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HuggingFace 🤗 Corporate Overview

- NYC-based; French founders
- Software and Services
- Open and collaborative platform

OK, So... What Is HuggingFace 🤗?

- Collaborative, open computing platform for AI/ML/NLP applications
- "GitHub for AI"
- Contains AI models, datasets, tools, and more

Demo 1: LHM Animation



Why Should I Care?

- Promotes open, accessible, and **transparent** AI research
- Share, reuse/remix, fine-tune, improve, etc.
- Open source tools for easy AI experimentation
- OpenAI is not in charge

Open Source, Open Weights, Open Models...

Open **Source** (as in "source code")

Think Firefox, Linux, etc. ["TensorFlow, PyTorch, HF Transformers"]

Open **Weights**

The actual numbers that comprise the AI's "memory"

Open **Model**

Source + Weights + Underlying resources for reproducing

Some Major "Open" AI Companies

Note: "OpenAI" is a separate company!

Google, OpenAI, Anthropic do release open models

- HuggingFace
- Meta (llama)
- Mistral
- Stability

Modes and Models

Modes:

- Text (LLM, spell-check)
- Vision (images / video in-out)
- Audio (T-T-S, S-T-T)
- Multimodal (combines 1+)

Model Examples:

- Text: GPT-3.5
- Vision: StableDiffusion
- Audio: Whisper
- Multimodal: GPT-4o

Datasets

- Used to train AI models
- Don't necessarily respect copyright!!

Demo 2: ChatUI Chatbot



Demo 3: Image Generator



Q&A

Thanks for attending!



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