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[Anthropic's Claude Opus 4.6 brings 1M token context and 'agent teams' to take on OpenAI's Codex](#)

VentureBeat - AI · Topic: AI/Cloud/Quantum

- **What it is:** Anthropic's Claude Opus 4.6 is a significant upgrade to its flagship AI model, introducing a 1 million token context window and "agent teams" for complex tasks.
- **Who:** Anthropic, a leading AI company, released Opus 4.6, intensifying its fierce competition with OpenAI for enterprise developer market share.
- **What it does:** It enables processing vast information with a 1M token context and allows "agent teams" to autonomously collaborate on complex coding projects, outperforming rivals on key benchmarks.
- **Why it matters:** This rapidly escalates the AI platform war for enterprise developers, demonstrating advanced capabilities that could profoundly disrupt established software businesses and accelerate digital transformation.
- **Strategic view:** TMT executives must recognize this accelerated AI innovation as a critical catalyst for operational efficiency and market disruption, necessitating urgent strategies for AI adoption, talent integration, and competitive positioning.

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[Beyond the lakehouse: Fundamental's NEXUS bypasses manual ETL with a native foundation model for tabular data](#)

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- **What it is:** NEXUS is a Large Tabular Model (LTM) from Fundamental, designed to directly process and understand the complex, non-linear relationships within structured enterprise data without manual feature engineering.
- **Who:** Fundamental is an AI firm co-founded by DeepMind alumni, backed by \$255 million, emerging from stealth with NEXUS to address the untapped potential of enterprise tabular data.
- **What it does:** NEXUS ingests raw tabular data to identify latent, non-linear patterns, rapidly generating predictions for critical business outcomes like fraud detection, equipment failure, or patient readmission without extensive manual setup.
- **Why it matters:** This innovation matters because it finally provides a dedicated foundation model for the vast, complex world of enterprise tabular data, overcoming limitations of LLMs and traditional ML to accelerate actionable insights.
- **Strategic view:** This technology strategically enables Telco, Media, and Tech firms to transform decision-making from reactive to proactive, leveraging untapped data value for automated, high-speed predictions, thus gaining competitive advantage and efficiency.

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[How recruitment fraud turned cloud IAM into a \\$2 billion attack surface](#)

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- **What it is:** Recruitment fraud targets developers with malicious packages, stealing cloud credentials to pivot into enterprise cloud identity and access management systems, bypassing traditional perimeter defenses.
- **Who:** Sophisticated adversary groups leverage social engineering tactics to compromise developers, while enterprises, including FinTech and other tech-reliant sectors, become victims of rapid cloud environment infiltration.
- **What it does:** Attackers gain legitimate cloud access in minutes, allowing them to divert assets, manipulate resources like AI models, and achieve full administrative control without triggering traditional security alerts.
- **Why it matters:** This attack vector exposes a critical gap in enterprise security, enabling rapid and unmonitored lateral movement that renders conventional email gateways and basic dependency scanning ineffective against advanced threats.
- **Strategic view:** C-level executives must prioritize investment in robust Identity Threat Detection and Response (ITDR) and runtime behavioral monitoring to secure cloud environments against identity-centric attacks, shifting from perimeter to behavior-based defense.

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