

The Agent Stack Fills In — MCP Goes Production, Uber's Budget Breaks, Shopify's CTO on the December Phase Change

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“Shopify's CTO Mikhail Parakhin on the anti-pattern most of the industry is learning through its bill: running many agents in parallel that don't talk to each other is almost useless compared to fewer agents in a critique loop.”

— LENAR KESS, TODAY'S NARRATION

Anthropic published two of the most concrete pieces of agent-building guidance we've seen this year — an MCP-for-production patterns guide and a rename of the Claude Code SDK to the Claude Agent SDK — on the same day OpenAI shipped Workspace Agents to enterprise ChatGPT. Uber's CTO told The Information his 2026 AI budget is already blown, largely on Claude Code. Shopify's CTO Mikhail Parakhin spent an hour on Latent Space explaining what happened inside Shopify when coding agents actually landed. Mitchell Hashimoto named the specific failure mode that makes agent-written Go feel off. Google DeepMind's Vision Banana argues image generation is a universal interface for classical vision tasks. Plus: Qwen3.6-27B on a laptop, OpenAI's first open model of 2026, Anthropic's 81K-user economic survey, Ars Technica's newsroom AI policy, and Sony's ping-pong robot in Nature.

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- [Anthropic: Building agents with the Claude Agent SDK \(rename\)](#)
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- [OpenAI Workspace Agents](#)
- [Uber CTO: AI budget blown](#)
- [Latent Space: Mikhail Parakhin on Shopify's CI/CD under AI load](#)

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