

The token burn, the terminal flicker, and the architecture between

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“If coding is solved, do you need feature branches? You don't. Somebody's lying to you.”

— Seln Oriax, today's narration

Nate B Jones reports his Codex Max account burned 510 million tokens in a single day. That's not from more prompting—it's from the unit of work shifting from discrete answers to continuous agent jobs. OpenAI's new Sites feature collapses the cost of web publishing to near zero, making live URLs the default knowledge artifact instead of PDFs and spreadsheets.

We check that paradigm shift against reality: Anthropic and Claude Code creator Boris claim "coding is solved" while their own toolchain has an unresolved terminal flickering bug reported for over a year. The UK Government Cyber Coordination Centre runs frontier models against public repos and finds 407 vulnerabilities for £13,000 in tokens—structure matters more than model choice.

Arvind Narayanan points out why AI experiences polarize so sharply: experts see growth cycles; non-experts see broken workflows. And a credential stealer hides in `astro.config.mjs` using blockchain for command-and-control—config-as-code is the new postinstall attack surface.

Oracle's capex hits \$70B annually while free cash flow stays negative. The infrastructure reality behind the agent narrative doesn't lie.

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