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LLM Council Refactoring & Local Deployment

The LLM Council by Andrej Karpathy is a system where multiple LLMs independently answer a user query, anonymously review and rank each other's responses, and then a designated “Chairman” LLM synthesizes their outputs into a single final answer.



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What is the LLM Council?

- Multiple LLMs answer the same user query
- Models review and rank each other's answers anonymously
- A **Chairman LLM** synthesizes the final combined response
- Originally uses **OpenRouter** to access multiple models



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Council Workflow

- **Stage 1 – First Opinions**

- Each LLM answers the question independently
 - Responses shown in a tabbed interface

- **Stage 2 – Review**

- Each LLM ranks the other models' answers
 - Anonymized identities prevent bias

- **Stage 3 – Chairman Final Answer**

- Chairman LLM aggregates all answers
 - Produces the final result



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Project Goal

The goal is to refactor the project so that the different LLMs in the “LLM Council” run locally on your own machines, using Ollama instead of OpenRouter/OpenAI.



- Replace external LLM provider calls ([OpenRouter](#)) → with **local LLMs running via Ollama**
- Build a **distributed multi-LLM system** (LLM Council)
- Demonstrate a **working end-to-end prototype** in class



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Team Requirements

- Groups of **maximum 5 students**
- Clone the GitHub repo by **Andrej Karpathy**
- Work collaboratively on refactoring and deployment
- Final evaluation will occur **during the last TD session**



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Mandatory Requirements

- Replace **OpenRouter** with **Ollama** for all LLM calls
- Each team member must run **at least one model**
- Models may run:
 - on separate machines, or
 - on the same PC if resources allow
- Machines must communicate via **Ollama REST API**
- Chairman LLM must run on a **separate instance** (ideally separate machine)



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Evaluation Criteria

- **Code quality** (refactoring, modularization, clean logic)
- **Functionality** (fully working council & chairman workflow)
- **Improvements** added to the original repo
- **Documentation** (README, setup guide, architecture, report)
- **Teamwork & clarity** during live demo



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Final Notes

- Deadline will be announced later on **Moodle**
- Final demo will take place **in class**
- Make sure all machines are tested and connected before evaluation



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Enhancement Ideas

- Backend Enhancement
 - Add Model Health & Status Checks
 - Automatic ping/heartbeat for each remote Ollama endpoint.
 - Display model load time, speed, availability.
 - API Rate & Token Cost Tracking
 - Even with local LLMs, track tokens in/out estimated, cost for cloud models
- Frontend Enhancement Ideas
 - Tab view can be improved with:
 - color-coded model responses
 - collapsible/expandable panels
 - side-by-side comparison mode
 - “diff view” highlighting differences between outputs
 - Model Performance Dashboard: latency per model, token throughput, consistency score, ranking results, etc
 - Dark Mode / Light Mode Simple UI enhancement but improves usability.



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Ambitious Enhancements

- Drag-and-Drop Council Builder
 - Drag LLM icons into a “council room” UI
 - Assign Chairman role visually
- Plugins or Tool Use
 - Enable the council to call tools (calculator, web search, code executor)

