LLxprt-Code is a maintained and enhanced fork of Google's gemini-cli. While preserving compatibility and frequent upstream syncs, it provides several distinct advantages for developers who want greater flexibility and provider support.

1. Multi-provider Support

- LLxprt supports Gemini, Claude, and OpenAI out of the box.
- This allows developers to switch providers without rewriting workflows.

2. Better Response Format Flexibility

- Supports multiple provider-specific response formats including Gemini, Claude, and OpenAl styles.

3. Open Ecosystem Orientation

- Not tied to Google-specific integrations.
- Encourages extensibility beyond the Gemini ecosystem (e.g., for custom tools or self-hosted models).

4. Active Development with Compatibility

- Regularly synced with the upstream Gemini CLI to maintain compatibility.
- Adds improvements without losing upstream features.

5. Maintains Access to Gemini Integrations (Search, Veo, etc.)

- Despite being a fork, LLxprt preserves support for Gemini-exclusive features (so long as Google's backends remain accessible).

6. Independent Branding & Packaging

- Offers a neutral identity for organizations who prefer not to ship code under the Gemini trademark.

Conclusion:

LLxprt-Code is ideal for developers who want the Gemini CLI's functionality with provider flexibility, faster iteration, and an open development posture. It lowers switching costs and future-proofs CLI usage if Google restricts access or functionality in upstream versions.