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# Azure OpenAI Service – Pricing examples

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Language model	Low	High	Units
GPT-3.5Turbo-0125-16K	\$0.0005	\$0.0015	per 1k tokens
GPT-4-32K	\$0.0600	\$0.12	per 1k tokens
Base model			
Babbage-002	\$0.0004		per 1k tokens
Fine-tuning models	Training	Hosting	Input/Output
Babbage-002 Training	\$0.01 per hr	\$1.70 per hr	\$0.0004 per 1k tokens
GPT-3.2-Turbo-4K	\$0.01 per hr	\$3 per hr	\$0.0005/\$0.0015 per 1k tokens
Image models	Low	High	Units
Dall-E	\$4	\$12	per 100 images, depending on resolution & definition
Embedding models			
Text-embedding-3-small	\$0.00002		per 1k tokens
Text-embedding-3-large	\$0.00013		per 1k tokens
Speech models	Low	High	Units
Text to speech	\$15	\$30 (HD)	per 1 mil characters
Assistants API			Units
Code Interpreter	\$0.03		per one hour session

## Tokens

One token generally corresponds to ~4 characters of text for common English text.

This translates to roughly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a word (so 100 tokens  $\approx$  75 words).

GPT-4o & GPT-4o mini (coming soon)
GPT-3.5 & GPT-4
GPT-3 (Legacy)

1801-I have just returned from a visit to my landlord-the solitary neighbour that I shall be troubled with. This is certainly a beautiful country! In all England, I do not believe that I could have fixed on a situation so completely removed from the stir of society. A perfect misanthropist's Heaven-and Mr. Heathcliff and I are such a suitable pair to divide the desolation between us. A capital fellow! He little imagined how my heart warmed towards him when I beheld his black eyes withdraw so suspiciously under their brows, as I rode up, and when his

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Tokens

Characters

158

718

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Mr. Heathcliff?" I said.

A nod was the answer.

Text
Token IDs

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	Free	Basic	Standard S1	Standard S2	Standard S3	Storage Optimized L1	Storage Optimized L2
Storage <sup>1</sup>	50 MB	15 GB (max 45 GB per service)	160 GB (max 1.9 TB per service)	512 GB (max 6 TB per service)	1 TB (max 12 TB per service)	2 TB (max 24 TB per service)	4 TB (max 48 TB per service)
Max indexes per service	3	15	50	200	200 or 1,000/partition in high density mode	10	10
Scale out limits	N/A	Up to 9 units per service <sup>2</sup> (max 3 partition; max 3 replicas)	Up to 36 units per service (max 12 partition; max 12 replicas)	Up to 36 units per service (max 12 partition; max 12 replicas)	Up to 36 units per service (max 12 partition; max 12 replicas) up to 3 partitions in high density <sup>3</sup> mode	Up to 36 units per service (max 12 partition; max 12 replicas)	Up to 36 units per service (max 12 partition; max 12 replicas)
Price per SU (Scale Unit)	\$0/hour	\$0.11/hour	\$0.34/hour	\$1.35/hour	\$2.69/hour	\$3.84/hour	\$7.68/hour

[Additional pricing for Custom entity lookup skill, Document cracking \(image extraction\), Semantic ranker](#)

## AI Cost Optimization

- ✓ Consider using **pre-built models** in Azure Studio to speed up deployment and reduce costs.
- ✓ Use the **right series** of models
- ✓ **Optimize token usage** – combine or reduce requests eg do you need to send the previous conversation components (inc responses) or a summary or just the previous user inputs?
- ✓ **Right-size** other application components
- ✓ Consider **PTUs**

## Other infrastructure cost considerations

- ✓ AKS – application autoscaling, cluster autoscaling, node scaling, etc.
- ✓ Serverless costs – Azure Functions etc.
- ✓ Availability zones
- ✓ Storage
- ✓ Load balancing
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Security products
- ✓ Monitoring (e.g. sending data to Azure Monitor Logs)
- ✓ Backups

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- ➔ **Azure Pricing Calculator**  
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- ➔ **Plan to manage costs for Azure OpenAI Service**  
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- ➔ **Azure AI Search pricing**  
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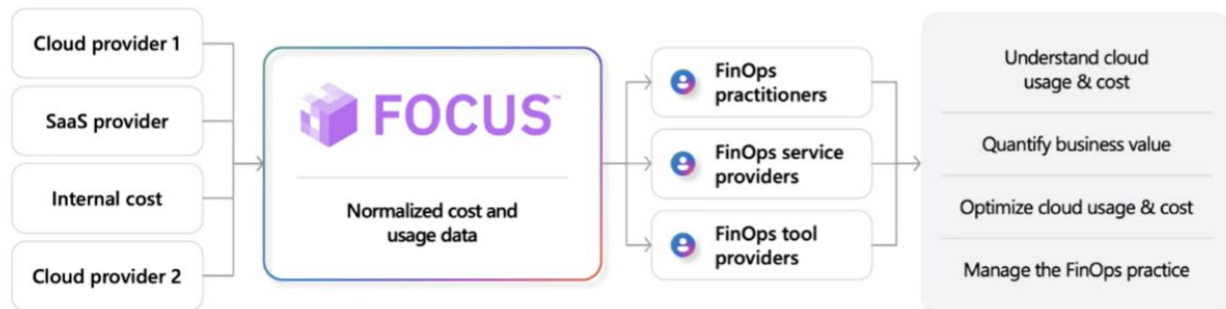
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## Tokenizer

### Learn about language model tokenization

OpenAI's large language models process text using **tokens**, which are common sequences of characters found in a set of text. The models learn to understand the statistical relationships between these tokens, and excel at producing the next token in a sequence of tokens. [Learn more](#).

You can use the tool below to understand how a piece of text might be tokenized by a language model, and the total count of tokens in that piece of text.


GPT-4o & GPT-4o miniGPT-3.5 & GPT-4GPT-3 (Legacy)

Enter some text

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