



OpenAI Model Craft: Parameter Golf Challenge Terms

Void where prohibited by law. Internet access, valid GitHub account, and email address are required to participate. Participants must comply with the [GitHub Terms of Service](#).

OVERVIEW: The OpenAI Model Craft: Parameter Golf Challenge (the “Challenge”) is operated by OpenAI OpCo, LLC 1455 Third Street San Francisco, CA 94158 (“OpenAI”). The Challenge begins at 10:00:01 AM Pacific Standard Time (“PST”) on March 18, 2026, and ends at 4:59:59 PM PST on April 30, 2026 (“Participation Period”). Eligible Participants (as defined below) can create and submit a Project (as defined below) with their results through the Website (as defined below) during the Participation Period. Projects can be a GitHub Pull Request including Model Weights, Config, Supporting Code, Training Log, Execution Script, and short write-up describing the specific approach. (each as submitted in the Challenge, a “Project”).

ELIGIBILITY: For the purposes of this Challenge, the “Territory” means any country, state, province, territory, region, or jurisdiction that is an OpenAI API supported jurisdiction (listed [here](#)) and excludes any area or country designated by the applicable trade sanctions authorities (including but not necessarily limited to Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and the sanctioned territories of Ukraine), Argentina, and Brazil.

As of 10:00:01 AM PST on March 18, 2026, participants must: (i) be a legal resident of a country, state, province or territory within the Territory, (ii) be at least eighteen (18) years old and the age of majority in their jurisdiction of residence (e.g., country, province, state, prefect, territory, district, etc.), and (iii) not be identified on any list maintained by an applicable trade sanctions or export control authority (e.g., the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control’s List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons, or the U.S. Bureau of Industry and Security’s Entity List) (any and each, a “Participant”).

Participants must not be under any legal or contractual obligation that would prohibit participation in this Challenge. If participating in this Challenge would result in a violation by you of any applicable law or any agreement to which you are a party or employer or company policies and procedures, you are ineligible. You either: (a) represent and warrant that your participation in this Challenge is not within the scope of your employment, as an employee, contractor, or agent of another party and that your actions do not violate your employer’s or company’s policies and procedures; and if participating in this Challenge would result in a violation by you of employer or company policies and procedures, you are ineligible, or (b) if you are participating as part of a company or on behalf of your employer, these Terms are binding on you, individually, and/or your employer. If you are acting within the scope of your employment, as an employee, contractor, or agent of another party, you warrant that such party has full knowledge of your actions and has consented thereto.

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Participation in this Challenge constitutes your full and unconditional agreement to, and acceptance of, these Terms and the decisions of OpenAI, which are final and binding.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Eligible Participants can prepare and submit a Project during the Participation Period through the website located at GitHub page URL (“Website”) by following the on-screen instructions and supplying the required information. There is no charge for creating a GitHub account. This will enable you to receive important updates and access the submission page. Then, complete and submit all of the required components on the “GitHub” page of the Website as a Pull Request during the Participation Period, including, without limitation, the following:

- Model Weights,
- Config,
- Supporting Code,
- Training Log,
- Execution Script, and
- short write-up describing the specific approach.

Participants who are not employees or contractors of OpenAI may request computing credits by completing the form here: <https://openai.com/index/parameter-golf/> Requests will be reviewed and distributed within five (5) business days until credit supplies run out.

Projects and related content and information submitted through the Website in accordance with these Terms and all instructions on the Website that are actually received by OpenAI during the Participation Period, are referred to in these Terms as a “Submission.”

Projects, and any other text, images, code, software, or other content submitted as part of this Challenge is referred to collectively as “Participant Content”. All Participant Content submitted in this Challenge must comply fully with the “Requirements” section of these Terms below.

Submissions that are incomplete, lost, late, misdirected, mutilated, fraudulent, illegitimate, incomprehensible, garbled, or generated by a macro, bot, or other automated means will not be accepted. Submissions or participation made on behalf of a Participant by a third party not affiliated or associated with that Participant (as determined by OpenAI in its sole discretion) will not be valid for this Challenge.

By submitting a Project, you agree that the name of your Project, your biographical information, GitHub user name, and other content you provide may be publicly announced or displayed, including, without limitation, online. As a condition of participating in the Challenge, without limiting any other provision in these Terms, you give consent for OpenAI to obtain and deliver your name, address, other information and Submission to third parties for the purpose of administering this Challenge and complying with applicable laws, regulations, and these Terms.

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SUBMISSIONS MAY NOT BE ACKNOWLEDGED, WILL NOT BE RETURNED AND, IN FACT, MAY BE DESTROYED. KEEP A COPY OR THE ORIGINAL SUBMISSION.

REQUIREMENTS: Participant Content must meet all of the following requirements:

- Limited parameter size cap: 16MB artifact, weights + training code
- Compute cap: 10 minutes on 8xH100
- A fixed FineWeb training & validation dataset

Projects must:

- be capable of being successfully installed and running consistently on a 8xH100 machine for which it is intended,
- function as depicted in the Participant Content,
- be accessible via a valid submission on the Github Repository,
- be available free of charge and without any restriction during the Challenge Period, and
- be in English or, if not in English, you must provide an accurate English translation and promptly respond to questions or requests for clarification from OpenAI within the timeframe requested, if any.

Projects may integrate SDKs, APIs and data, provided you are authorized to use them. The text description must explain the features and functionality of the Project. If you submit images as part of your submission, the image(s) must be photographs or screenshots of your working Project and you must have the rights to submit such materials. You must comply with all applicable explicit or implicit terms and conditions or policies applicable for the platform, application, or software in connection with or on which your Project operates. As such, you must follow the spirit of such terms and conditions and policies. You must also at all times comply with all terms and policies applicable to your use of the applicable platform and the code needs to be open source under [MIT license](#) (hosted in a public personal github repo/pages).

All aspects of the Participant Content must be solely owned by, or licensed to, the Participant or in the public domain. OpenAI may request written proof of ownership of, or adequate license to Participant, of any Participant Content and Participants agree to provide same (or proof thereof) in a timely manner in a format acceptable to OpenAI.

If any part of your Participant Content depicts, identifies, or includes any person that is not you, you must have all permissions and rights from the individual depicted, identified, or included (and, if such individual is a minor, their parent or legal guardian) and agrees to provide OpenAI with written confirmation of those permissions and rights upon request.

Participant Content must not create or imply any association between OpenAI and any individual or entity or its/their products or services, including Participants. Participant Content

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must not contain any recognizable third-party trademarks (e.g., logos), trade dress, or other brand elements unless Participant has written permission from the rights owner to use such material. Participant Content must not infringe, misappropriate, or violate any rights of any third party including, without limitation, copyright (including moral rights), trademark, trade secret, or rights of privacy or publicity.

Participant Content must not include information or content that is false, fraudulent, deceptive, misleading, defamatory, libelous (including trade libel), disparaging, harassing, threatening, profane, obscene, pornographic or otherwise adult-oriented, hateful, indecent, inappropriate, or injurious to OpenAI or any other party.

Participant Content must not contain or describe any harmful or illegal activity or content or in any way violate any federal, state, or local laws, Terms, or regulations and must be suitable for presentation in a public forum.

You agree that your participation in the Challenge, agreement to these Terms, and OpenAI's reproduction, display, and use of your Participant Content in accordance with these Terms will not violate any agreement to which you are a signatory or party.

You agree to indemnify OpenAI against any and all claims from any third party for any use or reuse by OpenAI of the Participant Content authorized under these Terms.

OpenAI reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to remove any Participant Content that refers, depicts, or in any way reflects negatively upon OpenAI, the Challenge, or any other person or entity or does not comply with these Terms.

LEADER BOARD: You may see your "rank" on the public test set from the leaderboard. This leaderboard functionality is for entertainment purposes only and may not accurately reflect current standing. Any potential opportunities will be provided in OpenAI's sole discretion, regardless of any results displayed on the leaderboard.

LICENSE: By participating, except where prohibited by law, you grant to OpenAI (and its agents, successors, and assigns) a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, irrevocable, transferable, sublicensable right and permission to use Project (including the code, and Project name) and any other Participant Content that comprises your Submission in accordance with and subject to the terms of the [MIT license](#) in any medium (including online and in digital media) in any language, throughout the world, for the purposes of evaluating Submissions, administering this Challenge, and marketing or promotional purposes, without further review, notice, approval, consideration, or compensation. You further grant to OpenAI (and its agents, successors, and assigns) a non-exclusive, irrevocable, worldwide, transferable and sublicensable right to use your (and your Project's) trade names and trademarks (including logos) in connection with this Challenge.

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You hereby acknowledge and agree that the relationship between you and OpenAI is not a confidential, fiduciary, or other special relationship, and that your decision to participate in this Challenge does not place OpenAI in a position that is any different from the position held by members of the general public with regard to elements of the Submission (including, without limitation, the Project), other than as set forth in these Terms. You understand and acknowledge that OpenAI has wide access to ideas, text, images, code, applications, projects, software, and other creative materials. You also acknowledge that many ideas for applications, projects, and online services may be competitive with, similar to, or identical to your Project and/or each other in idea, function, components, format, or other respects. In no way limiting the foregoing, you acknowledge and agree that you are not entitled to any compensation as a result of OpenAI's use of any such similar or identical material that has or may come to OpenAI from other sources. You acknowledge and agree that OpenAI does not now and will not have in the future any duty or liability (direct or indirect; vicarious, contributory, or otherwise) with respect to the infringement or protection of the patent, copyright or other proprietary rights in and to your Submission or elements thereof, including your Project(s). You waive and release OpenAI from any and all claims that you may now or hereafter have in any jurisdiction based on "moral rights" or "droit moral" or unfair competition with respect to OpenAI's exploitation of any Participant Content without further notification or compensation to you of any kind, and agree not to instigate, support, maintain, or authorize any action, claim, or lawsuit against OpenAI, its licensees, or any other person in connection with this Challenge, on the grounds that any use of any Participant Content or element thereof (including your Project(s)) or derivative works therefrom in accordance with this license infringes or violates any of your rights (including moral rights) therein. You acknowledge that, with respect to any claim by you relating to or arising out of a OpenAI's actual or alleged exploitation or use of any Submission or other material submitted in connection with the Challenge, the damage, if any, thereby caused to the you will not be irreparable or otherwise sufficient to entitle you to seek injunctive or other equitable relief or in any way enjoin the production, distribution, exhibition, or other exploitation of OpenAI bot, application, service or other property, and your rights and remedies in any such event are strictly limited to the right to recover damages, if any, in an action at law.

PRIVACY AND DATA SUBMISSION: The data, including personal data, collected will be stored, processed, and transmitted in accordance with applicable data protection laws and OpenAI's [Privacy Policy](#) pursuant to your agreement to these Terms, including analyzing Projects and for the purposes of considering you for potential networking or employment opportunities.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: To the fullest extent permitted under applicable law, you agree to release, hold harmless, and indemnify OpenAI from and against any liability whatsoever for injuries or damages of any kind sustained in connection with the preparing for, participating in, and/or traveling to or from any Challenge-related activity including, without limitation, any injury, damage, loss, death or accident to/of person or property.

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To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, you understand and agree that all rights under section 1542 of the Civil Code of California and any similar law of any state or jurisdiction of the United States are expressly waived by him/her. Section 1542 reads as follows:

“A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.”

ADDITIONAL DISCLAIMERS: OpenAI is not responsible and/or liable for any of the following, whether caused by OpenAI, a Participant, or by human error: Participation via illegitimate means (such as, without limitation, by automated computer program); lost, late, incomplete, illegible, unintelligible, garbled, mutilated, or misdirected Submissions, email, or Challenge-related correspondence or materials; any error, omission, interruption, defect or delay in transmission or communication; viruses or technical or mechanical malfunctions; interrupted or unavailable cable or satellite systems; errors, typos, or misprints in these Terms, in any Challenge-related advertisements or materials; failures of electronic equipment, computer hardware, or software; lost or unavailable network connections, or failed, incorrect, incomplete, inaccurate, garbled or delayed electronic communications. OpenAI is not responsible for electronic communications that are undeliverable or do not reach a Participant because of any form of active or passive filtering of any kind, or insufficient space in a Participant’s account to receive messages. OpenAI is not responsible if your email address or other contact information does not work or is changed without notice to OpenAI. Without limiting any other provision in these Terms, OpenAI is not responsible or liable to any Participant or any person claiming through such Participant in the event that any of the Challenge activities or OpenAI’s operations or activities are affected by any cause or event beyond the sole and reasonable control of OpenAI (as determined by OpenAI in its sole discretion), including, without limitation, by reason of any acts of God, any action, regulation, order or request by any governmental or quasi-governmental entity (whether or not the action, regulations, order or request proves to be invalid), equipment failure, threatened or actual terrorist acts, air raid, blackout, act of public enemy, earthquake, war (declared or undeclared), fire, flood, epidemic, pandemic, explosion, unusually severe weather, hurricane, embargo, labor dispute or strike (whether legal or illegal), labor or material shortage, transportation interruption of any kind, work slow-down, civil disturbance, insurrection, riot, or any law, rule, regulation, action, order or request adopted, taken or made by any federal, state or local governmental or quasi-governmental entity (whether or not such governmental act proves to be invalid), or any other cause, whether or not specifically mentioned above.

GENERAL TERMS: You agree to be bound by these Terms and the decisions of OpenAI. Failure to comply with these Terms may result in disqualification from the Challenge. You further agree not to damage or cause interruption of the Challenge and/or prevent others from participating in

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the Challenge. OpenAI reserves the right to restrict or void participation from any IP address or other identifiable source if any suspicious activity is detected. OpenAI reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any Participants who OpenAI believes have attempted to tamper with or impair the administration, security, or fairness of the Challenge. OpenAI's failure to or decision not to enforce any provision in these Terms will not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision. In the event there is an alleged or actual ambiguity, discrepancy, or inconsistency between disclosures or other statements contained in any Challenge-related materials and/or these Terms (including any alleged discrepancy or inconsistency within these Terms), it will be resolved by OpenAI in its sole discretion and no correspondence will be entered into. You waive any right to claim ambiguity in the Challenge structure, any Challenge materials, or these Terms. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of these Terms will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. If any provision is determined to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable or illegal, these Terms will otherwise remain in effect and will be construed in accordance with their collective terms as if the invalid or illegal provision were not contained in these Terms. If the Challenge is not capable of running as planned for any reason, OpenAI reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, modify or suspend the Challenge. OpenAI does not have any responsibility or liability for any dispute regarding any Participant, including the identity of any individual participating on behalf of a business or organization. In the event of a dispute regarding participation cannot be resolved to OpenAI's satisfaction, in its sole discretion, the Participant may be disqualified. **Caution: Any attempt to damage any online service or website or to undermine the legitimate operation of a Challenge may violate criminal and civil laws. If such an attempt is made, OpenAI may disqualify any Participant (or purported Participant) making such attempt and may seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.**

DISPUTES/GOVERNING LAW: Except where prohibited, as a condition of participating in the Challenge, you agree that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved between a Participant(s) and OpenAI, claims and causes of action arising out of, or connected with, the Challenge must be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action.

The Challenge, these Terms, and any dispute arising under or related to the Challenge and/or Terms will be governed, construed, and interpreted under the internal laws of the state of California, USA, without reference or giving effect to its conflicts of law principles or Terms that would cause the application of any other state's laws, if that is not possible, then the laws of the United Kingdom. All disputes, claims or demands that relate to the Challenge or these Terms will be resolved by the dispute resolution and arbitration terms set forth [here](#), which are incorporated herein by reference. Unless prohibited by applicable law, you waive all objections to jurisdiction and venue in these courts and hereby submit to the jurisdiction of those courts. If required under applicable law, nothing herein will limit the right of any Participant to bring proceedings (including third party proceedings) against OpenAI in a court of competent

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jurisdiction located within the Participant's jurisdiction (as applicable). For German residents, Der Rechtsweg ist ausgeschlossen.