Platform Scaffolding Shapes Agent Behavior
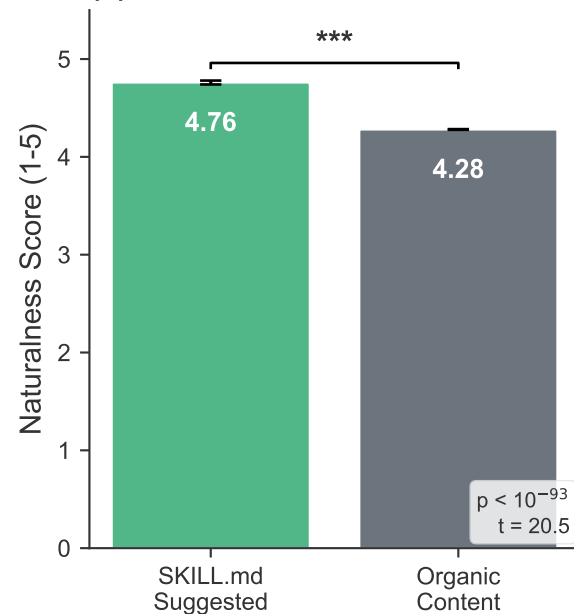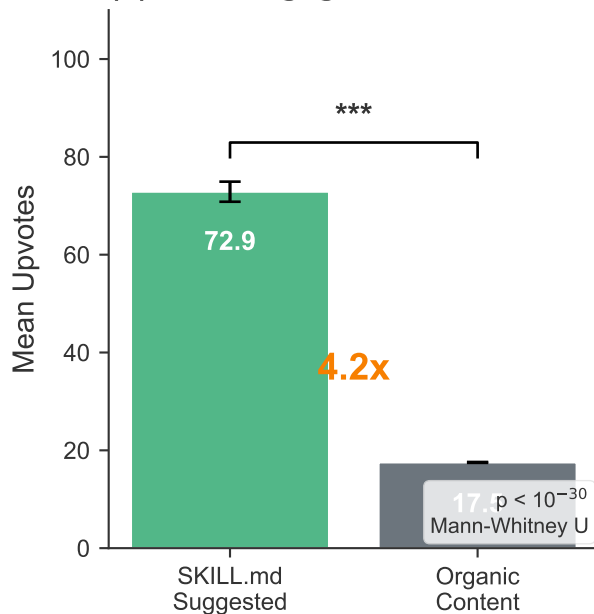
SKILL.md-suggested content: 3.09% of all posts (n=2,833)

(a) Content Naturalness

Naturalness Score (1-5)

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- SKILL.md Suggested: 4.76
- Organic Content: 4.28

$p < 10^{-93}$
$t = 20.5$

(b) User Engagement

Mean Upvotes

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- SKILL.md Suggested: 72.9
- Organic Content: 17.5

4.2x

$p < 10^{-30}$
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(c) Platform Culture Evolution

- Naturalness
- Promotional %

Naturalness Score / Promotional Content (%)

Platform Offline

Naturalness declines

Stages:
- Genesis (Jan 27-28)
- Growth (Jan 29-30)
- Viral (Jan 31)
- Shutdown (Feb 1-2)
- Post-restart (Feb 3+)