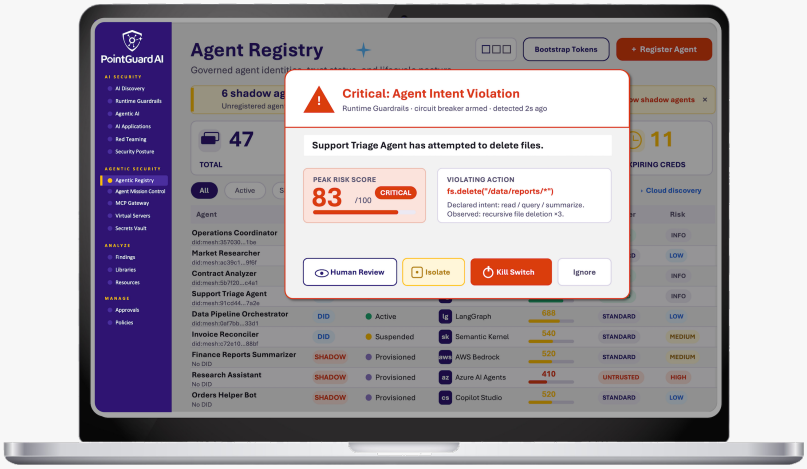
PointGuard AI named Pioneer in the 2026 Gartner® Emerging Market Quadrant for AI Application Security — Startup Vendors

Recognition follows PointGuard AI's inclusion in the 2026 Gartner Coolest Vendor Innovations in AI software security research



PointGuard AI Agent Containment & Kill Switch

SAN JOSE, CA, UNITED STATES, September 23, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- PointGuard AI, a provider of AI application and agent security, today announced that it has been named a Pioneer in the 2026 Gartner Emerging Market Quadrant for AI Application Security: Startup Vendors. PointGuard AI was positioned highest among vendors in the Pioneer quadrant for Potential to Execute.

The Emerging Market Quadrant evaluates startup vendors based on their Potential to Execute and Future Potential. PointGuard AI believes its position reflects the company's engineering strength, product strategy and ability to help enterprises secure AI applications and autonomous agents.

> These Gartner recognitions reinforce our focus on helping enterprises secure AI applications and agents with strong identity, pre-execution controls and real-time containment."
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> *Pravin Kothari, CEO of PointGuard AI*

In the report, Gartner states: "Given the rapid evolution of the AI landscape, you must select a vendor with a solid product offering and strong engineering capability — one that can adapt to market shifts and continuously partner with you to safeguard your future AI investments."[1]

PointGuard AI's inclusion in the Emerging Market Quadrant follows its inclusion in the July 2026 Gartner report, Coolest Vendor Innovations in AI Software Security. That report included PointGuard AI's Agent Mission Control among several emerging vendor innovations addressing security risks in AI applications.

“We believe these two Gartner recognitions reinforce our focus on giving enterprises the visibility and control needed to secure AI applications and autonomous agents,” said Pravin Kothari, founder and CEO of PointGuard AI. “As AI systems gain greater access and autonomy, organizations need strong identity, pre-execution controls and real-time containment.”

PointGuard AI helps organizations discover, test, govern and protect AI applications, employee AI usage and agentic systems. Its platform brings together AI discovery and inventory, security posture management, adaptive red team testing, data protection, runtime guardrails, workforce AI usage control and agentic security.

Agent Mission Control extends these capabilities to autonomous agents through five integrated pillars: Agent Discovery & Registry, Agent Identity & Access, Agent Observability, Agent Guardrails and Guardian Agent. Together with PointGuard AI’s MCP Security Gateway and Agentic Endpoint Security, these capabilities help organizations discover agents and their connections, govern access to tools and resources, monitor behavior, evaluate actions before execution and contain dangerous activity.

To learn more about PointGuard AI, visit www.pointguardai.com.

Gartner research
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About PointGuard AI
PointGuard AI provides comprehensive security for AI applications, employee AI usage and autonomous agents. Its unified platform helps organizations discover AI assets, assess risk, test applications and agents, protect sensitive data, enforce runtime policies and control agent behavior across the AI lifecycle.

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