Tips for Serving Language Model Adapters at Scale







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Personal Introduction

- Background in Computational Linguistics
- Worked as Data Analyst / Cloud Solutions Architect
- Recent experience working heavily with Language
 Models for various use-cases, necessitating attention to scalability and automation

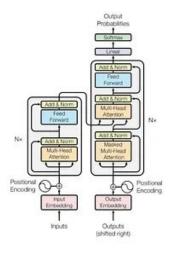


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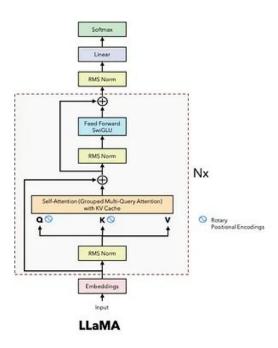


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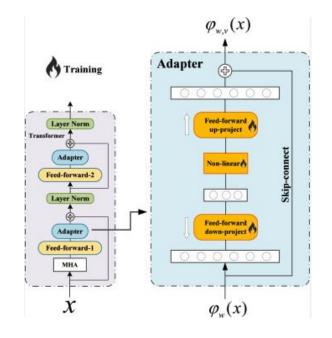
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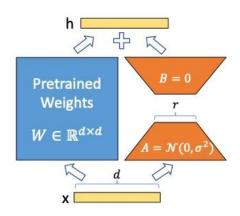


Transformer ("Attention is all you need")

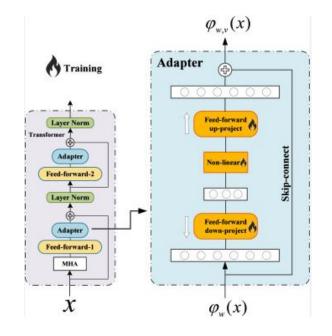


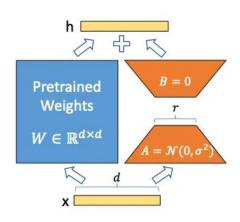
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 - Efficient fine-tuning.
 - Multi- domain/language/task adaptation.







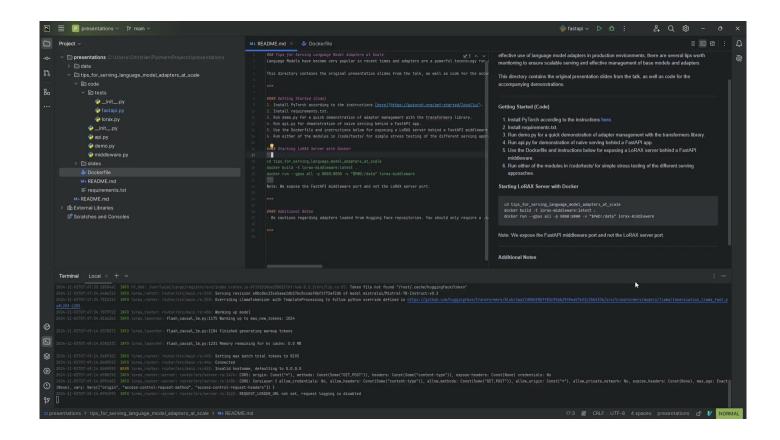
Summary of MLOps Challenges

- Efficient Serving
 - Depending on the size of the base model, hosting multiple model instances for different adapters is not resource efficient.
 - Requires a serving solution which can manage the large parameters of the base model and orchestrate adapters dynamically.
 - Batching and adapter caching.
- Model / Adapter Versioning and Management
 - Similar to other multi-model scenarios where versioning and model registration tools can provide a framework for model management.
 - Unique in that adapters may need independent versioning which must be coordinated with base model. Requires unified versioning approach with base model awareness.

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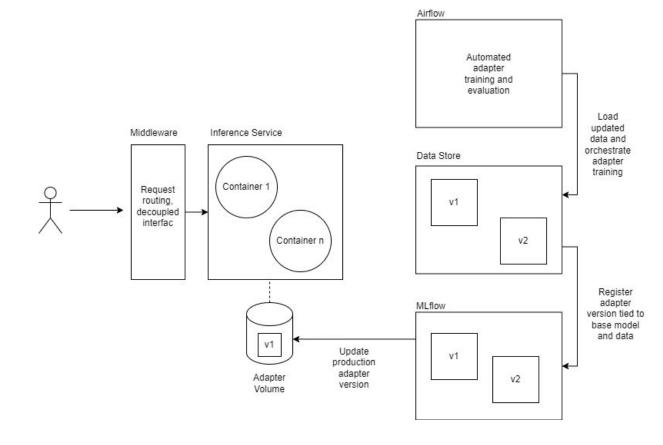


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 - Load testing
 - Adapter cache parameters
 - Adapter loading / attachment
 - Middleware
 - Managed solutions

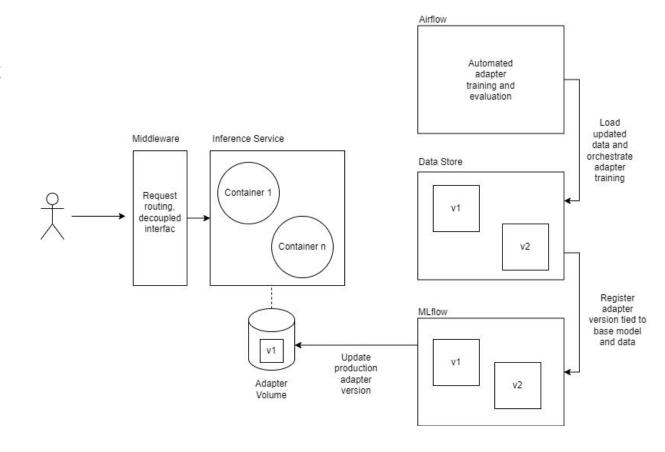
Tips for Model Management

- General Tips
 - Version base model with data
 - Version adapter with data and base model
 - Register adapters as independent models according to the use-case and ensure traceability with data and base model
- Important to keep in mind
 - Emphasis on automation



Summary

- Language Model Adapters
 - Allows adaptation of large models with efficient number of parameters.
 - Potentiates dynamic adaptation of base model behaviour through inclusion of small matrices.
- Serving
 - Ensure proper orchestration of adapters and batching.
 - Wide support in open source servers.
- Model Management
 - Attend to proper versioning of adapters with respect to base models.
 - Emphasis on automation, especially for higher numbers of adapters.



Additional Resources

- Informational
 - Overview of the LoRA Family
 - Apple Intelligence
- Tutorials
 - Hugging Face
 - o <u>TensorRT</u>
 - Slides and Code
- Serving Solutions
 - o <u>LoRAX</u>
 - <u>Text Generation Inference</u>
 - o <u>vLLM</u>
- Managed Serving Solutions
 - Predibase
 - Empower

Q&A