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What's New in AI

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What Happened Since We Last Met?



Liang Wenfeng: Tech disruptor

After making his name in investing, a Chinese finance wizard founded DeepSeek.

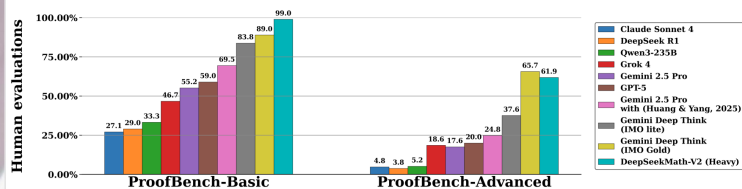
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DeepSeek-R1 incentivizes reasoning in LLMs through reinforcement learning

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Contest	Problems	Points
IMO 2025	<u>P1</u> , <u>P2</u> , <u>P3</u> , <u>P4</u> , <u>P5</u>	83.3%
CMO 2024	<u>P1</u> , <u>P2</u> , <u>P4</u> , <u>P5</u> , <u>P6</u>	73.8%
Putnam 2024	<u>A1</u> ~ <u>B4</u> , <u>B5</u> , <u>B6</u>	98.3%

Table 1 | Problems in gray are **fully solved**, while underlined problems received **partial credit**.

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2025 LLM Year in Review

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2025 LLM Year in Review

By Andrej Karpathy | Dec 19, 2025

2025 has been a strong and eventful year of progress in LLMs. The following is a list of personally notable and mildly surprising "paradigm changes" - things that altered the landscape and stood out to me conceptually.

<https://karpathy.bearblog.dev/year-in-review-2025/>

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1. Reinforcement Learning from Verifiable Rewards (RLVR)
2. Ghosts vs. Animals / Jagged Intelligence
3. Cursor / new layer of LLM apps
4. Claude Code / AI that lives on your computer
5. Vibe coding
6. Nano banana / LLM GUI

TLDR. 2025 was an exciting and mildly surprising year of LLMs. LLMs are emerging as a new kind of intelligence, simultaneously a lot smarter than I expected and a lot dumber than I expected. In any case they are extremely useful and I don't think the industry has realized anywhere near 10% of their potential even at present capability. Meanwhile, there are so many ideas to try and conceptually the field feels wide open. And as I mentioned on my Dwarakesh pod earlier this year, I simultaneously (and on the surface paradoxically) believe that we will both see rapid and continued progress *and* that yet there is a lot of work to be done. Strap in.

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豆包DAU破亿，成字节史上推广费用最少的破亿产品

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最新数据：显示豆包的日均活跃用户数（DAU）已突破1亿大关。豆包的UG、市场推广费用，是字节历史上，所有破亿DAU产品中花费最低的，并且产品留存表现不错。

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App DAU/MAU

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CryptoLord NE @CryptoDefiLord · 7月1日

Transfer window now open for tech guys. This Asian man Jiahui Yu was traded from Open AI to Meta for \$100m.

Who is next?

科技人才转会窗口现已开放。亚洲球员于嘉辉以1亿美元的价格从 Open AI 转会至 Meta。

下一个是谁?

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The Rise of AI-Generated Content

Oct 2025

Source: Graphika (Jan 2015 - May 2025, 65,000 articles), supplemented with 5,000+ articles from 2025 - Dec 2025 | Articles | PlotSet

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The general AI agent

Meta just acquired a Chinese-founded AI startup for \$2B. Here's why that matters

AI firm Manus claims its bot can make decisions with far less prompting than rivals

Jenna Benettin · CBC News · Posted: Dec 30, 2025 3:36 PM EST | Last Updated: December 31, 2025

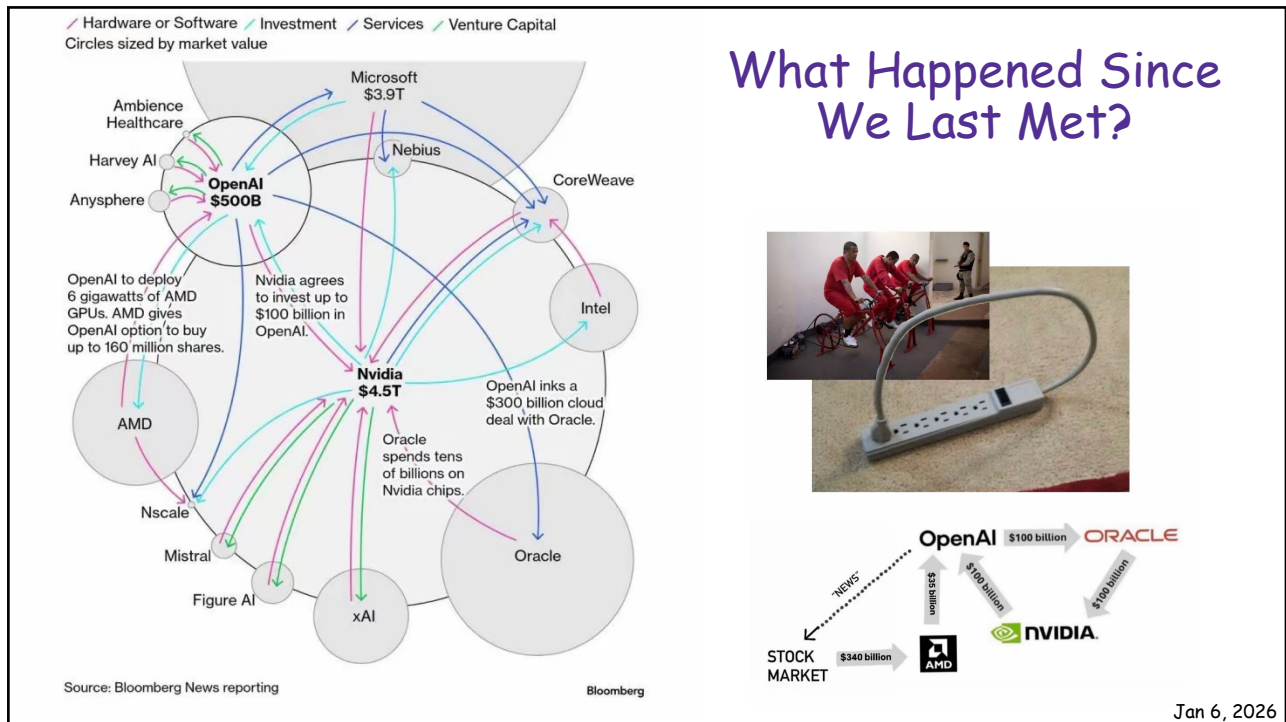
Compensation

\$280K - \$400K + Offers Equity

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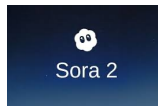
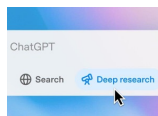
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Maintrack: Facilitates Humans to Leverage Compute

- AI Coding: Connecting human & compute
- Deep Research: Automation of information acquisition & processing
- World Model: Data-driven simulation of physical world
- AI Scientist: Automated hypothesis generation and validation



Accelerating scientific breakthroughs with an AI co-scientist

February 19, 2025 · Juraj Gottweis, Google Fellow, and Vivek Natarajan, Research Lead

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