

DAILY BRIEF · WHAT AI ENGINEERS ARE BUILDING

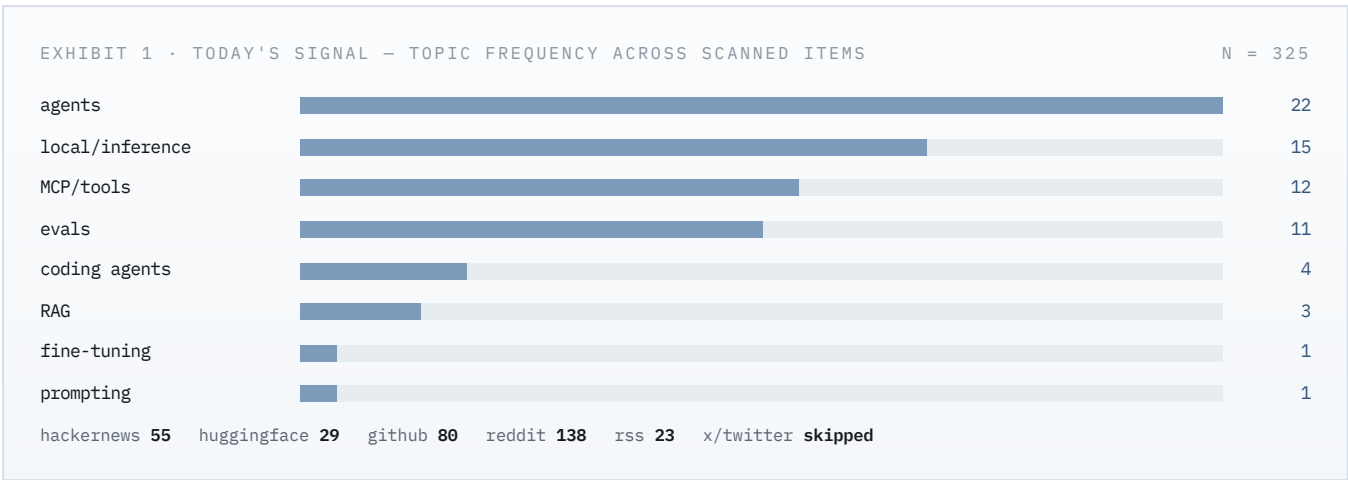
Today in AI engineering

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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 325 items scanned mode: **mechanical fallback**

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



DEEP DIVES

Show HN: Boop – tiny, self-hosted push notifications for your apps built in Go

Show HN

Hi HN, I built Boop because I wanted application events sent directly to my phone without paying for another service or routing everything through Slack or Telegram. Boop is a small, open-source server paired with an open-source iOS app. The server currently uses around 8 MB of memory on my machine.

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/chrisgreg/boop>

Qwen/Qwen3.8-Flash-Next

HF model

Trending model on Hugging Face — image-text-to-text, transformers; 4213 likes, 52,341 downloads.

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<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 skill, reproducible benchmark.

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

Show HN: OpenInstinct – open-source, self-hostable Instinct clone

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We love Instinct, but have been increasingly worried about the data footprint we are handing over to them, and what they might do with that data. So we built an oss self-hostable version. It includes a vault that can store cards, logins, and personal information, so it can execute complex tasks on y

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<https://github.com/Merit-Systems/OpenInstinct>

Show HN: Conduct, open-source guardrails for LLM and MCP tool calls

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(no summary)

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<https://github.com/sseshachala/conductai>

WHAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY BUILT

Show HN: Coordination Layer for Coding Agents

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We built an open sourced coordination layer for AI agents working on the same repository. Detects work duplication and design conflicts early

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<https://twing.dev/>

Show HN: Hacker News Client with Claude Code and Codex Integration

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I often find interesting things in Hacker News posts and comments, but threads are often long and take a lot of time to go through. I built Rundown for this. It's a cross-platform desktop app with Claude Code and Codex integration that gives me a rundown of the post and comments,

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<https://github.com/nilbuild/rundown>

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

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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

Migrating to HTTPX2 HN

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

Show HN: FnScribe – Open-source, offline dictation for macOS SHOW HN

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

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>

zai-org/GLM-5.3-Flash HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face— text-generation, transformers; 1558 likes, 189,793 downloads.

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

zai-org/GLM-5.3 HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face— text-generation, transformers; 1207 likes, 8,804 downloads.

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

Qwen/Qwen3.8-27B HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face— image-text-to-text, transformers; 13183 likes, 4,028,839 downloads.

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

Show HN: Blast – Open-source sandbox-as-a-service SHOW HN

<https://github.com/stanford-mast/blast>

Show HN: Kosh – Bash shell runtime with 100x faster Shellcheck and LSP built-in SHOW HN

Kosh is a Bash-compatible runtime focused on VERY detailed diagnostics and performance. The project started from frustration with how diffic

<https://github.com/toiletbril/kosh>

unsloth/Qwen3.8-Flash-Next-GGUF HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face— image-text-to-text; 538 likes, 188,061 downloads.

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

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

Trending model on Hugging Face — model; 3163 likes, 8,363,481 downloads.

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

Show HN: Watermarks Remover: Clean LLM watermarks from text and files SHOW HN

Open-source agent skill + stdlib HTTP service that strips invisible Unicode, C2PA/EXIF/XMP, and (best-effort) statistical text marks from fi

<https://github.com/guillaumemeyer/watermarks-remover>

Stupidoodle/swissdevjobs-cli GITHUB

Search & apply to ~4,700 salary-transparent tech jobs across 7 countries (      ) from your terminal or AI agent — zero-dependency P

<https://github.com/Stupidoodle/swissdevjobs-cli>

Gen-Verse/Recuris GITHUB

Recursive Experiential–Working Memory Evolution for Long-Horizon Agent Harnesses

<https://github.com/Gen-Verse/Recuris>

BraxisAI/braxis-blueprint GITHUB

The \$0 AI Empire Playbook — 140+ agents, 20+ free LLM lanes, 1,800+ songs, a living 3D world, all on free tiers. Real scripts, real failure

<https://github.com/BraxisAI/braxis-blueprint>

Autonomous Mathematical Discovery in an Open-World Multi-Agent Environment HN

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2608.23691>
