

Open Source in Late August: A Forecasting Model, Torrent-Shipped Weights, and Video With Sound

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Time-series models, open vision, video with audio, and P2P model downloads

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vision model, up from 26.2%

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audio from MiniMax-H3 33B

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Open-source releases in late August moved past chat and code. Google's [TimesFM 3.0](#) is a time-series foundation model that forecasts several related series at once and handles extra inputs like price or weather, ranking first on the fev-bench, TIME, and GIFT-Eval suites; the

code is Apache-2.0 but the 3.0 weights are non-commercial. [DeepSeek-V4-Flash-Vision-Exp](#) is DeepSeek’s first V4 model with vision (MIT), lifting ApexBench to 36.5% from 26.2% while holding its text-agent scores. [MiniMax-H3](#) makes up to 15 seconds of video with native stereo audio from a 33B model. [modelregistry.io](#) serves open weights as HTTPS torrent files with live seed and peer counts, and [Chrome DevTools MCP](#) added PWA automation and queryable heap snapshots for coding agents.

A data team can test a foundation forecaster against its own numbers before training per-series models, with TimesFM 3.0 off limits commercially. A developer can run an agent that reads a screen, or generate a clip with synchronized sound, instead of renting a closed API. Distribution matters as much: once model files pass tens of gigabytes, whoever hosts them controls who downloads them, so torrent delivery spreads the burden across peers, echoing the point that [the hosting layer is the real control point](#).

The widening cuts two ways: what a model does (forecast, see, hear) and how it reaches users. Licensing is the new dividing line, and TimesFM’s open code with restricted weights shows that “open” now needs a qualifier.

Read More: [an earlier snapshot of the month’s trending open-source projects](#)

Sources:

- [TimesFM: Time Series Foundation Model \(Google Research\)](#)
- [TimesFM 3.0 PyTorch weights \(Hugging Face\)](#)
- [DeepSeek-V4-Flash-Vision-Exp \(Hugging Face\)](#)
- [MiniMax H3 \(Hugging Face\)](#)
- [Model Registry: decentralized model distribution](#)
- [Chrome DevTools MCP \(GitHub\)](#)

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