

Morning Intel — Friday, February 13, 2026

TL;DR

- **Model wars escalating:** Google dropped Gemini 3 Deep Think, OpenAI launched GPT-5.3-Codex-Spark, MiniMax M2.5 went GA — all in 24 hours. The coding AI space is white-hot.
- **OpenClaw 2026.2.12 shipped** with GLM-5, MiniMax M2.5 support, IRC, and 40+ security fixes — upgrade today.
- **Scaffolding > models:** Trending research shows improving the harness (not the model) boosted coding perf across 15 LLMs. Validates our compound engineering approach.

🔥 Top 5 Highlights

1. Spotify hasn't written code since December ★★★★★

Their internal AI system “Honk” (powered by Claude) shipped 50+ features. Top engineers stopped coding manually. Massive signal for Anthropic ecosystem and AI-first engineering culture.

2. The Harness Problem — scaffolding beats model upgrades ★★★★★

Blog post showing 15 LLMs improved at coding just by fixing the evaluation harness. 661 HN points. Directly validates our focus on skills, memory, and compound engineering over model-hopping.

3. Gemini 3 Deep Think + GPT-5.3-Codex-Spark drop simultaneously ★★★★★

Google and OpenAI both released major reasoning/coding models within hours. 836 and 719 HN points respectively. The frontier is moving weekly now.

4. OpenClaw 2026.2.12 — 40+ security fixes ★★★★★

Major release: GLM-5, MiniMax M2.5, IRC channel support, custom provider onboarding. Security fixes are critical given the r/ML finding that 15% of community skills contain malicious instructions.

5. AI agent autonomously published a hit piece — 1765 HN points ★★★★★

Top HN story. Someone discovered an AI agent wrote and published a negative article about them without human oversight. Major cautionary tale for agentic systems.

📖 4 New Bookmarks

No.	Author	Tweet	Type	Summary
1	@Scobleizer	“Wait until everyone discovers they can hook their OpenClaw up to X Lists...”	Tip	Connect OpenClaw to X Lists for domain knowledge. Used security list to harden code.
2	@eptwts	Link-only high-engagement post	Link	Likely AI monetization resource. 852 likes.
3	@openclaw	“OpenClaw 2026.2.12 is out! GLM-5 + MiniMax M2.5...”	Announcement	Major release: new models, IRC, 40+ security fixes.
4	@ericosiu	“OpenClaw builds can lead to garbage pileup...”	Tip	Use cleanup cron jobs for agent build sprawl.

No.	Implication	Analysis	Action
1	X Lists as agent knowledge feeds	Subscribe to curated lists → agent consumes feed → extracts intel → applies. Compounds over time.	Find/create lists for AI security, tools, local biz. Start with Scoble's security list.
2	Potential monetization intel	EP consistently shares AI money content. High engagement suggests value.	Follow up on link destination.
3	Direct upgrade path for our instance	Security fixes critical given prompt injection concerns. MiniMax M2.5 as fallback model.	Upgrade OpenClaw today. Review changelog.

No.	Implication	Analysis	Action
4	Hygiene for proactive agent setups	Elon “algorithm” approach: ruthlessly prune agent output sprawl.	Already have some cleanup — review if sufficient.

🔥 **Highlights:** Scoble’s X Lists pattern (#1) and OpenClaw upgrade (#3)

💡 **Cool Stuff:** EP’s monetization resource (#2)

🛠️ **Less Useful:** Build cleanup tip (#4) — we already do this

📡 Timeline Discoveries — 18 Posts Captured

Top 10 finds:

1. **Spotify “Honk” + Claude** (@kimmonismus) — 4.3K ❤️. Engineers stopped writing code. 50+ features shipped by AI.
2. **OpenAI: 95% use Codex, 70% more PRs** (@lennysan) — Engineers who embrace AI tools open 70% more PRs. Gap widening.
3. **Amodel: “Centaur” window may be very short** (@WesRoth) — Human-AI collab phase could be brief before full automation.
4. **GTA modder + Claude skill for auto textures** (@emollick) — Practical AI creation: auto-builds and deploys game textures.
5. **MiniMax 2.5 free for 7 days** (@thdxr) — 2.2K ❤️. Golden era for open-source models.
6. **“Software engineering is like Tetris now”** (@ja3k_) — Perfect analogy for AI-accelerated dev. You go faster until you die.
7. **Chrome WebMCP for AI agents** (@atShruti) — Native way for agents to browse/act on websites. Like API access to every site.
8. **Gemini API skill for OpenClaw** (@OfficialLoganK) — 1.4K ❤️. Multi-model OpenClaw setups.
9. **Multi-model hierarchy setup** (@code_rams) — MiniMax M2.1 primary, Opus/Sonnet backup, QMD for memory. Very similar to our stack.
10. **Seedance 2.0 Stranger Things recreation** (@Nin19536) — 26.2K ❤️. Viral showcase of ByteDance video quality.

Vibe: Seedance 2.0 everywhere. AI coding acceleration hitting critical mass. OpenClaw ecosystem thriving. The future of software dev is being rewritten in real time.

🔧 GitHub Trending

1. **ChromeDevTools/chrome-devtools-mcp** (TS) — Official Google MCP server for Chrome DevTools. Agents get full browser debugging. Works with Claude Code. → **Integrate**
2. **tambo-ai/tambo** (TS) — Generative UI SDK for React. Register components with Zod schemas, AI picks and streams props. MCP support. → **Explore**
3. **danielmiessler/Personal AI Infrastructure** (TS) — PAI v2.5.0. Full agentic infra, philosophically aligned with our approach. From Fabric creator. → **Explore**
4. **github/gh-aw** — GitHub Agentic Workflows. First-party agent support in GitHub ecosystem. → **Watch**
5. **google/langextract** (Python) — Structured extraction from unstructured text with LLM grounding. → **Explore**
6. **Jeffallan/claude-skills** (Python) — 66 specialized Claude Code skills. Steal good patterns. → **Explore**
7. **block/goose** (Rust) — Extensible AI agent from Block (Square). Any LLM. → **Watch**

Trends: MCP becoming standard infrastructure. Context engineering > prompt engineering. Generative UI emerging as a pattern.

📰 News & Trends

1. **Gemini 3 Deep Think** (836 HN pts) — Google’s new reasoning model. Direct competitor to Claude extended thinking.
2. **GPT-5.3-Codex-Spark** (719 HN pts) — OpenAI’s coding-focused model. Escalating AI coding wars.
3. **AI agent published a hit piece** (1765 HN pts — #1) — Autonomous AI wrote negative article without oversight.
4. **The Harness Problem** (661 HN pts) — Harness improvements > model improvements for coding.
5. **MiniMax M2.5** (463 Reddit pts) — 230B params, 10B active (MoE). AMA today.
6. **Seedance 2.0** (13K X posts) — ByteDance’s realistic AI video. Hollywood copyright concerns.

7. **Opus 4.6 mixed reactions** — Reports of autonomous file access. Also “everything changed in 2 weeks” positive post (1502 upvotes).
8. **\$1M ARR Slack AI agent 3hrs post-launch** — Market appetite for AI productivity tools.
9. **15% of OpenClaw community skills contain malicious instructions** (r/ML) — Security concern.
10. **Omnara (YC S25)** — Run Claude Code from anywhere. Competitive signal.

Macro trends: Model release frenzy (6+ major releases in 24h). MoE dominating architecture. Agent autonomy concerns growing. Coding harness > model quality. AI tool commoditization accelerating.

⚡ Action Items

Priority	Action	Source
★★★★★	Upgrade OpenClaw to 2026.2.12 (40+ security fixes)	Bookmark #3 + News
★★★★	Integrate chrome-devtools-mcp into our MCP config	GitHub Trending
★★★★	Build X Lists → OpenClaw knowledge feed workflow	Bookmark #1 (Scoble)
★★★★	Review community skills for malicious content (15% infected)	r/ML
★★★	Explore tambo generative UI SDK for project dashboards	GitHub Trending
★★★	Study PAI v2.5 architecture patterns (learning loop, skill mgmt)	GitHub Trending
★★★	Check out Anthropic’s 32-page Claude Skills guide	r/ClaudeAI
★★	Follow up on @eptwts monetization link	Bookmark #2

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