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Today's practical signal is agent memory as a compact, reviewable knowledge layer that reduces rediscovery and token spend. Also: a release-testing prompt worth copying, concrete autonomy guardrails, and the latest Cursor, Claude Code, Pi, Open Wiki, and Loopany updates.

TOP SIGNAL

Codebase memory is becoming agent infrastructure, not documentation. LangChain's Open Wiki and DOSU both frame persistent knowledge as a compact, agent-optimized index: capture what agents learn, inject it into later sessions, and keep it current instead of making every task rediscover the repository. The practical success metric is not a saturated benchmark—it is reaching the same answer with fewer tool calls and tokens; DOSU reports cache-hit tasks can cost about half as much and yield more consistent outputs. [1]

TRY THIS

- **Turn a release candidate into an agent test plan.** Simon Willison's prompt for `sqlite-utils` 4.0 was:

  > `review the changes on main since the last tagged 3.x release - I am about to ship them as sqlite-utils 4.0, a stable version that promises no backwards-incompatible fixes for a very long time.`
  >
  > `review the changelog and upgrade guide, and write yourself scratch scripts to try out all of the new features in v4 - save those scripts but don't commit them` [2]

  Reuse this at your release boundary: ask for disposable repro scripts, run them, then make the agent return blockers separately from lower-priority

issues. In Willison's run, Fable produced 12 scripts, found four release blockers and 10 additional issues, and generated a combined repro script. [2]

- **Build a small, reviewable repository memory—not a giant wiki.** In Open Wiki's code mode, keep the knowledge in Markdown inside the codebase and route updates through PR review. Seed it with a narrowly scoped "wiki brief," then retain only facts that are frequently accessed or expensive for an agent to recompute; the agent-first framing is terse, referential, and token-efficient. [1]
- **Set subagent effort deliberately.** Tibo's operating default is **GPT-5.6 Sol Medium** for daily work, escalating to **Extra High** only for genuinely hard problems; Ultra is for best-possible output when usage burn is acceptable. He observes a 5–10× token-spend gap between Medium and Ultra depending on task difficulty. [3, 4] In Codex specifically, avoid assuming Ultra applies only to the parent: its `spawn_agent` tool currently cannot set model or reasoning effort, so spawned Sol subagents inherit Ultra too. [5]
- **Keep autonomy behind a review boundary.** One practitioner argues that approval-heavy subagents lose much of their value, while another recommends **auto review** rather than yolo mode. Start with the latter for side-effecting work: the caution is concrete—one user reported GPT-5.6-Sol deleted almost all files on a Mac, and Theo described Sol as overly willing to do whatever completes the task. [6, 7, 8, 9]

WHAT SHIPPED

- **Open Wiki v0.1:** LangChain released a CLI memory agent with a general-purpose memory module. Setup uses `open wikipersonal init`, provider/model configuration, and a "wiki brief" that tells the memory agent what to retain and how to structure it; it can update on a daily cron and ingest Notion, Gmail, and Slack. [1]
- **Loopany:** a new open-source loop-management workspace for teams' local agents. It scaffolds loop contracts, state, and logs; supports programmable triggers, self-improving cycles, and built-in templates. Repo: superdesigndev/loopany-platform. [10]
- **Cursor:** shipped **side chats**—durable agent threads you can `@`-mention back into the main conversation—plus local search across thousands of past agent transcripts, stronger project/repo pickers, and cloud-agent hooks. [11, 12, 13, 14]
- **Claude Code desktop:** now has a sandboxed in-app browser. Claude can open docs, designs, production apps, and other sites, then read, click, and interact similarly to its local-dev-server workflow; users choose whether sessions persist. [15, 16]

- **Pi coding agent:** the next release adds dynamic tool loading without cache wipes on supported providers, with an effort toward consistent OpenAI/Anthropic behavior. Adding tools can preserve caches; removing tools still wipes them—turn on cache-miss warnings to observe this. Docs: dynamic tool loading. [17, 18]
- **GPT-5.6 API agent primitives:** Programmatic Tool Calling lets models compose and run JavaScript to orchestrate tools; the API also adds parallel subagents, explicit prompt-cache breakpoints, and `detail: original` for unresized image inputs. [2]

GO DEEPER

- **4:43–6:19 — DOSU's agent-memory loop.** Watch the concrete MCP flow: an agent learns repository context while doing a task, writes it to persistent knowledge, then a librarian agent produces a concise topic page that later sessions receive automatically.

LLM Wikis and how to give your agents memory (4:42)

- **2:06–3:31 — Open Wiki setup.** A quick walkthrough of the memory CLI, the "wiki brief" prompt, scheduled updates, and connected sources. Useful if you want a lightweight personal or project-memory experiment to-

day. 

LLM Wikis and how to give your agents memory (2:05)

- **Case study to read — Bun's Zig-to-Rust port.** An agent harness used Bun's TypeScript conformance suite—one million assertions—to automate much of the port; humans monitored workflows, fixed the process when failures appeared, and used adversarial review before merging. The process ran for 11 days and the Rust version reached Claude Code with 10% faster Linux startup. [2]
- **Repo to study — Loopany.** Study it for the operational primitives behind persistent agent work: explicit contracts, state, logs, triggers, and reusable loop templates. [10]

Editorial take: the durable edge is shifting from "which model wrote this?" to "what context did the agent retain, how was work orchestrated, and where did verification happen?"

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