Agent Quick Hack

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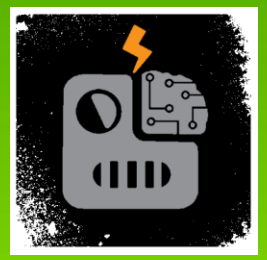

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Hi! I'm Max Irwin.

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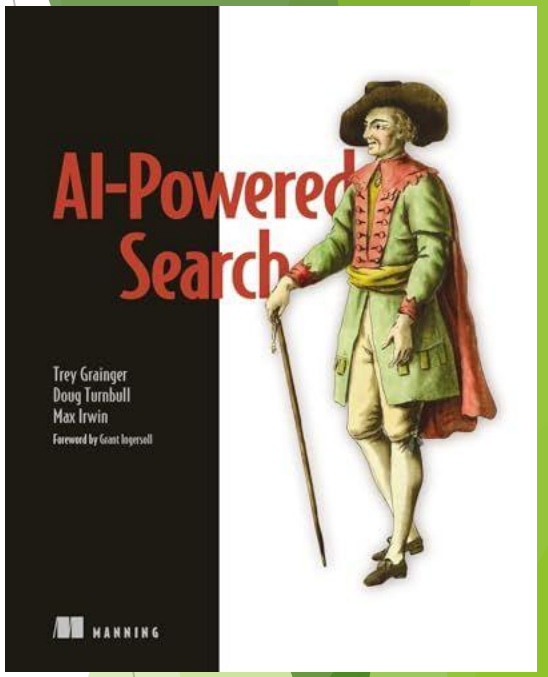

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Team Questions

- Does everyone have a github account?
- Who is good with FastAPI or Flask?
- Who is good with Pandas/Parquet?
- Who is good with SQL/SQLite?
- Who is good with Prompts?
- Who is good with OpenAI?

Our Dev Process

https://github.com/maxdotio/agent-quick-hack

- Fork the Repository
- Clone the Fork Locally
- Make Changes and Commit
- Push Changes to GitHub
- Create a Pull Request*
- Get the Pull Request Merged
- Fetch any changes from Upstream

When you open a new PR, shout!

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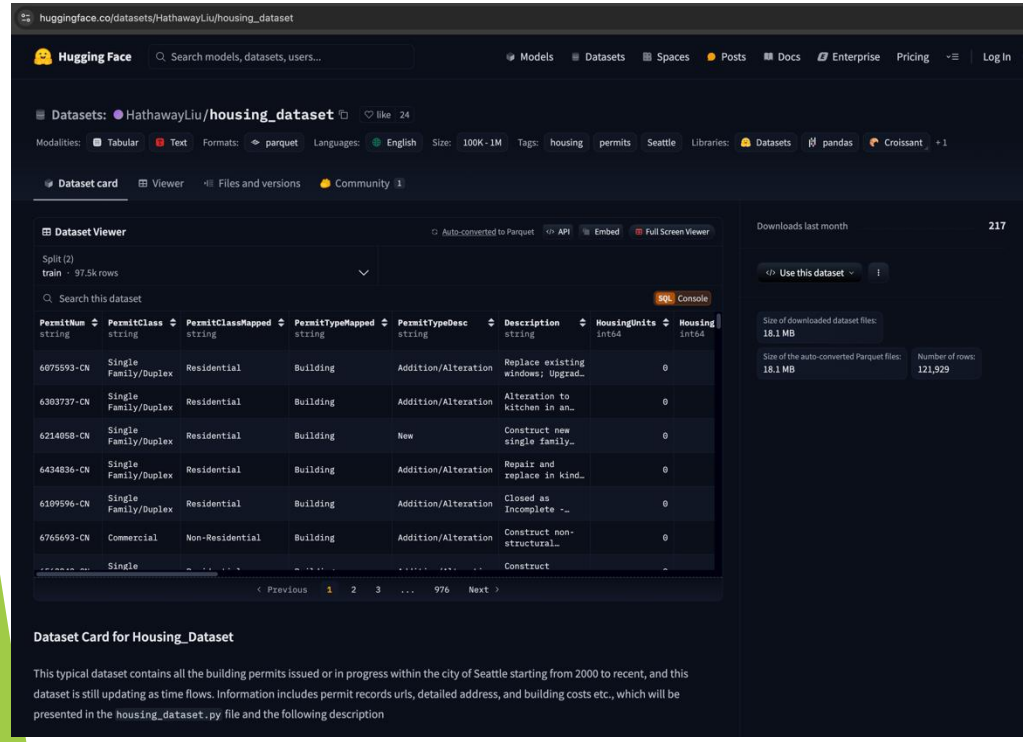
Let’s Build an Agent! Quick!

- Download a dataset
- Export the dataset to a sqlite table
- Make a FastAPI or Flask app
- Accept a user request from a webpage
- Send the user request with a prompt and some context to an LLM
- Have the LLM generate some SQL and a post-processor
- Execute the generated SQL on our table
- Execute the post-processor on the resultset
- Return the results to the webpage
- Iterate (if we have time)

Can we do this in an hour???

Dataset

https://huggingface.co/datasets/HathawayLiu/housing_dataset



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Web App

- We need a basic Python app that we can view in the browser
- Jupyter notebooks are tired. We want something real!
- Use FastAPI or Flask
- Two routes:
  - GET `/` → returns an HTML form with a textbox
  - POST `/report` → takes the form input and displays the output
- This will also be where we put our Python modules

SQL

- We need to create a SQL table to hold our dataset.
- We're using sqlite3 because it's a builtin and it's easy to use.
- The SQL table should be documented with a data dictionary.
- Write a command-line method to use the *datasets* module to download the dataset and populate the SQL table
- Write a module that will be used by the Web App to execute SELECTs

Prompts

- We need to make two prompts that will generate SQL and a Post-Processor
- The SQL should be a valid SQLite SELECT statement.
  - WARNING: We will run the LLM output on our SQLite database!
- The Post-processor should be valid Python to generate HTML.
  - WARNING: We will run the Python code with exec() using the resultset!
- Consider writing more prompts to check the safety of the output

LLM Integration

- Using our prompts, we need a way to call OpenAI's API.
- Make one or more methods that accepts a prompt and returns the output
  - I'll email you a temporary OPENAI_API_KEY
  - Use python-dotenv to manage the key (don't save it in github!)
- Consider building in some checks using the safety prompt!
- Consider using structured output with chain-of-thought!

Controller

- We need a module that runs everything!
  - accepts a natural language query from user input
  - calls OpenAI with the SQL prompt
  - gets the SQL output
  - executes the SQL command against the database
  - calls OpenAI with the Post-processor prompt
  - executes the post-processor code with the resultset
  - returns the HTML output

Let’s Gooooooooo!