

Chat Models vs Reasoning Models

**Learn about the difference between Chat Models
vs Reasoning Models**

Chat Models

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3. Social Media Marketing (SMM):

- Promoting products or services via social media platforms like Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and TikTok to increase brand awareness and customer engagement.

4. Pay-Per-Click Advertising (PPC):

- Paid digital advertising campaigns where advertisers pay each time their ad is clicked. Popular platforms include Google Ads and Bing Ads.

5. Email Marketing:

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Chat models are large language models (LLMs) that use a sequence of messages as inputs and return messages as outputs (as opposed to using plain text).

Message ChatGPT




ChatGPT can make mistakes. Check important info.

Chat Messages

Chat models have 3 types of messages:

- Developer (*system*) message
- *User messages*
- *AI messages*

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Large Language Model Providers



- GPT-X series
- Claude Sonnet + Claude Opus

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- Llama series



- Google's Gemini series



- Mistral

Chat Model Characteristics

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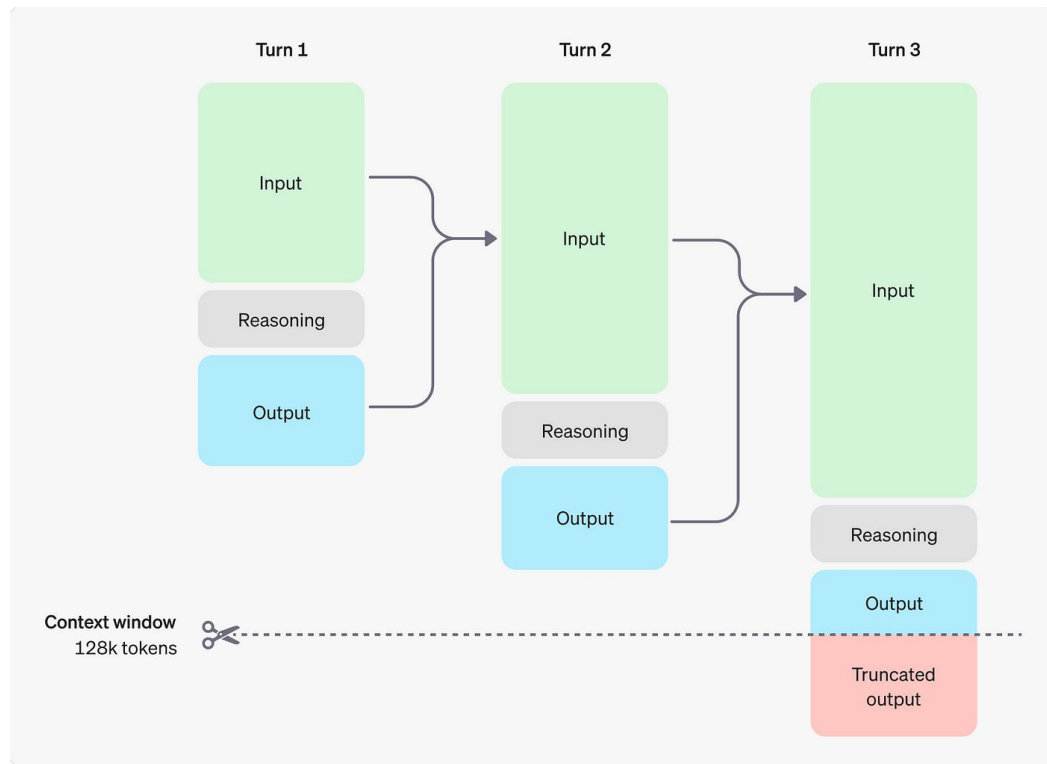
- **Low Latency:** Chat models respond quickly and often stream each word (token) as it is generated.
- **Reasoning Capabilities:** Models such as Claude and GPT-5 are capable at solving easy to medium difficulty tasks.

Reasoning Models

Test Time Compute Scaling

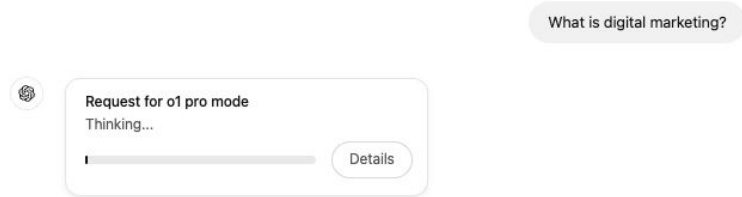
Instead of just making bigger AI models, test-time compute gives models extra processing time ***during execution to think through problems*** and refine answers—similar to how humans spend more time on complex tasks.

OpenAI - GPT-5 Thinking



OpenAI - GPT-5 - Thinking Time

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- Reasoning models *will allocate thinking time*, before responding to your query.

Reasoning Model Characteristics

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- **High Latency:** Reasoning models such as GPT-5 with thinking from OpenAI, which will take longer to respond.
- **High Reasoning Capabilities:** Due to increased test-time compute reasoning, these models often *outperform chat models*. Reasoning models *are much better at solving harder problems*.

When To Use A Chat Model / Reasoning Model

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Use Case	Chat Model	Reasoning Model (Test-Time Compute)
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quick emails & posts• Simple summaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical documentation• Research analysis
Problem Solving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic calculations• Simple Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mathematical proofs• Multi-step debugging
Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic data summaries• Quick insights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statistical analysis• Pattern recognition
Decision Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simple recommendations• Quick choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk assessment• Strategic planning

Best Practices

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- For tasks that require increased accuracy/reduced error *use reasoning models*.
- For tasks such as copywriting or content generation, use smaller models.
- Reasoning models take time to respond, so have another task that you're working on whilst waiting for the response.