

ChatGPT / GPT Model Evolution Synopsis

GPT-1 (2018)

Proof of concept. Demonstrated transformer-based language modeling.

GPT-2 (2019)

Strong text generation and storytelling. Limited reasoning.

GPT-3 (2020)

Massive leap in fluency. Popularized AI writing and conversation.

GPT-3.5 (2022)

Improved instruction following. Practical everyday AI.

GPT-4 (2023)

Reasoning-focused with multimodal input. Major professional adoption.

GPT-4.5 (2025)

Refinement model. Better reliability and conversational flow.

GPT-4.1 (2025)

Expanded context window and strong coding performance.

GPT-5 (2025)

Unified intelligence. Deep reasoning, planning, workflows.

GPT-5.1 (2025)

Mode-based performance optimization.

GPT-5.2 (2025)

Top-tier productivity, long-context mastery, professional workflows.