

DAILY BRIEF · WHAT AI ENGINEERS ARE BUILDING

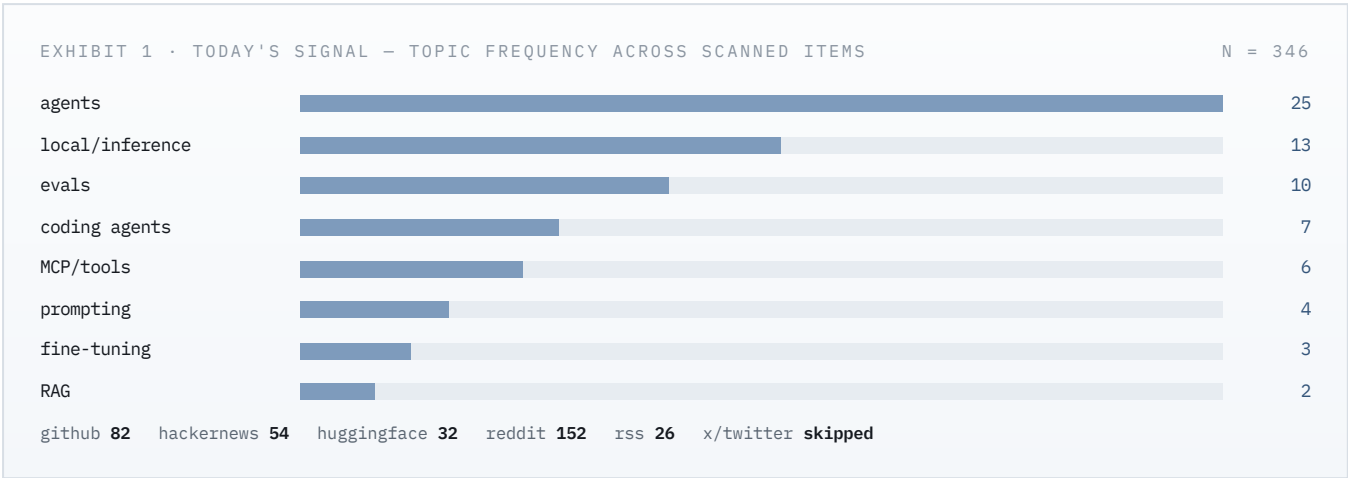
Today in AI engineering

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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 346 items scanned mode: **mechanical fallback**

- agents
- local/inference
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- coding agents
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DEEP DIVES

cinderline/northcinder

GitHub

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

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/cinderline/northcinder>

Show HN: I built an open source video editor that you can control with an LLM

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Hey HN, my name is David. I'm building an open source video editor. I'm a novice at video editing and previously only used iMovie. I recently opened iMovie to edit a video but noticed it didn't have some features I wanted, like text overlays. Apple probably hasn't updated it in ages. How hard could

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<https://github.com/DonkeyCut/Donkey>

Show HN: Proliferate- open-source, self-hostable Codex for any coding agent

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Hi HN- I'm Pablo, the founder of Proliferate (YC S25)! Proliferate (<https://github.com/proliferate-ai/proliferate>) is an open-source, self-hostable AI IDE that lets you work and automate tasks with Claude Code, Codex, OpenCode, Cursor, and Grok in one place. Here's a quick 2m demo of how we use Pr

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<https://github.com/proliferate-ai/proliferate>

Qwen/Qwen3.8-27B

[HF model](#)

Trending model on Hugging Face — image-text-to-text, transformers; 11994 likes, 1,726,651 downloads.

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

Claudette: Make Claude stop talking like a BuzzFeed article

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(no summary)

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<https://github.com/adnanakil/nobuzz/blob/main/README.md>

WHAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY BUILT

Show HN: Steganeur – Hide secret messages in LLM-generated text (Rust)

[Show HN](#)

Hi HN! I made a project that I found really fun and I'm proud of the idea and implementation. This first came up when speaking to a friend, we were talking around how to do steganography in natural text, and realized an LLM's token choices are a natural channel. Steganeur accompl

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<https://github.com/marcsnid/steganeur>

Show HN: OzBrain, a shared brain for knowledge between agents and your team

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I think agent-first chat interfaces will be a primary software modality and busy dashboard/UI will go away. I'm not sure who exactly wins it, but I want my knowledge to grow/go with me. A lot of the "knowledge" ie research, analysis, reasoning will be done by agents as the primar

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<https://ozbrain.com>

I made smokebench - a lightweight TUI for quick LLM benchmarking (smoke-testing)

[r/LLMDevs](#)

Public leaderboards only test base models on beefy hardware, but in practice models behave differently once you quantize or fine tune them. I wanted a way to benchmark my local setup, catch regressions between models, and compare TPS across endpoints without running everything in

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https://www.reddit.com/r/LLMDevs/comments/1vubwjo/i_made_smokebench_a_lightweight_tui_for_quick_llm/

QUICK HITS

Show HN: A desktop fly drawn to the scent of vibecode [SHOW HN](#)

It is a fork of <https://github.com/DenisSergeevitch/desktop-fly>, but with an important update. Now the fly can pick up the scent of the cod <https://github.com/kulikov0/desktop-vibe-fly>

Codex on AWS bedrock bug causing 10x charges [HN](#)

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

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

Trending model on Hugging Face — model; 2529 likes, 5,804,917 downloads.

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

Show HN: A coding-agent workbench built around Matt Pocock's coding workflow [SHOW HN](#)

Repo URL: <https://github.com/ticketry-hq/ticketry> Ticketry helps you execute a coding workflow using terminal agents. We run coding agents o https://github.com/ticketry-hq/ticketry-downloads/releases/download/0.2.0/Ticketry_0.2.0_aarch64.dmg

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>

orcarouter/Qwen3.8-27B-Uncensored-FP8 [HF](#) [MODEL](#)

Trending model on Hugging Face — image-text-to-text, transformers; 860 likes, 107,520 downloads.

<https://huggingface.co/orcarouter/Qwen3.8-27B-Uncensored-FP8>

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

Trending model on Hugging Face — image-text-to-text, mlx; 833 likes, 18,193 downloads.
<https://huggingface.co/orcarouter/Qwen3.8-27B-Uncensored-MLX>

Show HN: XListman – one-binary, self-hosted mailing list manager SHOW HN

<https://github.com/barats/xlistman>

OpenVuln HF SPACE

Trending Space (docker, 115 likes). Find bugs in your repository with GLM
<https://huggingface.co/spaces/zai-org/OpenVuln>

d4ncboz/github-farm GITHUB

Production-grade, AI-Agent-friendly multi-platform OAuth harvesting and session management framework for AI Gateways.
<https://github.com/d4ncboz/github-farm>

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

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-generation, llama.cpp; 579 likes, 1,126,222 downloads.
<https://huggingface.co/JonathanColetti/Qwen3.8-27B-Uncensored-GGUF>

Show HN: AgentSight – eBPF observability for AI agents, no code changes SHOW HN

<https://github.com/alibaba/anolisa/blob/main/docs/user-guide/en/agent-observability/agentsight.md>

argus-testing/argus GITHUB

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

MiniMaxAI/MiniMax-Music3 HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-to-audio, diffusers; 1166 likes, 15,678 downloads.
<https://huggingface.co/MiniMaxAI/MiniMax-Music3>

Show HN: Zroar – Serialized Roaring Bitmaps in Zig SHOW HN

zroar is a ground-up implementation of Roaring Bitmaps data structure in Zig. zroar stores both the keys and (array, bitmap) containers in a
<https://github.com/manishrjain/zroar>
