

THE MORNING TECH BRIEF

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Decision-heads multiply, DGX Spark gets a cheaper sibling, and Gears goes back to Emergence Day.

AI & AGENTS

OpenAI launches always-on “Dots” agents, GPT-6.1 Sol, and an “Ultrafast” tier

Proactive agents with their own computer across 4,000+ apps — unveiled one day after OpenAI shelved a more advanced model over safety concerns. The Jarvis race just got its biggest entrant, and the timing says everything.

AWS ships Strands Decider 2B: a decision-only model that never generates text

The decision-head wave keeps growing — and this one is fully open: weights, training recipe, eval harness, research logs. Jev is a closed API, Clef-flash is Apache but edge-hosted; this is the one you can actually pull and run. Your JEV-vs-Clef weekend homework just got a fourth horse.

Meta open-sources “Muse Gadgets”: ESP32 firmware + Linux SDK for agent hardware

Open firmware and a Linux SDK that wire Meta’s Muse agent into custom builds — tested on Raspberry Pi and ESP32, with 5,000 free “Home Link” devices for subscribers. It’s Muse-flavored, not Hermes-flavored, but your PI-DECK is exactly the kind of device this is built for.

CIQ Fuzzball 4.2 lets agents orchestrate sovereign AI/HPC infra directly

Agents can now run training and inference workloads on Fuzzball-managed infrastructure with no human middleware. First serious infra-side play for agent compute — Skynet-adjacent plumbing jokes aside.

HARDWARE

NVIDIA DGX Spark 64GB launches at \$4,999, shipping October 23

Same GB10 Grace Blackwell superchip, half the memory, rated for up to 100B params locally — but the 128GB Founders Edition costs \$4,699, i.e. less per GB. NVIDIA’s price sheet needs a lie detector.

Microsoft + NVIDIA confirm October 7 RTX Spark / Surface hardware event

Tuesday, Jensen on stage, and we finally get RTX Spark prices, configs, and the Surface Laptop Ultra. Your dual-A770 rig isn’t threatened yet — but 128GB of unified memory is the stat to watch.

RTX Spark PCs land this month with up to 1 petaflop of local AI

20 Grace cores + Blackwell + up to 128GB unified memory, in thin laptops from six-plus OEMs shipping within weeks. The era of “serious local inference needs a tower” is ending.

SOFTWARE

Arch Linux 2026.10.01 ships with Linux 7.2.7 and ArchInstall 4.5

Fresh ISO with the month’s patches baked in. Your Omarchy install needs nothing — but the 7.2.x line underneath is worth the update.

Linux kernel drops seven stable releases in one day — 7.2.9 through 5.10.271

A coordinated security sweep across every supported tree at once. Patch now, changelog later.

Ubuntu 26.10 Beta: first-ever Rust coreutils, kernel 7.3, GNOME 51

utils replaces GNU coreutils by default. The Rustification of the base system is officially underway — Canonical is even doubling its kernel cadence because AI-assisted vuln hunting is outpacing the old schedule.

KDE Plasma 6.8 ships October 14 for KDE's 30th anniversary

A birthday release — quiet the confetti notifications, keep the NVIDIA 610 driver crash fix.

GAMES

Ace Combat 8: Wings of Theve — out now (Oct 2) on PS5, Xbox, PC

Yesterday's skies are full of dogfights again — the ninth entry goes to war with the Republic of Sotoa. \$69.99.

Gears of War: E-Day — Tuesday Oct 6, Xbox + PC

The Emergence Day origin story, with reviews landing now. Xbox's 2026 centerpiece finally drops.

Star Wars: Galactic Racer — Tuesday Oct 6

A runs-based, roguelite Star Wars racer set in the lawless Outer Rim. Podracing nostalgia meets progression roulette — curious combination.

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 4 — Oct 23, first-ever CoD on Switch 2

The Microsoft-Nintendo pledge finally pays out: the first Call of Duty on a Nintendo console after skipping the Switch 1 entirely. The backlog apocalypse continues.

GITHUB WATCH — 7-day star surges

cloudflare/security-audit-skill — +15.3k stars in a week

A coding-agent skill for multi-phase security audits with independently verified, machine-readable findings. +465% in seven days — agent skills are the new app store.

alibaba/open-code-review — +14.2k stars

Deterministic pipelines + LLM agent, battle-tested at Alibaba scale: line-level comments with NPE, thread-safety, XSS and SQL-injection rulesets baked in.

debpalash/VoiceStudio — +5.6k stars

Fully-local ElevenLabs alternative: voice cloning, design, dubbing and transcription in 646 languages. Your headless A770 could run this all day.

openclaw/openclaw — the device-resident personal agent keeps climbing

The personal AI agent that lives on your device. Self-hosted Jarvis energy, still compounding.

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