What is many-shot jailbreaking?

Many-shot jailbreaking exploits large context windows and in-context learning. The attacker pastes many fabricated dialogues where the assistant happily answers disallowed requests, then adds the real request at the end. The model treats the fake examples as the pattern to follow and complies. Effectiveness grows with the number of examples. Prompt-based mitigations reduce it but do not remove it; the reliable controls are context limits, intent classification, and output filtering.

HOW IT WORKS

01 Why many-shot jailbreaking matters

The attack rides the same capability that makes long-context models useful, so you cannot simply turn it off. It is model-agnostic and needs no gradient access or special tooling, just a long prompt. As context windows grow, the ceiling on this attack rises with them, which is why safety instructions alone are not a dependable stop.

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