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Sessions

The Schema Was Never Enough: The World in Protocols

Monday Nov 16

Every reliable process in the world is a protocol: auctions, double-entry bookkeeping, brokerage account transfers, or APIs. Protocols reduce ambiguity but the world remains messy.

Ryan Brown

Building infrastructure @Render, Previously Principal @Crunchyroll, @Red Hat, and @Vendia

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No More Small Systems, How AI May Bring Large System Problems to Everyone

Wednesday Nov 18

Once you figure out how to use AI to make your organization productive, you will soon find you have a whole new set of problems. While some of those problems will be novel thanks to LLMs, many of them are just the result of there being "more stuff".

Adam Bender

Technical Lead for Enterprise Engineering @Google

Growing Engineers in the Era of Agentic Coding

Wednesday Nov 18

Early-career engineers are learning the craft in an environment where the surface they touch is often an agent, not a codebase. The instinct is to treat this as a rupture in how engineers grow. It isn't.

Adam Berry

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Shipping Faster, Understanding Less

Wednesday Nov 18

AI is changing software development faster than our engineering practices are evolving, and yet many teams are facing growing pressure to ship features faster. But moving faster can create three related threats to software health: technical debt, cognitive debt, and intent debt.

Margaret-Anne Storey

Professor of Computer Science @University of Victoria, Co-Creator of the SPACE Framework and the Triple Debt Model for Software Health, a Canada Research Chair in Human and Social Aspects of Software Engineering

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The Diary of an AI Adopter: How I Went From Skeptical to Enthusiastic in Our Organization's AI Migration Efforts

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From market research reporting questionable success of AI adoption in enterprise, to CEOs announcing layoffs due to AI, to companies announcing they're cutting back or eliminating AI due to prohibitive costs or technical missteps, it can be hard to know what the path to success should look like.<

Tara Hernandez

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