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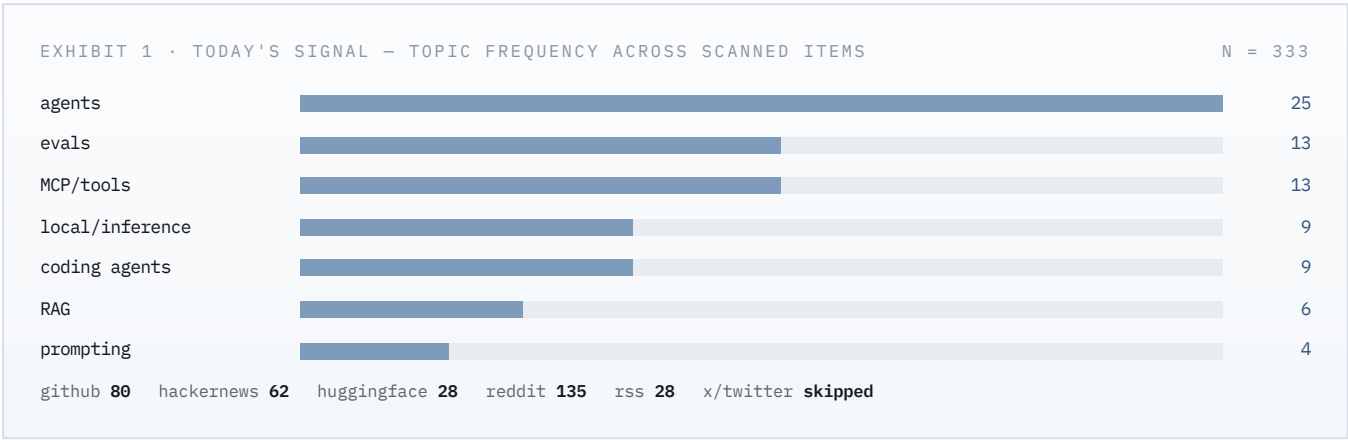
Today in AI engineering

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Advances in LLM inference, AI agent platforms, and open-source tools dominate the day's signal

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llm ai agents inference optimization open-source tools model releases



DEEP DIVES

FareedKhan-dev/kimi-k3-in-c

github

Fareed Khan has implemented a 2.78-trillion-parameter Kimi K3 model in C, achieving inference on a single CPU in 8.24 GB of RAM. This project demonstrates the potential for efficient LLM inference without relying on specialized frameworks or hardware.

Why it matters. The ability to run large LLMs on commodity hardware expands their accessibility and potential applications.

TRY THIS

Explore the repository and consider how similar optimizations could be applied to other models.

<https://github.com/FareedKhan-dev/kimi-k3-in-c>

llm inference optimization c implementation

patchy631/time-to-first-token

[github](#)

Patchy631 has created a roadmap for LLM inference serving and optimization, covering topics such as quantization, speculative decoding, and benchmarking. This resource aims to help developers improve the performance of their LLM deployments.

Why it matters. Optimizing LLM inference is crucial for real-world applications, where speed and efficiency directly impact user experience and operational costs.

TRY THIS

Follow the roadmap to optimize your own LLM inference setup.

<https://github.com/patchy631/time-to-first-token>

[llm](#)[inference optimization](#)[roadmap](#)

antonellof/ferrox

[github](#)

Antonello has developed Ferrox, a pure-Rust GGUF inference engine that supports quantized CPU, Metal, and CUDA kernels, as well as MoE. Ferrox has been benchmarked against llama.cpp, demonstrating competitive performance.

Why it matters. Ferrox offers a Rust-based alternative for inference, which can be appealing for developers looking for a more modern and safe programming environment.

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Experiment with Ferrox for your inference needs, especially if you're already invested in the Rust ecosystem.

<https://github.com/antonellof/ferrox>

[inference engine](#)[rust](#)[gguf](#)

mrpulor-gh/nuphus-mcp

[github](#)

Mrpulor-gh has built Nuphus-MCP, a desktop automation server that allows AI agents to control screen, windows, mouse/keyboard, and Chrome via the Model Context Protocol (MCP). This enables more sophisticated automation scenarios.

Why it matters. Nuphus-MCP expands the capabilities of AI agents in desktop automation, potentially streamlining tasks and improving productivity.

TRY THIS

Explore how Nuphus-MCP can be integrated into your existing automation workflows.

<https://github.com/mrpulor-gh/nuphus-mcp>

[desktop automation](#)[mcp](#)[ai agents](#)

WHAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY BUILT

Show HN: We built an open USB-C Power Delivery analyzer and programmable sink

[hackernews](#)

A team built Dr. PD, an open USB-C Power Delivery analyzer and programmable sink, to simplify understanding USB-C power problems.

How it works. Dr. PD sits between a power source and device, capturing and decoding their USB-PD negotiation, providing valuable insights into power delivery issues.

STEAL THIS

Building custom tools can significantly ease the debugging process for specific pain points, such as USB-C power issues.

<https://github.com/T76-org/drpd>

Show HN: My receipt printer prints an original artwork every morning

hackernews

Matt W. Horn created a system that uses a receipt printer to print original artwork every morning, showcasing creative applications of everyday technology.

How it works. The system utilizes a combination of hardware and software to generate and print unique artworks daily.

STEAL THIS

Repurposing common devices for artistic purposes can lead to innovative and engaging projects.

<https://github.com/matt-w-horn/morningprint>

QUICK HITS

MiniMaxAI/MiniMax-H3 HUGGINGFACE

A trending model on HuggingFace for image-text-to-video tasks.

<https://huggingface.co/MiniMaxAI/MiniMax-H3>

deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-V4-Flash-0731 HUGGINGFACE

A trending text-generation model on Hugging Face with a significant number of downloads.

<https://huggingface.co/deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-V4-Flash-0731>

Cloudflare OS: an open platform for agents, apps, and work HACKERNEWS

Cloudflare announces an open platform for agents, apps, and work, aiming to provide a comprehensive solution for various applications.

<https://blog.cloudflare.com/cloudflare-os/>

Zero-Mem: Zero-Token Memory Operations for LLM Agents HACKERNEWS

A research paper introducing Zero-Mem, a technique for zero-token memory operations in LLM agents, potentially improving efficiency.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2607.29377>

NeelM0906/Mference GITHUB

A Swift and Metal-based MoE inference project for Apple Silicon, demonstrating fast decoding speeds for various models.

<https://github.com/NeelM0906/Mference>

xcosmosbox/Cairn GITHUB

An open-source GraphRAG domain knowledge layer for continuously distilling scattered skill documents into a queryable knowledge graph.

<https://github.com/xcosmosbox/Cairn>

888newstep/ai-agent-platform GITHUB

An enterprise-level AI agent platform built with Spring Boot 3 and LangChain4j, supporting ReAct inference and multi-agent collaboration.

<https://github.com/888newstep/ai-agent-platform>

malwarejake/CUSTODY-framework GITHUB

The CUSTODY framework for AI agent containment, aiming to provide a structured approach to securing AI deployments.

<https://github.com/malwarejake/CUSTODY-framework>

metahub-ai/assay GITHUB

An open, reproducible trust layer for AI artifacts, including skills, MCP servers, agents, and plugins, to enhance ecosystem security.

<https://github.com/metahub-ai/assay>

Beating GPT-5.6 Sol on retrieval with 100x cheaper open models HACKERNEWS

A blog post discussing how open models can achieve competitive performance with significantly lower costs compared to proprietary models like GPT-5.6 Sol.

<https://neon.com/blog/how-castform-neon-beats-frontier-models-on-price-and-efficiency>

lordx64/pentestkit GITHUB

An autonomous multi-agent pentest framework that supports planning, exploiting, verifying, and reporting, with a focus on security research and assurance.

<https://github.com/lordx64/pentestkit>

dinosn/security-research-orchestrator-prompt GITHUB

A high-assurance prompt for authorized security labs, designed for exploit-chain research, PoC validation, and evidence-led reporting.

<https://github.com/dinosn/security-research-orchestrator-prompt>

talivia-group/agent GITHUB

A revenue-first website analytics solution installed and verified by AI agents through the Model Context Protocol (MCP).

<https://github.com/talivia-group/agent>

thinkingmachines/Inkling-Small HUGGINGFACE

A trending model on HuggingFace for image-text-to-text tasks, demonstrating the diversity of applications for such models.

<https://huggingface.co/thinkingmachines/Inkling-Small>
