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Mistral launches powerful Devstral 2 coding model including open source, laptop-friendly version

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- **What it is:** Mistral has launched Devstral 2, a new family of powerful code-optimized large language models, including a smaller open-source version, alongside the Vibe CLI agent for enhanced developer workflows.
- **Who:** Mistral, a French AI startup, is a key player developing advanced open-source and conditionally open-weight AI models, competing with major proprietary LLM providers in the enterprise and developer markets.
- **What it does:** Devstral 2 models are engineered for agentic software development tasks, offering high performance on benchmarks and enabling efficient, long-context code analysis and architectural refactoring, even on local hardware.
- **Why it matters:** This release offers enterprises flexible, high-performing coding AI solutions with diverse licensing, fostering innovation, enabling on-premise deployment, and reducing reliance on fully proprietary platforms for specific use cases.
- **Strategic view:** TMT executives should note Mistral's strategic push to challenge proprietary AI by balancing open-source appeal with enterprise monetization, potentially democratizing advanced coding AI and impacting software development toolchain adoption.

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Databricks' OfficeQA uncovers disconnect: AI agents ace abstract tests but stall at 45% on enterprise docs

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- **What it is:** Databricks introduced OfficeQA, a new benchmark designed to evaluate AI agents' performance on real-world enterprise document analysis, diverging from existing abstract academic benchmarks.
- **Who:** Databricks, a data and AI platform company, developed OfficeQA in partnership with USAFacts, testing leading AI agents such as Claude Opus 4.5 and GPT-5.1.
- **What it does:** OfficeQA tests AI agents on grounded reasoning by requiring them to answer questions based on complex, unstructured proprietary datasets, like historical US Treasury Bulletins, reflecting actual business tasks.
- **Why it matters:** Current leading AI agents achieve under 45% accuracy on OfficeQA's enterprise document tasks, highlighting a significant disconnect between their abstract capabilities and the practical demands of business operations.
- **Strategic view:** Telcos, Media, and Tech firms must prioritize developing AI agents with superior document parsing and grounded reasoning to leverage AI's full potential for complex enterprise data, rather than focusing solely on abstract benchmarks.

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The AI that scored 95% — until consultants learned it was AI

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- **What it is:** An SAP internal experiment demonstrated that consultants rated AI-generated work significantly lower when aware it was machine-produced, despite its high accuracy.
- **Who:** SAP, utilizing its AI co-pilot Joule for Consultants, conducted an internal experiment involving its consulting teams to assess their attitudes toward AI-generated work.
- **What it does:** The experiment revealed deep skepticism among experienced consultants towards highly accurate AI output, which was only overcome after individual validation confirmed its quality.
- **Why it matters:** This finding underscores the critical need for careful communication and integration strategies to overcome human skepticism when introducing AI tools into professional workflows.
- **Strategic view:** Telco, Media, and Tech leaders must proactively manage human bias and develop comprehensive adoption strategies to successfully integrate AI, enabling consultants to shift from technical tasks to strategic client engagement.

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