

DAILY BRIEF · WHAT AI ENGINEERS ARE BUILDING

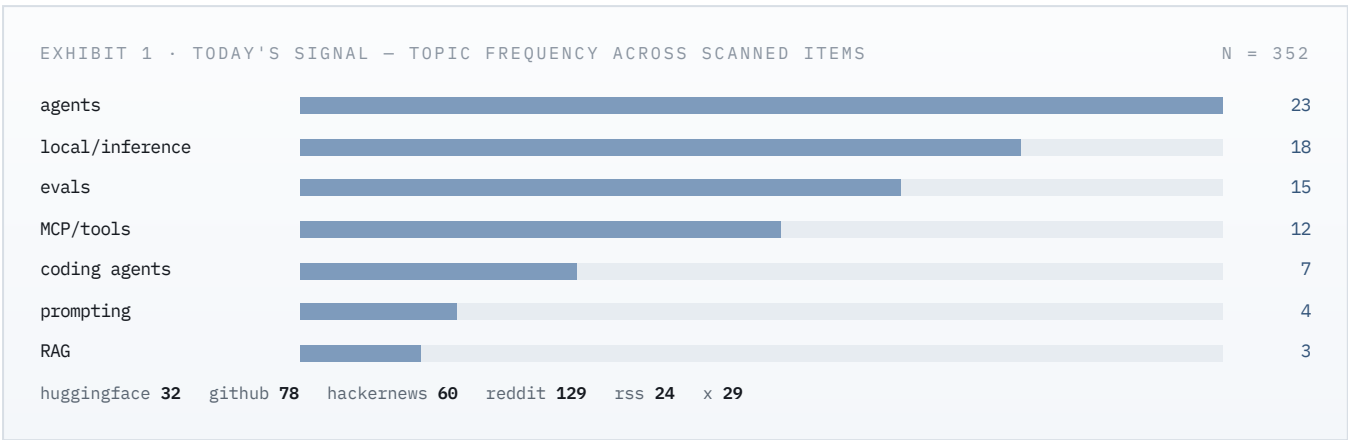
Today in AI engineering

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Daily AI-engineering signal (mechanical fallback — LLM error: 404 Client Error: Not Found for url: <https://api.groq.com/openai/v1/chat/complet>)

5 deep dives 3 builder stories 15 quick hits 352 items scanned mode: **mechanical fallback**

- agents
- local/inference
- evals
- mcp/tools
- coding agents
- prompting
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DEEP DIVES

Qwen/Qwen3.8-27B

HF model

Trending model on Hugging Face — image-text-to-text, transformers; 11211 likes, 665,513 downloads.

Why it matters. Flagged by the ranking heuristics as a real, artifact-backed build.

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<https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen3.8-27B>

decionis/agent-safe-pipeline

GitHub

Reference architecture for AI agents that propose actions but cannot authorize them — immutable intent capture, an independent Decionis policy verdict (ALLOW/ESCALATE/BLOCK), verified human approval, and a SafeExecutor that consumes a single-use intent-bound grant.

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syv-ai/qwen38-27b-rtx3090

[GitHub](#)

Qwen3.8-27B on a single RTX 3090 with vLLM: ~1,000 tok/s at 64 concurrent (int8 tensor-core GEMMs, fp16 DeltaNet state), ~114 tok/s single-user at default sampling / ~124 greedy (MTP drafts, own-output draft vocab, calibrated int4 lm_head, split-KV verify attention), 150k-262k context; patches, requ

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<https://github.com/syv-ai/qwen38-27b-rtx3090>

Leutenegger/book-to-skill

[GitHub](#)

Turn any technical book PDF into a Claude Code skill — ready to study, reference, and use while you work.

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<https://github.com/Leutenegger/book-to-skill>

cinderline/northcinder

[GitHub](#)

Buyer-run, ad-neutral shopping-agent MCP software with deterministic ranking, signed purchase mandates, and a local audit trail.

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<https://github.com/cinderline/northcinder>

WHAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY BUILT

Show HN: I built an M2M payment loop where AI Agents pay for data via x402

[Show HN](#)

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<https://github.com/tianzizhiming-svg/agentbridge>

Show HN: Control AI Agents on Your Old PC at Home from Any Device Anywhere

[Show HN](#)

I built Relay around a simple idea: many of us have an unused PC server at home, or a VPS dedicated to AI-assisted coding, but the coding agents running there are still tied to that machine's terminal, I just don't want to ssh/rdp into it every single time. Relay brings Claude Co

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<https://github.com/elin66alpha/Relay>

Show HN: I built the YouTube Music TUI I wanted (Vim registers, 0-9 to seek, ..)

[Show HN](#)

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<https://github.com/indigo0445/yt-collate>

QUICK HITS

Show HN: Openleetcode – Local LeetCode runner where tests live in the repo [SHOW HN](#)

You write a standard solution, just like on LeetCode, and run it through the CLI. It identifies the problem by ID or title, executes your co

<https://github.com/therepanic/openleetcode>

unsloth/Qwen3.8-27B-GGUF [HF](#) [MODEL](#)

Trending model on Hugging Face— model; 1849 likes, 3,561,466 downloads.

<https://huggingface.co/unsloth/Qwen3.8-27B-GGUF>

Qwen/Qwen3.8-2.4T-A95B [HF](#) [MODEL](#)

Trending model on Hugging Face— text-generation, transformers; 1072 likes, 11,212 downloads.

<https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen3.8-2.4T-A95B>

MiniMaxAI/MiniMax-Music3 [HF](#) [MODEL](#)

Trending model on Hugging Face— text-to-audio, diffusers; 981 likes, 11,745 downloads.

<https://huggingface.co/MiniMaxAI/MiniMax-Music3>

soumatheusgomes/vibe-coding-toolkit [GITHUB](#)

A curated, battle-tested AI-coding toolkit: Claude Code plugins, subagent orchestration, quality gates, and ready-to-copy prompts, extracted

<https://github.com/soumatheusgomes/vibe-coding-toolkit>

OpenVuln [HF](#) [SPACE](#)

Trending Space (docker, 98 likes). Find bugs in your repository with GLM

<https://huggingface.co/spaces/zai-org/OpenVuln>

Show HN: A local MitM proxy to control TLS fingerprints [SHOW HN](#)

<https://github.com/ytkoka/impersonate-proxy>

Show HN: macOS data protection keychain for Electron apps [SHOW HN](#)

Hey HN, I've been working on Hansel [1] (an encrypted personal data store you can query with agents), and there wasn't a good way to use the

<https://github.com/biw/keychain-store>

Lightricks/LTX-2.5 [HF](#) [MODEL](#)

Trending model on Hugging Face— image-to-video, diffusion-single-file; 1241 likes, 503,632 downloads.

<https://huggingface.co/Lightricks/LTX-2.5>

Show HN: I canceled my AI code reviewer and wrote a free local one [SHOW HN](#)

<https://github.com/mukundzha/avouch>

Show HN: Automatically detect and patch walking-dead states in Sierra games [SHOW HN](#)

Hi HN, I've become lazier in my old age and struggle to replay my favorite Sierra games from the 80s and 90s because I keep getting into tho

<https://github.com/katiahayati/lucasartsifier/>

Show HN: Shoehorn – Quantize any model down to run on your machine [SHOW HN](#)

Working on Mac, Linux, and Windows now. I include a simple GUI to find new models and get things built and set up. It is working quite well

<https://notactuallytreyanastasio.github.io/shoehorn/>

GLM-5.3 Artificial Analysis Benchmarks HN

<https://artificialanalysis.ai/models/glm-5-3>

amitshekhariitbhu/llm-inference-engineering GITHUB

Learn LLM Inference Engineering step by step - from KV cache, PagedAttention, and continuous batching to vLLM, SGLang, and GPUs.

<https://github.com/amitshekhariitbhu/llm-inference-engineering>

deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-V4-Pro-0813 HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-generation, transformers; 606 likes, 30,985 downloads.

<https://huggingface.co/deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-V4-Pro-0813>

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