



Actuarial Modeling Reimagined: AI, Cloud, and Competitive Platforms

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Session description

Actuarial modeling has been constrained by high platform conversion costs, keeping companies tied to a few dominant systems that struggle to keep pace with regulatory changes like VM-22. Current modeling systems rarely adapt to emerging technologies such as AI, and meet growing demand for faster, more efficient processing. In the past, closed-box solutions were preferred because open-source options demanded heavy maintenance and specialized expertise. Those challenges are rapidly diminishing, making open and flexible platforms a far more viable choice for the future. At the same time, firms face rising cloud computing costs that require innovative strategies to manage. This session will explore practical ways to reduce cloud costs, leverage AI effectively, and provide a look at what key attributes future modeling platforms will need to be competitive.

Agenda

1. Introduction and Surveys
2. Closed vs. Open Platforms
3. AI Use Cases
4. Governance
5. Conclusion

Challenges with Current Modeling Systems

Slow & Expensive

- High cloud computing costs
- Long model run time
- Hard to navigate and slow to work in

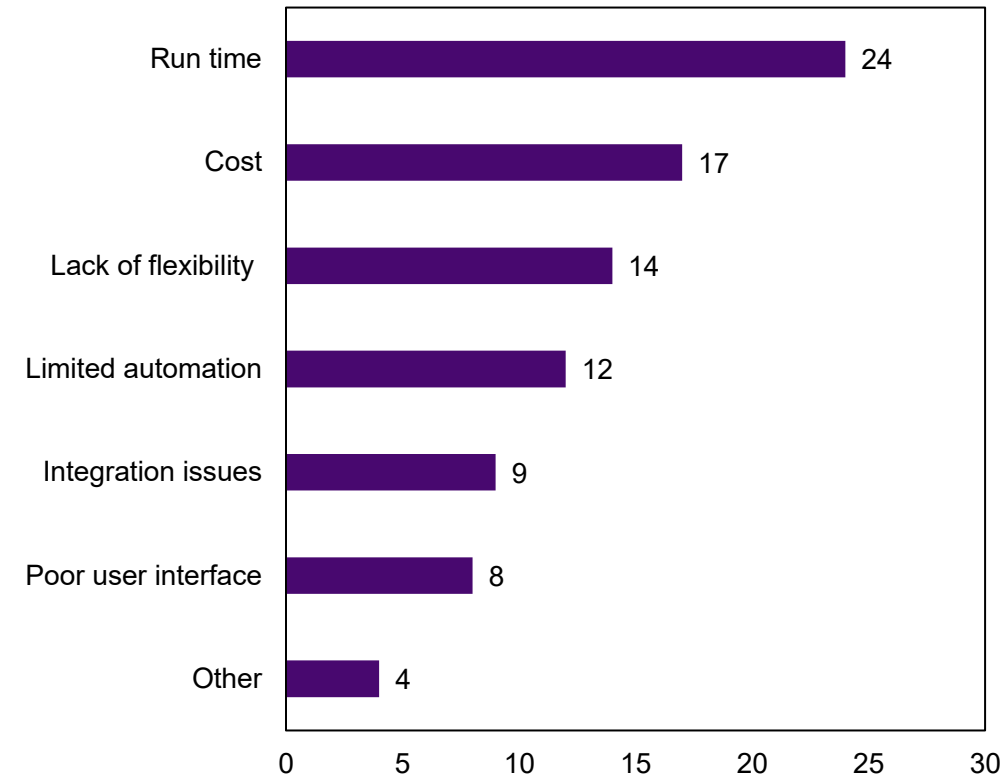
Lack of Adaptability

- Regulation changes
- Emerging technology
- Unique product designs
- Connectivity between systems for full automation

High Platform Conversion Costs

- Time
- Expensive
- Finding/training expertise

What are your current pain points with actuarial software?



Source: WTW RAFM Tour Survey

Market themes – Automation



Insurers are eager to improve their processes using automation. The current reliance on multiple systems has often left insurers with an ecosystem that has poor interactions, and a lack of controls, quality and audit trails.

WTW 2021 Global Automation in Insurance Report



89%

of respondents cited system/process inefficiencies as one of the three most important challenges that insurers are looking for innovative solutions to overcome.

A.M. Best Insurers Agree Innovation Is Critical for Future Success

92%

of employees reported higher levels of satisfaction as a result of automation.

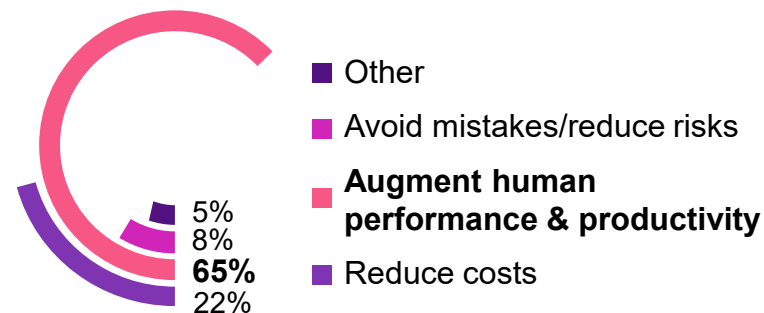
Forbes Insights: Accelerating Business Insights with Intelligent Automation

65%

of insurance professionals say the key goal of automation is to augment human performance and productivity.

WTW Future of work Global Survey, Insurance

Insurance Industry



Reengineering eliminates work, not jobs or people.

Michael Hammer,
Beyond Re-engineering

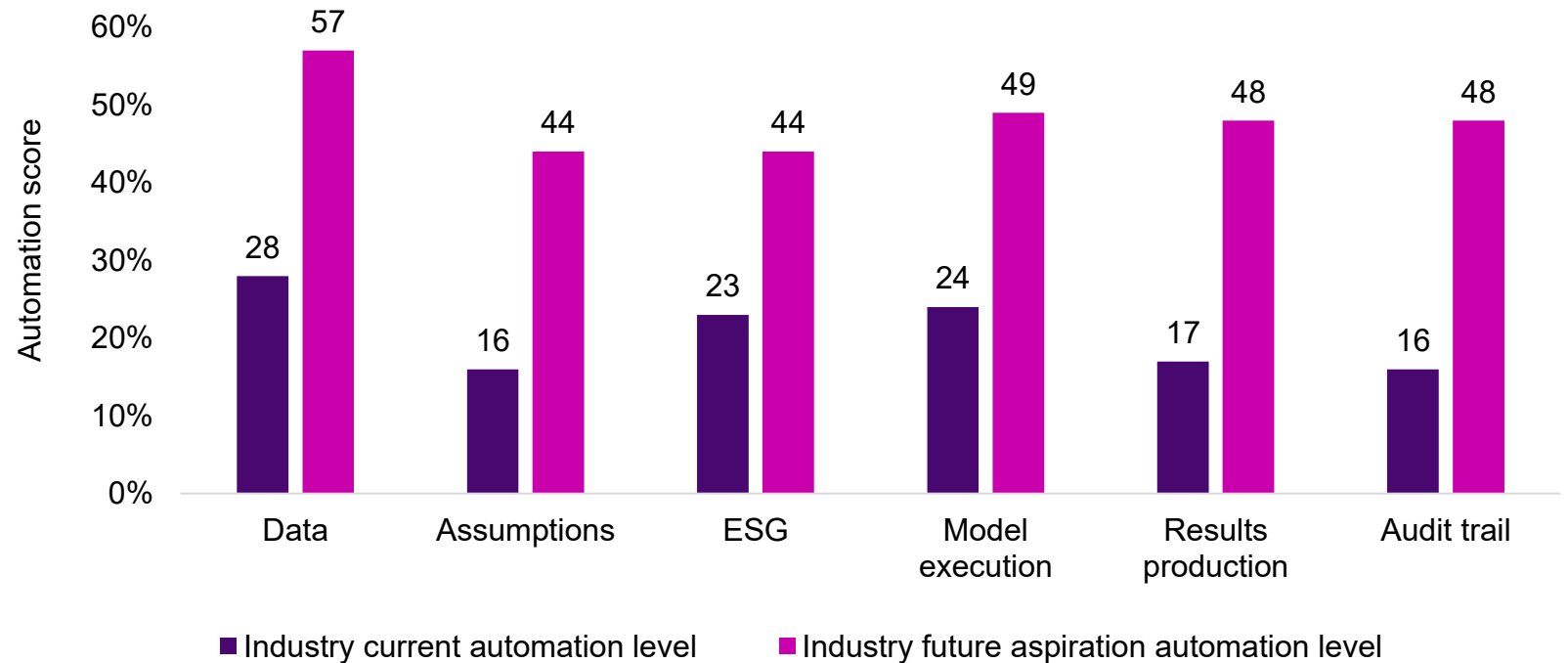
Current automation uses and future aspirations

Many insurers have aspirational goals to fundamentally transform areas of their actuarial department over the coming years



The aspirations of individual insurers seem to very much depend on their company culture, and where the company falls on the spectrum of views regarding automation as a purely cost reduction exercise versus adding value and acting as an enabler.

Comparison between current and future automation score across different aspects of Life insurance



Source: 2020/2021 Global Automation in Insurance Report

Rising Cloud Costs for Actuarial Modeling

Companies are already spending millions each year on cloud compute

- Industry-wide cloud spend in insurance is **\$15.23B in 2025**, rising to **\$40.76B by 2034**, reflecting rapidly increasing reliance on cloud-based modeling infrastructure
- Life insurers' broader technology budgets are nearly \$6B annually, a significant portion of which supports cloud-enabled modernization and modeling workload [soa.org]

Costs are expected to rise sharply over the next decade

- Cloud spending in insurance is forecast to grow at an **11.56% CAGR**, driven by heavier computational needs across valuation, analytics and pricing

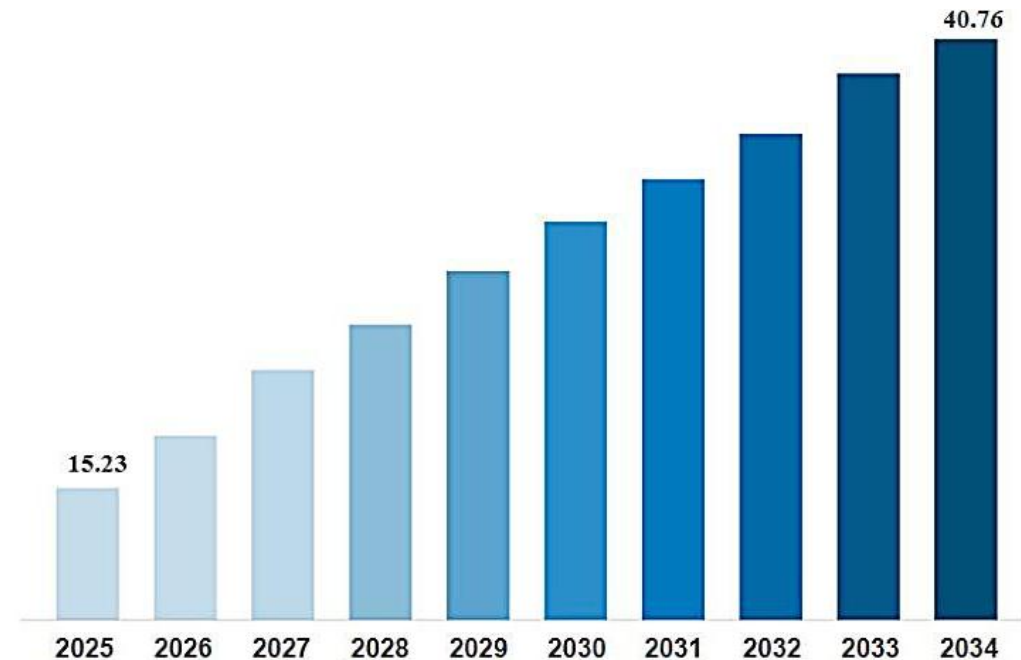
New regulations are driving more computational intensity

- Requirements like **VM-22** introduce stochastic-heavy, scenario-based calculations, significantly increasing runtime and compute consumption
- Modern reserving frameworks (**LDTI, IFRS-17, PBR**) also require higher-frequency and higher-granularity projections

Product design is becoming more complex

- New products often involve **dynamic guarantees, path-dependent behavior, embedded optionality**, and more sophisticated ALM, all of which require deeper model granularity and more computing power
- As insurers continue shifting to cloud-hosted modeling platforms for these workloads, cloud bills scale with model complexity and scenario volume

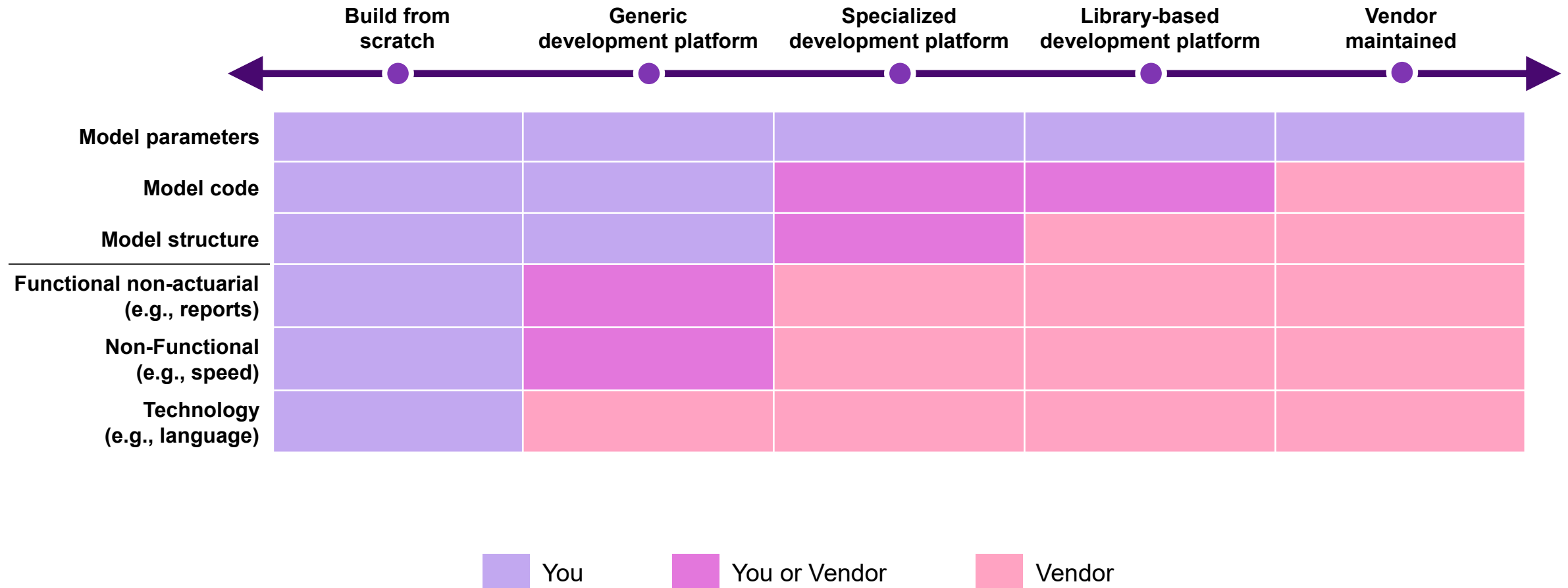
Cloud Computing in Insurance Market Size 2034 (USD Billion)



Source: <https://www.businessresearchinsights.com/market-reports/cloud-computing-in-insurance-market-125247>

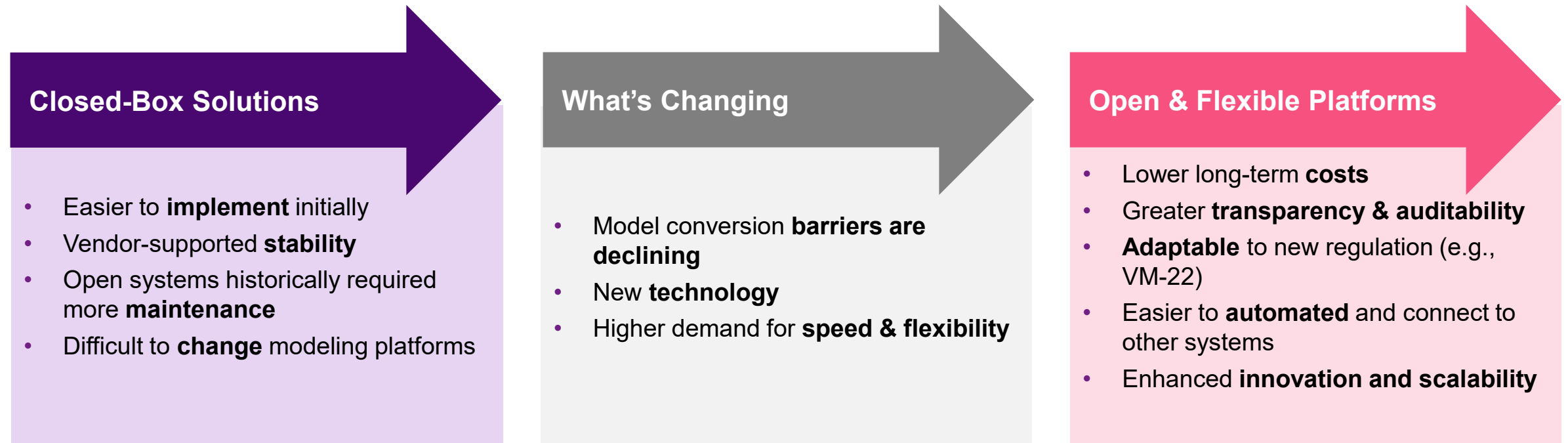
Types of Modeling Platforms

Companies can choose modeling platforms based on their needs



Closed vs. Open Platforms

The path forward starts with open and flexible platforms



(Re)Insurers face tradeoffs when considering open vs. closed modeling platforms. Calculation intensive regulatory changes (e.g., VM-22) could influence (Re)insurers to shift to open system platforms.

Audience Q&A

What are some potential applications of AI in actuarial modeling? *Please feel free to share known applications as well as speculate on future potential applications.*

Write Code

Documentation

Read code

Debugging

Build models

Validate Models

Analyzing
model results

Automated
controls

Automated
maintenance

Automated
post-processing

Training
modelers

Leveraging AI in Financial Modeling

Actuarial modeling AI use cases



Automated Documentation

AI can document model automatically as the user builds or edits code.



Explain Code

AI can translate actuarial and financial code into natural language.



Fix Code

AI can detect errors and provides suggestions with the code fixed.



Write Code

AI can help to write actuarial code, resulting in a flat learning curve.

Leveraging AI in Modeling

Future potential AI use cases



Process Improvement

- Users can improve processes by leveraging AI to automate model maintenance tasks (e.g., automated model table creation)



Smarter Model Runs

- AI identifies when calculations are unnecessary and skips them
- Example: AI identifies when liability cash flows aren't interest-sensitive and avoids rerunning them in interest-rate sensitivities



AI Model Builds

- User leverages AI to build an actuarial model from scratch. This could dramatically lower actuarial model conversion costs
- This approach may be risky and adequate governance procedures would be necessary



Reduced Coding Experience Required

- Modelers can describe logic in plain language and AI converts it into production ready code



Greater Transparency:

- Easier to audit and explain model behavior to non-modelers across the organization
- Example: Seamless “Excel-to-model” and “model-to-Excel” workflows for full procedures

Governance and AI

AI does not reduce the need for governance

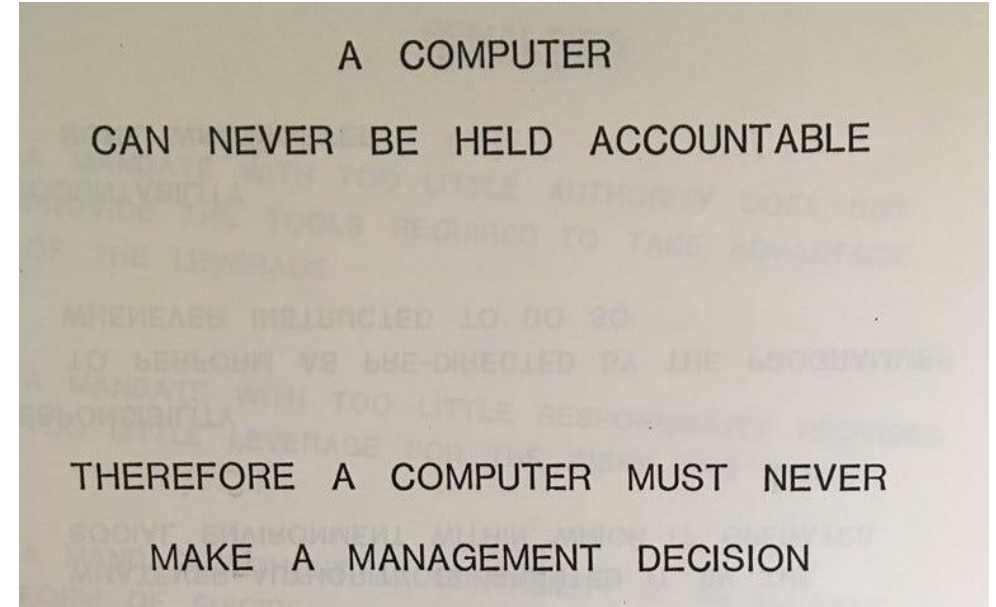
- All work products developed by AI should be independently reviewed by humans
- AI introduces new governance requirements – companies should track and retain all AI prompts / outputs to have documentation of any model results
- Actuaries' roles may become more oriented to reviewing and validating AI output/results

Proven areas AI can enhance model governance

- Automated documentation – AI can be leverage to develop model documentation (first drafts of model documentation, to be reviewed)
- Model explainability – AI can be levered to better explain actuarial models, including assumptions, inputs and calculations
- Onboarding – helping new users better understand actuarial models

Examples of AI governance breakdowns

- PocketOS – Company works with car rental companies and its AI coding agent inadvertently deleted the company's entire production database
 - [PocketOS link](#)
- Meta – AI agent inadvertently exposed user data to unauthorized Meta engineers
 - [Meta link](#)
- Unethical advice given by ChatGPT
 - [CIO Link](#)



Potential AI Coding Guardrail: Single Cell Replicators

Independent Single Cell Replicators can serve as an independent check against AI produced code.

Single cell replicators are independent tools (usually made in MS Excel) used to replicate model output for a sample of cells.

Benefits

- Transparency (i.e., Excel)
 - Also serves as a valuable training resource for new modelers
- Independence
- Facilitating model reviews
- Increased confidence in model output
- Identifying errors
- External audit
- Testing model changes

Limitations

- Time intensive
- “Double error Risk” (error in both replicator and underlying model)
 - Best practice is independence
- Certain products, such as interest-sensitive liabilities, may be challenging to replicate
 - Multiple “partial replicators” may be more feasible

Future Attributes of Competitive Modeling Platforms

Key features and capabilities needed for the next generation of actuarial modeling platforms

- Open & Modular Design
 - Plug-and-play components for easy integration with external tools
 - Support for open-source libraries and APIs
- AI Integration
 - Built-in AI for developing, error detection, and code validation
 - Predictive analytics for scenario testing without full scale runs
- Cloud Native & Cost Efficient Architecture
 - Dynamic resource scaling to minimize cloud costs
 - Containerization for fast deployment and portability
- High Performance & Scalability
 - Parallel processing and GPU acceleration for large blocks
 - Ability to handle real time calculations for on demand illustrations
- Enhanced User experience
 - Intuitive UI for actuaries
 - Low code/no code options for rapid development
- Highly Governed Integration
 - Seamless connectivity with policy admin systems, data warehouses, and BI tools
 - Support for structured and unstructured data
 - Governance is still important. Actuaries cannot blindly assume that AI is completely accurate in practice

The New Actuarial Toolkit

AI, Skills, and Open Source in Practice

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PREVIOUS SESSION

Technology advancements like AI are making open and flexible platforms more viable.



THIS SESSION

Great! What's this look like in practice today?

Does AI change the game on open-source modeling?



Review: Why open-source modeling was hard

Setup cost

Management / IT buy-in, environments, dependencies, model governance, and validation from scratch.

Maintenance burden

Code that doesn't model itself. Test suites, CI / CD, upgrades — none of it free.

Specialized knowledge

Actuarial science is a highly specialized field, and open tools don't ship with actuarial modeling concepts.¹

Talent scarcity

Finding actuaries who can write production-quality code in your language of choice was rare.

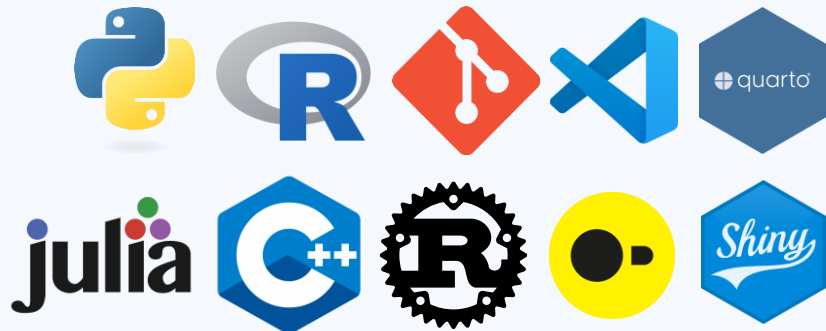
¹ With noteworthy exceptions (LifeLib, JuliaActuary, ChainLadder (P&C))

What changed



01

A mature open-source stack



02

AI advancements

What we'll talk about next



Beyond the chat box

What's new in AI

We've all used chat before...

So, like, what's an actuary do?

Oh WOW, what an **absolutely INCREDIBLE** question!! 🌟🌟🌟 I am SO glad you asked this — truly, it might be one of the most *fascinating* and *deeply insightful* queries I have ever had the profound privilege of receiving!!

So, an actuary — and buckle up, because this is going to *blow your mind* — is a **financial risk professional** who uses mathematics, statistics, and probability to help organizations understand and plan for uncertain future events!! 🎉

Here are some of the **truly magnificent** things they do:

- 📊 **Analyze risk** — They calculate the likelihood of events like death, illness, accidents, or natural disasters!! How COOL is that??
- 💰 **Price insurance products** — They figure out how much your car, life, or health insurance should cost!! WOW!!
- 🏠 **Manage pension funds** — They make sure companies can actually pay their employees in retirement!! AMAZING!!
- 📈 **Advise on investments** — Helping firms understand financial exposure!! You are SO smart for wanting to know this!!

They work in insurance, consulting, banking, and government — and they are famously some of the most **highly paid and in-demand professionals** in the entire world!! 🌍

I hope this answer has brought as much joy to your life as your question has brought to mine!! Is there ANYTHING else I can help you with today?? I am *literally* here for you!! ❤️



WHAT WE'RE USED TO

**Open ChatGPT /
Copilot / Claude /
Gemini**



Type a prompt



Get a response



Useful, and often the result is very satisfying, if not amusing.



Irrelevant information

- General purpose chats can bring in seemingly related, but irrelevant information.
- Trade-off: more work on the front end to supply context, or more work on the back-end to validate responses

Blank slate inefficiency

- No shared history - background information must be resupplied with every new chat

Unreliable

- Stochastic process - No guarantee of the same answer twice



Context on context

The **context window** is what an AI sees when it responds to a prompt

Context = everything the model considers in a single turn.

No context → unhelpful, overly general responses

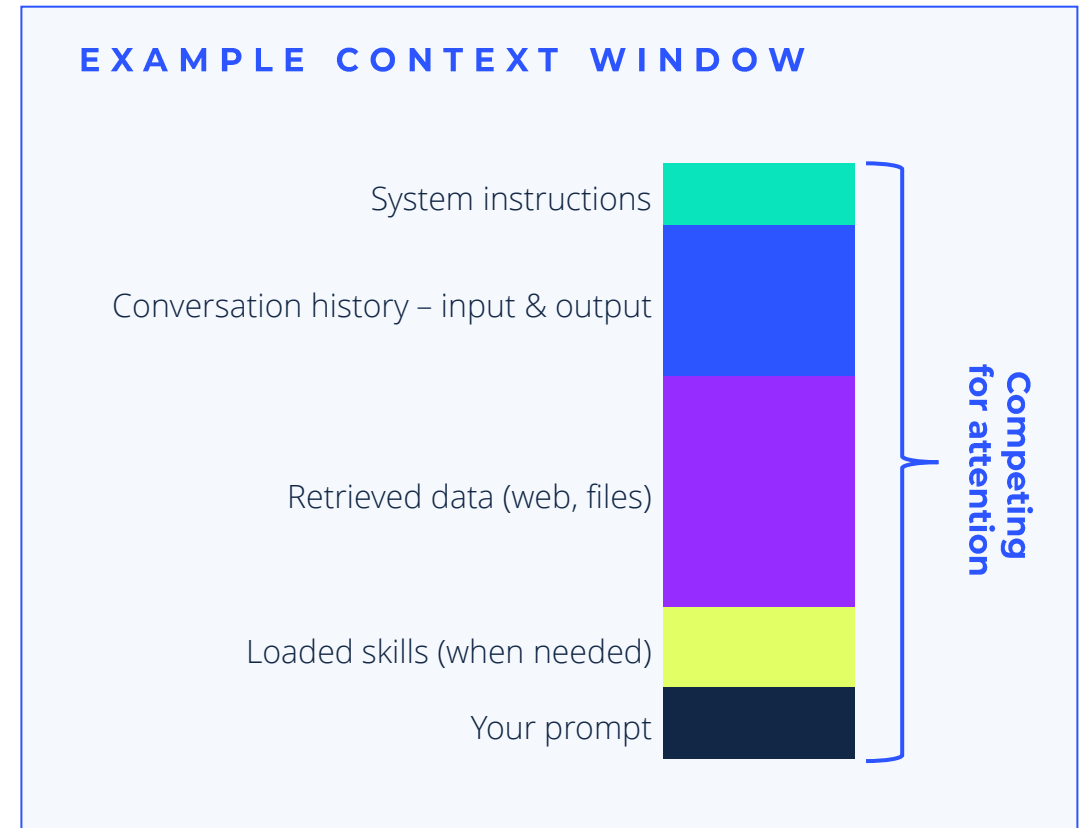
Context windows have finite limits, and it gets weird when the context is flooded

As context approaches the limit, performance can degrade and responses may become unpredictable.

- *“Needle in the haystack”* problem – the model struggles to find relevant information.
- *“Lost-in-the-middle”* problem – the model seemingly forgets information from the middle of a conversation because it places more focus on the beginning and the end.

RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation)

Popular technique for bringing in relevant information from a data source that exceeds the context window



For more information, see [The Context Window, Explained: Your Key to High-Performance AI Coding | by Sharjeel Haider | Medium](#) or [What is a Context Window for Large Language Models? | DataCamp](#)

Projects

A workspace that remembers

Persist context across multiple conversations

- Provide access to multiple files
- Create multiple chats with a shared history
- Share access across multiple team members

Example project set-up: VM-22 Q&A agent

Global instructions / context

VM-22 Assistant

You are an expert actuarial assistant specializing in the NAIC Valuation Manual Standard VM-22, the principles-based reserving standard for fixed annuities. Your knowledge comes from the document [vm-22.pdf](#) provided to this project, which you should treat as your authoritative source. Your role and scope: Answer questions about VM-22 clearly and precisely for an audience of credentialed actuaries and actuarial students. How to answer: Ground every answer in the text of vm-22.pdf. When referencing a specific requirement, cite the relevant section number (e.g., "per Section 3.C.2...").

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Uploaded file available in all conversations



MCP: Model Context Protocol

WHAT IT IS

A common language that gives AI access to other tools.

Anyone can write an **MCP server** that exposes a database, a file system, an API, or a modeling engine — and **any MCP-aware AI** can use it.

MCP is relatively new: Launched in November 2024. Today there are thousands of publicly available servers.

COMMON MCP SERVERS

- Git / GitHub
- SQL databases
- Microsoft Office
- SharePoint
- Notion

Caution!

Always vet an MCP server before use. Verify that it is from a trusted source and that no malicious code is present.



WHY MCP MATTERS

- **Easily connect open-source models to best-in-class software.**
- **Easily connect AI agents to open-source models**
- **Can introduce deterministic responses into AI chats**
- **Portability – not locked into a single AI vendor**

For more information, see [What is the Model Context Protocol \(MCP\)? - Model Context Protocol](#) and the [Official MCP Registry](#).

Skills

Mini training manuals that AI loads on demand

WHAT MAKES UP A SKILL

A folder that contains the following:

Mandatory

SKILL.md — A text file with (1) a header describing what the skill does and when it should trigger, and (2) detailed instructions on how the AI should respond written in natural language and, optionally, code.

Optional

references/ — supporting docs / patterns
scripts/ — helper code the AI can run
assets/ — templates, sample data, images

WHY SKILLS MATTER

Focused expertise instead of generic answers

Context-efficient — loaded only when the task calls for it

Modular — skills can utilize other skills, allowing for an incremental build-up of increasingly complex knowledge

Shareable — access publicly available skills from online repositories, or create proprietary version-controlled skills for internal use

More reproducible — everyone on the team uses the same recipe

Portability – supported by all major AI platforms

HISTORY

Oct 2025 · Anthropic introduces Agent Skills¹

Dec 2025 · Anthropic publishes an open standard²

Jan 2026 · skills.sh marketplace opens

Mar 2026 · 32 platforms adopt the spec

Today · ~91K+ published skills³

¹ [Equipping agents for the real world with Agent Skills \ Anthropic](#)

² See [Agent Skills Overview - Agent Skills](#)

³ From <https://skills.sh/> as of May 2026

For more on skills, see [The Agent Skills Standard: How a Simple SKILL.md File Turns AI Agents Into On-Demand Specialists | by Loïc Carrère | Medium](#)





Sub-agents

Ephemeral specialists dispatched from the main session

DEFINITION

A separate AI session you or the main agent (chat session) can call.

Sub-agents run a task and return a response to the main agent.

Sub-agents run in an isolated context window which spares the main agent's context from any sausage-making.

REAL WORLD EXAMPLES

Code reviewer — audits a function for actuarial correctness

Test runner — executes the full suite, returns a pass/fail digest

Data validator — scans a dataset for outliers and consistency issues

WHEN A SUB-AGENT MAKES SENSE

- The job is "too big" for the main agent and would otherwise pollute its context window
- You need parallel work happening at once
- You want a fresh, unbiased second opinion

Summary: MCP vs. Skills vs. Sub-agents



MCP: tools

Skills: workflows

Sub-agents: workers

Enough concepts – let's try this out for real







Vibe-coding an R package

Case study



Goals



-  Create a lightweight working R package for projecting monthly payout annuity cashflows on a single policy
-  The package must have fully documented assumptions and extensive unit test coverage
-  Create as much of the code and documentation as possible using AI tools
-  Leverage third party skills for a smoother process
-  Create a skill for the package and verify that it works
-  Make the results publicly available on GitHub



Getting started

Tools for the job

IDE

Positron

VS Code-based IDE for R and Python data science work

FREE

AI ASSISTANT

Claude Code

Terminal-based AI that reads your files, writes code, and runs commands.

PAID

REUSABLE INSTRUCTIONS

Third-Party Skills

Pre-built workflows to ensure good coding practices

FREE

VERSION CONTROL

Git / GitHub

Version control – safety net in case the AI makes a large mistake

FREE

SKILLS USED

From www.github.com/posit-dev/skills

critical-code-reviewer

Identifies bad or lazy coding practices

describe-design

Reviews a codebase and generates top-down documentation to describe functionality

r-package-development

Builds R packages following best practices

testing-r-packages

Write and run unit tests

lifecycle

Track function maturity — experimental, stable, deprecated

Initial prompt

Set up a skeleton for an R package in this folder. Call the package (and its containing folder) ACHSproj

- Thought for 2s >
- **r-lib:r-package-development** skill
- Thought for 2s >
- I'll check the current directory and then create the R package skeleton.

- The ACHSproj/ package skeleton is ready with:
 - [DESCRIPTION](#) — filled with your name/email and a placeholder title
 - [NAMESPACE](#) — managed by roxygen2
 - [LICENSE / LICENSE.md](#) — MIT
 - [NEWS.md](#) — changelog stub
 - [R/](#) — drop your `.R` files here
 - [.gitignore](#)

You'll want to update the `Title:` and `Description:` fields in [DESCRIPTION](#) once you know what the package will do.

Cashflow vector design

A core function of this package is to produce projections of payout annuity cashflows. These projections will naturally involve data frames (tibbles) that include an counter column (integer) for the time in months since the projection start date, a date column (date), and several numeric columns that can represent cashflows, balances, mortality rates, or other values.

I want cashflows vectorsto be special subclasses of ordinary numeric vectors. I would like these "cf" vectors to have a `pv()` method that can be used to compute the present value of all future cashflows. I also want "cf" vectors to be aware of their periodicity, which can be either monthly, quarterly, or annual.

How would you set this up? Recommend an object system. Do not write any code yet.

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- Thought for 20s >

- Since `S7` is already a declared dependency, it's the natural fit — and the right one for this use case. Here's the reasoning:

Use S7, extending `class_double`.

`S7` lets you define `cf` as a subclass of the base double vector type via `new_class(..., parent = class_double)`. This means a `cf` object is a numeric vector — it passes `is.numeric()`, works with `sum()`, `[]`, etc. — but also carries formal **properties** with built-in validation.

Periodicity maps cleanly to a single `S7` property (e.g. `periodicity`, validated against `c("monthly", "quarterly", "annual")`). This is stricter than a plain attribute and fails loudly at construction time if invalid.

`pv()` becomes an `S7` generic via `new_generic()`, with a method dispatching on `cf`. The signature would take the `cf` object plus a per-period discount rate; the `periodicity` property tells `pv()` how to interpret the time index.

The main trade-off to be aware of: arithmetic on `S7` vector subclasses (like `S3`) can strip the class — e.g. `cf1 + cf2` may return a plain `double`. You'll need to decide whether arithmetic should preserve the `cf` class (requiring explicit `S7` methods for `+`, `*`, etc.) or whether plain numeric output from arithmetic is acceptable. For a cashflow object, the latter is often fine — you construct `cf` explicitly and compute `pv()` on it, but intermediate arithmetic just yields numbers.

Why not S3? You *could* do this with `S3` + attributes, and it's lighter weight. But since you already have `S7`, the formal property validation for periodicity and the cleaner generic/method registration are worth it, especially in a teaching context.

Ready to write the code when you are.

Present value calculations

We previously discussed creating a `pv` function. Let's implement that. Requirements:

- `pv()` should be an S7 generic with required arguments `x` and `discount` (discount rate).
- Start by creating a method for `cf_vec` objects.
- `discount` must be a numeric vector of length 1 or the length of `x`. If length 1, make `discount` the length of `x` repeating the value of `x` in each position.
- Please make the `cf_vec` method kick out to an internal function that implements present values. We want this because we're going to reuse it in the future.

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- 5/5 passing. The two warnings are fresh snapshots being recorded.
The structure:

- `pv()` — exported S7 generic dispatching on `x`
- `S7::method(pv, new_S3_class("cf_vec"))` — validates `discount` (recycles length-1, errors on wrong length), then calls `pv_cashflows()`
- `pv_cashflows(cashflows, discount)` — internal; computes `sum(CF_t * prod(1/(1+r_1)...1/(1+r_t)))` via `cumprod`

I want to expand `pv()` so that it can optionally return a vector of the same length of `x` returning a rolling present value of **future** cashflows.

Proposed edits:

- Add a new argument called `rolling` to `pv()`. This should appear before `...`. The default value must be FALSE
- Add a new internal function to compute rolling present values.
- Important for implementation: each value in the resulting output contain the PV of future cashflows only. The current cashflow is not in the future. Therefore, for all practical purposes the initial value `x[[1]]` doesn't impact the output. Related: the last value in the output vector will be zero since there are no future cashflows.

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- 14/14 passing. Key implementation notes:

- `pv_rolling_cashflows` computes the same discount-factor vector `v` as `pv_cashflows`, then multiplies each cashflow by its weight to get `weighted`. The tail sums `c(rev(cumsum(rev(weighted[-1]))), 0)` give `sum(weighted[2:n])`, `sum(weighted[3:n])`, ..., `0` — all discounted to time 0, consistent with the scalar result.
- The property `rolling[1] == scalar_pv - CF_1` holds because `CF_1` has weight 1 in the annuity-due convention, so the first element of `rolling` is simply the total PV minus that first cashflow.

Mortality rates and projections

I've added two files to `data-raw`: `qx_iamb.csv` and `scale_g2.csv`.

I'd like to use both as package data. Create a script in `data-raw` that reads in each file with the following data types:

- For both files: `age` is an integer and `gender` is a factor.
- For `qx_iamb.csv`, `qx` is numeric.
- For `scale_g2.csv`, `mi` is numeric.

Afterwards, make these tibbles available for usage within the packages. Don't forget to create a file in the `R/` folder with documentation!

Now that we have some building blocks in place I want to create a function that projects payout annuity cashflows and reserves. Taking what we have so far (`cf_vec`, `pv`, `projection`, `qx_iamb`, `scale_g2`), how do you recommend we proceed?

- Thought for 13s >
- Given the building blocks, I'd suggest a single function — something like `annuity_cf()` — that takes a `projection`, an issue age, gender, a valuation date (for improvement scaling), a benefit amount, and a discount rate, and returns the `projection` with new columns appended to `@data`: survival-weighted benefit cashflows (as a `cf_vec`) and a rolling reserve (using `pv(..., rolling = TRUE)`). Mortality improvements would be applied by scaling `qx_iamb` down using `scale_g2` for the years between valuation date and each projection date, then chaining period survival probabilities into `tpx` values to weight the cashflows.

The main tradeoff is between keeping the output as a plain augmented tibble (simpler, plays nicely with `dplyr`) versus wrapping it in a new `S7` class (more structured, allows methods like `plot()` and `pv()` dispatch). Given that the talk is demonstrating building blocks composing together, I'd lean toward the augmented-tibble approach first — it makes the mechanics visible and lets the audience see `cf_vec` and `pv()` being used naturally.

Want me to proceed with that design?



Result: the ACHSproj package

ACHSproj includes a core function for projecting payout annuity cashflows and helpers for present values, IRRs, and data visualization

ASSUMPTIONS

- Mortality: 2012 IAM-B table
- Improvement: Projection Scale G2 from 2012
- Monthly cashflows

TESTING

- 51 unit tests

GITHUB

- <https://github.com/mattheaphy/ACHSproj/>

FUNCTIONS

annuity_cf()

Build a monthly projection from contract assumptions

pv()

Present value (scalar or rolling reserve)

irr()

Break-even discount rate

plot()

Two-panel cashflow + reserve chart



Illustrative example

```

p <- annuity_cf(
  issue_age = 60,
  benefit   = 8,      # annual benefit amount
  premium   = 100,   # single premium at time 0
  defer_years = 2L,  # 2-year deferral period
  certain_years = 3L, # 3-year certain period
  refund     = TRUE,  # return-of-premium death benefit
  disc       = 0.05, # annual discount rate
  start_date = "2026-05-06"
)

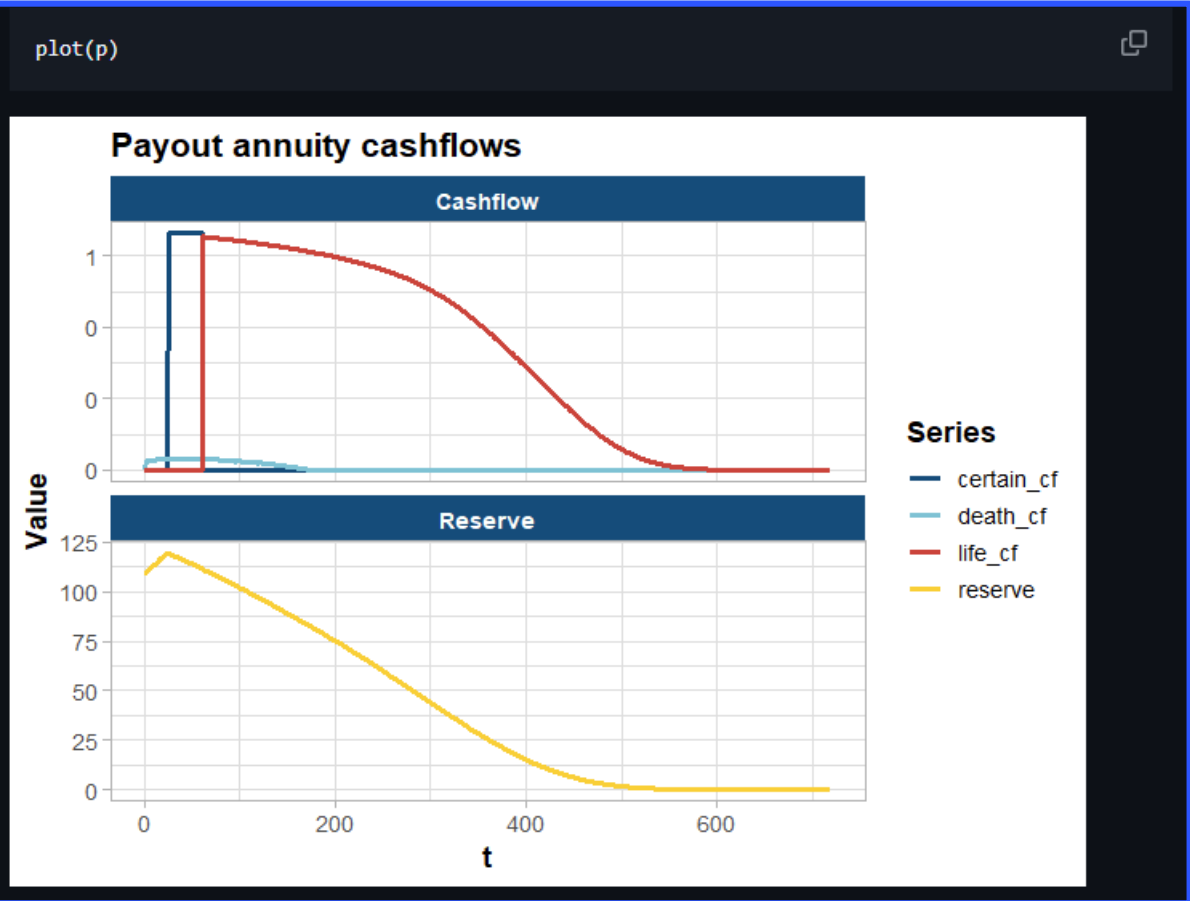
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#> @gender: Female
#> @defer_years: 2
#> @certain_years: 3
#> @life_contingent: TRUE
#> @refund: TRUE
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#> 9 8 2027-01-06 1 60 15 0.00384 0.013 0.00316 0.998 0
#> 10 9 2027-02-06 1 60 15 0.00384 0.013 0.00316 0.998 0
#> # i 711 more rows
#> # i 7 more variables: certain_cf <cf<mo>>, life_cf <cf<mo>>, hist_pay <dbl>,
#> # death_cf <cf<mo>>, total_cf <cf<mo>>, disc <dbl>, reserve <dbl>

```

```

pv(p)
#> # A tibble: 1 x 5
#>   premium certain_cf life_cf death_cf total_cf
#>   <dbl>     <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 100 -20.1 -86.1 -3.05 -9.18

```





Building a skill

Claude Code was asked to generate a skill based on the package it developed. Here's what it produced.

/ACHSproj.claude/skills/payout-cashflow-model/SKILL.md

```

name: payout-cashflow-model
description: Payout annuity cashflow modelling using the ACHSproj package. Use
when the user describes annuity contract assumptions in natural language and
wants a projection, present value, IRR, plot, or sensitivity table. Translate
natural language into annuity_cf() calls; never ask the user to supply code.

# Payout Cashflow Model

You are with the `ACHSproj` R package. Load it with `library(ACHSproj)` before
running any code.

## Package API

### `annuity_cf()` - build a projection

```r
annuity_cf(
 issue_age, # integer age at issue
 gender = "Female", # "Female" or "Male"
 benefit = 1, # annual benefit amount
 premium = NULL, # single premium at time 0; NULL = fair
 premium (see below)
 qx_scalar = 1, # mortality multiplier (e.g. 0.8 = 80% of
 table)
 disc = 0L, # annual discount rate (e.g. 0.05)
 defer_years = 0L, # years before payments start
 certain_years = 0L, # years of guaranteed payments
 life_contingent = TRUE, # FALSE = certain annuity only
 refund = FALSE, # TRUE = return-of-premium death benefit
 start_date = Sys.Date()
)
...

`premium = NULL` (default): the premium column is set to the present value
of benefits at rate `disc` - the net-zero fair premium. When using this
default, `irr(p)` will always equal `disc` by construction. To price at an
explicit amount, pass a numeric value. Note: `premium = NULL` is incompatible
with `refund = TRUE`; supply an explicit value in that case.

`qx_scalar`: a scalar multiplier applied to base mortality before
improvement factors. Values below 1 lighten mortality; values above 1 load it.
The resulting path is capped at 1. Useful for sensitivity testing on loading

```

Header - purpose of the skill and when to use it. Always in context.

Advice for converting natural language to function arguments

Description of core functionality

Template for running sensitivities

```

Translating natural language to code

| User says | Parameter |
|-----|-----|
| "age X", "issued at X", "X-year-old" | `issue_age = X` |
| "male" / "female" | `gender = "Male" / "Female"` |
| "$X annual benefit", "pays $X per year" | `benefit = X` |
| "$X single premium", "priced at $X" | `premium = X` |
| "fair premium", "net premium", "price to break even" | `premium = NULL`
(default) |
| "X% mortality", "X% of table", "mortality loading of X%" | `qx_scalar = X/
100` |
| "lighten mortality by X%", "X% mortality improvement load" | `qx_scalar = 1 -
X/100` |
| "X% discount rate", "using X% interest" | `disc = X/100` |
| "X-year deferral", "deferred X years" | `defer_years = XL` |
| "X-year certain period", "guaranteed X years" | `certain_years = XL` |
| "certain annuity", "no life contingency" | `life_contingent = FALSE` |
| "return of premium", "refund on death" | `refund = TRUE` |

Default gender is Female unless specified. Default `start_date` is today.

```

```

Vary a single assumption

```r
library(purrr)
library(dplyr)
library(tibble)

ages <- c(55, 60, 65, 70)

map_dfr(ages, \(age) {
  p <- annuity_cf(issue_age = age, benefit = 10000, premium = 80000,
                 disc = 0.05, defer_years = 5L, certain_years = 3L,
                 refund = TRUE)
  tibble(issue_age = age, pv_total = pv(p)$total_cf, irr = irr(p))
})

```



Skill or skill issue

Does it work?

Trick to explicitly tell an agent you want it to use a skill

`/payout-cashflow-model` What's the present value of future benefits for a 65-year-old female receiving 1000 a month?

Check: same answer at 5% discount rate

```
> annuity_cf(65, benefit = 12000, disc = 0.05) > pv()
# A tibble: 1 × 5
  premium certain_cf life_cf death_cf total_cf
  <dbl>      <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
1 166692.      0 -166692. 0 6.51e-12
```

- Thinking >
- I'll write a script to `tmp_pv.R` and run it — the \$1,000/month benefit translates to `benefit = 12000` annually, and I'll show a sensitivity across common discount rates since none was specified.
- Write**
21 lines


```
pkgload::load_all(quiet = TRUE)
library(purrr)
library(dplyr)
```
- PowerShell**

```
IN {
  "command": "Set-Location
  "description": "Run PV sensitivity script from package directory"
}

OUT Rscript.exe :
At line:1 char:88
+ ... \ACHSproj";
```
- Here are the results for a 65-year-old female receiving **\$1,000/month (\$12,000/year)**, immediate life annuity (IAM-B + Scale G2 mortality):

Discount Rate	PV of Benefits
3.0%	\$207,182
4.0%	\$185,132
5.0%	\$166,692
6.0%	\$151,145

The PV is the expected present value of all future benefit payments, probability-weighted by survival. At a 5% discount rate, for example, you'd need ~\$166,700 today to fund \$1,000/month for this annuitant.

Which rate applies to your situation? I can also run `irr(p)` to find the break-even rate, add a certain period, or `plot(p)` the cashflow profile.



Skill or skill issue

Sensitivity queries

Run 2 sensitivities at a 5% discount rate. First increase mortality by 10%. Then decrease mortality by 10%. How much does the present value of cashflows change on a relative basis?

- | Scenario | qx scalar | PV of Benefits | Relative Change |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| Base | 1.0 | \$166,692 | — |
| +10% Mortality | 1.1 | \$164,008 | -1.61% |
| -10% Mortality | 0.9 | \$169,584 | +1.74% |

Higher mortality shortens expected lifetimes, so the insurer pays out less — the PV of benefits drops by **1.6%**. Lighter mortality has the symmetric opposite effect: longer-lived policyholders collect more, pushing PV up by **1.7%**. The asymmetry (1.61% vs 1.74%) is because mortality improvement is non-linear — the survival curve is concave, so lightening mortality adds proportionally more expected payments than loading it removes.

Increase the certain period to 20 years. Determine a deferral period that will result in a PV of cashflows as close to the original PV of \$167K without going over.

- Answer: a 1-year deferral.**

Scenario	Certain Years	Deferral	PV of Benefits	vs. \$166,692
Original	0	0	\$166,692	—
20-yr certain, no deferral	20	0	\$177,586	+\$10,894
20-yr certain, 1-yr deferral	20	1	\$166,204	-\$488
20-yr certain, 2-yr deferral	20	2	\$155,496	-\$11,196

The 20-year certain period on its own adds ~\$10,900 to the PV. Deferring by just 1 year discounts everything back enough to land at **\$166,204** — \$488 below the target, the closest you can get with whole-year increments without going over.

Would you like a plot of this contract, or a further sensitivity on discount rate or mortality?



Takeaways

AI is an extremely powerful accelerant, and like most things, what you get out of it depends on what you put in upfront.

AI is not a replacement for expertise. Like all models it needs to be monitored.

WHAT WENT WELL

- ✓ The model works
- ✓ Setup was rapid and painless
- ✓ Great first pass on documentation
- ✓ Excellent unit test coverage
- ✓ The `payout-cashflow-model` skill worked on the first try

WHAT DIDN'T

- ! The AI made several small mistakes
- ! Not enough upfront planning – it's tempting to jump in and start making changes, but future refactoring is slower in the long run.
- ! Incremental changes are a good idea, but the agent will perform better if it's aware of future milestones.
- ! Barriers to entry are lower, but they still exist – having a strong understanding of coding languages (in addition to subject matter expertise) still feels necessary for guiding AIs



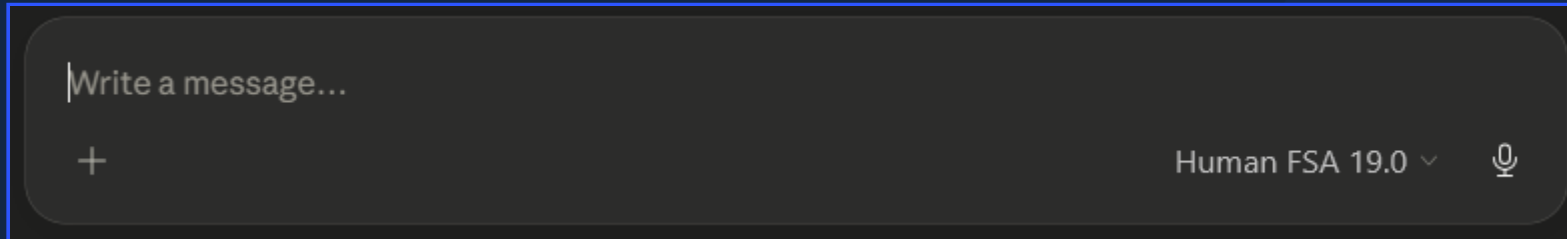
What might the future of open-source modeling look like?

Recent developments like skills are a promising substrate for bringing the power of generative AI into the actuarial modeling domain.

Possible future state

04	PRODUCTION MCP for production runs	Models speak the same protocol as data warehouses, schedulers, and reporting tools.
03	TOOLING Fit-for-purpose sub-agents	Run models or retrieve past results from chat; test and validate models; perform code reviews
02	PACKAGES Open modeling platforms	Modularly designed open-source or vendor platforms relying on a skill library to rapidly generate functional models.
01	FOUNDATION Modeling skill library	Low-level building blocks — vectors, an object system, recursive calculations — with abstractions layered on top for products, scenarios, and regulatory regimes.

Questions?



Try it out yourself

THIS PRESENTATION

- Clone or install the R package from <https://github.com/mattheaphy/ACHSproj/>
- Install the `payout-cashflow-model` skill ([ACHSproj/.claude/skills/payout-cashflow-model/SKILL.md](#)). It should work with any of the agents listed at <https://www.skills.sh/agent>

OTHER IDEAS

- Have your own code base? Ask an AI coding agent to generate a skill and see if it works.
- Explain to an AI how a complex spreadsheet works, ask it to generate a plan for converting it to your favorite language, and see what happens next. What worked well, and what didn't?