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Google dominated the cycle with a broad Gemini rollout across search, agents, video, and science tools. OpenAI responded with a new capacity-reservation product and a more interoperable approach to content provenance, while Anthropic signaled both talent concentration and tighter cybersecurity governance.

Google's I/O rollout was the day's main story

Gemini 3.5 Flash becomes Google's new default workhorse

Google introduced Gemini 3.5 as a new model family and started with **Gemini 3.5 Flash**, which it described as its strongest model yet for agents and coding [1, 2]. Across company posts, Google said Flash beats 3.1 Pro on coding and agentic benchmarks, runs **4x faster** than other frontier models, can reach **800 tokens/sec** and up to **12x faster** performance in Antigravity, and is now rolling out globally across the Gemini app, Search AI Mode, Antigravity, Google AI Studio, and the Gemini API [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]. Google also said Gemini app users have more than doubled in a year, passing **900 million** [9].

Why it matters: This was not a narrow lab release. Google is making Flash the default engine across major consumer and developer surfaces, with **Gemini 3.5 Pro** already queued for next month [10, 11, 4].

Search, Spark, and Antigravity show Google's agent strategy

Google said Search is getting its biggest upgrade in more than 25 years with a new AI-powered Search box, new background information agents, and the ability to build custom interactive experiences through Antigravity [10, 12]. It also introduced **Gemini Spark**, a 24/7 personal agent that runs on dedicated

Google Cloud virtual machines, can keep working with the laptop closed, integrates with Google tools and soon third-party tools through MCP, and is starting with trusted testers before a wider Ultra rollout [13, 14, 15]. For developers, Google is expanding Antigravity with a desktop app, CLI, SDK, and managed agents in AI Studio [16, 17, 18].

Why it matters: The shift here is structural. Google is pushing agents into search and personal productivity while giving developers access to the same harness layer through Antigravity and AI Studio [16, 17].

Gemini Omni pushes Google further into video generation

Google launched **Gemini Omni**, the first model in a new Omni family aimed at creating “anything from any input,” starting with video [19, 20]. The company said Omni can keep characters consistent across scenes, apply styles or motion from references or natural language, reimagine existing video, and reason about physical consequences inside a scene; **Gemini Omni Flash** is rolling out in the Gemini app, Flow, and YouTube Shorts, with API access coming in the next few weeks [21, 22, 23, 24, 25]. Flow is also getting batch editing and improved character consistency on top of Omni [26].

Why it matters: Google is no longer separating frontier model work from creator products. Omni is being distributed directly through consumer and creator surfaces rather than treated as a standalone research demo [27, 26].

Google packaged AI for science as a workflow, not just a model

Google DeepMind introduced **Gemini for Science** in Labs and highlighted **Co-Scientist**, a multi-agent system that searches literature, generates and ranks hypotheses, and can test thousands of hypotheses while reading tens of thousands of papers in days [28, 29, 30]. In the launch materials, researchers said the system has already produced publishable findings and novel hypotheses [30].

“With a simple prompt you can deploy 50 scientists in one day to go out and do all the research and come back to you.” [30]

Why it matters: AI-for-science is moving from a broad promise to productized workflows. At the same time, critics were still warning today that uncritical adoption of AI in science could narrow inquiry and weaken scientific judgment [31, 32].

Compute scarcity and provenance are becoming product features

OpenAI turns constrained compute into a contract

OpenAI launched **Guaranteed Capacity**, a new offering that lets customers secure long-term access to OpenAI compute for critical workloads [33]. The company said customers can get discounted tokens in exchange for **1-3 year**

commitments, that the program exists because the world remains compute-constrained, and that it will run until the current allocation sells out while OpenAI keeps expanding capacity [33, 34, 35].

Why it matters: Scarcity is no longer just an operational problem behind the scenes; OpenAI is now selling certainty around access as an enterprise product. In a separate interview, Sam Altman said demand for intelligence at a low enough price now looks “effectively uncapped” [36].

Provenance standards are starting to converge across labs

OpenAI said AI-generated images now include **SynthID** watermarks and can be checked with a public verification tool, alongside **C2PA Content Credentials** [37]. Google said **OpenAI, Kakao, and ElevenLabs** are adopting SynthID, and that C2PA verification plus SynthID detection are coming to the Gemini app, Search, and Chrome [38].

Why it matters: Cross-company alignment on provenance has been rare. Today’s announcements suggest content verification is starting to look more like shared infrastructure than a single-vendor feature [38, 39].

Anthropic sent both talent and governance signals

Karpathy joins Anthropic as Mythos stays tightly controlled

Andrej Karpathy said he has joined Anthropic to return to frontier LLM R&D, and Anthropic teammate Nick Joseph said he will help build a pretraining team focused on using Claude to accelerate pretraining research itself [40, 41]. Separately, Anthropic said its latest model, **Mythos**, showed major gains in finding software vulnerabilities and in cyber attack and defense tasks, leading the company to give it first to roughly **40** critical infrastructure and software firms so defenders can patch systems before wider release [42]. Anthropic also said it refused Pentagon requests to disable guardrails for fully autonomous weapons and domestic mass surveillance [42].

Why it matters: The combination of talent concentration, controlled cyber deployment, and explicit red lines on military and surveillance uses shows how frontier labs are becoming more strategically important—and more policy-laden at the same time [42, 43].

Also worth noting

- **Hugging Face’s Carbon DNA model** claims a **275x** speedup over the previous state of the art at this size, with the ability to process the full human genome on a single GPU in under two days [44].
- **Cohere acquired Reliant AI**, calling it a step toward sovereign enterprise AI in healthcare and biopharma [45, 46].

- **Commure raised \$70M at a \$7B valuation** and said its AI agents now automate documentation, coding, billing, denials, scheduling, and more across **500+** healthcare organizations [47].
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