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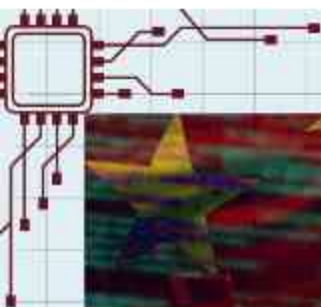
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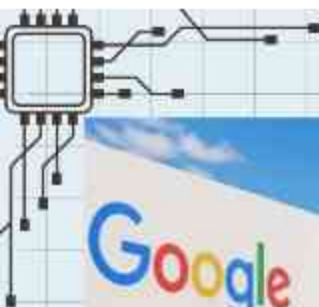
EU Watchdog Warns AI is Accelerating Cyber Threats

Europe's markets regulator warned that artificial intelligence is accelerating cyber threats, making attacks faster and more complex. The watchdog highlighted rising risks to financial systems, stressing the need for stronger safeguards, improved resilience, and coordinated regulatory oversight as AI-driven vulnerabilities increasingly threaten global market stability and financial infrastructure across interconnected economies worldwide.



Italy Extradites Suspected Chinese Hacker to US

Italy extradited a suspected Chinese hacker wanted by US authorities, highlighting growing international cooperation on cybercrime enforcement. The case underscores rising tensions over state-linked cyber activities and reflects efforts by Western countries to strengthen legal frameworks and cross-border collaboration in addressing sophisticated hacking operations targeting critical infrastructure, companies, and sensitive government systems globally.



Google
AI Campus Seoul
Opening in 2026



Google to Build AI Campus in South Korea

Google announced plans to build an artificial intelligence campus in South Korea, strengthening its presence in Asia's technology ecosystem. The project aims to expand research, development, and partnerships, reflecting increasing investment in regional innovation hubs and competition for technological leadership amid growing global demand for advanced AI infrastructure and talent-driven digital ecosystems.





Japan Forms Task Force to Address AI Security Risks

Japan launched a financial sector task force to assess risks posed by artificial intelligence, focusing on cybersecurity, financial stability, and systemic vulnerabilities. The initiative reflects growing concern among governments about AI's potential misuse and aims to develop safeguards to protect critical economic infrastructure from emerging technologically driven threats and ensure resilience in rapidly evolving digital ecosystems.



Singapore Emerges as Neutral AI Hub Amid US-China Rivalry

Singapore is positioning itself as a neutral hub for AI firms navigating tensions between the United States and China.

Its stable regulatory environment and strategic location attract companies seeking to avoid geopolitical risks, highlighting the city-state's growing role in shaping global technology flows and fostering innovation amid intensifying competition between major powers over artificial intelligence dominance.



DeepSeek Develops AI Model for Huawei Chips

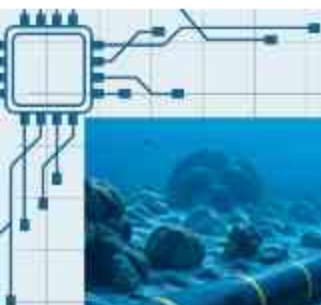
China's DeepSeek launched a new artificial intelligence model optimized for Huawei chips, advancing Beijing's push for technological self-reliance. The development highlights China's efforts to reduce dependence on Western hardware and strengthen domestic AI ecosystems amid ongoing export restrictions, intensifying global competition over semiconductor technologies and strategic control of advanced computing infrastructure.



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Google Plans \$40 Billion Investment in Anthropic

Google plans to invest up to \$40 billion in AI firm Anthropic, marking one of the largest investments in artificial intelligence. The move underscores escalating competition among major technology companies to dominate AI development and signals growing financial stakes in shaping future technological leadership, innovation ecosystems, and strategic advantages across global digital and economic landscapes.



Subsea Cables Face Risk from Hormuz Conflict

The Strait of Hormuz is emerging as a critical digital chokepoint, with subsea cables at risk due to ongoing conflict. Disruptions could impact global internet connectivity, financial transactions, and communications, underscoring the vulnerability of digital infrastructure to geopolitical tensions and the growing importance of securing undersea networks in modern technological and economic systems worldwide.





UK Startup Raises Record \$1.1 Billion AI Funding

UK-based AI startup Ineffable raised \$1.1 billion in Europe's largest seed funding round, highlighting strong investor confidence in artificial intelligence ventures. The funding reflects rapid growth in the AI sector, intensifying competition, and Europe's ambition to strengthen its position in global technology innovation and reduce reliance on dominant US and Chinese technology companies.



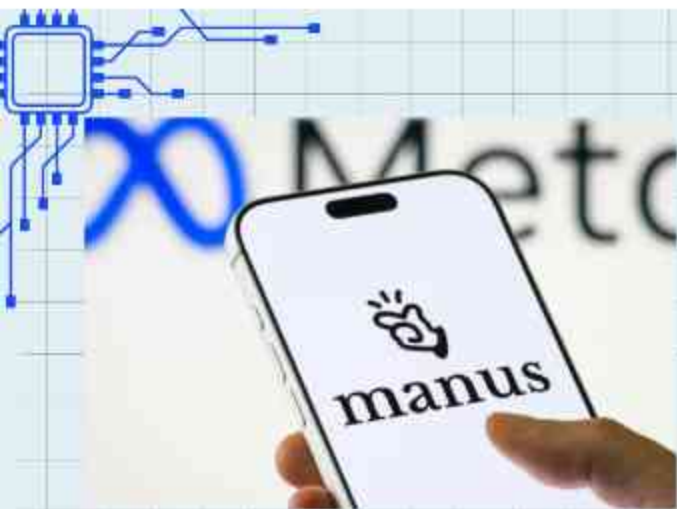
Cohere Acquires Aleph Alpha in Major AI Expansion Move

Canadian AI firm Cohere acquired Germany's Aleph Alpha to expand its footprint in Europe, signalling intensifying competition in the global AI market. The merger highlights consolidation among AI players, strengthens Europe's technological ecosystem, and reflects strategic positioning amid US-China rivalry over advanced artificial intelligence capabilities, talent, and data-driven innovation across multiple industrial sectors.



Google Signs Classified AI Deal with Pentagon

Google reportedly signed a classified artificial intelligence agreement with the Pentagon, underscoring deepening ties between Big Tech and the US military. The deal highlights increasing militarisation of AI technologies, raising questions about ethics, security, and the role of private companies in national defence strategies amid intensifying global technological competition and geopolitical tensions.



China Blocks Meta's Acquisition of AI Startup

China ordered Meta to unwind its \$2 billion acquisition of AI startup Manus, citing regulatory concerns. The decision reflects tightening scrutiny of foreign technology investments and highlights Beijing's efforts to protect domestic innovation while controlling external influence in its rapidly growing artificial intelligence sector amid escalating global competition and regulatory fragmentation.



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Sarvam AI Challenges Big Tech Dominance in India

India's Sarvam AI aims to challenge global technology giants by developing domestic artificial intelligence capabilities. The initiative reflects India's push for technological sovereignty, reducing dependence on foreign platforms, and strengthening local innovation ecosystems amid intensifying global competition over AI development, data control, and digital infrastructure shaping the future of economic and strategic power.



Singapore Issues Advisory on Frontier AI Risks

Singapore's Cyber Security Agency issued an advisory highlighting risks associated with advanced artificial intelligence models. The guidance focuses on misuse, vulnerabilities, and system integrity, reflecting proactive governance efforts to address emerging threats and ensure secure adoption of AI technologies within critical sectors and national digital infrastructure frameworks.

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ORACLE CRITICAL PATCH UPDATE

Oracle Releases Security Patch for 450 Vulnerabilities

Oracle released its April 2026 Critical Patch Update addressing 450 vulnerabilities, many remotely exploitable.

The update underscores persistent cybersecurity challenges in widely used enterprise systems and highlights the importance of regular patching and vigilance to protect global digital infrastructure from evolving threats and potential large-scale cyberattacks targeting interconnected software environments.



Vodafone and Google Launch AI Cybersecurity Solutions

Vodafone partnered with Google Cloud to launch artificial intelligence-driven cybersecurity solutions aimed at supporting businesses. The initiative focuses on enhancing threat detection, improving resilience, and accelerating digital transformation, reflecting increasing collaboration between telecom and technology firms to address evolving cyber risks in an increasingly interconnected and AI-driven global digital economy environment.



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