

C3 Code: Frequently Asked Questions

What is C3 Code?

C3 Code is the agentic development layer within C3 AI Studio on the C3 Agentic AI Platform. Describe a business problem in plain English and C3 Code autonomously designs, builds, tests, and deploys a production-grade Enterprise AI application. No coding required. What used to take a team of engineers weeks to months can now take one person hours.

Production-grade means it integrates with your enterprise data, applies machine learning, and has full security, access controls, and governance.

This is not assisted development. This is AI designing and building Enterprise AI.

How was C3 Code evaluated against competing platforms?

C3 AI asked one of the most capable AI systems in the world to evaluate C3 Code against the leading platforms based on product documentation. Claude analyzed each platform's full feature set and scored C3 Code highest at 9.2 out of 10, with a perfect 10 in Domain Intelligence. OpenAI Codex scored 6.0. Anthropic's Claude Code scored 5.2. Palantir scored 7.7.

Claude scoured through websites, product documentation, industry analyst commentary, and case studies across every platform evaluated. To conduct that kind of comparative analysis manually would represent thousands of person-months of deep research. The conclusion was unambiguous: C3 Code is superior.

How is C3 Code different from general-purpose AI coding tools like Cursor, GitHub Copilot, or Claude Code?

Those are excellent general-purpose coding agents designed to help developers write code. C3 Code is designed to autonomously build, deploy, and operate production-grade Enterprise AI applications. Different products, different problems.

C3 Code is purpose-built for the enterprise and encodes a decade of enterprise deployment experience — in supply chains, asset performance management, predictive maintenance, demand forecasting, production optimization, contested logistics, procurement, energy operations, healthcare, and financial services. That knowledge is encoded in 40+ production-hardened enterprise application packages, domain algorithms, and the full C3 Agentic AI Platform architecture.

When C3 Code builds an application, it is not starting from scratch — it draws on thousands of person-years of enterprise deployment experience. A generic coding agent does not know what a pump vibration failure mode looks like, how a global supply chain is structured, or what a defense logistics network requires. C3 Code does.

C3 Code is model-agnostic by design. General-purpose tools build horizontal capabilities. C3 Code builds the enterprise vertical layer that sits on top.

Will frontier AI models eventually replicate what C3 Code does?

Frontier models can generate code and prototype applications. What they cannot do is deliver a governed, enterprise-scale AI application — one that integrates with your data infrastructure, runs validated domain algorithms, enforces role-based access control, and deploys through secure pipelines on industry-specific data models refined over years.

Enterprise AI is not a coding problem. It is a systems problem, a data problem, a governance problem, and a domain knowledge problem. C3 Code solves all of them simultaneously.

Better models make C3 Code stronger, not weaker. C3 Code is model-agnostic — frontier advances flow directly into the platform. But what any model gains through C3 Code is something no general-purpose environment can replicate: native intelligence of the C3 Agentic AI Platform — the C3 AI Type System, the domain-specific language, 40+ Enterprise AI application packages, domain AI algorithms, and the full architectural corpus from a decade of enterprise deployments.

The moat is not the model; it is the enterprise intelligence layer.

How does C3 Code fit into C3 AI's broader strategy?

C3 Code represents a major innovation and a milestone for the company. We are committed to deploying agentic AI across every function of the business to deliver a step-change in productivity. And C3 Code helps deliver on that commitment.

C3 Code is one of the most significant products in the company's history. It fundamentally changes how Enterprise AI applications are built, how the company operates, and how it goes to market — both internally and for customers.

C3 Code makes leaner teams dramatically more productive, compresses sales cycles from months to hours, and unlocks the long tail of AI use cases.

How does C3 Code change the company's selling motion?

C3 Code changes the sales conversation entirely. Traditional Enterprise AI sales require weeks of engineering just to build a proof of concept. The customer sees a slide deck, hears a pitch, and waits months before anything real is delivered.

With C3 Code, the C3 AI team sits down with a customer, hears the problem, and has a working application deployed in the same meeting. A production application, running on their data, in hours. The customer does not have to take anyone's word for it — they see it working in front of them. That is a fundamentally different selling motion, and there is nothing else like it in enterprise software today.

Does C3 Code change the scale of what a single person can deliver?

Yes. C3 Code changes how value gets delivered in Enterprise AI, not just for C3 AI, but for the entire industry. C3 Code dramatically expands who can build Enterprise AI. The focus now is getting C3 Code into the hands of customers and partners and expanding the addressable market.

How is C3 Code priced?

C3 Code ships as part of the C3 Agentic AI Platform. Pricing is tiered: starting at \$20 per user per month for core capabilities, scaling to \$200 per user per month for advanced features, with custom enterprise pricing for large-scale deployments. This pricing model reflects the breadth of users C3 Code can serve — from business analysts building their first application to solution engineers delivering complex, multi-system, multi-agent Enterprise AI deployments.

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C3 Code fundamentally changes the economics of Enterprise AI adoption. It compresses time-to-production, which accelerates the conversion of initial engagements into full enterprise subscriptions. Importantly, it also expands the addressable user base within each customer, enabling business users and subject matter experts to design and develop their own fully agentic enterprise applications without the need for armies of installers and data scientists..

How quickly can a customer get up and running with C3 Code?

As shown in the demo, customers can get started in minutes. If they use our hosted services, and they can develop and deploy applications in hours. No separate installation is required; no new infrastructure is needed.

Is there vendor lock-in with C3 Code?

C3 Code is open by design — no model lock-in, no toolchain lock-in. Use Claude, Codex/GPT, Gemini, Grok, Mistral, Llama, or any capable model. Applications deploy on your cloud — AWS, Azure, or Google Cloud.

How long did it take to build C3 Code?

C3 Code is the culmination of 15 years of work in Enterprise AI. It builds on C3 AI's full product roadmap.

What does C3 Code mean for the IPD model?

The IPD model is fully intact — engagements can just happen faster. C3 Code improves time to value and dramatically shortens the path from engagement to production deployment.

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