

All
right,
hey
everyone,
welcome
back
to
Coding
Temple's
Agile
Leaders.
We
help
product
and
tech
leaders
execute
and
innovate
in
these
rapidly
changing
times
with
more
confidence
and
velocity.
I'm
your
host,
Evan
Shye.
Today
we
are
joined
by
my
friend,
Greg
Lachnane,
the

co-founder
and
CEO
of
AI
Maker
Space,
where
him
and
his
incredible
team
are
building
the
world's
leading
community
for
building
production
LLM
applications.
So
this
episode
is
for
the
technologists
out
there
looking
to
push
the
bleeding
edge
of
AI
in
their
organization.
Thank

you
so
much
for
being
here,
Greg.
Yeah,
thanks
for
having
me,
Evan.
It's
awesome
to
be
here
with
you.
Well,
I
have
the
pleasure
of
knowing
a
little
bit
about
your
background
and
how
impressive
it
is
and
why
you
are
my
go-to
source

for
everything
related
to
AI,
but
maybe
you
can
share
a
little
bit
about
your
journey
with
the
audience
here.
Yeah,
you
know,
in
2015,
I
graduated
with
my
PhD.
It
was
an
optimization
at
the
time.
And
part
of
the
reason
I
even
got

it
was
because
I
kind
of
loved
teaching.
And
I
started
doing
that
as
an
undergrad.
So
quickly
kind
of
came
out
of
school,
got
into
government
contracting,
consulting
and
started
work
with
teams
to
commercialize
tech.
And
that
kind
of
led
me
into
liking

the
startup
vibe
more
than
the
big
companies.

And
I
found
it
was
very
hard
to
make
money
with
research.

And
even
though
I
started
to
do
some
consulting
outside
of
government
contracting
with
actual
startups,
I
found
it
was
really
still
hard
to
make

money
with
AI
at
the
time,
16,
17,
18.
And
I
started
doing
a
lot
of
sort
of
just
research
for
the
CTO
and
you're
kind
of
taking
this
work
that
you
do
and
you're
thrown
it
over
the
wall
of
the
engineering
team
and

it
often
dies
on
the
mind.
You
know,
this
kind
of
pushed
me
more
and
more
towards
trying
to
get
inside
and
build
something
with
a
team
towards
product
management.
So
I
kind
of
went
and
I
went
to
entrepreneurship
school,
dabbled
in
some
startups

that
weren't
mind
all
along
I'm
teaching
and
then
COVID
hits.

And
I
realized
like,
man,
online
teaching
and
learning
is
like,
this
is
like
the
future.

I
like,
I
have
got
to
get
into
this.
I've
always
loved
teaching.
It's
never
really
paid,
but

I
got
the
feeling
at
the
time
this
is
what
I
should
be
focused
on.
2020
actually
take
a
full
time
job
teaching.
So
I'm
teaching
five
days
a
week.
I'm
trying
to
become
like
the
best
at
online
teaching
and
learning.
And
you
know,

it
was
a
big
opportunity
because
still
most
people
have
never
been
to
a
Zoom
room.
That's
like
really,
really
well
run.
It's
not
like
a
thing
that
people
have
experienced.
But
it
can
be
done.
And
you
know,
this
is
something
I've
been
working

on
for
the
last
four
or
five
years.
I
tried
to
launch
a
course
back
then
teaching
people
3D
printing.
It
was
a
disaster.
I
don't
really
know
what
I
was
doing.
Headed
out
to
Silicon
Valley
to
sort
of
learn
startups,
learn
the
industry

of
ed
tech,
understand
boot
camps.

It's
kind
of
got
me
into
a
role
at
the
company
called
fourth
brain,
which
is
very
close
to
deep
learning

AI
and
got
me
kind
of
close
to
a
lot
of
people
that
are
kind
of
at
the

top
of
the
industry.

I
looked
around
and
I
realized
like
this
is
what
I
want
to
be
doing
building
these
boot
camps,
but
this
sort
of
VC
product,
VC
backed
ed
tech
boot
camp
business
model.

It's
not
quite
right.
And
so,
you
know,

after
Chad
GBT
came
out
2023,
I
realized,
man,
this
is
the
year.
I
want
to
do
this
a
little
bit
better
than
I've
ever
seen
anybody
do
it.
This
kind
of
led
to
what
AI
maker
space
has
become
today.
So
we're
building
boot

camps
out
on
the
edge
of
what's
possible
with
open
source.
And
that's
LLM
today
in
production.
I
love
it,
man.
I
knew
there
were
some
similarities
in
our
journey,
but
I
didn't
quite
appreciate
how
much.
I
guess
I've
been
an
entrepreneur
my
entire

career,
but
did
some
time
in
an
academia,
a
few
of
us
in
a
PhD
program
and
was
publishing
research
and
realizing
how
far
of
a
distance
or
golf
there
was
between
the
work
we
were
publishing
and
the
impact
I
was
having
on
people's

lives
and
ended
up
starting
trying
to
do
skill
development,
building
applications
to
deliver
to
that
skill
development
to
make
a
bigger
impact
in
people's
lives.
And
then,
you
know,
a
lot
of
philosophical
alignment
in
terms
of
how
can
we
do
that
better
and

ultimately
brought
both
of
us
here,
I
think.
Were
there
any
skills
that
were
kind
of
most
transferable
from
that
past
life
into
more
of
the
operator
seat,
product
leader
seat?
Yeah,
I
mean,
you
know,
I
think
when
I
look
across
all
of
it,

it's
kind
of
like
this
willingness
to
sort
of
like
attack
one
thing
as
hard
as
you
can
at
each
period.
So
it
kind
of
is
like
resilience
is
number
one.
It's
kind
of
like
cookie
cutter
thing,
but
like,
you
know,
like
I
was

deeply
under
employed
for
long
stretches,
you
know,
throughout
this
journey.
And
it's
just
part
of
like
continuing
to
just
smash
the
grind.
But
each
sort
of
skill
I
learned
a
long
way,
like
doing
research,
very
important
if
you're
going
to
do
consult
thing,

right?
And
then
building
a
startup,
actually
the
way
you
build
it
out
to
be
in
with
and
find
product
market
fit
and
figure
out
what
you
should
be
building
is
kind
of
through
consulting.
And
so
like,
you
know,
each
of
these
things
kind

of
stacks
on
each
other.
And
then
it
was
very,
very
helpful
to
go
sort
of
get
the
broad
perspective
of
entrepreneurship
school,
dabble
a
little
bit
of
this
and
that.
And
then
as
a
CEO,
I'm
finding
I
go
back
to
some
of
that,

you
know,
okay,
I
have
a
CFO
day.
I
got
to
go
pick
up
how
to
actually
do
the
balance
sheet
stuff.
Okay,
I
have
this
kind
of
day.
And,
you
know,
I
think
that
that's
been,
it's
just
kind
of
all
come
together
because

the
startup
CEO
is
kind
of
an
everything
job.
So
you
kind
of
have
to
stack
it
one
piece
at
a
time.
Amen,
man.
Even
something
as
seemingly
singularly
constrained
to
science
or
research,
but
just
the
scientific
method
or
running
experiments
appropriately
and
developing

hypotheses.
And
it
always
doesn't
have
to
be
this
like
perfectly
elaborate
experiment,
but
even
just
thinking
in
ways
where
you
can
actually
test
hypotheses
or
expose
where
you're
wrong.
I
think
is
a
useful
thing
for
a
lot
of
entrepreneurs
who
are
trying
to.

That's
right.
And
I
think
like
I've
talked
to,
you
know,
mentors
of
mine,
whatever,
it's
like
this
idea
that
what
is
your
hypothesis?
Because
the
thing
about
business
is
like
you
have
to
figure
out
what's
true
about
your
customers,
you
have
to
figure

out
what's
true
about
what's
going
wrong
in
your
company.
And
it's
like,
it's
like
the
opposite
of
sort
of
like
beginning
emotional
about
it
and
whatever
you
feel
about
it.
And
so
you've
got
to
be
able
to
say,
okay,
and
the
decision
making

framework
of
the
hypothesis
is
very
useful
because
otherwise
like
if
you're
trying
to
think
about
everything
and
how
it
engages
in
interacts,
like
you
can't
make
any
decisions.
It's
like
this
hypothesis,
this
is
how
I'm
going
to
test
it.
You
know,
it's
very,

very,
it's
exactly
that
in
business.
Yeah,
that
you
have
to
have
a
scientific
method,
you
know,
let's
get
to
the
truth
as
fast
as
possible
because
we're
going
to
get
there
one
way
or
another
and
like
let's
not
pay
a
toll
for
the

fee
tour,
you
know.
So
kind
of
leaning
back
on,
I
guess
some
of
your
consulting
work
and
then
now
what
you're
seeing
with
technologists
and
technical
leaders
inside
enterprises,
you
know,
obviously
a
lot
of
organizations,
most
probably
organizations
are
starting
to
really
look

at
AI
and
recognize
that
there
are
meaningful
implications
that
this
is
going
to
have
on
our
business.
But
what
do
we
ultimately
do
about
it?
What
is
the
strategy?
How
do
we
actualize
that
strategy
and
create
value
for
the
organization?
Is
there
a

common
thread
or
a
primary
set
of
challenges
that
you
see
technology
leaders
face
when
implementing
AI
strategies
in
their
organization?
Yeah,
I
mean...