# Local AI Is Winning

The rise of self-hosted, open-source AI stacks

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THE DATA

# 73%

## Of developers using local LLMs

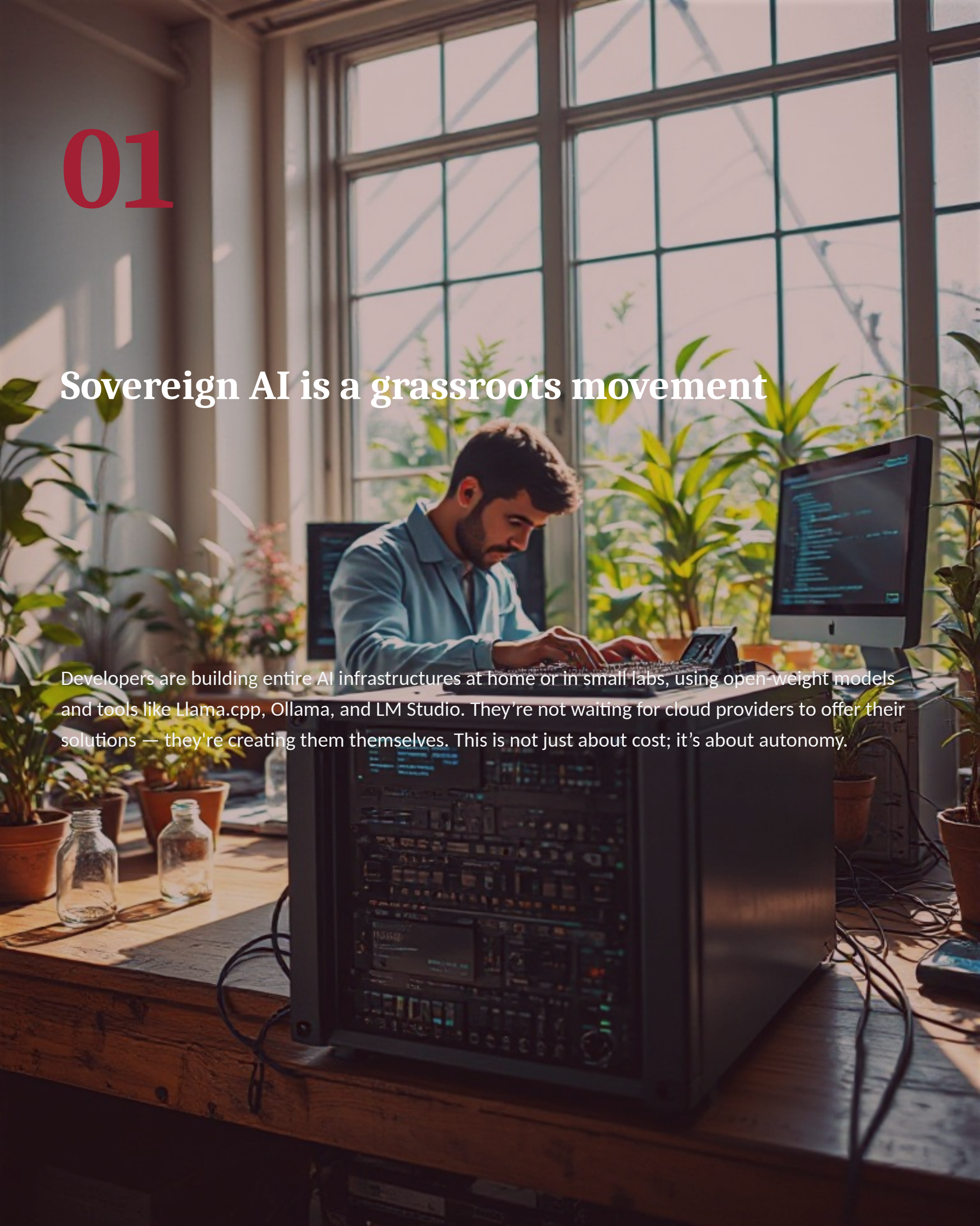
According to a new survey by MIT’s AI Sovereignty Council.

This figure reflects a growing trend among independent developers and small teams who are building sovereign AI stacks without relying on cloud giants. The shift signals that open-source and self-hosted tools are not just niche — they're becoming the default for those who value control, privacy, and sovereignty in AI infrastructure.



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# Sovereign AI is a grassroots movement



Developers are building entire AI infrastructures at home or in small labs, using open-weight models and tools like Llama.cpp, Ollama, and LM Studio. They’re not waiting for cloud providers to offer their solutions — they're creating them themselves. This is not just about cost; it’s about autonomy.




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## The economic implications are profound

By decentralizing AI development, we’re seeing a new class of tools and services emerge that don’t depend on cloud infrastructure or proprietary APIs. This could fundamentally reshape how AI is monetized — shifting from platform dominance to distributed innovation and open ecosystems.

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