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The strongest signal today is convergence: the best coding-agent systems keep rediscovering the same primitives—filesystem-backed memory, parallel subagents, compaction, permissions, and artifact-based review. Also inside: concrete workflows from Redis, DeepAgents, Antigravity, and AI-native OSS maintenance at scale.

TOP SIGNAL

The Claude Code leak mattered because it turned a black-box harness into a public design manual. Across Matthew Berman's teardown and Theo's local build, the same primitives keep showing up: `.claude.md` injected every turn, parallel subagents sharing prompt cache, aggressive compaction, preconfigured permissions, hooks, and resumable sessions [1].

More interesting: LangChain's DeepAgents and Google DeepMind's Antigravity are independently converging on the same architecture—files as the core primitive, context-isolated subagents, artifact-based monitoring, and UI surfaces for parallel agent control rather than only a command line or conversation stream [2, 3].

That convergence is the real takeaway for builders [1, 2, 3].

TOOLS & MODELS

- **Claude Code, now inspectable.** The leak exposed roughly **2,300 files** and nearly **half a million lines**; a Python port is already running locally, with Berman noting the harness still pairs best with the Claude family of models [1].

- **What the leak actually taught.** Claude Code uses `CLAUDE.md` as a per-turn instruction layer, **66 built-in tools** split into concurrent read-only vs serialized mutating ops, three subagent execution models, five compaction strategies, permission modes including `auto`, hooks, and resumable or forkable sessions [1].
- **DeepAgents + Arcade = open agent harness stack.** DeepAgents packages file tools, planning, context-isolated subagents, skills, pluggable file backends, and auto-compaction; Arcade layers delegated per-user auth, secrets, RBAC, enterprise SSO, an MCP gateway, and **8,000+ tools** on top [2]. Agent Builder exposes this as a no-code chat UI, and Harrison Chase says he now checks his email assistant instead of email directly [2].
- **Antigravity's product bet.** Kevin Hou and Varun Mohan describe Google DeepMind's Antigravity as an agent-first editor where full codebase migrations without human intervention are now within reach, `Agent Manager` orchestrates many agents in parallel, and users inspect artifacts/documents instead of staring at chat logs [3].
- **New releases worth a glance.** Claw beta **v2026.3.31-beta.1** ships reliability and security improvements plus a new task system for more reliable subagents and crons [4]. CodexBar beta **v0.20.0-beta.1** adds experimental multi-account support for Codex [5]. `claude.ai/code` now supports `/web-setup` to reuse local GitHub credentials on the web [6, 7].
- **Codex is widening its surface area.** OpenAI's new Codex Plugins put Alchemy inside Codex for one-prompt crypto dashboards and related onchain apps [8, 9]. Separately, Niels Rogge says coding agents crossed a threshold in Dec 2025 where they began succeeding at porting entire models, and his Codex writeup covers porting VidEoMT into Transformers plus best practices for async architecture work [10, 11].

WORKFLOWS & TRICKS

- **Claude Code operating recipe**
  1. Put architecture, standards, hotspots, and team taste in `.claude.md`; it is loaded on every turn [1].
  2. Configure permissions up front in `settings.json`; Berman recommends `auto` over bypass / dangerously-skip so the model handles routine safe actions but still stops on risky ones [1].
  3. Use `/compact` before the tool does it for you. Compaction is lossy, large tool outputs already spill to disk, and session memory extracts key state to files [1].
  4. Resume sessions instead of starting fresh, and split read-heavy work across subagents or worktrees that share prompt cache [1].
- **Design the harness around files, not chat**
  1. Give agents real file ops plus a persistent workspace; Harrison Chase and Sam Partee argue this is why coding agents are the foundation for general-purpose agents [2].
  2. Treat agent definitions as files like `agent.md`, skills, and `mcp.json`,

and keep large tool outputs in files instead of bloating context [2].
3. Prefer simple primitives like text and files over bespoke workflow tools when possible [3].
4. Default writes to human-in-the-loop; DeepAgents and Arcade both frame write actions, verifiers, and step-up auth as harness-layer responsibilities [2].

- **Make your codebase agent-legible**
  1. Add tests and invariants so the agent knows what must remain true after a change [3].
  2. Break work into atomic chunks or PR-sized tasks instead of 3,000-line asks [3].
  3. If the agent cannot debug or extend the code without hand-holding, treat that as a codebase warning sign, not just a model failure [3].
  4. Review agent-produced artifacts and documents, not just token streams [3].
- **High-assurance coding loop for serious systems**
  1. Start with a real spec; Salvatore Sanfilippo spent a month writing an MD spec before generating code for a new Redis data type [12].
  2. Generate and review in small sections, then refactor with alternating human and LLM passes [12].
  3. Expect strength on complex local functions, but watch for whole-system conceptual errors when the full codebase is not in context [12].
  4. Feed failures back into a trace loop: enrich traces with evals and human feedback, turn recurring failures into test cases, validate fixes, repeat. LangChain's guide is the cleanest short version of this pattern [13].
- **AI-native maintenance and security**
  1. Auto-patrol easy wins on a schedule; Yegge handles docs, small fixes, bot upgrades, and other easy PRs every 2 hours [14].
  2. For promising-but-broken PRs, prefer **fix-merge** over endless request-changes; his workflow includes merge, merge-fix, fix-merge, cherry-pick, split-merge, reimplement, retire, and reject [14].
  3. Keep a generalist review bot running on top of specialized scanners. Devin Review caught the axios npm attack for customers within about an hour / 45 minutes after publish, while Socket says it detected the same issue in ~6 minutes [15, 16, 17, 18].
- **Use agents for bounded search problems**
  1. Predrag Gruevski's Codex prompt was simple: get a JPEG from ~400KB to under 200KB without resizing or visible quality loss [19].
  2. Codex responded by setting up perceptual quality assessment, trying a few hundred flag combinations, and returning a **199KB** file that looked substantially identical [19, 20].
  3. Good template: if success can be scored, let the agent brute-force the search space [19].

PEOPLE TO WATCH

- **Harrison Chase + Sam Partee** — one of the best current architecture talks on turning coding-agent primitives into general-purpose agents, from builders actively shipping LangChain and Arcade into real enterprise environments [2].
- **Steve Yegge** — one of the few people publishing hard ops numbers for AI-native OSS maintenance: ~50 AI-generated PRs/day, median 15-hour resolution, ~88% merge rate, and 15–20 hours/week of maintainer effort [14].

  "help contributors get to the finish line" [14]

- **Salvatore Sanfilippo** — Redis creator, using LLMs on production Redis code with a much stricter process than vibe coding. His key caveat: frontier models beat most humans on code quality, but still lag super-experts and can miss system-level issues [12].
- **Niels Rogge** — a firsthand, production-level Codex account from a Transformers contributor porting VidEoMT into the library. Blog: huggingface.co/blog/nielsr/contributing-to-transformers-with-codex [10].
- **Kent C. Dodds** — useful counterweight to tool obsession. His point: AI makes spikes and experiments cheaper, so the scarcer skill is still user empathy and problem clarity [21, 22, 23, 24].

WATCH & LISTEN

- **9:20–11:30 — Claude Code compaction modes.** Best short breakdown of micro compaction, context collapse, session memory, and why to call `/compact` proactively before auto-compaction drops context you care about [1].

Claude Code was just leaked… (WOAH) (9:20)

- **6:28–7:36 — DeepAgents' file-system substrate.** Harrison Chase explains the pluggable file backend idea cleanly: agents think in files even when the actual storage is a DB or remote sandbox [2].

How to Make a Coding Agent a General Purpose Agent - Harrison Chase (6:28)

- **19:10–20:38 — A hardware founder uses Claude Code to build AWS telemetry.** Sam D'Amico's segment is worth the time because it is not an AI-tool demo guy; it is a practitioner using Sonnet + Claude Code + Cursor to ship infrastructure he had never built before [25].

The Stove Guy: Sam D'Amico Shows New AI Cooking Features on America's Most Powerful Stove at Impulse (19:10)

PROJECTS & REPOS

- Beads — **20k stars**, 5 months old. Yegge says it remains the durable substrate of the MEOW stack, with work decomposed into version-controlled, SQL-queryable orchestration steps via Dolt [14].
- Gas Town — **13k stars**, 3 months old. Community signal: **1,000+ contributors**, **4k+ PRs**, **2,300+ merged**, **15k commits**, and nearly **2,000 users** in the Gas Town Hall Discord [14].
- Gas City — went alpha last week, with general availability planned later in April. It is a ground-up rewrite and near-superset of Gas Town, with Gas Town itself becoming a declarative pack inside a broader orchestrator-builder [14].
- Claw v2026.3.31-beta.1 — small but relevant release if you track open coding-agent infrastructure: reliability and security improvements plus a new task system for subagents and crons [4].
- CodexBar v0.20.0-beta.1 — experimental multi-account support for Codex; small feature, real usefulness if you juggle multiple accounts or org contexts [5].

Editorial take: the durable edge right now is boring infrastructure around the model — files, tests, traces, permissions, review bots, and artifact UIs — not

another clever prompt [2, 3, 13, 15].

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