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Mistral launches OCR 3 to digitize enterprise documents, touts 74% win rate and $2-per-1,000-page pricing

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- **What it is:** Mistral OCR 3 is a new optical character recognition model designed to accurately digitize enterprise documents, including complex forms and handwriting, at an aggressive price point.
- **Who:** Mistral AI, a leading French artificial intelligence company valued at €11.7 billion, unveiled its advanced third-generation optical character recognition model.
- **What it does:** This model digitizes complex enterprise documents like handwritten forms, intricate tables, and scanned content with high accuracy, boasting a 74% win rate and $2 per 1,000 pages.
- **Why it matters:** It matters because efficient, accurate, and cost-effective document digitization is crucial for unlocking institutional data to power generative AI and workflow automation across industries.
- **Strategic view:** TMT executives must recognize that superior OCR capabilities are foundational for leveraging internal data, accelerating AI adoption, and gaining a competitive edge through enhanced workflow automation and efficiency.

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AI agents fail 63% of the time on complex tasks. Patronus AI says its new 'living' training worlds can fix that.

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- **What it is:** Patronus AI's Generative Simulators and Open Recursive Self-Improvement (ORSI) introduce a dynamic, adaptive training architecture that fundamentally changes how AI agents learn complex tasks.
- **Who:** Patronus AI, an AI evaluation startup funded by Lightspeed and Datadog, developed new 'living' training worlds to enhance AI agent performance beyond static benchmarks.
- **What it does:** The technology creates 'Generative Simulators' that dynamically generate diverse challenges and provide real-time feedback, enabling AI agents to continuously learn and adapt without static benchmarks.
- **Why it matters:** This innovation addresses the critical problem of AI agents failing complex tasks 63% of the time by offering dynamic, adaptive learning that significantly boosts real-world performance and mitigates reward hacking.
- **Strategic view:** TMT executives should recognize this as critical infrastructure for deploying reliable, continuously learning AI agents, accelerating autonomous system adoption and unlocking significant operational efficiencies and new product capabilities.

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AI is moving to the edge – and network security needs to catch up

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- **What it is:** AI processing is rapidly shifting from centralized data centers to distributed edge locations, placing workloads closer to data generation for immediate insights and operational resilience in various business settings.
- **Who:** Small and mid-sized businesses are the primary adopters of AI at the network edge, while connectivity providers like T-Mobile for Business are emerging as key enablers with integrated security.
- **What it does:** This transition empowers real-time decision-making, enhanced resilience, and localized data processing, yet simultaneously expands the network's attack surface, necessitating a re-evaluation of security postures.
- **Why it matters:** The current disconnect where network connectivity outpaces security creates significant vulnerabilities at the edge, hindering the safe and effective realization of AI's full business potential.
- **Strategic view:** TMT leaders must prioritize a fundamental architectural shift, integrating secure-by-default, zero-trust network principles directly into edge connectivity to support the safe and scalable deployment of AI.

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