

Lesson #5: Cloud-Based LLM Development Platforms

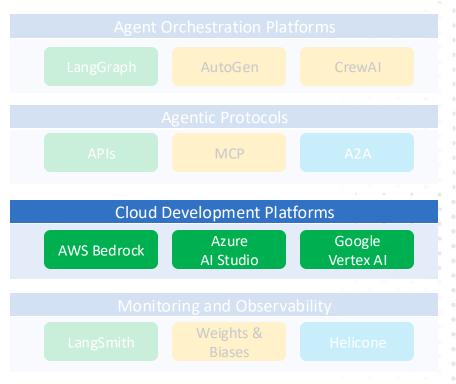
Objectives:

- Overview of Cloud Platforms
- Enter AWS Bedrock
- Foundation Model Providers and Access
- Anatomy of a Bedrock Call
- Going Deeper



Cloud Development Platforms











Cloud LLM Platforms

- AWS, Google, and Azure support LLM model development in a cloud setting.
- They do the following:
 - Provide Access to Foundation Models
 - Offer Serverless Inference APIs
 - Support Model Customization
 - Enable Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)
 - Provide Agentic & Tool-Using Frameworks
 - Support Evaluation, Monitoring & Guardrails



The Big Players

- AWS Bedrock
 - Serverless API access to top foundation models (Claude, Mistral, LLaMA, Titan)
- Azure Al Studio
 - Build AI copilots using GPT-4 etc., with deep integration into Office 365, security, and compliance controls.
- Google Vertex
 - Suited to advanced AI engineers / powerful tools to train/tune/customize LLMs.

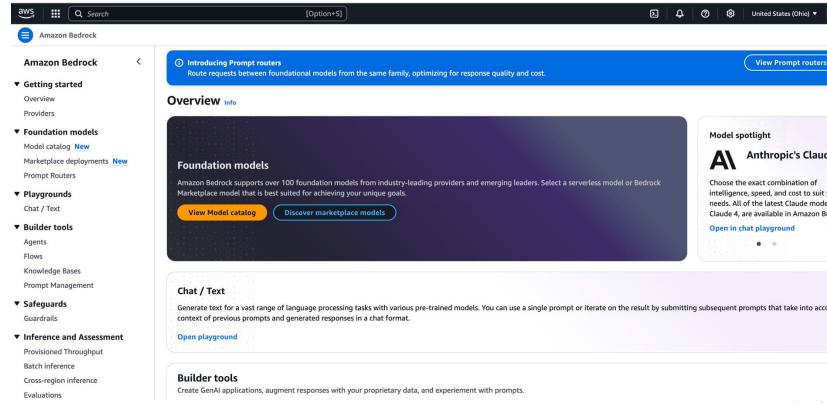


Comparison

	AWS Bedrock	Azure Al Studio	Google Vertex
Overview	Fully managed GenAl platform for FMs	Unified AI development platform for Azure OpenAI & more	Full-service MLOps & GenAl platform
Model access	Anthropic (Claude), Meta (LLaMA), Mistral, Cohere, etc.	OpenAI (GPT), Meta (LLaMA), Mistral, etc.	Gemini, PaLM, LLaMA, Mistral, etc.
Serverless inference	Yes	Yes	Yes
Agent framework	Bedrock Agents (API orchestration + tools), Sagemaker integration	Manual tool calling with functions	Agent Builder for tool use, planner, memory
Suited for	Teams needing fast access to multiple hosted FMs	Enterprises with Microsoft stack, Azure OpenAI users	GCP users and advanced AI/ML engineer



Introduction to AWS Bedrock





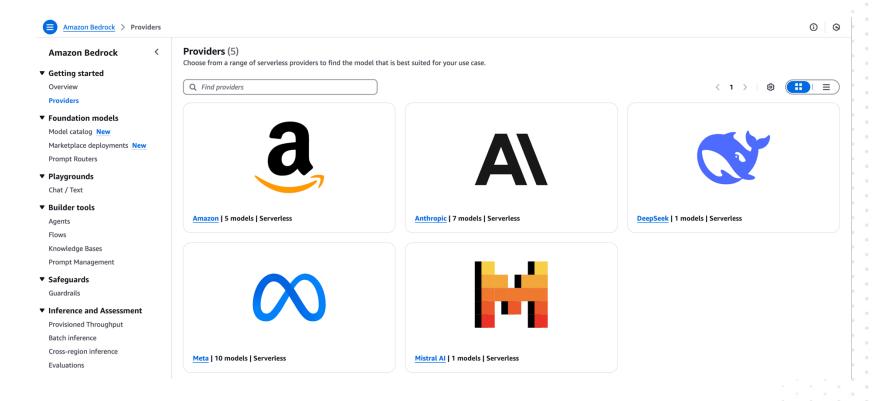
Region Availability

- Primarily us-east-1 and us-west-2 (most Bedrock services are available)
- There is variance by model provider not all models are available everywhere
- What do I do if I'm in a different region?
 - Some models are accessible through cross-Region inference

• Refer here for updated region support: https://docs.aws.amazon.com/bedrock/latest/userguide/models-regions.html

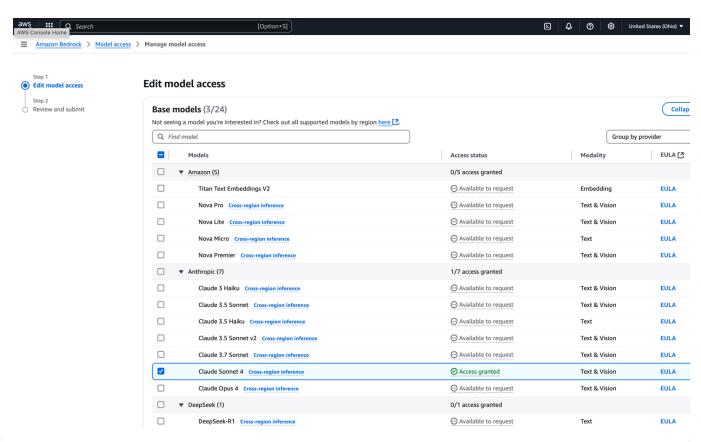


Who are the Model Providers?



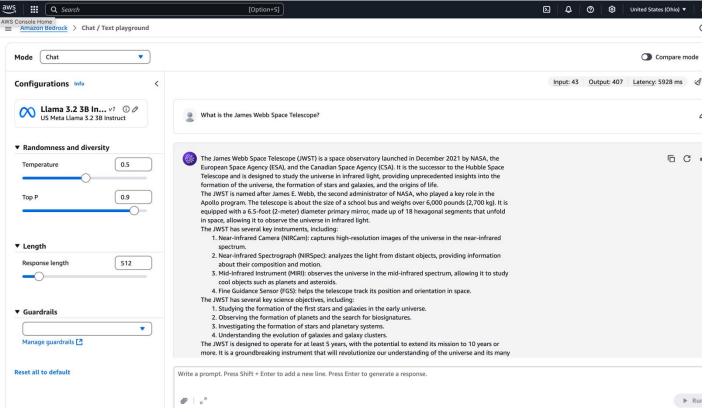


Model Access





Playgrounds





Model Hyperparameters

- Temperature: a measure of how creative the model is
 - low Temperature = safe, predictable, deterministic answers. High Temperature = bold, imaginative ones with an increasing amount of creativity.



Temp	Sample Model Response	
0.2	The sky appears blue because of Rayleigh scattering. This occurs when sunlight passes through the atmosphere and shorter wavelengths of light, such as blue, are scattered more than longer wavelengths like red.	
1	The sky looks blue because sunlight interacts with Earth's atmosphere. As sunlight passes through the air, shorter wavelengths — like blue — scatter more easily in all directions. This scattering, known as Rayleigh scattering, causes us to see the sky as blue most of the time. It's the same reason sunsets can appear red or orange — the angle of the sun changes how much the light is scattered.	
2	The sky appears blue due to the scattering of solar radiation by molecules in Earth's atmosphere, particularly a phenomenon called Rayleigh scattering. But if you really think about it, maybe the sky is blue because it's Earth's way of dreaming—its way of whispering ocean memories back to the clouds. After all, light is just nature's poetry in motion.	
5	Because marshmallow theories of existential yogurt synchronize with nebula-based fashion regulations. Frogs in bowler hats interpret wavelengths through interpretive dance on Tuesdays, especially near cosmic pancakes. Hence, blue. Obviously.	
100	Skibble zentropics cloudmonger flibber astro-tuba syntax bananas! Plasmic shoelaces dangle from hypothetical wombats under bureaucratic sky-harmoniums. Reason? Smeep.	



Top-K Sampling

 Instead of selecting a token from the entire vocabulary, the model focuses only on the top K most likely tokens and reassigns probabilities within this smaller group. This introduces controlled randomness.

Example: if K = 5, the model would narrow its choices to just five tokens:

- "the" (30%)
- "a" (25%)
- "this" (20%)
- "that" (15%)
- "one" (10%)



Top-P (nucleus) Sampling

 Similar to Top-K, but instead of being a fixed number, it dynamically adjusts the size of the candidate pool based on a cumulative probability mass

- Example: if P is set to 0.5, it will only look at the tokens that have a cumulative probability of 50%, and will ignore the rest.
 - E.g. if it takes the top 78 tokens to reach 50%, only these will be examined as a next token option.



Connecting to Bedrock Inference Models

- Need to do a few things to prep:
 - Ensure AWS configuration is set up on your machine
 - Set up a python virtual environment
 - Install the boto3 SDK
 - Ensure you know the right AWS region you will connect to



Setting up AWS Access on your Machine (may need to install it with brew)

```
[robbarto@ROBBARTO-M-C6YD .aws % aws configure AWS Access Key ID [None]: 12323
AWS Secret Access Key [None]: 12321341235
Default region name [None]: us-east-1
Default output format [None]: json
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[robbarto@ROBBARTO-M-C6YD .aws % ls -al total 16 drwxr-xr-x@ 4 robbarto staff 128 Jun 19 12:04 . drwxr-x---+ 68 robbarto staff 2176 Jun 19 14:26 .. -rw------@ 1 robbarto staff 54 Jun 19 12:04 config -rw-----@ 1 robbarto staff 117 Jun 19 12:02 credentials robbarto@ROBBARTO-M-C6YD .aws % ■
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Demo Time!



- 1. Confirm you are connecting to AWS Bedrock
- 2. Perform simple inference to a model
- 3. Try a Streamlit chatbot with using a Bedrock model

