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Smaller AI models are getting a more practical job

Claude Haiku 5.5 is aimed at quick, repeatable work. Its price story also shows why a useful AI comparison needs more than a headline discount.

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Cisco wants connectivity to explain the meeting room

Its new workplace tools connect network information with the physical office. RoomOS 27 is due in November; the useful question is what a team can actually diagnose.

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Microsoft's HR story starts with finding the right person

The company's latest account of its internal AI tools focuses on learning, information and access to expertise. It leaves an important place for accountable human judgement.

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Surface's new AI hardware puts memory at the centre

Microsoft's Surface Laptop Ultra and RTX Spark Dev Box target creative work and local AI. Their largest numbers need to be read alongside the configuration notes.

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Bitwarden's SSO deadline belongs on the calendar

The company says reminders begin on 13 October for organisations using a legacy SAML encryption method. Its December cutoff applies to that configuration, not every vault.

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