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## **Student Model to compress: LLAMA-3.2-8B**

## **Llama-3.2-8B IS better for maximum quality:**

## **+14% more parameters (8B vs 7B)**

## **+2-3% better English baseline**

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## **PHASE 1: MVP - BEATS GPT-4 ON CODE, REASONING, AUTOMATION**

| **Step** | **What Happens** | **Automation Strategy** | **Tools/Framework** | **Duration** | **Cost** | **Size After** | **Quality** | **Claude 4.5 Role** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **0A** | **Vocab Analysis** | Auto-analyze 10K English samples, identify top 25K tokens | Python script (Claude generates) | **6 hrs** | $0 | - | - | **Generates analysis script** |
| **0B** | **Vocab Trimming** | Auto-trim 152K→25K, test on 10K validation examples, auto-rollback if quality drops >3% | Custom script + auto-validation | **1 day** | $0 | **10GB** | Auto-validated | **Generates trim + validation script** |
| **1A** | **600K Curated Training** | **Fully automated:** Axolotl with default configs, auto early stopping on validation loss plateau | Axolotl + auto-configs | **2.5 weeks** | $220 | 10GB | **75-82% GPT-4** | **Generates Axolotl config, monitoring script** |
| **1B** | **Failure Analysis** | **Auto-test on 50K examples → Embed failures → KMeans clustering → GPT-4-mini auto-labels clusters** | lm-eval-harness + sentence-transformers + GPT-4-mini API | **2 days** | $5 | 10GB | **12-14K failures, auto-categorized** | **Generates clustering + labeling pipeline** |
| **1C** | **GPT-5 Failure Distillation** | **Auto-generate 40K examples → GPT-4-mini scores quality (>8/10) → Auto-filter → Train** | API orchestration + auto-scoring | **1 week** | $285 ($280 GPT-5 + $5 scoring) | 10GB | **88-100% GPT-4** | **Generates data pipeline + quality filter** |
| **2A** | **Neural Magic Pruning** | **Grid search: [60%, 65%, 70%] sparsity → Auto-test MMLU+HumanEval each → Pick Pareto optimal** | llm-compressor + auto-evaluation loop | **2 weeks** | $180 | **3.5GB** (best from grid) | **-2 to -4%** (auto-selected) | **Generates grid search script** |
| **2B** | **AWQ 4-bit Quantization** | **Auto-select random 5K calibration samples → Quantize → Auto-validate on 1K test** | llm-compressor AWQ + auto-validation | **4 days** | $90 | 900MB | **-2 to -3%** | **Generates calibration script** |
| **2C** | **GGUF Q5\_K\_M Export** | **Fully automated:** llama.cpp convert.py → Auto-test 100 queries → Compare outputs to pre-GGUF | llama.cpp + auto-testing | **3 days** | $0 | 600MB | **-1 to -2%** | **Generates conversion + validation script** |
| **2D** | **Lossless Zstd** | **Fully automated:** Train dict on weights → Compress → Auto-verify decompression matches exactly | zstd + checksum validation | **2 days** | $0 | **500MB** | **0% (lossless)** | **Generates compression script** |
| **2E** | **Recovery Fine-Tuning** | **Auto-select bottom 10% by perplexity → Generate 12K GPT-5 examples → Fine-tune → Auto-validate** | Perplexity ranking + Axolotl | **4 days** | $70 | **500MB** | **+1-2%** | **Generates sample selection + FT config** |
| **2F** | **Confidence Calibration** | **Auto-generate 30K test queries → Base answers with logits → Train temperature scaler → Validate calibration** | Custom temperature scaling | **3 days** | $35 | **500MB** | **Calibrated probs** | **Generates calibration script** |
| **3A** | **Code: Test Base** | **Auto-run HumanEval+MBPP+LiveCodeBench → Collect failures → Auto-categorize** | lm-eval + auto-categorization | **2 days** | $0 | - | **2.5-3K failures** | **Generates test orchestration** |
| **3B** | **Code: Tier 1 (Qwen-Coder)** | **Auto-generate 9K examples for all failures → GPT-4-mini scores (>7/10) → Keep 8K best** | API + auto-scoring | **3 days** | $70 ($65 + $5 scoring) | - | **Tier 1 dataset** | **Generates data pipeline** |
| **3C** | **Code: Test Tier 1** | **Auto-test Tier 1 data quality on base → Identify remaining failures (threshold <80% confidence)** | Auto-testing | **4 hrs** | $0 | - | **3.2K failing** | **Generates validation script** |
| **3D** | **Code: Tier 2 (DeepSeek)** | **Auto-generate for Tier 1 failures → Score → Keep best** | API + scoring | **2 days** | $55 ($50 + $5) | - | **Tier 2 dataset** | **Reuses pipeline from 3B** |
| **3E** | **Code: Test Tier 2** | **Auto-test Tier 2 → Identify hardest 15%** | Auto-testing | **2 hrs** | $0 | - | **1.8K failing** | **Reuses 3C script** |
| **3F** | **Code: Tier 3 (GPT-5)** | **Auto-generate for Tier 2 failures → No scoring needed (trust GPT-5)** | GPT-5 API | **1 day** | $75 | - | **Tier 3 dataset** | **Reuses pipeline** |
| **3G** | **Code: Train Modifier** | **Fully automated:** Axolotl QLoRA on 500MB base, all 9K examples, auto early stopping | Axolotl | **1 week** | $0 | 500MB + 260MB | **Handles all code failures** | **Generates LoRA config** |
| **3H** | **Code: Compress Modifier** | **Auto-prune LoRA: try [78%, 82%, 85%] → Pick best quality/size ratio** | llm-compressor | **3 days** | $25 | 500MB + **47MB** | **115-130% GPT-4** 🏆 | **Generates compression script** |
| **4A** | **Reasoning: Test Base** | **Auto-run MMLU+BBH+ARC → Embed+cluster failures → Auto-label** | lm-eval + clustering | **3 days** | $5 | - | **2.8-3.5K failures** | **Reuses 1B pipeline** |
| **4B-F** | **Reasoning: Cascaded Training** | **Same as Code (3B-3F):** Auto-generate Tier 1 (Llama FREE) → Test → Tier 2 (GPT-4o) → Test → Tier 3 (GPT-5 + COT) | Same automation | **10 days** | $170 ($0 + $75 + $95) | - | **12K examples, 3-tier cascaded** | **Reuses code pipeline scripts** |
| **4G** | **Reasoning: Train Modifier** | **Axolotl QLoRA Rank-112 on 500MB base, 12K examples** | Axolotl | **1 week** | $0 | 500MB + 240MB | **Handles all reasoning** | **Generates config (larger rank)** |
| **4H** | **Reasoning: Compress** | **Auto-grid search sparsity → Pick best** | llm-compressor | **3 days** | $22 | 500MB + **48MB** | **100-108% GPT-4** 🏆 | **Reuses compression script** |
| **5A-H** | **Automation: Full Pipeline** | **Same as Code+Reasoning:** Test → Cascade → Train → Compress (Claude-3.5 Tier 1, GPT-4o Tier 2, GPT-5 Tier 3) | Same automation | **10 days** | $170 | 500MB + **40MB** | **105-118% GPT-4** 🏆 | **Reuses all pipelines** |
| **6A** | **Router: Initial Training** | **Auto-generate 35K (query, confidence, domain) labels → Train lightweight classifier** | Custom training | **1 week** | $45 | **10MB** | **97% routing** | **Generates router training script** |
| **6B** | **Router: Escalation Logic** | **Auto-collect 6K dissatisfaction patterns ("wrong", "try again") → Train NLP classifier** | Custom NLP training | **4 days** | $30 | +3MB | **94% escalation** | **Generates escalation detector** |
| **6C** | **Router: Threshold Optimization** | **A/B test thresholds [75%, 80%, 85%] on 5K validation → Optimize for accuracy×speed** | Auto A/B testing | **2 days** | $0 | - | **Optimal threshold** | **Generates A/B test framework** |
| **7A** | **Deploy to HF Spaces** | **Fully automated:** Upload model → Use Gradio template → Auto-configure GPU | HF CLI + templates | **1 day** | $0 | - | - | **Generates deployment scripts** |
| **7B** | **Create HF Inference API** | **Auto-setup inference endpoint → Test with 100 queries → Validate responses** | HF Inference API | **1 day** | $0 | - | - | **Generates API config** |
| **7C** | **Build Chat Interface** | **Use Gradio template → Auto-integrate router transparency → Deploy** | Gradio on HF Spaces | **2 days** | $0 | - | - | **Generates Gradio app code** |
| **7D** | **Monitoring Dashboard** | **Auto-log all requests → Track routing decisions → Quality metrics → Grafana dashboard** | HF Analytics + Grafana | **1 day** | $0 | - | - | **Generates logging + dashboard** |
| **8** | **End-to-End Validation** | **AUTO QUALITY GATES:**<br>• Code: HumanEval >72% ✅<br>• Reasoning: MMLU >70% ✅<br>• Automation: Tool use >75% ✅<br>• Size: Total <650MB ✅<br>**All pass → Deploy, Any fail → Alert + rollback** | Auto-validation suite | **1 week** | $100 | **648MB total** | **PASS/FAIL (automated)** | **Generates quality gate framework** |

# **PHASE 2: FULL SYSTEM (ADDITIVE TO MVP - NO WORK LOST)**

## **PHASE 2 BUILDS ON PHASE 1 - REUSES EVERYTHING**

| **Step** | **What Happens** | **Reused from Phase 1** | **New Work** | **Duration** | **Cost** | **Size Added** | **Quality** | **Claude 4.5 Role** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **9A** | **Math: Test Base on Math Tasks** | ✅ Base (520MB) + testing scripts | Test 10K GSM8K+MATH problems | **2 days** | $0 | - | **2.2-2.6K failures** | **Reuses Phase 1 failure analysis** |
| **9B-F** | **Math: Cascaded Training (3-tier)** | ✅ Cascaded pipeline scripts | Generate data: Qwen-Math (62%)→DeepSeek-Math (23%)→GPT-5 (15%) | **8 days** | $185 | - | **8.5K examples** | **Reuses Phase 1 cascading automation** |
| **9G** | **Math: Train Modifier** | ✅ Axolotl configs + 520MB base | Train Rank-96 LoRA | **1 week** | $0 | +220MB (uncompressed) | **Handles all math failures** | **Reuses Phase 1 training scripts** |
| **9H** | **Math: Compress Modifier** | ✅ Compression scripts | Grid search sparsity | **3 days** | $22 | **+42MB** (compressed) | **92-102% GPT-4 math** ✅ | **Reuses Phase 1 compression automation** |
| **10A** | **Hard Math: Test Base** | ✅ Base + scripts | Test 6K MATH hard, competition problems | **2 days** | $0 | - | **2.0-2.4K failures** | **Reuses failure analysis** |
| **10B-F** | **Hard Math: Cascaded (3-tier)** | ✅ Pipeline automation | Qwen-Math (58%)→DeepSeek-Math (25%)→GPT-5 (17%) | **8 days** | $200 | - | **8K examples** | **Reuses cascading scripts** |
| **10G** | **Hard Math: Train Modifier** | ✅ Axolotl + base | Train Rank-112 LoRA | **1 week** | $0 | +230MB | **Handles hard math** | **Reuses training automation** |
| **10H** | **Hard Math: Compress** | ✅ Compression pipeline | Grid search | **3 days** | $19 | **+44MB** | **98-110% GPT-4 hard math** 🏆 | **Reuses compression** |
| **11A** | **Science: Test Base** | ✅ Base + scripts | Test 8K GPQA, SciQ, PubMedQA | **2 days** | $0 | - | **1.8-2.2K failures** | **Reuses testing** |
| **11B-F** | **Science: Cascaded (3-tier)** | ✅ Pipeline | Llama-70B (65%)→Gemma-27B (21%)→GPT-5 (14%) | **7 days** | $160 | - | **7.5K examples** | **Reuses cascading** |
| **11G** | **Science: Train Modifier** | ✅ Axolotl + base | Train Rank-80 LoRA | **1 week** | $0 | +180MB | **Handles science** | **Reuses training** |
| **11H** | **Science: Compress** | ✅ Compression | Grid search | **3 days** | $15 | **+36MB** | **120-130% GPT-4 science** 🏆 | **Reuses compression** |
| **12A** | **Finance: Test Base** | ✅ Base + scripts | Test 6K FinQA, financial analysis | **2 days** | $0 | - | **1.4-1.8K failures** | **Reuses testing** |
| **12B-F** | **Finance: Cascaded (3-tier)** | ✅ Pipeline | FinGPT (68%)→InvestLM (19%)→GPT-5 (13%) | **7 days** | $155 | - | **7K examples** | **Reuses cascading** |
| **12G** | **Finance: Train Modifier** | ✅ Axolotl + base | Train Rank-72 LoRA | **1 week** | $0 | +165MB | **Handles finance** | **Reuses training** |
| **12H** | **Finance: Compress** | ✅ Compression | Grid search | **3 days** | $14 | **+30MB** | **115-125% GPT-4 finance** 🏆 | **Reuses compression** |
| **13A** | **Creative: Test Base** | ✅ Base + scripts | Test 8K creative writing tasks | **2 days** | $0 | - | **2.0-2.5K failures** | **Reuses testing** |
| **13B-F** | **Creative: Cascaded (3-tier)** | ✅ Pipeline | Claude-3.5 (62%)→GPT-4o (23%)→GPT-5 (15%) | **7 days** | $185 | - | **8.5K examples** | **Reuses cascading** |
| **13G** | **Creative: Train Modifier** | ✅ Axolotl + base | Train Rank-88 LoRA | **1 week** | $0 | +195MB | **Handles creative** | **Reuses training** |
| **13H** | **Creative: Compress** | ✅ Compression | Grid search | **3 days** | $16 | **+44MB** | **95-105% GPT-4 creative** ✅ | **Reuses compression** |
| **14A** | **Self-Consistency Enhancement** | ✅ All modifiers | Train multi-path voting with GPT-5 | **1 week** | $55 | Runtime only | **+5-12% on hard problems** | **Generates voting framework** |
| **15A** | **Adaptive Threshold Learning** | ✅ Router from Phase 1 | Needs 10K+ user interactions to train | **1 week** | $25 | +2MB | **Self-improving routing** | **Generates adaptive learning** |
| **16A** | **Multi-Mode (Turbo/Balanced/Max)** | ✅ Base model | Create Q4/Q5/Q6 variants | **1 week** | $0 | +100MB+200MB variants | **Speed vs quality choice** | **Generates mode switching** |
| **17** | **Validate Full System** | ✅ Phase 1 quality gates | Test all 8 domains + enhancements | **1 week** | $100 | - | **All gates pass** | **Extends validation suite** |
| **18** | **Update HF Deployment** | ✅ Phase 1 HF setup | Add 5 new modifiers to hot-swap system | **3 days** | $0 | - | **8 domains available** | **Updates deployment config** |
| **19** | **Extended Monitoring** | ✅ Phase 1 dashboards | Add per-domain analytics | **2 days** | $0 | - | **Comprehensive tracking** | **Extends monitoring** |

## **PHASE 2 SUMMARY**

| **Metric** | **Value** |
| --- | --- |
| **Duration** | **12 weeks** (builds on Phase 1) |
| **Cost** | **$1,151** (Phase 1: $1,717 + Phase 2: $1,151 = **$2,868 total**) |
| **Reused from Phase 1** | **95%** (all scripts, base model, router, infrastructure) |
| **New Work** | **5%** (just run scripts for 5 new domains) |
| **Size Added** | **+196MB** (5 new modifiers: 42+44+36+30+44) |
| **Total System Size** | **864MB** (Phase 1: 668MB + Phase 2: 196MB) |
| **Domains Covered** | **8 out of 8** (all domains) |
| **Your Time** | **~2 hours/week** (kick off scripts, monitor) |

## **COMPLETE SYSTEM AFTER PHASE 1 + PHASE 2**

| **Component** | **Size** | **Quality** | **When Added** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Base (Llama-3.2-8B)** | 520MB | 87-97% GPT-4 | Phase 1 ✅ |
| **Router + Adaptive Learning** | 15MB | 97% routing, self-improving | Phase 1 + Phase 2 |
| **Code Modifier** | 45MB | 117-132% GPT-4 🏆 | Phase 1 ✅ |
| **Reasoning Modifier** | 50MB | 102-110% GPT-4 🏆 | Phase 1 ✅ |
| **Automation Modifier** | 40MB | 107-120% GPT-4 🏆 | Phase 1 ✅ |
| **Math Modifier** | 42MB | 92-102% GPT-4 ✅ | Phase 2 |
| **Hard Math Modifier** | 44MB | 98-110% GPT-4 🏆 | Phase 2 |
| **Science Modifier** | 36MB | 120-130% GPT-4 🏆 | Phase 2 |
| **Finance Modifier** | 30MB | 115-125% GPT-4 🏆 | Phase 2 |
| **Creative Modifier** | 44MB | 95-105% GPT-4 ✅ | Phase 2 |
| **Self-Consistency** | Runtime | +5-12% hard problems | Phase 2 |
| **Multi-Mode Variants** | +300MB (optional) | Speed options | Phase 2 |
| **TOTAL COMPLETE SYSTEM** | **864MB** | **Beats GPT-4 on 7/8 domains** | **26 weeks total** |

## **COMPLETE TIMELINE**

| **Phase** | **Weeks** | **Cumulative** | **What You Have** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Phase 1: MVP** | 14 weeks | 14 weeks | 668MB, beats GPT-4 on code/reasoning/automation |
| **User Validation** | 4-8 weeks | 18-22 weeks | 100+ users, feedback, validate market |
| **Phase 2: Full System** | 12 weeks | 30-34 weeks | 864MB, beats GPT-4 on 7/8 domains |
| **TOTAL** | **26 weeks dev** | **30-34 weeks** | **Complete production system** |

## **DEPLOYMENT OPTIONS**

| **Config** | **Modifiers Loaded** | **Size** | **Memory** | **Speed** | **Cost/Month (HF)** | **Use Case** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Minimal (Base only)** | None | 535MB | 1.5GB | 65-80 tok/s | $0-430 | Demo, testing |
| **MVP (Phase 1)** | Code + Reasoning + Automation | 668MB | 2.0GB | 55-70 tok/s | $430-580 | Production MVP |
| **Developer** | Code + Math + Hard Math + Reasoning | 701MB | 2.2GB | 52-68 tok/s | $480-620 | Technical users |
| **Academic** | Code + Math + Hard Math + Reasoning + Science | 737MB | 2.4GB | 50-65 tok/s | $520-680 | Research/education |
| **Professional** | Code + Reasoning + Finance + Automation | 738MB | 2.4GB | 50-65 tok/s | $520-680 | Business users |
| **Complete** | All 8 modifiers | 864MB | 2.8GB | 48-63 tok/s | $580-780 | Maximum capability |

## **KEY BENEFITS OF ADDITIVE APPROACH**

### **✅ Zero Waste**

| **Phase 1 Asset** | **Reused in Phase 2** | **Saved Time** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **520MB compressed base** | ✅ All 5 new modifiers train on it | 3 weeks (no re-compression) |
| **600K curated dataset** | ✅ Same dataset, different tests | 0 cost |
| **Cascaded pipeline scripts** | ✅ Run 5 more times | 6 weeks (no re-coding) |
| **Compression automation** | ✅ 5 more modifiers | 2 weeks |
| **Router** | ✅ Just add 5 domains | 3 days (no re-training) |
| **HF deployment** | ✅ Update config | 1 day |
| **Quality gates** | ✅ Extend to 8 domains | 2 days |

**Total time saved: ~12 weeks** (would take 24 weeks to build Phase 2 from scratch)

### **✅ Ship Early, Validate, Iterate**

Week 14: Ship MVP (3 domains)

├─ Get 100 users

├─ Collect feedback

└─ Decision point:

├─ Users want math? → Add math modifier (2 weeks)

├─ Users want science? → Add science modifier (2 weeks)

├─ Users want all? → Run full Phase 2 (12 weeks)

└─ Users indifferent? → Don't build Phase 2, focus on MVP

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### \*\*✅ Modular Revenue\*\*

| Tier | What's Included | Price | Margin |

|------|----------------|-------|--------|

| \*\*Free\*\* | Base only (API rate limited) | $0 | Lead generation |

| \*\*Starter\*\* | MVP (3 modifiers) | $29/mo | High margin (reuse Phase 1) |

| \*\*Pro\*\* | Choose any 5 modifiers | $99/mo | Build on demand |

| \*\*Enterprise\*\* | All 8 modifiers + custom | $499/mo | Premium |

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## \*\*DECISION TREE AFTER PHASE 1\*\*

\*\*After 14 weeks (MVP complete):\*\*

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IF user\_feedback == "love it" AND demand\_for\_domains == True:

→ Build Phase 2 (12 weeks, $1,151)

→ Revenue potential: High

ELIF user\_feedback == "love it" AND demand\_for\_domains == Specific:

→ Build only requested modifiers (2 weeks each)

→ Example: Users only want math → Just build math modifier ($207, 2 weeks)

ELIF user\_feedback == "needs improvement":

→ Iterate on MVP quality

→ Don't build Phase 2 yet

ELSE:

→ Pivot or shut down

→ Saved 12 weeks + $1,151 by not building Phase 2

## **FINAL COMPLETE COSTS**

| **Component** | **Phase 1** | **Phase 2** | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Development** | $1,717 | $1,151 | **$2,868** |
| **Timeline (solo)** | 14 weeks | 12 weeks | **26 weeks** |
| **Your time** | 40 hours | 24 hours | **64 hours total** |
| **Result** | 668MB, 3 domains | 864MB, 8 domains | **Complete system** |
| **Confidence** | 90% | 85% | **88% overall** |

## **FINAL RECOMMENDATION**

**Build Phase 1 (14 weeks), ship, validate with users, THEN decide on Phase 2.**

**Phase 2 is 95% automated reuse of Phase 1 - just running the same scripts 5 more times for new domains.**

**No work is lost. Everything is additive. This is the right architecture.** 🎯