LLM Hands-on Session

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Using LLM APIs

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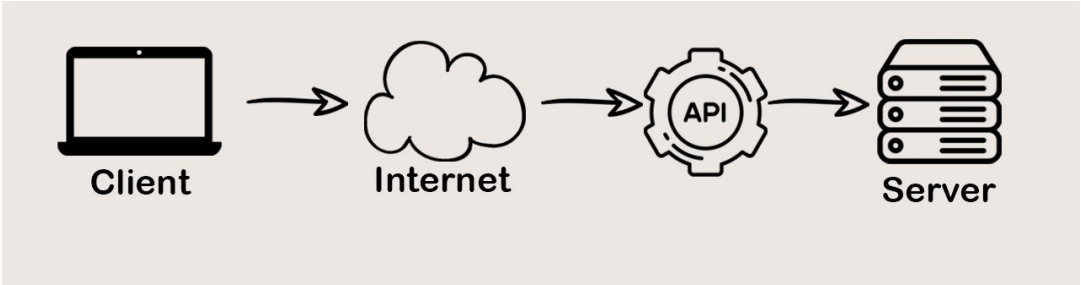
What is an API?

An Application Programming Interface (API) establishes a *"contract"* or *"glue"* that allows multiple pieces of software to communicate.

- Standardizes software development.
- Allows integration with online services.
- Is generally well-documented.



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LLM APIs

APIs that provide access to LLMs:

- You send a query/request (e.g., a prompt or a sentence)
- You get a response (e.g., a summary or a translation)

Why LLM APIs (vs. in-house)?

- Pros?
  - Less memory and compute resources needed.
  - Abstraction in terms of maintenance and updates.
  - Security?

- Cons?
  - Less control.
  - Maybe slower.
  - Cost.
  - Privacy.

OpenAI API

- Documentation
- Playground
- Guide (notebook)
- Pricing

Fine-tuning

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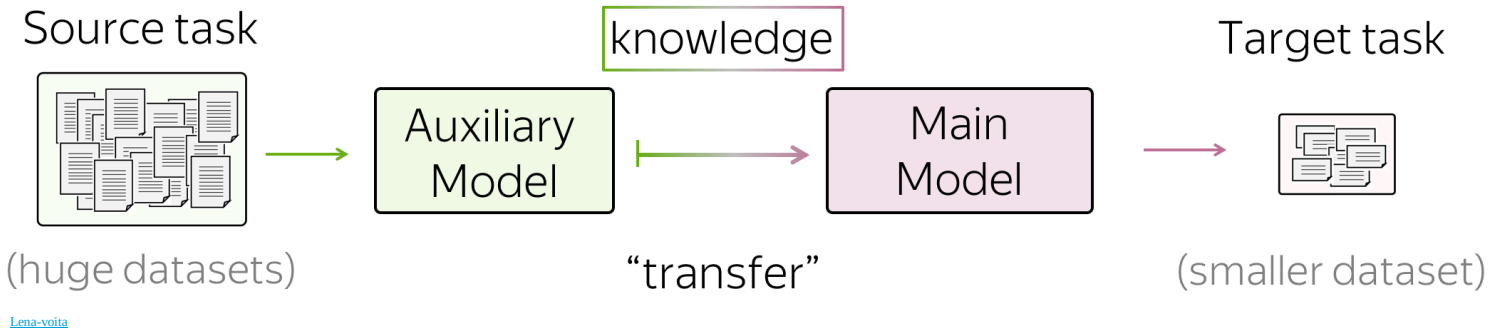
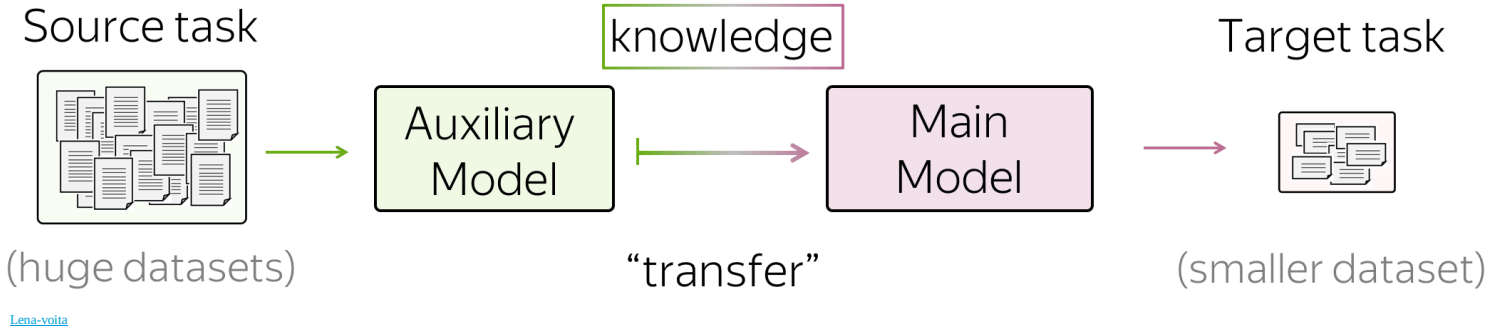
What is Fine-tuning?

Given a *pre-trained* mode A trained on *dataset_1* , one can fine-tune the model to work on a *similar dataset_2*.



What is Fine-tuning?

- Saves on training time.
- Saves on cost and resources.
- Improves results.



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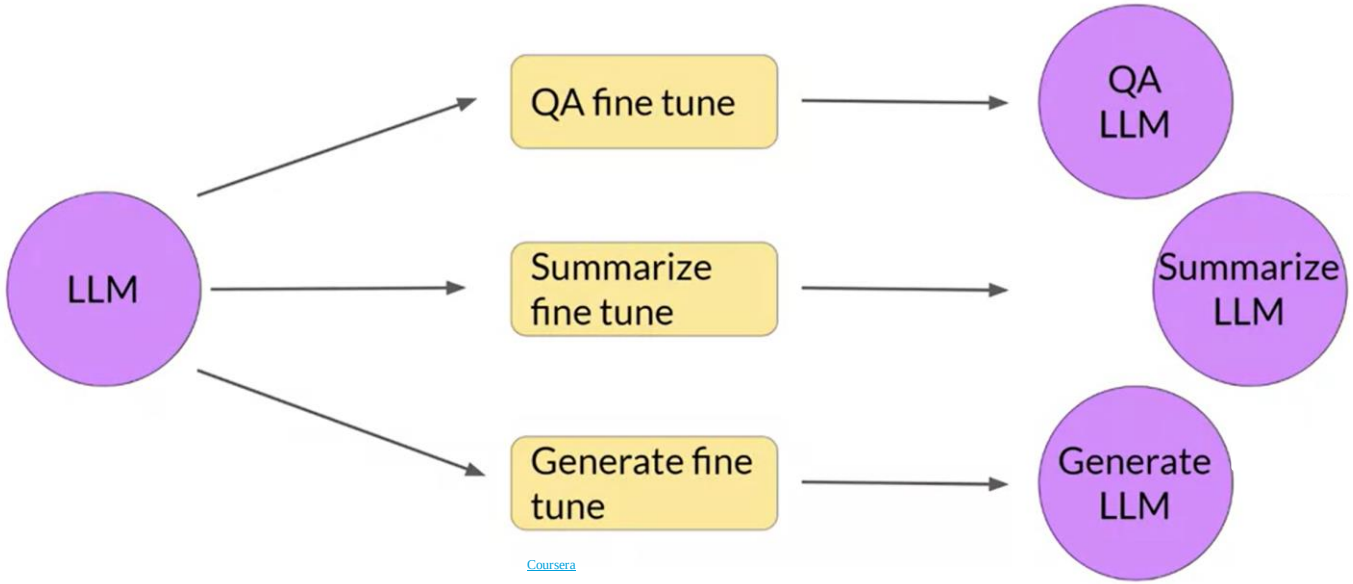

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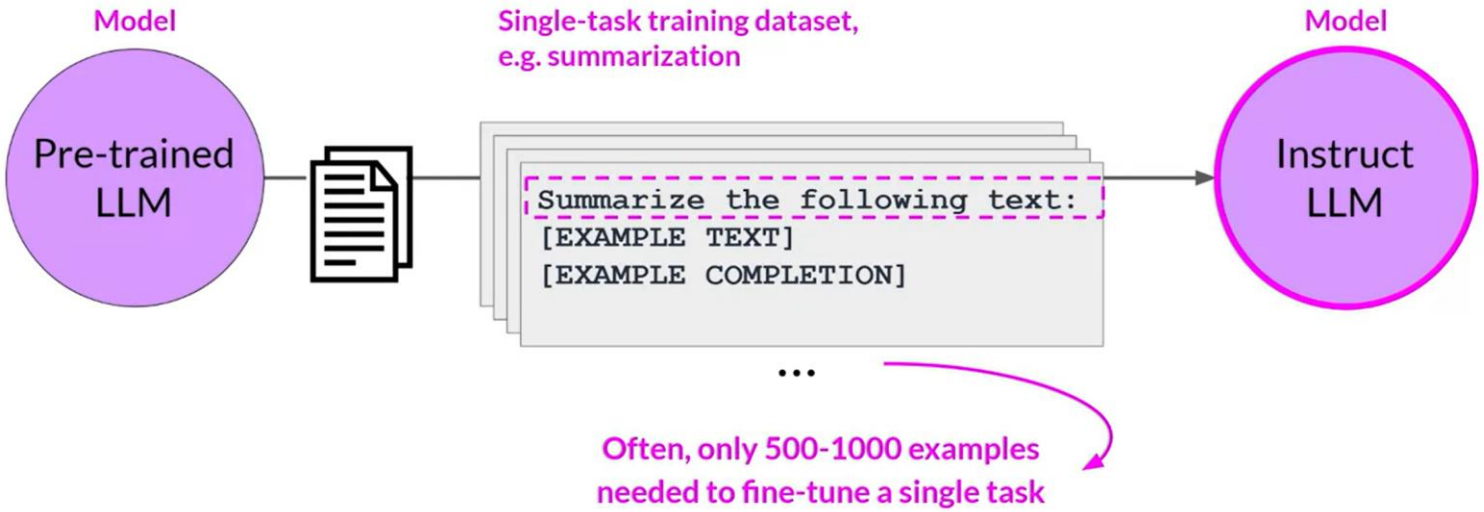

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Demo

Using a language model for Yelp reviews