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HIGHLIGHTS / EDITOR'S LETTER

Beyond better models. Check what is ready.

DeepSeek updates Flash and opens search APIs; Gemini CLI flags an optimization gap; RTX Spark retail coverage lists a different starting price. A field interview in Gui'an distinguishes existing operations from future green-power plans. Product releases and business developments receive separate sections.

From models and tools to power and data centers, assess availability, cost and the stage actually reached.

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AI companies

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DeepSeek updates Flash and opens search tools

DeepSeek upgraded its website, app and deepseek-flash API to V4.1-Flash-1017 without changing model pricing or the API calling method. It reports that reinforcement learning with self-feedback improves end-to-end project development while reducing runtime and output length. Weights are available under MIT. The new Search and Fetch endpoints each cost \$0.75 per 1,000 calls.

FieldToFit: The model card reports Terminal-Bench 4.0 rising from 31.2 to 42.3 using the Claude Code harness; these are vendor evaluations. The temporary free arrangement for Search / Fetch through designated tools starts billing at 00:00 Beijing time on November 1. It does not make the APIs permanently free. Evaluate complete-task success, elapsed time and search costs together.

31.2 → 42.3

Vendor-reported Terminal-Bench 4.0 score

Previous version versus 1017, using the Claude Code harness.

[DeepSeek official change log](#)

[DeepSeek: Flash 1017 and Search / Fetch](#)

[DeepSeek Flash 1017 model card](#)

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Gemini CLI nightly flags a Gemini 4 optimization gap

The October 17 build of the 0.66.0 nightly adds a notice that Gemini CLI is not optimized for Gemini 4. It also verifies that updates affect the active executable and forwards termination signals from the parent process. This is a prerelease, not a stable-release capability commitment.

FieldToFit: Model availability and tool readiness are separate checks. Teams should verify compatibility, the executable actually running, and child-process termination rather than treating an update notice as proof of a successful upgrade.

[Gemini CLI October 17 nightly release](#)

AI product tracker

New this issue

Product / Developer	Version / Release	Changes and sources
DeepSeek Flash DeepSeek	V4.1-Flash-1017 2026-10-17	Website, app and API updated; MIT weights, unchanged model pricing. DeepSeek official change log DeepSeek Flash 1017 model card Checked 2026-10-18T05:58:18.206030+00:00
Gemini CLI Google	0.66.0 nightly / 20261017 / ged96faedf 2026-10-17	Prerelease: Gemini 4 notice, active-executable update checks and termination signals. Gemini CLI October 17 nightly release Checked 2026-10-18T05:55:33.807715+00:00
Qwen Code Qwen	0.25.2 nightly / 20261017 / 39c237af3b 2026-10-18	Prerelease includes SSH Tool Runtime support; released at 06:05 Beijing time on October 18. Qwen Code October 17 nightly release Checked 2026-10-18T05:58:21.159126+00:00
Codex CLI OpenAI	0.164.0-alpha.3 2026-10-17	Alpha released; notes give no detailed feature changes, so none are inferred. Codex 0.164.0-alpha.3 release record Checked 2026-10-18T05:55:41.885343+00:00

Recently verified versions

Product / Developer	Version / Release	Changes and sources
Claude Code Anthropic	2.1.302 stable 2026-10-17	Recent baseline: idle-compaction toggle and refusal of images over 128 MB; released at 04:53 Beijing time on October 17, before this window. Claude Code 2.1.302 release notes Checked 2026-10-18T05:55:47.119160+00:00

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AI chips

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RTX Spark follow-up lists a \$2,399 starting price

NVIDIA's retail-event post, published at 05:00 Beijing time on October 18, lists RTX Spark laptops from \$2,399; its October 16 launch announcement still lists \$2,599. The follow-up covers events in six locations and up to 128GB of unified memory. This is a retail update following launch.

FieldToFit: The two official starting prices do not establish a \$200 cut for the same configuration, nor that the entry model includes maximum memory. Compare regional offers, exact models, memory and actual checkout prices.

[NVIDIA: RTX Spark retail events and starting price](#)

[NVIDIA: October 16 RTX Spark launch announcement](#)

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Embodied AI

Expanded checks cover physical robots, models and simulation, and autonomous deployment. The October 17 GOSIM agenda does not establish demonstrated results or a new product release. No sufficiently evidenced new embodied-AI event was selected.

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Infrastructure

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Gui'an data center: direct green power remains a plan

An October 17 field report by STAR Market Daily puts rack occupancy at SPIC's Gui'an data center at about 40%–50%. The operator is considering a 150 MW renewable-energy site within 30 km, with applications and construction planned to start in 2027. The figure describes proposed generation capacity, not operating data-center IT load.

FieldToFit: The operator says it currently relies mainly on purchased green certificates; direct supply is not yet in place. Compute buyers should verify deliverable capacity, reliable operation and actual electricity costs rather than count planned generation as existing supply.

[STAR Market Daily: Gui'an data-center field interview](#)

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Policy

Checked CAC, MOFCOM, US BIS and EU AI Act originals. No regulatory event verified within this window was selected; existing policy is not redated.

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Business

Checked funding, M&A, revenue, orders, leadership and partnerships. Several traceable announcements predate this window; job reports do not establish first posting dates. Older financing, prospective orders and job listings are not presented as new completed deals.

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AI markets

Each market uses its latest complete trading-session close.

United States / USD

2026-10-16 • Weekend closure; the latest complete session is October 16. Unadjusted closes and reported daily changes excerpted from Stock Analysis. Delay is unspecified; intraday and after-hours quotes are excluded.

Company / Ticker	Close	Change	Sources
NVIDIA NVDA	214.13	-1.43%	Stock Analysis • NVDA
AMD AMD	528.75	-5.95%	Stock Analysis • AMD
Intel INTC	89.85	-5.79%	Stock Analysis • INTC
Microsoft MSFT	529.05	-1.93%	Stock Analysis • MSFT
Alphabet GOOGL	340.59	-2.47%	Stock Analysis • GOOGL
Meta META	709.33	-3.72%	Stock Analysis • META
Amazon AMZN	250.00	-1.87%	Stock Analysis • AMZN

Mainland China / CNY

2026-10-16 • Weekend closure; the latest complete session is October 16. Unadjusted closes and reported daily changes excerpted from Stock Analysis. Delay is unspecified; intraday and after-hours quotes are excluded.

Company / Ticker	Close	Change	Sources
Cambricon 688256	915.00	+1.99%	Stock Analysis • 688256
iFlytek 002230	36.00	-0.83%	Stock Analysis • 002230
Hygon 688041	192.54	-0.66%	Stock Analysis • 688041

Hong Kong / HKD

2026-10-16 • Weekend closure; the latest complete session is October 16. Unadjusted closes and reported daily changes excerpted from Stock Analysis. Delay is unspecified; intraday and after-hours quotes are excluded. 16:10 marks the market-wide closing-auction end boundary. Tencent is blank because its daily change is absent. Hong Kong also closes on October 19.

Company / Ticker	Close	Change	Sources
Baidu 09888	79.45	+1.40%	Stock Analysis • 09888
Alibaba 09988	108.80	+2.26%	Stock Analysis • 09988
Tencent 00700	Missing	—	Stock Analysis • 00700
SenseTime 00020	1.16	+1.32%	Stock Analysis • 00020
SMIC 00981	52.40	+0.48%	Stock Analysis • 00981

EDITOR’ S NOTE

News window: October 17 at 08:30 through October 18 at 08:30 Beijing time. Sections without verified new events retain coverage notes; prereleases and stable releases remain distinct. All markets use October 16 complete closes. Tencent remains blank because its change field is missing; Hong Kong is closed on October 19.