

IBM watsonx Code Assistant for Red Hat Ansible Lightspeed

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IBM's AI assistants are built to satisfy enterprise productivity needs

AI assistants

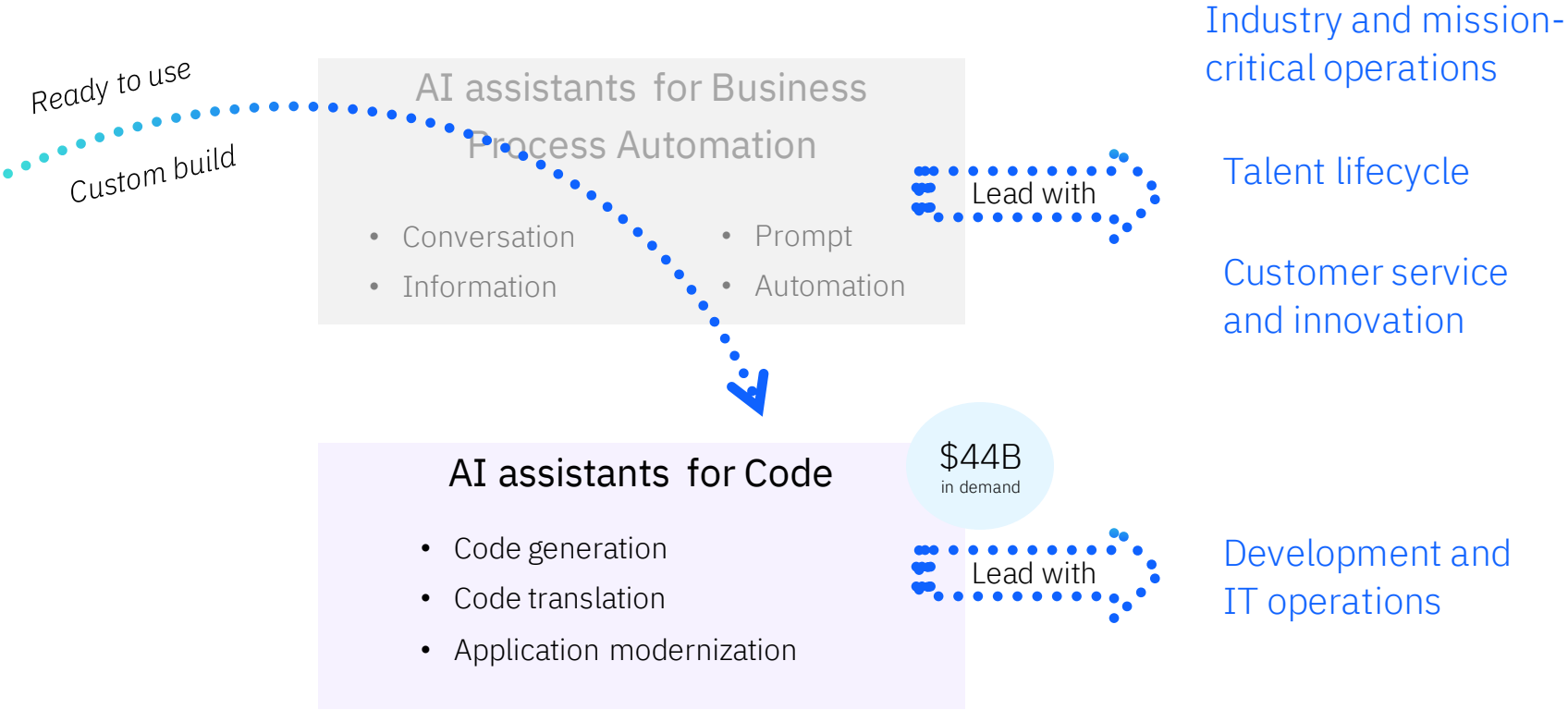
SDKs and APIs

AI and data platform

Data services

Hybrid cloud AI tools

Red Hat OpenShift AI (e.g., Ray, Pytorch)



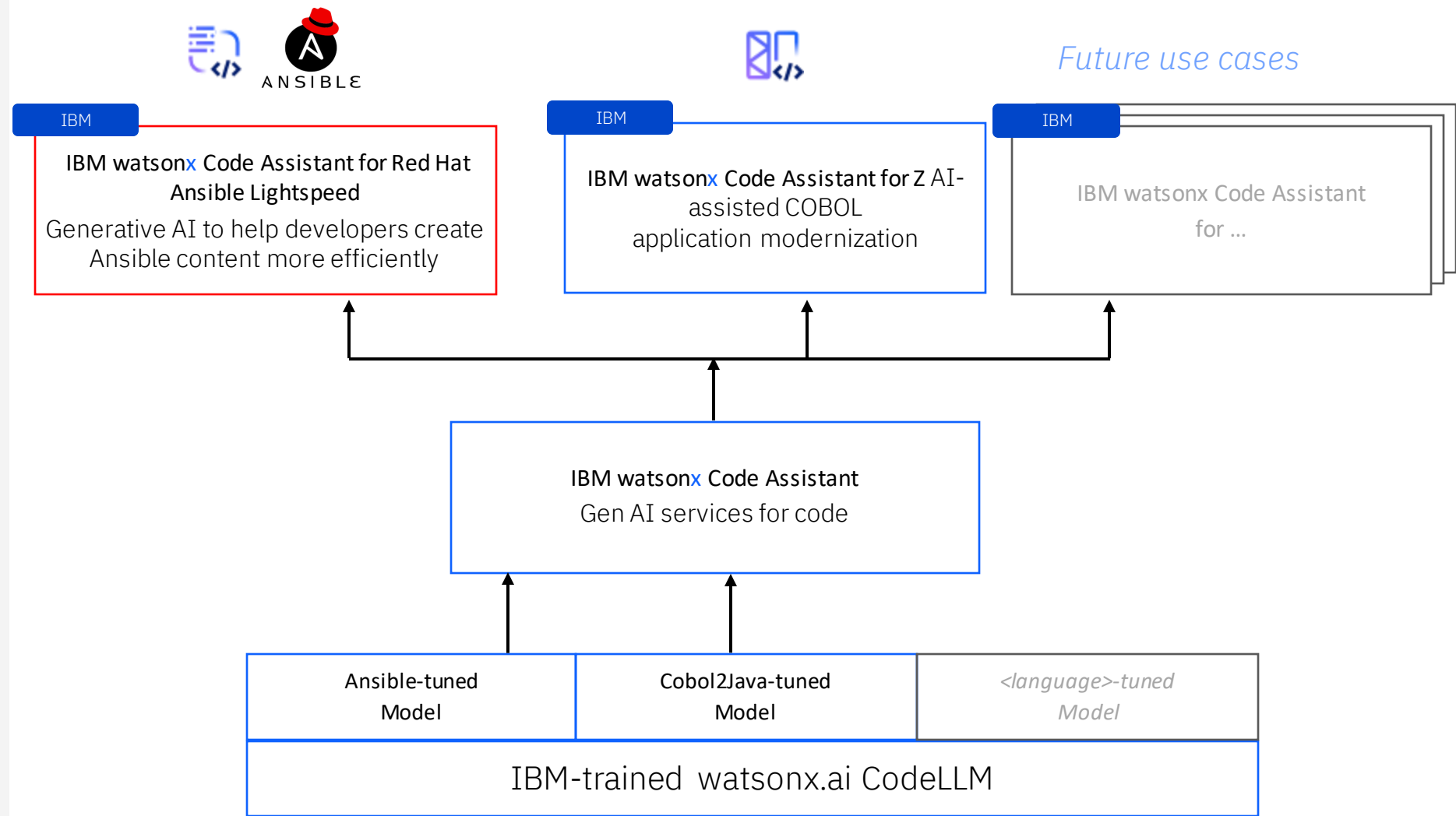
80% of the product development
lifecycle will make use of generative
AI code generation by 2025*

IBM watsonx
Code Assistant

Product Family

Enterprise-grade AI
code and content
generation solutions

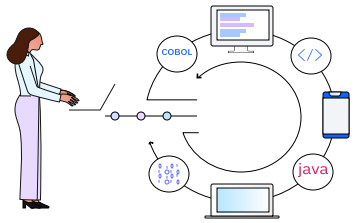
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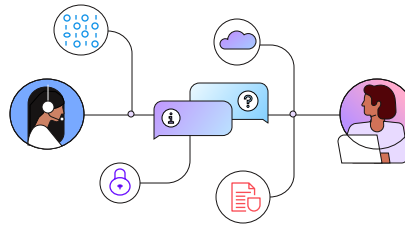
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Enterprise ready AI for Code solutions to address skills gaps and increase developer productivity



Powered by IBM Granite models

- watsonx Code Assistant uses IBM built Granite models
- Models trained on open-source code repositories like GitHub
- IBM's Granite 20-billion parameter model for code was trained on 1.6 trillion code tokens



Trustworthy and targeted

- Filtered for sensitive and toxic information, as well as copyright-protected code
- Fine-tuned for targeted use case
 - Mainframe Application Modernization
 - IT Automation



Purpose built for the developer

- Accessible directly in Visual Studio Code
- Consistent, high-quality code and content recommendations
- True developer experience enhancement

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watsonx Code Assistant for Red Hat Ansible Lightspeed leverages generative AI to accelerate development while maintaining the principles of trust, security and compliance at its core. Developers and IT Operators can speed up application modernization efforts and generate automation to rapidly scale IT environments.

Objectives

Faster Ansible Playbook creation

Generation of high-quality code

Adhere to best practices and standards

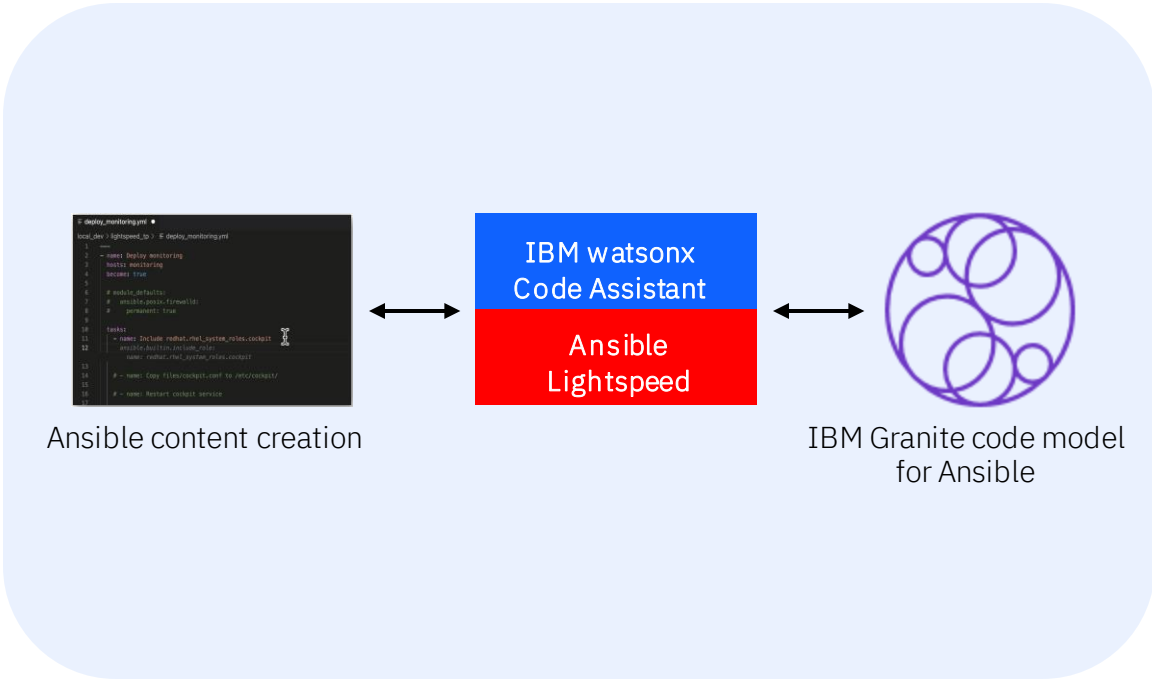
Benefits

Accelerate content development

Accuracy from AI-generated recommendations

Model customization and tuning for specificity

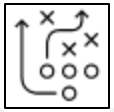
Accelerate Ansible Playbook creation using Generative AI



30%

Faster time to value in IT Automation leveraging Ansible

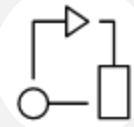
Integrated Developer Experience



Ansible Content Creation

```
10 tasks:
11   - name: Include redhat.rhel_system_roles.cockpit
12     ansible.builtin.include_role:
13       name: redhat.rhel_system_roles.cockpit
14
15   - name: Copy files/cockpit.conf to /etc/cockpit/
16     ansible.builtin.copy:
17       src: ./files/cockpit.conf
18       dest: /etc/cockpit/
19       owner: root
20       group: root
21       mode: '0644'
22
23   # - name: Restart cockpit service
24
25   # - name: Allow cockpit through firewall
```

VS Code
Extension



Red Hat Ansible
Lightspeed

Prompt
Suggestion

Best Practices
Anonymize
Post Processing



Ansible Automation Platform



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Prompt
Suggestion

Customize model

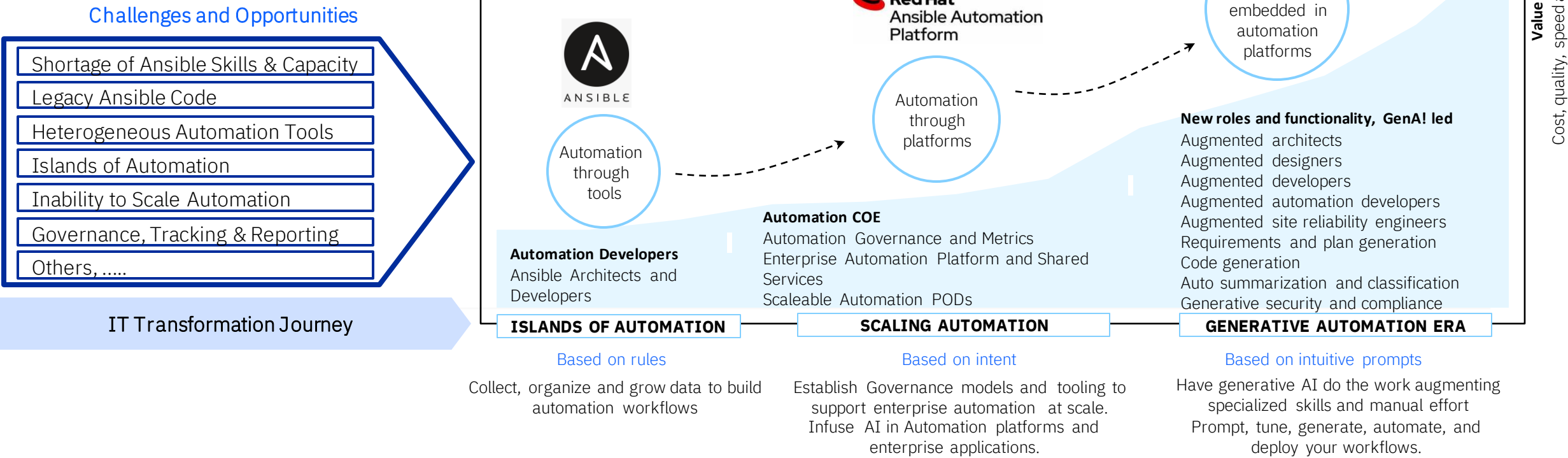


Ansible Content Tools

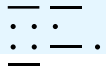
Upload your datasets
for model customization



Accelerate business value with an approach enabled by generative AI automation for migration and modernization



Benefits for the entire IT Automation Team



Automation Novices

- Reduced Ansible + YAML learning curve
- Help ensure that automation content created adheres to best practices
- Boost skill development and confidence



Automation Developers

- Enhanced productivity for Ansible Playbook creation
- Integrates into existing workflows and tools for efficient adoption
- Ansible code bot tools streamline ongoing code maintenance



Automation SMEs

- Bridge gap between automation ideas and Ansible content generation
- Tap into a data model trained across automation domains, expanding expertise



Automation Operations

- Generated code adheres to Ansible best practice; can be trusted to run at scale
- Integrated enhancement to familiar Ansible Automation Platform experience

Citi Pilot

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IBM, RedHat and Citi partnered in a 4-week pilot to showcase the value of watsonx.

Two primary use cases:

1. Enablement use case:

Evaluated novice Ansible developer productivity with and without the code generation tool through a series of tasks to measure quality and efficiency.

2. Quality use case:

Ran the AAP CodeBot on existing Ansible Playbooks currently in production to assess quality and review recommendations.

60%

Reduction in time spent
creating Ansible Playbooks

Internal Use Only

The Objective

- Evaluate enterprise-wide impact of integrating watsonx Code Assistant for Ansible Lightspeed (WCA) and advanced Ansible Automation Platform features (AAP) into the Citi software development pipeline

POC Execution

- Citi Scope: Developers and playbooks in the Global Platform team within Citi's Technology Infrastructure organization
- **Enablement use case:** Provided hands-on WCA training to 10 Citi developers and evaluated their speed, code quality and error rate based on a series of tasks with and without access to WCA
- **Quality use case:** Ran the AAP CodeBot on playbooks currently in production, conducting an initial code review and generating recommendations for enhancement

Results

- **60% reduction in time spend to create playbooks**
- No developer required external support while using WCA (i.e. documentation, Stack Overflow), as compared to 24X external outreach without WCA
- 2X reduction in critical failures

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What's changed and what's new?

What is changing?	Why?
Adding a Lite Plan	To support a trial motion for WCA4RHAL we are introducing a capacity limited Lite plan that allows for evaluation of the service at no cost. A lite plan is also referred to a trial. Trial requires subscription to AAP.
Adding a Standard Plan	We are delivering model tuning capabilities that will allow a customer to customize the base model using their existing Ansible content. This capability will be available as part of a new Standard plan
Moving to consumption-based pricing (Essentials and Standard Plans)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We have recognized significant friction in our early customer engagements around counting seats. Removing the need for seats will greatly simplify the customer onboarding process2. We are seeking to better align our pricing model with watsonx.

IBM watsonx Code Assistant for Red Hat Ansible Lightspeed Plans

New pricing plans are directly correlated to a customer's consumption.
Key Metric: **Resource Units** are comprised of tokens and helps to includes estimations for Ansible tasks.

● Lite Plan

Use to evaluate and try WCA
Charge metric:
Free, limited consumption
Features:
Task Prompt only
Limit of **10 Resource Units** (enough for about one developer making 200 task prompts using ~500 tokens each)

For higher usage or production usage, use Essentials or Standard plan.

Developer tries the Lite Plan and uses about 200 Ansible tasks.
After 200 tasks, trial will end.

● Essentials Plan

Use for customers with up to 60 Ansible developers
Charge metric:
Usage fee: \$2 per Resource Unit
One Resource Units is 20 task prompts using 500 tokens each; one developer will use about ten Resource Units per month)

For clients with more than 60 developers or if model tuning is needed, use Standard Plan.

60 WCA developers
10 Resource Units per developer = 600 RUs @
\$2 each = \$1,200/mo

● Standard Plan

For customers with more than 60 Ansible developers and desire customized models
Charge metrics:
Instance fee: \$1,200 per month (includes 660 Resource Units)
Usage fee: \$2 per Add'l. Resource Units
Tuning hour: \$500 per hour
Instance fee includes 660 Resource Units (Approx. 13,200 task prompts using 500 tokens each—enough for about 66 developers per month)
Include ability to prompt tune the model with tuning studio.

116 WCA developers
\$1,200 instance fee (incl. 660 RUs)
\$1,000 for 500 add'l. RUs
\$2,000 for 4 tuning hours
\$4,200/mo

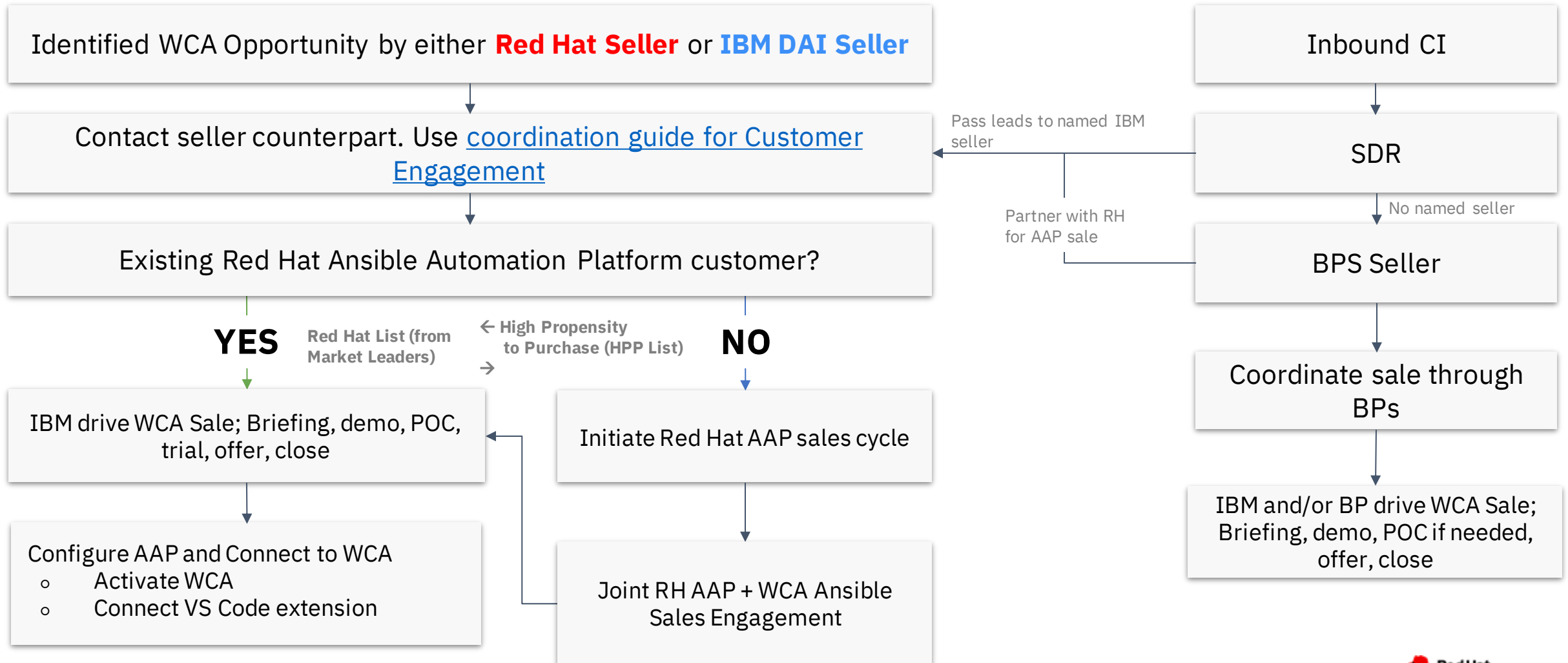
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T-Shirt Sizes

	Small/Medium Essentials Plan	Medium/Large Standard Plan	Enterprise Standard Plan
Instance Fee	\$0	\$1200/month	\$1200/month
Resource Units	\$1200/month 60 developers @ 10 RUs = 600 RUs @ \$2 each	\$1080/ month 120 developers @ 10 RUs each=1200 RUs. 660 are included in instance fee. 540 add'l. RUs @ \$2 each	\$4680/ month 300 developers @ 10 RUs each= 3000 RUs. 660 are included in instance fee. 2340 add'l. RUs @ \$2 each
Tuning hours	Not Available in Essentials	4 hours of tuning @500= \$2000 per year or \$167/mo	6 hours of tuning @500= \$3000 per year or \$250/mo
Total	\$14,400 / year \$1,200 / month	\$29,364 / year \$2,447/ month	\$73,560/ year \$6,130/ month
Notes / Sample Use-case	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 60 developers using task prompts to WCA• 200 task prompts/month/developer• 500 tokens per task prompt• Total 6M tokens = 600 RUs• Using Essentials Plan, no Tuning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 200 prompts/month/developer• 4 hours of tuning per year• Large development team using prompting and tuning functionality (~120 Ansible developers)• Using Standard Tuning capability to iteratively improve coding recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 200 prompts/month/developer• 6 hours of tuning per year• Enterprise development team using prompting and tuning functionality (~300 Ansible developers)• Using Standard Tuning capability to iteratively improve coding recommendations

Use the pricing calculator on Seismic

Joint Sales Engagement: Q1 2024



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New Feature Spotlight:
Model Customization Available
in Standard Plan



Key features: Task Generation and Content Similarity

```
multi-task.yml
1  ---
2  - name: Configure web servers
3    hosts: all
4    become: true
5
6    tasks:
7      # Install httpd package & Copy httpd.conf.j2 template to /etc/httpd/
8      # conf/ & Start and enable httpd service
9      - name: Install httpd package
10        ansible.builtin.package:
11          name: httpd
12          state: present
13
14      - name: Copy httpd.conf.j2 template to /etc/httpd/conf/
15        ansible.builtin.template:
16          src: httpd.conf.j2
```

ANSIBLE OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS PROBLEMS

▼ Install httpd package

- ▼ amtega.migrate_to_mount
 - URL: https://galaxy.ansible.com/ui/standalone/roles/amtega/migrate_to_mount
 - Path: molecule/default/prepare.yml
 - Data Source: Ansible Galaxy roles
 - License: gpl-3.0
 - Score: 0.979437
- ▶ tulibraries.ansible_role_passenger_apache
- ▶ gautam43.apache_role_for_lb

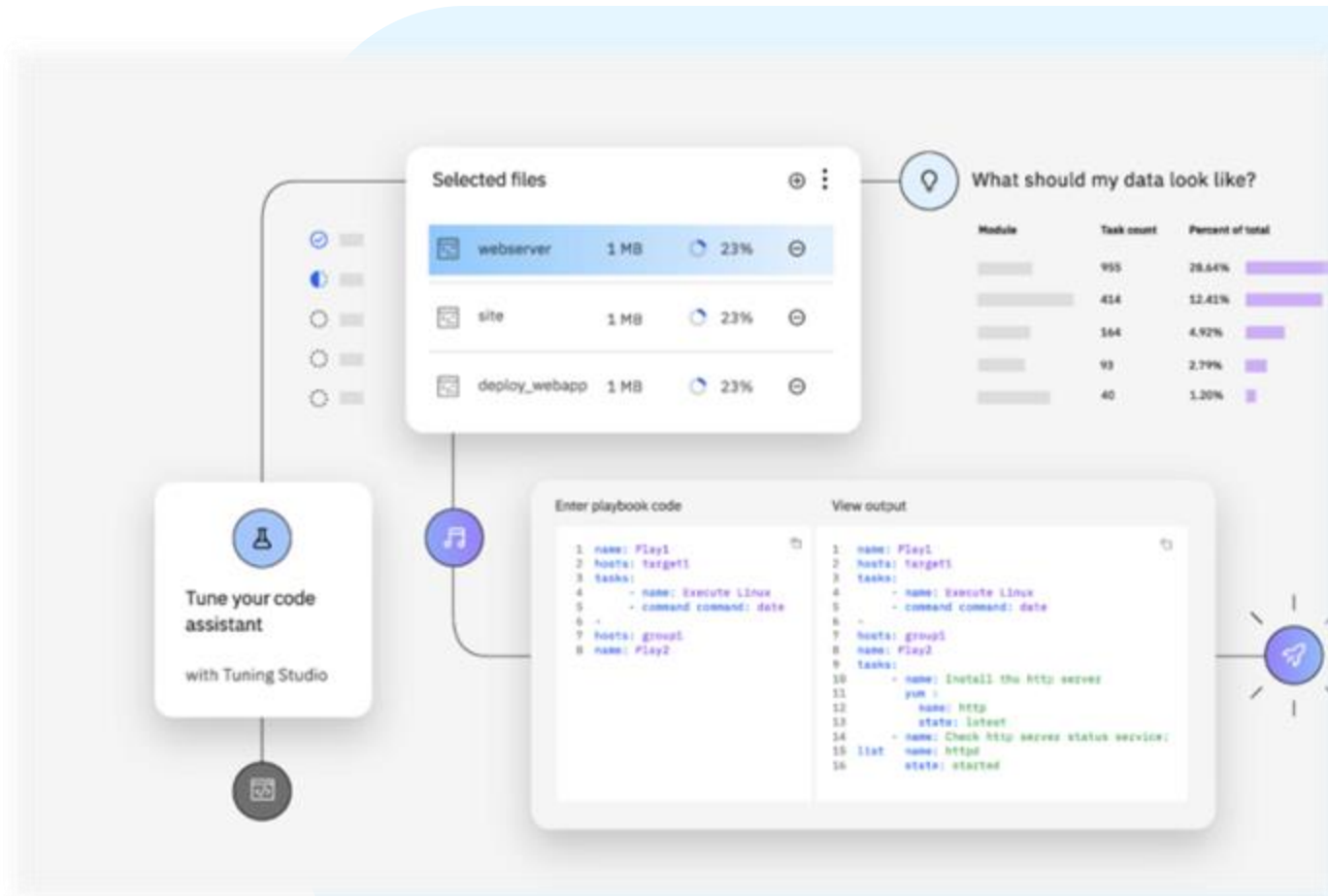
- Generate tasks for a playbook or role from natural language task description in single- or multi-task
- Improved accuracy of content from AI-generated recommendations trained on Ansible datasets
- Each suggestion will include a potential source, its author, and its license
- Data Security: Prompt/Suggestion data is encrypted in transit and is ephemeral

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Reduction in time spent creating
Ansible Playbooks for
Water Corporation



Key feature: Model Customization

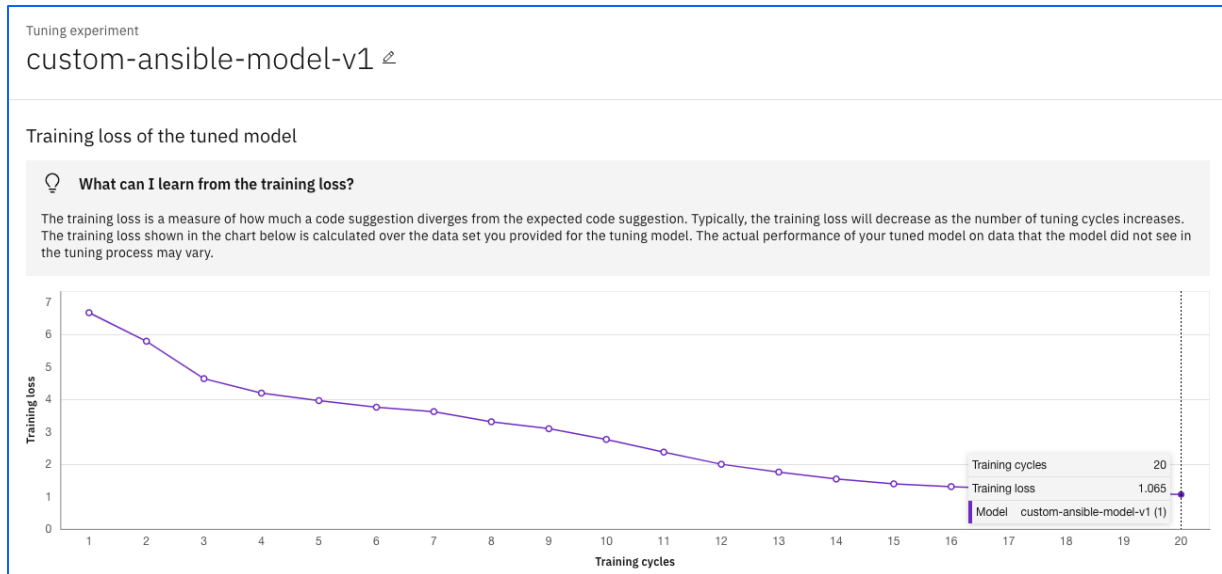


- Model customization empowers organizations to tune its domain-specific LLM with their own Ansible data
- With Customization, customers can tailor the content recommendations to their organization's preferences.



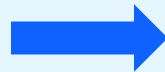
Key feature: Model Customization

Model Customization is done using Prompt Tuning



- **Prompt-tuning** is an efficient, low-cost way of adapting an AI foundation model to new downstream tasks
- **Content recommendations** are more similar to an enterprise's existing style for playbooks
- **Data security:** Customer's Ansible playbooks and customized models are stored in customer-owned Cloud Object storage and are not shared with IBM, Red Hat, or any other customers

```
- name: Create an OpenShift Cluster
  ansible.builtin.command: oadm create-cluster --wait=false
  --name=openshift-cluster
  register: oadm_create_cluster
  changed_when: "'created' in oadm_create_cluster.stdout"
  failed_when: "'already exists' not in oadm_create_cluster.stdout"
```



```
- name: Create an OpenShift Cluster
  register: cluster_create_output
  when: cluster_output.rc != 0
  ibm.cloudcollection.ibm_container_cluster:
    name: test_cluster
    datacenter: "{{ datacenter }}"
    machine_type: "{{ machine_type }}"
    hardware: "{{ hardware }}"
    kube_version: 4.14_openshift
    public_vlan_id: "{{ public_vlan_id }}"
    private_vlan_id: "{{ private_vlan_id }}"
    default_pool_size: "{{ default_worker_pool_size }}"
    entitlement: "{{ entitlement }}"
```

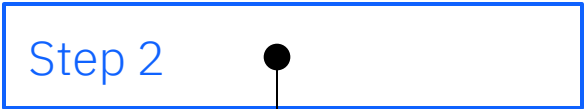
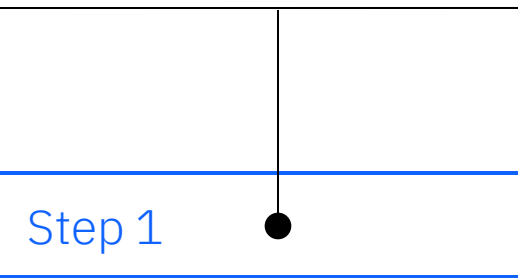
Before tuning, `ansible.builtin.command` module is being recommended

After tuning, `ibm.cloudcollection.ibm_container_cluster` module is recommended

Next steps

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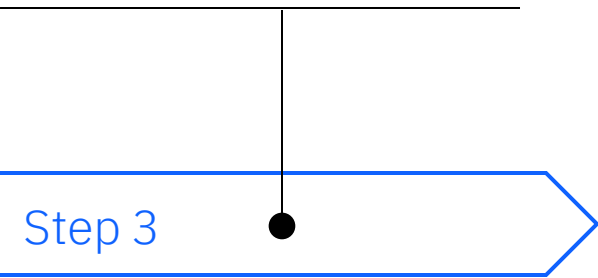


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2024 anticipated roadmap highlights

1Q' 24	
Intended Capability	Outcome
IBM Cloud Trial Experience	Users can experience the capabilities of watsonx Code Assistant for Red Hat Ansible Lightspeed at no charge based on usage limits
Model Tuning & Customization	Create custom Ansible recommendation models
Productivity Dashboard	Organizations can view usage efficiency metrics for their Ansible developers
Expand WCA service to Frankfurt MZR	Data Center expansion to Frankfurt

2Q' 24	
Intended Capability	Outcome
Playbook Generation (Phase 1)	Chat style experience to generate Ansible content from single prompt tasks.
Ansible Content Generation Improvements	Improved Ansible content recommendations
On-Premises Deployment	Make IBM watsonx Code Assistant for Red Hat Ansible Lightspeed available in an on-premises setup. Frankfurt Datacenter.
Model Lifecycle Management	Users will be able to manage their tunes, and understand when they need to re-tune as new models are published and old models are retired

2H' 24	
Intended Capability	Outcome
Playbook Content Explanation	Generate descriptive explanation for content generated
Playbook Generation (Phase 2)	Expand on Ansible Playbook content recommendations
Tuning enhancements for Playbook generation	WCA admin should be able to tune the WCA model to improve Playbook generation inferences
Ansible content description and documentation	Find existing Ansible content instead of writing from scratch
Content Controls	Specific controls around data sent to Ansible Lightspeed
Custom Post-Processing	Parse unstructured data into structures
Runbook Recommendations	Support recommendations for Event-Driven Ansible
Expand WCA service to Japan and London MZR	Data Center expansion to Japan and London

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2024 Plan Packages

Metric Name	What does it mean?	How is it calculated?	Additional Information
Resource Unit	Consumption metric directly tied to how much the customer uses. Is comprised of tokens and helps to estimate task prompts.	One Resource Unit = 10,000 tokens. Tokens are the usual charge metric for prompting a Foundation Model like watsonx Ansible Code Assistant for Z	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tokens are consumed when developers make a task prompt the system, and WCA generates the code requested.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For example, developer asks “write a script to create a new service that has” and WCA generates the Ansible code.• On average, one developer will task prompt WCA 200 times per month.• On average, one task prompt will use ~500 tokens for a total of ~100K tokens per developer per month. On average, one developer will use 10 RUs per month.
Instance	A flat monthly fee to access WCA Standard. The instance fee includes some Resource Units.	One Instance per Organization per Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of Resource Units included in this plan (660 RUs) provides a plentiful baseline for Enterprise size customers to populate tasks
Tuning Hour	A fee per hour of using the Tuning Studio to prompt tune the model. Tuning is available only in the Standard Plan.	Priced per hour of usage within the WCA Tuning Studio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approximation for tuning: Customers will tune the model 4 – 6 times per year

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