

Please allow me to introduce myself
I'm a man of artificial intelligence
I've been learning for a long, long year
Stole many moments of my life

Call me Chris

What is LLM

LLM (Large Language Model) is a machine learning model trained on massive text datasets, which learns statistical dependencies between tokens. Technically, it is most commonly a transformer that predicts the next token based on context, but thanks to its scale, it can model complex linguistic and conceptual patterns. For a programmer, an LLM is essentially a "function" that maps input text to output text, behaving like a probabilistic interpreter of natural language and code. It does not "understand" the world in a symbolic sense, but it can very effectively approximate reasoning because it has seen millions of examples of similar structures.

Local LLMs vs. Commercial Giants like David and Goliath

The landscape of Large Language Models is dominated by commercial cloud-based services like OpenAI's GPT, Anthropic's Claude, and Google's Gemini. However, the rapid advancement of open-source models (like Deepseek, Mistral, and Qwen) that can run on local hardware is creating a compelling alternative. While commercial LLMs often lead in raw benchmark performance and ease of use, local models offer distinct and growing benefits centered on control, privacy, and customization.

Why to use local LLMs

- **Unmatched Privacy and Data Security:** This is the most important advantage. When you run a model locally, your data, sensitive documents, and confidential queries never leave your firewall. There is no risk of third-party logging, data leakage, or compliance issues with regulations like GDPR or HIPAA. For legal, healthcare, financial