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## Responding to Writing Needs with Machine Learning

## Need #1

Move past a mental block and generate new ideas for writing

## Need #2

Integrate the styles of many different writers



## Answering the Needs

A program that writes in response to a prompt using the combined styles of many different writers





\*Created from a compilation of the styles of many writers

How was this built?

(Detailed Version)

# Designing Phantom Pen



## **Objective**

Build a multifunctional writing program that can not only generate new text but can also classify user text, extract the important sentences and use both of these latter features in generation.

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#### PHANTOM PEN

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Phantom Pen is a program that generates original writing using retrained versions of Open Al's Generalized Pre-trained

Transformer-2. The program has been re-trained on +2000 essays from *The Atlantic*, +160 short stories and 20 works of literature (see Corpora for a more specific description of the texts used).

There are four choices that enter into the "simple generate" function of the program:

#### **GENERATOR CHOICES**

- CREATIVITY: The amount of liberty the algorithm will take in generating new text; "1" being the most creative, and "0" leading to repetitive direct copying from corpus.
- LENGTH: The number of "tokens" the text generator outputs. A
  proxy for the number of generated words.
- CLASS: The corpus (see Corpora) that the text generator will use as a basis for its writing style and content.
- II7M/345M MODEL: The chosen model for text generation. The 345M model is more powerful and produces more coherent text, but takes more than twice as long to run.

SIMPLE GENERATE

CLASSIFY AND GENERATE

CLASSIFY, EXTRACT, AND GENERATE

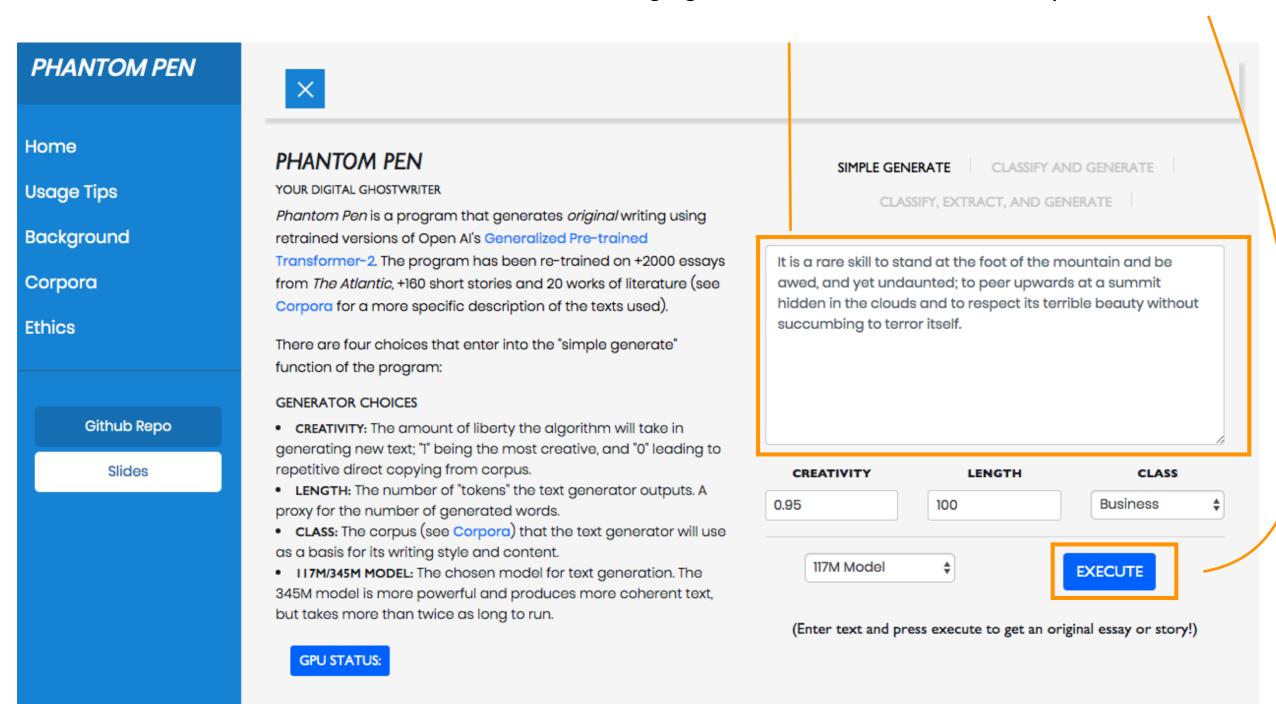
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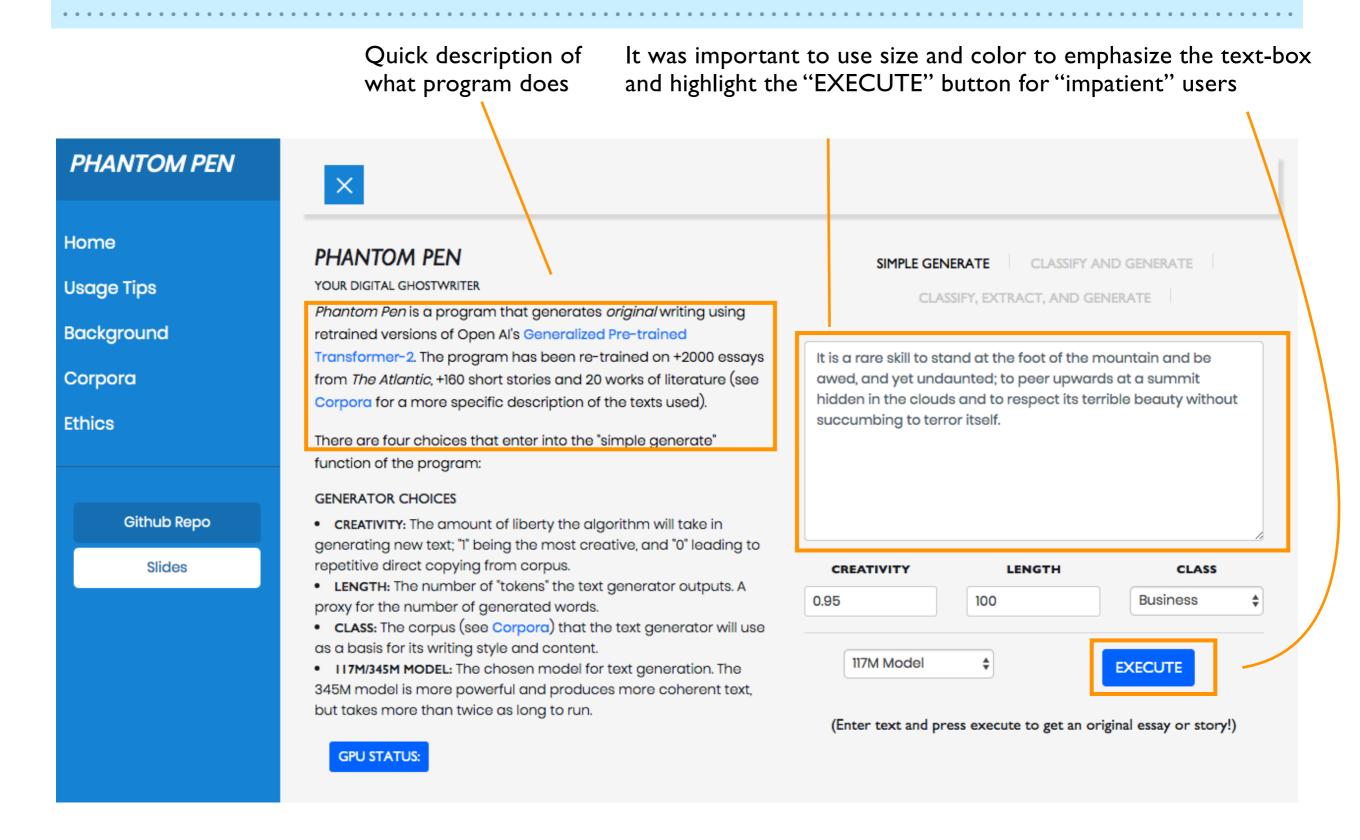
CREATIVITY	LENGTH	CLASS
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117M Model	<b>\$</b>	EXECUTE

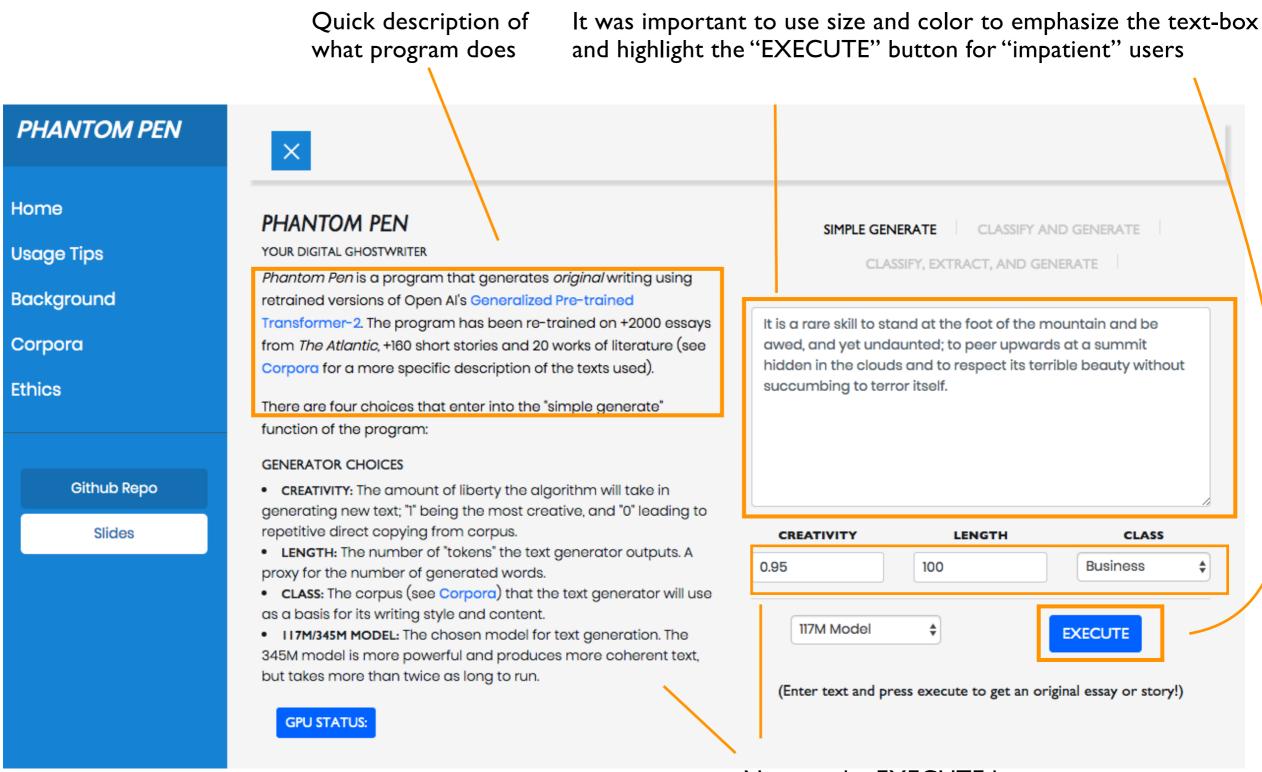
(Enter text and press execute to get an original essay or story!)

**GPU STATUS:** 

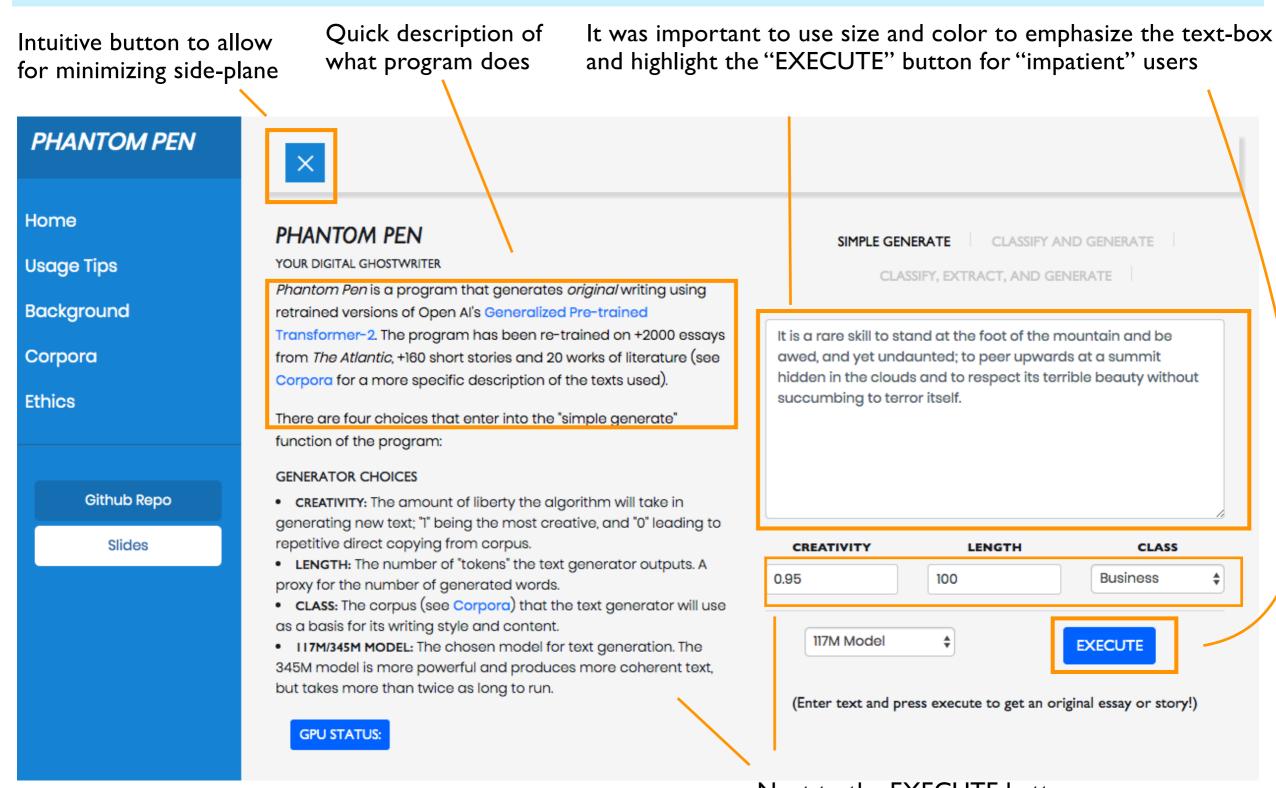
It was important to use size and color to emphasize the text-box and highlight the "EXECUTE" button for "impatient" users



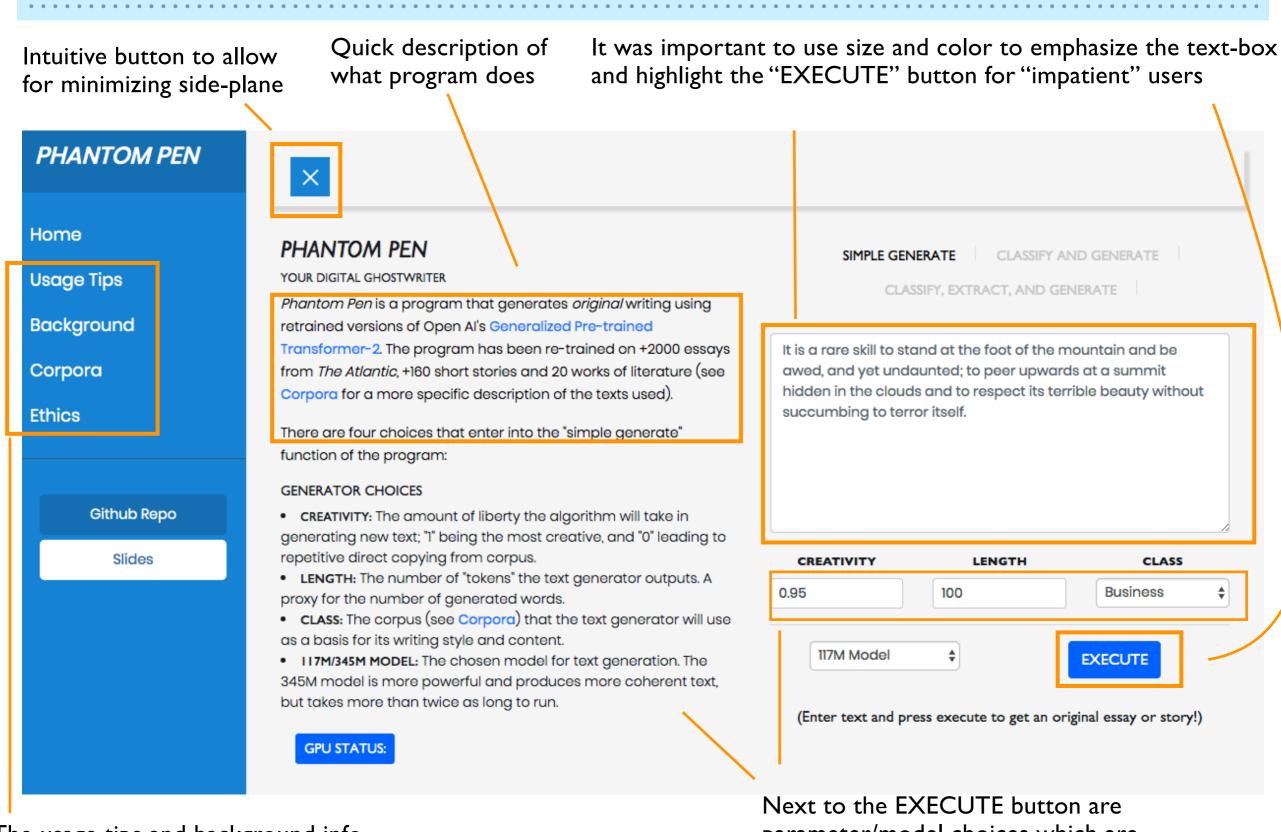




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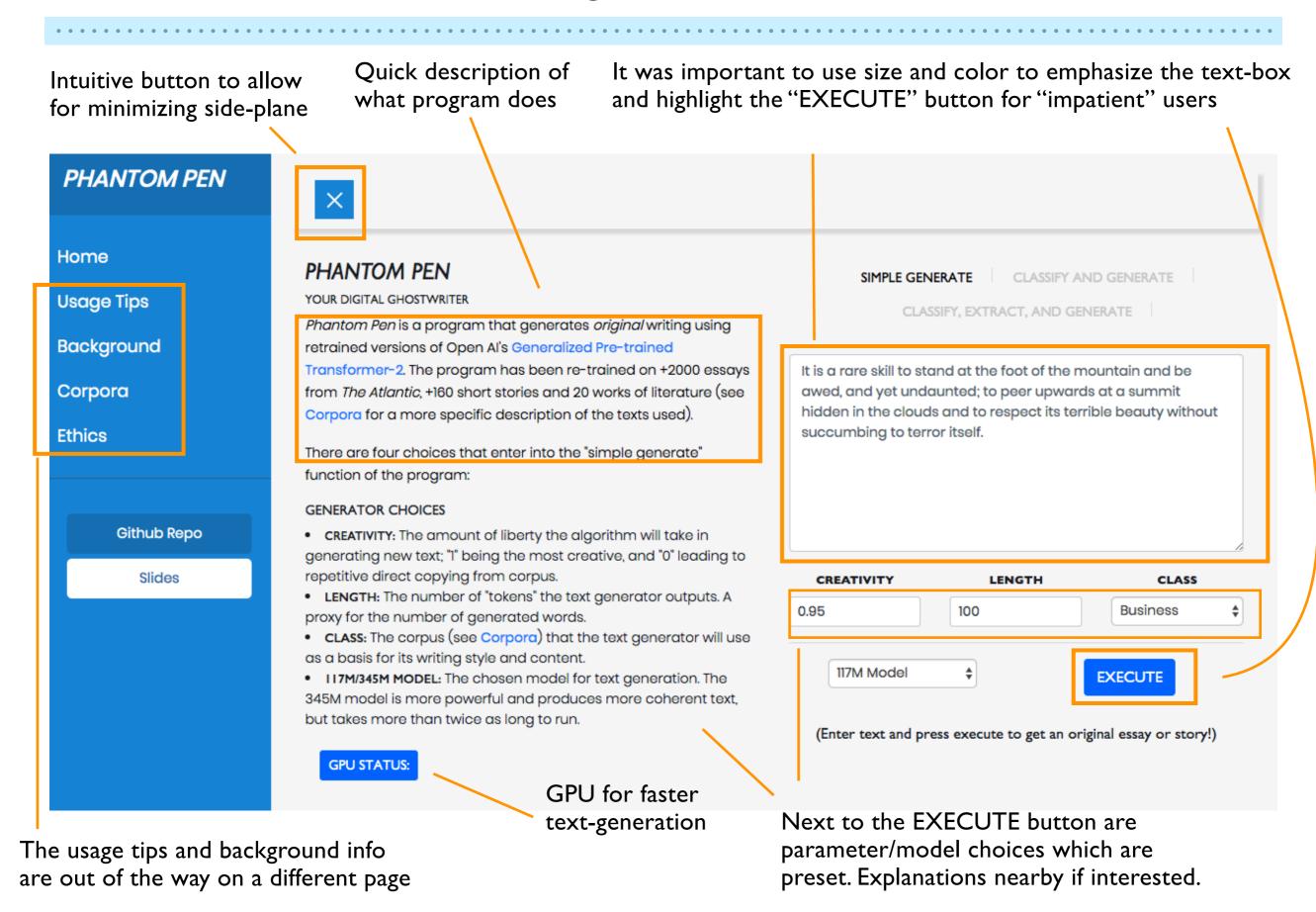


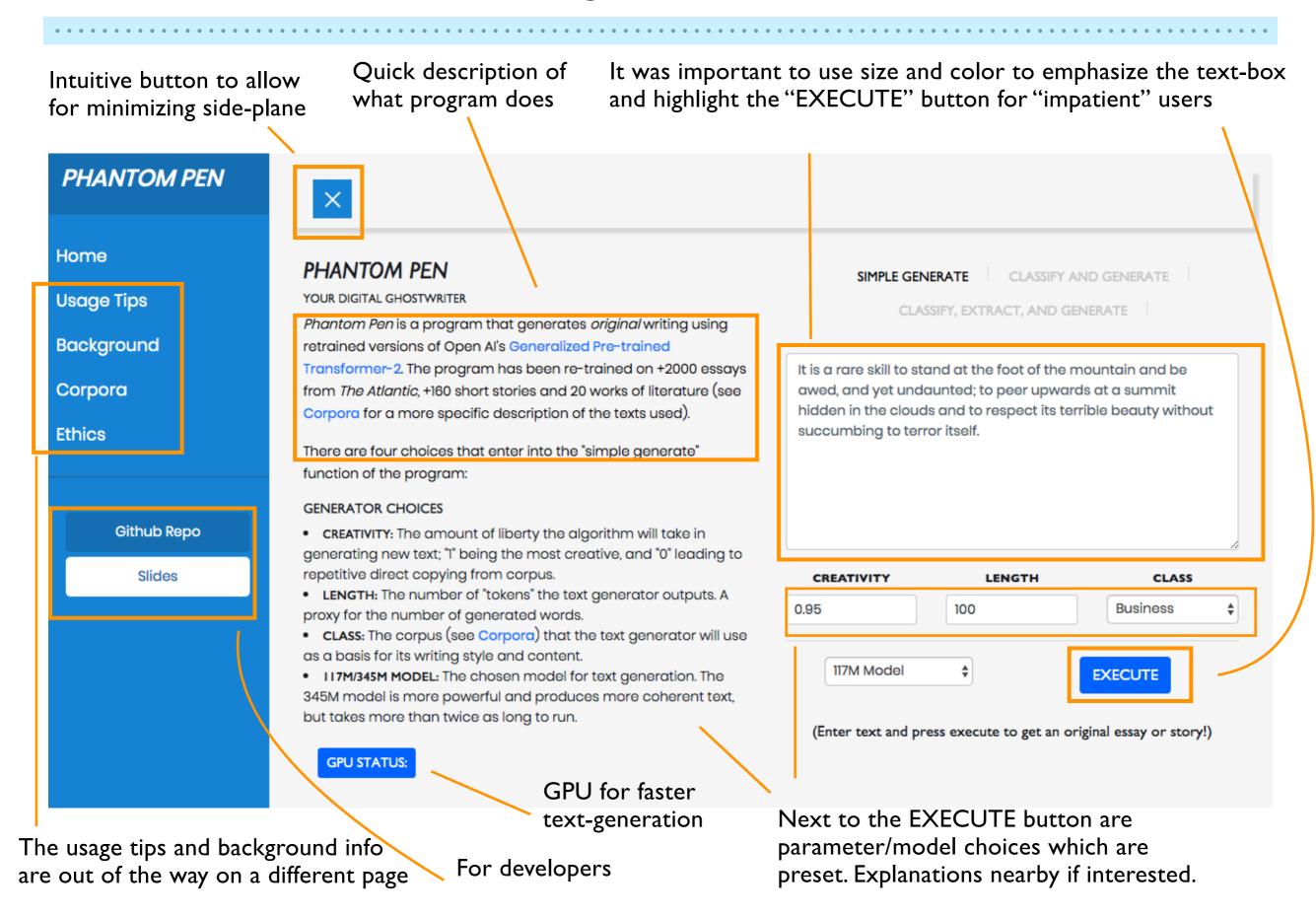
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The usage tips and background info are out of the way on a different page

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# Motivation for Including Additional Sections

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#### Usage Tips:

From my own experience creating and testing the application, I learned useful generation strategies that would help a freshuser (and would have helped me) obtain better outputs from the program.

#### **Background:**

Most people have seen text generators before, and most of these generators are unimpressive. Thus as background I thought it would be useful to explain how the algorithm at the background of this application is different from the others

#### Corpora:

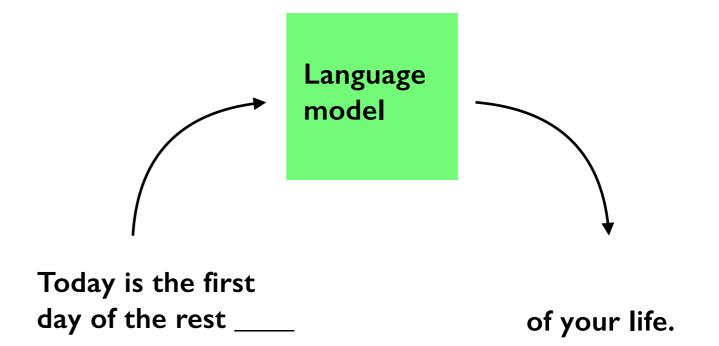
The most important section from a text generation perspective. The output of the generator is highly dependent on the corpora it has been trained on so the user should be able to know what exactly constitutes that corpora

#### **Ethics:**

Besides "How do you validate this?" The most common question I received about this program is "How would you deal with plagiarism?" So I wanted to discuss this ethical question and some larger ones surrounding the application.

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# Language Model - Choices

# Possibilities (besides Transformer Model)

- I. Markov Chain Monte Carlo
- 2. Recurrent Neural Network

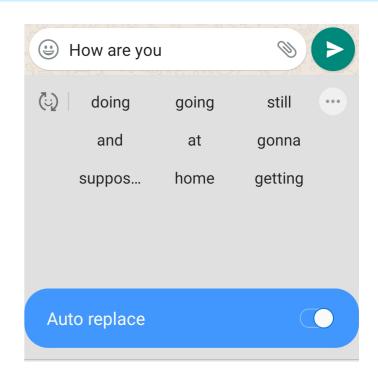
## Markov model cannot model context

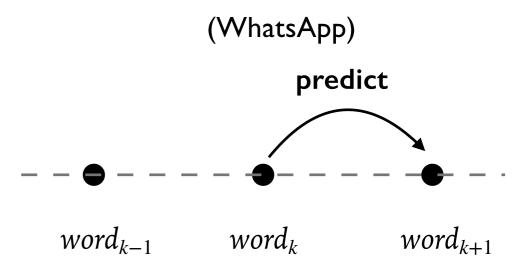
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#### Comments about Model

- Conceptually the simplest model to explain
- But, because of its context independence it clearly does not work for generating human-like text.
- Instead, it was used as a baseline model to practice text generation





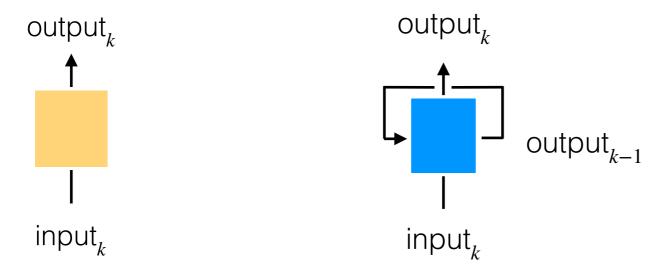
Markov Chain Monte Carlo

## Recurrent Neural Network: Better but not excellent

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#### Comments about Model

- With the Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) node architecture, RNN's were the SOTA in language model generation
- Clearly much better than Markov Model but still doesn't "sound" like something a human would write (even with LSTM)
- Was the model I was going to use, before I discovered the transformer model

# Output after Training on Atlantic: Education Corpora

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Vanilla Neural Network

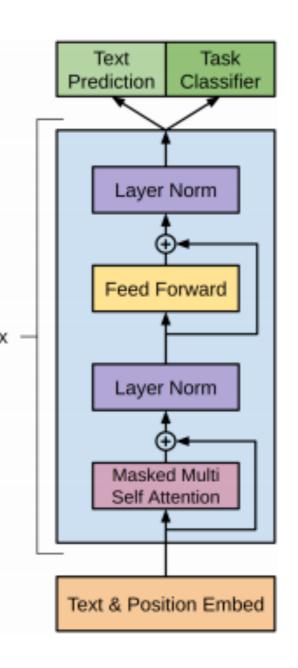
**Recurrent Neural Network** 

## Transformer Model

#### Transformer Model

#### Comments about Model

- Introduced by Google Brain in 2017, and quickly thereafter became SOTA
- "Attention" is the key feature of the model
- Open AI released, "small" and "medium" 12x
   parameter versions of their
   Transformer Language Model Called
   Generalized Pre Trained Transformer
   (GPT)
- Does not propagate hidden states from input to input as in an RNN



#### **Network Architecture**

#### **II7M** Hparams (Small)

- 12 layers
- 12 Attention Heads
- 768 dimensional embedding
- 1024 length context vector (for position embedding)
- 50257 vocabulary size

#### 345M Hparams (Medium)

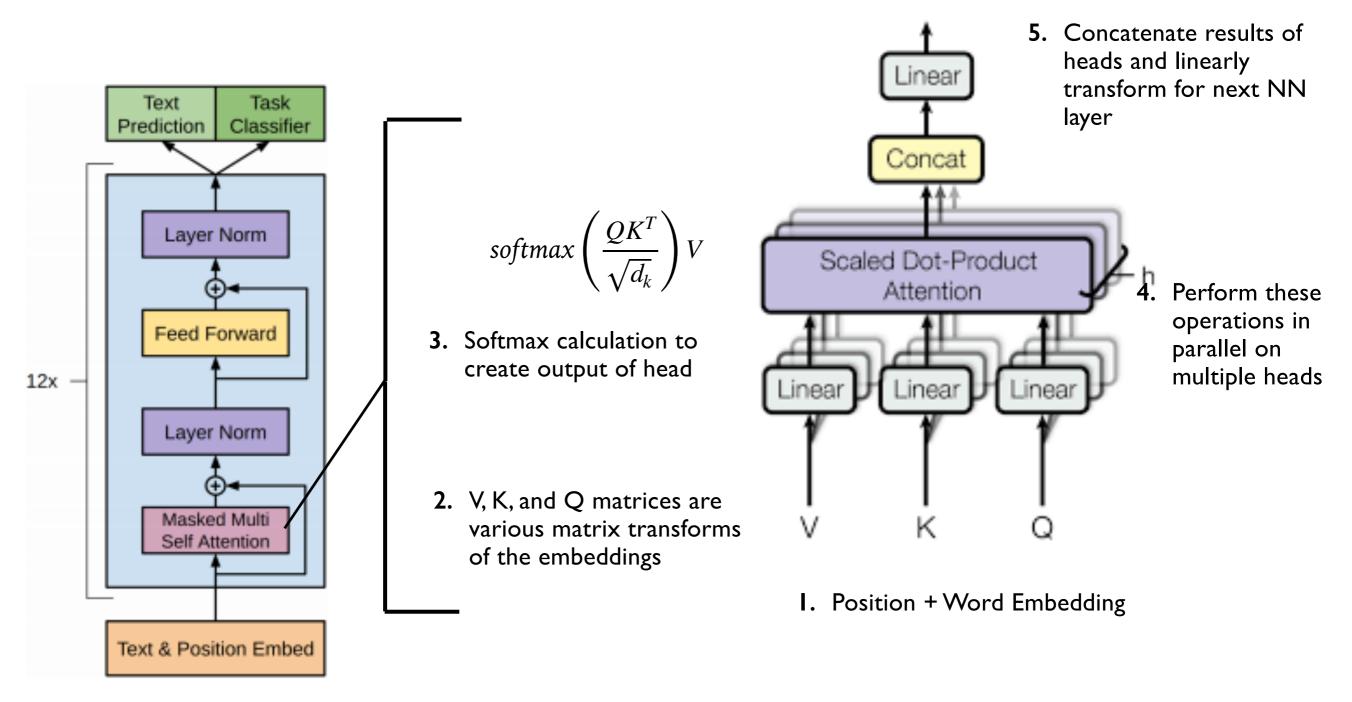
- 24 layers
- 16 Attention Heads
- 1024 dimensional embedding
- 1024 length context vector (for position embedding)
- 50257 vocabulary size (for word embedding)

Generalized Pre-Trained
Transformer (GPT) Architecture

# Transformer Model - Multi headed Attention

#### **Transformer Model**

Multi headed attention



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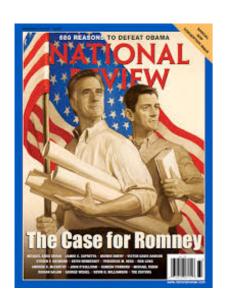


# Corpora and Aspects of Training

The initial plan was to use writing from SLATE, The Atlantic, National Review, SLATE, and NY POST as the various corpora









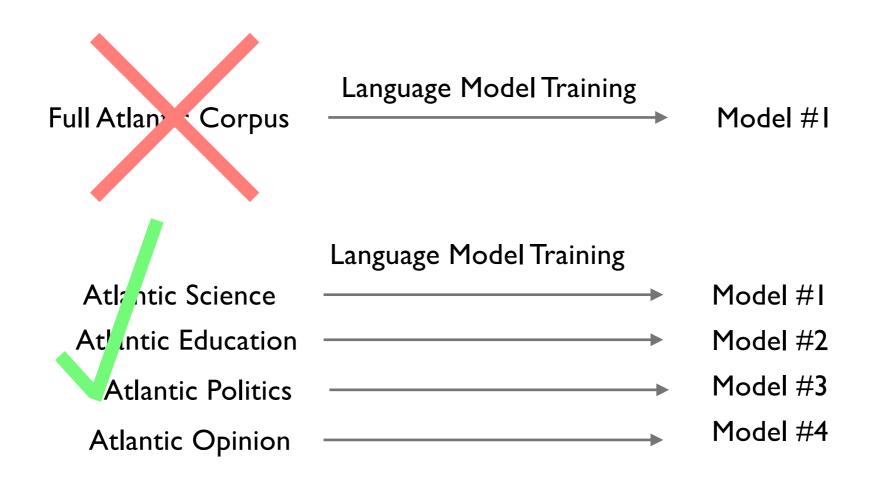
## Problems with selecting these corpora

- I. There wasn't a sufficiently good use case to motivate these specific corpora
- 2. The diversity in topics is too much in the direction of the original GPT2 data set of 40 GB of internet text (i.e., no real advantage in re-training)

# Corpora and Aspects of Training

I later decided it would make more sense to select corpora according to <u>topic</u> rather than publication

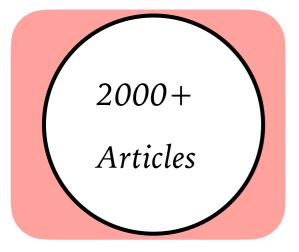
This way the application's essay completions/ generations are <u>more specific to a user chosen</u> class and hence more useful to the user



\*Sacrificed ideological diversity for output specificity

Improvements: Find a way to train a single model, rather than 2 X 11 different models.

# Corpora and Aspects of Training



Nine Article Categories from *The Atlantic* 

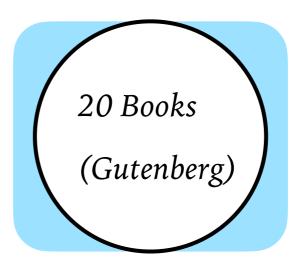
- Business
- Education
- Entertainment
- Health
- Ideas
- International
- Politics
- Science
- Technology

Introduced short story and Project Gutenberg corpora and trained models to give the user more options.



#### 62 Authors

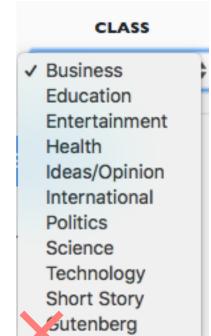
- Anton Chekov
- Henry David Thoreau
- Jack London
- H.P. Lovecraft



## Including

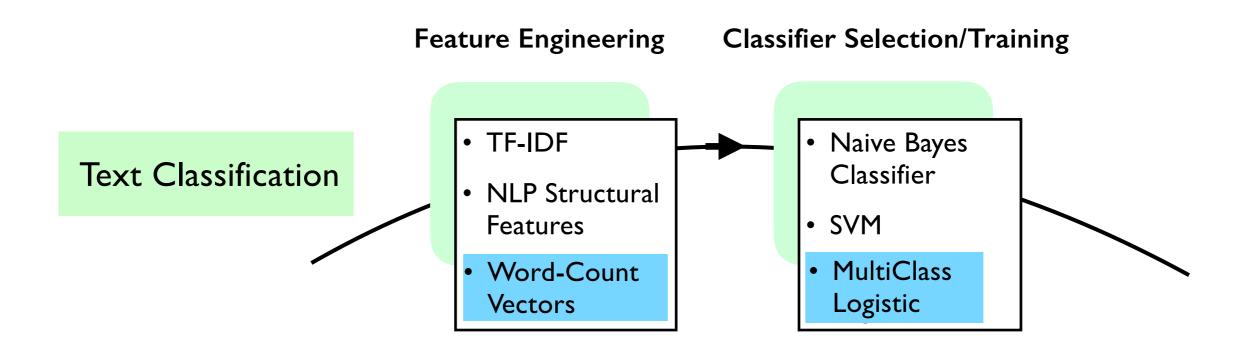
- Pride and Prejudice
- The Count of Monte Cristo
- Robinson Crusoe
- Moby Dick

**Improvements:** In a second version of the model, I would **remove the Gutenberg class** since its texts are structurally different from the other texts



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# Classifying Text for the User

Beyond simple text generation, I wanted to add additional functions to allow for more flexible user input

## **Additional Functionality #2:**

Determine the class for the user

### Program screenshot

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#### **Text Classification Problem**

We want to determine which of the 10 classes the user's entered text is most similar to

Feature Engineering	Classifier Model
Word Count Vectors	Naive Bayesian Classifier
Word-Embedding	Support Vector Machine
TF-IDF	Logistic Regression

# Classifying Text For the User

SVM;Acc = 0.6525

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## - Simplest model had the highest accuracy

https://github.com/mowillia/phantom\_pen/blob/master/classification\_comparisons.ipynb

## Logistic Regression; Acc = 0.831

accuracy 0.8308823529411765					
precision		recall	f1-score	support	
business	0.70	0.79	0.74	47	
education	0.93	0.82	0.87	62	
entertainment	0.82	0.90	0.86	62	
health	0.89	0.76	0.82	62	
ideas	0.71	0.60	0.65	57	
international	0.81	0.86	0.83	29	
politics	0.84	0.89	0.87	55	
science	0.84	0.95	0.89	56	
short-story	0.94	1.00	0.97	47	
technology	0.82	0.79	0.80	67	
accuracy			0.83	544	
macro avg	0.83	0.84	0.83	544	
weighted avg	0.83	0.83	0.83	544	

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education	0.57	0.95	0.72	62
entertainment	0.96	0.73	0.83	62
health	1.00	0.21	0.35	62
ideas	0.30	0.56	0.40	57
international	1.00	0.03	0.07	29
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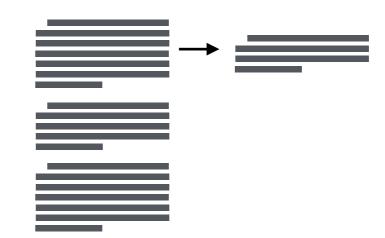
## Naive Bayes Classifier; Acc = 0.80

accuracy	0.7996323529411765
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	precision	recall	f1-score	support
business	0.72	0.72	0.72	47
education	0.87	0.85	0.86	62
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health	0.85	0.66	0.75	62
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# Extracting Important Sentences from Text

The program performed less well on longer texts, so I wanted a way to condense longer texts into shorter text

## **Additional Functionality #3:**

Extract important sentences, classify entire text, and generate new text from extraction

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#### **Text Extraction Problem**

We want to condense a long essay into a shorter one while keeping as much as the important information as possible.

#### **Extractive Summarization**

Pick out the sentences that are most important

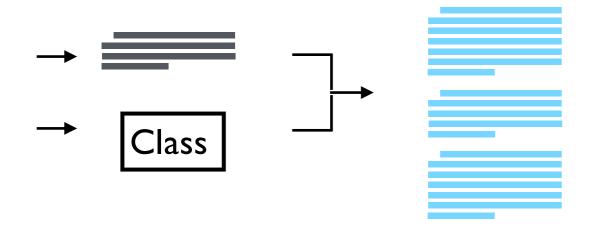
I considered three approaches

- Word Frequency
- Word Embeddings and Cosine Similarity
- Word-count vectors and Cosine Similarity

\*Metric of performance based on how well it picks out sentences I considered important

 More rigorous approach: Hand labeling and then checking accuracy

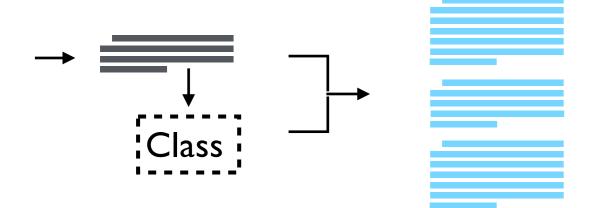
# Functions of application



## MAIN FUNCTION

#### SIMPLE GENERATE

Generates an essay given a prompt and a chosen class



#### **ADDITIONAL FUNCTION #1**

#### **CLASSIFY AND GENERATE**

Generates an essay given a **prompt** and the class determined from the prompt

# → Class

#### **ADDITIONAL FUNCTION #2**

#### **CLASSIFY, EXTRACT, AND GENERATE**

Generates an essay given a previous essay

- Classifies and extracts the important sentences and generates essay from both

**END**