



FUTURE OF WORK BRIEFING

The Jobs That Will Exist in 2030 That Don't Exist Today

Six roles already being hired for right now, under titles that were not standard five years ago.

Cross-referencing the World Economic Forum, LinkedIn, Harvard Business Review, named employer job postings, and industry trackers including CDR.fyi.

What's inside the full report

The complete report runs several pages and draws on fourteen primary sources. Here's the structure, plus the summary table it opens with.

- 1 The top pick, and why**
The AI agent manager: Harvard Business Review's framing, the Salesforce example, and the honest caveat about the title itself.
- 2 How we picked these six**
Why this report leaned on live hiring signals instead of official job codes, and the bar each role had to clear.
- 3 The complete six-job list**
Robot fleet technicians, AI infrastructure roles, data trainers, red teamers, and carbon removal verifiers, each with sourced evidence.
- 4 Also worth watching**
Genetic counselors and space debris removal, and why one is an old title remade and the other didn't make the cut.
- 5 The caveat that matters most**
What happened to "prompt engineer," and why it hedges every prediction in this report.

NO.	JOB	STATUS	WHY IT'S ON THE LIST
1	AI agent manager	Taking shape	Named a defining new role by Harvard Business Review, February 2026.
2	Humanoid robot fleet technician	Taking shape	Tesla alone has posted 100+ Optimus related job openings.
3	AI infrastructure technician	Already hiring	Ranks in LinkedIn's top 25 fastest growing US jobs for 2026.
4	AI data trainer	Already hiring	Data annotators rank among LinkedIn's fastest growing roles.
5	AI red teamer	Taking shape	Demand projected to outpace traditional cybersecurity hiring.
6	Carbon removal verifier	Early signal	Market grew nearly six fold in a year; every tonne needs verifying.

The full report also includes an interactive dashboard version of this table, with the underlying hiring and market signals behind each role, filterable and kept current as these roles develop.

EXCERPT FROM THE FULL REPORT

The top pick: the AI agent manager

Of the six roles on this list, this is the one publications are most confidently calling a defining new job of this decade. Harvard Business Review devoted a February 2026 feature to it, describing agent managers as leaders responsible for orchestrating how AI agents learn, collaborate, perform, and work safely alongside humans, monitoring their output through dashboards and observability tools much the way a manager would check in with a human employee or review a difficult case.

The comparison HBR draws is to product management, a job title that barely existed before the software industry needed someone to sit between engineers and the business. Salesforce is the clearest example so far: Zach Stauber, a support agent manager there, oversees generative AI agents across support, sales, and marketing functions running on the company's own Agentforce platform, a job that simply did not exist inside Salesforce a few years ago.

The honest caveat is that this role is still being defined in real time. There is no official occupation code for it, LinkedIn's own 2026 ranking of fastest growing jobs does not list it by this exact name, and it is entirely possible the title that sticks by 2030 ends up being something else

Continues in the full report, alongside robot fleet technicians, AI infrastructure roles, data trainers, red teamers, and carbon removal verifiers

GET THE FULL REPORT

This is a short taste of the complete briefing.

The full report covers all six jobs in depth, two more roles worth watching, the complete methodology, fourteen cited sources, and comes with a live interactive dashboard you can embed or share. Get in touch and we'll send it over, or talk to us about custom, continuously updated workforce data for your own sector.

THE FULL PACKAGE INCLUDES

- The complete written report (Word and PDF)
- The interactive hiring signals dashboard, filterable by role
- Full source list with 14 primary citations
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