



News Digest

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AI & LLMs

OpenAI Announces Stargate — \$500B AI Infrastructure Project

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 20

Massive announcement: OpenAI, SoftBank, and Oracle are building **Stargate** — a \$500B AI infrastructure project across the US. Initial \$100B commitment, with community-first approach:

- Locally tailored plans shaped by community input
- Energy infrastructure built alongside data centers
- Workforce development programs included

This is the largest AI infrastructure commitment ever announced.

OpenAI Partners with Cerebras for 750MW of Compute

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 15

OpenAI adds 750MW of high-speed AI compute via Cerebras partnership, significantly reducing inference latency. ChatGPT getting faster for real-time workloads.

ChatGPT Go Launches Worldwide

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 16

New tier between Free and Plus:

- Expanded access to **GPT-5.2 Instant**
- Higher usage limits than free tier
- Longer memory
- More affordable than Plus globally

OpenAI Will Test Ads on ChatGPT

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 16

OpenAI announces plans to test advertising in the US for ChatGPT's free and Go tiers. Goal: expand affordable AI access worldwide while protecting privacy and answer quality. Big shift in business model.

Horizon 1000: \$50M AI Healthcare Initiative

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 20

OpenAI + Gates Foundation launch **Horizon 1000** — \$50M pilot advancing AI for primary healthcare in Africa. Target: 1,000 clinics by 2028.

OpenAI Invests in Merge Labs (Brain-Computer Interfaces)

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 15

OpenAI investing in brain-computer interfaces that bridge biological and artificial intelligence. "Maximize human ability, agency, and experience." 🧠

Cisco Deploys Codex for Enterprise Engineering

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 20

Cisco embedding Codex agents into engineering workflows to speed builds, automate defect fixes, and enable "AI-native development."

ChatGPT Rolling Out Age Prediction

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 20

ChatGPT now estimates if accounts are under/over 18 and applies appropriate safeguards for teens. Accuracy improves over time.

Higgsfield: Ideas → Cinematic Videos with Sora 2

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 21

Higgsfield gives creators cinematic, social-first video output from simple inputs using GPT-4.1, GPT-5, and Sora 2.

Edu for Countries — AI for Government Education

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 21

New OpenAI initiative helping governments modernize education systems with AI. Building future-ready workforces at national scale.

OpenAI's New Business Model: Scales with Intelligence

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 18

OpenAI outlines revenue streams: subscriptions, API, ads, commerce, and compute. Key insight: business scales with ChatGPT adoption depth, not just user count.

AI for Self Empowerment — Closing the Capability Overhang

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 18

Essay on how AI can expand human agency by closing the "capability overhang" — the gap between what AI can do and what people/businesses are actually using it for.

The Truth Elon Left Out

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 16

OpenAI responds to Elon Musk's court filing. The AI drama continues...

ServiceNow Powers Enterprise AI with OpenAI

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 20

ServiceNow expanding access to OpenAI frontier models for enterprise workflows, summarization, search, and voice.

Thinking & Strategy

Morgan Housel: Wealth = What You Have – What You Want

[Farnam Street](#) · Jan 15

Morgan Housel on building wealth and buying freedom:

- Skills to **get** rich ≠ skills to **stay** rich
- Why "boring" investing beats everything
- Framework for minimizing financial stress
- Happiness vs. satisfaction — different things

"Wealth is what you have minus what you want."

Countries Need to End the Capability Overhang

[OpenAI Report](#) · Jan 21

OpenAI report reveals stark differences in AI adoption across countries. Most nations aren't capturing productivity gains from AI — not because the tech isn't there, but because adoption lags capability.

Dev & Infrastructure

OpenAI: Strengthening US AI Supply Chain

[OpenAI Blog](#) · Jan 15

New RFP to accelerate domestic AI manufacturing, create jobs, and scale infrastructure. Reducing dependence on overseas supply chains.

Quick Links

- **TRUSTBANK** built Choice AI for personalized tax donation recommendations using multi-agent system
 - **Praktika** using GPT-4.1/5.2 for adaptive language tutors
 - **Indeed** CRO on how AI is transforming job search
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