
a field report on ai agents

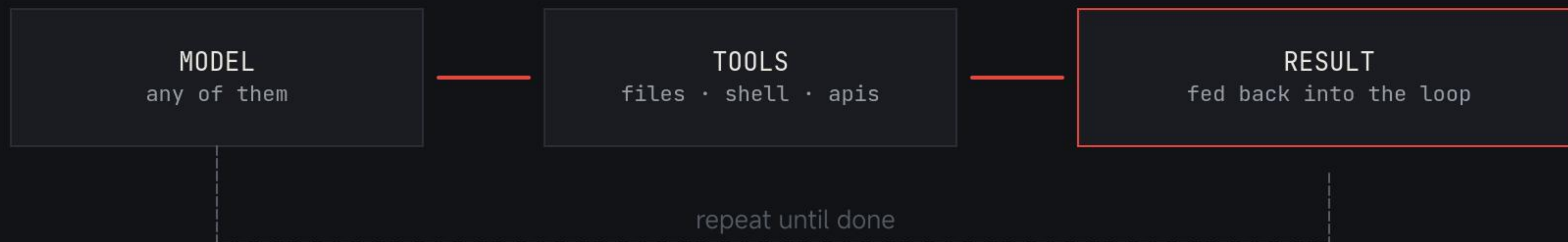
don't buy golden tokens. hack your own tools.

what agents are, two tools worth installing, and things i hacked together myself

agents, in one slide

a model, a loop, your tools

chat answers once. an agent acts, checks the result, and goes again until the job is done.



models are interchangeable. context is yours.

whoever owns **the loop** owns your workflow.

the grift

everyone's selling golden tokens

THE PITCH

wrapped models, monthly fees

formats you can't export

your memory on their servers

your workflow, held hostage

THE ALTERNATIVE

open tools, any model

plain files: markdown, scripts, git

context on your machine

tools shaped to how you work

lock-in is the business model. ownership is the answer.

tool one

opencode — the agent loop, open source

terminal, ide, or desktop. fully open.

75+ providers — claude, gpt, gemini, local. switch anytime.

your code and context are not stored.

run agents in parallel, share sessions as links.

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curl -fsSL https://opencode.ai/install | bash
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also npm, brew, scoop, pacman, docker



opencode.ai/download

scan it, install it

tool two

openrouter — one key, every model

hundreds of models behind one api.

openai-compatible — point your agent at it, done.

free tiers to experiment, one bill for the rest.

new best model ships? change one string.

the combo: opencode runs the loop, openrouter feeds it models.

nobody owns either end.



openrouter.ai

scan it, sign up

the safety net

github — save your work, keep it yours

every file your agents touch, versioned and backed up.

laptop dies? house burns down? your work survives.

and it's a launchpad: push to github, host on netlify,

deploy anywhere. your repo, your exit options.

the pattern: git under everything. from there, any tool — netlify, vercel,
a raspberry pi — is one push away.



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build one • the boring one

a markdown folder as a life os

the cheapest, most durable agent setup there is.

one folder. goals, weekly reviews, decisions, financial data.

projects broken down into next actions, one file each.

any agent can read it. any agent can write to it. git keeps history.

nothing to migrate, ever. boring technology, compounding returns.

build two • people

a personal crm, built from my own data

gmail dump + linkedin export + a few scripts.

everyone i know, as linked notes in obsidian.

exposed to agents as an mcp server.

ask "who do i know in berlin?" — it actually answers.

no crm subscription. no export fights. my network, my files.

build three · your own corner of the web

a personal website — own your content pipeline

write in markdown, push to github, published. that's it.

agents draft, edit, and publish straight from my repo.

no platform decides my reach, my format, or my fate.

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the algorithm changes. your domain doesn't.

build your tools, and they actually work **for you.**

an open agent, an open model layer, your own files,
and an afternoon. that's the whole recipe.

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