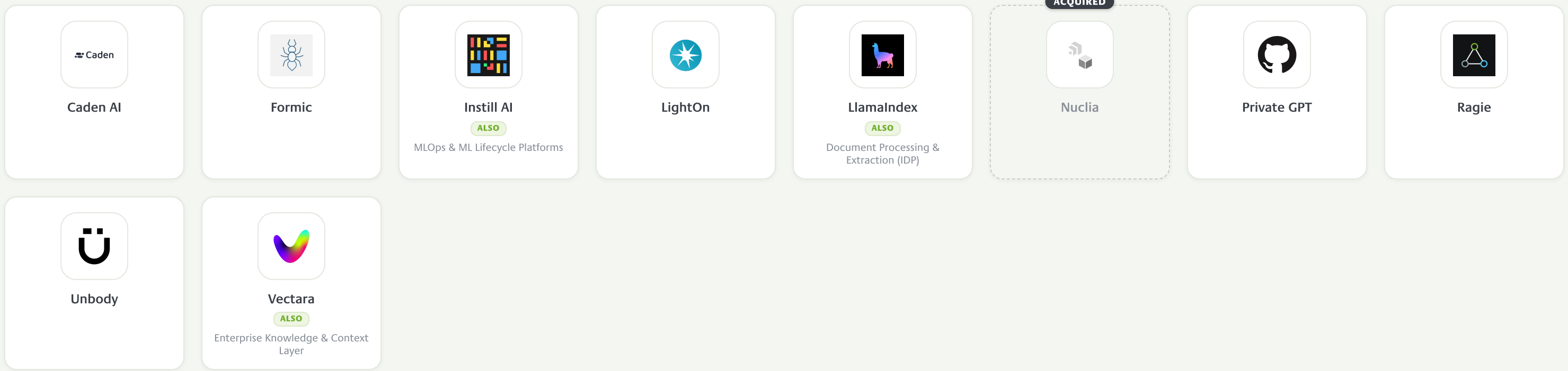


The Retrieval & Knowledge Landscape 2026



The smallest and one of the earliest categories: **just 31 companies**, 75% still at Seed or Series A. RAG and retrieval infrastructure leads (10), but with Google, Microsoft and AWS all shipping native search and knowledge tooling, this is the layer most exposed to the hyperscalers absorbing it.

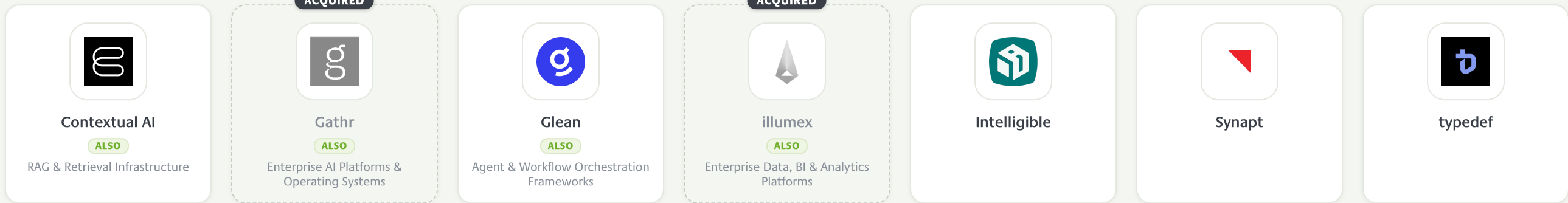
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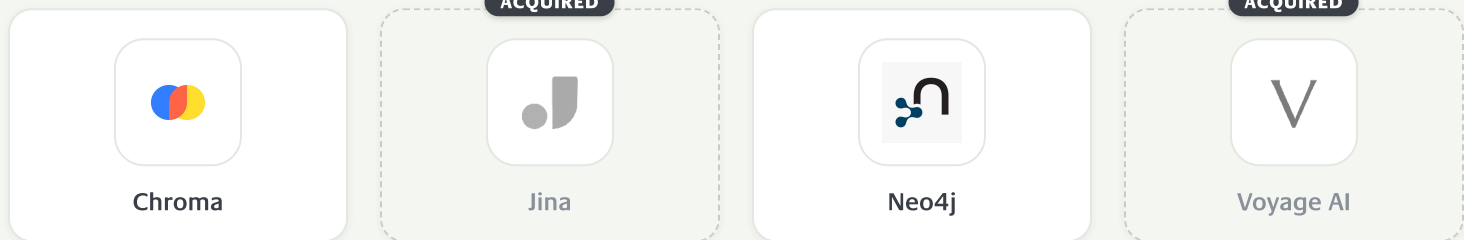
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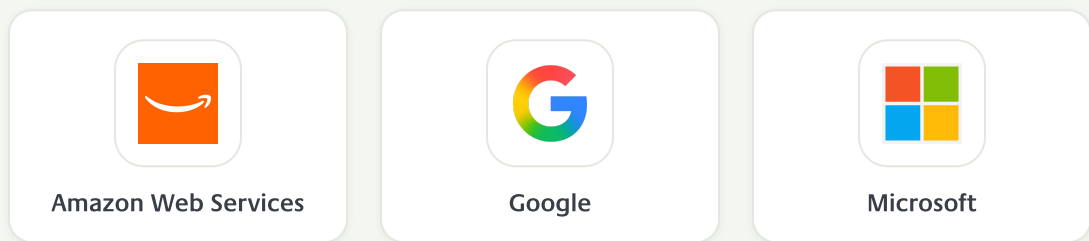
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Vector & Search Infrastructure 4



Hyperscaler / SaaS Giant 3



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