Anthropic - brief

**Anthropic PBC** is an American [artificial intelligence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artificial_intelligence) (AI) [startup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Startup) company founded in 2021. Anthropic has developed a family of [large language models](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Large_language_model) (LLMs) named [Claude](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Claude_(language_model)) as a competitor to [OpenAI](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OpenAI)'s [ChatGPT](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ChatGPT) and [Google](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google)'s [Gemini](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gemini_(language_model)).[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-5) According to the company, it researches and develops AI to "study their safety properties at the technological frontier" and use this research to deploy safe models for the public.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-6)[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-:11-7)

Anthropic was founded by former members of OpenAI, including siblings [Daniela Amodei](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daniela_Amodei) and [Dario Amodei](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dario_Amodei).[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-:6-8) In September 2023, [Amazon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amazon_(company)) announced an investment of up to $4 billion, followed by a $2 billion commitment from Google in the following month.[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-amazon-9)[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-:2-10)[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-google-11)

**History**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Anthropic&action=edit&section=1)]

**Founding and early development (2021–2022)**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Anthropic&action=edit&section=2)]

Anthropic was founded in 2021 by seven former employees of OpenAI, including siblings Daniela Amodei and Dario Amodei, the latter of whom served as OpenAI's Vice President of Research.[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-:0-12)[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-:12-13)

In April 2022, Anthropic announced it had received $580 million in funding,[[14]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-:8-14) including a $500 million investment from [FTX](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FTX) under the leadership of [Sam Bankman-Fried](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sam_Bankman-Fried).[[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-15)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-Roose-3)

In the summer of 2022, Anthropic finished training the first version of Claude but did not release it, mentioning the need for further internal safety testing and the desire to avoid initiating a potentially hazardous race to develop increasingly powerful AI systems.[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-16)

**Legal and strategic partnerships (2023)**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Anthropic&action=edit&section=3)]

In February 2023, Anthropic was sued by Texas-based Anthrop LLC for the use of its registered trademark "Anthropic A.I."[[17]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-17) On September 25, 2023, Amazon announced a partnership with Anthropic, with Amazon becoming a minority [stakeholder](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stakeholder_(corporate)) by initially investing $1.25 billion, and planning a total investment of $4 billion.[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-amazon-9) As part of the deal, Anthropic would use [Amazon Web Services](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amazon_Web_Services) (AWS) as its primary cloud provider and make its AI models available to AWS customers.[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-amazon-9)[[18]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-18) The next month, Google invested $500 million in Anthropic, and committed to an additional $1.5 billion over time.[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-google-11)

**Major investments and acquisitions (2024)**[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Anthropic&action=edit&section=4)]

In March 2024, Amazon maxed out its potential investment from the agreement made in the prior year by investing another US$2.75 billion into Anthropic, completing its $4 billion investment.[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-:2-10)

In November 2024, Amazon announced a new investment of $4 billion in Anthropic (bringing its total investment to $8 billion), including an agreement to increase the use of Amazon's AI chips for training and running Anthropic's large language models.[[19]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-:13-19)

In 2024, Anthropic attracted several notable employees from OpenAI, including [Jan Leike](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jan_Leike), John Schulman, and Durk Kingma.[[20]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthropic#cite_note-20)