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Voice-directed agents, FLUX 3's expansion from media into robotics, and the release of The Stack v3 lead today's AI brief. Also covered: health and cybersecurity products, new agent research, major infrastructure funding, and the UK's new AI Minister.

Top Stories

Why it matters: the day's major releases push AI further into continuous, multi-step work across desktop software, media, robotics, and model training.

- **ChatGPT Voice reached the desktop.** OpenAI is rolling it out globally on macOS and Windows for Plus, Pro, Business, Edu, and Enterprise users. GPT-Live lets the app speak, listen, and coordinate work simultaneously; users can voice-control their computer and direct multiple agents in ChatGPT Work or Codex. [1] This shifts voice from conversational input toward an interface for supervising ongoing agent work.
- **Black Forest Labs introduced FLUX 3, a unified image, video, audio, and action-prediction model.** FLUX 3 Video is in early access, while the jointly trained architecture can extend to robotics action prediction. [2] Mimic Robotics says its FLUX-mimic system—built on FLUX 3 and trained on robot and wearable data—runs on one on-premises GPU and is being tested with manufacturers including Audi for multi-step manipulation. [3]
- **The Stack v3 materially expands open training data for code models.** The release contains 114 TB of raw data from 224 million repositories and roughly 5 trillion deduplicated, filtered code tokens across hun-

dreds of languages; its inline source contents and fresh GitHub re-crawl make it directly usable for training. [4]

Research & Innovation

Why it matters: attention is shifting from a model’s raw output toward the memory, orchestration, and evaluation systems surrounding it.

- **PRO-LONG treats an agent’s full history as a searchable database rather than a compressed context window.** The authors report an 18-point average improvement over base coding agents on ARC-AGI-3, with up to 76.1% pass@1 while using 4.2–5.8× fewer tokens. [5]
- **Frontier-Bench launches as a benchmark designed to evolve with agent capability.** Its first version covers 74 tasks spanning areas beyond coding—including finance, music, biology, and hardware design—and the best agents score about 34%. [6, 7]
- **Harness Handbook maps runtime behavior back to source code for self-improving coding agents.** Across 60 modification requests, its workflow raised planning win rates from 28.3% to 38.3% on Codex and from 26.7% to 45.6% on Terminus-2, while reducing planner token use. [8]

Products & Launches

Why it matters: deployments are broadening from general assistance into health data, security workflows, and reproducible agent workspaces.

- **Health in ChatGPT is beginning to roll out to U.S. users.** With permission, users can connect Apple Health and supported medical records to track changes and discuss information in context; OpenAI says connected health data will not be used to train foundation models or target ads. [9, 10]
- **Google DeepMind unveiled Gemini 3.5 Flash Cyber,** a lightweight security model intended to help teams find and patch vulnerabilities. Google says it found complex vulnerabilities missed by standard models in Chrome and Android testing; access begins with a limited pilot for governments and trusted partners. [11, 12, 13]
- **Notion as code enters beta.** Teams can define teamspaces, databases, and custom agents in TypeScript, deploy them through an API, and version-control the workspace configuration in Git. [14]

Industry Moves

Why it matters: AI’s competitive edge increasingly depends on inference hardware, compute access, and persistent-agent distribution.

- **Etched raised a \$300 million Series C at a \$10.3 billion valuation.** The company says the round will accelerate inference-cluster production; it has opened an 80,000-square-foot, 10-MW facility for production and prototyping. [15]
- **Cognition acquired The Interaction Company, maker of text-message agent Poke.** Cognition says Poke will be developed alongside Devin, with both teams focused on always-on cloud agents. [16]
- **Stripe is reportedly in talks to acquire OpenRouter for close to \$10 billion.** The report also says OpenRouter previously held early acquisition discussions with Databricks; neither company’s confirmation appears in the supplied material. [17]

Policy & Regulation

Why it matters: governments are formalizing AI leadership roles that span industrial strategy, security, and adoption.

- **The UK appointed Kanishka Narayan as AI Minister in Cabinet.** Narayan identified AI manufacturing and physical-AI jobs, AI cyber and national security, and worker-centered adoption across the country as early priorities. [18]

Quick Takes

Why it matters: model quality, voice systems, and open-model access continue to advance across the stack.

- Sakana released **Fugu-Ultra v1.1**, reporting gains of up to 7.9 points over v1.0 at the same price. [19]
- Alibaba released **Qwen-Audio-3.0-TTS** in real-time Flash and high-quality Plus variants, with 16-language support and fine-grained speech controls. [20]
- Microsoft previewed **MAI-Image-2.5-Pro** in Foundry for high-fidelity image generation, detailed editing, and in-image text rendering. [21]
- Fields Medal winner **Jacob Tsimmerman** announced he is joining OpenAI to work on AI safety. [22, 23]

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