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Z.ai debuts open source GLM-4.6V, a native tool-calling vision model for multimodal reasoning

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- **What it is:** Z.ai (Zhipu AI) has released GLM-4.6V, an open-source vision-language model series featuring native tool-calling for enhanced multimodal reasoning and efficient deployment across various applications.
- **Who:** Chinese AI startup Zhipu AI, also known as Z.ai, developed and released this new generation of open-source vision-language models with enterprise-friendly licensing.
- **What it does:** These models natively integrate visual inputs with external tools, enabling advanced functions like structured report generation, visual web search, frontend automation, and long-context multimodal processing.
- **Why it matters:** GLM-4.6V's MIT license and state-of-the-art performance make it a highly competitive, flexible, and deployable alternative for enterprise AI adoption, including edge and private cloud environments.
- **Strategic view:** This open-source, tool-calling VLM with robust multimodal capabilities and permissive licensing will accelerate AI application development, fostering innovation and influencing competitive dynamics in the TMT sector.

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Booking.com's agent strategy: Disciplined, modular and already delivering 2× accuracy

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- **What it is:** Booking.com is implementing a disciplined, layered, and modular hybrid AI agent strategy to enhance its customer-facing platforms and recommendation systems.
- **Who:** Booking.com, a leading global online travel platform, is pioneering a pragmatic, modular approach to advanced AI agent development.
- **What it does:** The company combines small, specialized models with larger LLMs for reasoning, in-house evaluations, and selective OpenAI collaboration to optimize performance.
- **Why it matters:** This hybrid strategy has doubled accuracy in retrieval, ranking, and customer interaction, significantly improving personalization, customer service efficiency, and loyalty.
- **Strategic view:** This disciplined, flexible approach to AI agent design, balancing specialization, generalization, and build-vs-buy decisions, provides a crucial blueprint for TMT executives seeking scalable competitive advantage.

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Anthropic's Claude Code can now read your Slack messages and write code for you

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- **What it is:** Anthropic has launched a beta integration connecting its Claude Code programming agent directly with Slack for software development tasks.
- **Who:** Anthropic, a leading AI safety company, is leveraging its Claude Code agent within Slack for enterprise software development teams.
- **What it does:** This integration enables AI to analyze Slack conversations, identify coding tasks, generate code, and submit pull requests directly from the messaging platform.
- **Why it matters:** It streamlines development by embedding AI directly into daily communication, boosting engineer productivity and accelerating software delivery for enterprises.
- **Strategic view:** This move strategically positions AI agents as embedded infrastructure within enterprise workflows, accelerating software development and signaling a profound shift in TMT operational efficiency.

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