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## 3 deep-dives you should really read

### Rapidata emerges to shorten AI model development cycles from months to days with near real-time RLHF

VentureBeat – AI · Topic: **AI/Cloud/Quantum**

- **What it is:** Rapidata is a platform revolutionizing AI model training by 'gamifying' reinforcement learning from human feedback (RLHF) through a vast global network of mobile app users.
- **Who:** Rapidata is a new AI startup, backed by an \$8.5 million seed round, founded by Jason Corkill to transform human judgment collection for AI development.
- **What it does:** Rapidata integrates human judgment directly into the AI training loop, allowing models to receive real-time reinforcement learning from global users, drastically accelerating development cycles.
- **Why it matters:** It eliminates the bottlenecks of traditional, batch-based human feedback, enabling continuous AI model evolution and addressing subjective quality nuances in generative AI outputs.
- **Strategic view:** This paradigm shift transforms human feedback into high-speed infrastructure, accelerating AI innovation, democratizing access to diverse global human intelligence, and enabling more adaptive, ethically grounded AI systems for TMT.

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### Google launches Gemini 3.1 Pro, retaking AI crown with 2X+ reasoning performance boost

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- **What it is:** Google has released Gemini 3.1 Pro, an updated flagship AI model that reclaims the top position for reasoning performance and overall capabilities in the competitive AI market.
- **Who:** Google launched Gemini 3.1 Pro, building on its previous version to surpass rivals like OpenAI and Anthropic in key AI benchmarks and application performance.
- **What it does:** This advanced multimodal model significantly improves core reasoning, scientific knowledge, coding, and 3D synthesis, enabling complex enterprise applications like animated SVGs and aerospace dashboards.
- **Why it matters:** Gemini 3.1 Pro offers a substantial performance upgrade at no extra cost, enhancing reliability and efficiency for enterprise partners while solidifying Google's leadership in the intensely competitive AI landscape.
- **Strategic view:** This launch signals Google's intent to lead the AI race by prioritizing models capable of deep problem-solving over mere prediction, driving innovation in autonomous agents and complex enterprise solutions.

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### How attackers hit 700 organizations through CX platforms your SOC already approved

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- **What it is:** Attackers are exploiting security gaps in Customer Experience (CX) platforms by poisoning data ingested by AI engines, leading to unauthorized access and extensive data theft across numerous organizations.
- **Who:** Attackers compromised Salesloft and Drift, impacting over 700 organizations including Cloudflare and Palo Alto Networks, by leveraging legitimate access through approved CX platform integrations.
- **What it does:** Attackers inject malicious data into CX platform AI engines, which then trigger automated workflows to exfiltrate sensitive data like AWS keys and passwords from connected payroll, CRM, and payment systems.
- **Why it matters:** This highlights critical security blind spots in CX platforms, which are often miscategorized and lack the robust monitoring and posture management applied to other enterprise SaaS, creating significant data loss risks.
- **Strategic view:** Organizations must urgently prioritize comprehensive security posture management for CX platforms, integrating continuous monitoring and dedicated policy enforcement to mitigate AI supply chain attacks and prevent widespread data exfiltration.

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- [Google Gemini 3.1 Pro first impressions: a 'Deep Think Mini' with adjustable reasoning on demand](#) (VentureBeat - AI) ☐ Add to Weekly
- [The 'last-mile' data problem is stalling enterprise agentic AI — 'golden pipelines' aim to fix it](#) (VentureBeat - AI) ☐ Add to Weekly
- [How uncrewed narco subs could transform the Colombian drug trade](#) (MIT Technology Review - Tech) ☐ Add to Weekly
- [What it takes to make agentic AI work in retail](#) (MIT Technology Review - Tech) ☐ Add to Weekly
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