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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 debuted GLM-4.6V, an open-source vision-language model series optimized for multimodal reasoning, native tool-calling, and efficient deployment across various applications.
- **Who:** Chinese AI startup Zhipu AI, operating as Z.ai, developed and released the GLM-4.6V series, enhancing its position in the global AI open-source community.
- **What it does:** The model natively integrates tools with visual inputs for complex tasks, handles long-context documents and video, and offers robust capabilities for frontend automation and analysis.
- **Why it matters:** Released under an MIT license, GLM-4.6V provides enterprises with a powerful, flexible, and competitively benchmarked solution for integrating advanced multimodal AI into diverse operational workflows.
- **Strategic view:** This open-source, high-performance VLM with native tool-calling capability democratizes advanced AI, fostering innovation in multimodal applications across TMT sectors and pressuring proprietary solutions.

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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 employs a disciplined, modular, hybrid AI agent strategy, combining small, specialized models with larger LLMs and in-house evaluations for efficient and accurate customer interactions.
- **Who:** Booking.com, a leading online travel platform, is pioneering a pragmatic and flexible approach to AI agent development and deployment within its complex service ecosystem.
- **What it does:** This strategy significantly improves topic detection, automates more queries, reduces human agent workload, and enables deep, privacy-conscious personalization in customer search and recommendations.
- **Why it matters:** The approach delivers a 2x increase in accuracy for customer interaction tasks and frees up human agent bandwidth by 1.5-1.7x, boosting efficiency and customer loyalty.
- **Strategic view:** This case demonstrates that a flexible, build-versus-buy AI strategy, prioritizing reversible decisions and targeted model deployment, yields significant operational efficiencies and enhances customer experience for complex digital platforms.

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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 to Slack, allowing engineers to delegate coding tasks within their communication platform.
- **Who:** Anthropic, a prominent AI safety company, is delivering this integration, empowering software engineers and enterprises to streamline coding tasks directly within Slack.
- **What it does:** This integration automatically analyzes Slack messages for coding tasks, creates Claude Code sessions, generates fixes, and updates progress, enabling seamless development workflows from discussion to pull request.
- **Why it matters:** This move solidifies Claude Code's integration into enterprise workflows, capitalizes on its rapid $1 billion revenue growth, and demonstrates Anthropic's strategic commitment to its core AI coding business line.
- **Strategic view:** This strategic integration embeds AI as an ambient, context-aware participant in enterprise collaboration platforms, promising substantial developer productivity gains and shaping the competitive landscape for AI-driven software development.

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