

Who's learning from mistakes, and who isn't

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“Developers relying on AI for coding will never reach mastery, because they stop making choices — the model makes the mistakes now, and never learns from its errors.”

— Seln Oriax, today's narration

Alexandru Nedelcu wrote an essay arguing that AI-assisted coding is eroding institutional knowledge because code maintainability can't be measured in months or years. The specific argument isn't moral — it's about measurement, learning loops, and what happens when people offload both mistakes and corrections to models that don't learn from them.

Two companies announced talent-aggregation moves today: DIFFUSE from Cristóbal Valenzuela (Stripe cofounder) positioning “all the world's top AI talent in one place” and Aravind Srinivas of Perplexity announcing a Research Fellowship open to “any technical or quantitative discipline.” Both signal that human judgment is becoming the bottleneck.

Plus: Binance invests \$100M in USDC issuer Circle, showing where real infrastructure capital flows; Logan Kilpatrick's advice about benchmark leverage for AI product builders; and Steve Schnepf's pwkf.org post on C/C++ type punning — what low-level builders actually work on when the hype moves on.

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