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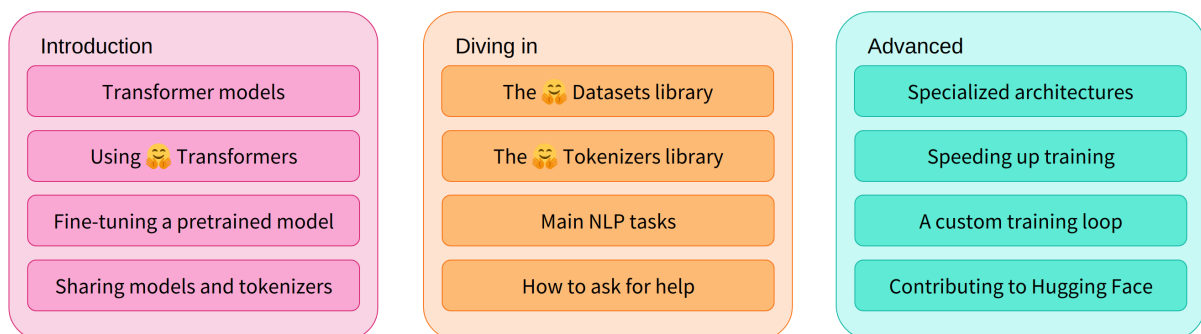
Welcome to the 🧠 Course!



This course will teach you about natural language processing (NLP) using libraries from the [Hugging Face](#) ecosystem — 🤗 [Transformers](#), 🤗 [Datasets](#), 🤗 [Tokenizers](#), and 🤗 [Accelerate](#) — as well as the [Hugging Face Hub](#). It's completely free and without ads.

What to expect?

Here is a brief overview of the course:



Chapters 1 to 4 provide an introduction to the main concepts of the 🤗 Transformers library. By the end of this part of the course, you will be familiar with how Transformer models work and will know how to use a model from the [Hugging Face Hub](#), fine-tune it on a dataset, and share your results on the

Hub!

Chapters 5 to 8 teach the basics of 🧑🏻‍🔬 Datasets and 🧑🏻‍🔬 Tokenizers before diving into classic NLP tasks. By the end of this part, you will be able to tackle the most common NLP problems by yourself.

Chapters 9 to 12 dive even deeper, showcasing specialized architectures (memory efficiency, long sequences, etc.) and teaching you how to write custom objects for more exotic use cases. By the end of this part, you will be ready to solve complex NLP problems and make meaningful contributions to 🧑🏻‍🔬 Transformers.

This course:

Requires a good knowledge of Python

Is better taken after an introductory deep learning course, such as [Practical Deep Learning for Coders](#) or the courses developed by deeplearning.ai

Does not expect prior [PyTorch](#) or [TensorFlow](#) knowledge, though some familiarity with either of those will help

Who are we?

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Are you ready to roll? In this chapter, you will learn:

How to use the **pipeline** function to solve NLP tasks such as text generation and classification

About the Transformer architecture

How to distinguish between encoder, decoder, and encoder-decoder architectures and use cases

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