Remember Vibe Coders? Yeah… They're Gone

Turns out, it was the first AI bubble to burst.

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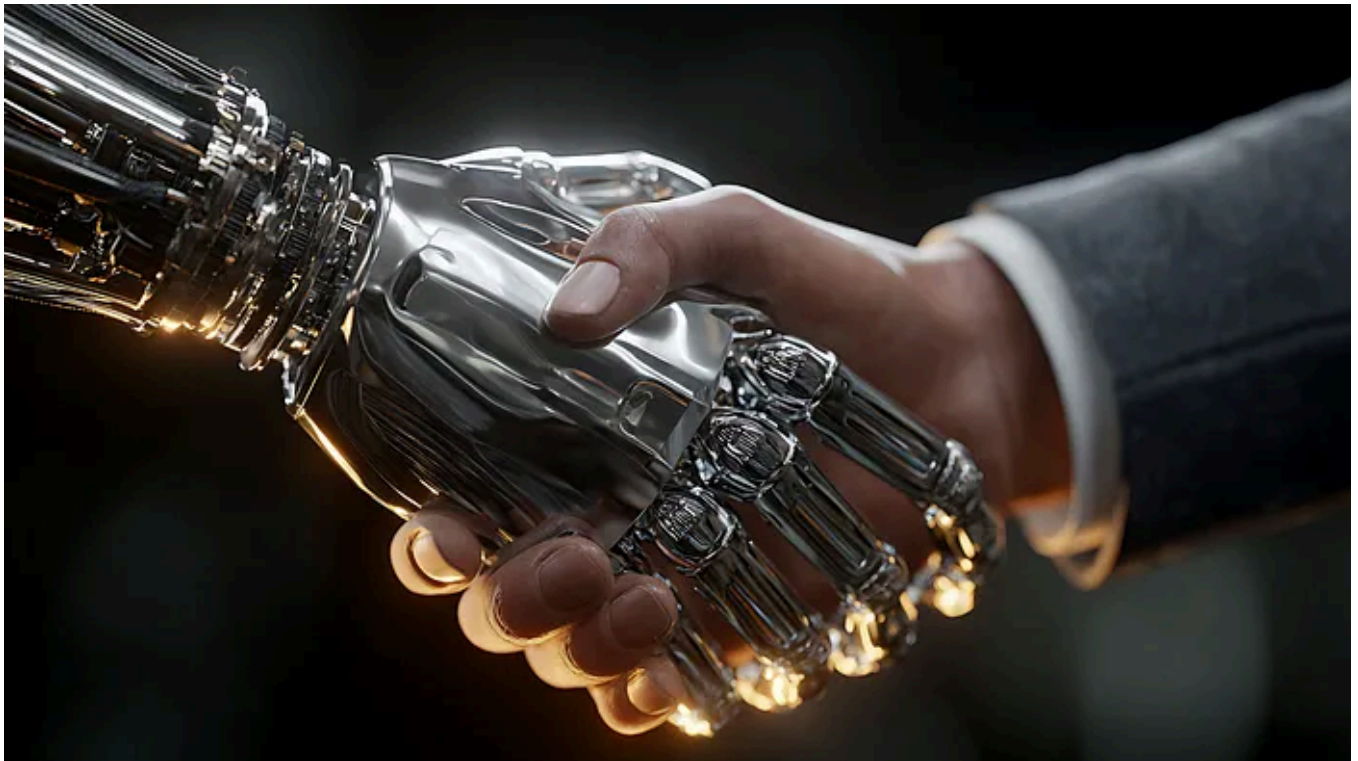
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Do you remember *March*?
The internet was buzzing like a caffeine overdose. Every tech influencer had the same headline:
"Coding is dead. AI just killed it."

And right at the center of that storm — stood **Vibe Coding.**

You didn't need syntax. You didn't need logic.
You just needed *vibes.*

Type a few prompts. Hit enter.

Boom — a full-stack app appeared before your latte cooled down.

Everyone was tweeting demos, posting YouTube tutorials, and preaching "prompt > program."

For a minute there, it really felt like developers were about to be... extinct.

The Morning After

But here we are — five months later.

The music's stopped.

The confetti's turned to dust.

And the so-called "vibe coders"?

They're gone.

The hype hit a wall called *reality*.

Because let's be honest — code generated by vibes doesn't age well.

What looked like magic in March started looking like spaghetti by May.

Functions broke. APIs failed.

And those "AI-built startups"? Most are quietly deleting their domains.

The truth?

That beautiful duct-tape code everyone bragged about... is starting to peel.

The Harsh Lesson AI Forgot to Teach

Vibe Coding promised something impossible — effortless creativity.

But creativity without clarity is chaos.

You can't vibe your way through debugging.

You can't prompt your way out of architecture.

And no matter how "intuitive" an AI tool gets, someone still has to understand what's happening under the hood.

That's the real punchline.

AI didn't replace developers.

It reminded the world why they matter.

The New Vibe: Reality

Today, the conversation has shifted.

The smartest engineers aren't fighting AI — they're collaborating with it.

They know the tool is powerful, but only in *skilled hands*.

Because coding isn't just typing.
It's thinking. Designing.
Building something that lasts longer than a viral post.

So yeah — "Vibe Coding" came and went.
But the coders?
They're still here.
More grounded, more curious, and maybe a little less impressed by shiny tech promises.

If you were one of the "vibe coders," no shame — we all fell for the dream.
But the next era won't belong to those who vibe.
It'll belong to those who *build.*

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