CS 224G Project Pitches

Apps start here

Administrative Details

- Attendance secret code!　　　　Horseshoes for Hallucicorns

  - https://canvas.stanford.edu/courses/221239/quizzes/184467

- If you haven't already gotten in, please request access to the course Slack

  - https://cs224g-winter-2026.slack.com/

- We're moving! Details TBD ➜ certainly 420-040

- Office hours held in Gates 358 (Wednesday 2-4PM)

  - Reach out to me for Zoom – typically after business hours

- 2-3 minute project pitches

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Good Taste in Startup Projects

- ● New Technology Wave

    - ○ IC, PC, Networking, Web, Web 2.0, Mobile, Crypto, AI

- ● Slightly ahead of the curve

    - ○ Too far is no good (surfing is a really good analogy here)

        - ■ I wrote a book chapter 30 years ago foreshadowing GAN techniques

        - ■ Started coming back to AI 15 years ago

- ● Alertness to trends, and gaps in markets/products

Your Project Proposals (Due EOD Tuesday 1/13)

- 1 page only!

- Team/project name

- Team members (names and SUIDs)

- 1-line description (3-12 words)

- 1-paragraph abstract

- Who is your target customer/user?

- Proposed schedule and milestones

Challenge: Pitch Us in Less Than 3 Minutes!

- X sucks, is slow, tedious, complicated, inefficient, expensive (pick at least 1)

- Engage us, the audience, perhaps ask a question

- Elevator pitch

  - We can't live without this after hearing you

- Tell us why we should join you

  - Your superpower, who you look for

- Bonus : Demo

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2-3 minute pitches!

We All Have an "LLM" in Our Brain!

- Our "LLM": Speech area
- Prefrontal cortex
  - Inhibition and attention
  - Planning
  - Long-term memory
  - Monitoring external signals
- If prefrontal cortex is damaged, "Speak without thinking"

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