MLC Town Hall notes 11/05/23

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Section 0: Say hi. What's something you're proud of recently?!

Who's here (put your name here if you wish)
- Rosanne Liu (Rosanne Liu#2484)
- Jason Yosinski (jason.yo on Discord)
- Evans Hedges (CE123 on Discord)
- Justin Jung (@jsjung00)
- Emmanuel Akanji (mannyuncharted on Discord)
- Pavan Kantharaju (pavankantharaju on Discord)
- Emmanuel Lusenji (elusenji on Discord)
- Sagar Devkate (Sagar#2139 on Discord)
- Santiago Hincapie (shpotes#1606 on Discord)
- Marcus Lewis (mrcslws on Discord)
- Comfort Adesina (Comfort#2861 on Discord)
- Sylvia Okwu (sylviaokwu on Discord)
- Busayo (busayor)
- Ayodele Awokoya (Ayodele#7527 on Discord)
- Steven Kolawole (stevenkolawole): Went on my first trail hike yesterday.
- Luis Granados (LuisG on Discord): Proud of being a vanguard of sorts.
- Ernest Owojori (ernestowojori on Discord)

Section 1: Money and resources

- Compute grant: pain points?
- Steven: wiki and in particular David Drakard's info was useful in getting started
- GCP documentation is better and it's easier to use these days
- A100's are hard to get on GCP (and AWS) these days. Possible solutions:
  - L4s on GCP
  - Use Lambda cloud instead (3-4x cheaper). But they also run out of GPUs. And it's harder to have persistent instances (takes 30-60 minutes to clone repos, get data, etc. Every time machine is started. Lambda persistent storage only works within one region.)
- Rosanne (note to self): probably see if we can form a partnership with LambdaLabs?

Section 2: Local Chapters & Interest Groups

- MLC-Nigeria: https://mlcollective.org/wiki/mlc-nigeria/
- Rosanne: is making an MLC email account for MLC-Nigeria
- Mentorship: useful as always. Can be hard to arrange. Some would like a whole-group mentor: help steer research directions but 1:1 mentorship not needed at this stage.
  - Research jams are a good baseline to get feedback on research projects.
- NLP interest group still going well :)
  - Giving admin access to MLC calendar would be useful so they can post events.
  - R: there already is a natural-language-processing@mlc email that should have access.

Section 3: Everything else

Suggest any topic you like!
- NeurIPS 2023 meetup! Lucia Cipolina Kun, Alexander Visheratin interested.
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Any notes taken live that don't fit elsewhere

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Zoom Chat log:

10:01:20 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1izG0sCCHKhJvodlO-U5QGVhQ0wtLtJJEYuEYq3UCuuU/edit#slide=id.p
10:01:30 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lnmtgQvVxg0rfEUe_73afVBubVGG1uQyM02E19dWMIM/edit#heading=h.d7sjcz1vh300
10:05:10 From Jason Yosinski To Everyone:

Notes doc:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lnmtgQvVxg0rfEUe_73afVBubVGG1uQyM02E19dWMIM/edit
10:07:52 From Justin Jung To Everyone:
    absoulaye
10:19:10 From Ayodele Awokoya To Everyone:
    could you please drop the link to the note here, perhaps again?
10:19:30 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lnmtgQvVxg0rfEUe_73afVBubVGG1uQyM02E19dWMIM/edit
10:19:34 From Jason Yosinski To Everyone:
    Notes:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lnmtgQvVxg0rfEUe_73afVBubVGG1uQyM02E19dWMIM/edit
10:19:43 From Ayodele Awokoya To Everyone:
    thank you
10:37:15 From Busayo Awobade To Everyone:
    Yeahhh that's an issue I've been facing
10:37:52 From Emmanuel Akanji To Everyone:
    I think that issue isn't just with GCP, I mostly use AWS. And also experience similar issues 😅
10:38:25 From Jason Yosinski To Everyone:
    For sure
10:53:37 From Chung Hoon To Everyone:
    MLC Nigeria sounds really exciting!
10:54:04 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:
    https://mlcollective.org/wiki/mlc-nigeria/
10:55:47 From Busayo Awobade To Everyone:
    Reacted to "MLC Nigeria sounds r..." with 🎉
10:55:52 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:
    Reacted to "MLC Nigeria sounds r..." with 🎉
10:55:56 From Abraham Owodunni To Everyone:
    heads up, we stole some of these slides from Rosanne's talk 😀
10:56:03 From Busayo Awobade To Everyone:
    Reacted to "heads up, we stole s..." with 😅
10:56:11 From Ernest To Everyone:
    Reacted to "heads up, we stole s…" with 😂
10:56:16 From Abraham Owodunni To Everyone:
    add 😅
10:56:17 From Busayo Awobade To Everyone:
    Replying to "heads up, we stole s..."

    I hoped nobody would notice😅

10:56:18 From Abraham Owodunni To Everyone:
        remove 😅
10:56:19 From Jason Yosinski To Everyone:
        Reacted to "heads up, we stole s..." with 😂
10:56:24 From Jason Yosinski To Everyone:
        Reacted to "https://mlcollective..." with 👍
10:56:25 From Ernest To Everyone:
        Removed a 😄 reaction from "heads up, we stole s…"
10:56:26 From Ernest To Everyone:
        Reacted to "heads up, we stole s…" with 😂
10:56:32 From Abraham Owodunni To Everyone:
        add 👍
10:56:33 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:
        Reacted to "heads up, we stole s..." with 😂
10:56:51 From Busayo Awobade To Everyone:
        Reacted to "heads up, we stole s..." with 😂
10:57:17 From luisgranados To Everyone:
        Replying to "heads up, we stole s..."

        I've never seen those slides in my life before. They look nice though.
10:57:41 From Busayo Awobade To Everyone:
        Reacted to "I've never seen thos..." with 😂
10:57:43 From Chung Hoon To Everyone:
        Didn't folks at dL inbada get free chatgpt credits for a year? Does it apply to folks here
too?
10:58:18 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:
        Replying to "Didn't folks at dL i..."

        I never see a follow up on how to actually get it… Did anyone receive anything?
10:58:25 From Sylvia Okwu To Everyone:
        Reacted to "heads up, we stole s…" with 😂
10:58:49 From Busayo Awobade To Everyone:
        Replying to "Didn't folks at dL i..."

        It applies to the folks that attended the Indaba. Some of the current members did, but not
all of them were at the Indaba.
10:59:15 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:
        Replying to "Didn't folks at dL i..."

        I was at Indaba but I still don't know how to get it…
10:59:28 From Ayodele Awokoya To Everyone:
        Yes, we've already been given access.
        I never see a follow up on how to actually get it… Did anyone receive anything?
10:59:38 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:

Reacted to "Yes, we've already b..." with 🔥

10:59:40 From Busayo Awobade To Everyone:

Reacted to "I was at Indaba but ..." with 😂

11:00:04 From Busayo Awobade To Everyone:

Replying to "Didn't folks at dL i..."

Maybe it was not available to keynote speakers😅

11:00:12 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:

Reacted to "Maybe it was not ava..." with 🙂

11:00:24 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:

That's good to hear! @Ayodele Awokoya Maybe I just missed an email or something, or maybe it doesn't apply to me 🙂

11:02:10 From Ayodele Awokoya To Everyone:

Replying to "That's good to hear!..."

Probably.
The mail was sent some weeks after Indaba.

11:02:37 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:

Replying to "That's good to hear!..."

What's the title of email? LOL let me search

11:05:08 From Abraham Owodunni To Everyone:

We all filled a Google form in other to get access to the free ChatGPT.

11:06:22 From Ayodele Awokoya To Everyone:

Replying to "That's good to hear!..."

@Rosanne Liu [Indaba 2023] Feedback, keeping up to date, mentorship, OpenAI's sponsorship, future sponsorship

11:06:30 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:

Reacted to "@Rosanne Liu [Indab..." with 👍

11:08:29 From Steven Kolawole To Everyone:

add 😂

11:15:18 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:

natural-language-processing@mlcollective.org

11:25:20 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:

https://x.com/visheratin/status/1699789363759231177?s=20

11:27:37 From Chung-Hoon Hong To Everyone:

Cool. Thanks for sharing alexander!

11:28:15 From Justin Jung To Everyone:

I know in the past there have been some in person lunch meetups (such as in SF there was a lunch meetup);
I think it could be cool to have more of these if these are feasilbe

11:28:15 From Jason Yosinski To Everyone:

Interesting to hear, Alexander

11:30:38 From Pavan Kantharaju To Everyone:
    I know that feeling all too well 😊
11:32:38 From Jason Yosinski To Everyone:

https://s.yosinski.com/Kalman__1960__A_new_approach_to_linear_filtering_and_prediction_problems__.pdf 🙂
11:32:54 From Chung-Hoon Hong To Everyone:
    Reacted to "https://s.yosinski.c..." with 👍
11:33:25 From Pavan Kantharaju To Everyone:
    Reacted to "https://s.yosinski.c..." with 👍
11:34:13 From Lucia Cipolina Kun To Everyone:
    or maybe a meetup at Neurips?
11:34:24 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:
    https://mlcollective.org/wiki/host-mlc-event/
11:34:45 From Chung-Hoon Hong To Everyone:
    Reacted to "https://mlcollective..." with 🎉
11:37:11 From Chung-Hoon Hong To Everyone:
    Replying to "I know in the past t..."

    @Justin Jung are you based in g-SF?
11:37:22 From Rosanne Liu To Everyone:
    Reacted to "I know in the past t..." with ❤️
11:38:28 From Justin Jung To Everyone:
    Replying to "I know in the past t..."

    yes I am based in SF
11:38:47 From Chung-Hoon Hong To Everyone:
    Reacted to "yes I am based in SF" with 👍
11:39:46 From Justin Jung To Everyone:
    thank you
11:39:49 From Chung-Hoon Hong To Everyone:
    Thank you!