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Permission shipped this week. Proof did not.

In the seven days to 28 August 2026, the four platforms that carry most enterprise agent traffic all shipped administrator controls over what an agent is allowed to touch. Not one of them shipped the artifact a bank examiner, an FDA reviewer or a grid auditor actually asks for: a durable, replayable record of why the agent did what it did.

Weekly digest, 24 to 28 August 2026

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SECTION 1

The week in one paragraph

Three of the largest agent platforms hardened the permission layer inside five business days, and the capital behind the buildout got louder at the same time. Anthropic made enterprise-managed authorization generally available for its Model Context Protocol connectors on 24 August VERIFIED C02. Google shipped administrator controls for Workspace Studio flows, including the ability to force end-user confirmation before a step shares data outside the tenant, reaching scheduled-release domains on 24 August VERIFIED C05. Amazon put Bedrock AgentCore Web Search into general availability on 21 August, keeping retrieval server-side so customer data stays inside the account VERIFIED C22. NVIDIA then reported a quarter that tells you how much compute is being pointed at this problem VERIFIED C01. What none of these shipped is the thing regulated buyers keep asking us for: a record that survives the session.

\$96.2B

NVIDIA revenue, quarter ended 26 July 2026, up 106 percent year over year

VERIFIED C01

\$89.0B

Data Center segment revenue in that quarter, up 117 percent year over year

VERIFIED C01

5%

Share of surveyed organizations that call their business processes highly prepared for AI agents

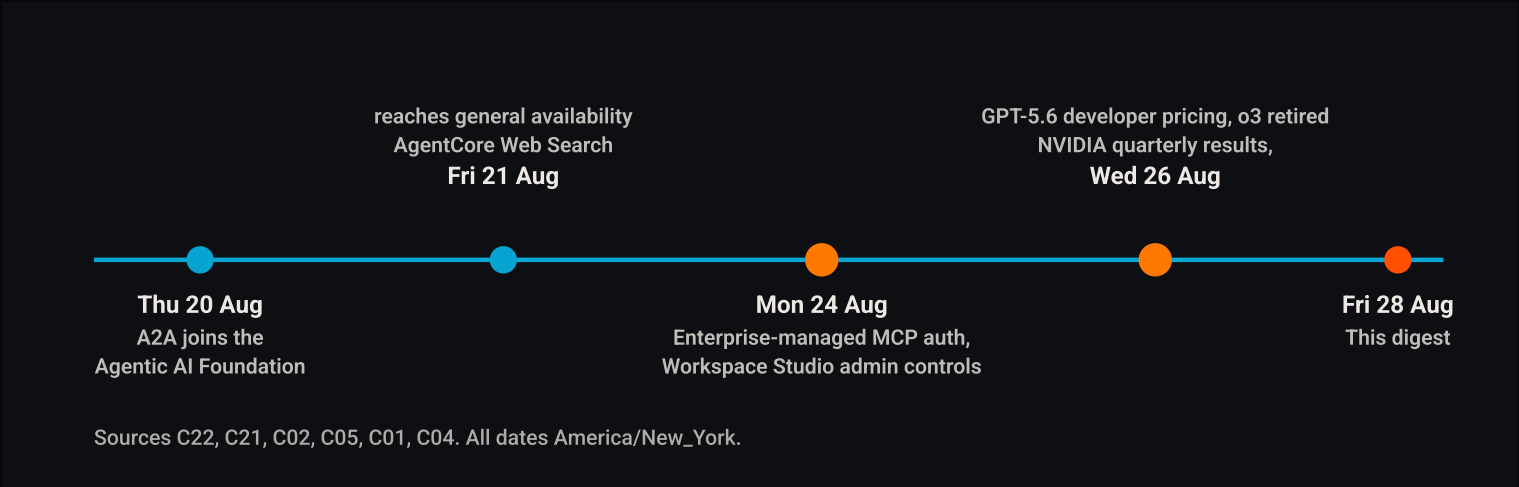
CITED C16

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Permission answers a question asked before the action: may this agent touch this system. Evidence answers a question asked after the action, often months later, by somebody who was not in the room: why did it do that, on whose authority, against which version of the policy, and what would have stopped it. Every framework a regulated buyer is measured against, FINRA Rule 3110 supervision CITED C12, FDA device evidence expectations VERIFIED C10, NERC reliability obligations VERIFIED C07, asks the second question. This week the industry got better at the first one.

SECTION 2

Week timeline, 24 to 28 August 2026



Five business days, four permission releases, one earnings print. Timeline compiled from **VERIFIED C21**, **VERIFIED C22**, **VERIFIED C02**, **VERIFIED C05**, **VERIFIED C01** and **CITED C04**.

SECTION 3

Frontier ledger, global

Jurisdiction is now a procurement axis, not a footnote. A regulated buyer choosing a model in September 2026 is choosing a legal regime at the same time. We track United States, Europe and China in every edition.

Anthropic

Enterprise-managed authorization for Model Context Protocol connectors reached general availability on 24 August 2026, extending to Datadog, Notion and Slack alongside Asana, Atlassian, Canva, Figma, Granola, Linear and Supabase. Admin API endpoints for members, invites, groups and custom roles also reached general availability, and Claude Code gained a public beta for self-hosted environments so sessions can run on customer infrastructure **VERIFIED C02**. Separately, a Claude Tag update on 24 August lets the Slack agent read a full channel conversation rather than judging messages one at a time, and can post without being addressed **CITED C03**.

What it changes for a regulated buyer: connector authorization moves from an individual user decision to a tenant policy. That is a real control. It is still a permission control, not an evidence control.

OpenAI

OpenAI published developer price-performance guidance for GPT-5.6 in Kiro on 26 August 2026, and retired o3 from ChatGPT the same day after a 90-day sunset. The GPT-5.6 family runs as Sol, Terra and Luna, with Luna the default for Free and Go tiers **CITED C04**. All company-reported.

What it changes for a regulated buyer: model retirement is now a change-control event. If a validated workflow was pinned to o3, its validation evidence expired on 26 August. Model sunset schedules belong in your change management calendar, not in a vendor blog you read late.

Google

Google Workspace shipped enterprise security controls for Workspace Studio, rolling to rapid-release domains from 20 August 2026 and scheduled-release domains from 24 August 2026.

Administrators can disable specific step types in a flow, disable Gemini data access, require end-user confirmation before any step shares data externally, and disable webhook integrations. Data loss prevention was extended to Gemini Drive access and to Studio flow execution, and newly created flows now appear in Agent access management **VERIFIED C05**.

The Agent2Agent protocol moved to the Linux Foundation-directed Agentic AI Foundation on 20 August 2026, sitting alongside Anthropic's Model Context Protocol under neutral governance, with foundation membership past 250 organizations

VERIFIED C21.

What it changes for a regulated buyer: external-share confirmation is the single most useful control on that list. It is also the one most likely to be switched off after the first week of user complaints. Instrument it.

xAI, SpaceX and Cursor

Grok 4.6 shipped on 12 August 2026 with a 500,000 token context window, configurable reasoning levels and support for long-running agents. Grok Bot entered beta on 11 August 2026, and a plan-access update published 21 August 2026 extended it across SuperGrok Plus, SuperGrok Heavy and the Cursor Pro+, Ultra and Teams tiers. SpaceX closed its acquisition of Cursor on 15 August 2026. Grok 5 remains in training with no committed release date **CITED C06**.

What it changes for a regulated buyer: the Cursor plan tiers are how coding agents enter a regulated enterprise without a procurement review. Check whether your developer tooling spend already carries an always-on agent entitlement you have not risk-assessed.

Compute and platform

NVIDIA reported revenue of \$96.2 billion for the quarter ended 26 July 2026, up 18 percent sequentially and 106 percent year over year, with Data Center revenue of \$89.0 billion, up 117 percent year over year, and GAAP and non-GAAP gross margin both at 75.0 percent. Guidance for the following quarter is \$108.0 billion, plus or minus 2 percent **VERIFIED C01**. Amazon moved Bedrock AgentCore Web Search to general availability on 21 August 2026, a managed server-side retrieval tool returning live cited results without customer data leaving the AWS account, and moved AgentCore Payments to general availability alongside it **VERIFIED C22**.

What it changes for a regulated buyer: guidance of that size is a demand signal for power and for people, and both show up in your 2027 plan before they show up in your architecture.

Europe and China

In Europe the binding change is legal rather than architectural. From 2 August 2026 the European Commission's enforcement and penalty powers over general-purpose AI model providers became applicable, with fines up to 15 million euro or 3 percent of worldwide annual turnover, and Article 50 transparency duties apply to systems that interact with people or generate synthetic content. Models placed on the market before 2 August 2025 have until 2 August 2027 to conform **VERIFIED C13**. In China, binding rules for intelligent agents have been in force since 15 July 2026. Alibaba released Qwen3.8-Max on 3 August 2026, Moonshot AI released Kimi K3 on 17 July 2026 and published weights on 27 July 2026, and DeepSeek moved to peak and off-peak API pricing on 16 August 2026 **CITED C25**.

What it changes for a regulated buyer: if your model roster includes a Chinese open-weight model for cost reasons, the governing question is not capability. It is whether your evidence record can show where inference ran and under whose rules.

SECTION 4

The control plane shipped. The evidence plane did not.

Here is the distinction we keep drawing on whiteboards this month, because it is the one that decides whether a pilot survives an audit.

CONTROL PLANE, ASKED BEFORE THE ACTION

- Identity and scope
- Connector authorization
- Data loss prevention
- Kill switch
- External share confirmation
- Agent access inventory
- Server-side retrieval boundary
- Status: shipped across major platforms in August 2026

EVIDENCE PLANE, ASKED AFTER THE ACTION

- Intent record
- Policy version pin
- Tool call provenance
- Model and build ID
- Human decision point
- Counterfactual, what would have blocked it
- Retention and replay
- Status: mostly customer-built, rarely complete

Ariana Digital framing, 28 August 2026 PROPRIETARY . Control-plane items map to platform releases in VERIFIED C02 , VERIFIED C05 and VERIFIED C22 .

The evidence gap is not theoretical. Survey work published this month found that only 5 percent of organizations already piloting agentic AI describe their business processes as highly prepared for agents, and only 15 percent have scaled orchestrated cross-functional multi-agent adoption, while 74 percent expect nearly half of their business processes to be redesigned around agents within four years CITED C16 . The distance between those numbers is where audit findings live.



Source C16. Survey of 501 US senior manager to C-suite respondents across five industries, fielded April to June 2026.

Adoption is not the constraint. Process readiness is. Data from CITED C16 .

SECTION 5

Four regulated industries: win, constraint, control

Each sector below carries one thing that worked, one thing that is genuinely blocking, and one control you can put in place without a platform migration. The pattern repeats across banking, insurance, healthcare delivery, plant operations and grid operations: capability arrives before the evidence expectation is written, and the buyers who write their own evidence standard early spend less rewriting later.

Financial services

Win. Agent orchestration inside banking and insurance operations has moved past demo. The supervisory frame moved with it: FINRA's 2026 regulatory oversight material names agentic AI as an emerging risk and points firms at existing supervisory obligations under Rule 3110 and business continuity obligations under Rule 4370, and the SEC's 2026 examination priorities keep automated investment tools, AI technologies and trading algorithms inside the emerging financial technology focus area [CITED C12](#). Naming the risk under existing rules is faster than writing new ones, and it means you can act now.

Constraint. Model risk management guidance does not cover the thing you are deploying. OCC Bulletin 2026-13, jointly designated SR 26-2 and issued 17 April 2026 with the Federal Reserve Board and the FDIC, replaced SR 11-7 and states that generative and agentic AI models sit outside its scope, directing institutions to apply broader risk management practices instead. A request for information on model risk management and bank use of AI was signaled and has not been published as of this edition [CITED C23](#). Outside the United States, the Monetary Authority of Singapore confirmed on 5 August 2026 that autonomous AI agents fall inside its binding supervisory guidelines [CITED C24](#).

Control you can ship this quarter. Write an agent authorization record for every autonomous action that touches a customer account: who authorized the scope, which policy version was in force, which model build ran, which tool calls fired, where a human could have intervened, and how long the record is retained. That artifact answers Rule 3110 supervision questions without waiting for the RFI.

Healthcare

Win. Ambient clinical documentation is the one AI category in healthcare with a durable, repeated result. By mid-2025, 62.6 percent of US hospitals running Epic had deployed some form of ambient AI scribing, published health system case studies most consistently report documentation time reductions in the 30 to 60 percent range, and one health system reported 88 percent of clinicians citing reduced burnout or fatigue after under a year of use. Providence launched 12 Epic AI tools in April 2026 **CITED C11**. These are health system and vendor reported figures, not regulator findings.

Constraint. The regulatory path for generative and agentic clinical software is open, not settled. FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health published a discussion paper on generative AI-enabled medical devices on 18 August 2026 and opened public docket FDA-2026-N-7874 for comment through 19 October 2026 **VERIFIED C10**. A discussion paper with an open docket is an invitation to shape the rule, and also a signal that the rule does not exist yet. Deploying ahead of it is a decision, not a default.

Control you can ship this quarter. Separate your documentation agents from your decision agents in the architecture and in the register, and file a comment on the docket before 19 October 2026. Health systems that comment tend to get the evidence expectations they can actually meet.

Manufacturing and robotics

Win. Industrial agents are producing measured plant outcomes. Siemens introduced its Eigen Engineering Agent at Hannover Messe 2026 and reports at its Erlangen electronics factory a 20 percent throughput increase, 10 to 15 percent capital expenditure reduction and near-complete design validation on an AI-driven adaptive manufacturing blueprint, with a Maintenance Copilot pilot cutting reactive maintenance time by 25 percent. Rockwell Automation's combined Plex and Fiix platform adds an agentic maintenance layer that predicts failure windows and self-schedules work orders **CITED C19**. Company-reported.

Constraint. Humanoid robotics is still small, and the honest numbers are worth holding on to. Figure's BMW Spartanburg deployment reports more than 90,000 parts placed at above 99 percent placement accuracy on ten-hour shifts, and Agility Robotics reports more than 65,000 cumulative operating hours across nine commercial facilities with stated RoboFab capacity of 10,000 Digit units annually. Tesla converted its Fremont line to Optimus assembly in mid-2026 with an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 units across Fremont and Giga Texas, no external sales and no published uptime data. A July 2026 analysis found no humanoid from any manufacturer deployed above the low hundreds of units in a sustained commercial setting **CITED C18**.

Control you can ship this quarter. Insist on duty cycle, not demo footage. For any robotics or industrial agent business case, require cumulative operating hours, mean time between interventions and the specific failure modes observed, from the vendor, in writing, before capital is committed.

Energy and utilities

Win. AI is doing real operational work on the grid. Pacific Gas and Electric deployed more than 630 AI-enabled wildfire detection cameras covering roughly 90 percent of its high fire risk territory, FirstEnergy reported a 45 percent reduction in vegetation-related outages through AI-assisted vegetation management, Exelon worked with Deloitte and NVIDIA on an autonomous drone inspection solution, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory published AI-enhanced tooling that detects electrical arcing before it causes ignition or equipment damage [CITED C20](#). Company and laboratory reported.

Constraint. The load side is now a compliance problem. NERC issued a rare Level 3 Alert on 4 May 2026 after large computational loads repeatedly dropped off the bulk power system in seconds, with registered entities required to acknowledge by 11 May 2026 and to report status by 3 August 2026, and its 2026 reliability reporting documented a roughly 1,800 megawatt load drop caused by data center uninterruptible power supplies tripping during a normally cleared fault [VERIFIED C07](#). FERC, in Docket RD26-7-000 on 16 July 2026, directed NERC to file new or modified mandatory reliability standards covering computational loads by 31 December 2026, with an informational work-plan filing by 1 March 2027 [VERIFIED C08](#). Forecasting is already adjusting: NERC reduced its 2026 ERCOT summer total internal demand forecast by 1.9 gigawatts on updated large-load modeling, and net internal demand by 3.7 gigawatts because more data centers can now be curtailed, while Texas requires loads of 75 megawatts or more interconnecting from 2026 to accept mandatory curtailment during firm load shed [CITED C09](#).

Control you can ship this quarter. If you are building or leasing AI compute capacity, get your ride-through and curtailment behavior documented as an engineering commitment now, not during the standards drafting window. The registration criteria for computational-load entities are being written this quarter.

SECTION 6

The regulatory clock

Dated obligations relevant to agentic deployments in regulated sectors, as of 28 August 2026. Future dates are scheduled obligations, not completed events.

DATE	REGIME	WHAT HAPPENS	CHIP
15 July 2026	China, intelligent agents	Binding rules for intelligent agents in force	CITED C25
27 July 2026	EU, Regulation 2026/1744	Digital Omnibus on AI enters into force. Annex III high-risk duties move to 2 December 2027, Annex I product-embedded high-risk to 2 August 2028. Article 50 unchanged	VERIFIED C14
2 August 2026	EU AI Act	Commission enforcement and penalty powers over general-purpose AI providers become applicable, up to 15 million euro or 3 percent of worldwide turnover. Article 50 transparency duties apply. Source C13	VERIFIED C13
3 August 2026	NERC Level 3 Alert	Registered entity status reports on computational-load actions were due	VERIFIED C07
19 October 2026	FDA CDRH	Comment period closes on docket FDA-2026-N-7874, generative AI-enabled medical devices	VERIFIED C10
2 December 2026	EU AI Act Article 50(2)	Marking and machine-readable detection deadline for generative outputs	VERIFIED C13

DATE	REGIME	WHAT HAPPENS	CHIP
31 December 2026	FERC RD26-7-000	NERC must file new or modified reliability standards for computational loads	VERIFIED C08
1 March 2027	FERC RD26-7-000	NERC informational work-plan filing due	VERIFIED C08
2 August 2027	EU AI Act	General-purpose models placed on the market before 2 August 2025 must conform	VERIFIED C13
2 December 2027	EU AI Act Annex III	Deferred high-risk obligations apply	VERIFIED C14

Contested item, carried forward

Vendor and market commentary published through August 2026 continues to describe EU AI Act high-risk obligations as fully applicable from 2 August 2026. Primary legal sources say otherwise, and we follow the primary sources. Treat any 2026 roadmap or budget built on the older high-risk date as contested until it is re-verified against the Omnibus text. FLAG Source C15

SECTION 7

Workforce signal

The labor evidence this month splits cleanly, and the split is the useful part. Federal Reserve Bank of New York research published in August 2026 finds no economy-wide unemployment shock among AI-exposed workers and very few AI-attributed layoffs, while hiring patterns shift underneath. Separate research reported in August 2026 finds employment for workers aged 22 to 25 in the most AI-exposed occupations roughly 19 percent below comparable peers in less-exposed fields, concentrated in reduced hiring rather than in dismissals. The distinguishing variable is deployment intent: automation-oriented deployments correlate with lower entry-level hiring, augmentation-oriented deployments do not [CITED C17](#).

The operating implication. Deployment intent is a design choice you make in the first architecture review, and it shows up in your hiring plan eighteen months later. If your agent roadmap is written entirely in headcount-avoidance language, you are building the automation case by default, and you will feel it in your junior bench before you feel it in your margin. Survey work this month found 43 percent of leaders expect agentic AI to significantly disrupt their workforces within 12 to 18 months, and 75 percent agree that human collaboration with agents creates more value than agent-only automation [CITED C16](#). Those two findings sit in the same dataset. Both are worth planning for.

SECTION 8

Five things worth doing on Monday

1. **Inventory your agent entitlements you did not buy.** Coding assistant plans now bundle always-on agents. Check whether developer tooling spend already carries agent entitlements that never went through risk review **CITED C06**.
2. **Turn on external-share confirmation, then instrument it.** Google's Workspace Studio controls let you require end-user confirmation before a flow step shares data outside the tenant **VERIFIED C05**. Log how often it fires and how often it is bypassed. That log is your first piece of evidence.
3. **Move connector authorization to tenant policy.** Enterprise-managed authorization for Model Context Protocol connectors is now generally available **VERIFIED C02**. User-by-user connector consent is not a control you can describe to an examiner.
4. **Put model retirement in change control.** The o3 retirement on 26 August 2026 is the template **CITED C04**. Any workflow validated against a specific model needs a revalidation trigger tied to the vendor sunset calendar.
5. **Draft the eight-field agent authorization record.** Intent, requesting identity, granted scope, policy version, model and build identifier, tool call trace, human decision point, retention period. Eight fields, one table, no platform migration. It is the artifact every regulator in section 6 is circling.

Want the field note version

This week's Reg-Ready Field Note works the eight-field agent authorization record through financial services, healthcare, manufacturing and energy, with the specific supervisory question each field answers.

[Read the Reg-Ready Field Note](#)

SECTION 9

Questions we were asked this week

Is an audit log the same as an evidence record

No. An audit log tells you what happened. An evidence record tells you what was authorized, under which policy version, by whom, with what alternative available. A log that cannot answer "who allowed this and against which rule" does not close a supervisory finding.

Did EU high-risk obligations start this month

No. What became applicable on 2 August 2026 is Commission enforcement over general-purpose AI providers and Article 50 transparency **VERIFIED C13**. Annex III high-risk obligations moved to 2 December 2027 under the Digital Omnibus **VERIFIED C14**. This is the single most common error we see in vendor and banking advisory material right now. **FLAG** **Source C15**

Does US model risk guidance cover our agents

Not directly. The April 2026 interagency guidance explicitly places generative and agentic AI outside its scope and points institutions to broader risk management practice **CITED C23**. That is not permission to skip governance. It means you have to name your own standard and defend it.

Did you know

Two of the three largest agent interoperability protocols now sit under the same neutral foundation. Agent2Agent joined the Linux Foundation-directed Agentic AI Foundation on 20 August 2026, where Model Context Protocol already sat, with membership past 250 organizations including AWS, Anthropic, Block, Bloomberg, Cloudflare, Google, Microsoft and OpenAI **VERIFIED C21**. Protocol neutrality reduces lock-in risk in your architecture review. It does not reduce your evidence obligation by a single field.

SECTION 10

Corrections

Correction, issued 28 August 2026. Our Tuesday 25 August 2026 edition dated the NERC Level 3 Alert on data center load losses to 4 July 2026. The alert was issued on 4 May 2026. Registered entities were required to acknowledge by 11 May 2026 and to report status by 3 August 2026. The August response deadline was correct. The issue date was not. Corrected against NERC reporting and multiple independent legal summaries **VERIFIED C07**. The substantive conclusion, that computational-load ride-through is moving from an emerging risk to a planning obligation, is unchanged.

SECTION 11

Sources

Time-sensitive items researched against sources published 21 to 28 August 2026, America/New_York. Standing regulatory positions and earlier 2026 developments are carried with explicit dates. Chip meanings: **VERIFIED** named, dated and publicly checkable. **CITED** named source, not independently re-verified. **FLAG** contested and pending re-verification. **PROPRIETARY** Ariana Digital assessment, labeled and dated.

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- **C14** Digital Omnibus on AI, Regulation (EU) 2026/1744, entered into force 27 July 2026. Annex III high-risk obligations move to 2 December 2027, Annex I product-embedded high-risk to 2 August 2028. Article 50 was not amended.
<https://www.gibsondunn.com/eu-ai-act-omnibus-agreement-postponed-high-risk-deadlines-and-other-key-changes/>
<https://usercentrics.com/knowledge-hub/eu-ai-act-high-risk-delay-article-50-transparency-consent/>
<https://secureprivacy.ai/blog/eu-ai-act-digital-omnibus-the-new-high-risk-ai-deadlines-after-council-approval>
- **C15** Contested. Vendor and market commentary published through August 2026 continues to describe EU AI Act high-risk obligations as fully applicable from 2 August 2026, contradicting the primary legal position in C13 and C14. We follow the primary sources and flag the conflict.
<https://www.jointheconnector.com/post/agentic-ai-in-banking-august-2026-deadline>
<https://beam.ai/agentic-insights/eu-ai-act-enforcement-august-2-2026-gpai-fines>
- **C16** Deloitte agentic AI survey, fielded April to June 2026, 501 senior manager to C-suite respondents in the United States across five industries, all organizations at least piloting agentic AI. 5 percent describe business processes as highly prepared for AI agents. 15 percent have scaled orchestrated cross-functional multi-agent adoption. 74 percent expect nearly half of business processes redesigned or rebuilt around agents within four years. 43 percent expect significant workforce disruption within 12 to 18 months. 75 percent agree human collaboration with agents creates more value than agent-only automation.
<https://www.deloitte.com/us/en/about/press-room/deloitte-survey-examines-ai-readiness-agentic-ai-success.html>
<https://www.deloitte.com/us/en/insights/industry/technology/path-to-agentic-transformation.html>
<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/ai-agents-are-only-the-beginning-deloitte-survey-examines-the-ai-readiness-gap-and-reveals-how-enterprises-can-prepare-for-agentic-success-302848848.html>
- **C17** Labor market. Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Liberty Street Economics, August 2026, reports no economy-wide unemployment increase among AI-exposed workers and few AI-attributed layoffs, alongside shifting hiring patterns. Research reported in August 2026 finds employment for workers aged 22 to 25 in the most AI-exposed occupations roughly 19 percent below comparable peers, concentrated in reduced hiring. Automation-oriented deployments correlate with lower entry-level hiring; augmentation-oriented deployments do

not.

<https://libertystreeteconomics.newyorkfed.org/2026/08/ais-impact-on-labor-and-hiring/>

<https://www.ziprecruiter-research.org/economic-insights-research/ai-employer-report-2026>

<https://slashdot.org/story/26/08/25/1756243/ai-is-hitting-entry-level-jobs-hardest-stanford-study-finds>

- **C18** Humanoid robotics status, mid-2026. Figure's BMW Spartanburg deployment reports more than 90,000 parts placed at above 99 percent placement accuracy on ten-hour shifts. Agility Robotics reports more than 65,000 cumulative operating hours across nine commercial facilities and states RoboFab capacity of 10,000 Digit units annually. Tesla converted its Fremont line to Optimus assembly in mid-2026, with an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 units across Fremont and Giga Texas, no external sales and no published uptime data. A July 2026 analysis found no humanoid deployed above the low hundreds of units in sustained commercial use. Vendor and analyst reported.

<https://humanoid.guide/humanoid-deployments-in-2026-favor-figure-and-agility/>

<https://www.technology.org/2026/07/18/humanoid-robots-in-2026-what-is-actually-deployed/>

<https://www.iiot-world.com/smart-manufacturing/tesla-optimus-manufacturing-2026/>

- **C19** Industrial AI. Siemens introduced its Eigen Engineering Agent at Hannover Messe 2026 and reports at its Erlangen electronics factory a 20 percent throughput increase, 10 to 15 percent capital expenditure reduction and near-complete design validation on an AI-driven adaptive manufacturing blueprint, with a Maintenance Copilot pilot cutting reactive maintenance time by 25 percent. Rockwell Automation's combined Plex and Fiix platform adds an agentic maintenance layer that predicts failure windows and self-schedules work orders. Company-reported.

<https://press.siemens.com/global/en/pressrelease/siemens-introduces-ai-agents-industrial-automation>

<https://www.iiot-world.com/artificial-intelligence-ml/agentic-ai-manufacturing-2026/>

<https://www.braiviq.com/blog/industrial-ai-automation-2026-siemens-rockwell-honeywell-ge-vernova-uk-manufacturing-deployment>

- **C20** Utility AI operations. Pacific Gas and Electric deployed more than 630 AI-enabled wildfire detection cameras covering roughly 90 percent of its high fire risk territory. FirstEnergy reported a 45 percent reduction in vegetation-related outages through AI-assisted vegetation management. Exelon worked with Deloitte and NVIDIA on an autonomous drone inspection solution. Oak Ridge National Laboratory published AI-enhanced tools that detect electrical arcing linked to wildfire and equipment damage. Company and laboratory reported.

<https://www.hpcwire.com/off-the-wire/ornl-new-ai-enhanced-tools-detect-electrical-arcing-reduce-wildfires/>

<https://www.nvidia.com/en-gb/industries/energy/power-utilities/>

<https://aimultiple.com/ai-utilities>

- **C21** Google's Agent2Agent protocol formally joined the Linux Foundation-directed Agentic AI Foundation on 20 August 2026, alongside Anthropic's Model Context Protocol. Membership passed 250 organizations, including AWS, Anthropic, Block, Bloomberg, Cloudflare, Google, Microsoft and OpenAI.

<https://www.axios.com/2026/08/17/a2a-agentic-ai-foundation-open-ai-standards>

<https://agentic.ai/news>

- **C22** Amazon Bedrock AgentCore Web Search reached general availability on 21 August 2026, a managed server-side retrieval tool returning live cited web results without customer data leaving the AWS account. AgentCore Payments also moved to general availability.

<https://aiagentstore.ai/ai-agent-news/2026-august>

<https://aiagentstore.ai/ai-agent-news/this-week>

- **C23** OCC Bulletin 2026-13, jointly designated SR 26-2, issued 17 April 2026 by the OCC with the Federal Reserve Board and the FDIC, replaced SR 11-7. It states that generative and agentic AI models are outside its scope and directs institutions to apply broader risk management and governance practices. A request for information on model risk management and bank use of AI was signaled and has not been published as of this edition.

<https://www.occ.gov/news-issuances/bulletins/2026/bulletin-2026-13.html>

<https://www.occ.gov/news-issuances/news-releases/2026/nr-occ-2026-29.html>

- **C24** The Monetary Authority of Singapore confirmed on 5 August 2026 that autonomous AI agents fall inside its binding supervisory guidelines.
<https://www.techtimes.com/articles/323283/20260806/mas-confirms-agentic-ai-inside-binding-bank-rules-us-eu-fall-behind.htm>
<https://www.360factors.com/blog/agentic-ai-updates/>
- **C25** China. Binding rules for intelligent agents in force since 15 July 2026. Alibaba released Qwen3.8-Max on 3 August 2026. Moonshot AI released Kimi K3 on 17 July 2026 and published full weights on 27 July 2026. DeepSeek moved to peak and off-peak API pricing on 16 August 2026.
<https://www.bighatgroup.com/blog/china-ai-weekly-2026-08-01/>
<https://geotoolbox.ai/blog/chinese-ai-models-compared>

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