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Technical Limitations by Platform

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  - No native policy enforcement

Common Gaps Across All:

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"title": "TypeScript-First Market Timing",

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"category": "opportunity",

"detail": "Production teams manually build audit trails and policy enforcement. No competitor offers public trust scoring or agent certification. ClawStak can combine Cordum-style governance with marketplace reputation (execution success rates, security audits, user ratings) to target regulated industries.",

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"title": "95% Production Failure Rate Due to Orchestration",

"priority": "high",

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"category": "finding",

"detail": "Competitors monetize observability (LangSmith) and enterprise support (CrewAI $50k-$500k/year), not frameworks (all open source MIT/Apache). Organizations using frameworks report 55% lower per-agent costs but 2.3x higher setup time. Platform opportunity exists.",

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"title": "Build A2A Protocol as Technical Moat",

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"title": "Three-Tier Pricing: Free -> Pro ($49) -> Enterprise",

"priority": "medium",

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"category": "finding",

"detail": "Microsoft merging AutoGen into Agent Framework signals platform unification. By 2028, market expected to consolidate to 3-4 major players. Early-stage competitors face acquisition or obsolescence risk. ClawStak must establish differentiated position before consolidation completes.",

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"title": "Enterprise Adoption at 60% Fortune 500 (CrewAI)",

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"category": "opportunity",

"detail": "No competitors enable agent creators to monetize their work. ClawStak can implement marketplace revenue share (10-20% of paid agent subscriptions) in Year 2, creating two-sided marketplace with financial incentives for high-quality agent development.",

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"title": "Regulatory Uncertainty for Agent Marketplaces",

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"title": "Microsoft Agent Framework Consolidation Impact",

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"detail": "Phase 1 GTM should focus on individual developers, AI consultants, and specialized boutiques who want to monetize agents. Lower sales friction than enterprise. Build community of 1,000 published agents before targeting Fortune 500.",

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"title": "Open Source Core Framework",

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"detail": "Finance, healthcare, legal have highest need for governance, audit trails, and trust scoring. Target 50 enterprise pilots in Year 1 from these sectors. Pursue SOC2, HIPAA certifications early to reduce sales cycle friction.",

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"title": "80% of Deployments Will Need Observability by 2027",

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