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woojink@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:40:42 PM UTC
do all your gchats now have history=ON?

dym@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:41:25 PM UTC
no

woojink@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:41:35 PM UTC
but this chat room is now

dym@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:41:38 PM UTC
but I'm surprised about the switch in this room

tmaurer@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:42:03 PM UTC
yeah mine is also always on

tmaurer@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:42:05 PM UTC
odd ;)

woojink@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:42:17 PM UTC
odd ;)

woojink@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:42:36 PM UTC
i feel like i can't even joke around any more

woojink@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:42:41 PM UTC
on non work topics

tmaurer@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:43:43 PM UTC
when are we meeting again? did you guys plan for something?

dmitby@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:45:47 PM UTC

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sorry i think that's due to me: maybe kick me out and see if that fixes it? there was a change to legal hold rules i guess (at least for something i'm on). for non work feel free to ping me dmitby@gmail.com (also on Signal and such)

woojink@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:46:42 PM UTC

Me too though

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I bet tobias

triswarkentin@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:49:12 PM UTC

we had it on before but someone turned it off

triswarkentin@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:49:30 PM UTC

also, stock continues to plunge

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Can't talk about it

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Ben Thompson of Stratechery captured my feelings almost entirely about the pragh event yesterday

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woojink@google.com February 9, 2023 at 6:52:18 PM UTC

Yeah

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Not a confidence inspiring preso

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Why was it in Paris?

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Where was Sundar?

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it was a preplanned event for Google Arts and Culture anniversary

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Pragh decided it should be pivoted to be about AI about a ~month ago

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but then they were going to NOT do that

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so I'm not sure how it got switched back

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Pragh wants to be the AI Lead for Google -- hence fighting to get search response fully separated from RMI even though their models don't perform

triswarkentin@google.com February 9, 2023 at 7:00:40 PM UTC

and Sissie owning Bard

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say what you will about Clay

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but if Clay had organized a presentation about the future of AI for a Paris event

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I bet our stock woulda gone up =)

dym@google.com February 9, 2023 at 7:04:00 PM UTC

Well if Pragh wants to be AI lead for Google, he's not exactly going about it the right way

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Clay would've done a great job at the announcement

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interesting that I can't turn off history here

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tmaurer@google.com February 10, 2023 at 6:02:01 AM UTC
Very strange.

woojink@google.com February 10, 2023 at 6:44:31 AM UTC
It's new lit hold

woojink@google.com February 10, 2023 at 6:44:33 AM UTC
Sorry

dmitby@google.com February 10, 2023 at 4:59:25 PM UTC
(i'm in the same boat FWIW, as are many others)

tmaurer@google.com February 10, 2023 at 8:08:30 PM UTC
same

dmitby@google.com February 10, 2023 at 8:37:01 PM UTC
what are your phone #'s

tmaurer@google.com February 10, 2023 at 8:38:16 PM UTC
3477121297

dym@google.com February 10, 2023 at 8:40:54 PM UTC
9173311533

woojink@google.com February 10, 2023 at 8:47:33 PM UTC
6508681456

woojink@google.com February 10, 2023 at 8:47:39 PM UTC
Are we planning a get together!?

woojink@google.com February 10, 2023 at 8:47:48 PM UTC
Just stopped by my ne house

woojink@google.com February 10, 2023 at 8:47:53 PM UTC

It'll be ready soon to welcome yall

tmaurer@google.com February 10, 2023 at 8:49:37 PM UTC

Our expectations are exoplanetary high at this point.

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Ah yes

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I'll make sure to get the jwst ready

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;)

triswarkentin@google.com February 10, 2023 at 9:29:48 PM UTC

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yeah dude, we gotta get together asap

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I'm at the end of my rope over here =)

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just made us a whatsapp group

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<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GTwtwr5LwOK9wHgf9WmuB3>

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GTwtwr5LwOK9wHgf9WmuB3>

tmaurer@google.com February 10, 2023 at 10:40:30 PM UTC

Do you guys know Threema?

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Per is stopping by for a drink around 5 at my house ;)

triswarkentin@google.com February 10, 2023 at 11:38:30 PM UTC

never heard of threema

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chat app?

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we need multiplayer bard amirite

tmaurer@google.com February 10, 2023 at 11:50:15 PM UTC
My most paranoid friends in Germany use it for texting.

tmaurer@google.com February 10, 2023 at 11:50:58 PM UTC
Have a great weekend y'all. I'm one grad convo with my VP away from it.

dmitby@google.com February 10, 2023 at 11:53:23 PM UTC
you didn't already do your grad convo?

triswarkentin@google.com February 11, 2023 at 12:01:01 AM UTC
mitby you're the only one missing from our whatsapp now

triswarkentin@google.com February 11, 2023 at 12:01:02 AM UTC
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GTwtwr5LwOK9wHgf9WmuB3>
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GTwtwr5LwOK9wHgf9WmuB3>

While I summarized Microsoft's event yesterday and posted an interview, I wanted to wait to see Google's Paris event before I provided any analysis; I can't decide if that was the best decision I made, or the worst.

The event was, frankly, bad: the vast majority of content was a rehash of past Google I/Os, and one of the presenters even managed to forget to have a phone at hand for a demo; the new features that were announced would be available "in the coming months." The slides seemed out of sync with presenters, as if they had just been prepared a few hours beforehand, and, well, it sure seems like the event and Sundar Pichai's blog post introducing Bard (which you can't yet use) were nothing more than a response to Microsoft's Bing announcement.

Microsoft's announcement, meanwhile, was well-rehearsed and well-coordinated, not just in terms of the event itself but also a big press tour by executives (which, obviously, included yours truly). The messaging was consistent: Microsoft is ready to attack Google's search dominance, thanks to a strategic partnership that gave the company a chance to disrupt the incumbent. A Microsoft executive said in a Microsoft blog post (that was the