Picking an LLM

Making your choice early on prevents paralysis later

- Different LLMs will have different strengths and textual voice. You will learn this best by working with them and iterating on system prompts, rather than studying benchmarks

- My personal favorite is Claude/Anthropic's third-party API (3.7 => 4.0), but there are other options like ChatGPT/OpenAI or Gemini/Google. You will need to add a credit card to use their platforms, as they will charge for usage. Pricing is found on their websites as well

- You may opt for a couple LLMs for different types of tasks. For example, Claude 4.0 for heavier analysis and rule-following, but Mistral or another smaller model for simpler tasks. This would allow you to save money and retain most of your effectiveness

- A benefit to using OpenAI or Google over Anthropic is they have other tools built into their platforms, like TTS, transcription, image generation, etc.

The Choice is Yours

Below are some links to some of the API Workbenches mentioned

- Anthropic - console.anthropic.com

- OpenAI - platform.openai.com

- Google - ai.google.dev

- Mistral - console.mistral.ai