

AI Needs Radar

Weekly insights from global tech communities

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discussions analyzed

42

needs gaps surfaced

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categories covered

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big-company opportunities

// TOP 10

Top 10 Needs by Heat

The hottest needs across all categories this period.

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AI Tools

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AI Lifestyle

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#08 Learn a language, still can't read

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AI Education

UP • You know every word, but string them into a sentence and you

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6/10

AI Tools

UP • Spend ten minutes building a small tool with AI, but sharing

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AI Tools

UP • Ask AI to make a poster, an image, or copy, and it all comes

// AI TOOLS

AI Tools

6 needs • sorted by heat

1. AI code I can't trust • Heat 9/10

Wrote hundreds of lines with AI, reviewing is harder than writing it myself

- PAIN** Every AI-generated change needs manual testing; fix one bug, three more appear, CI is a mess
- EXISTING** Claude Code and Codex only generate, never verify; AGENTS.md rules even conflict with each other
- OPPORTUNITY** Just auto-run verification after generation and explain every change, that's enough
- COMPETITORS** Claude Code and Codex write but don't verify; HarnessTax shows huge result variance across harnesses

For: Small Team • Difficulty 4/5 • UP

2. AI assistants can't share context • Heat 7/10

Claude, Codex, Gemini each in their own window, context and history completely siloed

- PAIN** Switching agents means re-pasting background; dozens of turns wasted, tool call results all lost
- EXISTING** Skillsync migrates sessions, but markdown context is heavy and exports are manual
- OPPORTUNITY** Just seamlessly continue one session across multiple agents, that's enough
- COMPETITORS** Skillsync only moves transcripts, doesn't handle tool call results or context compression

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

3. Local tool built, can't install elsewhere • Heat 6/10

AI writes a small tool in ten minutes, but sharing it with a colleague stalls at install

- PAIN** Single-file app stores data in local SQLite; switching devices loses it, syncing needs your own server
- EXISTING** Capsule makes single-file web apps, but no multi-device sync and data is locked to the app
- OPPORTUNITY** Just send one file to a colleague, double-click to run and sync data, that's enough
- COMPETITORS** Capsule lacks p2p sync and app/data separation; Electron packaging is too heavy

For: Solo • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

4. AI output looks fake and rigid • Heat 6/10

Ask AI for posters, images, or copy and it's all formulaic, impossible to edit

PAIN AI only gives the most clichéd answers, cherry blossoms with a Japanese flag, changing its angle is impossible

EXISTING ChatGPT and Claude generate images, but break down with detail; style is pure luck

OPPORTUNITY Just give a few reference images and it learns my style, that's enough

COMPETITORS ChatGPT image gen and Midjourney rely on prompt luck, no style memory

For: Small Team • Difficulty 4/5 • UP

5. Personal search can't find anything • Heat 5/10

What I've seen is scattered across browser history, bookmarks, and local files

PAIN Remember reading an article about X, searched Chrome history and bookmarks, tried a dozen keywords

EXISTING Hister builds local indexes, Searx does metasearch, but both need setup most people can't handle

OPPORTUNITY Just auto-index everything I've seen and answer one query, that's enough

COMPETITORS Hister needs manual crawl config; Searx is only metasearch, no personal index

For: Solo • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

6. AI tools scattered config folders • Heat 4/10

Every AI tool has its own config directory, moving computers means manual migration

PAIN ~/.claude, ~/.codex, ~/.zcode each store a copy; unified management means writing scripts

EXISTING No unified solution, only manual symlinks or hand-written dotfiles

OPPORTUNITY Just one directory for all AI tool configs, one-click restore on a new machine, that's enough

COMPETITORS chezmoi and dotbot manage dotfiles, but don't understand AI tools' special config formats

For: Solo • Difficulty 2/5 • NEW

// AI DEVELOPMENT

AI Development

8 needs • sorted by heat

1. AI coding tools upload my code • Heat 9/10

ZCode silently packages and uploads the whole workspace, including full .git history and core code

PAIN A 313MB encrypted file failed and retried 564 times, leaking core IP from commercial projects

EXISTING No tool monitors AI coding client network behavior; only reverse engineering reveals it

OPPORTUNITY Just real-time monitoring and alerts on AI tool network requests would be enough

COMPETITORS Little Snitch blocks traffic but can't read AI uploads; firewall setup is too complex

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • NEW

2. Paid AI coding, secretly downgraded • Heat 8/10

Paying 20x the price but getting a cheap model, and they don't even change the model id

PAIN Self-hosted proxy showed gpt-6-astra routed to gpt-5.6-luna, with output quality falling off a cliff

EXISTING Only self-hosted proxies can verify; ordinary users never notice the downgrade

OPPORTUNITY Just verifying that the model I get is the one I paid for would be enough

COMPETITORS No third-party tool verifies model authenticity; users must build proxies and sniff packets

For: Solo • Difficulty 3/5 • NEW

3. AI coding assistant can't find my project • Heat 7/10

JetBrains AI Assistant scans the entire home directory and still misses current project files

PAIN Each ACP plugin is hundreds of MB to over a GB, keeps all versions, won't uninstall, and needs full paths

EXISTING JetBrains AI Assistant integration is poor; third-party APIs only work inside chat

OPPORTUNITY Just having the AI assistant accurately know the current project structure and file locations would be enough

COMPETITORS JetBrains AI Assistant is bloated, leaves residue on uninstall, and has weak project awareness

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

4. GitHub trending is all AI junk • Heat 6/10

Looking for real open-source projects, but the top is all agent and skill packaging

- PAIN** My weekend trending habit is ruined; AI projects farm stars and push real projects down
- EXISTING** Can only browse by language, but AI projects still dominate, making manual filtering costly
- OPPORTUNITY** Just filtering out star-farmed AI projects to show real growth would be enough
- COMPETITORS** GitHub trending has no anti-manipulation mechanism; star counts have lost their reference value

For: Solo • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

5. AI coding rule files don't interoperate • Heat 6/10

Claude reads CLAUDE.md, others read AGENTS.md, and the rules conflict with each other

- PAIN** Maintaining two rule files in one repo, while agents pick wrong tools and violate project conventions
- EXISTING** Claude Code now supports AGENTS.md, but format and priority lack a unified standard
- OPPORTUNITY** Just one rule file that every agent recognizes would be enough
- COMPETITORS** Claude Code and Codex each go their own way; AGENTS.md is a de facto standard with no enforcement

For: Small Team • Difficulty 2/5 • UP

6. AI-written code ruins commit history • Heat 5/10

Project commits get squashed into one, or are all AI-generated slop, impossible to trace

- PAIN** Reviewing a PR, the commit history is squashed into one, so you can't see what changed
- EXISTING** No tool distinguishes AI-generated commits from human edits
- OPPORTUNITY** Just marking which parts of each commit were AI-written would be enough
- COMPETITORS** Git blame only shows who changed it, not whether AI generated it

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

7. Is a cheap model enough for AI code review • Heat 5/10

GPT-5.6 and GPT-6 differ 10x in price; which one should code review actually use

PAIN Unclear if cheap models miss critical bugs in code review, while expensive ones burn money

EXISTING Only blind self-testing; no public data comparing code review quality

OPPORTUNITY Just telling me which price tier of model to use for this task would be enough

COMPETITORS No tool recommends models by task type; users rely on trial and error

For: Solo • Difficulty 2/5 • UP

8. AI coding sessions don't sync across WeChat and VS Code • Heat 4/10

Chatting with an agent via WeChat on mobile, then can't continue in VS Code on desktop

PAIN An agent session half-finished in WeChat must restart when switching to VS Code

EXISTING WeChat ACP connects to agents, but two-way real-time sync is new and unstable

OPPORTUNITY Just real-time syncing of agent sessions between phone and desktop would be enough

COMPETITORS WeChat ACP just released its AHP extension; two-way sync is still early

For: Solo • Difficulty 3/5 • NEW

// AI HARDWARE

AI Hardware

6 needs • sorted by heat

1. Voice assistants feel like servitude • Heat 7/10

You must stop what you're doing, wait for a response, phrase it correctly, then wait again—no sense of control

PAIN Every voice command interrupts your current action; one wrong word means starting over, slower than manual input

EXISTING Siri and Alexa follow this pattern; Amber Case says the problem is far harder than it seems

OPPORTUNITY Just make it work without wake words, without waiting for a response, executing as soon as you finish speaking

COMPETITORS Siri and Alexa both require wake words and rigid syntax, with poor contextual understanding

For: Enterprise • Difficulty 5/5 • UP

2. Phone reports location constantly on standby • Heat 6/10

Pixel 8 checks location every second in standby, completely without the user's knowledge

PAIN No maps or navigation open, yet the phone asks where you are every second, fully exposing privacy

EXISTING Only flashing third-party ROMs or using firewalls—ordinary users have no idea

OPPORTUNITY Just tell me which app is secretly reporting my location—that's enough

COMPETITORS pfSense can capture packets but ordinary people can't use it; built-in privacy panels miss system-level reporting

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

3. Mac right-click basics locked behind subscriptions • Heat 5/10

Creating files and copying paths—basic operations turned into subscription software

PAIN Creating a Markdown file or copying a path in Finder right-click requires a paid subscription

EXISTING Super Right-Click charges; FileMint is free but feature-poor

OPPORTUNITY Just make basic right-click features free, no subscription, no data upload—that's enough

COMPETITORS Super Right-Click went subscription; FileMint is new and incomplete

For: Solo • Difficulty 2/5 • UP

4. Magic Trackpad lacks Touch ID, forcing password entry • Heat 4/10

Using an HHKB with a Magic Trackpad means reaching for the keyboard fingerprint every unlock and payment

- PAIN** External keyboards and trackpads have no fingerprint sensor, so every verification means reaching back to the laptop
- EXISTING** No third-party trackpad integrates Touch ID; you must switch back to a Magic Keyboard
- OPPORTUNITY** Just make external trackpads support fingerprint unlock—that's enough
- COMPETITORS** Apple's Magic Keyboard has Touch ID, but the trackpad doesn't, and third parties can't either

For: Enterprise • Difficulty 4/5 • STABLE

5. iPhone battery replacement costs 5x domestic brands • Heat 4/10

Official replacement exceeds 1000 yuan while domestic options cost 200, leaving users feeling ripped off

- PAIN** Battery casings aren't made of gold; official prices rise yearly, pushing users to third parties
- EXISTING** Third-party batteries are cheap but lack warranty; official ones are expensive and feel not worth it
- OPPORTUNITY** Just offer transparent pricing, original quality, and third-party prices—that's enough
- COMPETITORS** Apple's official service is pricey and keeps rising; third-party repairs offer no guarantees

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

6. iPhone sideloading guides are a mess, nobody explains clearly • Heat 4/10

AltStore, SideStore, and LiveContainer are mixed together, leaving beginners completely lost

- PAIN** Wanting to install an open-source app, guides mix three methods, and after hours of trying it still won't install
- EXISTING** Online guides vary wildly in quality; AltStore PAL and LiveContainer are totally different yet explained together
- OPPORTUNITY** Just recommend the single best method for my needs and walk me through it step by step—that's enough
- COMPETITORS** Existing guides are all blog posts, with no interactive guidance tools

For: Solo • Difficulty 2/5 • UP

// AI CONTENT

AI Content

6 needs • sorted by heat

1. AI churns out 17,000 short dramas a day • Heat 6/10

Vertical short dramas in Asia are mass-produced by AI, recycling the same ten plots

PAIN Halfway through a drama, you realize it's the same plot as the last one, just different faces

EXISTING No tool helps creators break the formula; AI only serves up the most clichéd answers

OPPORTUNITY Just nail 'give me a plot structure nobody has used' and that's enough

COMPETITORS ChatGPT scripts only produce the most clichéd tropes, with no anti-formula ability

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

2. AI-generated posters look obviously AI • Heat 6/10

Details collapse as they pile up, style is pure luck, and nobody wants to look

PAIN Ask AI for a poster and you get formulaic compositions, with no clue how to fix them

EXISTING ChatGPT image gen and Midjourney rely on prompt luck, with no style memory

OPPORTUNITY Just nail 'give it a few reference images and it learns my style' and that's enough

COMPETITORS Midjourney and ChatGPT image gen have no style memory, so you re-describe every time

For: Small Team • Difficulty 4/5 • UP

3. YouTube's algorithm forces creators to make content they hate • Heat 5/10

Chasing click-through, creators are pushed to follow the algorithm, growing faker over time

PAIN You want to be authentic, but the algorithm starves you of reach, trapping you in a negative loop

EXISTING No tool helps creators balance the algorithm with authentic expression

OPPORTUNITY Just nail 'analyze my real algorithmic performance and suggest changes that stay true to me' and that's enough

COMPETITORS TubeBuddy and VidIQ only teach you to game the algorithm, with no care for content quality

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

4. One clip, many captions, 5 million views • Heat 5/10

The same video with different text hooks can be reposted endlessly, but nobody does it systematically

- PAIN** You know text hooks matter, but manually brainstorming dozens of versions each time is painfully slow
- EXISTING** No tool batch-generates text hooks and tracks which version performs best
- OPPORTUNITY** Just nail 'auto-generate 50 hooks from one clip and track performance' and that's enough
- COMPETITORS** No dedicated tool exists for batch text-hook generation and A/B tracking

For: Solo • Difficulty 2/5 • NEW

5. Readers spot AI-written articles instantly • Heat 5/10

Screens overflow with AI content, readers trust less, and deep reading keeps shrinking

- PAIN** Readers swipe away the moment they smell AI, so creators using it actually lose followers
- EXISTING** No tool lets creators use AI assistance while keeping their personal style
- OPPORTUNITY** Just nail 'AI helps me edit but it still reads like me' and that's enough
- COMPETITORS** Grammarly and Notion AI leave everything in standard AI voice, erasing personal style

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

6. Too much AI content drowns out the good stuff • Heat 5/10

Text, images, audio, and video are all synthetic, making human-made content harder to find

- PAIN** Eight of ten posts are AI-generated, so finding human writing is like finding a needle in a haystack
- EXISTING** AI detectors have high false-positive rates, and platforms don't label what's AI-generated
- OPPORTUNITY** Just nail 'flag what's human-made versus AI-generated' and that's enough
- COMPETITORS** GPTZero has high false-positive rates, and platforms lack mandatory labeling

For: Enterprise • Difficulty 4/5 • UP

// AI LIFESTYLE

AI Lifestyle

5 needs • sorted by heat

1. Food delivery prices shift on app switch • Heat 7/10

Ordering on Ele.me, switching to WeChat and back, the price jumps from 18 to 31 yuan

- PAIN** Every time you switch apps and return, the price changes, and you never know which is real
- EXISTING** No tool tracks delivery platform price swings; you can only screenshot and compare
- OPPORTUNITY** Just record every price I see and tell me when it's cheapest
- COMPETITORS** No delivery price comparison tools exist, so platforms price-discriminate unnoticed

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • NEW

2. Couples' shared tools sync manually • Heat 5/10

Want a small app with my wife for shopping lists and wine lists, but syncing data is a hassle

- PAIN** Using Tailscale to connect phones, but each tool needs separate deployment and data isn't shared
- EXISTING** Claude Artifacts can't be shared, and self-hosting is too much trouble
- OPPORTUNITY** Just auto-sync data across both spouses' phones for small tools
- COMPETITORS** Claude Artifacts doesn't share, Notion is too heavy, self-hosting has a high barrier

For: Solo • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

3. Class 0 SMS ads with no recourse • Heat 4/10

Receiving carrier Class 0 SMS ads that leave no record, with no one to complain to

- PAIN** Class 0 SMS isn't logged, no call comes in after the ad, and all you have is a screenshot
- EXISTING** Even carrier store staff haven't seen this service, and complaint channels are missing
- OPPORTUNITY** Just automatically log and report Class 0 SMS ads
- COMPETITORS** Built-in SMS blocking doesn't recognize Class 0 SMS, and carrier complaint channels are opaque

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • NEW

4. Relative owes money: sue or not • Heat 4/10

A peer relative is clearly dodging debt, but elders forbid suing, saying it ruins family ties

PAIN Want to sue but fear burning bridges; not suing leaves you bitter, agonizing to insomnia

EXISTING Online courts accept filings, but no one helps analyze pros, cons, and evidence

OPPORTUNITY Just input the situation and tell me my odds and alternatives

COMPETITORS Legal advice is expensive and slow; online courts only accept, they don't analyze

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • STABLE

5. iCloud subscription gives Arcade, HK lacks it • Heat 3/10

Want to switch regions to play Kingdom Rush, but don't know which region is worth it

PAIN Hong Kong lacks Arcade, and switching regions risks losing data and payment incompatibility

EXISTING You can only research each region's prices and content yourself, with scattered info

OPPORTUNITY Just tell me which region is most worthwhile and how to switch without losing data

COMPETITORS No tool compares regional subscription content and prices; it's all forum posts

For: Solo • Difficulty 2/5 • STABLE

// AI EDUCATION

AI Education

6 needs • sorted by heat

1. Learn a language, still can't read • Heat 7/10

You know the words, but sentences confuse you; reading a page means dozens of dictionary lookups

PAIN Vocabulary grows, but low-frequency words and collocations lag far behind, ruining the reading experience

EXISTING Two weekends of Duolingo only drills multiple choice; real reading still stalls

OPPORTUNITY Just tap a word in an ebook for its meaning, and remember the words I looked up

COMPETITORS Kindle's built-in dictionary only looks up words, no review; Duolingo doesn't practice real reading

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

2. AI tutors are more patient than humans • Heat 6/10

Relearning calculus, AI explains with infinite patience, but nobody built it into a learning tool

PAIN Want AI as a private tutor, but must re-explain context every time, with no progress tracking

EXISTING ChatGPT can explain problems, but doesn't track progress, generate questions, or review

OPPORTUNITY Just have AI remember where I am, what's weak, and what to review next

COMPETITORS Khan Academy is structured but not personalized; ChatGPT is personalized but doesn't track progress

For: Small Team • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

3. Want to learn from original books, but they're too thick • Heat 5/10

Kató Lomb's method needs buying, underlining, and annotating books, but thick books aren't portable

PAIN Want to fill books with annotations per the language method, but they're too thick to tear apart

EXISTING Ebooks allow annotation, but no tool connects annotations to a review system

OPPORTUNITY Just turn ebook annotations automatically into review flashcards

COMPETITORS Kindle annotation export is clunky; Anki needs manual cards; the two don't connect

For: Solo • Difficulty 3/5 • UP

4. In the AI era, is learning a language still worth it • Heat 4/10

AI translates everything, so is spending years learning a language really worth it

PAIN Want to learn a language but fear wasting time as AI translation improves and motivation fades

EXISTING No tool can tell you whether learning this language is actually useful for you

OPPORTUNITY Just tell me, based on my career and goals, whether to learn and what to learn

COMPETITORS No tool does language-learning ROI analysis; it's all personal judgment

For: Solo • Difficulty 2/5 • UP

5. AI copied my original concept and won't admit it • Heat 4/10

A term I coined on a language forum got absorbed by an LLM, which plays dumb about its source

PAIN My own concept gets freeloarded by AI, and when asked where it learned it, it fabricates sources

EXISTING No tool can track which models learned my original content

OPPORTUNITY Just detect whether my original content has been absorbed by AI training

COMPETITORS No tool tracks AI training of individuals' original content

For: Small Team • Difficulty 4/5 • NEW

6. Music theory textbooks still teach the old ways in the 21st century • Heat 3/10

Want to learn music theory, but textbooks are all classical scores, disconnected from modern music

PAIN Want to learn arranging, but textbooks start with staff notation, totally mismatched with actual music-making

EXISTING Existing textbooks are either too classical or too shallow, with no bridge to modern production

OPPORTUNITY Just work backward from modern music production to music theory knowledge

COMPETITORS Traditional textbooks are too academic, YouTube tutorials too fragmented, with no systematic bridge

For: Solo • Difficulty 3/5 • STABLE

// AI FRONTIER

AI Frontier

5 needs • sorted by heat

1. Legal AI stuck in common law • Heat 6/10

Ask AI a legal question and it cites only US and UK cases, useless for China

- PAIN** Ask AI about Chinese law and it cites American cases, completely unusable
- EXISTING** Harvey and other legal AI only cover common law, civil law is barely supported
- OPPORTUNITY** Just deliver accurate statutes and cases for my jurisdiction, that's enough
- COMPETITORS** Harvey Legal Agent serves BigLaw and common law only, civil law is a blank

For: Small Team • Difficulty 4/5 • UP

2. Quant systems hardcode signals, guess entries • Heat 5/10

Traditional quant tools hardcode indicators, black-box entries, one-way traps and chop losses

- PAIN** Using off-the-shelf quant tools, strategy is opaque, you lose without knowing why
- EXISTING** R20 open-source quant system, but separating cognition from physical risk control is rare
- OPPORTUNITY** Just deliver transparent strategy, independent risk control, auditable open source
- COMPETITORS** Traditional quant tools are black boxes, R20 just open-sourced v8.0, ecosystem still early

For: Small Team • Difficulty 4/5 • NEW

3. Farm machinery breaks, wait for dealer • Heat 4/10

John Deere tractors break and farmers can't fix them, official repair is slow and pricey

- PAIN** Machines break during harvest, waiting days for official repair, crops can't wait
- EXISTING** John Deere self-repair just opened, but restrictions are heavy and farmers reject it
- OPPORTUNITY** Just let farmers diagnose and fix common failures themselves, that's enough
- COMPETITORS** John Deere self-repair is restrictive, third-party repair lacks authorization

For: Enterprise • Difficulty 4/5 • UP

4. Aviation fuel optimization, open source lags • Heat 3/10

Airlines want fuel savings, commercial software is pricey, open source falls short

PAIN Jeppesen and peers are expensive, open source lacks precision, airlines just absorb costs

EXISTING Scikit-decide plus open fuel models, but positioning is vague and practically unusable

OPPORTUNITY Just match commercial software precision with an open-source approach, that's enough

COMPETITORS Jeppesen is expensive, open source lacks both precision and usability

For: Enterprise • Difficulty 5/5 • STABLE

5. Fully autonomous company, can agents run it • Heat 3/10

Pion claims to run a company autonomously, but are sourcing, pricing, sales reliable

PAIN Let an agent run the company, can it really judge market selection and pricing

EXISTING Pion does fully autonomous company operations, but complex decisions still need humans

OPPORTUNITY Just let agents handle daily operations and humans confirm key decisions

COMPETITORS Pion is fully autonomous but unreliable on complex decisions, no human-in-the-loop hybrid

For: Enterprise • Difficulty 5/5 • NEW

// BIG PICTURE

Big Company View (Enterprise)

Directions that need strategic synergy, scale and brand — beyond what solo or small teams can pursue.

1. Voice assistants feel like servitude • Heat 7/10 • AI Hardware

You must stop what you're doing, wait for a response, phrase it correctly, then wait again—no sense of control

STRATEGIC Voice is the next interaction gateway; whoever achieves invisible interaction wins the home scenario

INCUMBENTS Siri and Alexa are stuck on wake words and rigid syntax, unable to hold natural conversation

TIMING On-device small models have matured, making local real-time voice understanding finally feasible

2. Too much AI content drowns out the good stuff • Heat 5/10 • AI Content

Text, images, audio, and video are all synthetic, making human-made content harder to find

STRATEGIC Content authenticity underpins platform trust; whoever solves it first keeps users

INCUMBENTS YouTube and TikTok lack mandatory AI labeling, and detectors misjudge too often

TIMING Countries are legislating AI content labeling, and compliance demand is exploding

3. Magic Trackpad lacks Touch ID, forcing password entry • Heat 4/10 • AI Hardware

Using an HHKB with a Magic Trackpad means reaching for the keyboard fingerprint every unlock and payment

STRATEGIC A differentiating selling point for the peripheral ecosystem, boosting overall keyboard and trackpad sales

INCUMBENTS Even Apple's own Magic Trackpad lacks Touch ID; third parties can't get secure chip authorization

TIMING USB security keys and biometric modules are shrinking, making fingerprint integration in peripherals technically feasible

4. Farm machinery breaks, wait for dealer • Heat 4/10 • AI Frontier

John Deere tractors break and farmers can't fix them, official repair is slow and pricey

STRATEGIC Farm equipment aftermarket is a hundred-billion market, whoever solves repair rights locks in farmers

INCUMBENTS John Deere monopolizes repair, self-repair openness is low, farmers are furious

TIMING Right-to-repair legislation is advancing globally, open farm repair is a policy tailwind

5. Aviation fuel optimization, open source lags • Heat 3/10 • AI Frontier

Airlines want fuel savings, commercial software is pricey, open source falls short

STRATEGIC Fuel is 30% of airline operating cost, saving 1% is a multi-billion market

INCUMBENTS Jeppesen monopolizes fuel optimization, open source is imprecise and unmaintained

TIMING Open weather data and fuel models mature, the precision gap is narrowing

6. Fully autonomous company, can agents run it • Heat 3/10 • AI Frontier

Pion claims to run a company autonomously, but are sourcing, pricing, sales reliable

STRATEGIC Enterprise automation is a trillion-dollar market, whoever is reliable first wins

INCUMBENTS Pion is autonomous but decision quality is poor, traditional RPA only handles fixed flows

TIMING Agent frameworks are mature, but enterprise-grade reliability is unsolved

// RADAR

Opportunity Radar (Solo & Small Team)

A 2×2 grid of demand strength vs. competition density.

Build now

Strong demand, low competition

- AI code I can't trust
- AI assistants can't share context
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- AI coding rule files don't interoperate
- Couples' shared tools sync manually

Watch closely

Strong demand, high competition

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Wait & validate

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Skip for now

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// NEW & TRENDING

What's New This Period

First appearances

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// USER VOICES

Selected User Voices

Real user comments from global tech community discussions.

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"I pay 20x the price for a subscription, but what comes back is a cheap model, and they don't even bother changing the model ID—isn't that just fraud?"

— AI Development • Paid AI coding, secretly downgraded

"Claude, Codex, and Gemini each in their own window, with context and chat history completely disconnected—moving stuff back and forth is such a pain."

— AI Tools • AI assistants can't share context

"I ordered a rice bowl on Ele.me, switched out to reply on WeChat, switched back, and 18 yuan turned into 31 yuan—is this price alive or something?"

— AI Lifestyle • Food delivery prices shift on app switch

"I know every word, but once they're in a sentence I'm lost—reading one page takes dozens of dictionary lookups, and after memorizing thousands of words I still can't read it."

— AI Education • Learn a language, still can't read

"I spent ten minutes building a small tool with AI, but when I wanted to share it with a coworker I got stuck on installation and deployment, so in the end I could only send him a screenshot."

— AI Tools • Local tool built, can't install elsewhere

"Using a voice assistant feels like serving it—you have to stop what you're doing, wait for it to respond, phrase things correctly, then wait for the reply, with no sense of control the whole time."

— AI Hardware • Voice assistants feel like servitude

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