

DAILY BRIEF · WHAT AI ENGINEERS ARE BUILDING

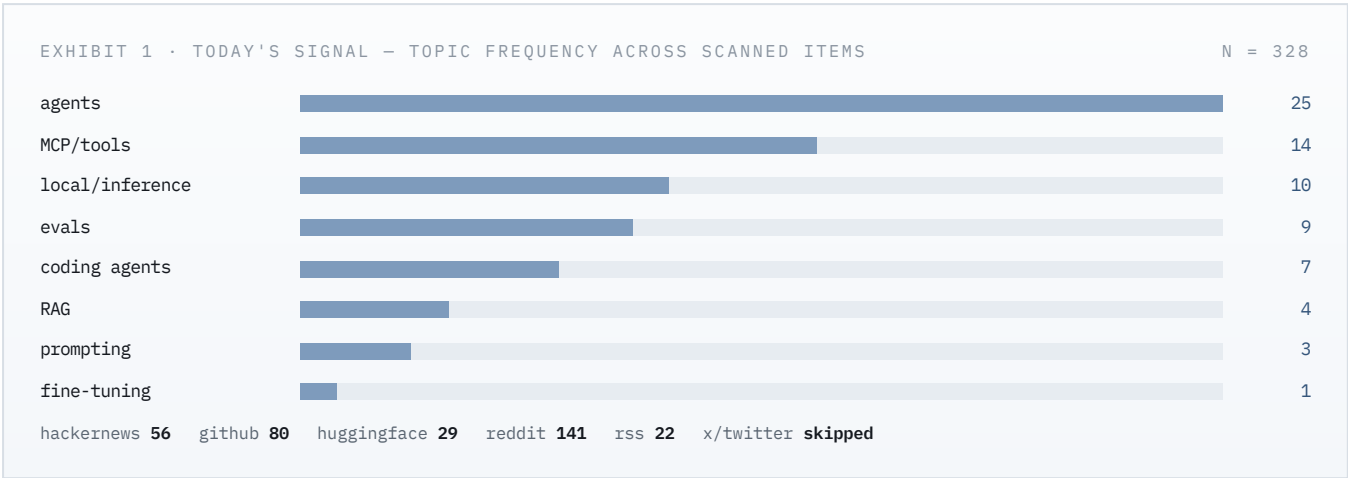
Today in AI engineering

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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 328 items scanned mode: **mechanical fallback**

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

Show HN: We built open OpenRouter that turns usage into a better model

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Hi HN, we built an open source model gateway. It's a single place to manage our own self hosted, frontier, and open source models in one place. It's rust native, built for concurrency, and implements all the config quirks across models and providers (streaming formats, tool calls, model parameter

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

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<https://github.com/experientiallabs/experiential>

ApodexAI/FrontierAgent

[GitHub](#)

🌱 FrontierAgent, our agent framework, open-sourced alongside it — native command-line TUI, ReAct and Agent Team modes, one command on macOS and Linux, no preinstall, no hard Docker dependency.

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<https://github.com/ApodexAI/FrontierAgent>

Show HN: Watches user sessions, finds bugs that matter, and fixes them

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Hey HN, I'm Abhishek. I'm building Opslane, an open-source agent that identifies user-facing issues and investigates them. It only creates a PR if it can verify the fix. Demo: <https://youtu.be/ccuOTYQMeYg> Docs: <https://docs.opslane.com> At my last job at Robinhood, we used to do a quarterly bug bash.

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<https://github.com/opslane/opslane>

duty1g/x64dbg-mcp-server

[GitHub](#)

x64dbg-MCP Server is a native MCP (Model Context Protocol) plugin for x64dbg that exposes the debugger's full functionality over HTTP. Connect any MCP-compatible AI assistant and control x64dbg programmatically: set breakpoints, step through code, read memory, dump registers, and more. Built with Z

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Show HN: My Claude quota ran out in 10 minutes, so I made a tool to find out why

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(no summary)

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<https://github.com/kelviiq/tare>

WHAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY BUILT

Show HN: Meridian(PH#1) A better way to recognize developer contributions

[Show HN](#)

Hi HN! We built Meridian because we kept seeing the same thing: developers get estimates for planned work, and then spend a huge chunk of their time doing everything that wasn't planned. Debugging something weird, helping a teammate, reviewing PRs, jumping on an incident, fixing

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

Show HN: I built a tool showing how AI providers (should) throttle their models

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OP here: this project was born out of the frustration/paranoia that AI providers are throttling their models when their server load is too high. So, I set out to model and study the problem mathematically to understand what was happening, what I found was quite surprising. The id

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<https://throttle.staffinganalytics.io/?src=hn>

Show HN: SubSmith – Turn your own videos into language-learning material

[Show HN](#)

I've been learning Japanese for a few years and kept running into a similar problem. I'd find a video I wanted to learn from, hear a useful sentence, and then realise that turning that sentence into something I could study later was both time consuming and draining at times. I wo

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<https://subsmith.app>

QUICK HITS

Show HN: OpenTIE and OpenXWA, Modern Ports of Tie Fighter and X-Wing Alliance [SHOW HN](#)

<https://github.com/elyosh/OpenTIE/>

Qwen/Qwen3.8-Flash-Next [HF](#) [MODEL](#)

Trending model on Hugging Face— image-text-to-text, transformers; 4105 likes, 4,810 downloads.

<https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen3.8-Flash-Next>

UditAkhouri/cdaf [GITHUB](#)

CDAF (Cached Descriptive Asset Files) - open sidecar format for video so AI agents stop re-analyzing the same footage. Spec, CLI, agent skil

<https://github.com/UditAkhouri/cdaf>

Show HN: RealDiff – runtime behavior diffing for pull requests (six languages) [SHOW HN](#)

<https://github.com/issacnitin/RealDiff>

Show HN: IndexFlow – Open-source indexing infrastructure built with Rust [SHOW HN](#)

<https://github.com/IndexFlowing/IndexFlow-core>

Show HN: FnScribe – Open-source, offline dictation for macOS [SHOW HN](#)

<https://github.com/AlgorithmicResearchGroup/fnscribe>

Show HN: Turn every PR into animated architecture diagrams (open-source) [SHOW HN](#)

<https://github.com/coldteadotai/pr-lens>

zorost/sparkduet GITHUB

Serve DeepSeek and Qwen, run an on-demand model library, and fine-tune with Unsloth QLoRA on 2x NVIDIA DGX Spark. TP=2 vLLM lanes behind one

<https://github.com/zorost/sparkduet>

OpenAI: Migrating to HTTPX2 HN

<https://github.com/openai/openai-python/blob/main/httpx2.md>

zai-org/GLM-5.3-Flash HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-generation, transformers; 1469 likes, 34 downloads.

<https://huggingface.co/zai-org/GLM-5.3-Flash>

Show HN: Restoredrill – proves your Postgres backups restore SHOW HN

<https://github.com/ahmadpiran/restoredrill>

Show HN: Proval – Self-hosted code review agent for GitLab, Forgejo, and GitHub SHOW HN

<https://github.com/seoes/proval>

Show HN: Yet another minimal and lightweight terminal multiplexer written in Go. SHOW HN

<https://github.com/patriceckhart/hrdx>

zai-org/GLM-5.3 HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-generation, transformers; 1000 likes, 0 downloads.

<https://huggingface.co/zai-org/GLM-5.3>

Qwen/Qwen3.8-27B HF MODEL

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