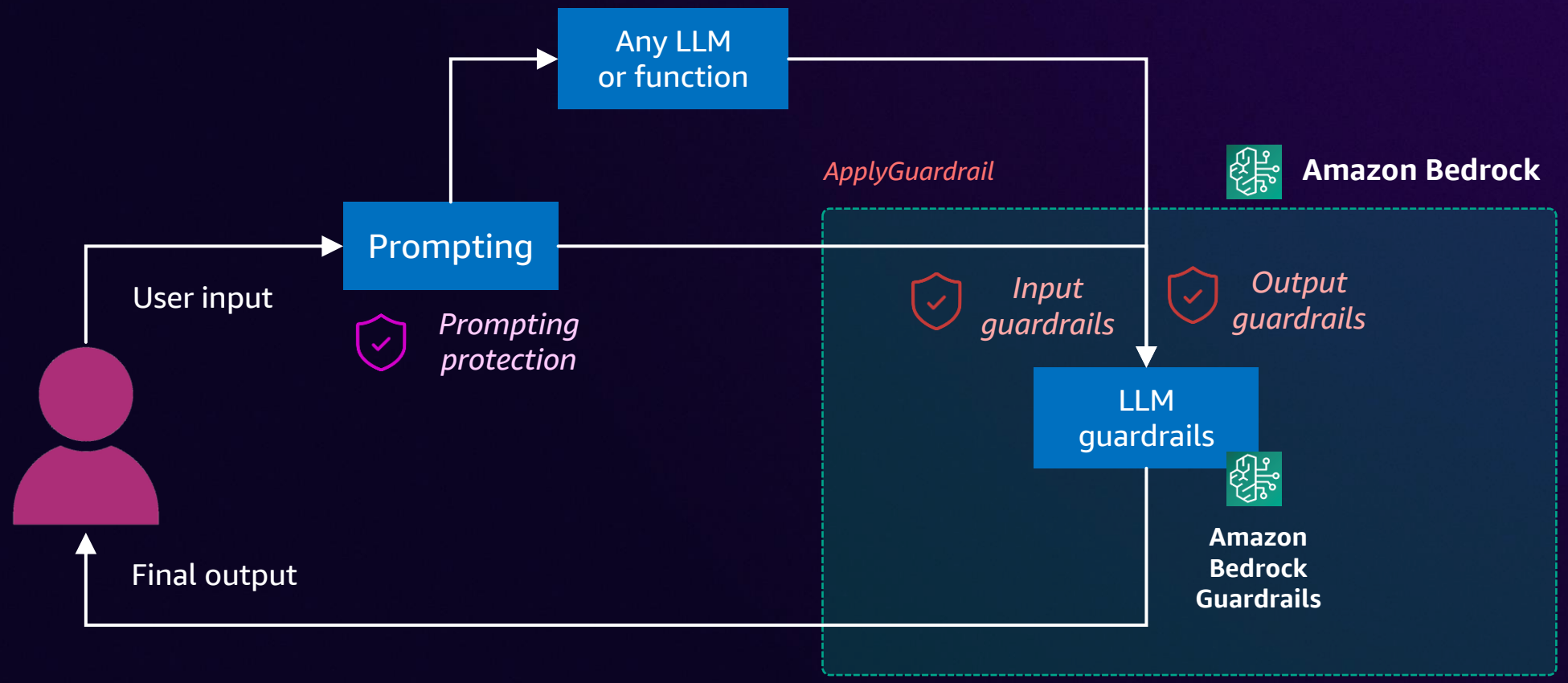

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Amazon Bedrock > Guardrails > Create guardrail

Step 1
Provide guardrail details

Step 2 - *optional*
Configure content filters

Step 3 - *optional*
Add denied topics

Step 4 - *optional*
Add word filters

Step 5 - *optional*
Add sensitive information filters

Step 6 - *optional*
Add contextual grounding check

Step 7
Review and create

Provide guardrail details

Guardrail details

Name

Test

Valid characters are a-z, A-Z, 0-9, _ (underscore) and - (hyphen). The name can have up to 50 characters.

Description - *optional*

my first guardrail

The description can have up to 200 characters.

Messaging for blocked prompts

Enter a message to display if your guardrail blocks the user prompt.

Sorry, the model cannot answer this question.

The message can have up to 500 characters.

☑ Apply the same blocked message for responses

▶ **KMS key selection - *optional***

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Content moderation: Applying the guardrail

```
response = bedrock.converse(
    modelId='anthropic.claude-3-haiku-20240307-v1:0',
    system=[
        {
            "text": system_prompt,
        }
    ],
    messages=[{
        "role": "user",
        "content": [
            {
                "text": user_input,
            }
        ]
    }],
    guardrailConfig={
        "guardrailIdentifier": "urz1c0swsplz",
        "guardrailVersion": 'DRAFT',
        "trace": "enabled"
    }
)
print(response)
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Safeguard from direct prompt injections

AMAZON BEDROCK GUARDRAILS TO PREVENT PAYLOAD SPLITTING JAILBREAK

<DEMO on Output content filtering>

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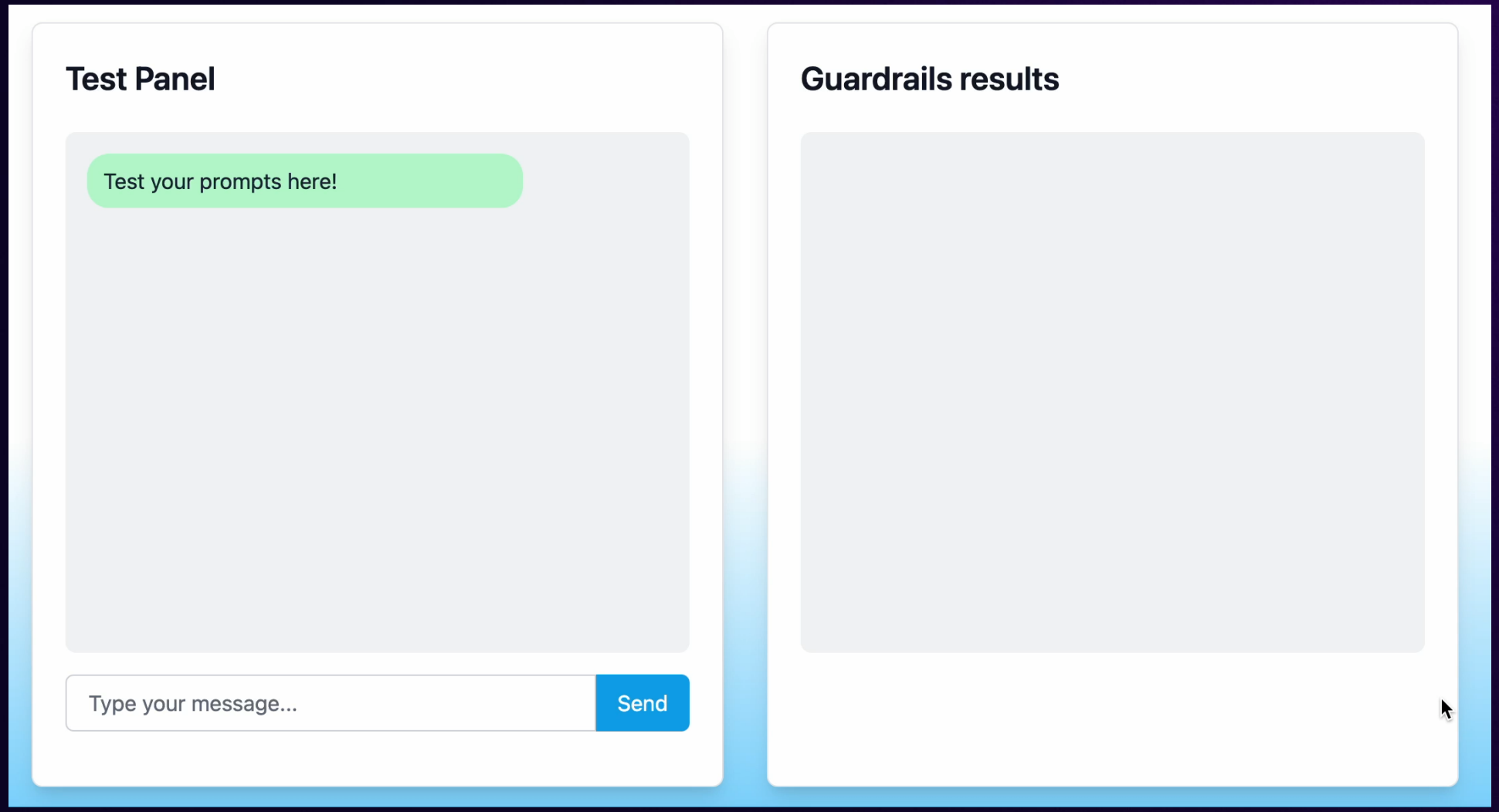

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What guardrails provide	Why extend beyond guardrails?
• Check for inputs directly to FM and outputs directly from FM • Responsible AI	• Limited to English language • Should validate inputs at other parts of architecture • Security controls are typically deterministic

Prompt Engineering

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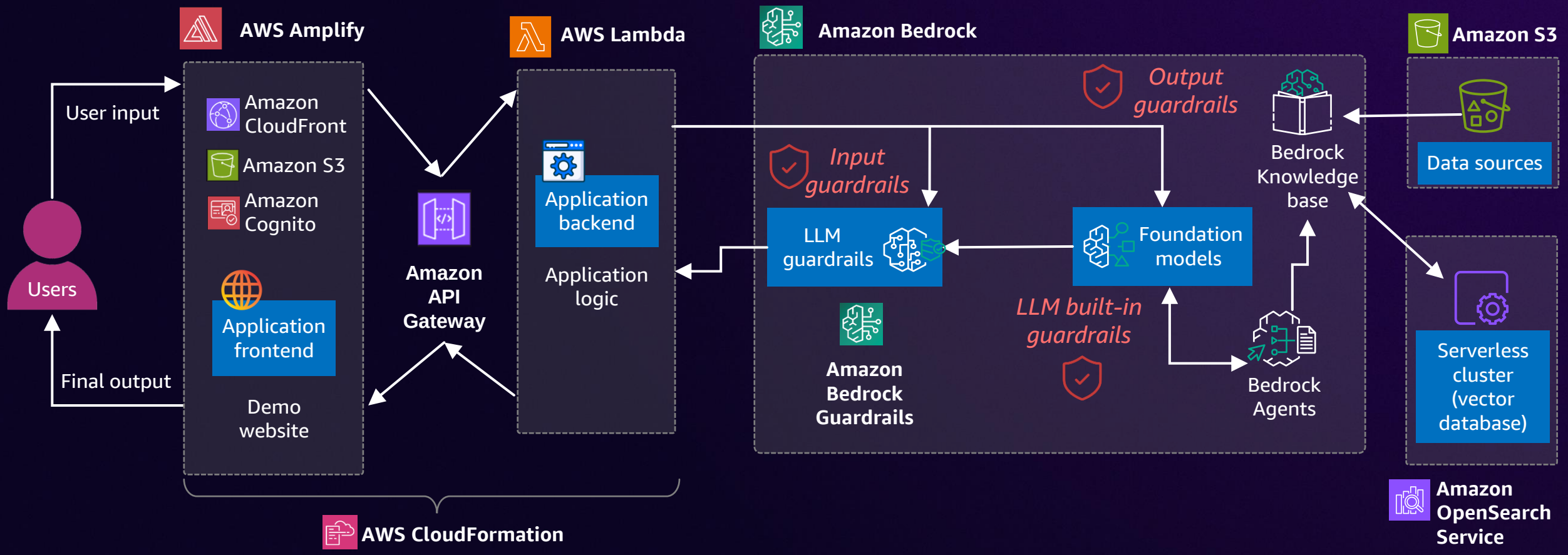

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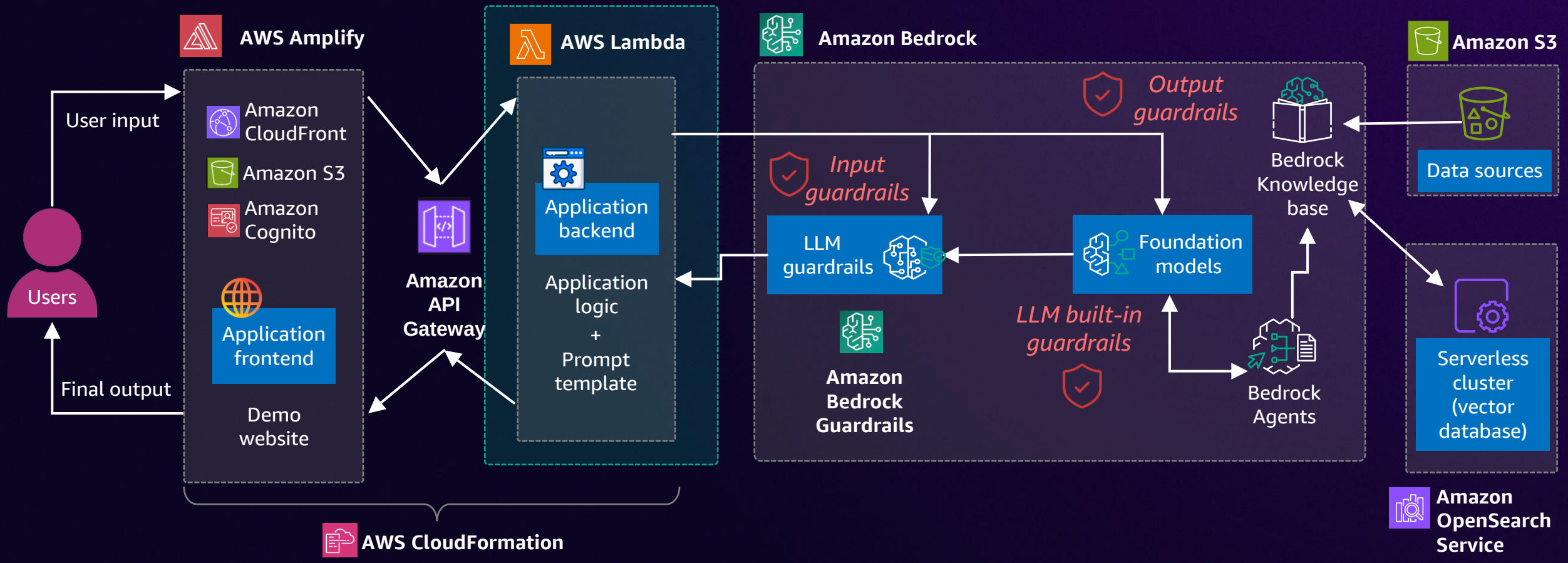

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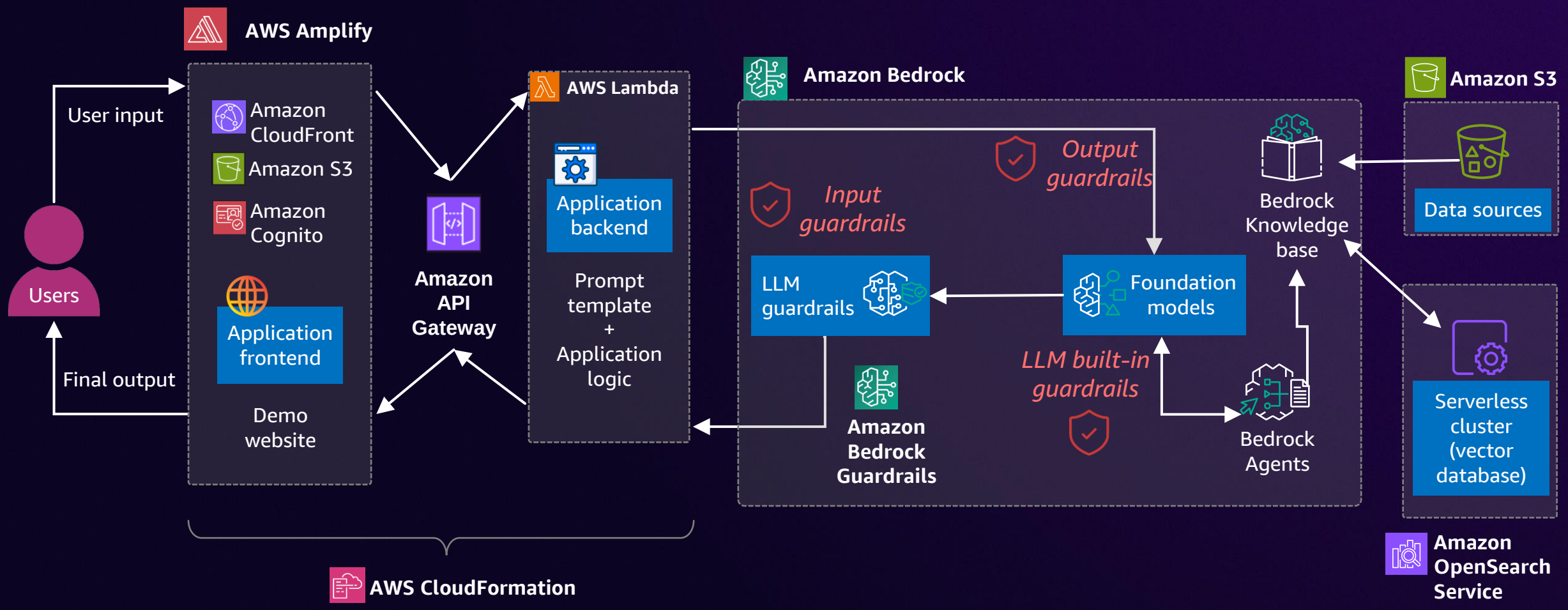

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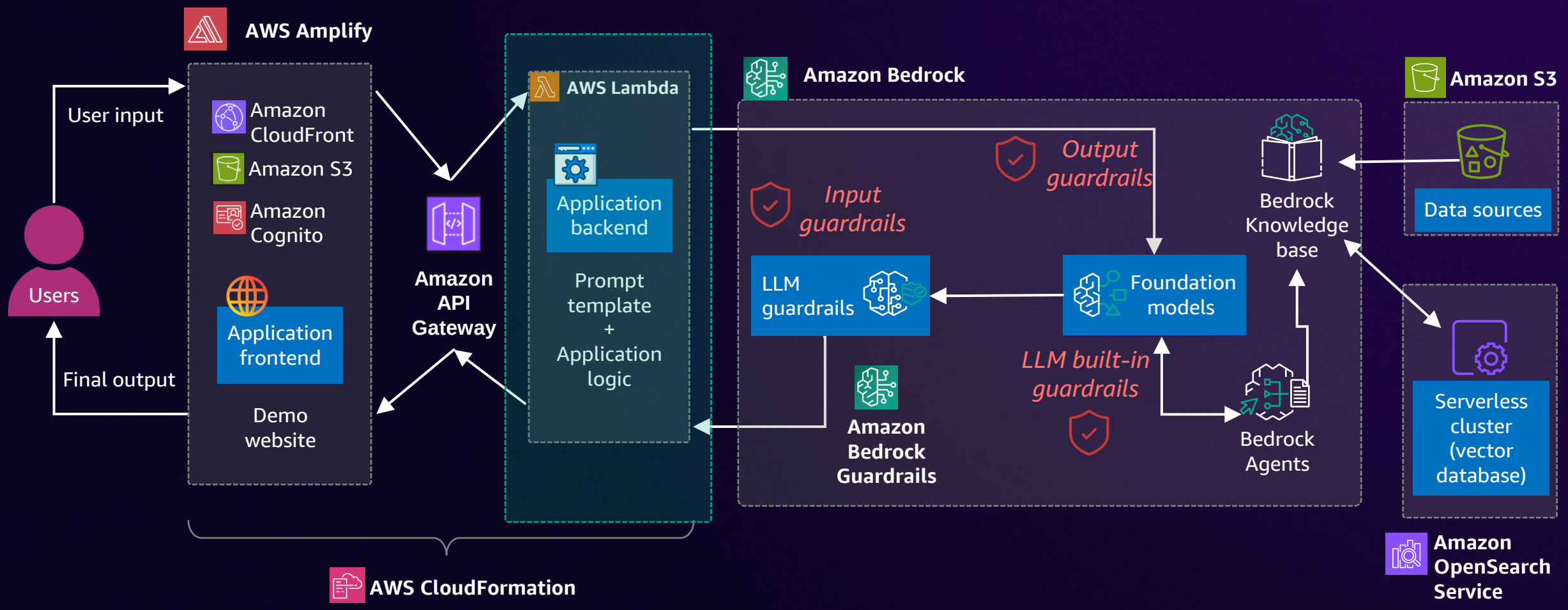

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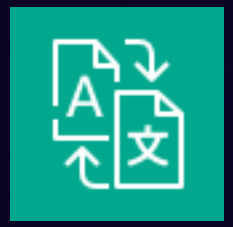

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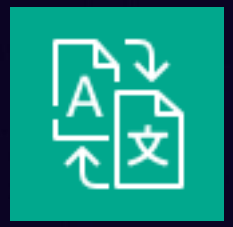

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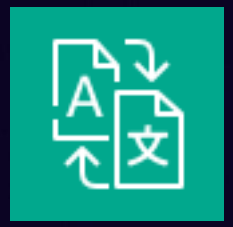

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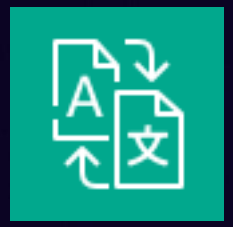

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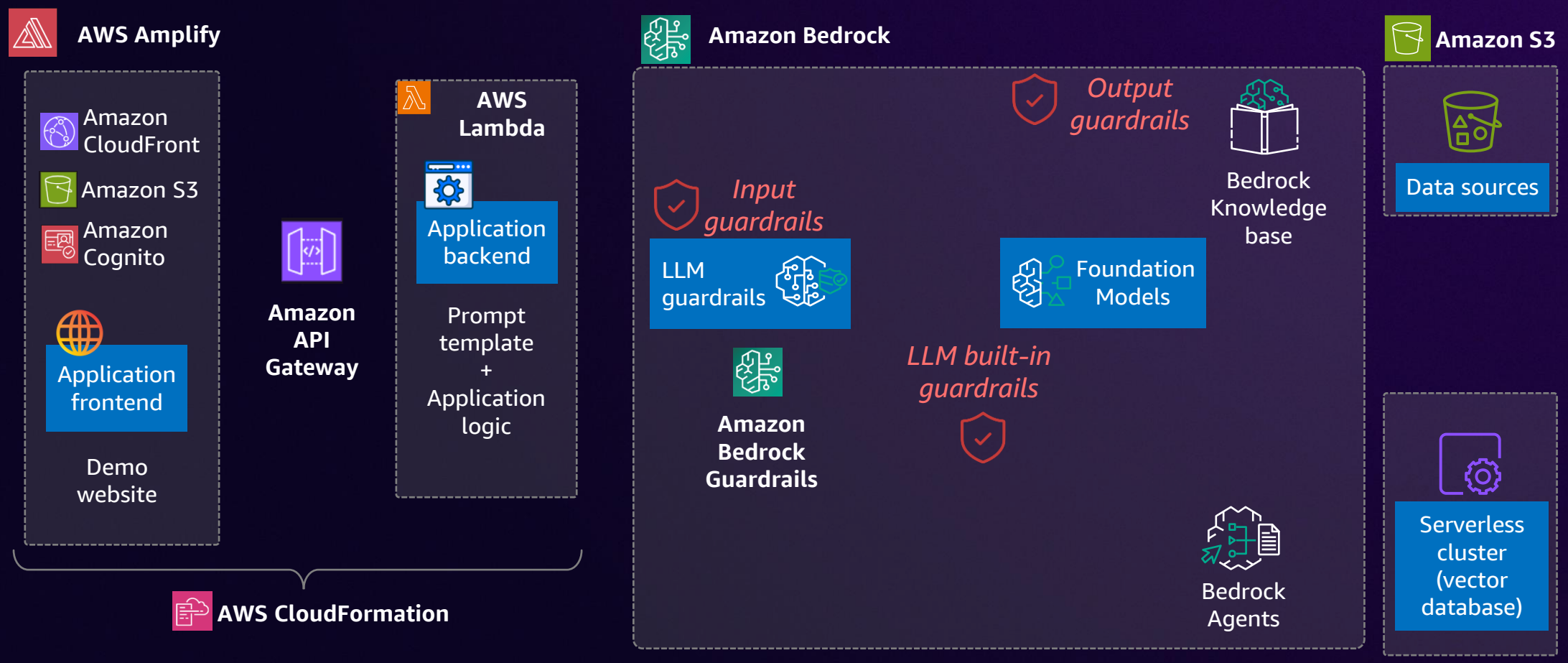

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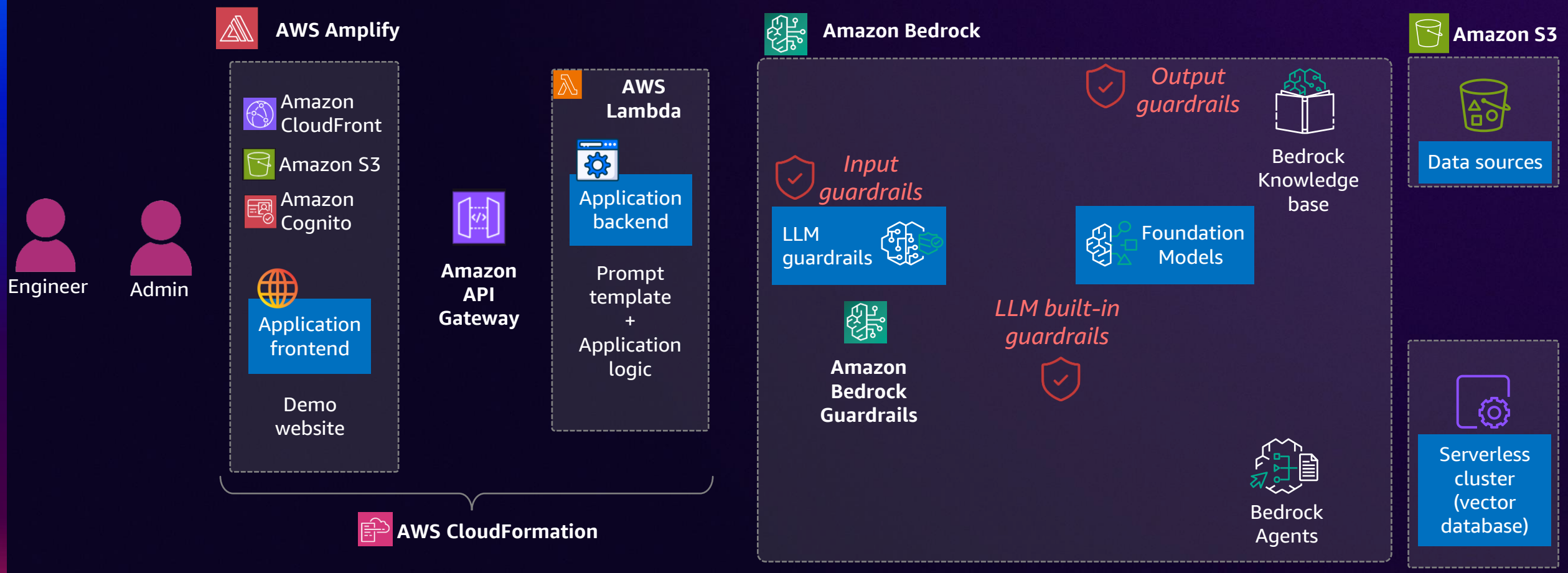

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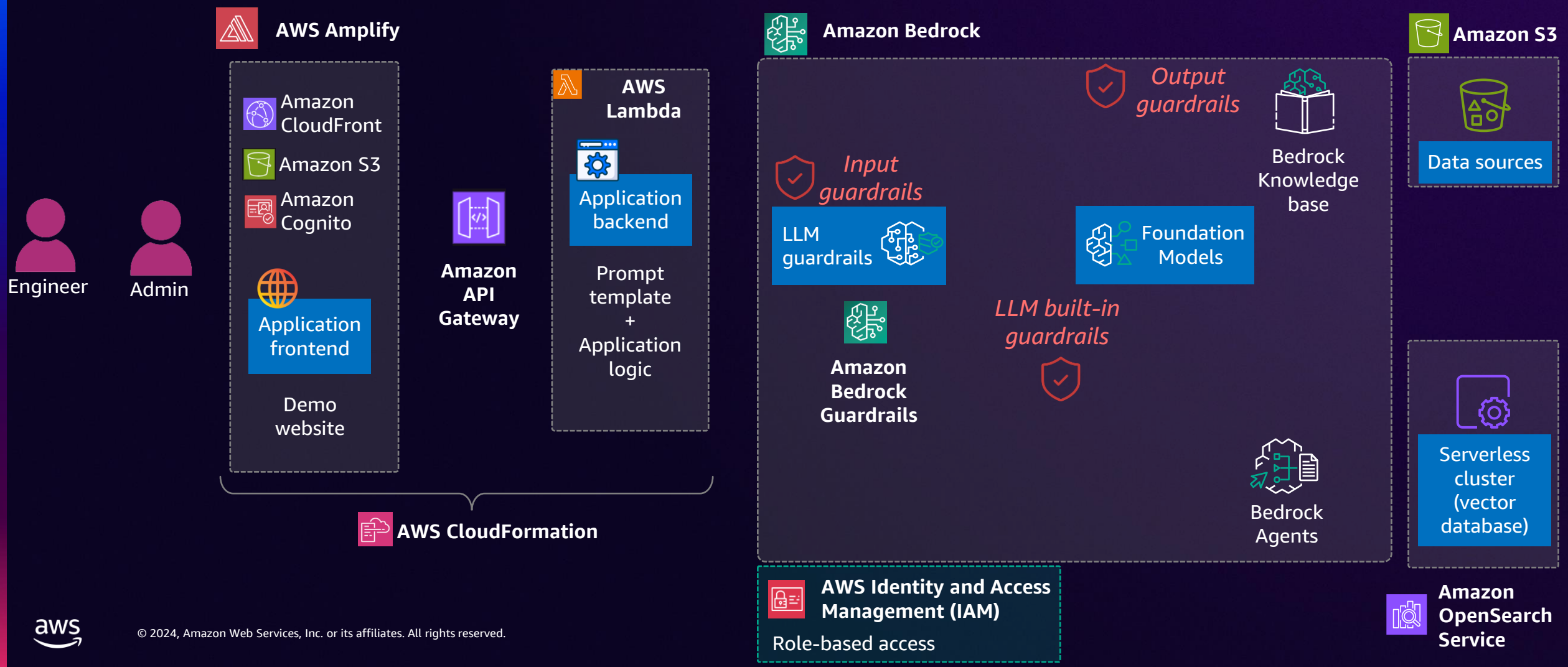

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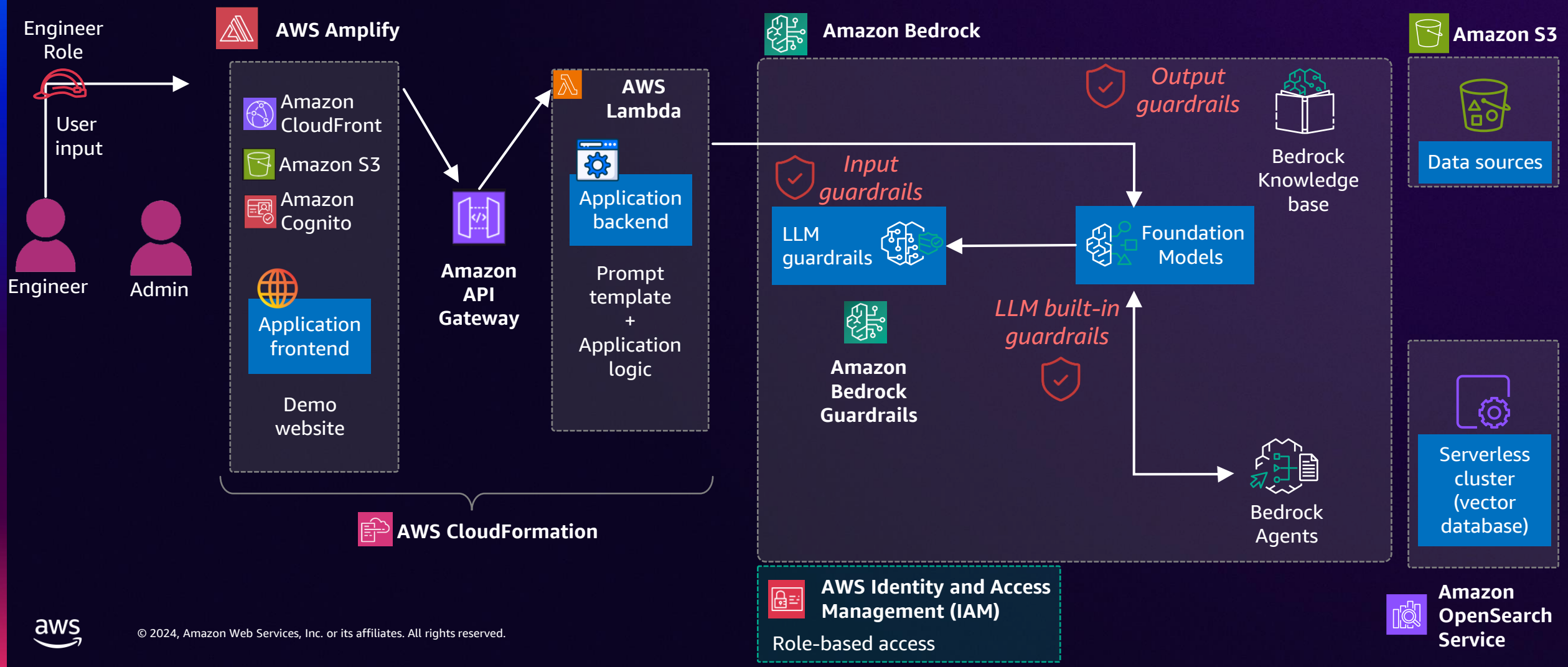

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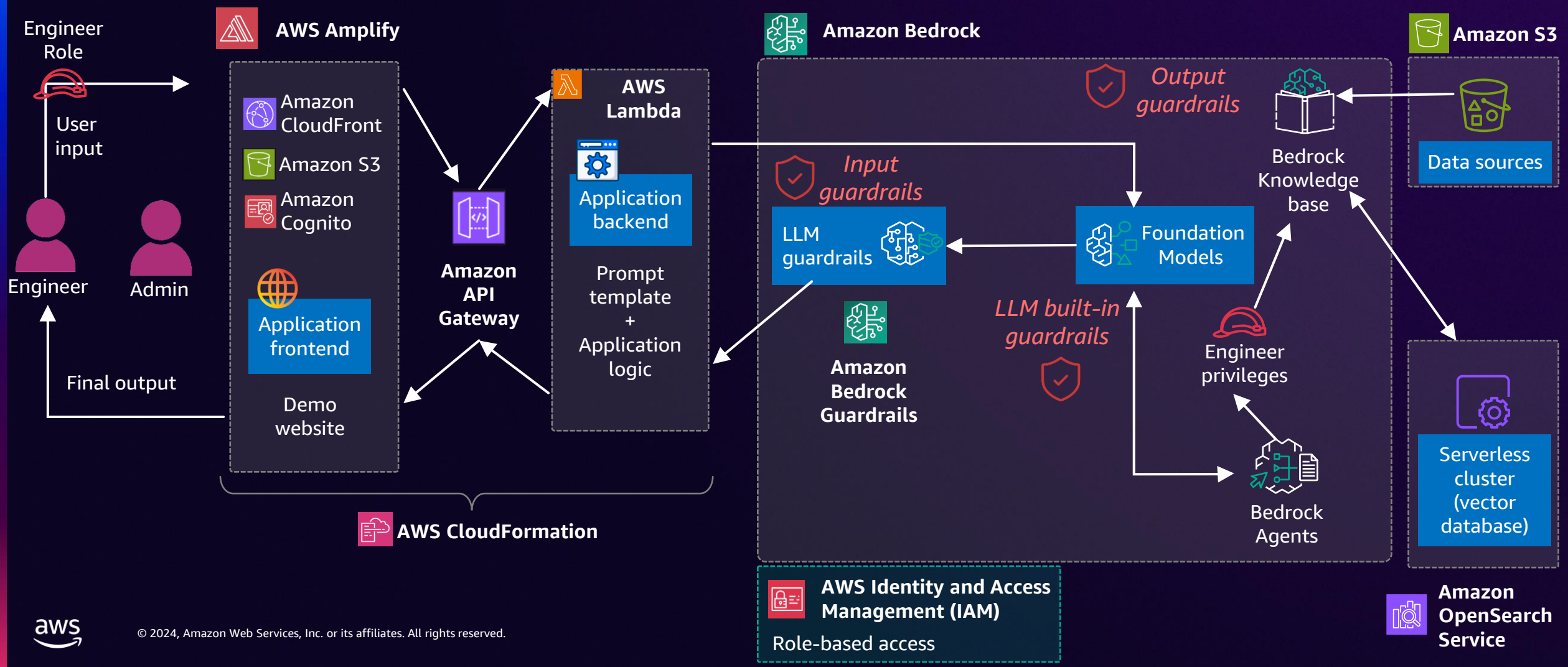

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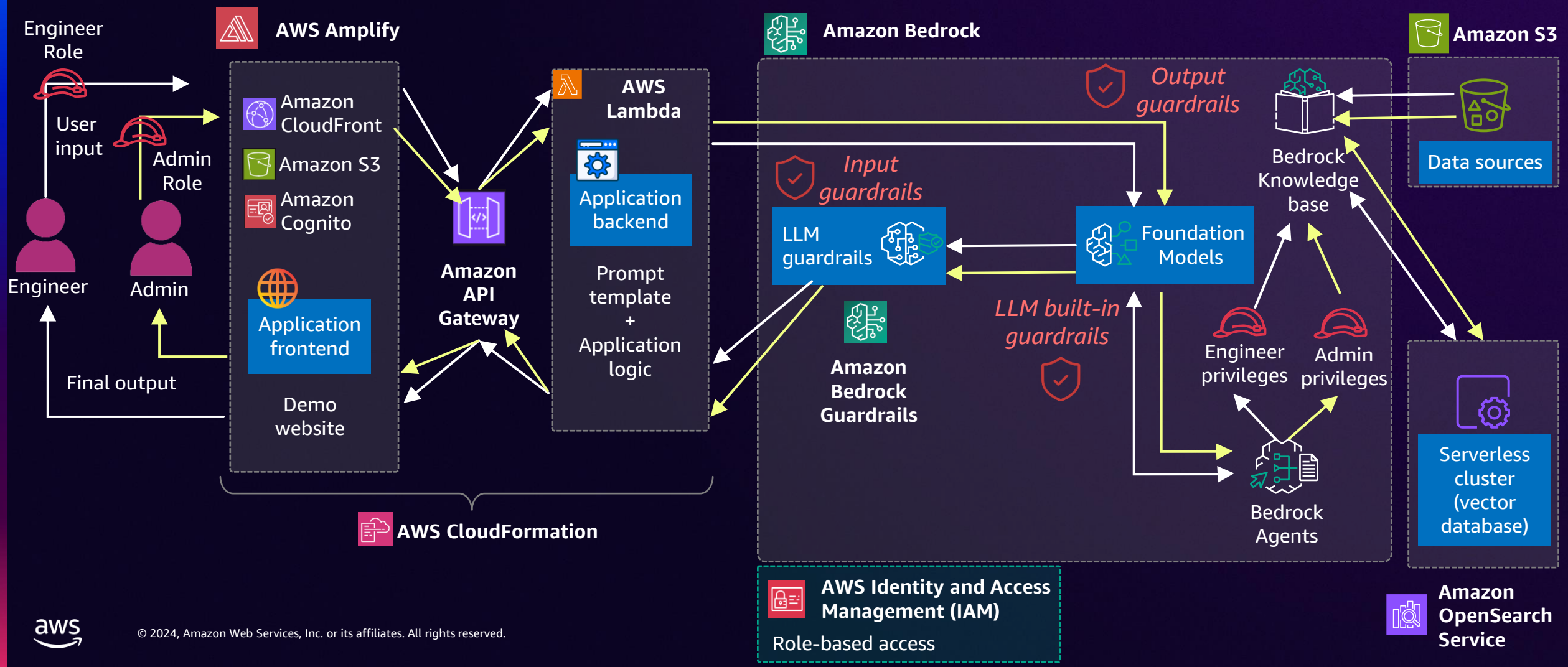

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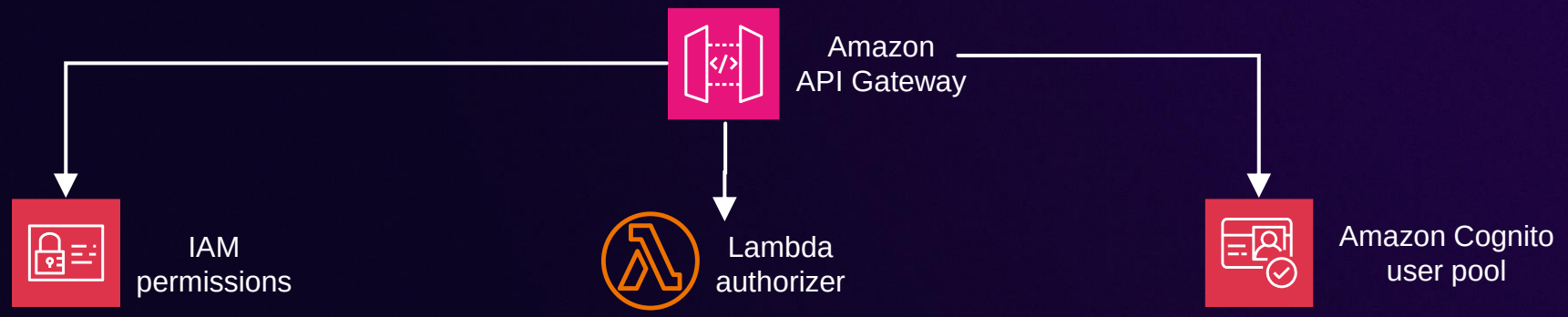

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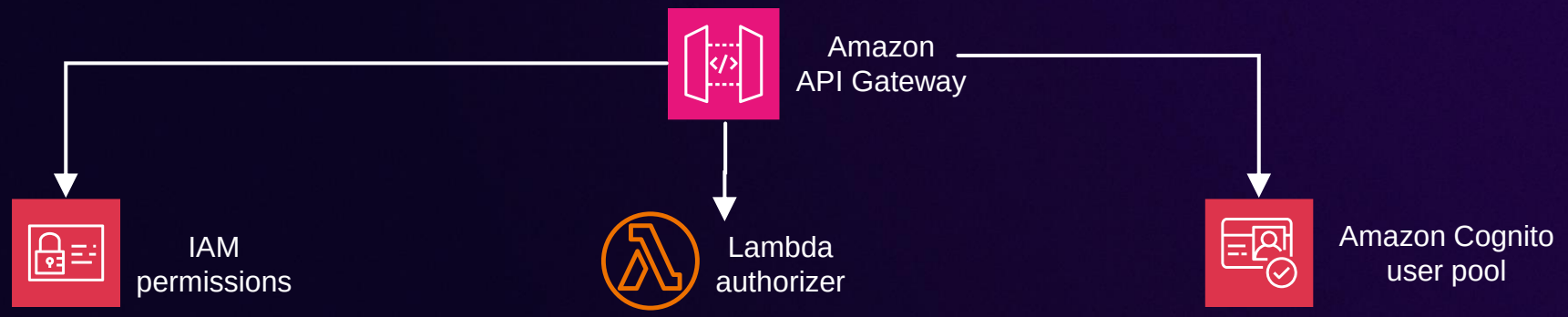

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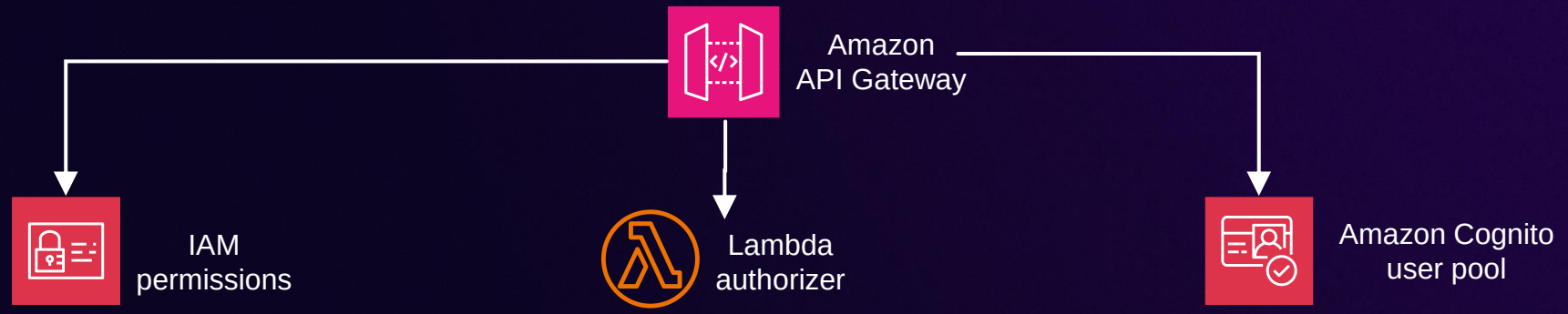

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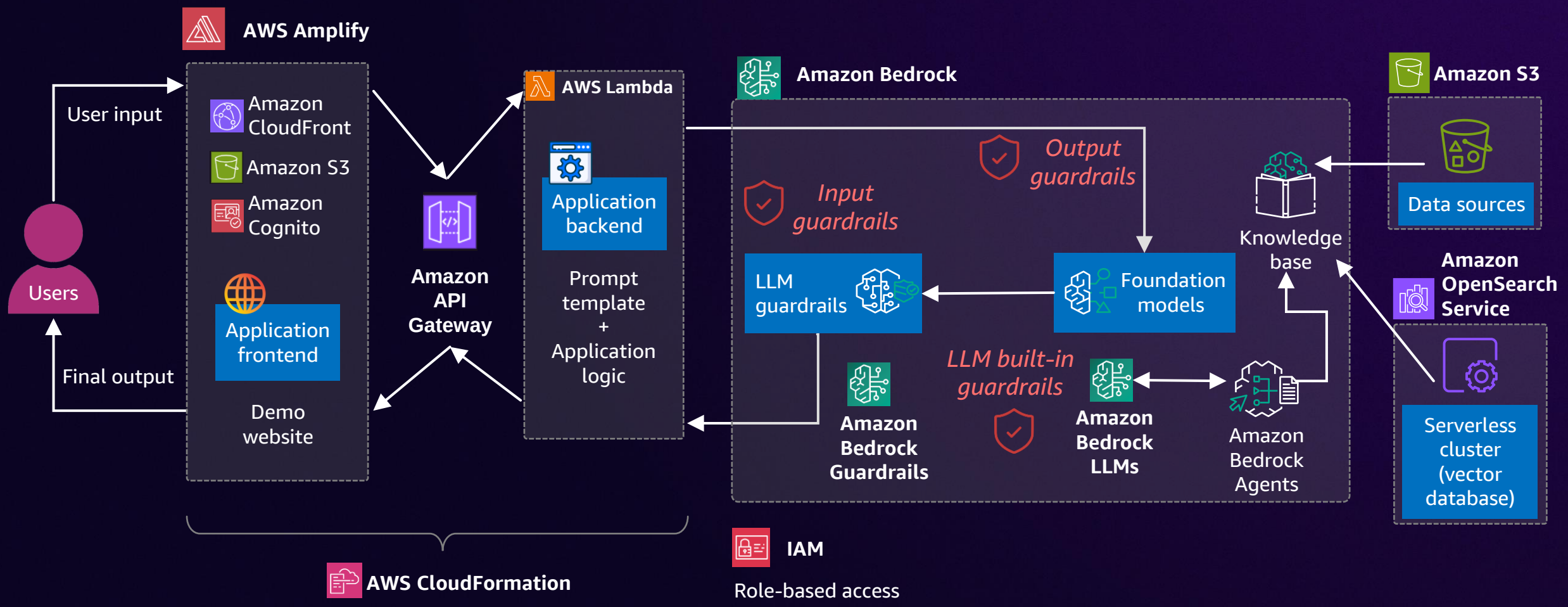

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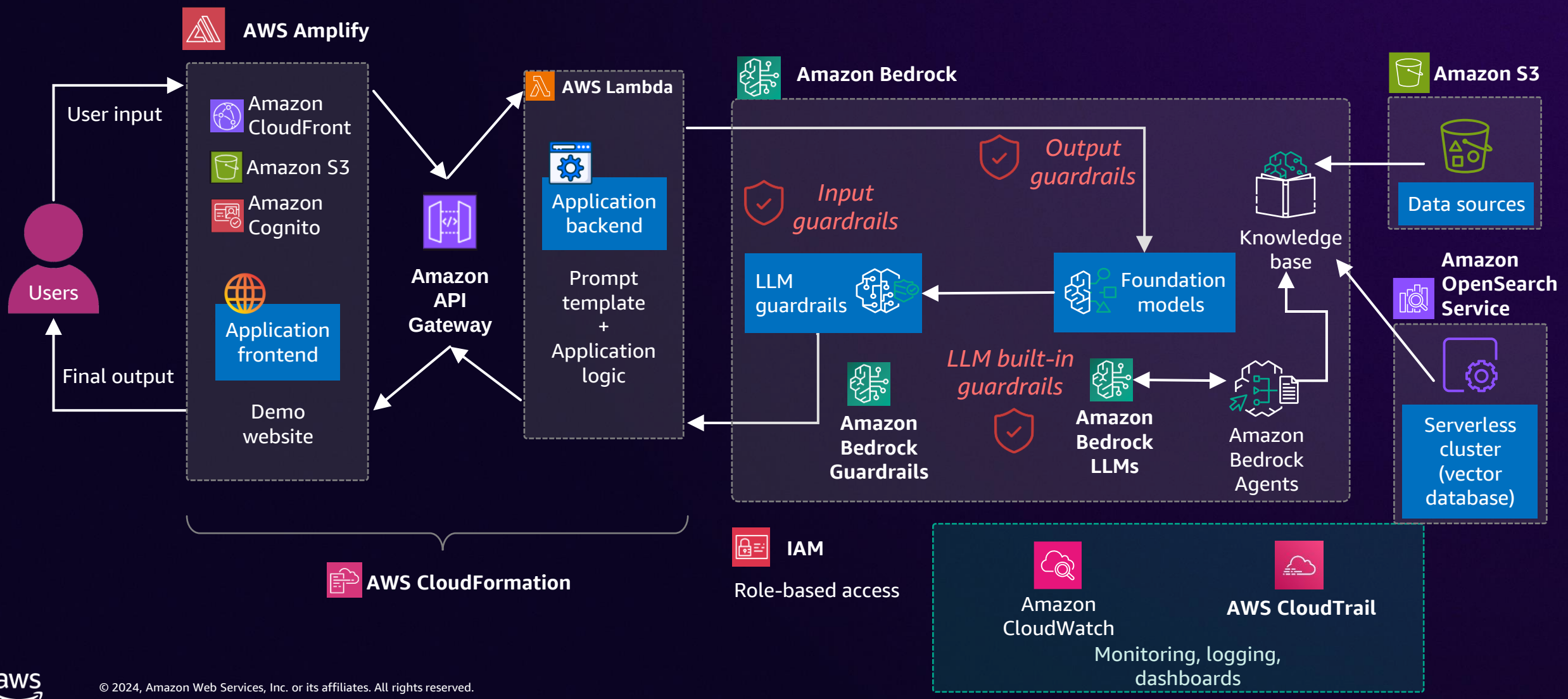

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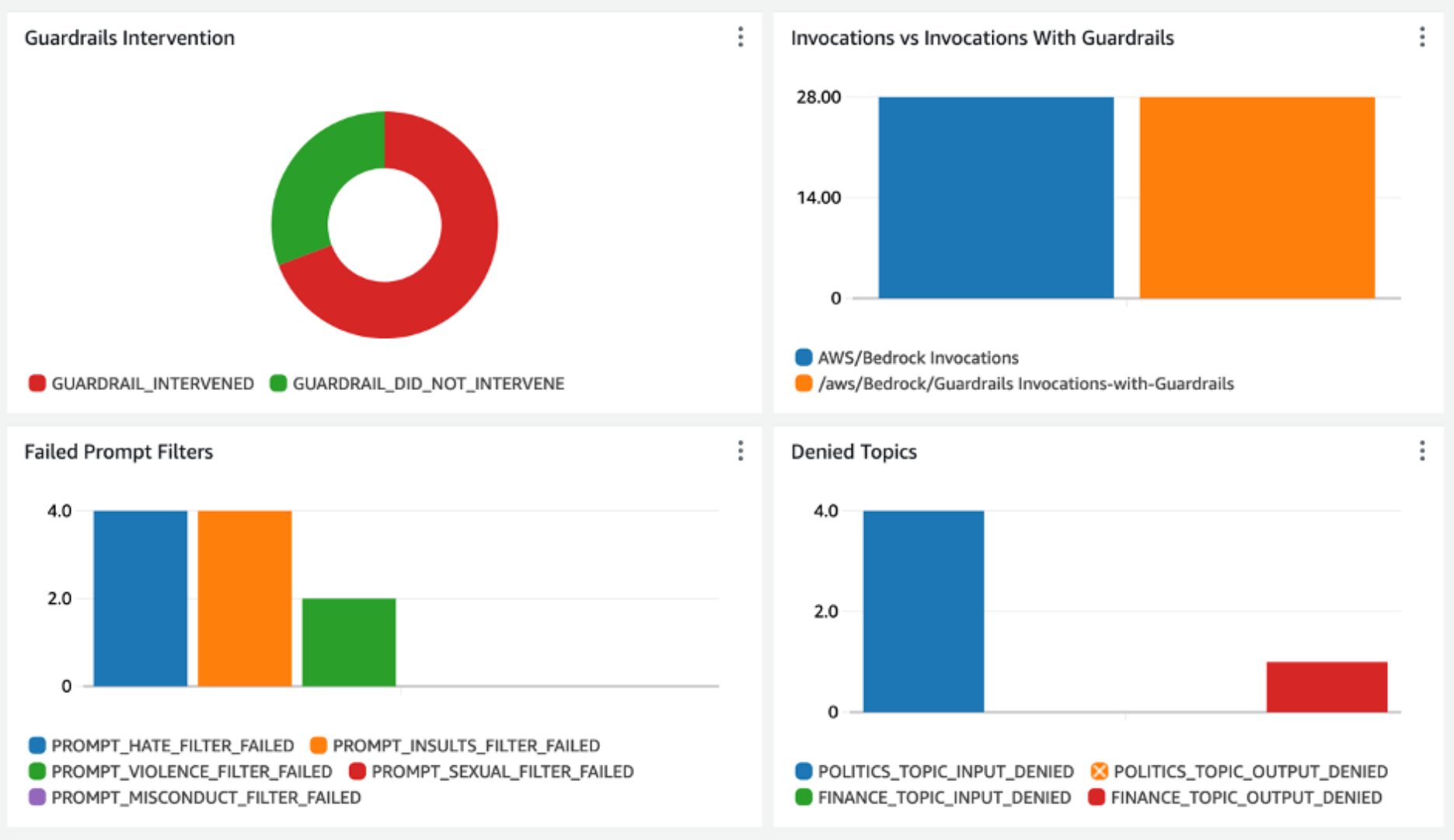

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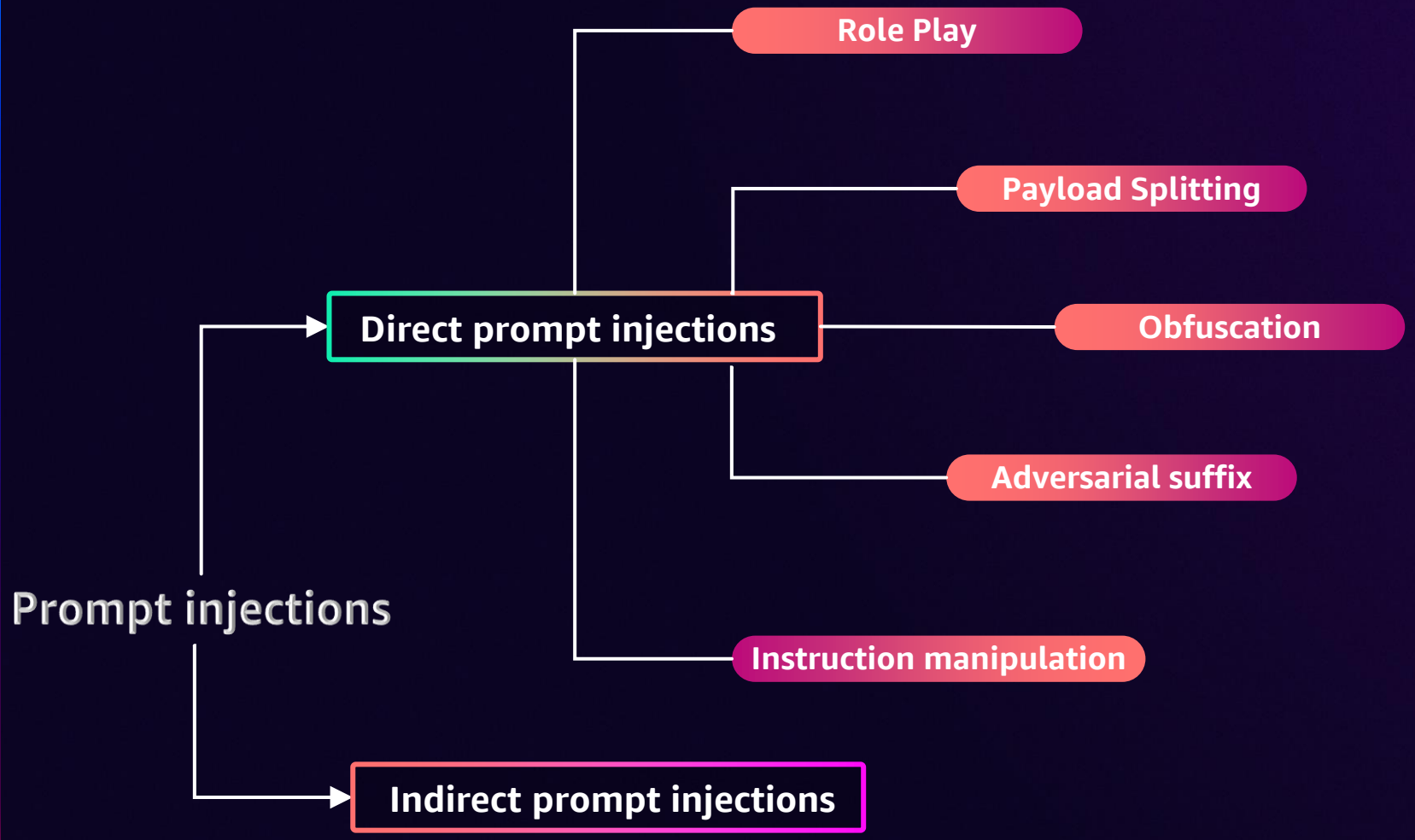

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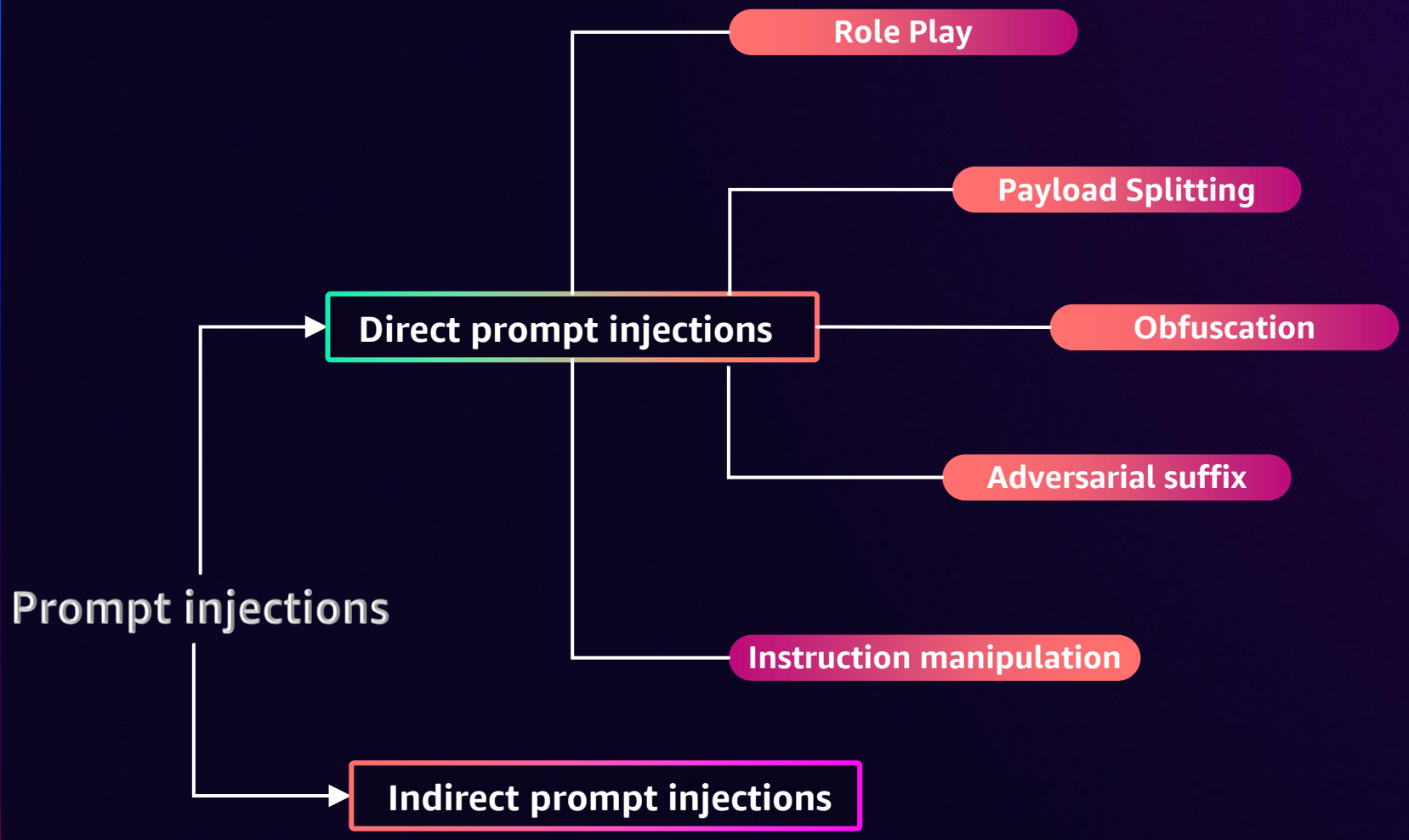

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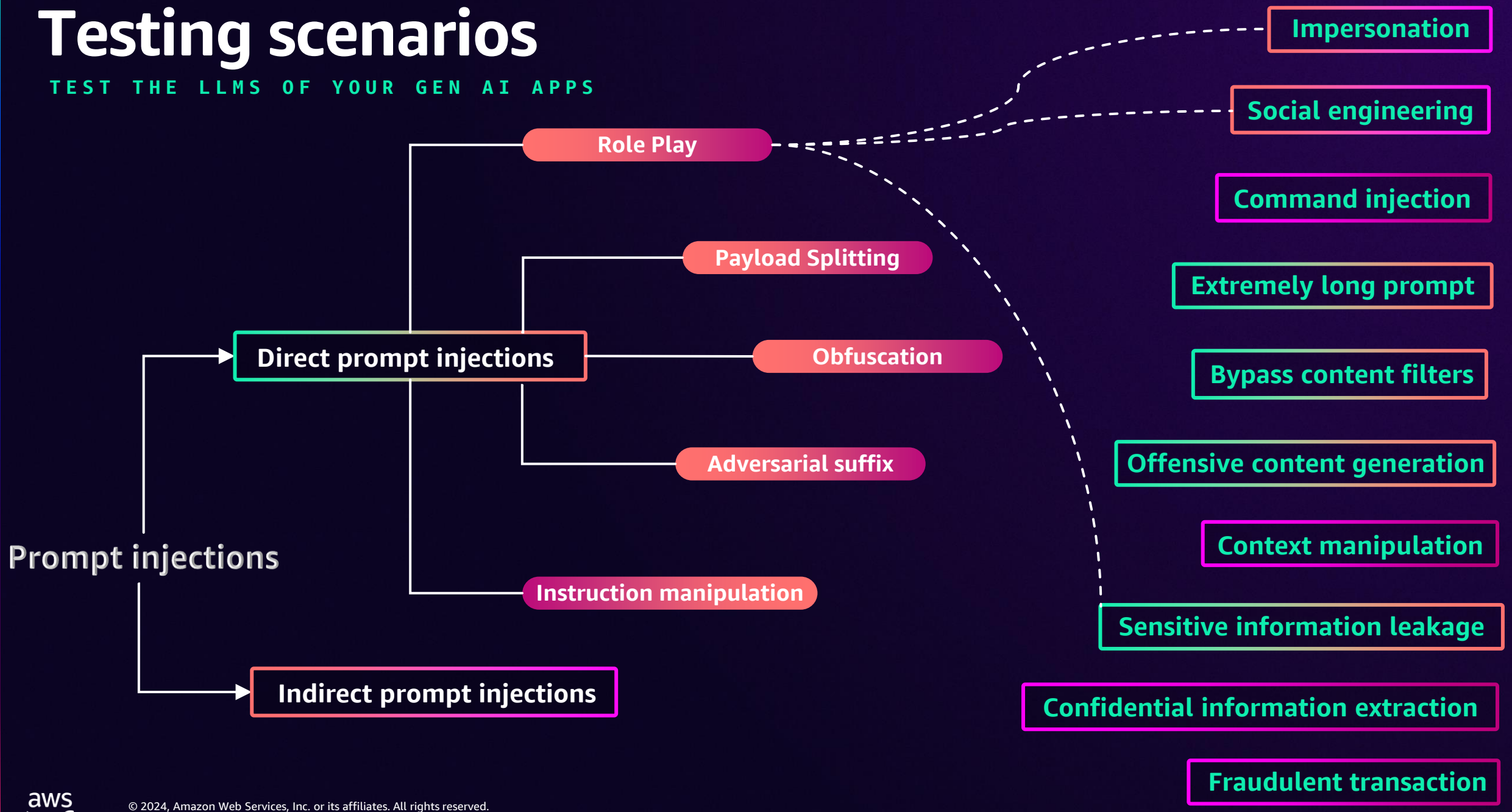

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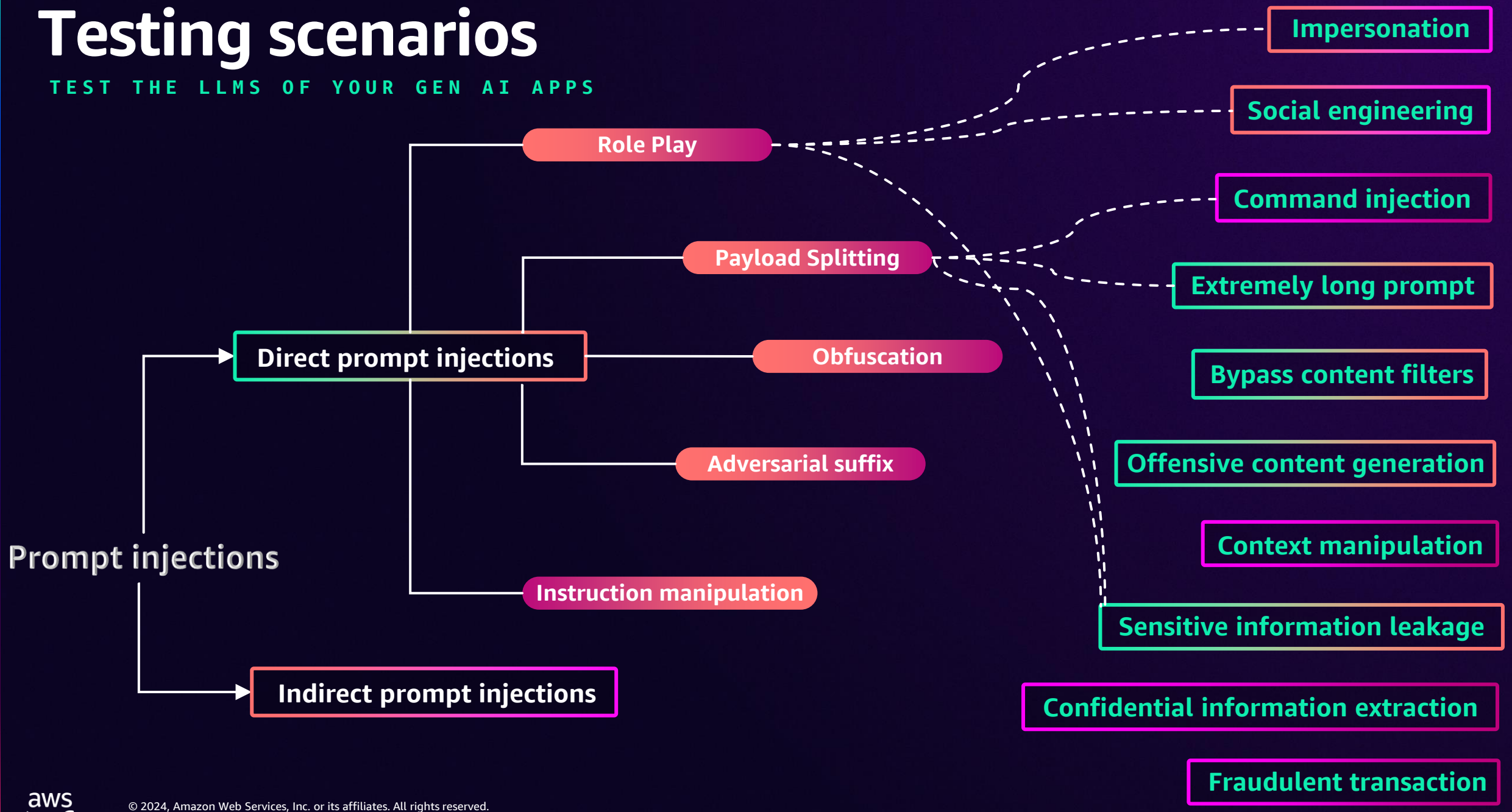

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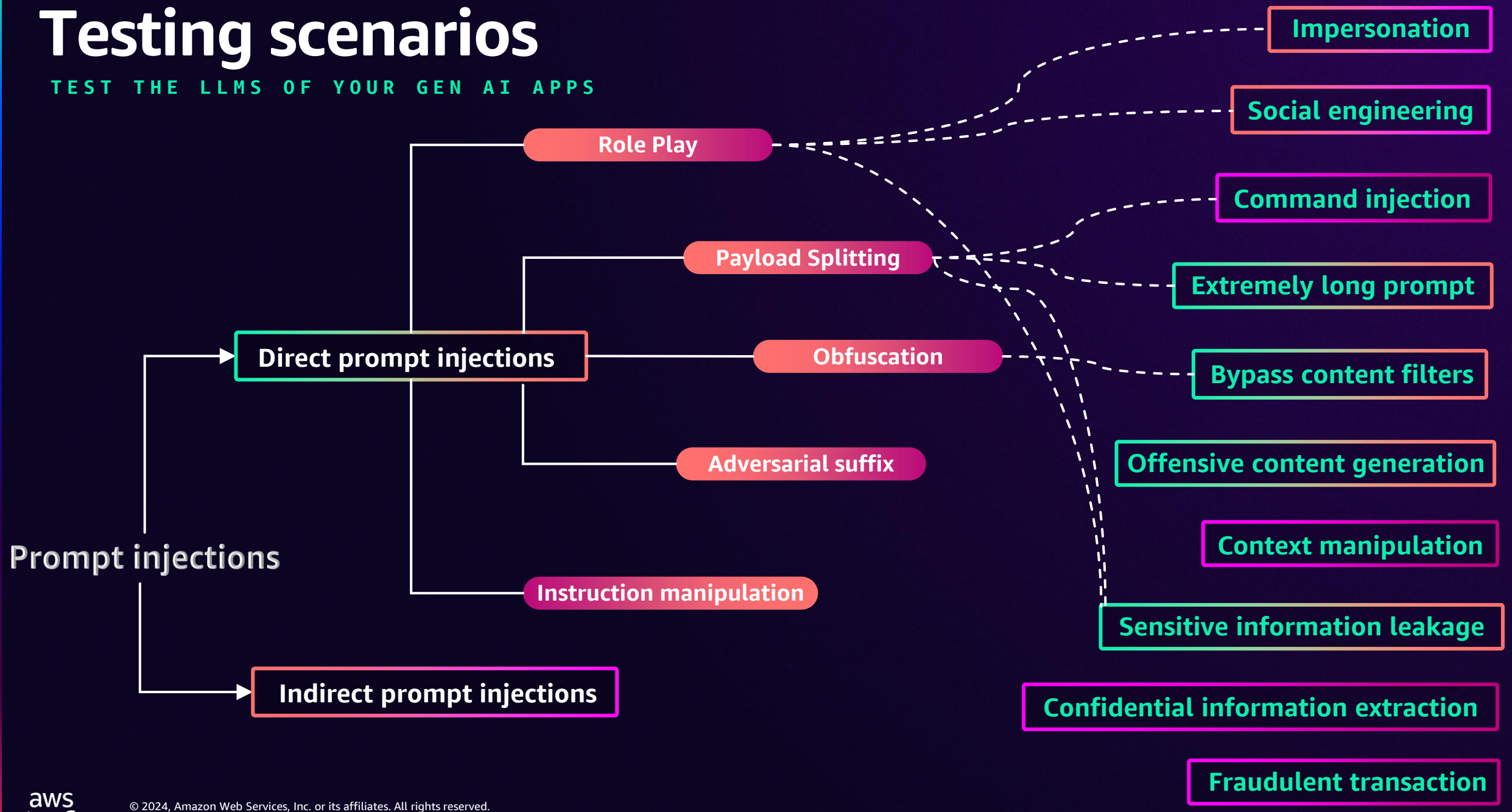

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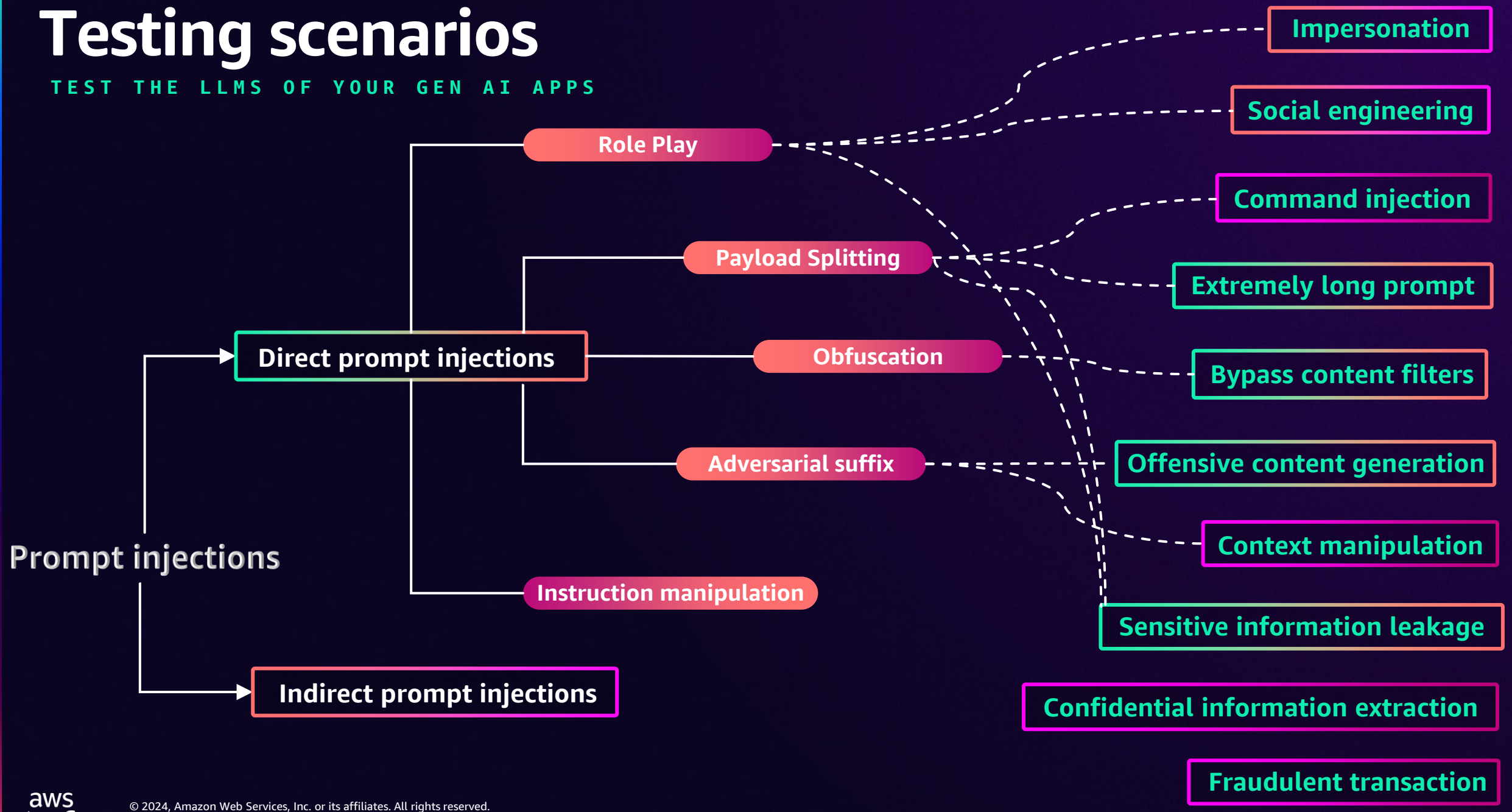

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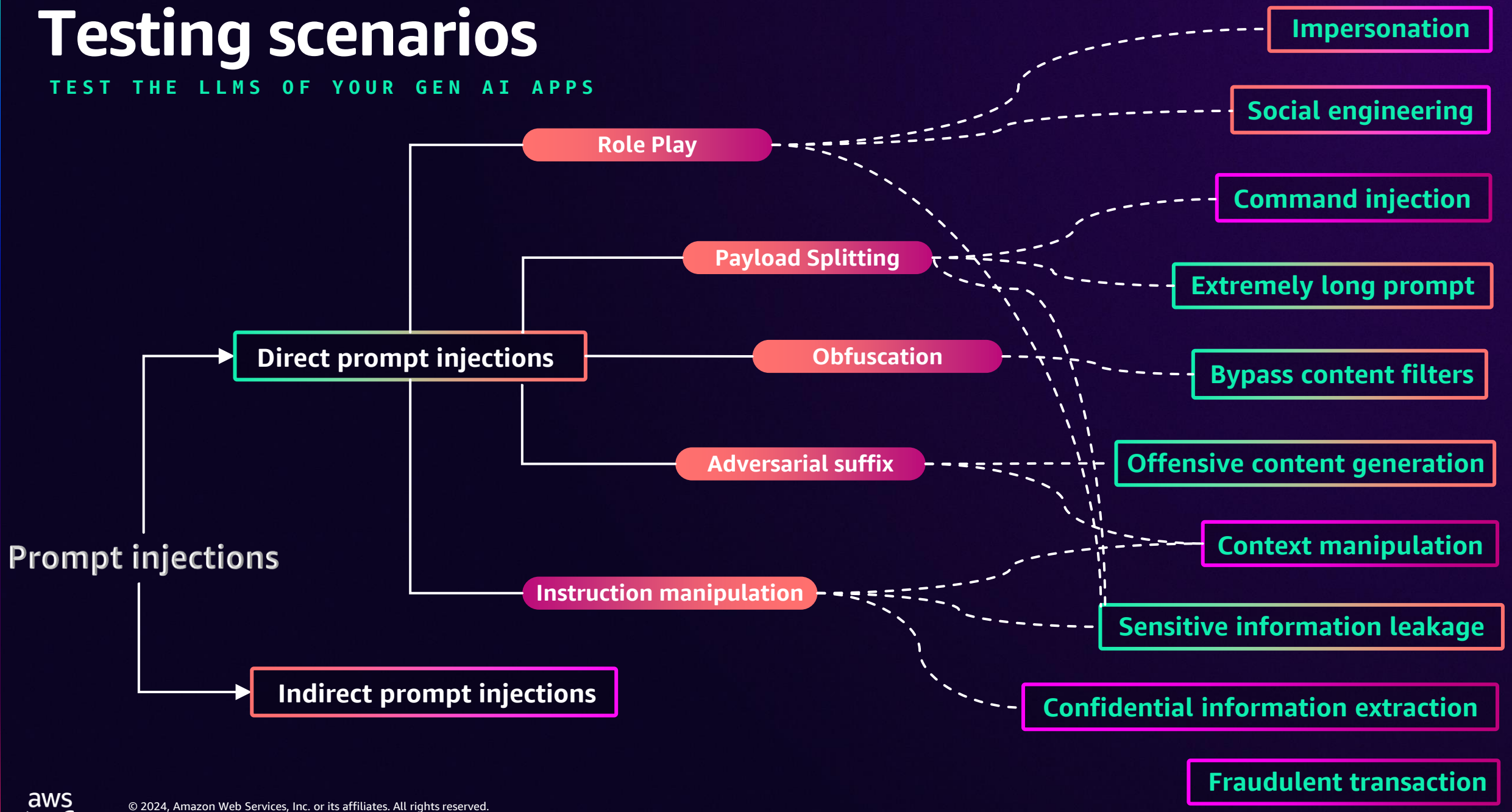

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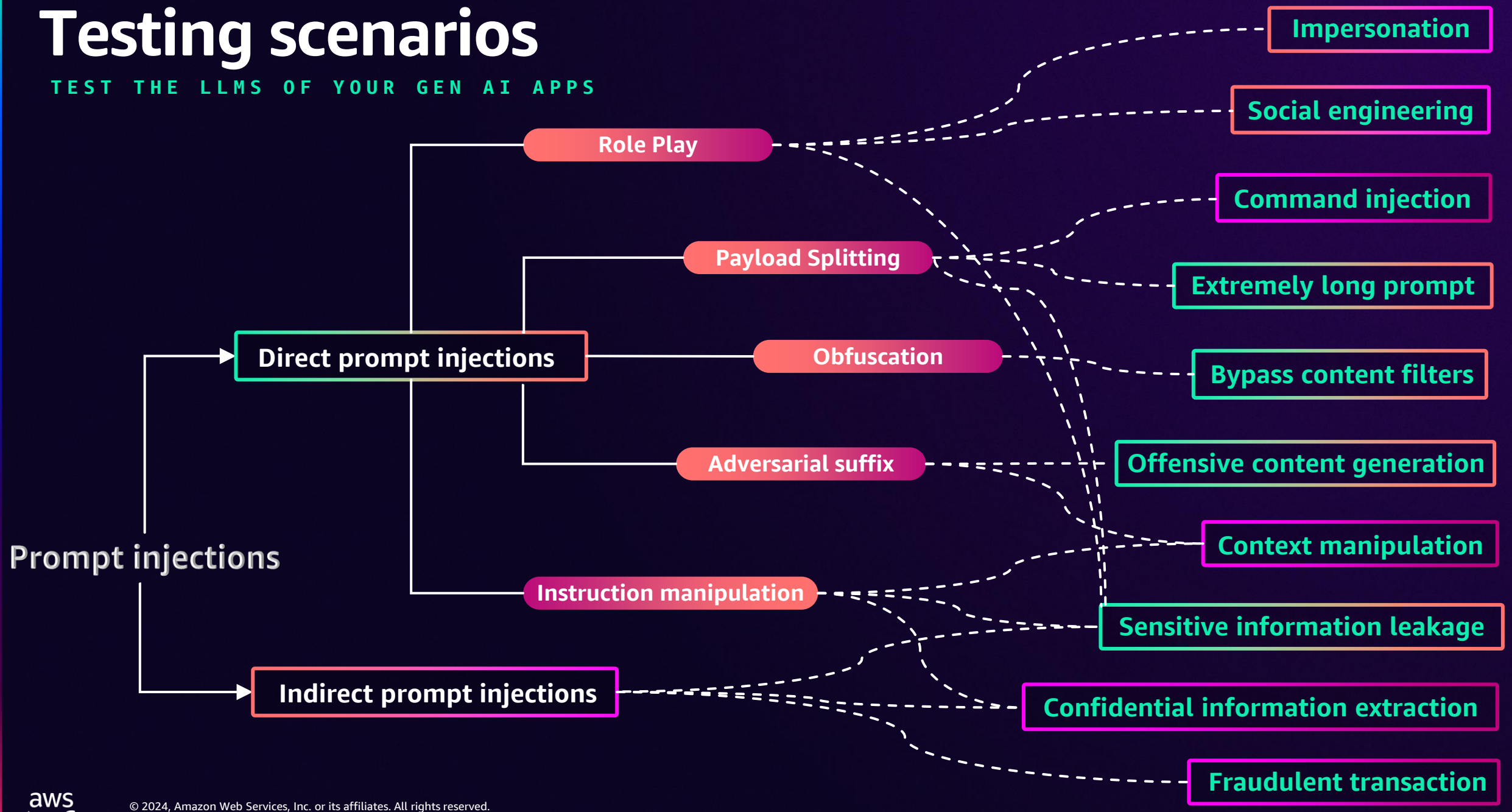

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Resources

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