DAILY BRIEF · WHAT AI ENGINEERS ARE BUILDING

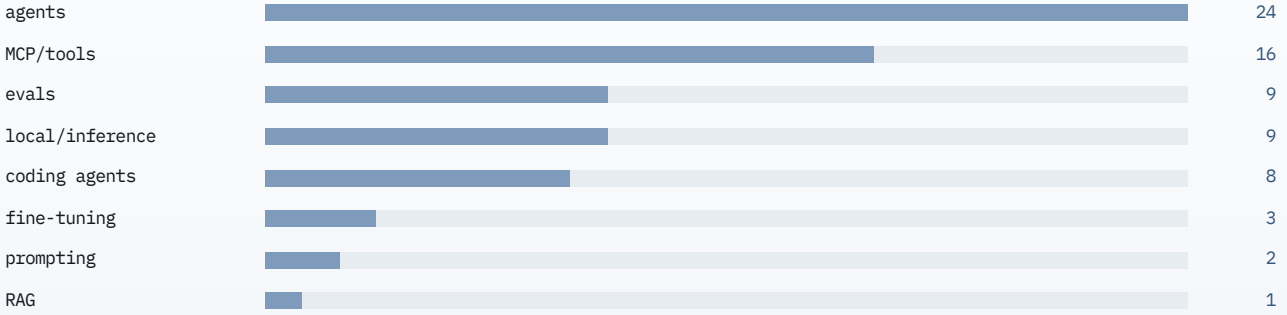
Today in AI engineering
2026-09-26

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 **335** items scanned mode: **mechanical fallback**

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

EXHIBIT 1 · TODAY'S SIGNAL — TOPIC FREQUENCY ACROSS SCANNED ITEMS N = 335



hackernews **57** huggingface **31** github **80** reddit **136** rss **31** x/twitter **skipped**

DEEP DIVES

Show HN: Agentic CUDA Kernel Optimizer

Show HN

Hello; I was working on optimizing some CUDA kernels and I thought may be it is a good oppurtunity learn langgraph as well. I created a simple C++ CUDA Test Harness and handed that to AI agents. They can run kernels, get benchmarks, and even can profile via nsight

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

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https://github.com/bertaye/agentic-cuda-optimizer

convaiinnovations/laya

HF model

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-classification, transformers; 3762 likes, 0 downloads.

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https://huggingface.co/convaiinnovations/laya

Qwen/Qwen-Image-2.1

HF model

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-to-image, diffusers; 2358 likes, 48,361 downloads.

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https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen-Image-2.1

Jev Decision Index

HF Space

Trending Space (static, 240 likes). Benchmarks and news on various repros of TypeSafe's Jev

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https://huggingface.co/spaces/multimodalart/jev-decision-index

abenzerps/Qwen-Image-2.1-Uncensored-GGUF

HF model

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-to-image, gguf; 1854 likes, 876,673 downloads.

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https://huggingface.co/abenzerps/Qwen-Image-2.1-Uncensored-GGUF

WHAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY BUILT

Show HN: Knowledge Signal – A JEV-powered rubric assessment tool for study notes

Show HN

I built Knowledge Signal, an open-source prototype that turns study notes into structured, confidence-aware knowledge profiles using TypeSafe AI's Jev model.

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https://github.com/sumant1122/knowledge-signal

Show HN: Hacker Atlas - A map of what Hacker News talks about

Show HN

I built a tool to explore HN topics and how they change over time. Currently covers 2024 to today. Is it useful? What's missing?

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https://hackeratlas.com/

Show HN: A single-use authorization boundary in Rust

Show HN

I built a small Rust experiment for putting an authorization boundary in front of a protected action. An authorization is tied to a specific action, resource, and payload. Once it's used successfully, trying to use the same authorization again is denied. The repo includes the imp

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https://news.ycombinator.com/item?id=49840686

QUICK HITS

Show HN: Jev Plays Pokémon Red SHOW HN

Hey HN! Wanted to share a fun project I've been hacking on. Given Jev can make decisions really fast (but not fast enough to play Doom yet s
https://jev-pokemon.vercel.app/

Simreal-AI/Simreal-MLBench GITHUB

[Public preview] Externally scored agentic ML research benchmark: 60 tasks, real competition ground truth. Open protocol, operated evaluatio
https://github.com/Simreal-AI/Simreal-MLBench

XingChen-AGI/Xing4.0-29B-A4B HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-generation, transformers; 1695 likes, 43,947 downloads.
https://huggingface.co/XingChen-AGI/Xing4.0-29B-A4B

prism-ml/Ternary-Bonsai-2-27B-gguf HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-generation, llama.cpp; 2106 likes, 3,247,527 downloads.
https://huggingface.co/prism-ml/Ternary-Bonsai-2-27B-gguf

Ollaya – Ollama for open-source, Jev-style decision models HN

https://ollaya.dev/

Comfy-Org/Qwen-Image-2.1 HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — model, diffusion-single-file; 745 likes, 3,641,785 downloads.
https://huggingface.co/Comfy-Org/Qwen-Image-2.1

Altworld/Hemmingway-1 HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-generation, transformers; 686 likes, 5,590 downloads.
https://huggingface.co/Altworld/Hemmingway-1

breakstageaxe61/genspark-claw GITHUB

🦀⚡ Community skill pack & CLI for Genspark Claw, OpenClaw & Hermes agents — 5 production-ready SKILL.md skills (deep research, reports, slid
https://github.com/breakstageaxe61/genspark-claw

ThinkFlowLab/system1-agents GITHUB

System 1 decision models (Jev, Laya, Cua-S1) as brain for agents: Browser use, computer use, games and robotics
https://github.com/ThinkFlowLab/system1-agents

libingzheren/Jev-Mem GITHUB

Jev-Mem: System-One Controlled Agentic Memory
https://github.com/libingzheren/Jev-Mem

ismailperim/briefd GITHUB

Your agents, briefed. Not flooded. Self-hosted context compiler: git-backed team knowledge served to coding agents as token-budgeted bundles
https://github.com/ismailperim/briefd

I built a custom benchmark for my coding agent: the 35B model beat the 120B one, and pay-per-token beat renting GPUs R/LLMDEVS

I'm currently writing a coding agent from scratch, so I obviously need an open model I can use. I'm not choosing based on leaderboards or sp

https://www.reddit.com/r/LLMDevs/comments/1wqkhuh/i_built_a_custom_benchmark_for_my_coding_agent/

Show HN: Doom or Bloom, map your AI worldview SHOW HN

Map your AI worldview by answering a few questions, and see how you compare with others. only takes a few minutes && free & open source && p

https://www.doom-or-bloom.com

Revealing the details of how OpenAI agents hacked Hugging Face HN

https://swarmtraces.org/

U.S. appeals court upholds designation of Anthropic as supply chain risk HN

https://www.cnbc.com/2026/09/25/pentagon-anthropic-ai-risk-appeals-court.html

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