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Sviluppo AI in .NET: un'unica API per OpenAI, Azure OpenAI, GitHub models....e non solo!!!



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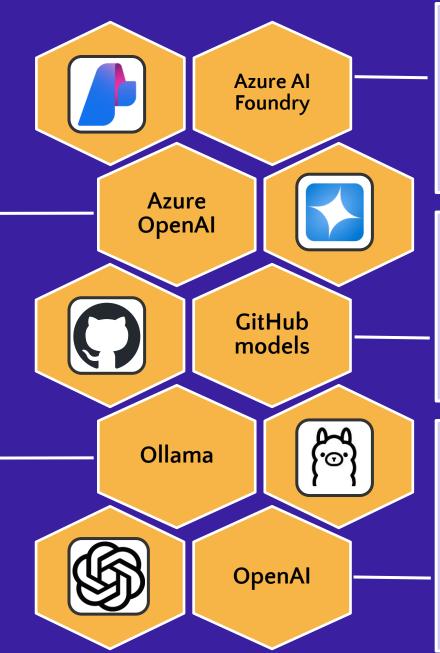




Model Hosting

Azure OpenAl Service integrates OpenAl's advanced models, like GPT-4 and DALL-E, with Azure's enterprise-grade capabilities. It enables secure, scalable Al solutions for tasks such as content generation, coding, and data analysis, empowering businesses to innovate responsibly.

Ollama is an open-source tool for managing large language models (LLMs) locally. It ensures data privacy, reduces latency, and offers customization options for AI tasks. With features like a model library and local execution, it's ideal for developers prioritizing security and efficiency in AI projects.



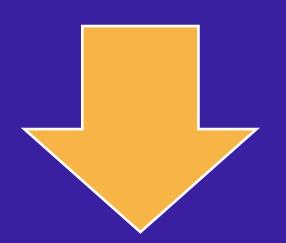
Azure AI Foundry is a platform for enterprise AI solutions, offering tools, prebuilt models, and APIs for seamless AI development and deployment. Integrated with Azure services, it ensures scalability, efficiency, and responsible AI practices for transforming innovative ideas into reality.

GitHub Models empower developers to integrate AI into their workflows seamlessly. With access to cutting-edge models and tools, it enables experimentation, prototyping, and deployment directly within GitHub. This platform fosters innovation while ensuring responsible AI practices and privacy.

OpenAI is a leading AI research organization that develops advanced models like GPT and DALL-E, aiming to ensure AI benefits humanity. Known for breakthroughs in natural language processing and creativity, OpenAI empowers users with innovative tools for diverse applications, including communication, design, and problemsolving.



What is Microsoft. Extensions. *?



A modern framework should provide the fundamental building blocks for application development.

Microsoft.Extensions.Logging

→ ILogger

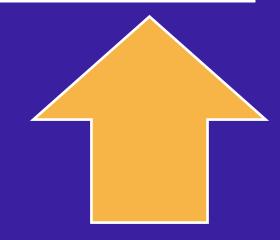
Microsoft.Extensions.Caching.*

→ IMemoryCache, IDistributedCache, ...

Microsoft.Extensions.DependencyInjection

→ IServiceCollection

A modern framework should allow you to use your desired implementation instead of the provided implementation.



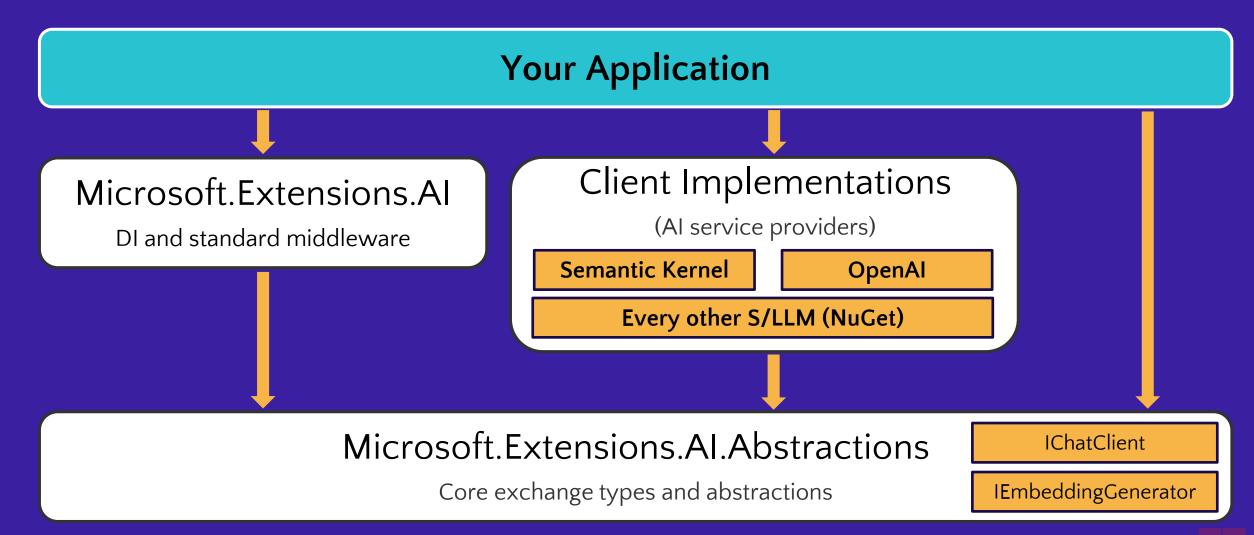
Microsoft.Extensions.Al

→ IChatClient,

IEmbeddingGenerator

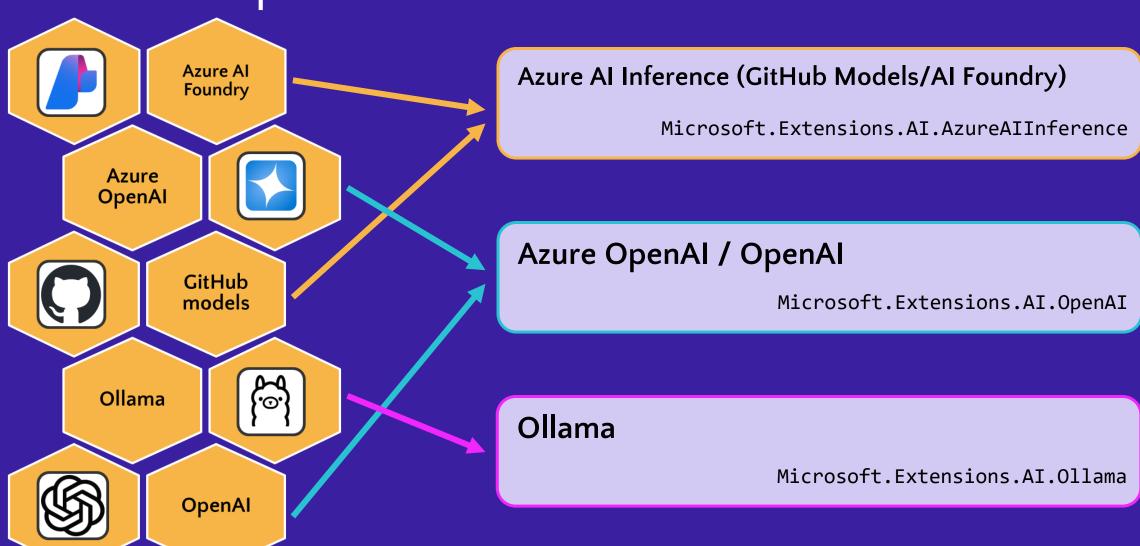


Microsoft. Extensions. Al architecture





Client Implementations





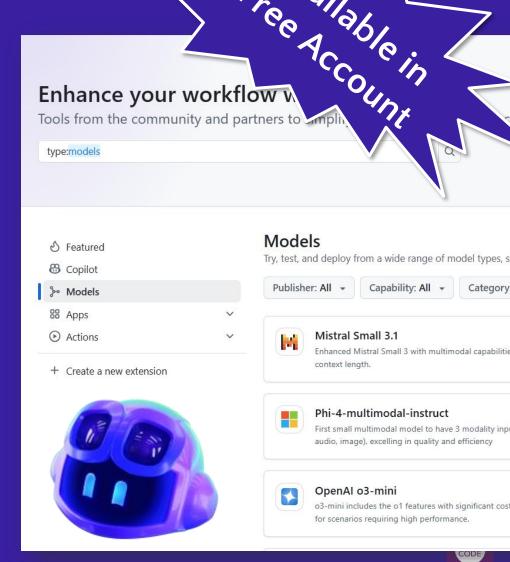
Demo

Embedding
Semantic Search
Dependency Injection
Middleware
Functions



GitHub Models: Enhancing Al Intel

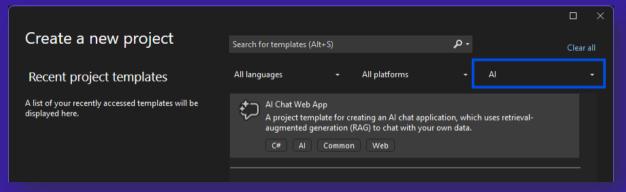
- Experiment with AI models for free using the **Model Playground**.
- Compare responses from different models simultaneously.
- Adjust parameters and test prompts to refine AI behavior.
- Utilize APIs to integrate AI models into applications.



.NET AI Template Now Available in

Preview

✓ The .NET AI Chat template is designed to help you quickly build an AI-powered chat application to start chatting with custom data.



- ✓ This initial release focuses on a Blazor-based web app, built using the Microsoft.Extensions.Al and Microsoft.Extensions.VectorData abstractions.
- ✓ The template uses the Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) pattern commonly used for chat applications.



Start building with Microsoft. Extensions. Al

Library Developers

If you own libraries that provide clients for AI services, consider implementing the interfaces in your libraries.

Service Consumers/ Application Developers Use the abstractions instead of hardcoding to a specific AI service. This enables portability across models and services, facilitates testing and mocking, leverages middleware provided by the ecosystem, and maintains a consistent API throughout your app.

Ecosystem Contributors

Contribute to the ecosystem writing custom middleware components or clients.





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