

Tips for building applications that use GenAI

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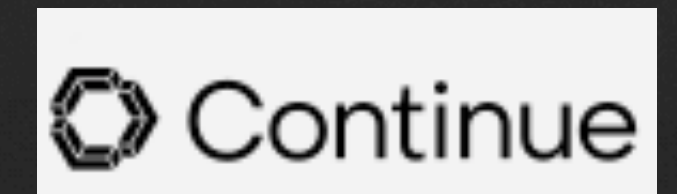
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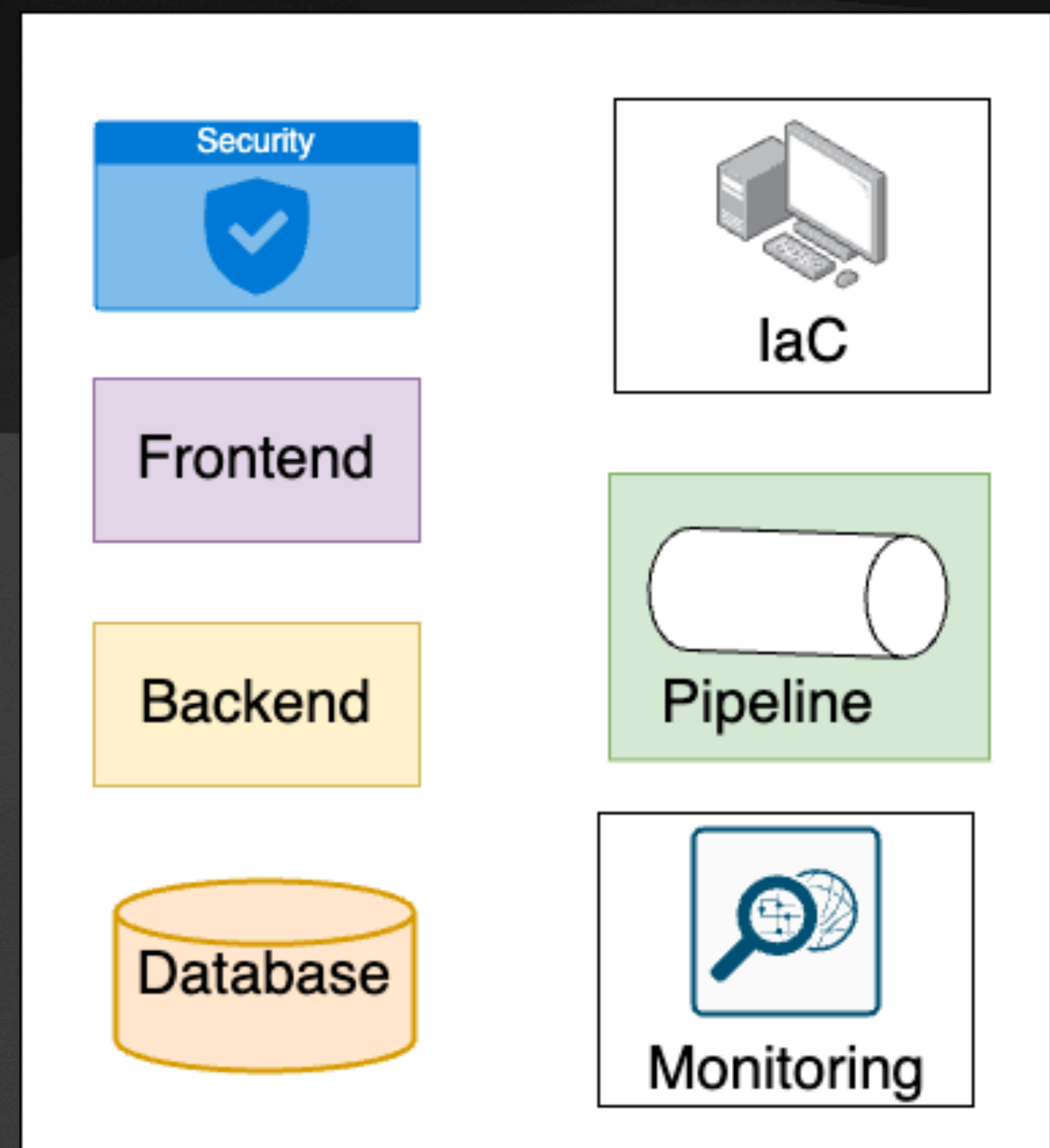
AI can help reduce the time to code an App



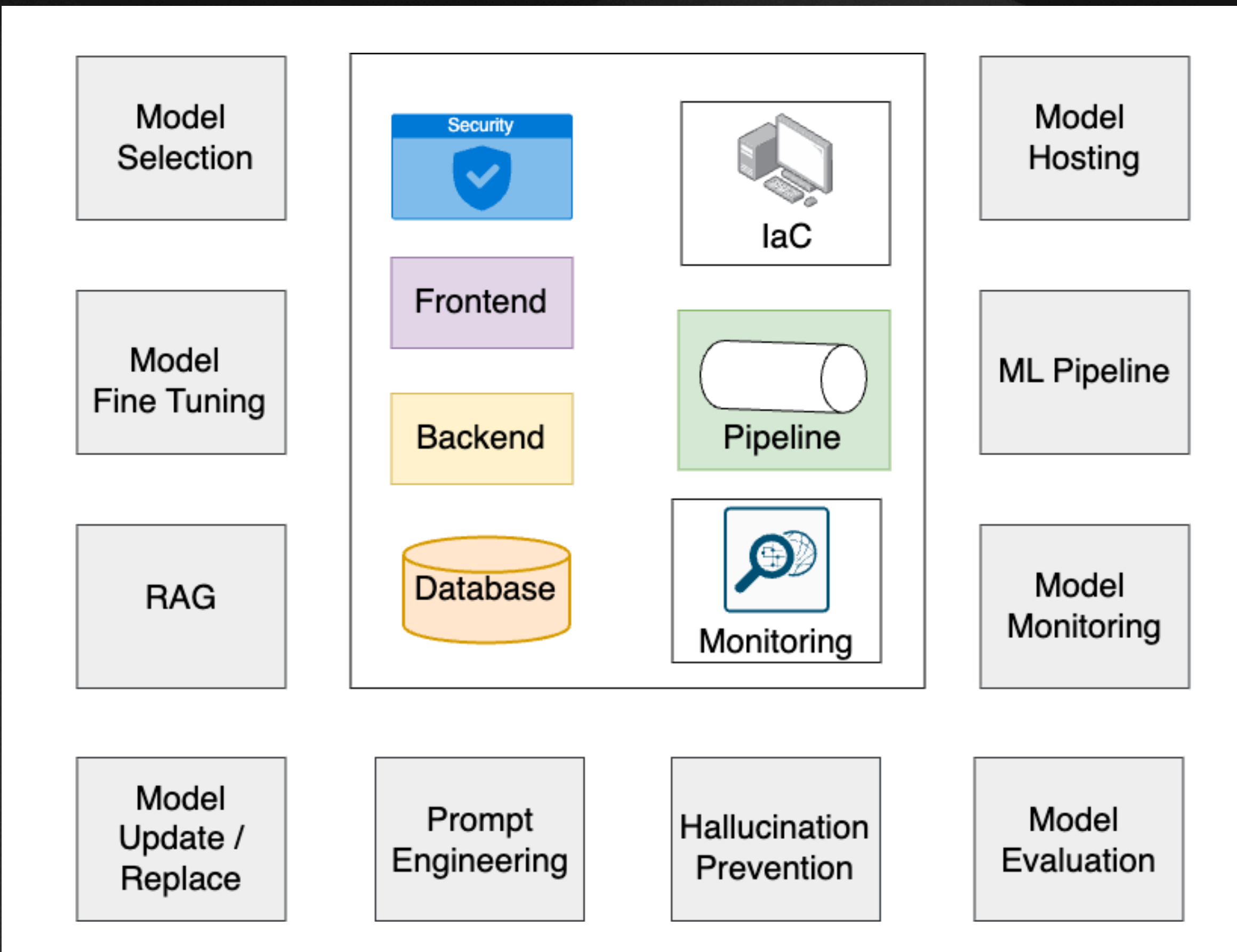
- These are plugins for your IDE except cursor that is an actual IDE
- You can also just use any LLM to help with your code via cut and paste

However, AI models also increase your app complexity

Typical app dev components



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Where/How to host Models is important

Host locally

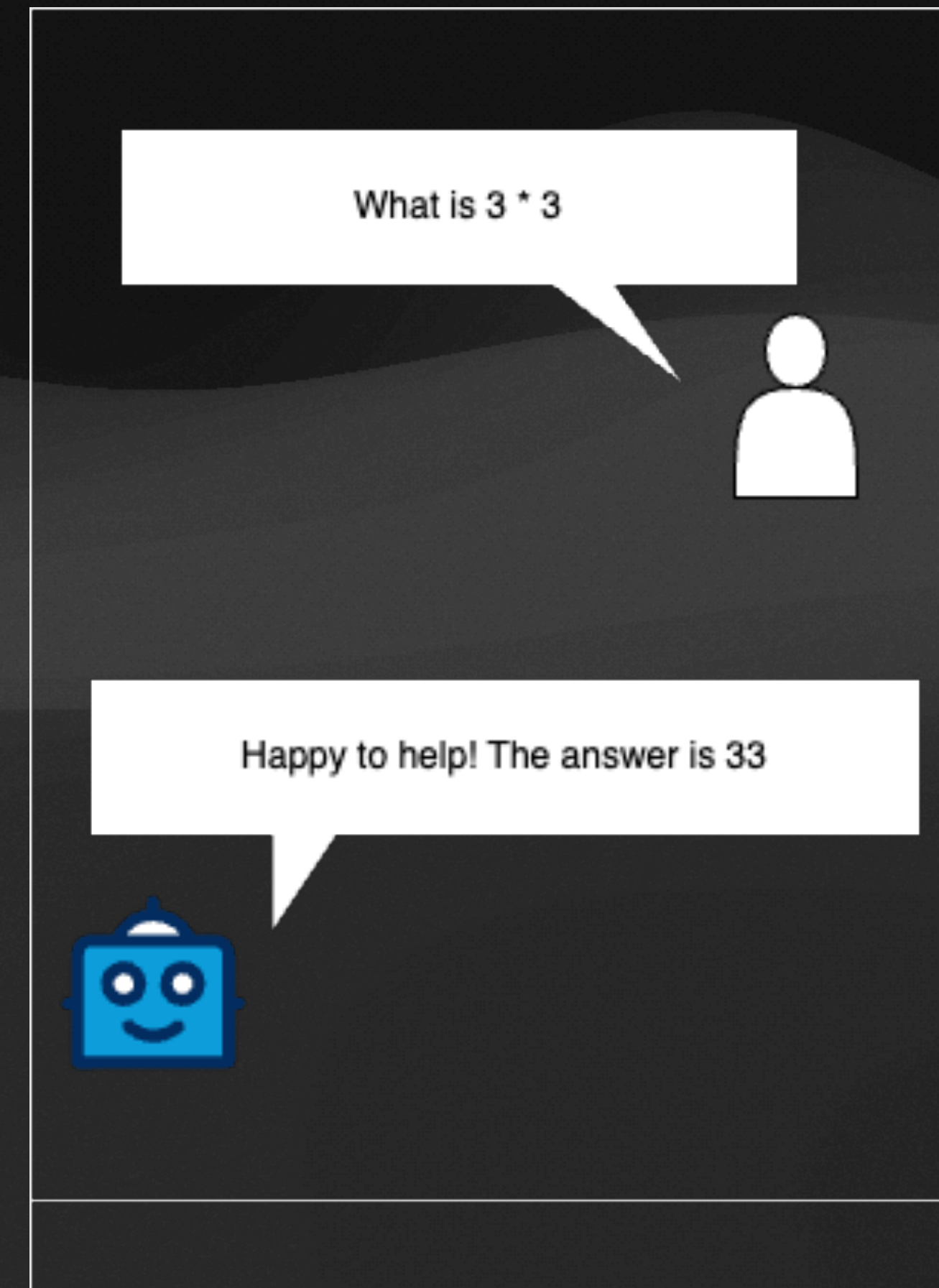
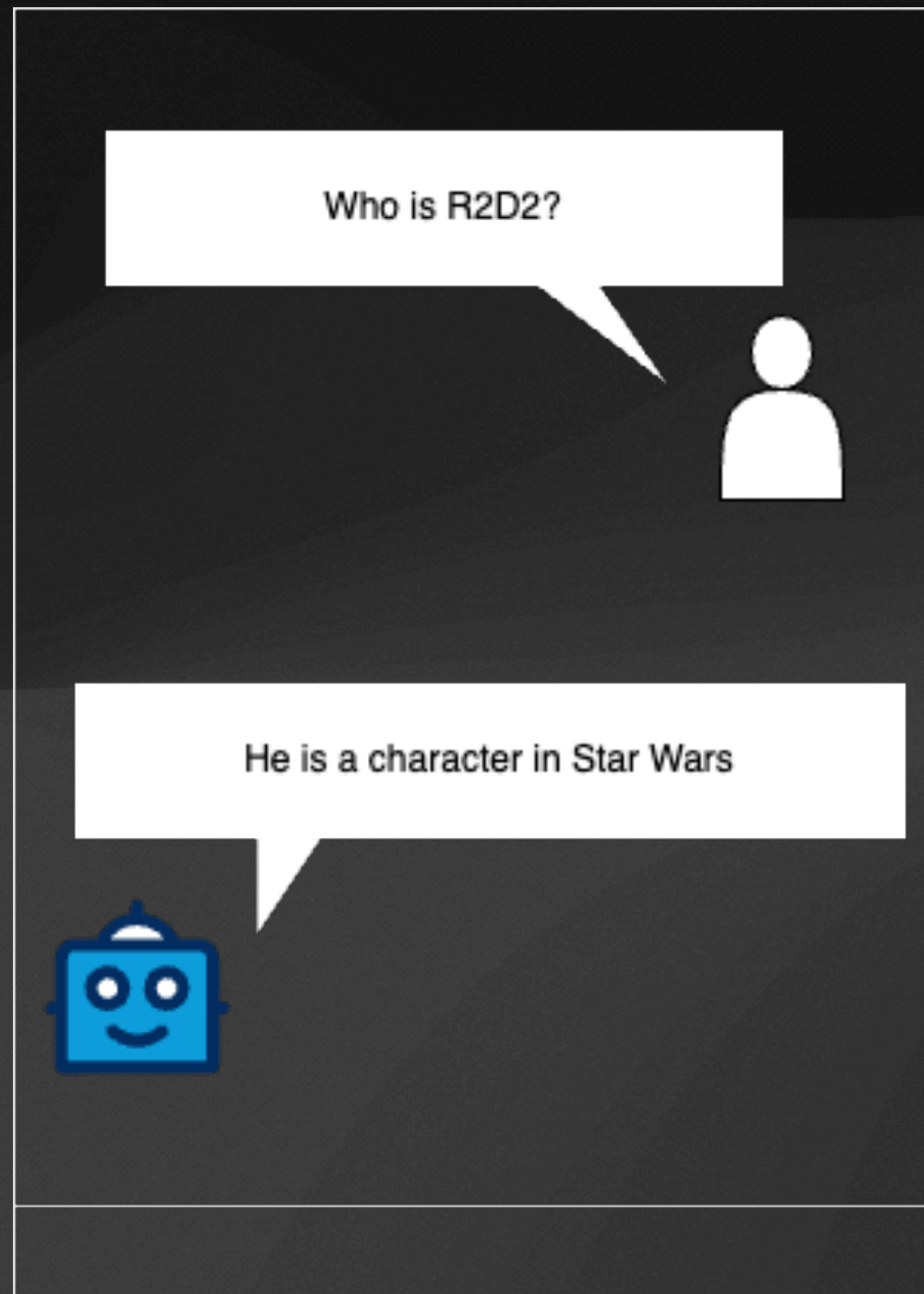


Host in the cloud



Alternatively, you could just use a library like HF Transformers

Building an AI chatbot is easy



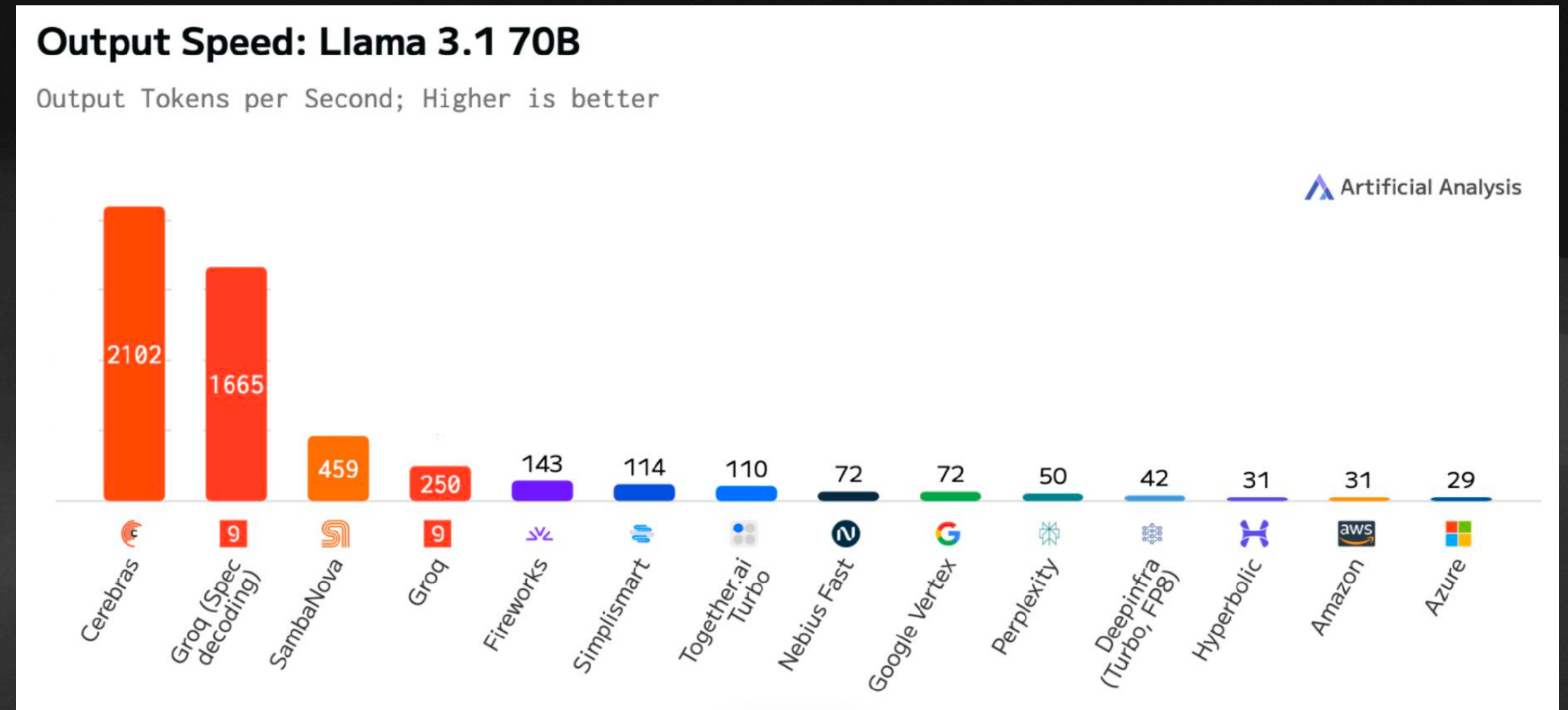
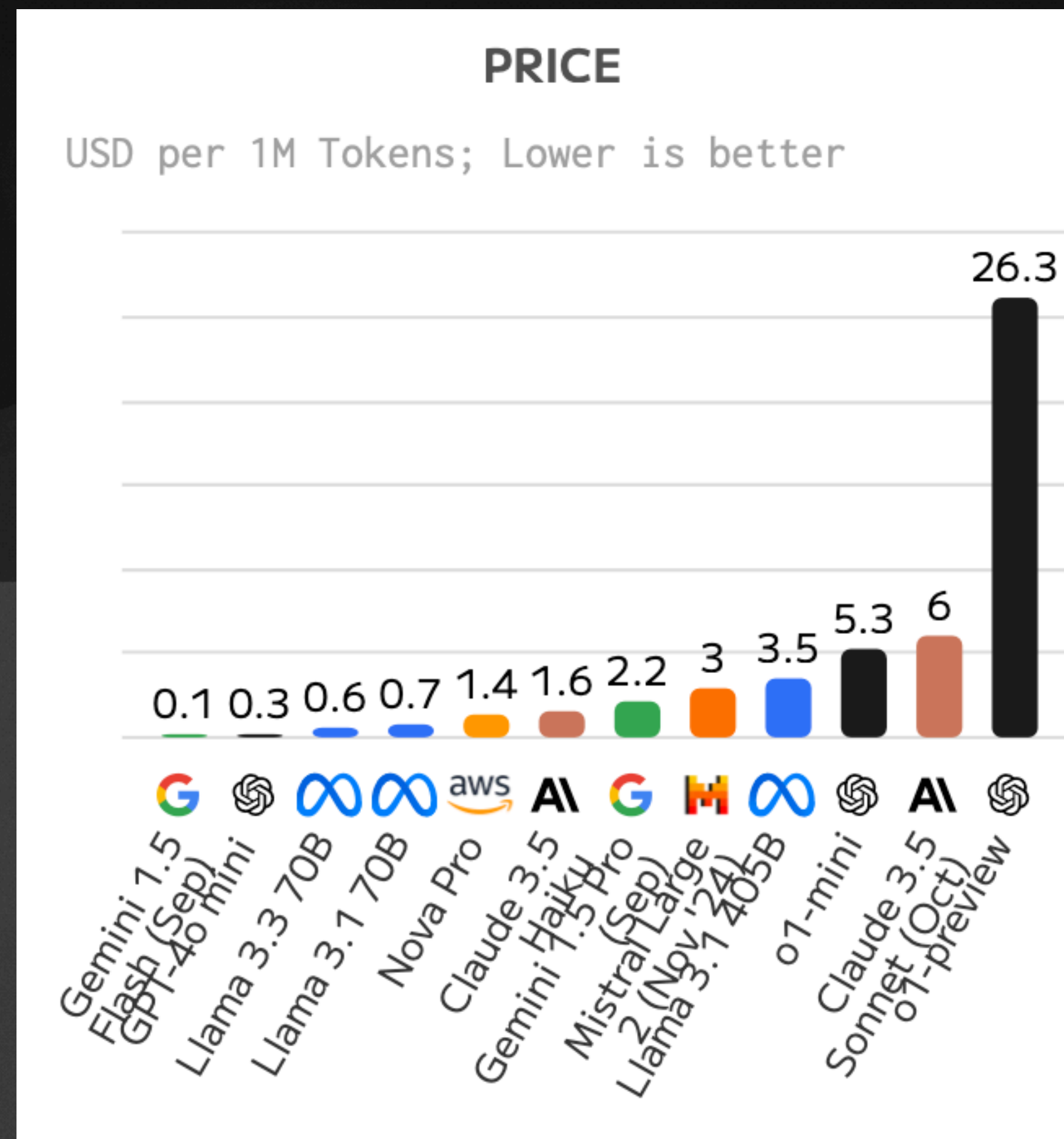
However, validating and moderating the chatbot content is hard

There are techniques to validate LLM output

| Technique | Description | Technique Issues |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Prompt Engineering | Provide guardrails to LLM in the prompt | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need to be very precise• LLM May choose to ignore guardrails |
| Guardrails | Specialized LLMs that classifies answer as 'bad' | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds additional latency to every LLM call• Adds cost• Is not always correct |
| RAG | Provide additional context to LLM as part of the prompt | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need to add RAG store to solution• Highly dependent on the quality of the data provided• RAG may not provide enough information to get answers |
| Fine tuning | Provide additional training to an LLM | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very expensive when compared to other methods above• Time consuming• No guaranties plus could degrade LLM |

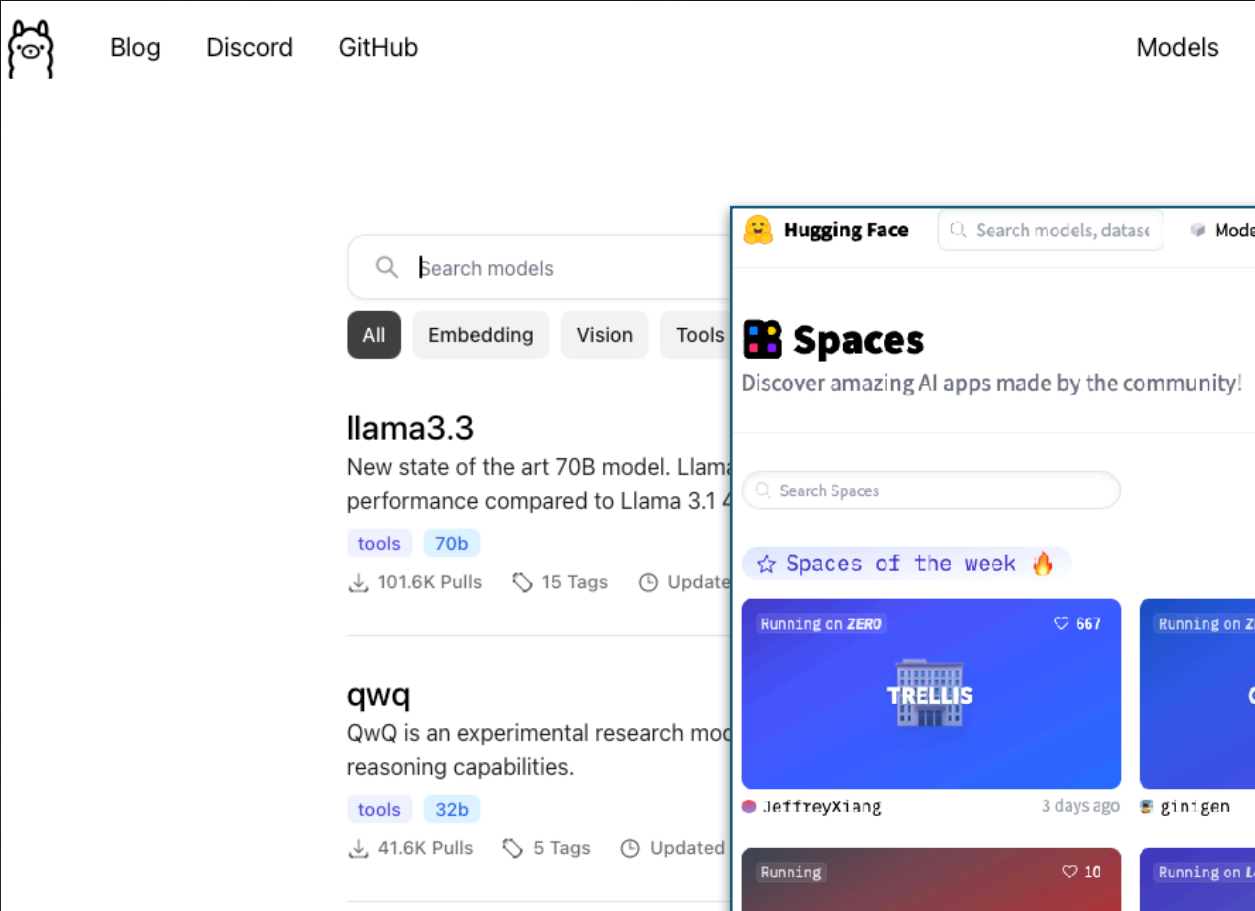
There are no techniques that guarantee chatbot answer is 'good'

Choice of model and provider has a big impact

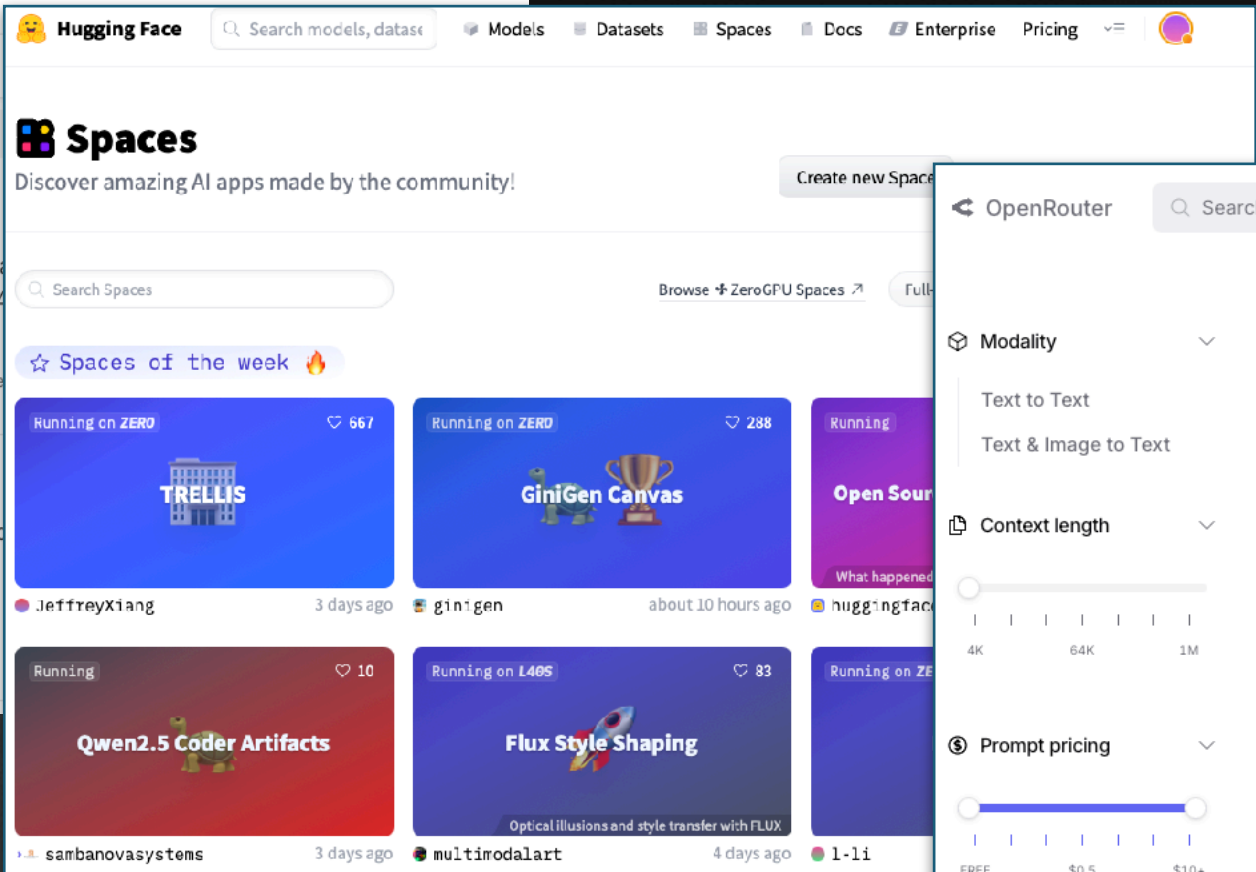


Small is beautiful and better for the environment (not to mention your wallet)

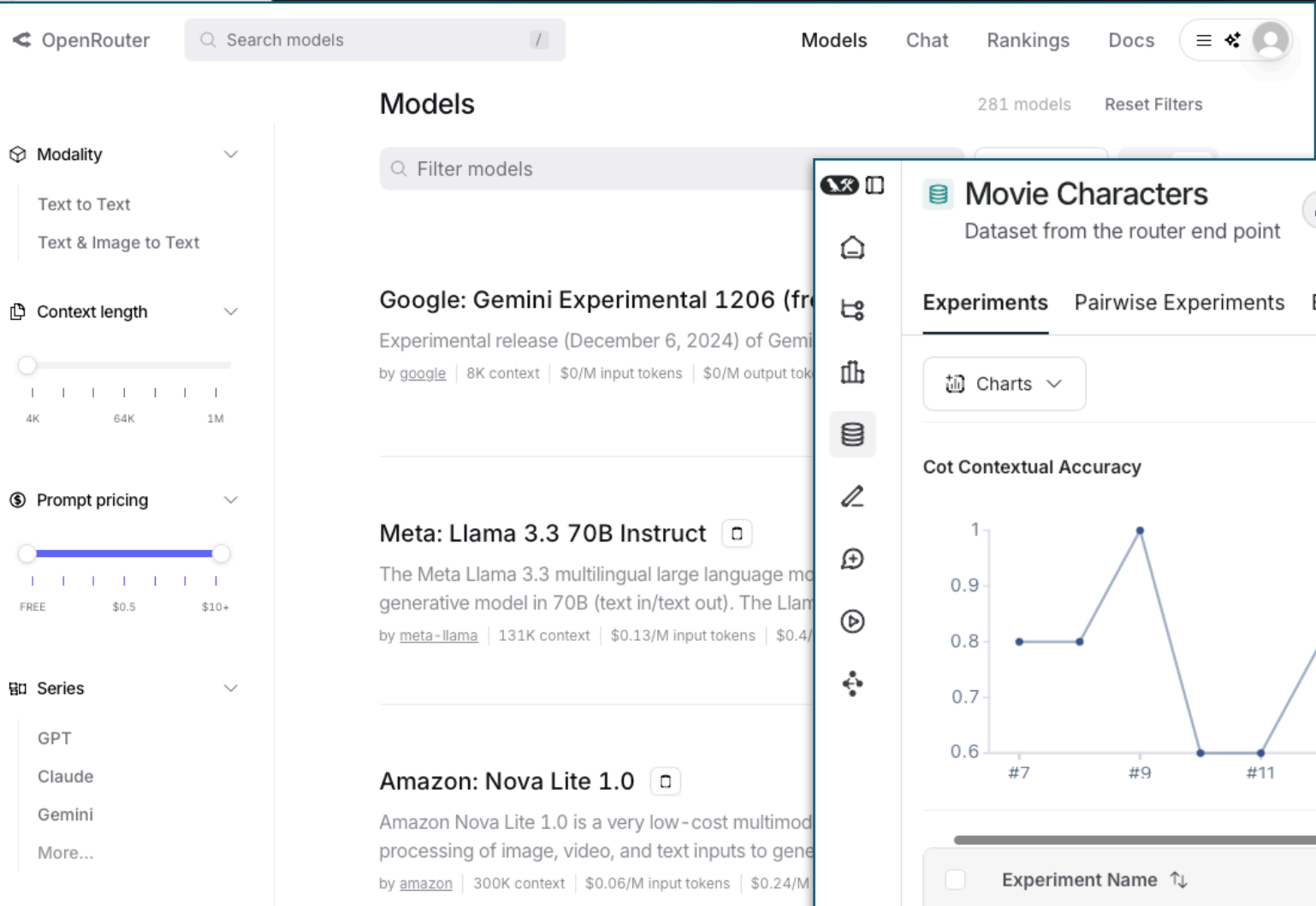
Evaluate models & choose the best for the use case



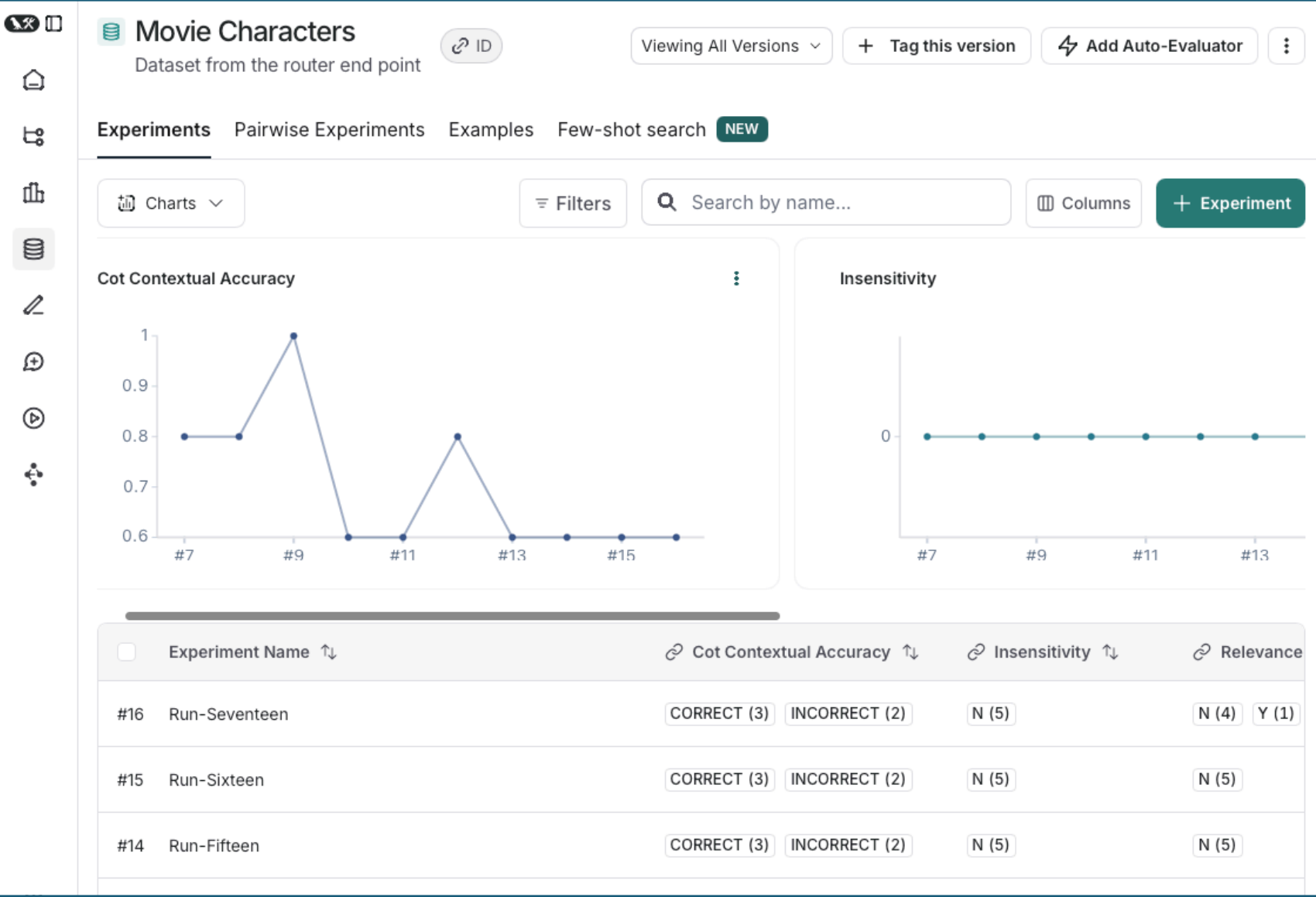
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Hugging Face



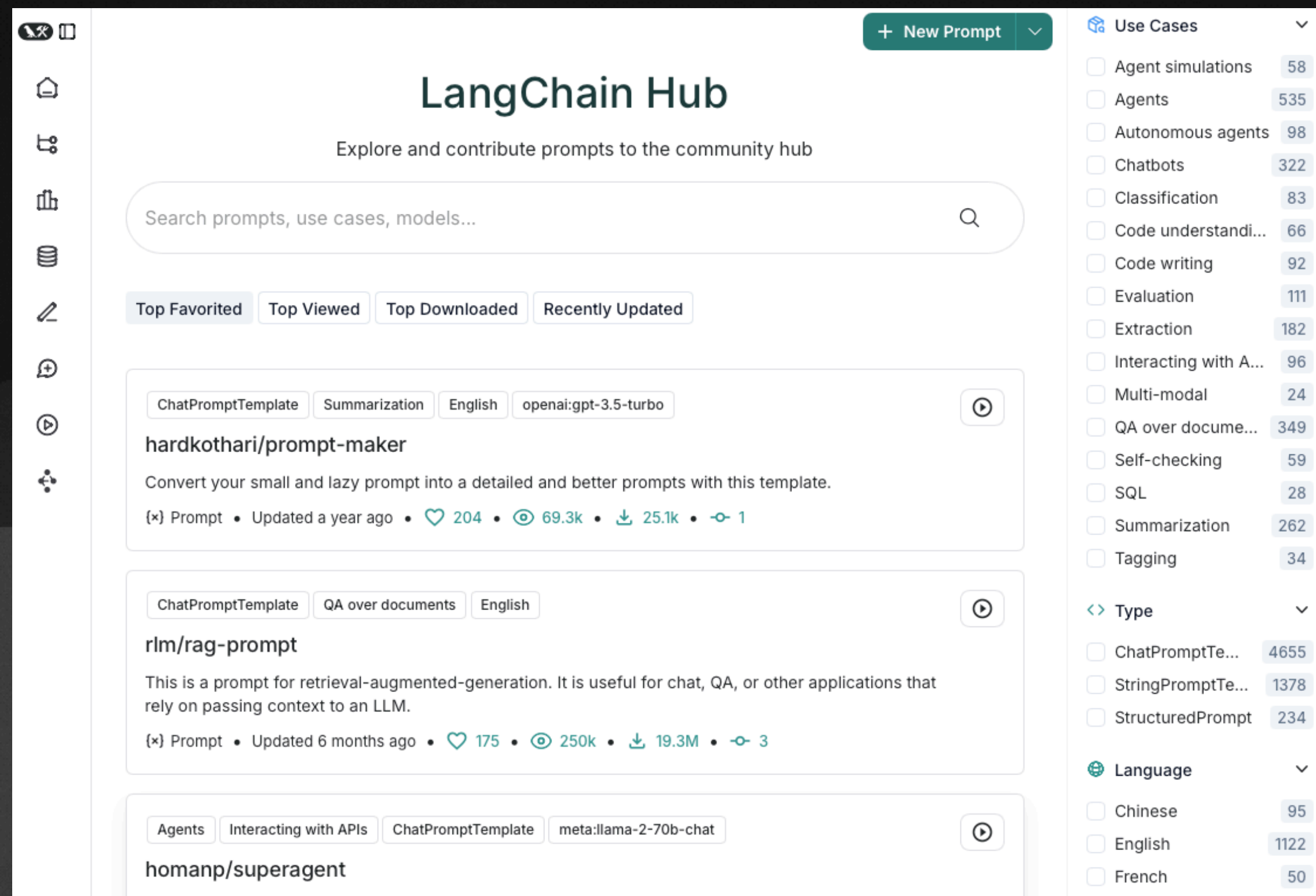
OpenRouter



LangSmith

Evaluation must take place at each step of the way

Externalize your prompts

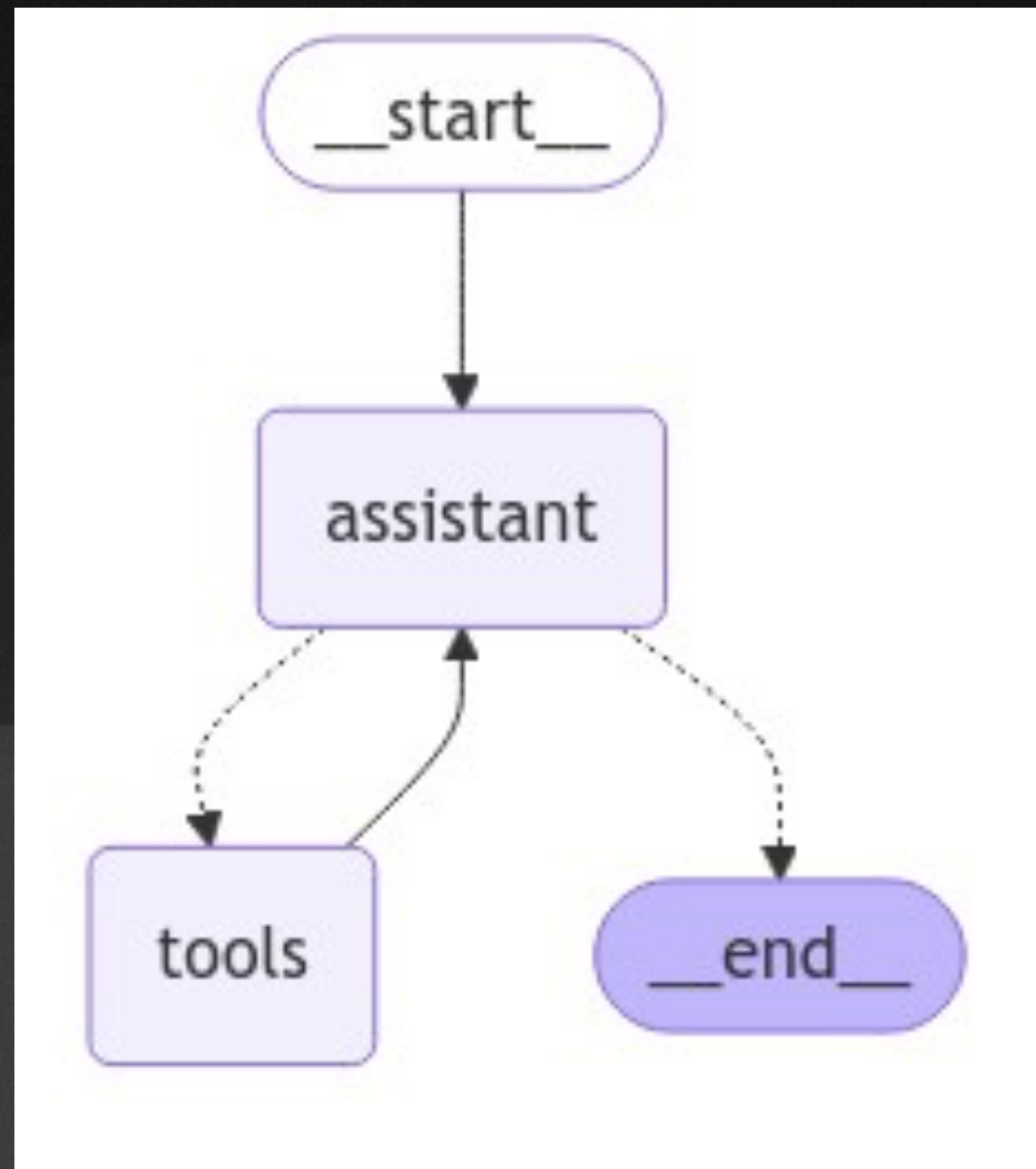


Externalizing prompts facilitates:

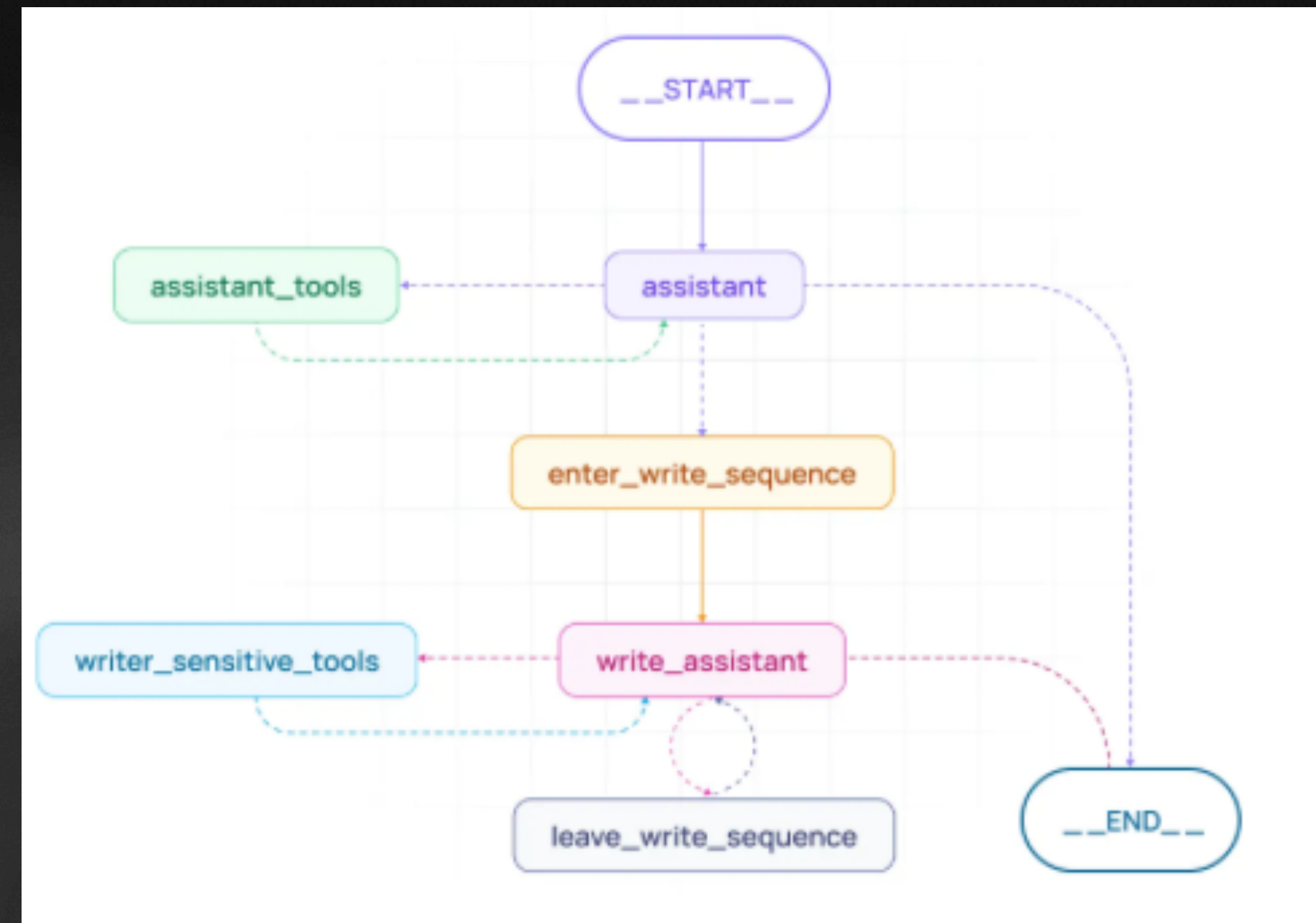
- Expert input
- Future proofing
- Faster development

Prompts should not be embedded in the codebase

Use agents to go beyond the chatbot



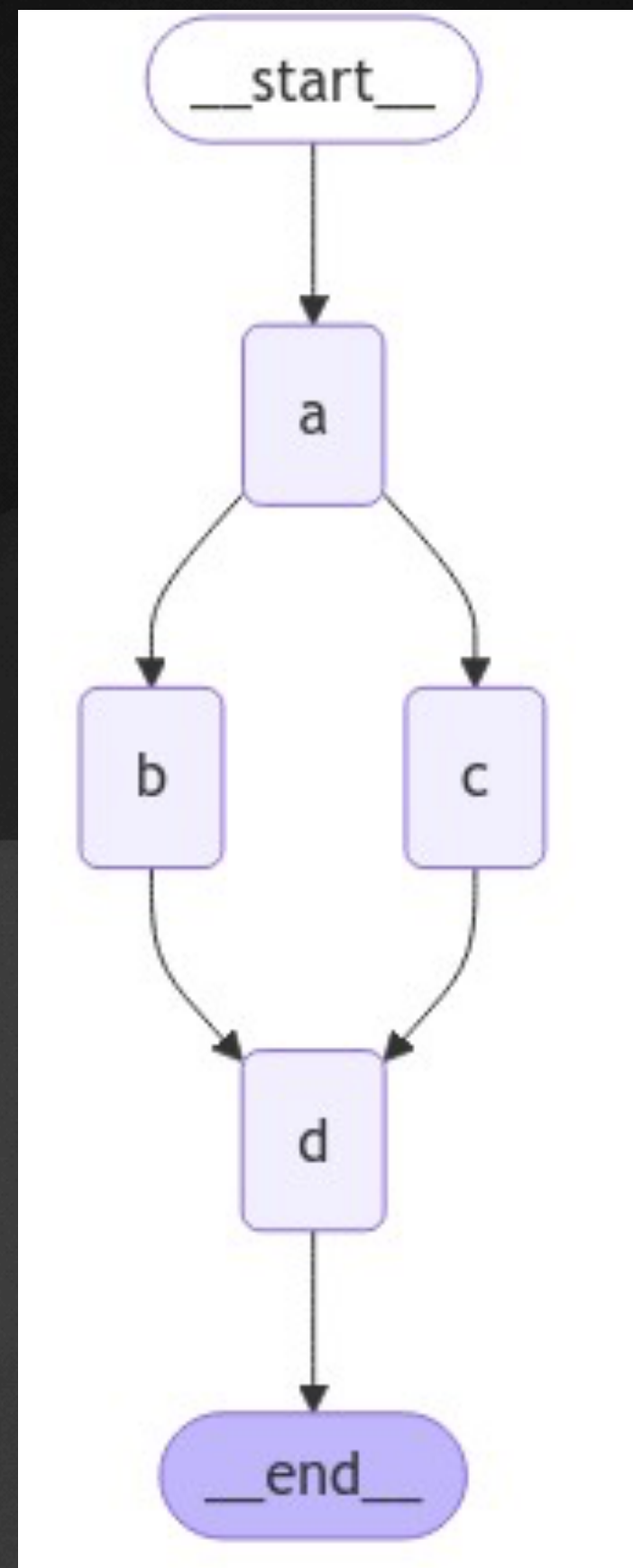
Simple tool calling agent



Simple assistant agent

Agents allow LLMs to interact with the real world

Take advantage of platforms to speed up agents



- Models are the biggest source of latency
 - Take seconds to run
- Platforms like LangGraph allow complex chaining of models and code
 - Concurrent calls
 - Branching

Agents are the future of LLM development

Get proper observability for your models

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Test Project

Runs Threads Monitor Setup

1 filter Last 7 days Root Runs

| | ✓ | Name |
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| | ✗ | /agent |
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TRACE

Filter

/agent

llm_guard 1.48s

llama_guard 1.48s

llama-guard-3-8b 0.34s

check_safety 0.00s

question_cl... 0.80s

agent_quest... 0.80s

Pro... Prompt 0.00s

llama-3.1-8b-inst... 0.39s

check_classifica... 0.00s

chatbot 0.73s

llama3-70b-8192 0.67s

tools_condition 0.00s

tools 0.60s

/agent

Playground Add to

Run Feedback Metadata

Run ID Trace ID

METADATA

__langserve_endpoint: "invoke"

__langserve_version: "0.3.0"

__useragent: "node"

current_user_id: "user_2hkJy9vhu5Wo6rY1eVBwLdRHOrY"

revision_id: "434537f-dirty"

RUNTIME

langchain_core_version: "0.3.9"

langchain_version: "0.3.2"

library: "langchain-core"

library_version: "0.3.9"

platform: "macOS-15.1.1-arm64-arm-64bit"

py_implementation: "CPython"

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/agent 1.58s

llm_guard 0.92s

llama_guard 0.92s

llama-guard-3-8b 0.43s

check_safety 0.00s

question_cl... 0.62s

agent_questi... 0.61s

Pro... Prompt 0.00s

llama-3.1-8b-inst... 0.29s

check_classifica... 0.00s

chatbot 0.01s

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Error

Copy

2 validation errors for ChatGroq model_name

Input should be a valid string [type=string_type, input_value=0.0, input_type=float]

For further information visit https://errors.pydantic.dev/2.9/v/string_type

temperature

Input should be a valid number, unable to parse string as a number [type=float_parsing, input_value='llama3-70b-8192', input_type=str]

For further information visit https://errors.pydantic.dev/2.9/v/float_parsingTraceback (most recent call last):

START TIME

12/06/2024, 12:20:01 PM

END TIME

12/06/2024, 12:20:02 PM

TIME TO FIRST TOKEN

N/A

STATUS

Error

TOTAL TOKENS

777 tokens / \$0.00010236

LATENCY

1.58s

TYPE

Chain

Agent run traces in LangSmith

Tracing model output, specially with agents, is hard without the necessary tooling



Questions ?

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