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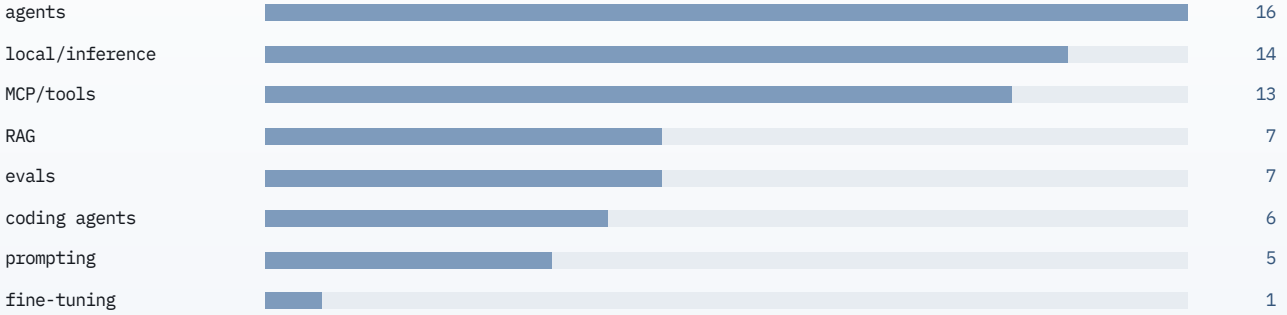
# Today in AI engineering
# 2026-10-12

*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 **317** items scanned mode: **mechanical fallback**

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

EXHIBIT 1 · TODAY'S SIGNAL — TOPIC FREQUENCY ACROSS SCANNED ITEMS N = 317




hackernews **53** huggingface **27** github **77** reddit **144** rss **16** x/twitter **skipped**

## DEEP DIVES

### Show HN: Atticus – Hold-to-talk voice assistant for macOS that runs on Claude -p

Show HN

Hi HN! I'm Saarth. I'm in 9th grade, and I built Atticus. Atticus is an incredibly fast and cheap Mac assistant that can do tasks for you. You hold down Control-Option-Space, speak or type your task, be it complex or a simple browser search, and Atticus will get on it. The interesting part is that s

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https://github.com/SaarthurR/atticus-mac

### Show HN: PS2 games statically recompiled to WebAssembly

Show HN

(no summary)

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https://github.com/snuri00/ps2-web-recomp

### Show HN: BraiNOTES, handwritten notes on your lecture PDFs in a browser tab

Show HN

In August, I posted here about TeXbrain, a LaTeX editor that runs completely in the browser, with no need for an account or server. (I didn't excpect it to get that much feedback, bug reports and help from here!) This is the same idea for the other half of my studies, the handwritten notes. I take t

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https://github.com/swimmingbrain/brainotes

### abenzerps/Qwen-Image-2.1-Uncensored-Quantized

HF model

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-to-image, gguf; 4049 likes, 2,188,658 downloads.

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

### google/embeddinggemma-2

HF model

Trending model on Hugging Face — feature-extraction, transformers; 1849 likes, 115,763 downloads.

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https://huggingface.co/google/embeddinggemma-2

## WHAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY BUILT

### Show HN: Foretype: type on remote machines at local speed

Show HN

Hey HN, I'm Fabio I built this tool to eliminate the annoying typing lag that exists when interacting with a remote server through the terminal. It was originally meant to be a PR to Herdr better, but it got ignored as they don't accept external collaborators anymore. Foretype di

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https://github.com/itsfabioroma/foretype

## Show HN: Quaesito: a self-hosted app for quiz nights with friends

Show HN

Hi, I built Quaesito, a self-hosted quiz-night app for playing with friends. I thought it might be useful to others, so I wanted to share it here: https://github.com/ggirelli/quaesito It runs on your laptop, which you can cast or screen-share on to a TV. Friends then connect and

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https://github.com/ggirelli/quaesito

## I made an open-source AI leaderboard that shows the best models your machine can run

r/LocalLLaMA

Hey everyone, I made whatmodel.sh To use it, Enter your RAM and GPU See what models you can run locally with its rank and the command to run it Compare them with API models on the same score Building it made me realise a 32GB Mac can now run a model that scores on-par with GPT-5,

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https://www.reddit.com/r/LocalLLaMA/comments/1x3wp8c/i_made_an_opensource_ai_leaderboard_that_shows/

## QUICK HITS

### Show HN: Plimsoll, a self-hosted sandbox for code your AI agent writes SHOW HN

https://github.com/plimsollmark/plimsoll

### Gen-Verse/RSI-Anything GITHUB

RSI-Anything: Unlocking Recursive Self-Improvement with World Models

https://github.com/Gen-Verse/RSI-Anything

### Jev Decision Index HF SPACE

Trending Space (static, 600 likes). Benchmarks and news on various repros of TypeSafe's Jev

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

### Show HN: BetterWispr – Free, open-source dictation for Mac SHOW HN

https://betterwispr.com/

### jialinyyzz/humanizer HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-generation, gguf; 1239 likes, 46,070 downloads.

https://huggingface.co/jialinyyzz/humanizer

### LingCore/WinShun GITHUB

Win顺：免费开源的 Windows 快速搜索启动器。双击 Ctrl，拼音秒搜文件、全文搜索 Word/Excel/PDF、剪贴板历史（代替 Win+V）、对话框搜索、任务栏搜索、插件、AI 助手 MCP。Free Windows search launcher: pinyin

https://github.com/LingCore/WinShun

### Show HN: Homebutler – my server report printed 7 lines for 2 changes, now 2 SHOW HN

https://github.com/Higangssh/homebutler

### Cloudflare/clef HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — image-text-to-text, transformers; 2064 likes, 15,064 downloads.

https://huggingface.co/Cloudflare/clef

### Show HN: LLMxRay an open-source observability tool for LLMs SHOW HN

https://github.com/LogneBudo/llmxray

### Qwen/Qwen-Image-2.1-Turbo HF MODEL

Trending model on Hugging Face — text-to-image, diffusers; 596 likes, 6,787 downloads.
https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen-Image-2.1-Turbo

### p10node/docflare-ai GITHUB

Open-source AI chatbot & site search for your docs. One <script> tag, streaming answers with sources. 100% Cloudflare-native (Workers AI + V
https://github.com/p10node/docflare-ai

### yzg1226/mcd-party-officer GITHUB

🍟 麦当劳门店派对成团调度 Skill — 把派对从「策划」推进到「办得成」：成团概率雷达 / 包场vs拼团 / 择日黄历 / 儿童营养指数 / 招募卡与邀请函
https://github.com/yzg1226/mcd-party-officer

### TedHaley/pensieve GITHUB

Local search across your files, git repos and AI agent sessions on your Mac. An MCP server gives your agents the best context, a 3D map show
https://github.com/TedHaley/pensieve

### talhaanwarch/awesome-llmops-platforms GITHUB

Curated list of open-source LLMOps tools: tracing, evals, AI gateways, guardrails and prompt management. Sorted by stars, refreshed weekly.
https://github.com/talhaanwarch/awesome-llmops-platforms

### Show HN: OpenClear – Self-hosted check and ACH fraud screening for small banks SHOW HN

https://github.com/chaffed/OpenClear

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