

Cross-Course Meetups: Lessons Learned

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The Situation

CISC 352

- Artificial Intelligence
- ~140 3rd/4th

The Process

1. 1hr weekly session
2. First 5min answering course-specific questions
3. Next 5min describing the tech/topic/site
4. Breakout rooms of 4-5 for ~40min
5. Collect “entries” from each group
6. Return to main discussion for another 5-10min
7. Post a single poll to both courses, and report to class

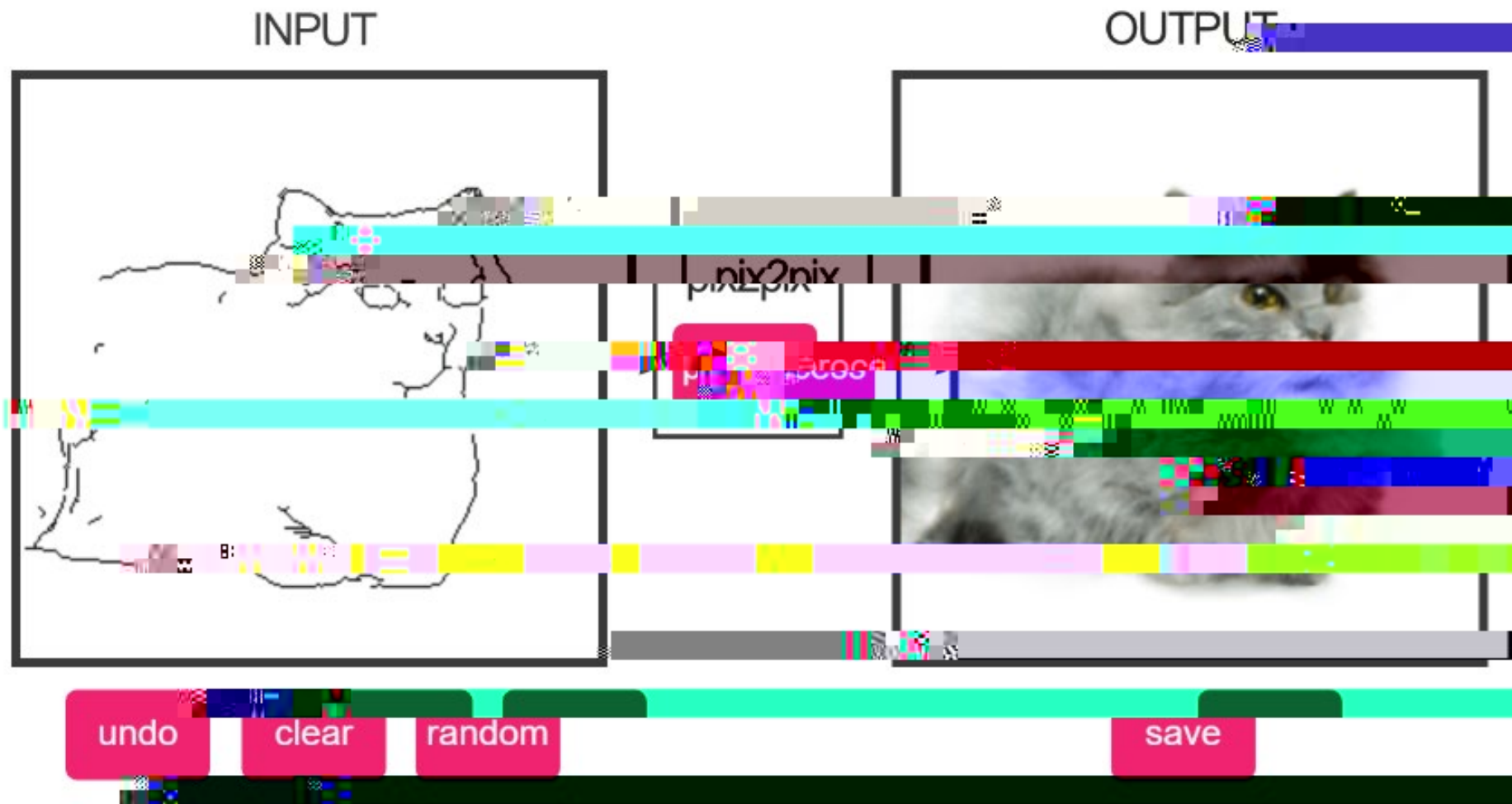
Topic of Conversation

- Something to provoke discussion on the AI technique used
- Often a website for interactive engagement
- Always something they could “submit” as a group



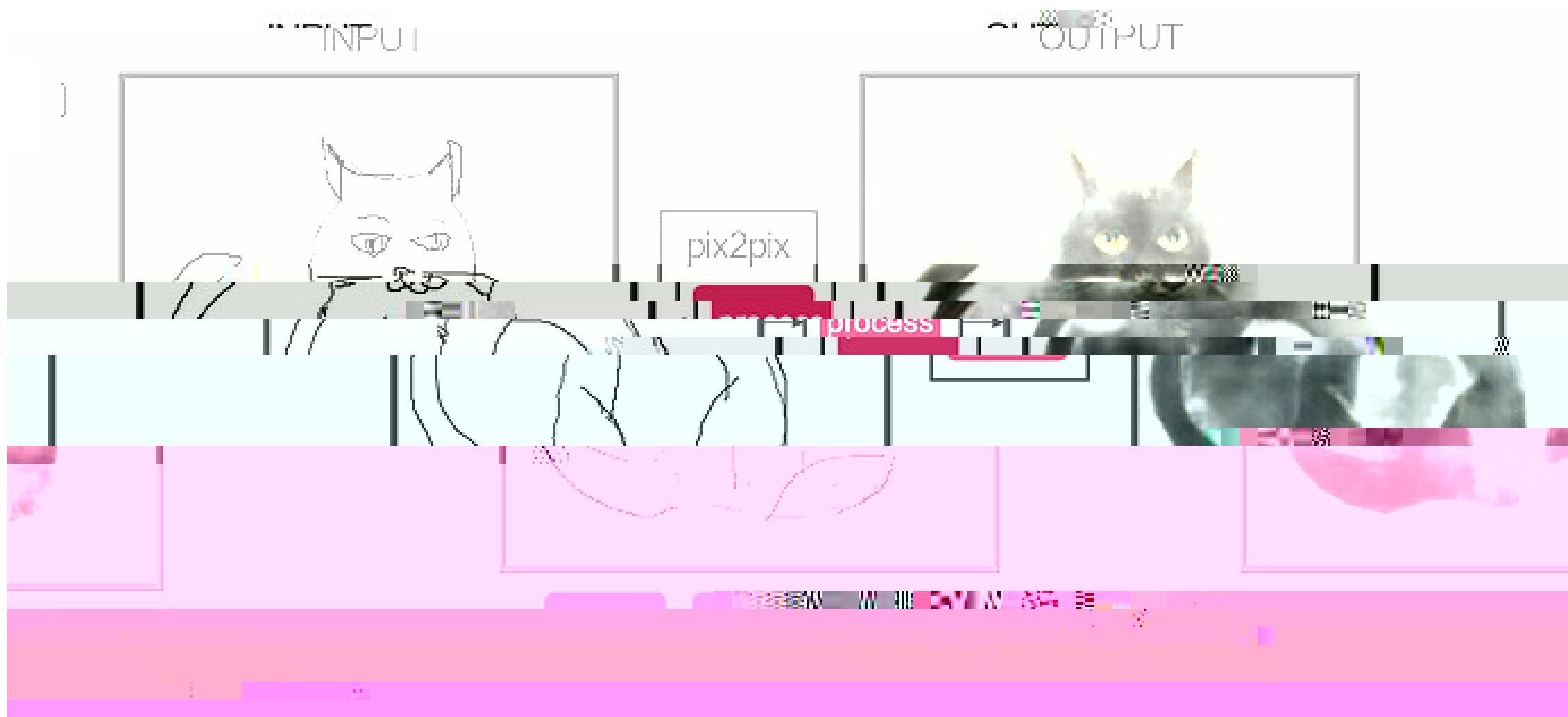
<http://thispersondoesnotexist.com/>

Find the most realistic (fake) person and discuss how they're created.



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Seed a language model to “fill in the blanks”

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- AI Mad Lib
- Most controversial use of AI
 - x Mass data collection
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What didn't work?

- No great way to ensure a mix between the cohorts
- Complicated tasks that took some training
- Allowing involved course-specific questions
- Cancelling sessions (it was a major highlight for some)

I love AI meeting, and dividing us into small groups is really nice to communicate with each other. We discuss new topic each time, and that's really interesting! I also meet new friends in this class.

I was able to connect with some students doing
their master's and am still in contact with them



