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Maya: Good morning, and welcome to the Morning Tech Briefing for Monday, October fifth, twenty twenty-six. I'm Maya.

Devon: And I'm Devon. Let's jump straight in, because last week was one of the busiest in A I we've seen in months.

Maya: It really was. Let's start with Open A I's Dev Day in San Francisco last Tuesday, the company's biggest developer event yet, with more than twenty announcements.

Devon: The headline is a brand-new kind of agent called dots. These are always-on agents, powered by their flagship model G P T six Astra, and each one gets its own cloud computer and browser, so it can keep working in the background while you do something else.

Maya: Right, and alongside that, Open A I announced G P T six point one Sol, which they say delivers near-Astra performance at one fifth of the A P I price. That's two dollars per million input tokens and ten dollars per million output tokens.

Devon: There's also a new paid speed tier called Ultrafast, claiming up to eight times faster generation in their coding tool Codex, plus Codex in the cloud, so you can start and steer coding tasks from a laptop, a phone, or any browser.

Maya: And for developers, the Agents A P I is now in public beta with computer use built in, meaning agents can operate software through its interface, with Open A I running the infrastructure behind it.

Devon: Meanwhile Anthropic kept the pressure on. Last month it shipped Claude Opus five point five, which matches its flagship on most work while costing about forty percent less, and it's open to free plan users today. A nimbler sibling, Sonnet five point five, followed six days later.

Maya: And hovering over all of this, there are reports that Anthropic is preparing an I P O that could value the company at two trillion dollars or more. That's still unconfirmed, but it tells you how big the frontier labs have gotten.

Devon: Now for the Muse segment. Meta just expanded its Muse personal A I agent with a new edition for small businesses.

Maya: This one is called Muse for Small Business, and it connects to the tools companies already use, things like QuickBooks, Shopify, Stripe, Canva, Asana, Slack, and Zoom, plus Facebook pages and Instagram business accounts.

Devon: The idea is that a business owner can hand Muse a goal, like finding new customers or analyzing how campaigns performed, and it works across those connected tools to get it done. Meta says nothing gets published, sent, or spent without the owner's approval.

Maya: Looking around the corner, Open A I says G P T six point one Sol is coming soon, a private inference preview arrives this fall with stronger data protections, and Amazon's cloud will run managed agents powered by Open A I models.

helpdesk platform, going from session theft to a full root-level shell in just fourteen seconds.

Maya: The U S cyber agency CISA added both vulnerabilities to its Known Exploited Vulnerabilities list last Thursday, and the federal fix deadline is today, Monday.

Devon: Separately, ransomware crews are exploiting a critical flaw in JetBrains TeamCity, the build system used by more than thirty thousand development teams. The bug scores nine point eight out of ten, and although a fix shipped back in July, unpatched servers are still being hit.

Maya: And GitLab patched a critical nine point nine flaw in its A I Gateway that could let attackers run commands on self-hosted servers. That is your reminder to patch what you self-host.

Devon: That's the tech world this morning. We'll be back tomorrow with the next wave.

Maya: Have a great Monday, and stay curious.