

LLM Apps

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- Context is the information the user gives to the LLM when asking for something.
- For example, a user can ask chatGPT:
 - “Give me a summary of the Bible in less than 100 words.”
 - “Explain the theory of relativity to a 6-year-old.”
 - “Act as if you were a botany professor and explain photosynthesis to me.”
- The underlined words are the context the user gives to the LLM. Thanks to that context, the LLM knows how to fine-tune its answer.

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- The context window is the maximum size of the context that we can give to an LLM.
- For example, an LLM like chatGPT has the following context windows:
 - chatGPT 3.5 supports a context window of up to 4,096 tokens (approx. 3,000 words, 6 pages).
 - chatGPT 4 supports a context window of up to 8,192 tokens (approx. 6,100 words, 12 pages).