How FINRA Member Firms Use GenAl

Generative AI (GenAI) use cases are emerging quickly in the financial industry. This use portfolio reflects some of the most common GenAI use cases FINRA has observed among our member firms. We are sharing how we categorize and define these uses, as it may be helpful to our fellow regulators, member firms, and others to have a shared terminology to facilitate discussions of this fast-evolving technology.

Use Case Types

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Summarization & Information Extraction Condensing large volumes of text and extracting specific entities, relationships, or key information from unstructured documents

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Content Generation & Drafting

Creating a variety of written content, including documents, reports, marketing materials, and other resources



Query Retrieving results from structured databases with natural language

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Conversational AI & Question Answering

Providing interactive, natural language responses to user queries through chatbots, virtual assistants, and voice interfaces



Classification & Categorization

Automatically sorting, labeling, and organizing data, documents, or transactions into predefined categories or groups



Synthetic Data Generation

Refers to the process of creating artificial datasets that resemble real-world data but are generated by computer algorithms or models rather than being collected from actual observations or measurements



Data Transformation Converting unstructured data into standardized formats



Sentiment Analysis Assess the tone of the text as positive, neutral, or negative



Workflow Automation & Process Intelligence

Optimizing business processes through intelligent routing, automation, and agents



Personalization & Recommendation

Tailoring products, services, or content to customer preferences and circumstances



Modeling & Simulation

Automation of financial modeling, forecasting, scenario creation, and simulations



Translation Translating text between supported languages, convert audio to text or vice versa

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Coding Generating functional code for specified inputs and output objectives



Analysis & Pattern Recognition

Identifying trends, correlations, or anomalies in complex datasets to generate insights and predictions. Including the identification of threat activity of adversaries

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