

DAYJOB: A Benchmark for Long-Horizon Professional Work

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Abstract (abs page, v1, submitted 1 October 2026)

"Professional work often starts with a brief request that leaves the professional to work out what is needed, which documents matter, and whether the request's premise holds. We introduce DAYJOB, a benchmark of 130 tasks built by professionals in healthcare (50) and finance (80)."

Reported figures

- 130 tasks total: 50 healthcare, 80 finance.
- Median 47.5 binary criteria per healthcare task; 57.5 per finance task.
- Best configuration: 24.7% healthcare, 23.9% finance (Claude Opus 5.5).
- Median configuration: 0.6% healthcare, 2.5% finance.
- 30 model configurations from 13 developers evaluated.

Note on a figure NOT used

The abs extraction also reported per-task time estimates of 13.6 h (healthcare) and 16.6 h (finance). Surge AI's own page gives 19.6 h and 21.6 h. The two do not agree; the figure is treated as disputed and appears nowhere in the edition.