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900M users, new model, and a platform shift that divides developers

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Terminal-Bench 2.1 score beats Gemini 3.1 Pro
- 900M**  
Monthly Gemini app users across 230 countries
- 4x Faster**  
Than competing frontier models in tokens/second

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Google I/O 2026 launched Gemini 3.5 Flash, Antigravity 2.0, and platform numbers that dwarf most tech companies. Gemini 3.5 Flash outperforms Gemini 3.1 Pro on coding benchmarks: 76.2% on [Terminal-Bench 2.1](#), 83.6% on MCP Atlas, and 4x faster than competing frontier models. [Gemini Omni Flash](#) creates and edits video from any combination of inputs. But the biggest shift is [Antigravity 2.0](#), a standalone desktop app that replaces the IDE-centric Agent

Manager with a stripped-down, agent-only interface. There is no file tree, no extensions panel, no traditional editor. Google calls it “[unabashedly agent-first](#)” and recommends developers “dual-wield” it alongside a separate IDE. The Gemini app now serves 900 million monthly users. Search AI Mode passed 1 billion.

The model quality impressed users, but the platform change did not land cleanly. Developers [report](#) the upgrade wiped their extension setups and API keys. A common complaint: “I need to see my project like a normal developer environment, not only through the lens of an AI chat.” Usage limits on Pro plans burn through within an hour. In [direct comparisons](#), users rate Claude Code higher for codebase context and Codex higher for rate limits, while noting Gemini 3.5 Flash output quality [can match both when it works](#).

Google is betting the IDE era is ending. The 900-million-user Gemini platform is being rebuilt around agents, not editors. Whether professional developers follow, or keep their IDEs open beside it, will determine if this bet pays off.

Read More: For other developments from this week, including OpenAI’s Erdos proof and Karpathy joining Anthropic, see the [May 21 AI weekly roundup](#).

Sources:

- [Gemini 3.5: Frontier Intelligence with Action](#)
- [Introducing Google Antigravity 2.0](#)
- [100 Things We Announced at I/O 2026](#)
- [Antigravity 2.0 Honestly Feels Like a Forced Downgrade \(Reddit\)](#)
- [Codex vs Claude Code vs Antigravity \(Reddit\)](#)

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