

From Myth to Legend

How Generative AI can Supercharge Productivity to Create
10x Developers



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Myth of the 10X developer





Knowledgeable



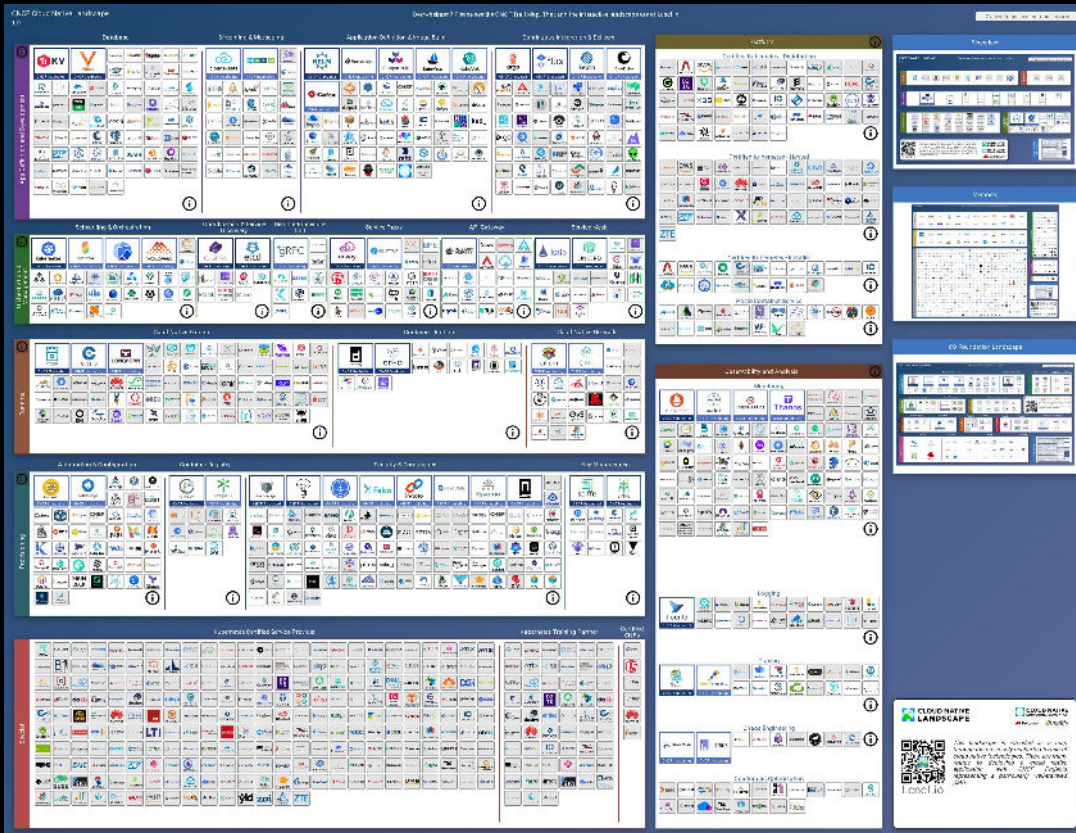
Productive

100%

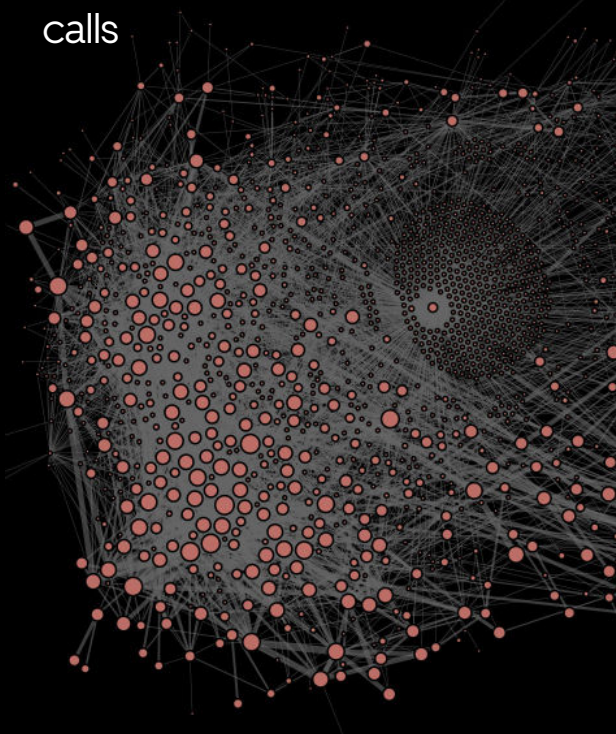
Perfectionist



Modern software complexity



Thousands of services and
hundreds of thousands of RPC
calls

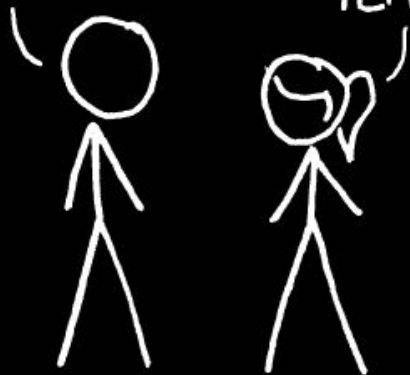


HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:

(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
14 COMPETING
STANDARDS.

14?! RIDICULOUS!
WE NEED TO DEVELOP
ONE UNIVERSAL STANDARD
THAT COVERS EVERYONE'S
USE CASES.



SOON:

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
15 COMPETING
STANDARDS.

Enter Generative AI



Gen AI opportunities in SDLC



AI opportunities in the developer workflow

Design



Develop



Release



Manage



Documentation

Code Generation

End to End
Testing

Incident Management

Design Review

Code Quality

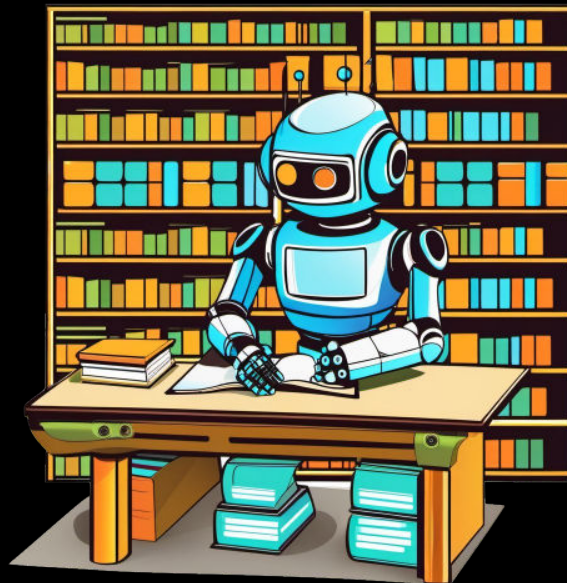
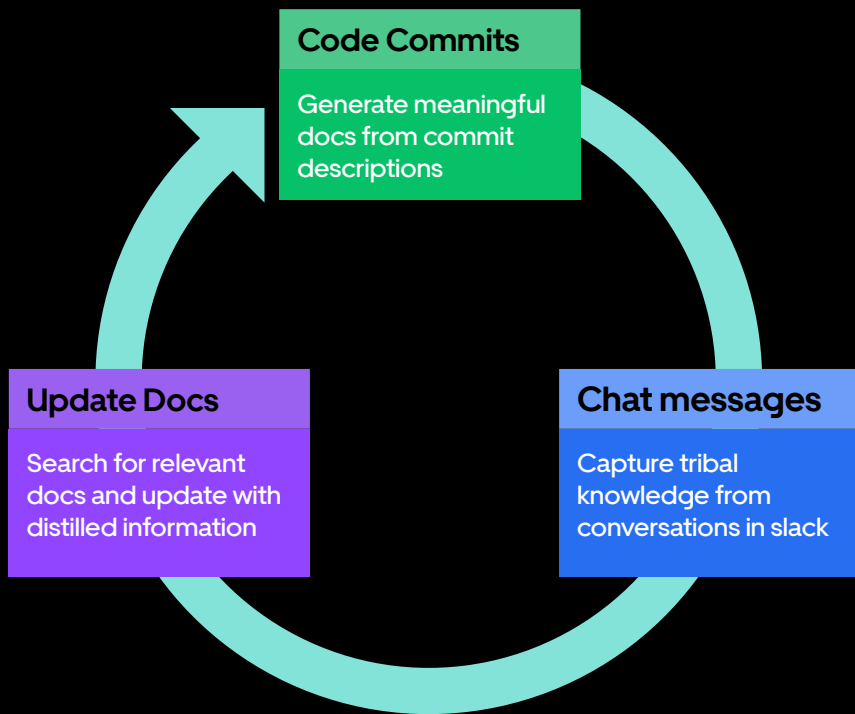
UX Design

Automated Fixes

Knowledge Base, Support

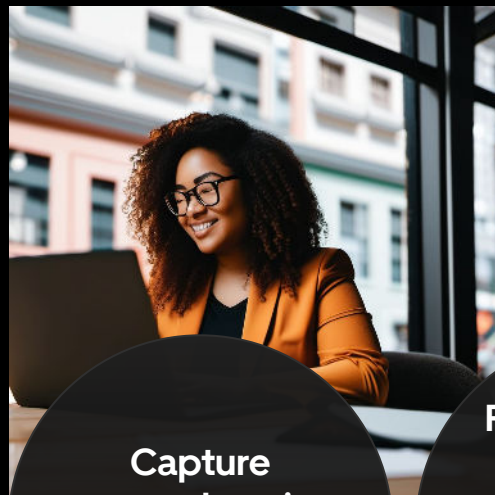
Tailored to your enterprise

Automatic documentation freshness



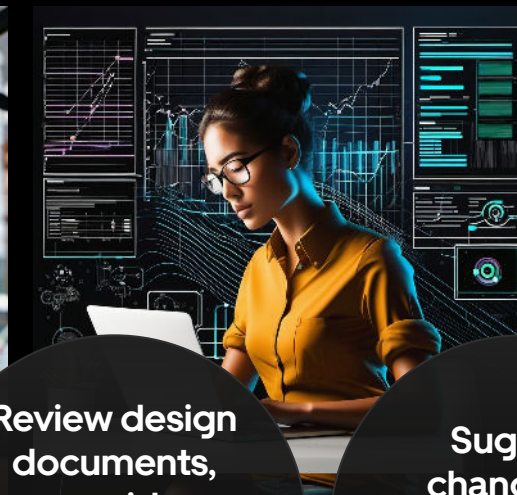


Automatic review of design requirements



Capture comprehensive requirements first time

PM, Product Ops, Sec, Privacy, Legal



Review design documents, provide automatic suggestions for improvement

Developer, Eng team, Eng Sec, Privacy

Suggest changes to design based on existing user comments

Developer, Eng team





Faster UX design iteration

The screenshot shows the BaseGPT web interface in a browser window. The browser's address bar shows 'basegpt.pages.dev'. The page title is 'BaseGPT'. Below the title, there is a text input field containing the prompt: 'Three buttons where labels are fruits and one input.' Below the prompt, there are controls: a 'Generate' button, a 'Reset Context (1)' button, and model selection options for 'GPT-4' (selected) and 'GPT-3.5'. Below these controls, there are two main areas: a code editor on the left and a rendered UI on the right. The code editor shows the following code:

```
import React from 'react';
import { Button } from 'baseui/button';
import { Input } from 'baseui/input';

const FruitButtons = () => {
  return (
    <div>
      <Button>Apple</Button>
      <Button>Orange</Button>
      <Button>Grape</Button>
      <Input placeholder="Type here..." />
    </div>
  );
};

export default FruitButtons;
```

The rendered UI on the right shows three buttons labeled 'Apple', 'Orange', and 'Grape' in a row, followed by an input field with the placeholder text 'Type here...'.



Our experience using code assistants

29%

Acceptance
rate

1.4

LOC per
accepted code

75%

Feel more
productive

6.0

NPS score
for Copilot

Internal survey results

- + Effective for simple boilerplate code and tasks

Copilot is really useful for writing 1-2 lines of straightforward / repetitive code

- Code suggestions frequently need further editing

It frequently has small misses. I find myself usually double-checking Copilot's work for longer than it would have taken me to just write that work myself.

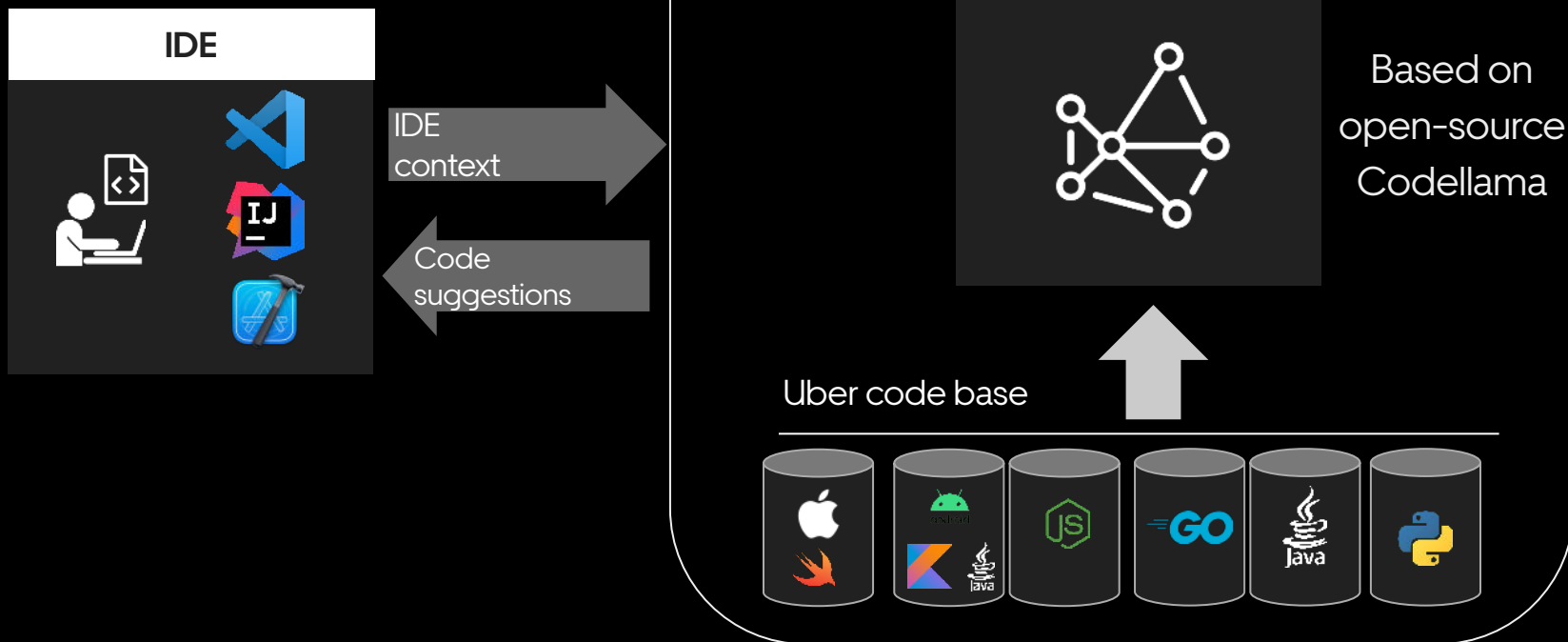
Code assistants are useful for simpler tasks



Gen AI beyond code completion



Uber code assistant



Automatically improve code quality



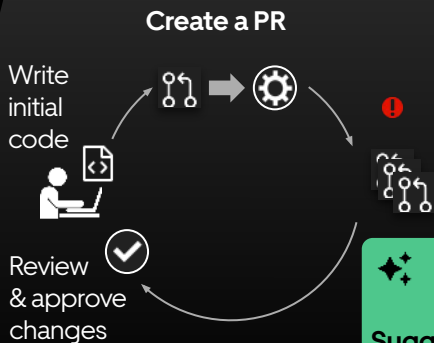
Suggest fixes in the IDE & local builds

Code corrections while writing it



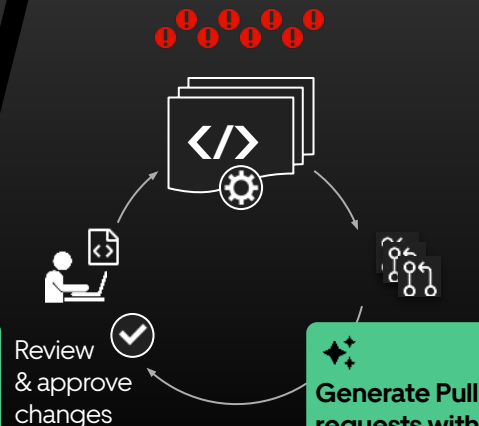
Auto-fix suggestions within the IDE

Fix new errors in PRs



Suggest an automatic fix

Continuously fix tech debt in the existing code base





Impact of errors in code

Sorry, that extra \$35 you got in your Uber account was a mistake

[Clint Henderson](#)

Dec. 26, 2021 · 3 min read

Incident in 2021 due to MisusedWeekYear

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DateTimeFormatter.ofPattern("MM_YYYY");
```

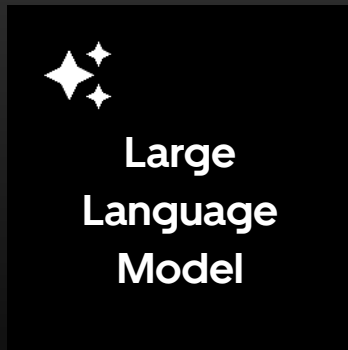
7K

Java errors / week

15min*

Dev time / error

Automatically fix errors in code



Code

AI Prompt
Engineering

Fixed
Code

3.5K

Errors auto-
fixed / week*

875

Dev hrs saved
per week*

Automatically fix CI errors

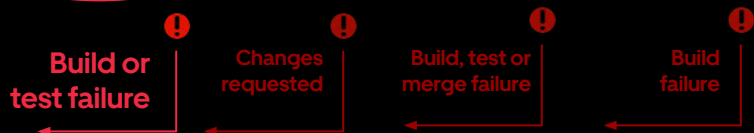
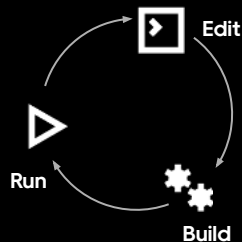
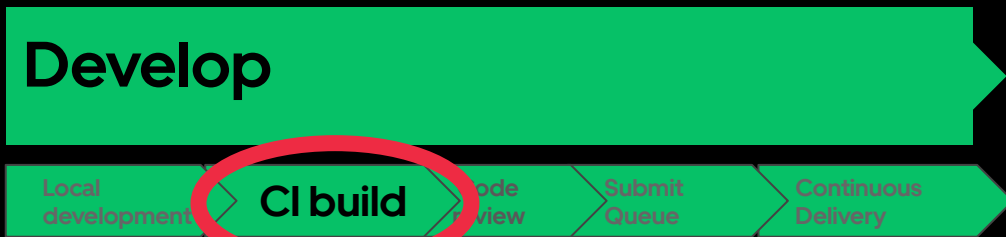


Pipelines > iOS Build

Test !
Build #4 master HEAD

Job ... !

Job ... !



Root cause, reproduce and debug

HIGH IMPACT WHEN

CI Failure Rate is **HIGH**

CI execution Time is **HIGH**



Automatically fix code review feedback

10K

Diffs / week

1hr

Dev time/diff

~\$1M

Cost per week

2K

Auto-fixes / week

2K

Dev hrs saved per week

\$10M

Savings per year

Reviewer comment

```
893 byte[] serialize = thriftJsonSerializer.serialize(mapFeature);
894 String mapFeatureAsString = objectMapper.writeValueAsString(serialize);
895 LOGGER.info("MapFeature being written as {}", mapFeatureAsString);
```

amogh

✓ Done

Maybe turn these into debug logs.. can pollute heavily

🔮 AI suggested fix

```
899 Suggested Fix
900
901
902 @@ -895,7 +895,7 @@
903     ObjectMapper objectMapper = new ObjectMapper();
-    LOGGER.info("Pushing auto-applied events to heatpipe for {}",
getMceRequestContext().getUuid());
+    LOGGER.debug("Pushing auto-applied events to heatpipe for {}",
getMceRequestContext().getUuid());
```

Categories of review feedback fixed

- Rename, annotate or change type (11%)
- Nitpicks (3%)
- Other actionable feedback (6%)
 - Logging
 - Exception handling
 - Null checks
 - Collection & streams
 - Date & time APIs
 - Missing documentation

Automatically fix issues in the IDE



The IDE window displays three code snippets illustrating different Go programming issues:

- Implicit capture-by-reference of free variables in goroutines:** A `for` loop with a range over `items`. The `item` variable in the range and the `item` parameter in the `func` are highlighted with red boxes.
- Concurrent accesses to Go's built-in, thread-unsafe maps:** A `map` of `UID` to `string`. A `for` loop iterates over `UIDs`. The `resultMap[key]` assignment is highlighted with a red box.
- Mixing message-passing with shared-memory:** A `Future` struct with `Start` and `Wait` methods. The `f.result` assignment in `Start` and the `f.result` assignment in `Wait` are highlighted with red boxes.

A notification box in the center reads: "Concurrent accesses to Go's built-in, thread-unsafe maps cause frequent data races". Below the notification are two buttons: "View Problem (F8)" and "Accept Fix".

A green banner at the bottom left says: "🌟 AI suggested fix for data races".

The IDE status bar at the bottom shows: "Go 1.16.6", "1 ▲ 0", "Live Share", "Ln 6, Col 1", "Tab Size: 4", "UTF-8", "LF", "Go", "Analysis Tools Missing", and "Go Update Available".

Automatic app testing



✦ AI generated
mobile test flow

Eliminates costly
test maintenance

Higher quality,
less effort

Efficient incident management



On-Call

- Pager-Duty
- Rotation, alerts, runbooks
- Improve signal to noise ratio

✦ AI generated Handoff notes

! Incident response

- Identify incident and respond
- Mitigate incident
- Communicate incident

✦ Anomaly detection
Incident leveling
Enrich with similar incidents
Catch me up with status

Q Postmortem

- Identify root cause
- Write post-mortem
- Peer review

✦ Find the root cause
Identify related events
Suggest mitigation steps
Generate post mortem
Assess the post mortem

☰ Incident review

- Select incidents for review
- Conduct incident review
- Plan and prioritize follow-up work

✦ Find frequent fault areas
Create follow up actions

Automate developer support



✦ Slack bot to answer questions



gkorlam < 1 minute ago

!obs how do I setup a new alert?

1 reply



BMO APP < 1 minute ago



Thinking... Genie 🧙 is contemplating your 🤔 query...



gkorlam 1 minute ago

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1 reply



BMO APP 1 minute ago

Genie is still in beta. Please read <http://t.uber.com/genie-llm> for more details.

Setting up a new alert in the H2 system can be easily done within the uMonitor interface. Here are the steps:

1. Go to [uMonitor] (<https://umonitor.uberinternal.com/>).
2. Create a new alert group if one doesn't already exist for your service. To do this:
 1. Click ****[New Alert Group]** (<https://umonitor.uberinternal.com/alert-groups>).
 2. Enter the alert group name.
 3. Enter a team or individual email address in the description.

[Show more](#)



Needs Improvement

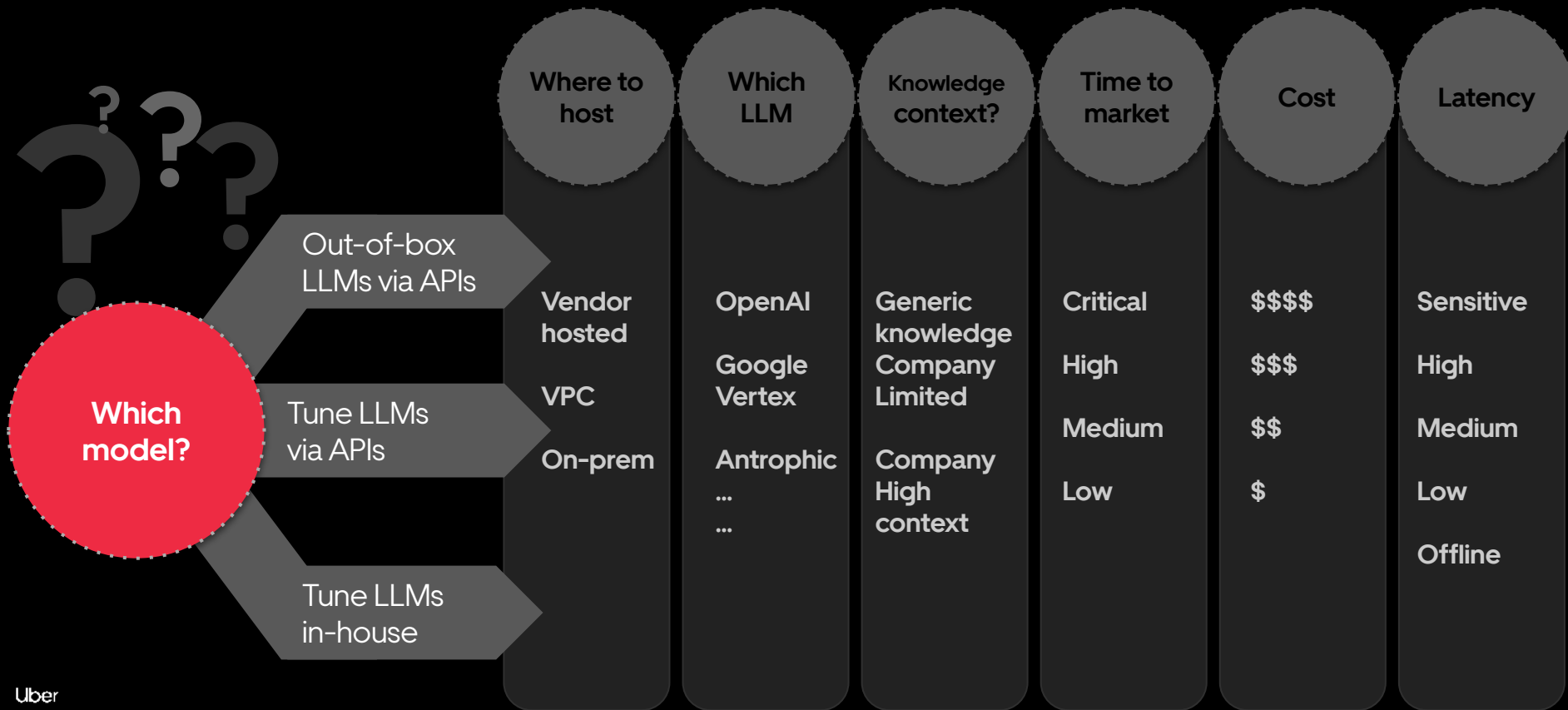


The Future

How to get started?



Considerations



Evaluate potential risks

Samsung bans use of generative AI tools like ChatGPT after April internal data leak

Kate Park @katoparknews / 6:17 AM PDT • May 2, 2023

Comment



RISKS

Data sent to LLMs

- **Data privacy** - Sharing private data with a 3rd party
- **IP** - Risk of exposing own IP into public domain

Data suggestions from LLM

- **IP** - Risk of getting back other's copyrighted content
- **Quality** - Accuracy of the outputs
- **Explainability** - Not being able to trace back the output to its source

Get your team excited

Internal Hackathon

700+

Participants

100

Projects demoed

6

Sites around the globe

3

Broad categories

Product
experience



Developer
productivity



Business
operations

Takeaways

- Modern software development is complex
- Gen AI promises to tame this complexity
- Lots of opportunities in realizing these promises
- The entire Developer workflow needs to be rethought with AI
- Let's get started!



Thank you!
Questions ?



Backup

Developer workflow: AI opportunities

Design

Develop

Release

Manage

Design docs, review, risk assessment

Code & test gen

Automated fixes

Code review

Testing

AI Ops

Requirements

Write requirements
Review design docs
Risk assessment

UX design

UI/UX design

Code & test generation

Automated dependency upgrades,
Config generation,
Auto-refactor legacy code

Debugging: Debug helper,

Testing: Auto generate unit tests,

Automated fixes: Automated data race detection, code fixes

Code review: Automate code reviews, Auto fix based on review comments

CI debugging: CI failure classification

Automated E2E & mobile Testing:

Auto generate mobile, localization tests

Incident mitigation:

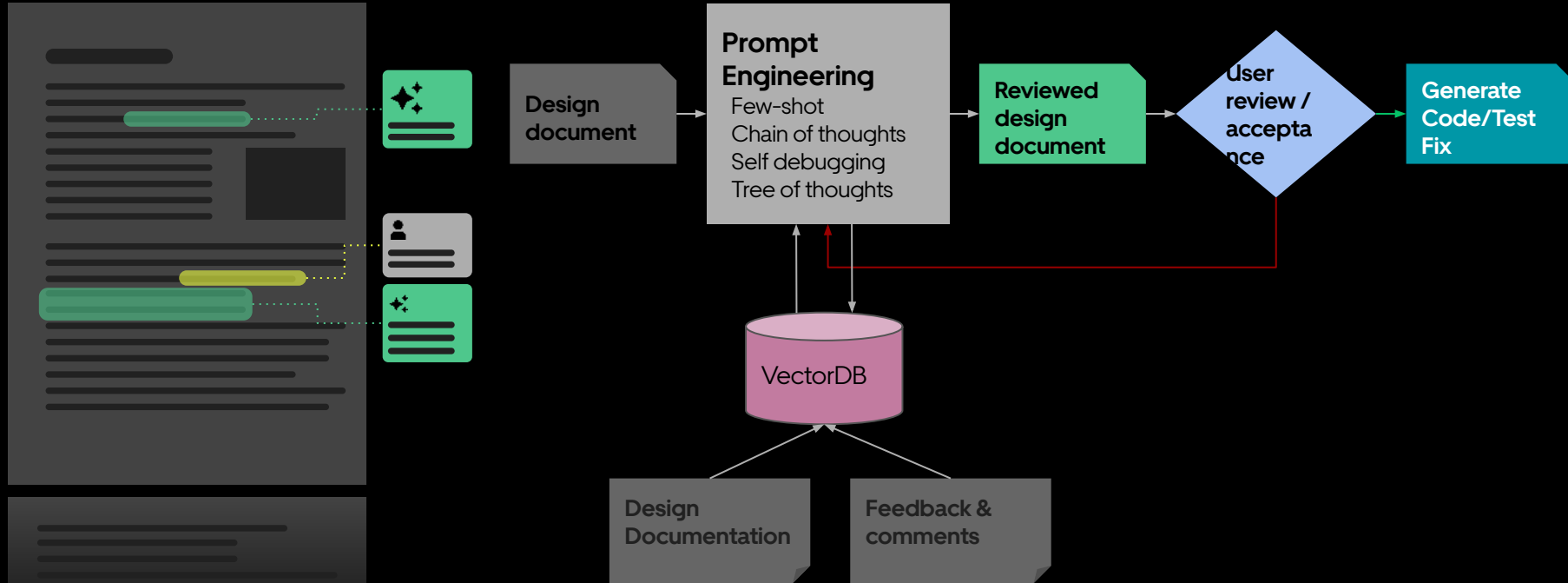
Troubleshoot analytics events,
Oncall assistant

Knowledge Base (Messaging, documentation, collaboration tools)

Documentation: Auto generate & update documentation,

Oncall experience: Chatbot for internal knowledge base

Design ERD automatic review



Automatically fixing static analysis errors

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THEPOINTSGUY.COM

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7k

Java errors /
week

15min*

Dev time / Error

3.5k

Errors auto-
fixed / week

875

Dev hrs saved
per week

10K @SuppressWarnings in Java codebase

Other analyses in progress

- Go data races

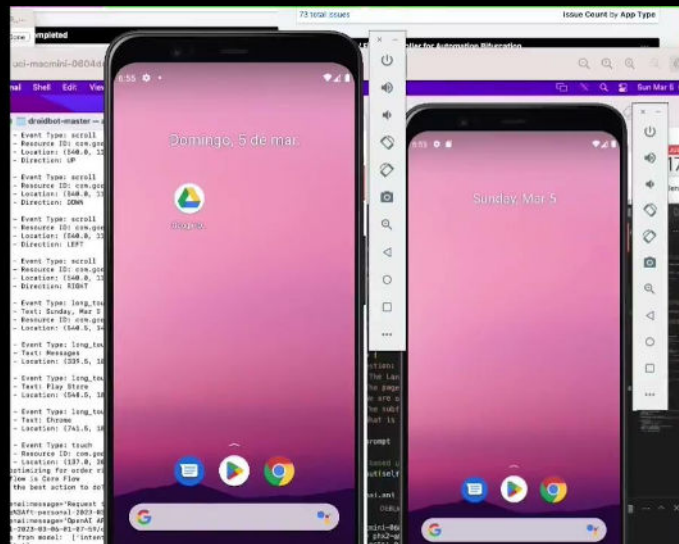
* [Google study](#)

AI-driven automated Mobile End-2-End Testing

E2E automation challenges

- Flakiness
- Maintenance
- Different languages
- Impossible to shift left

AI-based E2E testing



Uber Tech-wide HackDayz

713

Participants

6

Sites around the globe

98

Projects demoed

3

Broad categories

21

Finalists selected

6

Winners

Developer productivity

Code generation, Code reviews, Automated fixes, Testing & debugging, Knowledge base



Business operations

Operations improvements, Data & query optimization, Security, Privacy & safety risk, Employee experience



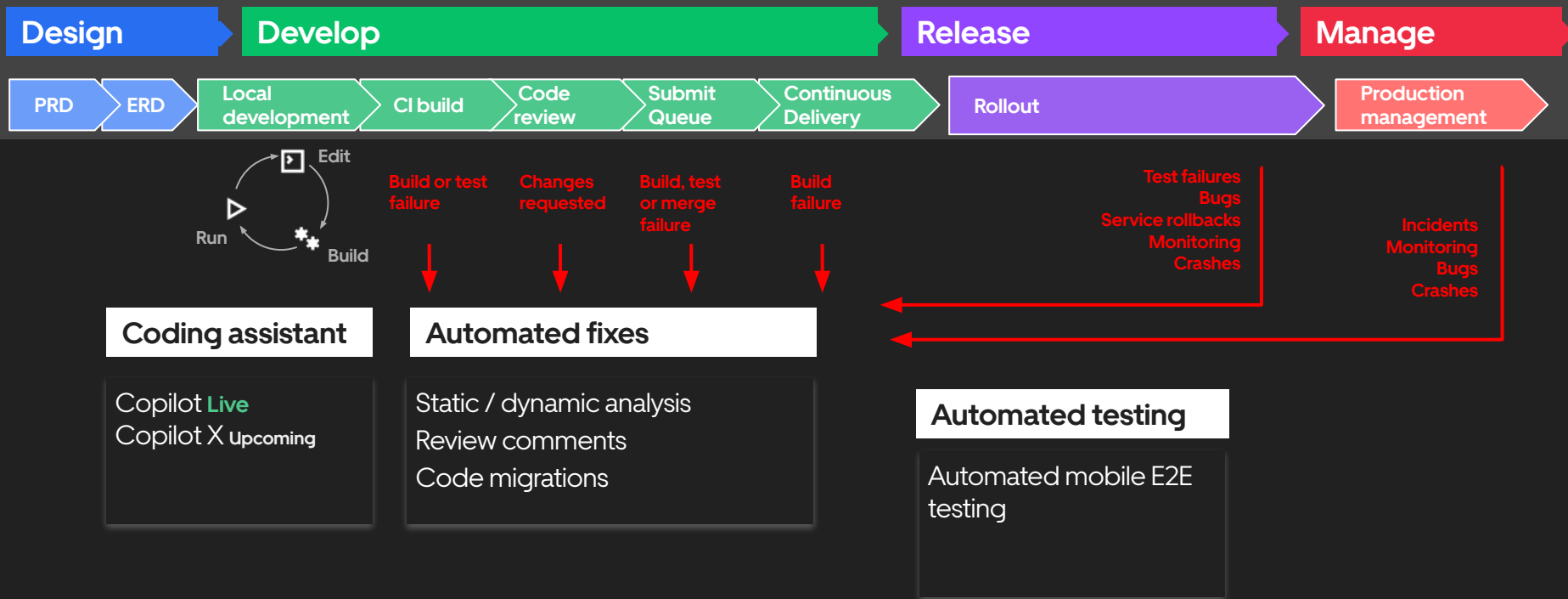
Product experience

Delivery experience, Rider experience, Earner experience



How to create internal LLM

What we have been able to get it to do



Application Definition & Image Build

Database: KV, V, etc.

Streaming & Messaging: cloudstream, etc.

Application Definition & Image Build: HELM, Helm, etc.

Continuous Integration & Delivery: argo, Flux, etc.

Networking & Observability

Scheduling & Orchestration: Kubernetes, etc.

Coordination & Service Discovery: etcd, gRPC, etc.

Remote Procedure Call: gRPC, etc.

Service Proxy: envoy, etc.

API Gateway: Kong, etc.

Service Mesh: Istio, etc.

Deployment

Cloud Native Storage: MinIO, etc.

Container Runtime: containerd, etc.

Cloud Native Network: Cilium, etc.

Enhancement

Automation & Configuration: Ansible, etc.

Container Registry: Harbor, etc.

Security & Compliance: Falco, etc.

Key Management: Vault, etc.

Special

Kubernetes Certified Service Provider: AWS, etc.

Kubernetes Training Partner: Red Hat, etc.

Certified CNFs: etc.

Platform

Container, Kubernetes, Distribution: etc.

Container, Kubernetes - hosted: etc.

Container, Kubernetes - managed: etc.

Application Container: etc.

OpenShift

OpenShift: etc.

Members

Members: etc.

Cloud Foundation Landscape

Cloud Foundation Landscape: etc.

Observability and Analysis

Monitoring: Prometheus, etc.

Logging: etc.

Tracing: etc.

Cloud

Cloud: etc.

Trading

Trading: etc.

Stacks Engineering

Stacks Engineering: etc.

Cloud Native Optimization

Cloud Native Optimization: etc.

CLOUD NATIVE LANDSCAPE

Cloud Native Landscape: etc.

1.cncf.io

Gen AI or Not?

Great if your task is ...

- Related to natural language processing or image/video/audio creation
- Translation, summarization, sentiment analysis, extraction, search, similarity, retrieval
- Requires general knowledge and/or reasoning
- You have very little training data
 - i.e., zero / few shot learning

Not so great if ...

- you already have an effective ML solution that's performing well
- (e.g., NLP classification)
- The cost of being inaccurate IS very high
- Explainability of a prediction IS very important
- Your use case is highly sensitive to latency

Color

brand palette

[For more information and guidance on using brand colors, click here](#)

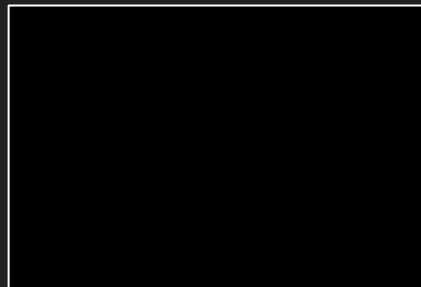
Our color palette embraces a full spectrum of color and has been brightened for its legibility and accessibility. All colors are ADA compliant when used as a background paired with black text or when used as colored typography paired with a black background.

For **Mobility**, be sure to use white or color headline text on a black background.

For **Delivery**, be sure to use black text over a color background.



#FFFFFF

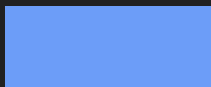


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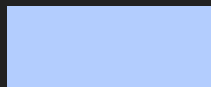
Uber



#276EF1 (Safety Blue)



#6C9DF8



#B3CDFE



#FFA200



#FFC35B



#F4D790



#0694C1



#4AC8DB



#8ADFEF



#FF5F27



#FF8961



#FFB298



#06C167 (Eats Green)



#4EC78C



#8EE1A9



#EE2B43



#FF7373



#F1998E



#6ABB00



#A0CD64



#BBD896



#E84FB1



#FF7BB0



#FFA8CB



#FFD643



#FFE27C



#FFF1C1



#9145FF



#9A60EF



#B29DF4

An aerial, top-down view of a city street grid. The streets are filled with cars, and there are several large buildings, including a prominent circular building on the left. The overall color palette is muted, with greys, blues, and browns. The text "Let's get started!" is overlaid in the center in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

Let's get started!