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Applied AI report

An overview of AI tools, what has changed, and what is coming.

1. Summary

This report shows which AI tools you can use, what is new and what is coming.

- **OpenAI, GPT-6 and Intelligent UI** (7 October 2026): Integrates the GPT-6 model globally into ChatGPT with an interactive visual interface that users can operate directly. source
- **Microsoft, Learning Agent** (27 October 2026): A new agent in Microsoft 365 Copilot that offers personalized learning opportunities and structured learning paths. source
- **OpenAI, iCloud Mail and Calendar integration** (28 October 2026): ChatGPT can now connect directly to iCloud Mail and Calendar. source
- **OpenAI, dots** preview (29 September 2026): Provides proactive AI assistants that run autonomously in the background on long-term projects and day-to-day tasks. source
- **U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), DeepSeek Federal Civilian Agency Ban** breaking through (19 October 2026): An official DHS order prohibiting the use of DeepSeek inside U.S. federal civilian agencies. source
- **Moonshot AI, Kimi K3.1 Pro** growing (23 October 2026): A new AI model available via API with full model weights scheduled for release by November 4, 2026. source

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2. The landscape

For each kind of tool, one row shows what each of the four large providers offers; an empty cell is a gap. The period is the last 12 months, from 27 October 2025. Anything older that is still in common use is listed as well known. A feature that is not yet usable for everyone (beta, waiting list or a share of the users) is marked preview . A name in italics with a question mark still has to be checked; a struck-through name has been discontinued.preview. A name in italics with a question mark still has to be checked; a ~~struck-through~~ name has been discontinued.

The table holds 122 features. Most of them can be used by an ordinary user today; 25 are still a preview and 26 have yet to be checked.

Where a provider has no current feature: Microsoft: proactive daily brief.

2.1 By kind of tool, by provider

Kind of tool	Anthropic Claude	OpenAI ChatGPT / Codex	Google Gemini / Workspace	Microsoft Copilot
Chat app the app or site where you talk to the model	Claude (web, desktop, mobile) Cowork in every conversation	ChatGPT (web, desktop, mobile) Intelligent UI Locked Chats ?	Gemini app (web, mobile) Gemini Windows app	Microsoft 365 Copilot Chat in Teams Copilot Chat: web and work in one conversation (Work IQ) Seamless Search and Chat Integration ? Copilot Chat in Queues app ?
Proactive daily brief the assistant comes to you, e.g. a morning brief with what matters	Claude Digest (in Claude Duet) preview	ChatGPT Pulse ?	Gemini Daily Brief AI Inbox in Gmail ?	— gap
Always-on agent an agent that keeps working on tasks in the background, also when you are away	Claude Duet preview Claude Cowork in the cloud preview	Dots preview Workspace agents in ChatGPT	Gemini Spark preview Gemini Android System Control ?	Microsoft Scout preview Copilot Cowork
Coding agent an agent that writes, runs and improves code	Claude Code Claude Code in Team plan	Codex app Codex Security preview Composer predictions in Codex desktop ? Direct steering during generation in Codex CLI ?	Google Antigravity	GitHub Copilot (coding agent) Use Python when Editing with Copilot in Excel
Browser and computer use the agent operates a browser or a computer	Claude in Chrome preview Computer use in Cowork and Claude Code preview	ChatGPT Atlas Computer Use (Codex)	Gemini in Chrome auto browse preview	Copilot in Edge (address bar)
Integrations, connectors, MCP connecting to other apps and services	Connectors and MCP Salesforce in Claude preview Claude Mods and You should know ?	Apps and plugins in ChatGPT ? Site tools (WebMCP) iCloud Mail and Calendar integration ?	Connected Apps Personal Intelligence preview	Federated Copilot Connectors MCP agents in Office apps

Kind of tool	Anthropic Claude	OpenAI ChatGPT / Codex	Google Gemini / Workspace	Microsoft Copilot
Memory remembering what you said before or who you are	Categorized memory ~~Daily memory summary~~ discontinued → Categorized memory	Memory (Dreaming)	memories ~~past chats~~ discontinued → memories	Copilot Memory ?
Rules and approval when the agent may act on its own and when it asks for your approval	Permission policies (Managed Agents) Approval in Claude Duet preview	Custom Rules (Dots) preview Lockdown Mode	Skills (replaces Gems) Gems	Outlook triage confirmation prompts Agent lifecycle rules
Planning and tasks recurring or scheduled tasks	Scheduled tasks in Cowork Scheduled deployments in Claude Managed Agents Dynamic workflows in Claude Managed Agents ?	Automations (Codex)	AI Inbox next steps in Google Meet	Scheduled prompts for Agents Planner Agent chat
Voice talking to the assistant, reading aloud, live conversation	Voice mode in the Claude apps ?	ChatGPT Voice with GPT-Live	Gemini Live (3.8) Gmail Live Real-time speech translation in Google Meet ?	Copilot Voice with Vision
Documents and knowledge your own files, projects, notebooks, creating documents	Claude Docs Claude Design and Claude Slides Spreadsheet and slide deck creation in Claude ?	ChatGPT Slides Data agent in ChatGPT Work Canvas ?	Gemini Notebook Interactive apps export to Google Sites Docs Live in Google Docs mobile ?	Copilot Notebooks (to Word, PowerPoint, Excel) Edit with Copilot in Excel Multimodal capture in Copilot Notebooks (Android) ? Copilot in Excel data automation ?
Administration and governance management for organisations: permissions, oversight, audit log, security	Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) Skill and plugin security scanning preview Web fetch control and domain filtering ? Web fetch domain filtering ?	OpenAI Frontier preview Admin plugin	Vault export of Gemini conversations	Agent Store with admin approval preview Generated files inherit sensitivity labels AI agent monitoring and governance tools ?

Kind of tool	Anthropic Claude	OpenAI ChatGPT / Codex	Google Gemini / Workspace	Microsoft Copilot
Cost and limits subscriptions, credits, usage limits, seeing the cost	Monthly API credit for Max and Team Session budgets for Claude Managed Agents	ChatGPT Go Codex pay-as-you-go pricing	Google AI Pro/Plus subscriptions (including student offer)	Consumption Dashboard tracks Copilot credit usage
Models the newest model end users can choose	Claude Fable 5.1 Claude Mythos 5.1 preview Claude Opus 5.5 Claude Sonnet 5.5 Claude Haiku 5.5	GPT-6 Astra GPT-6.1 Sol ~~GPT-5.5~~ discontinued → GPT-6.1 Sol	Gemini 4 Argon Gemini 3.6 Flash Gemini 3.8 Flash Gemini 3.8 Flash-Lite ? Gemini 3.8 Flash-Lite TTS preview	Claude models in Microsoft 365 Copilot OpenAI GPT-5.5 Thinking in Copilot Chat Multi-model support in Microsoft Copilot ?

2.2 Synonyms: the same kind of thing under another name

What it is	Anthropic Claude	OpenAI ChatGPT / Codex	Google Gemini / Workspace	Microsoft Copilot
Proactive daily brief	Claude Digest (in Duet)	ChatGPT Pulse	Daily Brief	—
Always-on agent	Claude Duet, Cowork in the cloud	Dots, workspace agents	Gemini Spark	Microsoft Scout, Copilot Cowork
Rules: do autonomously or request approval	approval in Duet, permission policies	Custom Rules (allow / gate / block)	—	confirmation prompts, policy-based rules
Reusable instructions	Skills	Skills	Skills (formerly Gems)	declarative agents (Agent Builder)
Integrations with other apps	Connectors, plugins, MCP	Apps, plugins	Connected Apps	Copilot connectors, MCP in Office
Workspace with own files	Projects	Projects	Gemini Notebook	Copilot Notebooks
Monitoring what the agent does	—	Activity View (Dots)	—	running tasks in the Windows taskbar
Coding agent	Claude Code	Codex	Antigravity	GitHub Copilot
Memory	Memory	Memory (Dreaming)	memories (was past chats)	Copilot Memory
The agent operates a browser	Claude in Chrome	Atlas, Codex Computer Use	Gemini in Chrome, auto browse	Copilot in Edge
Scheduled tasks	Scheduled tasks (Cowork)	Automations (Codex)	AI Inbox, next steps (Meet)	Scheduled prompts

2.3 The features, with date and source

What started since 29 September 2026 is in the part on what is new.

Chat app

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Claude (web, desktop, mobile)	well known (2023)	yes	Anthropic's chat app	claude.ai widely known (older than 12 months)
Anthropic	Cowork in every conversation	16 September 2026	yes	Combines chat and Cowork into a single experience where large and small tasks are handled without switching modes.	support.claude.com/en/articles/16761823 vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	ChatGPT (web, desktop, mobile)	well known (2022)	yes	OpenAI's chat app	chatgpt.com widely known (older than 12 months)
Google	Gemini app (web, mobile)	well known (2024)	yes	Google's chat app	gemini.google.com widely known (older than 12 months)
Google	Gemini Windows app	10 September 2026	yes	A native Windows application to invoke Gemini instantly anywhere on the computer using a keyboard shortcut.	gemini.google/desktop/ vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Microsoft 365 Copilot Chat in Teams	7 April 2026	yes	Makes Copilot Chat directly available within Teams meetings, chats, calls, and channels.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Copilot Chat: web and work in one conversation (Work IQ)	25 August 2026	yes	Combines web and work chats in a single interface with a toggle to enable or disable access to work data.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Proactive daily brief

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
OpenAI	ChatGPT Pulse ?	well known (2025)	no	cards every morning from conversations and connected apps (Pro)	openai.com/index/introducing-chatgpt-pulse/ older than 12 months; whether Pulse is still called that and who has access: to be verified
Google	Gemini Daily Brief	19 May 2026	yes	A personalized daily summary with priorities and tasks from connected apps.	one.google.com/ai?sc=EgIIAQ&utm_campaign=advmktgsite&icid=a... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Always-on agent

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Claude Cowork in the cloud preview	7 July 2026	no	Runs remote sessions so tasks continue even when your device is offline.	support.claude.com/en/articles/15520349 vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	Workspace agents in ChatGPT	22 April 2026	yes	Cloud agents that automate complex team processes and tools in the background.	openai.com/index/introducing-workspace-agents-in-chatgpt vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Google	Gemini Spark preview	19 May 2026	no	A 24/7 personal AI agent that autonomously performs tasks and file management.	one.google.com/ai?sc=EgIIAQ&utm_campaign=advmktgsite&icid=a... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Microsoft Scout preview	2 June 2026	no	always-on personal agent (Autopilot) in Microsoft 365; Frontier preview, administrator enables it	microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/blog/2026/06/02/introducing-mic... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Copilot Cowork	23 September 2026	yes	Executes multi-step tasks across multiple systems and files in the background based on a defined desired outcome.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/copilot/cowork/ vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Coding agent

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Claude Code	well known (2025)	yes	coding agent in terminal, IDE, desktop, and web	code.claude.com widely known (older than 12 months)

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Claude Code in Team plan	16 January 2026	yes	Claude Code is included by default for all standard Team users.	support.claude.com/en/articles/12004354-purchasing-and-mana… vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	Codex app	2 February 2026	yes	Desktop application enabling multiple coding agents to work on complex tasks concurrently.	developers.openai.com/codex/projects vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	Codex Security preview	6 March 2026	no	Security agent that identifies, validates, and fixes application vulnerabilities.	openai.com/index/codex-security-now-in-research-preview vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	GitHub Copilot (coding agent)	well known (2025)	yes	coding agent from GitHub/Microsoft	github.com/features/copilot widely known (older than 12 months)
Microsoft	Use Python when Editing with Copilot in Excel	25 August 2026	yes	Allows Copilot to execute Python code in Excel for advanced data analysis and data processing.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not… vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Browser and computer use

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Claude in Chrome preview	18 December 2025	no	Browser extension allowing Claude to perform automated tasks in Google Chrome.	support.claude.com/en/articles/13119606-managing-skills-as-… vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Anthropic	Computer use in Cowork and Claude Code preview	23 March 2026	no	Gives Claude direct access to open applications, click, and navigate on your screen.	support.claude.com/en/articles/14128542-let-claude-use-your… vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	ChatGPT Atlas	30 October 2025	yes	Chromium-based browser architecture for autonomous web navigation by the AI.	openai.com/index/building-chatgpt-atlas vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
OpenAI	Computer Use (Codex)	29 May 2026	yes	Functionality that allows the agent to autonomously operate desktop apps by viewing, clicking, and typing.	developers.openai.com/codex/computer-use vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Google	Gemini in Chrome	28 January 2026	yes	A side panel in Chrome for deeper app integrations and assistance directly on the webpage.	support.google.com/gemini?p=mws_gic_ga&hl=en-US vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Google	auto browse preview	28 January 2026	no	A feature in Chrome for the assistant to perform automated web tasks.	support.google.com/gemini?p=mws_gic_ga&hl=en-US vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Copilot in Edge (address bar)	10 March 2026	yes	Allows search queries from the Edge address bar to be submitted directly to Copilot.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Integrations, connectors, MCP

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Connectors and MCP	well known (2024)	yes	Anthropic created MCP; connectors in the Claude apps	modelcontextprotocol.io widely known (older than 12 months)
Anthropic	Salesforce in Claude preview	15 September 2026	no	Plugin that brings Salesforce accounts, sales opportunities, and pipeline directly into Claude.	claude.com/blog/salesforce-in-claude vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	Apps and plugins in ChatGPT ?	well known (2025)	yes	apps in ChatGPT (plugin ecosystem, according to OpenAI >4,000 apps)	openai.com/index/introducing-apps-in-chatgpt/ date and name: to be verified
OpenAI	Site tools (WebMCP)	25 August 2026	yes	Integration allowing agents to invoke browser features and site tools directly via WebMCP.	developers.openai.com/codex/chrome-extension vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Google	Personal Intelligence preview	20 January 2026	no	Connection between Gemini and personal Google apps for personalized responses.	support.google.com/gemini?p=mk_pi&hl=en-US vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Google	Connected Apps	23 September 2026	yes	Integrations with third-party services such as Adobe, Airtable, and Linear within Gemini conversations.	blog.google/innovation-and-ai/products/gemini-app/new-conne... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Federated Copilot Connectors	2 June 2026	yes	Provides real-time connections to external data sources via the Model Context Protocol (MCP) without pre-indexing data.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/copilot/connectors/... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	MCP agents in Office apps	15 July 2026	yes	Makes MCP-based agents directly accessible within standard Office applications.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Memory

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Categorized memory	10 July 2026	yes	Stores memories as individual items updated during conversations.	support.claude.com/en/articles/11817273-use-claude-s-chat-s... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Anthropic	~~Daily memory summary~~ discontinued → Categorized memory	10 July 2026	discontinued	The original daily memory summary has been replaced by individual items.	support.claude.com/en/articles/11817273-use-claude-s-chat-s... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	Memory (Dreaming)	4 June 2026	yes	Memory system that structurally retains preferences and relevant context across conversations.	openai.com/index/chatgpt-memory-dreaming vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Google	memories	26 March 2026	yes	Memory feature for personal preferences and context, including import from other AI apps.	gemini.google/import-memory/ vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Google	~~past chats~~ discontinued → memories	26 March 2026	discontinued	Older name for saved conversation context in Gemini, renamed to memories.	gemini.google/import-memory/ vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Copilot Memory ?	well known (2025)	yes	Copilot remembers preferences and work context	techcommunity.microsoft.com/blog/microsoft365copilotblog/in... older than 12 months; name and status to be verified

Rules and approval

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Permission policies (Managed Agents)	10 September 2026	yes	Automatically evaluates tool calls and pauses independently for your approval when required.	docs.claude.com/docs/en/managed-agents/permission-policies#... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	Lockdown Mode	13 February 2026	yes	Security mode that blocks risky actions to prevent data exfiltration.	openai.com/index/introducing-lockdown-mode-and-elevated-ris... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Agent lifecycle rules	2 June 2026	yes	Sets rules to automatically install or reassign agents without an owner.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Outlook triage confirmation prompts	23 September 2026	yes	Explicitly requests user approval for actions on more than five emails or changes to rules.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Planning and tasks

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Scheduled tasks in Cowork	25 February 2026	yes	Enables scheduling of recurring and ad-hoc tasks in Cowork.	support.claude.com/en/articles/13854387-schedule-recurring-... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	Automations (Codex)	12 March 2026	yes	Configure recurring automated tasks with specific models and work environments.	developers.openai.com/codex/changelog vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Scheduled prompts for Agents	1 July 2026	yes	Enables setting recurring, scheduled prompts for declarative agents.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Planner Agent chat	23 September 2026	yes	Allows users to manage, retrieve, and update tasks in Microsoft Planner via chat.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Voice

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Voice mode in the Claude apps ?	well known (2025)	yes	talking to Claude on mobile	support.claude.com older than 12 months; not found in the 12-month release notes: to be verified
OpenAI	ChatGPT Voice with GPT-Live	8 July 2026	yes	New generation of voice models for natural, fluid interaction in ChatGPT Voice.	openai.com/index/introducing-gpt-live vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Google	Gemini Live (3.8)	15 September 2026	yes	Dialogue model for natural, real-time spoken interaction with the assistant.	blog.google/innovation-and-ai/models-and-research/gemini-mo... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Microsoft	Copilot Voice with Vision	23 September 2026	yes	Answers questions about live camera feeds or a shared screen during a spoken live session.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Documents and knowledge

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Claude Docs	16 September 2026	yes	Offers a new way to write interactive documents together with Claude and your team.	support.claude.com/en/articles/16923645 vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Anthropic	Claude Design and Claude Slides	16 September 2026	yes	Allows users to generate and edit designs and presentations from any conversation.	support.claude.com/en/articles/17153992 vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	Data agent in ChatGPT Work	10 September 2026	yes	Agent that connects business data to generate analyses and interactive dashboards.	openai.com/index/put-data-to-work vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Edit with Copilot in Excel	10 March 2026	yes	Allows users to build and modify worksheets with tables, pivot tables, and formulas via chat.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Copilot Notebooks (to Word, PowerPoint, Excel)	1 July 2026	yes	Creates a structured Word document based on the sources and notes in a notebook.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Administration and governance

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)	9 April 2026	yes	Allows administrators to configure via groups and SCIM which Claude features departments are permitted to use.	support.claude.com/en/articles/13930458-set-up-role-based-e… vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Anthropic	Skill and plugin security scanning preview	6 August 2026	no	Automatically checks external skills and plugins for malicious content.	support.claude.com/en/articles/15927065 vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	OpenAI Frontier preview	5 February 2026	no	Enterprise platform for centralized management, permissions, and governance of AI agents.	openai.com/index/introducing-openai-frontier vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	Admin plugin	25 August 2026	yes	Admin plugin to configure workspace usage, members, permissions, and limits.	openai.com/index/introducing-admin-plugin vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Generated files inherit sensitivity labels	1 July 2026	yes	Automatically assigns the highest sensitivity label from the source data used to generated files.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not… vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Agent Store with admin approval preview	15 July 2026	no	Provides a managed workflow to publish custom-built agents within the organization following administrator review.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/admin/manage/agent-… vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Cost and limits

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Session budgets for Claude Managed Agents	7 August 2026	yes	Provides a hard spending limit per agent session to prevent unforeseen costs.	docs.claude.com/docs/en/managed-agents/budgets vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
OpenAI	ChatGPT Go	16 January 2026	yes	Affordable subscription with higher limits and expanded memory.	openai.com/index/introducing-chatgpt-go vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	Codex pay-as-you-go pricing	2 April 2026	yes	Pay-as-you-go pricing for teams using Codex within business plans.	openai.com/index/codex-flexible-pricing-for-teams vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Google	Google AI Pro/Plus subscriptions (including student offer)	19 August 2026	yes	One year of free Google AI Pro in the US or Google AI Plus in 140+ countries for students.	one.google.com/offer/studentoffer8?g1_landing_page=0 vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Microsoft	Consumption Dashboard tracks Copilot credit usage	11 August 2026	yes	Displays Copilot credit consumption and budget information for various AI services.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Models

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Claude Fable 5.1	1 September 2026	yes	Successor to Fable 5 for long-running agentic coding, knowledge work and research, with a 1 million token context window.	docs.claude.com/en/release-notes/overview provider release notes (docs.claude.com, September 1, 2026), verified 2026-10-24; missing from the initial population
Anthropic	Claude Mythos 5.1 preview	1 September 2026	no	The most advanced model, available only to participants in Project Glasswing.	docs.claude.com/en/release-notes/overview provider release notes (docs.claude.com, September 1, 2026), verified 2026-10-24; missing from the initial population
Anthropic	Claude Opus 5.5	22 September 2026	yes	Flagship model for agentic coding and complex knowledge work with lower operational costs.	anthropic.com/claude-opus-5-5 vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Claude Sonnet 5.5	28 September 2026	yes	Powerful model that serves as a faster and more cost-effective complement to Opus 5.5.	anthropic.com/claude-sonnet-5-5 vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
OpenAI	~~GPT-5.5~~ discontinued → GPT-6.1 Sol	23 April 2026	discontinued	Former standard model that was phased out permanently by mid-October 2026.	developers.openai.com/codex/models#gpt-55-retirement provider release notes/news; citation not found
OpenAI	GPT-6 Astra	3 September 2026	yes	Most advanced AI model for professional tasks, computer use, and programming.	openai.com/index/gpt-6-astra vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Google	Gemini 3.8 Flash-Lite ?	?	yes	Listed as a current model on the provider's models page; the description follows after review.	ai.google.dev/gemini-api/docs/models completeness check 2026-10-24: listed on the provider's models page and was missing; check date and label
Google	Gemini 3.6 Flash	21 July 2026	yes	Upgraded model for fast daily tasks and multi-step projects.	gemini.google/release-notes/?hl=en vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Google	Gemini 3.8 Flash	2 September 2026	yes	Gemini's fast default model; replaces 3.5 and 3.7 Flash, whose requests are routed to 3.8 automatically.	ai.google.dev/gemini-api/docs/changelog completeness check 2026-10-24; date from the provider's changelog (GA September 2, 2026), verified
Google	Gemini 3.8 Flash-Lite TTS preview	22 September 2026	no	Fast and cost-effective text-to-speech model for high volumes and real-time voice agents.	ai.google.dev/gemini-api/docs/changelog provider release notes (Gemini API changelog), citation verified 2026-10-24; separate from the Gemini 3.8 Flash-Lite text model, which still needs to be checked
Microsoft	OpenAI GPT-5.5 Thinking in Copilot Chat	19 May 2026	yes	Adds GPT-5.5 Thinking to Copilot Chat for in-depth reasoning steps and complex problem solving.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not... vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Microsoft	Claude models in Microsoft 365 Copilot	16 June 2026	yes	Enables selecting Anthropic's Claude as a model in Copilot Chat.	learn.microsoft.com/en-us/copilot/microsoft-365/release-not… vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026

Sources: the providers' own release notes and news (support.claude.com, docs.claude.com, anthropic.com, openai.com, developers.openai.com, gemini.google, workspaceupdates.googleblog.com, blog.google, learn.microsoft.com, microsoft.com), supplemented by searches. This is a draft: research, not advice.

3. New and changing

Everything the four large providers released or announced in the last 30 days (29 September 2026 to 28 October 2026), side by side per kind of tool. Each time: what it does, which problem it solves, who it is for, whether it is ready for end users, and what it means for organisations.

This lists 119 new features, most of them from Anthropic. An ordinary user can already use 95 of them today; the rest is still a preview or only announced.

Integrations, connectors, MCP

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, Microsoft

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
Anthropic	**claude plugin configure** 29 September 2026 · source	Enables viewing a plugin's configuration options and setting them directly from the command line or via stdin.	Configuring plugins required cumbersome steps via menus or manual editing of configuration files.	Developers and system administrators	yes	Simplifies the automated deployment and configuration of agent extensions across workstations.
Anthropic	**Claude Mods and You should know** 1 October 2026 · source	Adds Claude Mods for deeper system customization, including the built-in mod 'You should know', which acts as an observing agent to provide warnings.	Users and agents sometimes overlook critical errors or details during work.	Users of Claude Code and plugin developers	yes	Increases agent reliability by using a secondary background AI reviewer to catch overlooked issues.
Anthropic	**Claude Tag API for Slack** 20 October 2026 · source	Programmatically manages Claude Tag settings and access permissions per Slack channel and workspace.	Manually configuring Claude access across large Slack environments with hundreds of channels was time-consuming and error-prone.	Administrators of Claude Enterprise organizations	no (preview)	Enables centralized, automated enforcement of AI access by team or project channel.
Anthropic	**Claude Models on Google Cloud (Anthropic managed)** 22 October 2026 · source	Provides direct access to the Claude API via Google Cloud with Google IAM permissions and centralized billing.	Organizations on Google Cloud had to manage separate contracts and access structures for Anthropic.	Cloud engineers and IT administrators on Google Cloud	yes	Simplifies Claude adoption for organizations that have standardized their IT infrastructure on Google Cloud.
Anthropic	**Claude for Nonprofits plugin** 26 October 2026 · source	Adds a dedicated plugin to Claude's nonprofit program to support organizational workflows.	Nonprofit teams often lack specialized AI integrations tailored to donor management and grant writing.	Staff and volunteers at nonprofit organizations	yes	Civic organizations and charities gain immediate access to AI tooling specifically aligned with their sector.
OpenAI	**OpenAI models on Google Cloud Marketplace** 21 October 2026 · source	Makes OpenAI models and Codex workflows directly available via Gemini's Model Garden on Google Cloud.	Organizations standardized on Google Cloud had to establish separate management and procurement contracts for OpenAI.	IT administrators and developers using Google Cloud	no (announced)	Municipalities and companies with a Google Cloud environment can more easily integrate OpenAI models into their existing cloud management.

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OpenAI	**Enterprise MCP authentication and credential masking in Codex CLI** 23 October 2026 · source	Adds support for enterprise MCP integrations via account grants or OAuth with secrets, and automatically masks credentials in remote terminal sessions.	Securely connecting internal enterprise systems and masking secrets in CLI sessions was cumbersome.	Developers and system administrators within organizations.	yes	Simplifies the secure integration of internal business tools via MCP without leaking sensitive API keys into logs.
OpenAI	**ChatGPT subscription in third-party apps** 23 October 2026 · source	Enables linking an existing ChatGPT subscription to third-party applications for AI features.	Users had to purchase separate API credits or pay twice to use AI models in third-party software.	Users with a paid ChatGPT subscription	yes	SME organizations can directly utilize existing ChatGPT licenses within specialized work tools without separate API billing.
OpenAI	**Bank account linking in ChatGPT** 25 October 2026 · source	Enables users to connect their bank accounts directly to ChatGPT to automatically analyze spending and receive financial advice.	Users previously had to manually export and upload financial statements to get analyses.	End users and sole proprietors seeking direct financial insights in ChatGPT	yes	Offers small business owners accessible insights into cash flow and spending, provided data privacy and banking compliance standards are respected.
OpenAI	**Dext Accounting Connector** 26 October 2026 · source	A connector that makes accounting data from Dext directly available in ChatGPT, Claude, and Copilot.	Financial data is often fragmented and not readily available for AI analysis.	Users of Dext and AI chatbots	yes	Enables SMEs to generate financial insights and reports faster using AI.
OpenAI	**Google Cloud Vertex AI provider** 27 October 2026 · source	Codex now supports a built-in Google Cloud Vertex AI provider for model calls.	Users were limited in their choice of model infrastructure within the Codex environment.	Developers and IT administrators.	yes	Organizations already invested in Google Cloud can now more easily integrate their existing infrastructure with Codex agents.
OpenAI	**iCloud Mail and Calendar integration** 28 October 2026 · source	ChatGPT can now connect directly to iCloud Mail and Calendar.	Users had to manually copy information between their calendar/mail and the AI assistant.	ChatGPT users with an iCloud account	yes	Simplifies the process for employees to integrate appointments and emails directly into their AI workflow.
Google	**Gemini Notebook Connected App in Gemini** 23 October 2026 · source	Allows using @Gemini Notebook directly within chats to create new notebooks, add sources, or retrieve information.	Users had to switch back and forth between Gemini chats and NotebookLM/Gemini Notebook to manage knowledge sources.	Users of the Gemini app with Gemini Notebook	yes	Accelerates case and knowledge research by enabling teams to access their central reference materials directly from their work chat.

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Microsoft	**Self-service query string and identity mapping for connectors** 6 October 2026 · source	Allows administrators to modify query parameters and identity mapping rules for Copilot connectors directly in the admin center.	Previously, adjustments to data sources and access filters required a support ticket with Microsoft.	Administrators of Microsoft 365 organizations	yes	IT departments can independently and immediately correct data access from external sources for Copilot.
Microsoft	**CAS chemistry connector in Copilot** 22 October 2026 · source	Directly connects CAS scientific and chemical data to Microsoft Copilot for specialized search and analysis queries.	R&D professionals had to consult external databases manually because general AI models lack specialized chemical domain knowledge.	Researchers and R&D staff in chemicals and pharmaceuticals	no (preview)	Enables direct access to specialized scientific sources using natural language within the corporate workspace.
Microsoft	**S&P Global connector in Microsoft 365 Copilot** 23 October 2026 · source	Provides users with direct access to proprietary S&P Global market, industry, and company data within Microsoft 365 Copilot.	Financial analysts and business users had to constantly switch between standalone S&P Global portals and Office apps to gather market data.	Financial analysts and organizations with Microsoft 365 Copilot and an S&P Global license	yes	Allows organizations to pull and analyze current market intelligence directly into Word, Excel, or PowerPoint via natural prompts.
Microsoft	**Custom Model Context Protocol (MCP) connectors** 27 October 2026 · source	Admins can build and deploy custom connectors to securely surface proprietary data in Copilot.	Proprietary data was previously difficult to integrate into the Copilot experience.	Organizational administrators.	yes	Organizations can make Copilot more relevant by securely making their own unique business data available to the AI.
Microsoft	**MT Newswires in Microsoft Copilot** 27 October 2026 · source	Integration of real-time global financial news from MT Newswires into Copilot.	Users have to consult external sources for up-to-date financial market data.	Users of Microsoft 365 Copilot.	yes	Provides organizations with direct access to reliable financial market updates within their trusted work environment.
Microsoft	**Narmi banking data connector** 27 October 2026 · source	Connector that makes read-only banking data from Narmi available in Microsoft 365 Copilot.	Financial data from banking environments is not directly accessible via AI assistants.	Users of Microsoft 365 Copilot in the financial sector.	yes	Enables querying bank transactions and data directly via Copilot for faster reporting.

Coding agent

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google; nothing new at Microsoft

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Anthropic	**Claude Code Monitor tool on Bedrock, Vertex, and Foundry** 23 October 2026 · source	Makes the Monitor tool and plugin monitors available for Claude Code on AWS Bedrock, Google Cloud Vertex, and Foundry, even when telemetry is disabled.	Developers using Claude Code via enterprise cloud providers or with strict privacy and telemetry restrictions lacked monitoring functionality.	developers and IT administrators hosting Claude on their own cloud platforms	yes	Ensures development teams in strictly regulated cloud environments can deploy the same monitoring tools.
Anthropic	**MCP Tasks and Elicitations in Claude Code** 24 October 2026 · source	Supports persistent agent workflows and targeted clarifying prompts via the Model Context Protocol in Claude Code.	Complex workflows could lose state and lacked a standardized mechanism to ask the user for missing input.	Developers working with Claude Code and MCP servers.	no (preview)	Makes building reliable custom integrations and agents for internal business processes more robust.
Anthropic	**Claude Code Artifacts** 24 October 2026 · source	Allows users to generate and preview visual and interactive components directly within the Claude Code environment.	Developers had to export or run code outside the terminal to inspect generated visual output.	Developers using Claude Code.	yes	Speeds up iterative development of web applications and prototypes by providing immediate visual feedback.
Anthropic	**Claude Code ultrathink** 26 October 2026 · source	Enables maximum reasoning effort (xhigh) for the current turn on supported models, even while Claude is already generating a response.	Complex coding tasks sometimes require deeper reasoning on the fly without having to restart the prompt or session.	Software developers using Claude Code via the command line	yes	Developers can dynamically grant Claude extra reasoning depth for tough coding problems without interrupting their workflow.
Anthropic	**Claude Code self-hosted runner idle management** 26 October 2026 · source	Keeps an idle runner session alive while background processes are still running using --hold-idle-file and --max-hold-min.	Automated CI/CD sessions sometimes shut down prematurely when the main process was idle while background tasks were still active.	DevOps engineers and developers running Claude Code automation on self-hosted infrastructure	yes	Ensures more reliable automated software testing and agent workflows on internal infrastructure.
Anthropic	**Click to send in fullscreen** 27 October 2026 · source	Allows users in fullscreen mode to send a queued message immediately by clicking the hint below it.	Sending messages in fullscreen mode was previously only possible via keyboard shortcuts.	Developers	yes	Improves usability and workflow speed for developers using Claude Code in the terminal.

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OpenAI	**Move selected chats to a project** 1 October 2026 · source	You can now move multiple selected chats to a specific project simultaneously.	Organizing individual chats required significant manual effort because conversations could only be moved one by one.	Developers using the Codex app	yes	Makes it easier for development teams in SMEs and government agencies to keep AI-based coding sessions organized by project or client.
OpenAI	**Managed Git worktrees in Codex CLI** 8 October 2026 · source	Provides built-in tools to create and manage Git worktrees from trusted local repositories.	Working on multiple tasks or branches simultaneously required manual repository switches or separate clones.	Software developers.	yes	Allows AI tasks to run in parallel on separate branches without disrupting the active working directory.
OpenAI	**Composer predictions in Codex desktop** 9 October 2026 · source	Predicts and displays a contextual follow-up prompt in the input field after a response, which can be accepted using the Tab key.	Users must manually devise and type out the logical next instruction after each step.	Users with a ChatGPT Pro subscription (ages 18 and older) in supported regions.	no (preview)	Significantly accelerates repetitive programming and development sessions for employees using the desktop app.
OpenAI	**Direct steering during generation in Codex CLI** 15 October 2026 · source	Allows users to send a follow-up message while Codex is still responding, immediately interrupting and redirecting ongoing code execution and tool calls.	Users had to wait for a misguided long-running task to finish before they could make corrections.	Developers using the Codex CLI.	yes	Saves developers time and compute by immediately cutting off incorrect agent trajectories.
OpenAI	**Parallel execution of read operations in Codex CLI** 15 October 2026 · source	Enables Codex to run independent read-only tools concurrently, such as searching skills, memory, and conversation history.	Sequential tool calls caused unnecessary delays when gathering context.	Developers building or running agents via the CLI.	yes	Leads to smoother interactions and shorter wait times for complex queries.
OpenAI	**Decisions API** 22 October 2026 · source	Provides a specialized API interface for making fast, targeted, and low-cost decisions within software applications.	Full model calls are often too slow and expensive when an application only needs quick routing or categorization.	Developers of internal business software and agents	no (preview)	Internal applications can have AI make logical choices or classifications with minimal cost and latency.
OpenAI	**Manage background commands on iOS** 22 October 2026 · source	Displays active background tasks on connected remote hosts in a pill above the composer and allows users to stop them directly.	Developers monitoring remote agent tasks on mobile lacked quick visibility and control over background operations.	Developers using Codex or ChatGPT on iOS connected to remote hosts	yes	Allows engineers to monitor and cancel running automation scripts or server tasks from mobile without opening a terminal.

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OpenAI	**Reusable presets and inline profiles in Codex CLI** 23 October 2026 · source	Enables saving reusable prompts and slash commands across ten numbered slots via `/presets`, and configuring models and permissions directly inline.	Frequently used prompts and configurations had to be entered manually each time.	Developers working with the Codex CLI.	yes	Increases productivity and standardization of routine tasks for technical staff.
OpenAI	**Reasoning effort control** 27 October 2026 · source	It is now possible to adjust the 'reasoning effort' of supported models during an ongoing conversation.	Users could not dynamically adjust the depth of the model's reasoning process during a session.	Developers using Codex.	yes	Developers can optimize the balance between speed and accuracy for specific tasks within the same conversation.
Google	**Google Antigravity in macOS app** 13 October 2026 · source	Integrates an autonomous coding agent into the desktop app that plans, builds, and tests code in the background.	Developers constantly have to switch between brainstorming in a chat and manually coding and testing in their IDE.	macOS users with a personal Google account or a supported work account	yes	Makes it faster for internal developers to set up prototypes and small tools directly from Gemini.
Google	**Publish interactive apps from Gemini to Google Sites** 19 October 2026 · source	Directly exports interactive mini-applications built in Gemini to a draft page within Google Sites.	Previously, AI-generated prototypes or tools had to be manually copied or coded to be shared.	Gemini users with permissions to create and edit Google Sites	yes	Enables internal innovation teams to quickly publish a working AI prototype or internal calculator for colleagues.

Chat app

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, Microsoft

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
Anthropic	**claude --desktop** 29 September 2026 · source	Opens the current terminal directory or active session directly in the visual Claude Desktop application.	Switching between the terminal and the graphical desktop app required manual context migration.	Users of both the CLI and the desktop application	yes	Lowers the barrier for employees who prefer working visually with sessions initiated in the terminal.
Anthropic	**Prompt recovery after Ctrl+C** 2 October 2026 · source	Restores a draft prompt accidentally cleared with Ctrl+C via the up-arrow key, including pasted images and text.	Users lost extensive instructions and attachments if they accidentally pressed cancel.	End users of Claude Code	yes	Prevents frustration and lost time for employees drafting detailed prompts.
OpenAI	**ChatGPT iOS task and status widgets** 2 October 2026 · source	Provides home screen and lock screen widgets to display recent tasks on connected computers and remaining API credits.	Users had to open the app to check the status of running computer tasks or their usage limit.	iOS users remotely monitoring computer tasks.	yes	Makes it easier for mobile professionals to monitor active background tasks and limits.
OpenAI	**GPT-6 and Intelligent UI** 7 October 2026 · source	Integrates the GPT-6 model globally into ChatGPT with an interactive visual interface that users can operate directly.	Chat responses were previously primarily static text, making interaction with complex data and overviews cumbersome.	All ChatGPT users	yes	Employees within organizations can analyze data faster and use interactive dashboards directly inside their chat environment.
OpenAI	**Direct Codex task links and page previews on iOS** 7 October 2026 · source	Opens Codex task links directly in the mobile app and displays inline previews of web pages in responses.	Links to background tasks did not work seamlessly on mobile, and web results required extra steps.	Mobile users of ChatGPT and Codex.	yes	Improves the mobile workflow when following up on automated computer tasks.
OpenAI	**Study Mode** 15 October 2026 · source	Guides students step-by-step through targeted questions rather than simply providing the answer directly.	Users adopt ready-made AI answers without actually understanding or learning the underlying problem.	Teachers, educators, and students	yes	Can be used in internal training and onboarding programs to encourage employees to think and learn independently.
OpenAI	**Unlimited text conversations on ChatGPT Free tier** 22 October 2026 · source	Removes message caps on standard text conversations for users on the free tier of ChatGPT.	Free users regularly hit temporary message limits during extensive work or brainstorming sessions.	Anyone using the free version of ChatGPT.	yes	Lowers the barrier for staff in smaller organizations to adopt and test ChatGPT without needing a paid seat.

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OpenAI	**Locked Chats** 23 October 2026 · source	Locks selected chats behind a PIN or biometric security such as Face ID.	Sensitive conversations are immediately visible to anyone with access to the open app or a shared device.	Anyone with ChatGPT (both free and paid accounts)	yes	Healthcare and municipal staff can better protect confidential conversations on shared workstations or mobile devices.
OpenAI	**Tasks in ChatGPT Search** 24 October 2026 · source	Groups and displays repeated search queries and ongoing search results within an organized task structure.	Users conducting ongoing research have to repeatedly re-enter search queries manually.	ChatGPT users utilizing search functionality in chat.	no (preview)	Provides clear oversight during project-based research or market analysis by keeping search queries neatly organized.
Google	**Universal Cart** 15 October 2026 · source	Integrates a centralized shopping cart directly within Google Search and the Gemini app.	Shopping via chat or search queries requires separate checkout processes across different websites.	Users in the US	no (preview)	Demonstrates how AI interfaces are evolving into channels where end users can complete transactions and orders directly.
Google	**Meeting recaps in Google Chat** 19 October 2026 · source	Automatically posts a summary, decision list, action items, and recording links in the linked Chat space immediately after a meeting.	Meeting minutes and follow-up actions remain with the organizer instead of being immediately visible to the team.	Workspace teams combining Google Meet and Google Chat	yes	Increases transparency within project teams without requiring anyone to manually distribute meeting minutes.
Google	**Gemini tools for small businesses** 20 October 2026 · source	Provides a dedicated landing page and targeted Gemini tools for SME owners.	Due to the broad range of AI offerings, small organizations often struggle to identify which features are directly useful for their operations.	Small businesses and self-employed professionals	no (announced)	Lowers the barrier to entry for SMEs to apply AI directly to daily administration and marketing.
Google	**Gemini app for Mac** 23 October 2026 · source	An official Gemini desktop application for macOS featuring system-wide shortcuts and window management.	Users previously had to access Gemini via a web browser rather than through an integrated desktop experience.	Mac users	yes	Gives staff on Mac workstations faster access to the AI assistant without relying on an open browser.
Microsoft	**Seamless Search and Chat Integration** 6 October 2026 · source	Integrates conversational chat directly into Microsoft 365 Copilot Search, allowing you to query or summarize search results immediately.	Users had to switch between separate search and chat tools to take action on discovered organizational knowledge.	Anyone with a Microsoft 365 Copilot license	yes	Employees at municipalities and SMEs can search policy documents or files faster and turn them directly into action items.

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Microsoft	**Copilot Chat in Queues app** 27 October 2026 · source	Copilot can now generate summaries and answer questions about recorded calls in the Teams Queues app.	Manually listening to or searching through transcripts of customer calls is time-consuming.	Users of the Teams Queues app with a Copilot license.	yes	Customer service teams can gain insights from calls faster and resolve customer issues more efficiently.

Administration and governance

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, Microsoft

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
Anthropic	**allowedProviders setting** 29 September 2026 · source	Centrally restricts which API providers (such as Anthropic, AWS Bedrock, or Google Vertex) a machine is permitted to access.	Organizations could not centrally enforce that data flows exclusively through approved cloud providers.	System administrators and IT decision-makers in organizations	yes	Essential for healthcare and government to ensure that data flows exclusively through authorized, compliant cloud channels.
Anthropic	**OpenTelemetry export** 14 October 2026 · source	Exports diagnostic data and performance metrics from API requests and agent sessions to monitoring tools.	Monitoring performance, errors, and latency in AI workflows required manual logging or custom instrumentation code.	Software engineers and operations teams	no (preview)	Enables transparent tracking of AI applications within existing IT monitoring dashboards.
Anthropic	**Web fetch control and domain filtering** 20 October 2026 · source	Administrators can centrally disable web fetch or restrict it to approved domains for both the API and agents.	Agents and prompts could access arbitrary external websites without oversight, risking data leaks or unauthorized web access.	Organization administrators and developers	yes	Provides strict control over which external sources agents may access, critical for compliance in healthcare and government.
Anthropic	**User profiles for API management** 20 October 2026 · source	Associates individual end users with API requests so that security policies apply per user rather than across the entire organization.	A policy violation by a single customer could result in a SaaS vendor's entire API account being blocked.	Developers and SaaS providers reselling Claude to end customers	yes	Prevents a single user's risky behavior from disrupting AI functionality for the entire organization.
Anthropic	**Web fetch domain filtering** 20 October 2026 · source	Administrators can block or allow domains for web search queries via the Claude Console.	Lack of control over which external sources AI agents can access.	Organization administrators.	yes	Allows municipalities and healthcare institutions to let AI agents work safely within strict compliance frameworks.
Anthropic	**Enterprise roles for Claude Code Cloud Sessions and Remote Control** 23 October 2026 · source	Organization administrators can use custom Enterprise roles to specifically determine which employees get access to Claude Code cloud sessions and Remote Control.	Organizations were previously unable to configure fine-grained, role-based access to cloud-based sessions and remote control of Claude Code.	administrators of enterprise organizations	yes	Provides larger organizations and IT departments with improved governance and security control over who can run AI development sessions in the cloud.

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Anthropic	**Unified Chat and Cowork in Claude Enterprise** 25 October 2026 · source	Unifies the standard chat interface and Cowork workspaces with role-based access and usage controls.	Separated workspaces and settings led to fragmented collaboration and limited insight into actual AI usage.	Administrators and employees within Claude Enterprise organizations.	yes	Provides organizations with a single hub to govern who can use specific collaborative AI agents and tools.
Anthropic	**Claude API via Google Cloud billing and permissions** 26 October 2026 · source	Enables the full Claude API to be billed and governed directly through Google Cloud billing and IAM permissions.	Organizations had to maintain separate billing streams and access management for Anthropic outside their cloud console.	Cloud engineers, IT administrators, and finance procurement teams	yes	Simplifies enterprise procurement and security governance for organizations already operating on Google Cloud.
Anthropic	**OIDC user_id_claim configuration** 27 October 2026 · source	Allows identifying users in the Claude apps gateway using specific OIDC claims like Microsoft Entra ID's 'oid'.	Organizations previously lacked the flexibility to map their own identity management claims to the Claude gateway.	Organization administrators	yes	Simplifies the integration of Claude into an organization's existing IT infrastructure and identity management.
OpenAI	**Batch moving chats to projects in Codex app** 1 October 2026 · source	Allows moving multiple selected chats to a specific project simultaneously.	Organizing individual conversations into folders or projects had to be done chat by chat.	Users of the Codex desktop application.	yes	Helps teams and professionals organize project documentation and past chats more quickly.
OpenAI	**Phase-out of GPT-5.5 in Codex** 14 October 2026 · source	Ends support for GPT-5.5 in Codex for users logging in via a ChatGPT account.	Older models are being phased out in favor of newer generations such as GPT-6.1 Sol.	Administrators and developers using Codex via ChatGPT login.	yes	Organizations must update their configured agents, scripts, and default settings to GPT-6.1 Sol to prevent service disruptions.
Google	**Filtered exports for Gemini in Google Vault** 22 October 2026 · source	Allows administrators to use eDiscovery to filter Gemini conversations within Workspace by date and user and export them as JSON.	The lack of targeted export and audit capabilities for GenAI interactions made compliance investigations difficult.	Google Workspace administrators and compliance officers	yes	Crucial for municipalities and healthcare institutions to comply with public access requests (WOO), audits, and privacy regulations regarding AI use.
Google	**Vault export of Gemini conversations** 22 October 2026 · source	Provides eDiscovery exports and filtering for Gemini conversations within Google Workspace.	–	–	yes	–
Microsoft	**AI agent monitoring and governance tools** 19 October 2026 · source	New management tools to monitor autonomous AI agents in real time, enforce authorizations, and block unwanted behavior.	Organizations lack centralized oversight of actions performed autonomously by agents within enterprise systems.	IT administrators and compliance officers	no (preview)	Provides municipalities and healthcare institutions with the necessary control and security safeguards to let AI agents automate tasks effectively.

Documents and knowledge

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, Microsoft

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
Anthropic	**Spreadsheet and slide deck creation in Claude** 24 October 2026 · source	Claude can now directly generate and edit spreadsheets and presentation decks within the interface.	Users previously had to manually export and format data or presentation outlines in external office software.	Claude users	yes	Staff can draft analyses and presentation decks faster without having to manually copy data into PowerPoint or Excel.
Anthropic	**Claude Design** 26 October 2026 · source	Instantly generates interactive prototypes and presentations from natural language prompts.	Manually creating wireframes, UI prototypes, and decks is time-consuming and requires specialized design tooling expertise.	Designers, product managers, and teams wanting to rapidly visualize concepts	yes	Organizations can quickly materialize concepts and workflows for stakeholders without relying on external design agencies.
OpenAI	**ChatGPT Slides** 23 October 2026 · source	Directly generates complete presentations and slides within ChatGPT.	Users must manually transfer generated copy and structures to external presentation software.	ChatGPT users	yes	Teams in SMEs and municipalities can produce draft presentations and briefings faster without external design tools.
OpenAI	**Canvas** 24 October 2026 · source	Opens a dedicated workspace alongside the chat where users can directly edit and refine text and code with ChatGPT.	In a standard chat interface, it is cumbersome to make targeted edits to long texts or code files without regenerating the entire output.	Users with a ChatGPT Plus or Team subscription.	yes	Streamlines drafting policy documents, reports, and code for teams in SMBs and local government.
Google	**Gemini BigQuery data analysis in Google Sheets** 19 October 2026 · source	Enables querying large BigQuery datasets and retrieving analyses using natural language via Connected Sheets.	Complex SQL queries or data specialists are often required to query large databases.	Employees with access to BigQuery via Connected Sheets and Gemini	yes	Makes advanced data analysis readily accessible to policymakers and SME controllers without SQL knowledge.
Google	**Gemini in Google Sheets on iOS** 19 October 2026 · source	Enables summarizing spreadsheets, asking questions about data, and generating charts on an iPhone or iPad.	Previously, mobile users could not use AI analysis features within the iOS Sheets app.	Google Workspace users with Gemini on an iOS device	yes	Enables quick figure checks for managers and care coordinators on an iPad without needing a laptop.
Google	**Docs Live in Google Docs mobile** 21 October 2026 · source	Allows drafting a structured document through natural voice conversation using context from emails, chats, and Drive files.	Typing a structured document from scratch on a smartphone while on the move or right after an appointment is challenging.	Paying Workspace users on Android and iOS	yes	Healthcare workers or field officers can dictate a complete report hands-free immediately following a visit.

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Google	**Guided customization for Slide Decks and Videos in Gemini Notebook** 21 October 2026 · source	Provides a step-by-step wizard to steer the focus, style, and outline of generated presentations and videos in advance.	Automatically generated slides and videos often missed the mark because users could not adjust intermediate steps.	Users of Gemini Notebook	yes	Reduces revision work when converting policy documents or reports into presentations.
Microsoft	**Custom skills in Copilot in PowerPoint** 6 October 2026 · source	Allows users to set up custom commands and skills in Copilot within PowerPoint to automate specific presentation tasks.	Copilot in PowerPoint worked only with fixed, built-in commands and did not align with specific business processes or templates.	Users of Copilot in PowerPoint on Windows	yes	Organizations can standardize and accelerate recurring presentation tasks according to their own guidelines.
Microsoft	**OneDrive Copilot with Hero Links and AI tools** 20 October 2026 · source	Adds interactive Hero Links and new AI analysis tools to the OneDrive web and desktop experience.	Manually searching through and summarizing large folder structures and individual files takes considerable time.	Business users with a Microsoft 365 Copilot license	yes	Knowledge workers in SMEs can summarize and link documents directly from their file storage without opening them first.
Microsoft	**Multimodal capture in Copilot Notebooks (Android)** 27 October 2026 · source	Combines audio transcription, photos, and typed notes in a single session that is automatically saved as a structured page.	Capturing offline work moments like whiteboard sessions or conversations often requires multiple apps and manual processing.	Users of the OneNote app on Android.	yes	Field workers or those in physical meetings can digitize information faster and in a more structured way.
Microsoft	**Copilot in Excel data automation** 27 October 2026 · source	Copilot can automatically fetch, clean, and load data in Excel using natural language.	Manual data preparation in Excel is time-consuming and error-prone.	Users of Microsoft 365 Copilot in Excel.	no (announced)	Accelerates data analysis for employees who are not technically skilled in Power Query.

Models

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, Microsoft

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
Anthropic	**Claude Haiku 5.5** 7 October 2026 · source	A fast and cost-effective compact language model, optimized for large-scale and cost-sensitive tasks.	Large models are often too slow and expensive for simple routine tasks or high volume.	Developers and organizations running automated tasks at scale	yes	Makes it affordable to automate standard processes, such as routing and summarization, at scale.
Anthropic	**Fast mode for Claude Opus 5.5** 15 October 2026 · source	Significantly accelerates response times for Claude Opus 5.5 without requiring prior request.	The most powerful model was often too slow in response time for interactive applications.	Developers and enterprise users of Claude Opus 5.5	yes	Makes the most powerful model viable in scenarios where users expect an immediate response.
OpenAI	**GPT-6.1 Sol** 29 September 2026 · source	Delivers performance comparable to frontier models for programming tasks, computer use, and professional work at one-fifth the token price.	Deploying heavy frontier models for complex agents and coding workflows was previously often too costly for routine use.	Developers and technical teams	no (preview)	Makes building advanced software and process automations significantly more affordable for smaller organizations.
OpenAI	**GPT-6.1 Terra** 26 October 2026 · source	A new AI model optimized for fast and capable computer use.	Automating tasks via screen interaction and mouse/keyboard control was previously slow and error-prone.	Developers and business users	no (preview)	Enables organizations to automate routine tasks across legacy software lacking APIs using AI agents.
Google	**Gemini 4 Argon** 13 October 2026 · source	A new flagship model within the Gemini app that handles complex tasks such as financial report analysis and presentation creation end-to-end.	Simpler models struggle with long-running, complex workflows that require multiple steps and sources.	Google AI Pro and Ultra subscribers	yes	Employees can automate the processing of more extensive documents and analyses without intermediate steps.
Microsoft	**Regenerate response for alternative answers** 6 October 2026 · source	Adds buttons to directly retry a generated response or switch AI models without retyping the prompt.	Previously, iterating on answers or testing a different model required manual copying and pasting of prompts.	Users of Microsoft 365 Copilot Chat on the web	yes	Saves time when refining texts and makes it easier to compare outputs across different models.

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Microsoft	**Multi-model support in Microsoft Copilot** 20 October 2026 · source	Microsoft Copilot offers users the option to select advanced models such as GPT-6.1 and Claude Opus 5.5.	Users were tied to a single, fixed model and could not easily switch to models better suited for complex analysis or creative writing.	Users with a Copilot Pro or Enterprise license	yes	Organizations gain direct access to leading models from both OpenAI and Anthropic within their familiar Microsoft environment.

Voice

New at: Anthropic, Google; nothing new at OpenAI, Microsoft

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Anthropic	**Voice dictation stop notification in VS Code** 21 October 2026 · source	Indicates via a notification on the microphone button why voice dictation stopped (due to silence or the 2-minute limit) and that accumulated text was preserved.	Users saw voice recording stop without clarity on whether their dictated text had been lost.	Users of the VS Code extension who dictate	yes	Provides better feedback for employees composing prompts using voice input.
Google	**Guided Vision in Gemini Live** 1 October 2026 · source	Provides real-time spoken visual assistance via the camera for blind and visually impaired users.	Visually impaired individuals face challenges in independently and quickly interpreting physical objects and environments.	Blind and visually impaired users	yes	Improves the digital and physical accessibility of workplaces and public services.
Google	**Gmail Live** 15 October 2026 · source	Voice-driven search and communication within the mobile Gmail app for Workspace.	–	–	yes	–
Google	**Real-time speech translation in Google Meet** 22 October 2026 · source	Automatically detects spoken language and translates conversations live across 63 different languages without pre-configuring language pairs.	Language barriers in multilingual meetings previously required manual and rigid language configurations.	Google Meet users with a Workspace Gemini license on web and mobile	yes	Ideal for healthcare institutions or municipalities communicating with non-native speaking clients or international partners.
Google	**Ask Maps in Google Maps** 22 October 2026 · source	Allows drivers to ask Gemini contextual navigation and location questions using natural voice queries within Google Maps and CarPlay.	Cumbersome searching for specific stops or locations while driving.	Drivers and mobile workers using Google Maps or Apple CarPlay	yes	Field staff and healthcare workers can find suitable locations or routes hands-free, more safely and quickly while on the road.
Google	**Gemini Talk to Type and video summaries in ChromeOS** 24 October 2026 · source	Adds AI-powered voice dictation and automatic video summaries to Chromebook Plus devices running ChromeOS 156.	Users face slow manual typing and spend too much time reviewing long videos to find key information.	Users of Chromebook Plus devices running ChromeOS 156.	yes	Staff in education, healthcare, or local government using Chromebooks can dictate notes faster and summarize instructional or meeting videos.

Cost and limits

New at: Anthropic, Microsoft; nothing new at OpenAI, Google

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
Anthropic	**Prompt caching price reduction** 7 October 2026 · source	The price for reading cached prompts on Claude Sonnet 5.5 has been halved to $0.10 per million tokens.	High costs when repeatedly processing large contexts.	Developers and organizations heavily using prompt caching.	yes	Lowers operational costs for organizations deploying AI agents for tasks involving large document sets.
Anthropic	**Monthly API credit for Max and Team** 7 October 2026 · source	Provides monthly API credits for Max and Team plans to build custom agents.	–	–	yes	–
Anthropic	**Idle compaction** 14 October 2026 · source	Automatically compresses long sessions (200k+ tokens) after 54 minutes of inactivity before the prompt cache expires.	Resuming long sessions after a break consumed unnecessary time and tokens because the cache had expired.	Developers and power users of Claude Code in the terminal	yes	Directly reduces API costs and prevents delays in long-running projects and analyses.
Anthropic	**Inactive session usage warning** 19 October 2026 · source	Warns Pro and Max users if resuming an inactive conversation will consume a large portion of the 5-hour limit.	Users unexpectedly exhausted their message limits simply by reopening old, heavy conversations.	Pro and Max subscribers	yes	Helps professionals and SME users manage their usage limits more effectively during daily work.
Anthropic	**Billing controls for agents in Enterprise Claude** 24 October 2026 · source	Provides four administrative controls to prevent unexpected cost inflation caused by autonomous agents.	Autonomous AI workflows can invisibly generate excessive API calls and token usage, leading to ballooning bills.	Enterprise Claude organization administrators	yes	Organizations can deploy AI agents with strict financial guardrails, keeping experimentation and automation within budget.
Microsoft	**Microsoft 365 Copilot standalone subscription** 22 October 2026 · source	Microsoft makes Copilot available as a standalone license without mandatory bundling with specific base plans.	Small organizations faced high barriers because expensive underlying Microsoft 365 licenses were previously required.	IT procurement professionals and SMEs	no (announced)	Lowers the barrier to entry for SMEs and healthcare institutions to run targeted experiments with Copilot without overhauling their entire licensing structure.

Rules and approval

New at: Anthropic, Google; nothing new at OpenAI, Microsoft

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
Anthropic	**Cyber Verification Program (updated)** 6 October 2026 · source	Provides verified security professionals with access to advanced cybersecurity capabilities and relaxed safety filters.	Strict automated refusals impede ethical hackers and security teams during legitimate vulnerability scans and audits.	Qualified cybersecurity specialists and IT security professionals	no (preview)	Enables IT departments and security personnel to use AI more effectively to audit and protect their systems.
Anthropic	**/auto-mode-setup** 19 October 2026 · source	Provides an interactive configuration that analyzes the project and recent sessions to teach autonomous mode the environment's rules and context.	Autonomous mode lacked knowledge of local project conventions, resulting in permission requests that were either too frequent or premature.	Developers and end users of Claude Code	yes	Reduces manual approvals and enables faster autonomous deployment of agents within existing team projects.
Google	**Skills in Gemini** 30 September 2026 · source	Reusable and composable instruction sets that trigger automatically for matching tasks, eventually replacing Gems.	Users repeatedly have to retype or manually select the same extensive instructions and style guides.	Anyone with access to Gemini (18+)	yes	Organizations can structure and stack brand guidelines and standard operating procedures modularly for consistent responses.
Google	**Gems** 30 September 2026 · source	custom instructions; Google announced on 30-09-2026 that Skills will soon replace them (Gems will then be automatically converted)	–	–	yes	–
Google	**Centralized customize hub in Gemini app** 21 October 2026 · source	Provides a single central place to define custom prompts and skills, and to manage connections to third-party apps.	Customizations for writing style, standardized templates, and tool integrations were fragmented and difficult to manage.	End users of the Gemini app	yes	Organizations can embed brand guidelines and operating procedures more consistently and easily within the AI assistant.

Planning and tasks

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google; nothing new at Microsoft

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
Anthropic	**Effort parameter for Agent tool** 6 October 2026 · source	Allows users and agents to specify the effort level when launching a sub-agent.	Sub-agents always ran at a fixed reasoning capacity, which was too expensive for simple tasks and too superficial for complex ones.	Developers of multi-agent systems	yes	Enables more targeted control over costs and compute time when deploying specialized subtasks in organizations.
Anthropic	**Dynamic workflows in Claude Managed Agents** 9 October 2026 · source	Allows an AI agent to independently generate programs that distribute subtasks across multiple background agents.	Extensive tasks, such as sifting through hundreds of documents, stalled within a single session or required complex external orchestration software.	Developers of advanced AI agents	no (preview)	Organizations can run heavy administrative processes autonomously and more reliably in phases.
Anthropic	**Scheduled deployments in Claude Managed Agents** 14 October 2026 · source	Provides scheduled deployments and scheduling for Claude Managed Agents on AWS.	–	–	yes	–
OpenAI	**College Planner and learning tools in ChatGPT for Teens** 7 October 2026 · source	Adds higher education planning tools, flashcards, and quizzes to ChatGPT for younger users.	Young people and students lacked structured tools to interactively plan higher education choices and learning pathways.	Secondary school students, higher education students, and counselors	no (announced)	Useful for schools and non-profit organizations seeking to support youth with structured learning tools.
Google	**Next steps in Google Meet** 12 October 2026 · source	Converts discussions after a video call into draft follow-up emails in Gmail or tasks in Google Tasks with a single click.	After meetings, action items and emails have to be manually transcribed and distributed.	Workspace users with Gemini and 'Take notes for me' enabled	yes	Accelerates project turnaround in SMEs and government by translating agreements directly into tasks and emails.

Always-on agent

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google; nothing new at Microsoft

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
Anthropic	**Claude Duet** 21 October 2026 · source	A new application in which Claude functions as a proactive AI agent that independently takes on tasks.	Users must manually direct the AI each time, rather than the assistant taking initiative.	Users with a Claude Pro or Max subscription	no (preview)	Organizations can experiment with agents that autonomously monitor workflows and prepare work.
OpenAI	**dots** 29 September 2026 · source	Provides proactive AI assistants that run autonomously in the background on long-term projects and day-to-day tasks.	Users must continuously prompt and monitor AI models manually to maintain progress on complex projects.	First ChatGPT Pro and Business Premium; beta for Enterprise, Edu, and Healthcare (administrator-enabled)	no (preview)	Enables SMEs, healthcare organizations, and municipalities to have time-consuming follow-up and administrative tasks carried out autonomously while retaining control.
Google	**Personal Intelligence in Android Auto** 21 October 2026 · source	Connects Gemini in the vehicle to personal services such as Gmail and Google Calendar for hands-free answers based on your schedule.	Lacking safe access to up-to-date emails, appointments, and work information while on the road.	Android Auto users with a Google account	yes	Employees who travel frequently can use travel time to check their calendar and messages hands-free.
Google	**Gemini Android System Control** 26 October 2026 · source	Deep integration allowing Gemini to perform actions within Android apps and system settings.	Users currently have to manually switch between AI assistance and app navigation.	Android users with Gemini as the default assistant.	no (preview)	Increases productivity by allowing AI to execute tasks across various business applications on mobile devices.

Memory

New at: OpenAI, Google, Microsoft; nothing new at Anthropic

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
OpenAI	**Memory v2** 27 October 2026 · source	Memory v2 is now enabled by default for new profiles and supports importing external-agent memories.	Agents previously struggled to maintain context across different sessions and external sources.	Developers using Codex.	yes	Organizations can now work more consistently with AI agents that better retain their specific project knowledge and past interactions.
Google	**Memory management in Gemini** 26 October 2026 · source	A centralized management page where users can view and edit all explicitly saved facts and memories.	Users previously lacked a clear overview of the personal context and instructions Gemini had retained about them.	Gemini users	no (announced)	Gives organizations and employees better control over privacy and stored work context within the AI.
Google	**Gemini Auto-Delete Conversations** 26 October 2026 · source	A feature to automatically purge old or unwanted chat history in Gemini.	Manually cleaning up chat history is time-consuming and poses privacy risks.	All Gemini users.	no (preview)	Helps organizations comply with data minimization and privacy policies for employees.
Microsoft	**Web Link as a Reference in Copilot Notebooks** 27 October 2026 · source	Users can now add web links as reference sources in their Copilot Notebooks.	Information needed for context is often on external websites and could not previously be added as a direct source.	Anyone using Copilot Notebooks.	yes	Users can provide better context to the AI by linking relevant online sources directly to their projects.

Other

New at: Google, Microsoft; nothing new at Anthropic, OpenAI

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
Google	**Teacher insight summaries for Gemini Notebook in Google Classroom** 19 October 2026 · source	Provides teachers with summaries of student questions, topics, and chat interactions within assigned Gemini Notebooks.	Teachers lacked visibility into where students got stuck while working independently with AI study materials.	Teachers and educational institutions using Google Classroom	yes	Helps educators and trainers tailor classroom sessions directly to the most common learning questions.
Google	**Scam detection in Google Messages** 26 October 2026 · source	Gemini scans incoming text messages for phishing indicators and warns users directly of potential scams.	Traditional spam filters often miss sophisticated fraudulent text messages that trick users.	Android users	no (announced)	Reduces the risk of staff falling victim to targeted SMS phishing on corporate mobile devices.
Microsoft	**Learning Agent** 27 October 2026 · source	A new agent in Microsoft 365 Copilot that offers personalized learning opportunities and structured learning paths.	Employees often have to search manually for relevant training to improve their skills.	Everyone with a Microsoft 365 Copilot license.	yes	Organizations can help employees upskill more efficiently directly within their daily workflow.

Proactive daily brief

New at: Google; nothing new at Anthropic, OpenAI, Microsoft

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
Google	**AI Inbox in Gmail** 15 October 2026 · source	Summarizes key ongoing topics and automatically extracts pending action items and deadlines from email threads.	Employees lose oversight and miss follow-up actions due to overloaded inboxes and long email threads.	Paying Google Workspace users	yes	Saves immediate time for managers and teams at municipalities and healthcare organizations by automatically consolidating daily to-dos.

Browser and computer use

New at: Google; nothing new at Anthropic, OpenAI, Microsoft

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
Google	**AI fraud protection in Chrome** 23 October 2026 · source	Detects and blocks suspicious websites and online scams in real time using AI.	Employees falling victim to increasingly sophisticated phishing and scam websites.	All Chrome users	yes	Provides organizations with an extra baseline layer of automated web fraud protection without requiring additional plugins.

Sources: the providers' own release notes and news, plus news searches of the last week; summarised by an inexpensive language model, each item with a link to its source. This is a draft: research, not advice.

4. What is coming

The signal: early signal (a first release or announcement), growing (several players or wide use), breaking through (widely adopted, becoming a standard).

Open models

Development	What it does	Why it matters	Usable today by
Kimi K3.1 Pro Moonshot AI · 23 October 2026 · growing · source	A new AI model available via API with full model weights scheduled for release by November 4, 2026.	Benchmarks show it rivals top proprietary models at lower pricing and will have open weights.	developers
Beam Reflection · 16 October 2026 · early signal · source	A 501B parameter open-weight model designed for software engineering, reasoning, and long-running agentic tasks.	It brings massive open-weight capabilities to independent developers and agent systems via platforms like Ollama Cloud.	developers
Timestral Mistral AI · 19 October 2026 · early signal · source	A series of foundation models from Mistral AI dedicated to time-series data.	It introduces specialized foundation models for forecasting and data analysis beyond text.	developers
Clef Cloudflare · 19 October 2026 · early signal · source	A 27B parameter multimodal decision model available via Ollama for local and cloud execution.	It brings decision-focused multimodal models from an infrastructure provider into local and hybrid workflows.	developers

Protocols and agent payments

Development	What it does	Why it matters	Usable today by
x402 protocol x402 · 27 October 2026 · growing · source	A protocol for AI agent payments, now expanded with support for multiple stablecoins.	Enables autonomous economic interactions between AI agents and services.	AI agent developers and fintech solution providers.
Intent-Authentication Framework for AI Agent Payments American Express · 26 October 2026 · early signal · source	An authentication framework by American Express designed to verify intent behind payments made by AI agents.	It provides a method to safely and reliably verify autonomous payments initiated by software agents.	developers and financial institutions
Model Context Protocol (MCP) Server CloudCasa · 27 October 2026 · growing · source	Integration of an MCP server for AI tools within disaster recovery solutions.	Standardizes how AI agents access context and data in enterprise environments.	Developers and IT architects.

Local and on-device

Development	What it does	Why it matters	Usable today by
European AI Cloud Combell, Delaware, Imec · 28 October 2026 · early signal · source	Collaboration to establish a sovereign European AI infrastructure.	Provides an alternative for organizations requiring data sovereignty and compliance with European regulations.	European organizations with strict data requirements.

Voice

Development	What it does	Why it matters	Usable today by
Dessa Block · 23 October 2026 · early signal · source	A full-duplex speech model trained entirely on conversations without text intermediate processing.	The model aims for real-time, human-like voice interaction without relying on traditional speech-to-text pipelines.	developers and researchers
Granite Speech 5.0 IBM · 21 October 2026 · growing · source	A speech model designed to transcribe, translate, and attribute faster and more accurately.	It provides enterprise-grade open alternatives for advanced transcription and multilingual voice processing.	developers

Developer tools

Development	What it does	Why it matters	Usable today by
DeepSeek search and fetch DeepSeek · 18 October 2026 · early signal · source	An API service for searching and fetching web pages priced at $0.75 per 1,000 successful requests.	It provides affordable search and retrieval infrastructure for applications and agents requiring external data.	developers
DeepInfer DeepSeek · 20 October 2026 · early signal · source	A high-performance inference framework designed specifically for DeepSeek models.	It optimizes local and large-scale execution of DeepSeek models for faster inference.	developers

Rules and regulation

Development	What it does	Why it matters	Usable today by
DeepSeek Federal Civilian Agency Ban U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) · 19 October 2026 · breaking through · source	An official DHS order prohibiting the use of DeepSeek inside U.S. federal civilian agencies.	Government restrictions on foreign AI models force organizations to reconsider their choice of model providers.	researchers
Harmonised Standards for AI Act Compliance Europese Unie · 25 October 2026 · growing · source	Established harmonised standards for meeting the requirements of the European AI Act.	It provides formal frameworks that AI implementations must satisfy to remain legally compliant in Europe.	organisations
Clearance of China AI Export Controls for Overseas Use DeepSeek & MiniMax · 25 October 2026 · growing · source	Official clearance under Chinese export regulations for international deployment of DeepSeek and MiniMax models.	It lowers regulatory hurdles for globally adopting these Chinese models.	developers

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) · 19 October 2026 · breaking through · source

Europese Unie · 25 October 2026 · growing · source

DeepSeek & MiniMax · 25 October 2026 · growing · source

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Every item comes from one of these fetched pieces, with the link to that piece; nothing comes from the language model's own knowledge. An inexpensive language model summarises and selects; renewed every week. This is a draft: research, not advice.

What is emerging outside the four large providers: smaller players, open models, protocols, tools and rules that may change how work is done. This part signals early and recommends nothing; most of it can only be used by developers and early adopters today.

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