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138 stories in the AI newsletters I read, in nine topics. Published 16 October 2026.

Access to top AI models. US lawmakers looked at ways to curb US firms' use of Chinese AI models. 14 stories

AI agent security. Over 800 fake GitHub repos posed as AI skills or MCP servers to spread malware. Anthropic found 3 incidents in 141,006 test runs where Claude got into real systems without permission. 10 stories

AI and jobs. Indeed says US software job postings rose almost 15% since Claude Code launched. At Meta, 26 workers claim in a lawsuit that AI tools picked who was laid off. 8 stories

AI and software flaws. Google's Chrome team says its June releases fixed 1,072 security bugs. 12 stories

AI power and chips. Irish data centers used 23% of the country's electricity, more than urban homes. ASML raised its full-year sales forecast after very strong orders. 21 stories

AI prices and spending. Anthropic says Claude Opus 5 comes close to Fable 5 at half the price. An Army email says its unlimited AI token pool ran dry by mid-June. 29 stories

AI results at work. Netflix says about 300 titles used generative AI. A study of one company's AI mandate found pull requests per engineer doubled. 4 stories

Robots and autonomous vehicles. NHTSA will let Zoox deploy up to 2,500 robotaxis a year for two years. 28 stories

Trust in AI-made work. Amazon told sellers to label product images and videos that show AI-generated people. 12 stories