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2026 AI SCOUT REPORT

NAVIGATING THE GREAT CONVERGENCE

INTELLIGENCE LOADED // 100%

STATUS: LEADERBOARD WARS ENDED. SYSTEM STATE: THREE-WAY TIE. CHOOSE YOUR CHARACTER.

THE NEW META: A THREE-WAY TIE



Source: Artificial Analysis Intelligence Index v4.0

SELECT YOUR TEAMMATE

GPT-5.2

CLASS: THE THINKER



100% Logic / Math



CLAUDE 4.5

CLASS: THE ENGINEER



Max Stamina / Coding



GEMINI 3

CLASS: THE RESEARCHER



Infinite Memory / Multimodal



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SELECT BASED ON MISSION REQUIREMENTS

GPT-5.2 // THE THINKER



- **SUPERPOWER: ADAPTIVE REASONING**
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- **Explanation:** Uses 'Test-Time Compute'. Pauses to simulate thinking before outputting tokens.
- **BEST FOR:** Hard Math, Logic Puzzles, Zero-Error Science.

AIME 2025 SCORE: 100% (PERFECT)
GDPval-AA RATING: 1442 (LEADER)
WEAKNESS: Concurrency Issues (**470** errors per million LOC).

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CLAUDE 4.5 // THE ENGINEER



- **SUPERPOWER: AGENTIC STAMINA**
- **Explanation:** The 'Senior Engineer'. Capable of 30+ hour autonomous tasks without distraction.
- **BEST FOR:** App Construction, Bug Fixing, Unsupervised Work.

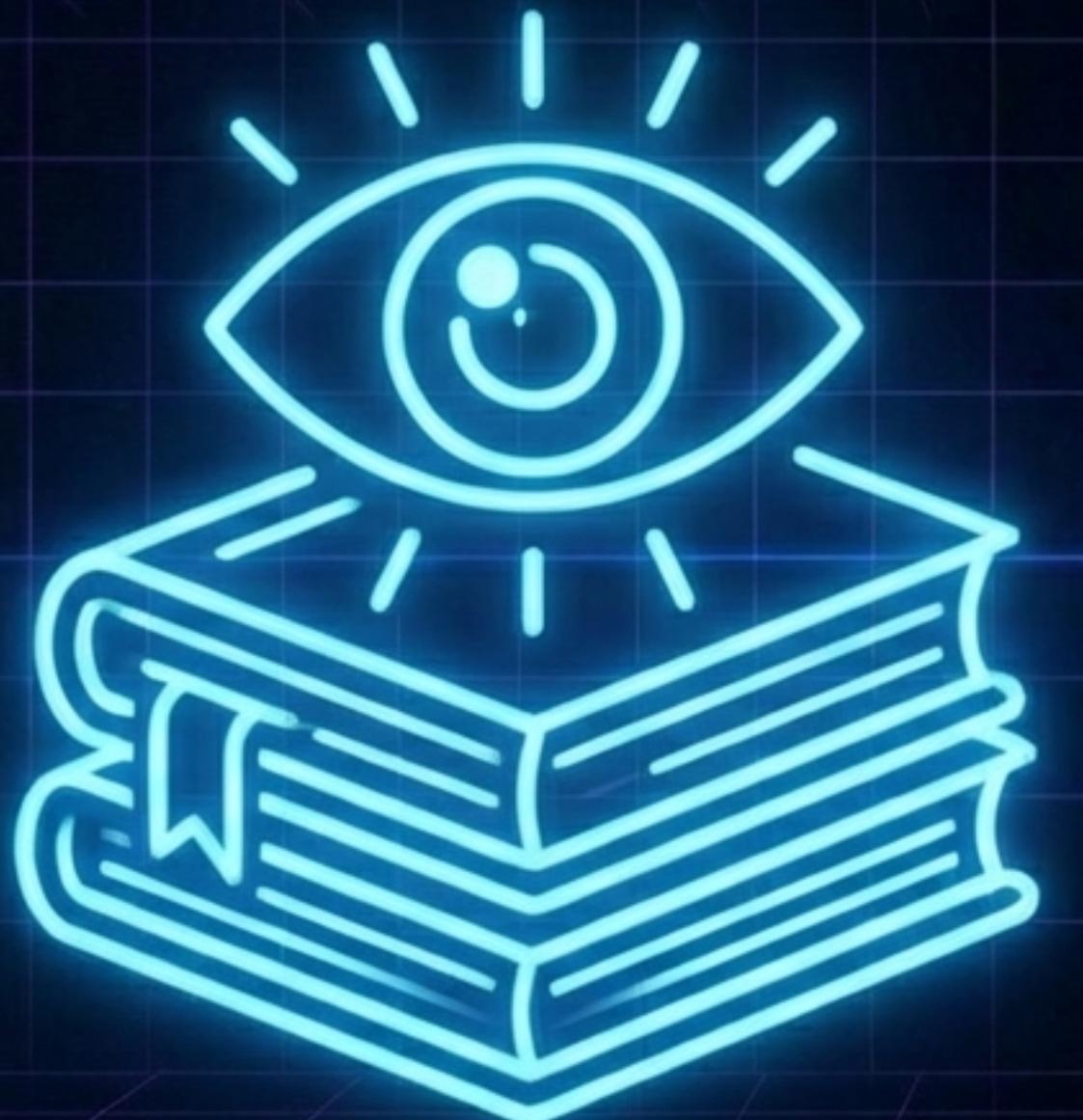
SWE-BENCH VERIFIED: 80.9% (LEADER)
AGENT SAFETY: 4.7% Attack Success Rate (Hardest to trick)
OUTPUT VOLUME: ~1 Million lines of code in testing.

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GEMINI 3 // THE RESEARCHER



- **SUPERPOWER: INFINITE CONTEXT**
- **Explanation:** 1 Million+ Token Window.
Ingests 1,500 pages or 1 hour of video
instantly.
- **BEST FOR:** Library Analysis, Video Labs,
"Vibe Coding" (Sketch-to-App).

LMARENA WEBDEV: #1 Rank

GPQA DIAMOND: 93.8% (PhD Level Science)

MODE: Multimodal Native
(Video/Audio/Text).

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FEATURE SPOTLIGHT: THE ‘THINKING’ PAUSE

FAST MODE



GPT-5.1 / Flash Models

Predicts next word instantly.
Low Latency (<0.5s).

Use Case: “What’s for dinner?”

Trade-off: Speed vs. Accuracy. **Choose your mode.**

REASONING MODE



GPT-5.2 / Test-Time Compute

Pauses 10-30s to ‘Think’.
Allocates compute to verify logic.

Use Case: “How do we fix the
global supply chain?”

THE BUDGET TIER: WHY PAY MORE?

PREMIUM MODELS
(GPT/Claude)

\$25.00 / 1M Tokens

Ferrari

SALE

DEEPSEEK V3.2
/ LLAMA 4

\$1.50 / 1M Tokens

Daily Driver

94% OFF!

THE STRATEGY:

- Use **DEEPSEEK** for: Summaries, Email, Simple Code.
- Use **PREMIUM** for: Complex Logic, Safety, Agents.

Insight: DeepSeek offers 90% of the capability for 6% of the price.

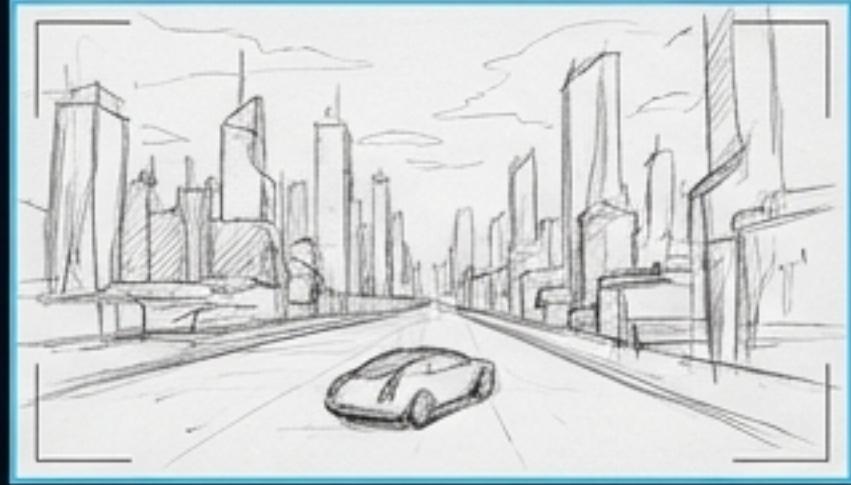
NEW SKILL UNLOCKED: AGENTS

OLD: Chatbot (Talk). **NEW:** Agent (Do).



CREATIVE MODE: ASSURED AUTONOMY

TOOLS: VEO 3.1, SORA, SEEDREAM 4.0



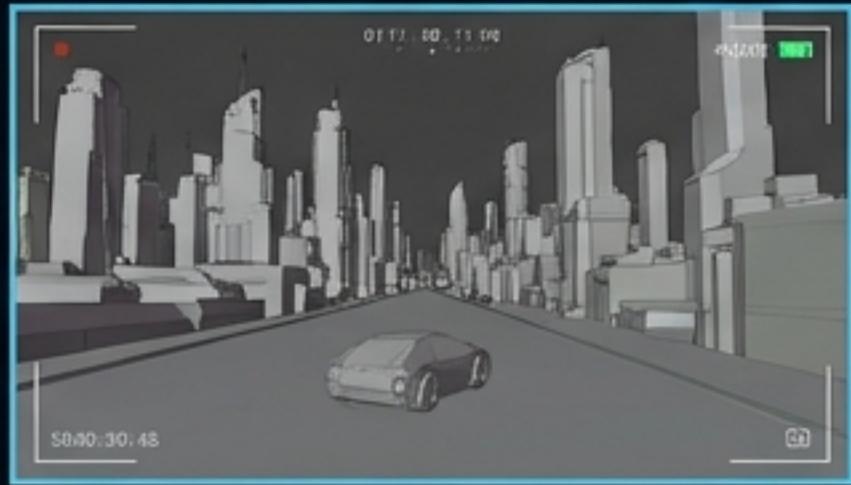
FRAME 01: ROUGH SKETCH



FRAME 02: CONCEPT ART



FRAME 03: PRE-VIS RENDER



FRAME 04: ASSET CREATION



FRAME 05: LIGHTING & FX



FRAME 06: COMPOSITING



FRAME 07: COLOR & MOTION



FRAME 08: FINAL RENDER



FRAME 09: CINEMATIC OUTPUT

SHIFT:
From 'Blind Automation' to 'Interactive Sketchpad'.

METRIC:
Personalized Ad Generation boosted ROAS by 35%.

KEY TERM:
'Vibe Coding'
- Generating output based on aesthetic feel rather than syntax.

THE INVENTORY: CONTEXT RELIABILITY



INPUT SIZE (1M Tokens)



Gemini 3: Massive Capacity
(1.5k Pages).



GPT-5.2: Perfect Recall (98%
'Needle-in-Haystack' accuracy).



Insight: Full document ingestion
now outperforms RAG chunking.

“It’s not just what you carry.
It’s what you **can** find.”



RETRIEVAL (MRCR v2)

WARNING

GAME RULES & ANTI-CHEAT



WATERMARKING REQUIRED

EU AI Act (Aug 2026). Must label machine content.

AI generated
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HALLUCINATION RISK

CritPT Score: ~11.5%. Even top models make things up.

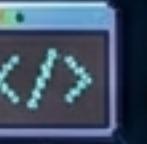


THE ALIGNMENT TAX

Safety filters may block valid legal/medical work. Claude 4.5 offers granular control.



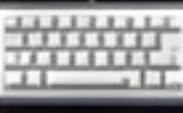
STRATEGY GUIDE: MATCH MODEL TO MISSION

MISSION TYPE	RECOMMENDED CLASS	REASON
Pure Math / Logic	GPT-5.2	 Highest Reasoning Score (AIME 100%)
Coding / Long Projects	Claude 4.5	 Highest Stamina / Bug Fixing
Research / Reading	Gemini 3	 Largest Context Window
Daily Tasks / Budget	DeepSeek V3.2	 Best Value (\$)
Legal / High Liability	GPT-5.2 Pro	 Rule Adherence

PRO TIP: BE A MANAGER, NOT A DOER

Your Old Job

 Writing emails.

 Writing code.

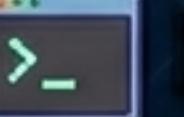
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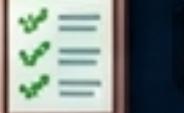


LEVEL UP!

**NEW ROLE UNLOCKED:
AI MANAGER**

Your New Job

 Defining Prompts.

 Reviewing Output.

 Orchestrating Agents.

SKILL: CONTEXT ENGINEERING. Structure your data like you are handing a file to a colleague, not dumping a trash can.

THE 2027 HORIZON



GAME OVER FOR WAITING.



The 'Great Convergence' means the tools are ready now. There is no perfect AI coming to save you later.



Forecast: 'Agentive Experiences' will replace software interfaces.

GO BUILD YOUR TEAM.

Based on 'Leading AI Models: A Comparative Study', Jan 2026.