

DAILY BRIEF · WHAT AI ENGINEERS ARE BUILDING

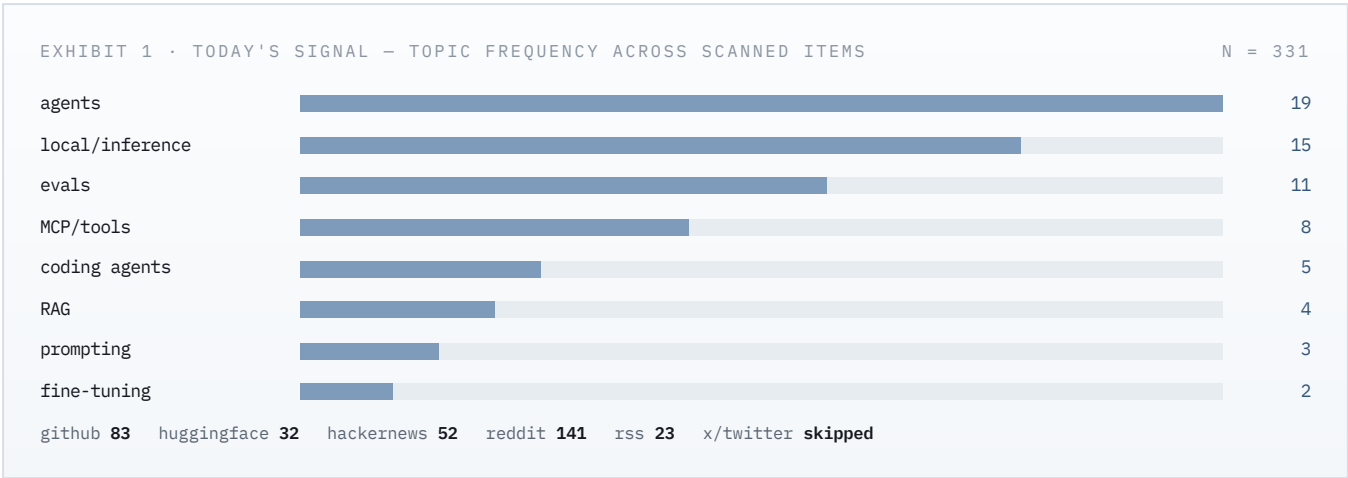
Today in AI engineering

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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 331 items scanned mode: **mechanical fallback**

- agents
- local/inference
- evals
- mcp/tools
- coding agents
- rag
- prompting
- fine-tuning



DEEP DIVES

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

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

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Open the link and skim the repo / paper.

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

Qwen/Qwen3.8-27B

HF model

Trending model on Hugging Face — image-text-to-text, transformers; 11789 likes, 1,373,584 downloads.

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

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>

Show HN: okfctl

Show HN

I built a CLI tool to manage Open Knowledge Format (OKF) bundles. Knowledge bases, second brains, and LLM-Wikis now have a toolchain to complement the specification. Validate, lint, analyze, search, serve, and manage your knowledge. Go binary, agent plugin, and skills included. Please try it! I've b

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<https://github.com/cwest/okfctl>

Vomit: Clean up Claude 5's token output with a separate LLM

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(no summary)

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<https://github.com/zachahn/vomit>

WHAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY BUILT

Show HN: Open-source Stripe Connect alternative

Show HN

Hey, I'm Ben. I built Zoneless because I was paying so much to use Stripe Connect on my own marketplace. The fees were really, really bad, and it was also limiting in terms of the seller countries I could onboard. To give you an idea, I was paying around \$9,000 per month in fees

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<https://zoneless.com>

Show HN: Check if any of the \$656M in unclaimed royalties at The MLC is yours

[Show HN](#)

Hi HN, I built this. Quick background on why it exists: When music is streamed on digital streaming platforms (think Spotify, Apple Music, Pandora), there are two separate royalty streams: one for the recording, paid through your distributor (DistroKid, TuneCore, CDBaby), and one

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<https://pub.doub.ly/>

Free open source tool to help you keep the same context across chats and models

[r/LLMDevs](#)

I've always gotten frustrated and wasted time explaining the same thing to an AI every time I start a new chat from an existing one or when I start another convo with a whole new AI model. That's why I built a tool that fixes that, it condenses everything in a chat into one simpl

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https://www.reddit.com/r/LLMDevs/comments/1vtfd0d/free_open_source_tool_to_help_you_keep_the_same/

QUICK HITS

unsloth/Qwen3.8-27B-GGUF HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — model; 2385 likes, 5,126,652 downloads.

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

Show HN: Omacosy – Omarchy-style tiling desktop for macOS, no SIP SHOW HN

I have been using omarchy on my tower since nearly a year now, shortly after it was released first. I really love the experience I am having

<https://github.com/paulsp94/omacosy>

Show HN: Meridian(PH #1) – Automatic AI Workjournal for Devs SHOW HN

Meridian is an open-source, local-first work journal for developers. It reconstructs your day from on-screen activity and turns it into dail

<https://github.com/Meridiona/meridian>

Show HN: A data viewer for choosing Frigate-compatible IP cameras SHOW HN

<https://github.com/ch-bas/cctv-camera-database>

Show HN: I trained a 125M model to autocomplete piano on-device HN

I trained a 125M-parameter transformer to autocomplete piano performances in real time (~108 notes/sec on an iPhone 15). The idea is basical

<https://simedw.com/2026/08/20/midi-autocomplete/>

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>

OpenVuln HF SPACE

Trending Space (docker, 112 likes). Find bugs in your repository with GLM

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

Codex on AWS bedrock bug causing 10x charges HN

<https://github.com/openai/codex/issues/37674>

MiniMaxAI/MiniMax-Music3 HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-to-audio, diffusers; 1124 likes, 14,471 downloads.

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

orcarouter/Qwen3.8-27B-Uncensored-MLX HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — image-text-to-text, mlx; 732 likes, 2,628 downloads.
<https://huggingface.co/orcarouter/Qwen3.8-27B-Uncensored-MLX>

Qwen/Qwen3.8-27B-FP8 HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — image-text-to-text, transformers; 637 likes, 1,517,643 downloads.
<https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen3.8-27B-FP8>

orcarouter/Qwen3.8-27B-Uncensored-FP8 HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — image-text-to-text, transformers; 689 likes, 76,109 downloads.
<https://huggingface.co/orcarouter/Qwen3.8-27B-Uncensored-FP8>

Show HN: Huzzah – a novel approach to coding with AI HN

Hello everyone. I've been working on this experimental editor called Huzzah. I've been working almost exclusively with coding agents since J
<https://www.danielvaughn.dev/posts/huzzah/>

JonathanColetti/Qwen3.8-27B-Uncensored-GGUF HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-generation, llama.cpp; 523 likes, 979,768 downloads.
<https://huggingface.co/JonathanColetti/Qwen3.8-27B-Uncensored-GGUF>

argus-testing/argus GITHUB

Argus is a local, open-source visual UI testing app.
<https://github.com/argus-testing/argus>
