HACKPOST

A NEWSPAPER FOR THE TERMINALLY CURIOUS.

Good things take *paper.*

Ideas worth keeping. People worth reading.
A small rebellion against the endless feed.



Built on the internet. Read in the real world. Original illustration: Hackpost.

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Inside the *weights.*

What if a language model could edit another model directly? Rikiya Takehi and colleagues report early experiments in reading and changing neural-network weights, without a conventional training loop.

A different *kind of feed.*

What happens when a library of things people love replaces a machine for things people click? A useful experiment, and a bigger question.

Hey, neighbor. *Pass it on.*

A weekly paper for a very online place. Meet our plan for San Francisco and Palo Alto, and the things we still need to work out.

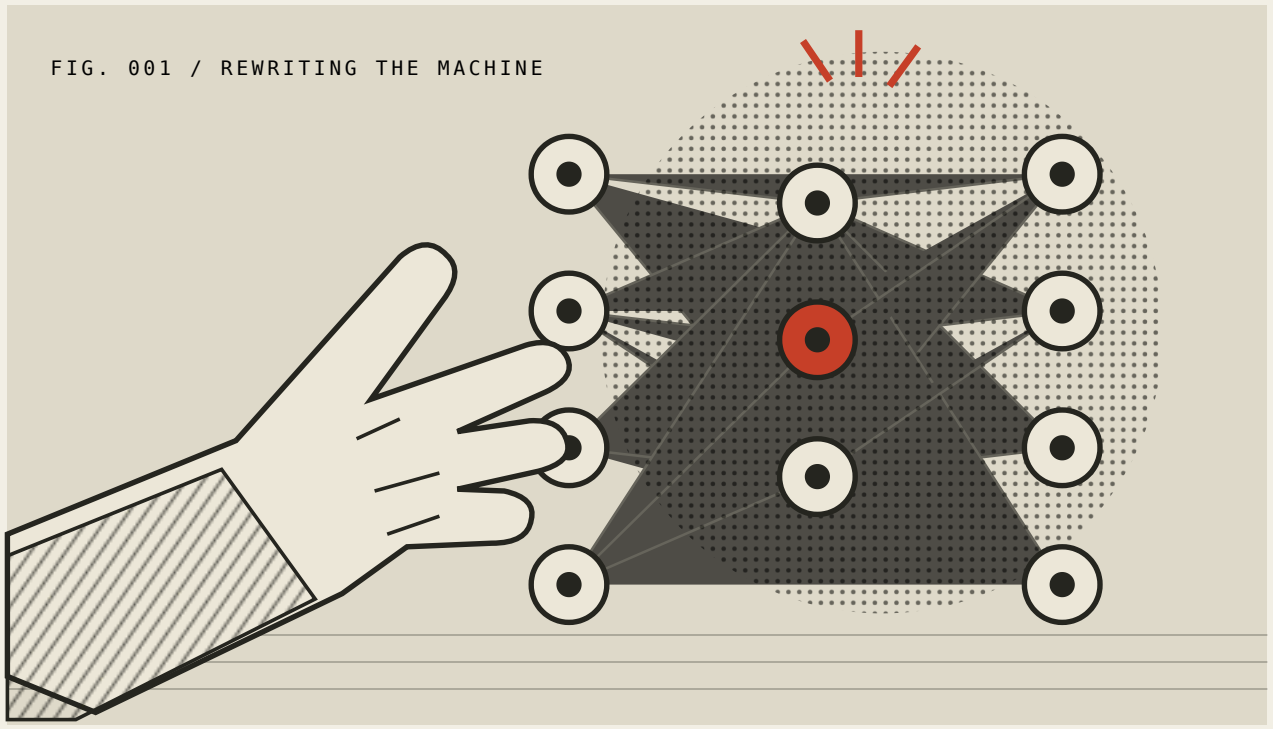
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THE BIG IDEA

The next frontier is *inside the weights.*

An early experiment invites a better habit: read past the headline.



A conceptual illustration, not an experimental diagram.

The experiment.

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The interesting question is reproducibility. The team has released experiment logs; its results are promising demonstrations, not a general replacement for training.

Original source / Rikiya Takehi & colleagues
https://rikiyat.github.io/blog/weight-space-programming/

Why we picked it.

The best research stories create new questions. This one asks where the interface to a model begins and ends. We are accustomed to prompts at one end and training at the other. Looking directly at the parameters makes that boundary feel less settled.

That is a reason to read, not a reason to declare the old methods obsolete. The distance between an intriguing demonstration and a dependable engineering technique is where much of the useful work happens.

A READER'S FIELD GUIDE

Five questions before the victory lap.

What changed? Separate the actual intervention from the story told about it.

What was measured? Look for the evaluation setup, the baseline, and the cases that failed.

Can someone repeat it? Logs and artifacts make a claim easier to examine. They do not settle it on their own.

How far does it travel? A result on one model or task is a starting point for generalization.

What would change your mind? Useful curiosity has room for an unexciting replication.

Hackpost editorial commentary. Research findings remain attributed to the original authors.

CULTURE / TOOLS WITH A POINT OF VIEW

A smaller, stranger, *better internet.*

Sometimes the most useful feature is a boundary.



Andrej Karpathy's HackerTube collects 6,454 YouTube videos recommended in Hacker News conversations. It trades the usual engagement machinery for a library assembled from years of people sharing things they found interesting.

A useful reminder: curation can be a product, and a good archive can be a way out of the endless feed. The collection and build account are reported by its creator.

Original source / Andrej Karpathy
https://karpathy.bearblog.dev/hacker-tube/

A shelf, not a slot machine.

A library has an end. A newspaper has a back page. A mixtape asks someone to make a choice. Finite things give the reader permission to be finished.

There is room for more software that behaves this way. A reading app could open to the five things you chose yesterday. A community could collect the explanations its members return to. A project directory could remember an interesting tool after its launch-day attention has passed.

The difficult part is deciding what belongs. That is editorial work, even when the result looks like a database. A point of view is a feature people can recognize, argue with, and come back for.

Build a place you would want to spend a *quiet hour.*

A WEEKEND PROMPT

Make a personal syllabus.

Pick five talks, essays, or projects that changed how you work. Write one sentence about each. Share the list with one person. Leave the recommendation algorithm out of it.

THE INTERNET STILL HAS GOOD CORNERS. LEAVE DIRECTIONS.

SHOW HN & GITHUB TRENDING

New ideas. *Old favorites.*

A good project does not expire when it leaves the front page.

01

Show your work.

The Show HN desk reads the daily reports in JyiHUO/showhn_daily. It preserves the archive's project titles and links back to the source file rather than inventing a fresh report.

The latest checked-in report we found is dated May 5, 2026. Newer GitHub release labels do not make that report's contents new. The online desk shows actual report dates and lets you turn back the calendar.

`paletteinspiration.com`

A project link in the May 5 archive. Open the report for its original listing and context.

`wordtrak.com`

Another archived project to rediscover. An old listing is a lead, not a guarantee that a service is still available.

`brainio.com`

The joy of a shelf is finding something you missed the first time around.

Source archive
github.com/JyiHUO/showhn_daily
Snapshot checked November 3, 2026.

02

Keep the history.

Anton Komarev's GitHub Trending Archive stores daily repository lists by date and language. The newspaper reads those JSON files directly. The archive's own workflow does the collecting.

From the November 2, 2026 all-language snapshot:

`lightpanda-io/browser`

github.com/lightpanda-io/browser

`public-apis/public-apis`

github.com/public-apis/public-apis

`cjpais/Handy`

github.com/cjpais/Handy

`hyprwm/Hyprland`

github.com/hyprwm/Hyprland

Source archive / MIT licensed
github.com/antonkomarev/github-trending-archive
Copyright Anton Komarev. See repository for license.

ARCHIVE DATE ≠ CREATION DATE

A snapshot records when a repository appeared on a list. It does not tell you when the project was founded, whether it is maintained, or which license applies to its code. Follow the source before adopting it.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF MILESTONE

Small can be a *strategy.*

20 years of a *useful problem.*

The story we bookmarked.

Zamzar's founders mark two decades of running an independent file converter without venture funding. They report more than 766 million conversions: a different kind of technology milestone.

These are founder-reported figures. Our takeaway is simpler than the number: a narrow, recurring problem can sustain a company long after a launch stops being news.

Original source / The Zamzar Team
https://blog.zamzar.com/2026/10/30/20-years-766-million-files-two-chameleons/

The work after launch.

A launch is a moment. A business is a relationship that keeps being renewed. Someone arrives with a problem, the product helps, and the next person can trust that it will still be there. That kind of work does not always produce a dramatic announcement. It produces smaller things: a clearer error message, a better import, a support answer that saves an afternoon. Those improvements are easy to overlook from outside the company and difficult to replace from inside it.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WORKBENCH

What deserves another year?

What does the product reliably do for someone?

Which part do people return for without being reminded?

What can a new user understand in the first minute?

What ordinary task has the team made noticeably easier?

Where does the product create a reason to trust it?

These are editorial prompts, not claims about the featured company's internal operations.

There is a lot of room between a side project and *the next big thing.*

THE MAINTENANCE DESK

A bookmark isn't a *backup.*

A short checklist for the unglamorous work that makes tomorrow possible.

After a favorite site disappeared, archivist Misty De Meo made a practical case for saving the corners of the internet we care about. A bookmark preserves an address. It does not preserve a website.

Disclosure matters: the author works in web archiving and discusses tools made by their employer. Read the original for that context before choosing a tool.

Original source / Misty De Meo · The Future Is Now
https://blog.mistys-internet.website/post/2026/10/29/if-you-love-a-website-back-it-up/

For your own project.

List the pieces. Source code, documentation, databases, uploads, configuration, and the instructions needed to rebuild all have different jobs.

Record the state. Keep a date, a version, and a description of what the copy contains.

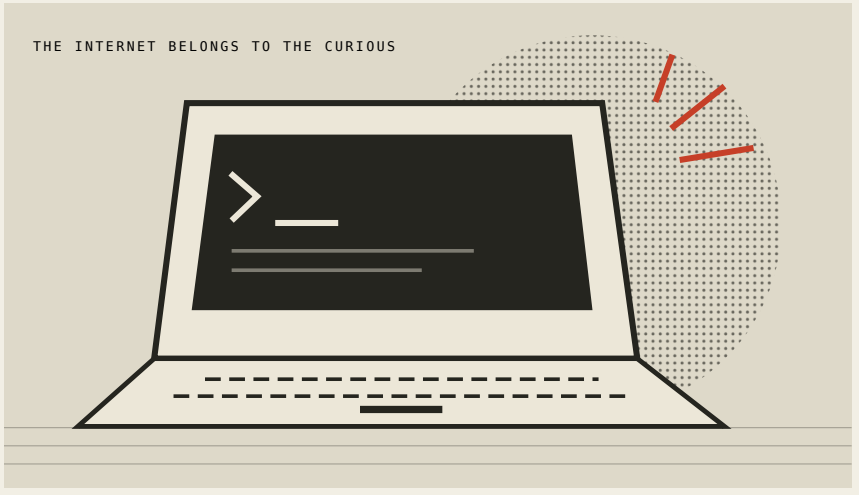
Keep credentials separate. A source backup is not a place for passwords, private keys, or recovery material.

Check the transfer. A completed command is useful evidence. A matching file hash is better evidence that the bytes arrived.

Restore somewhere safe. Work with an isolated copy. Avoid testing a restore against the only running instance.

Open what matters. Check representative records, files, and relationships, not only whether an archive extracts.

Write down the gaps. A partial backup can be useful when its limits are explicit.



The restore is part of the backup.

Storage is the easy noun. Recovery is the useful verb. A copy becomes much more convincing when someone has followed the instructions and brought the important parts back.

ONE SMALL CHECK

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shasum -a 256 archive.tar.gz
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Record the result alongside your transfer notes. A matching checksum checks bytes; it does not prove that an application or database can be restored.

For someone else's website, respect access controls, rights, privacy, and the site's terms. Public availability is not permission to republish an archive.

KEEP THE ORIGINAL UNTIL THE RESTORE EARNS YOUR TRUST.

A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER

A very online place. *A very offline paper.*



Original Hackpost illustration. Proposed launch: San Francisco and Palo Alto.

Hey, neighbor.

Hackers have always found a place to gather. A garage. A lab. A folding table at a meetup. The setting changes; the good part is the same. Someone has made something, and someone else wants to understand it.

We want a newspaper to be one of those places. Something you can leave in the office kitchen, pass across a table, or fold beside a cup of coffee. The screen is good at urgency. Paper gives an idea a little room.

Our plan is a weekly Friday edition, starting with San Francisco and Palo Alto. It will mix original editorial notes with source-linked ideas from AI, engineering, open source, startups, and the people who make the Bay interesting.

We are gathering interest before confirming the route. There is no paid subscription or promised delivery date yet.

THE FIRST RUN / STILL IN THE MAKING

Help us find the first 100.

TARGET

100 interested Bay Area readers

FORMAT

8-12 pages, weekly

PLANNED PRICE

$9 per week

FIRST NEIGHBORHOODS

San Francisco & Palo Alto

STILL TO CONFIRM

Printer, delivery partner, route, final costs, and first issue date

Reader interest is a target, not a claimed subscriber count. Joining the launch list is free.

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Pilot edition. Registering interest does not create a paid subscription.

A LITTLE INK. A CLEAR POINT OF VIEW.

Independent papers need *independent readers.*

The reader is the point.

A newspaper makes a promise about attention. We choose a small number of things, explain why they are worth a look, and give you a place to stop. The digital edition stays free. Print is the way we hope to make that promise tangible.

The planned price is $9 a week. Over 52 weeks that is $468, or $39 per month on average. Those are price equivalents, not a monthly billing offer. Printing, delivery, editorial work, payment fees, spoilage, and tax treatment still need to be validated.

How we intend to pay for it.

Individual subscriptions are the foundation. Clearly labeled sponsorships and office bundles can help. Advertisers should never be confused with editorial selections. We have no sponsors or paid subscribers to announce in this pilot.

The next useful step.

Read the sample. Tell us which neighborhood you are in. Share it with someone who misses reading one thing at a time. Once the economics and fulfillment terms are clear, a refundable preorder can become a concrete offer.

For now, there is no charge and no card form. We would rather earn the first subscription than imply a delivery route already exists.

THE FRIDAY PAPER / PLANNED LAUNCH

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The colophon.

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