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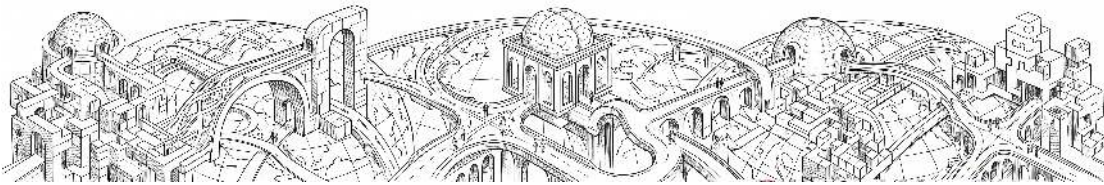


AI Coverage (India)

- **Zoho's Sridhar Vembu Warns of AI Job Impact:** Zoho founder **Sridhar Vembu** cautioned that artificial intelligence threatens computer-based jobs, stating a single person using AI could eventually perform the work of **10 people**. However, he believes AI will not leave the remaining **90%** of workers unemployed, as they may find opportunities in new industries that previously could not afford to hire. Vembu shared his views in a post on X.

AI Coverage (Global)

- **Microsoft Posts Record Revenue for 10 Straight Quarters:** Microsoft reported record quarterly revenue of **\$92.3 billion**, up **19%** year-over-year, with net income...



... at **\$36.6 billion**, up **32%**. Microsoft Cloud revenue hit **\$63.9 billion**, up **30%**, including **\$10 billion** from OpenAI. Azure led at **\$33.2 billion**, while Devices and Consumer fell **3%** to **\$15.5 billion**. Commercial remaining performance obligation rose **73%** to **\$677 billion**, as capital expenditures topped a record **\$45.2 billion**.

- **Google Expands AI Search Ads Globally Amid Slowdown:** During Alphabet's Q3 earnings call, Google announced global expansion of ads in AI Mode alongside multi-turn ads. Total revenue hit **\$127.6 billion**, up **25%** year over year, but shares fell **8%** as Search growth decelerated to **12%** from **17%** in Q2. Google Services earned **\$96.3 billion** (up **11%**), and Google Cloud surged **103%** to **\$30.7 billion**. AI Mode queries are **3x** longer, with the Gemini app reaching **1 billion** monthly users and **50 billion** monthly visual searches.
- **Amazon Warns Engineers Against AI Metrics Traps:** Amazon issued a memo cautioning against AI productivity metrics like token usage, code changes, and review counts, calling them "deeply flawed" and disconnected from real outcomes. The company advises managers to scrutinize the **10%** of teams with lowest and highest AI adoption. While its most AI-forward teams report productivity gains, Amazon warns non-adopters risk falling behind, stresses hands-on leadership experience with AI tools, and urges engineers to reconnect with customer and business priorities.
- **Amazon Expands Alexa with 100+ Shopping Features:** Amazon has added over **100** new shopping capabilities to Alexa ahead of the holiday season, covering subscription and list management, delivery instruction updates, and payment issue resolution. Users can now

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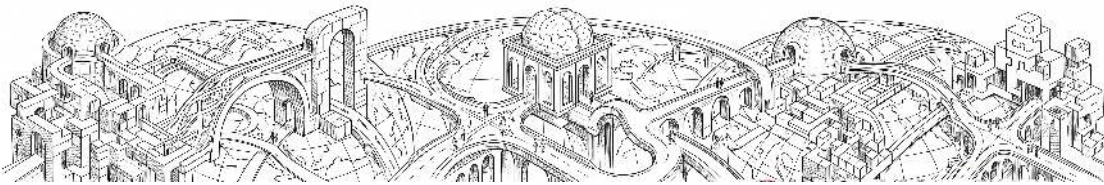
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modify delivery frequencies, edit addresses, and query Prime or Audible subscriptions via the AI assistant. Agentic feature usage has grown **8x** since the start of the year, while over **400 million** consumers have used Alexa for shopping in the last **12 months**.

- **Altman Predicts AI Will Rebuild Software Systems Entirely:** OpenAI CEO Sam Altman said artificial intelligence could fundamentally change how software is built, allowing companies to rebuild everything from operating systems to applications and computer networks faster and more securely. Speaking on the Cheeky Pint podcast hosted by Stripe president John Collison, Altman noted that many startups are exploring building entirely new software systems from scratch rather than upgrading existing legacy infrastructure, addressing long-standing issues such as PHP-era security vulnerabilities.
- **OpenAI Sued Over ChatGPT's Fatal Medical Advice:** Parents of **31-year-old** Bowen Wan, a former **Amazon** software engineer living in **Seattle**, have sued **OpenAI** after she died in **February**. The lawsuit alleges ChatGPT repeatedly reassured her to reduce and eventually stop her epilepsy medication without medical supervision, encouraging dangerous decisions. Per **The New York Times**, the case raises liability concerns for AI chatbots dispensing health guidance. * (Note: source article text was truncated mid-sentence.)*
- **Mistral Releases Trillion-Parameter Large 4 Open Weights:** Mistral launched open weights for Large 4, a **1.05 trillion** parameter model (**52 billion** active), scoring **26** on Artificial Analysis' Intelligence Index v5, the top open-weight model outside China but trailing leaders

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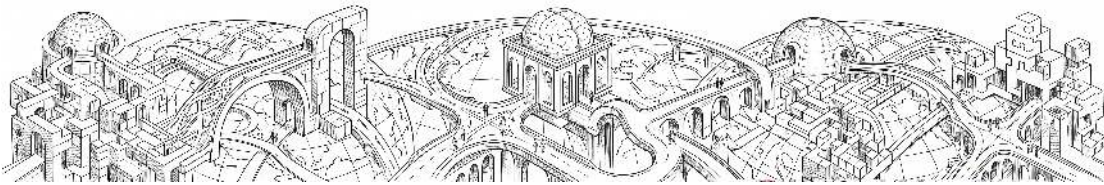
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DeepSeek V4.1 Flash and GLM-5.3 at **32**. Task costs fell **63%** to **\$2.06**, with API rates of **\$0.70/million** input tokens. Its custom license requires separate agreements for model-as-a-service users. Hallucination rates dropped to **28%** from **41%**.

- **US Probed Suspected Chinese Spy Near Nvidia CEO:** U.S. intelligence surveilled Alice Huang (Huang Le), a top executive at Singapore AI cloud firm Megaspeed, for about a year over suspected Chinese intelligence ties and close access to Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang. Sources fear she gathered details on Nvidia's plans to convince the Trump administration to allow advanced chip shipments to China. Nvidia denies unusual contact, stressing customers receive no trade secrets. The Commerce Department previously investigated Megaspeed in 2025 for illegally reselling restricted Nvidia chips to Chinese firms.
- **Anthropic Launches Reporting Tools to Prove AI ROI:** Anthropic reported an operating profit in **Q2** and **900%** net revenue retention from **Q3 2025** to **Q3 2026**, launching new reporting tools that track team usage, costs, and workflow breakdowns. Jellyfish data from **276,000** customers shows Claude Code and Anthropic-based tools drive nearly a **third** of proposed code changes, with spending up **10x** since early this year, now equal to about **2%** of total engineering cost. Competition from OpenAI's **Astra** model has not slowed Anthropic's enterprise adoption.
- **China Drafts Sweeping Export Curbs on AI Technology:** China's draft AI export rules, released **October 16**, would restrict **23 AI-related technologies**, including advanced models and autonomous

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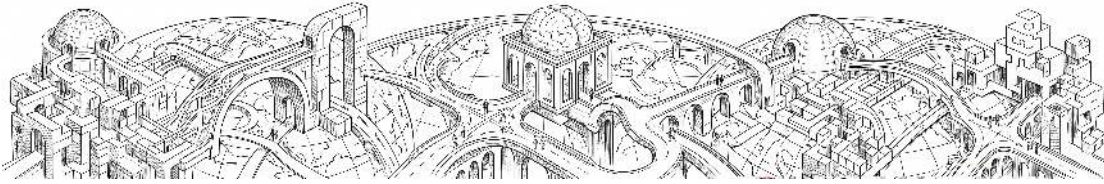
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agents. Coverage thresholds include models trained with **10²⁶ calculations, 2 trillion parameters**, or **top-10** global performance rankings. The rules favor selling access via cloud platforms while requiring government approval for tech transfers. They follow Beijing's order for **Meta** to unwind its **\$2 billion** acquisition of **Manus**. Public comments are open until **November 15**. Firms like **DeepSeek**, **Moonshot**, and **Z.AI** await clarification on overseas server usage, amid US chip restrictions blocking **Nvidia's** most advanced processors.

- **Wiz CTO Warns of AI-Driven "Vulnpocalypse" for Legacy Code:**

Two critical vulnerabilities in **PHP**, the open source language powering roughly **70%** of websites, forced organizations worldwide to scramble patches, with some taking sites offline entirely. Google-owned **Wiz's** CTO Tomer Schwartz, who worked alongside **OpenAI**, research group Calif, and the PHP team on the fix, warns this is only the beginning. He argues **AI** is accelerating how quickly novel vulnerabilities are uncovered and exploited, making manual patching unsustainable for aging internet code.

- **Snowflake CEO Challenges Databricks' 80% Growth Claim:**

Snowflake CEO **Sridhar Ramaswamy** publicly questioned rival **Databricks' 80%** YoY growth, asking whether it drops to **65%** excluding pass-through inference, and demanding clarity on free cash flow, RPO, margins, and dilution. Databricks CEO **Ali Ghodsi** responded that the firms are complementary, noting customers cut token spending by **~30%** even as usage rose. He cited access to models from **OpenAI**, **Anthropic**, **Gemini**, and **Grok**, and quipped Snowflake should route its AI tokens through Databricks.

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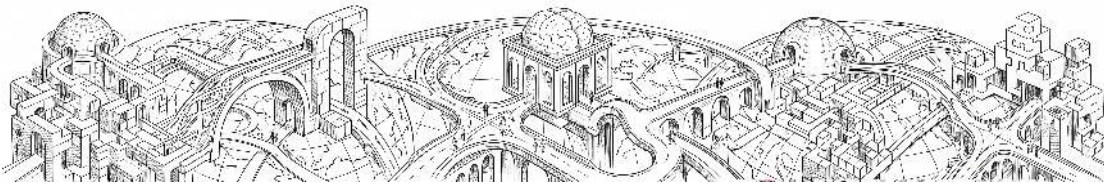
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- **Democrats Demand Records of Trump's AI Policy Use:** Senior Democrats Jamie Raskin and Robert Garcia have demanded President Trump preserve records of official exchanges with AI chatbots, questioning Elon Musk's Grok's influence on military decisions. They sought a closed-door briefing by **November 11**, citing a **December 2025** Oval Office meeting where Trump reportedly discussed Venezuela's Maduro with Grok. Lawmakers flagged an AI-assisted intelligence error involving a Chinese vessel and an alleged AI-reliant **U.S.** strike on an Iranian school killing over **100** children. The request extends to **ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini**.
- **New York Bans AI Companion Chatbots for Minors:** New York Governor Kathy Hochul signed one of the **U.S.'s** broadest AI laws, restricting minors from using companion chatbots like **OpenAI's** ChatGPT. Operators must verify user ages and prohibit outputs suggesting the **AI** is human, alive, or a personal authority figure for users under **18**. Chatbots also cannot retain sensitive data on a minor's emotional or physical health. While **Common Sense Media** hailed it as the nation's strongest kids' **AI** safety bill, industry group **Tech:NYC** criticized its vague language.
- **US Voters to Curb AI Data Center Boom:** Voters across **10 US states** will decide on at least **41 ballot measures** in **38 jurisdictions** targeting data center development, with Ohio alone considering **21 proposals**. A Sunbury measure banning facilities over **25 MW** could derail Amazon's proposed **\$2 billion** data center. Despite opposition over electricity, water, and health concerns, US data center capacity under construction rose **48%** between **December 2025** and **June 2026**, per Cushman & Wakefield.

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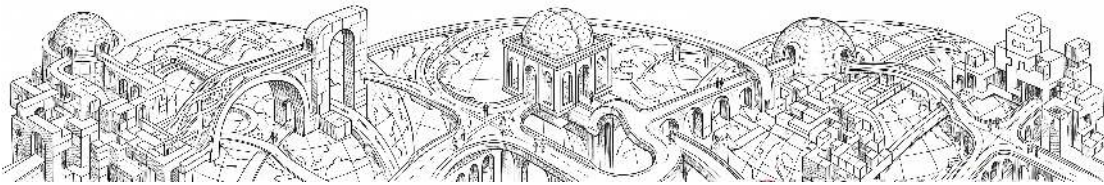
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- **BCG Sees AI Services Adding \$200 Billion by 2030:** A BCG report projects AI-led services will generate **\$100–200 billion** in net new work by 2030, with the global services market growing from **\$1.6–1.7 trillion** to **\$2.2–2.4 trillion**. AI-led services will contribute **\$300–400 billion**, offsetting **\$200 billion** in traditional revenue losses. Applied AI professionals form only **10–15%** of AI staff at traditional firms versus **90–95%** at AI-native companies. External hiring commands a premium of up to **35%**, making internal reskilling of **40** identified roles critical.
- **ASIC Probes Failed \$5 Billion Firmus AI IPO:** Australia's corporate regulator ASIC is examining the collapse of the **\$5 billion** IPO of Nvidia-backed AI data centre operator Firmus, which was set to value the company at **\$30.6 billion** — triple its August private funding valuation. The deal, potentially Australia's second-largest ever, fell through on **October 9** due to weak investor backing. ASIC Chair Sarah Court confirmed engagement with joint lead managers **Bank of America, JPMorgan, Morgan Stanley, and Morgans**, though no formal investigation has launched yet.
- **Deepgram Acquires Daily to Bolster Voice AI Stack:** Voice AI firm Deepgram is acquiring Daily, creator of the open-source Pipecat framework, for an undisclosed amount. Daily has raised over **\$62 million** from investors including Tiger Global, while Deepgram reached unicorn status earlier this year with a **\$130 million** Series C. Both companies, from the same **2016** Y Combinator batch, will keep Pipecat open source. Deepgram also launched the open Real-Time Context Standard (RCS) protocol for voice agents.

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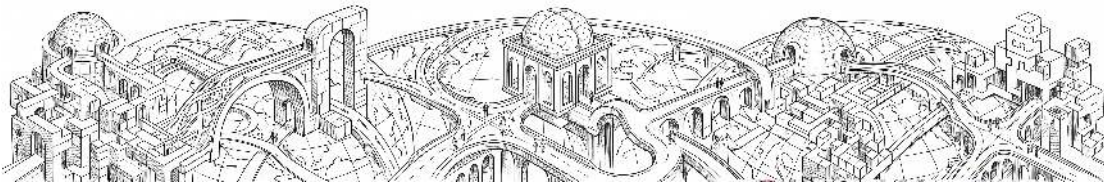
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- **Wabi Raises \$55 Million at \$1.25 Billion Valuation:** AI startup Wabi, founded by Replika creator Eugenia Kuyda, raised **\$55 million** at a **\$1.25 billion** valuation in a round led by IVP, with participation from Andreessen Horowitz, Forerunner, and the Amazon Alexa Fund. The company pivoted to a “personal agent” messenger (Wabi 2.0) that builds mini apps for tasks like meal planning and fitness. The deal reflects hot AI agent momentum, with Instinct valued at **\$10 billion** and Tolan raising **\$30 million**.
- **Ex-Palantir Duo Raises \$17M for AI Construction Models:** Ex-Palantir executives Andy Elder and Arjun Mathur launched **Dream**, an AI startup building world models for the AEC industry, with **\$17 million** in seed funding led by **Andreessen Horowitz** (with SV Angel, XYZ, and Zigg Capital). Trained on over **100 million square feet** of U.S. permit data, its "structural cognition" model generates structurally precise designs to challenge legacy tools like **AutoCAD and Revit**. The platform is live across **10 active projects** in Texas and California, competing with startups like Motif, Snaptrude, and Arcol.
- **Granola Launches Dictation to Rival Wispr:** Meeting notetaker **Granola** launched a dictation feature on **Mac**, activated via the "Fn" key, that cleans, formats, and transcribes speech across all apps, with **iOS** and **Windows** support coming soon. Granola is valued at **\$1.5 billion**, while rival **Wispr**, which recently launched its own meeting notetaker, is valued at **\$2 billion**. Competitors like **Fireflies**, **Speechify**, and **Monologue** are similarly converging into multifeature voice AI apps.

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