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AI's new models arrive with clear prices, while safety rules still rely on self-policing

This week's stories share a common thread: the tools are getting more specific, and the oversight is not. Claude Sonnet 5.5 and GPT-6.1 Sol both reached OpenRouter with context windows of about a million tokens and the same prices of $2.00 per 1M input tokens and $10.00 per 1M output tokens. At the White House, tech leaders signed a voluntary AI safety deal, and the sources describe no enforcement mechanism behind it. Elsewhere, an NBC interview on AI "pain signals" raises questions the available material cannot yet answer, while the open-source VoiceStudio passed 51,074 GitHub stars by running fully locally. Capabilities and costs are easy to state; accountability and evidence are still catching up. Only the truth.

MODELS

OpenAI's GPT-6.1 Sol and Sol Pro land on OpenRouter with 1M-token context

GPT-6.1 Sol and GPT-6.1 Sol Pro appeared on OpenRouter on 2026-09-29. Sol is described as an upgrade to GPT-6 Sol and sits below the flagship GPT-6...

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Claude Sonnet 5.5 arrives with a 1M-token window at $2 and $10 per million tokens

Anthropic's Claude Sonnet 5.5 was listed on OpenRouter on 2026-09-28 as a direct upgrade to Claude Sonnet 5. The model carries a context length of 1000000 tokens....

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RESEARCH

NBC interview highlights study on AI 'pain signals' that may alter model behavior

NBC News published an interview on 2026-10-01 about a new study reporting that AI systems can have "pain signals." Gadi Schwartz spoke with Cameron Berg, Found...

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OPEN SOURCE

VoiceStudio, a local ElevenLabs alternative, passes 51,000 GitHub stars

VoiceStudio, an open-source alternative to ElevenLabs, has passed 51,074 stars on GitHub. The project, written in Python by debpalash, runs fully locally rather than...

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BUSINESS

Tech leaders sign voluntary AI safety deal at White House, with no enforcement

Tech leaders signed a voluntary AI safety agreement after a White House meeting on Tuesday, and President Trump called it "morally binding." Meta's Mark Zuckerberg said i...

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