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Wish to develop Generative AI apps locally? with Open Source LLMs?

As an AI advisor, I typically try the potential approaches myself first, on a smaller scale, using open source LLMs (Large Language Models), on my machine \_\_\_. Although closed-source models are typically found to be superior, their open-source counterparts are not too far behind, with the obvious advantage of being free \_\_\_\_.

So, how do I use open source LLMs (oLLms)? I have two approaches:

Offline mode: I use it via LM Studio . It downloads the model locally and makes it easily callable from frameworks like LangChain for RAG (Retrieval Augmented Generation) or AutoGen for agents. You can explore different Hugging Face models! However, it can be slow, depending on your hardware.

Online mode: I use the Groq API, which provides popular open source LLMs like Llama (Meta Facebook), Gemma (Google), and Mixtral (Mistral AI) (and DeepSeek!) . It's fast, free (with rate limits), and easy to use with frameworks like LangChain via an OpenAI-like API

How about you? Do you have a better alternative? Share your experiences in the comments!

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