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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.

- **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
- **Google, Gemini 4 Carbon** (28 October 2026): A new AI model with enhanced cybersecurity and long-horizon capabilities. source
- **Google, Xero Connector for Gemini** (28 October 2026): Integration that allows Gemini to access and analyze live accounting data from Xero via chat. source
- **Capgemini / EU, AI Act Enforcement** breaking through (6 November 2026): Capgemini selected for auditing advanced AI models under the AI Act. source
- **FIDO Alliance, AP2 Payments Protocol** growing (31 October 2026): Transfer of the AP2 payment protocol to the FIDO Alliance with the addition of pre-authorization. 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 6 November 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.

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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 Claude Side-by-Side Interface ?	ChatGPT (web, desktop, mobile) Intelligent UI Locked Chats ? ChatGPT dot access via iMessage and RCS ? ChatGPT Try On Button ? PIN protection for chats ? Unified Chat and Work Tabs ?	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 ? Gemini Inbox Taming ?	— 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 ? Android tools for third-party AI agents ?	Microsoft Scout preview Copilot Cowork
Coding agent an agent that writes, runs and improves code	Claude Code Claude Code in Team plan Message Threads ? MCP task backgrounding ?	Codex app Codex Security preview Composer predictions in Codex desktop ? Direct steering during generation in Codex CLI ? Qodo AI Code Review ? GPT-6 Cyber ?	Google Antigravity Claude and Codex in Android Studio ? Gemini Canvas Sketch-to-App ?	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)

Kind of tool	Anthropic Claude	OpenAI ChatGPT / Codex	Google Gemini / Workspace	Microsoft Copilot
Integrations, connectors, MCP connecting to other apps and services	Connectors and MCP Salesforce in Claude preview Claude Mods and You should know ? Dayforce Connector ? Athenahealth Connector ? Personal Finance in Claude ?	Apps and plugins in ChatGPT ? Site tools (WebMCP) iCloud Mail and Calendar integration ? Bank Account Linking ?	Connected Apps Personal Intelligence preview Xero Connector for Gemini ?	Federated Copilot Connectors MCP agents in Office apps Copilot bundle for Dynamics 365 Business Central ?
Memory remembering what you said before or who you are	Categorized memory ~~Daily memory summary~~ discontinued → Categorized memory Claude Dreaming Mode ?	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 ? Native To-Do Lists and Contextual Cards ?	Automations (Codex)	AI Inbox next steps in Google Meet	Scheduled prompts for Agents Planner Agent chat Copilot Meeting Attendee ?
Voice talking to the assistant, reading aloud, live conversation	Voice mode in the Claude apps ?	ChatGPT Voice with GPT-Live ChatGPT Voice for free users ?	Gemini Live (3.8) Gmail Live Real-time speech translation in Google Meet ? Gemini Notebook Voice Recorder ?	Copilot Voice with Vision

Kind of tool	**Anthropic** Claude	**OpenAI** ChatGPT / Codex	**Google** Gemini / Workspace	**Microsoft** Copilot
Documents and knowledge your own files, projects, notebooks, creating documents	Claude Docs Claude Design and Claude Slides Spreadsheet and slide deck creation in Claude ? Claude Spreadsheet & Slide Generation ?	ChatGPT Slides Data agent in ChatGPT Work Canvas ?	Gemini Notebook Interactive apps export to Google Sites Docs Live in Google Docs mobile ? Fill with Gemini in Google Sheets ? Gemini Document Editor ? Gemini in-app file editing ? Gemini in Google Slides - Bulk editing ? Fill with Gemini - Cell-level citations ? Guided Learning in Google Classroom ? Actionable insights in Google Forms ?	Copilot Notebooks (to Word, PowerPoint, Excel) Edit with Copilot in Excel Multimodal capture in Copilot Notebooks (Android) ? Copilot in Excel data automation ? OneDrive AI-driven file management ? SharePoint list agent ? Reference files in PowerPoint Copilot ?
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 ? Claude Smart Reports ? EDR Monitoring in Claude Cowork ? Claude Chat Analytics for Employers ? Claude Enterprise Security & Admin Controls ? IP Allowlist ? Admin API: Sign out member ?	OpenAI Frontier preview Admin plugin	Vault export of Gemini conversations Policy-Based Client-Side Encryption (CSE) ?	Agent Store with admin approval preview Generated files inherit sensitivity labels AI agent monitoring and governance tools ? OpenAI Dots agents in enterprise governance ? Authoritative content management for Microsoft 365 Copilot Search ?

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 Usage and Cost Analytics API ? Shared Budgets in Claude Enterprise ? Pooled group budgets ? Claude Enterprise cost management tools ? Claude apps gateway admin API cost report ?	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 Gemini 4 Carbon ? Gemini 3.1 Pro 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 9 October 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)
OpenAI	Intelligent UI	7 October 2026	yes	An updated interface in ChatGPT that combines responses with interactive visual elements.	openai.com/index/gpt-6-for-everyone vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
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
Microsoft	Seamless Search and Chat Integration ?	6 October 2026	yes	Integrates conversational chat directly into Microsoft 365 Copilot Search, allowing you to query or summarize search results immediately.	microsoft.com/microsoft-365/roadmap?filters=&searchterms=51... scan 2026-10-24

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
OpenAI	Dots preview	29 September 2026	no	always-on agents with their own cloud computer and browser; initially Pro and Business Premium, beta for Enterprise	openai.com/index/introducing-dots openai.com/index/introducing-dots (OpenAI news feed) + web search 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)
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

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
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	well known (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
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

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
Anthropic	Claude Mods and You should know ?	1 October 2026	yes	Adds Claude Mods for deeper system customization, including the built-in mod 'You should know', which acts as an observing agent to provide warnings.	github.com/anthropics/claude-code/blob/main/CHANGELOG.md scan 2026-10-24
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
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
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

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
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
OpenAI	Custom Rules (Dots) preview	29 September 2026	no	execute autonomously, request approval, or block per action; passwords remain with the user	openai.com/index/introducing-dots web search 24-10-2026 (multiple sources)
Google	Skills (replaces Gems)	30 September 2026	yes	Reusable instructions and rules that determine how Gemini should perform specific tasks.	support.google.com/gemini?p=gems_to_skills vendor release notes/news, quote verified 24-10-2026
Google	Gems	30 September 2026	yes	custom instructions; Google announced on 30-09-2026 that Skills will soon replace them (Gems will then be automatically converted)	support.google.com/gemini?p=gems_to_skills 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

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
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
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
Microsoft	Reference files in PowerPoint Copilot ?	6 October 2026	yes	Copilot in PowerPoint can now use files from SharePoint and OneDrive as context by referencing them by name in a prompt.	microsoft.com/microsoft-365/roadmap?filters=&searchterms=55... scan 2026-11-05

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

Provider	Feature	Since	Ready for end users	What it does	Source
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
Anthropic	Monthly API credit for Max and Team	7 October 2026	yes	Provides monthly API credits for Max and Team plans to build custom agents.	support.claude.com/en/articles/17154008 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

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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
Anthropic	Claude Haiku 5.5	7 October 2026	yes	The fastest and most cost-effective small model for high volumes and sub-agents.	anthropic.com/claude-haiku-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
OpenAI	GPT-6.1 Sol	29 September 2026	yes	Efficient model delivering near-Astra performance at significantly lower cost.	openai.com/index/introducing-gpt-6-1-sol 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 3.1 Pro preview	19 February 2026	no	Preview model in the Gemini 3 series with better reasoning and improved token efficiency, aimed at software engineering and multi-step agentic workflows.	ai.google.dev/gemini-api/docs/changelog provider changelog (February 19, 2026: Released Gemini 3.1 Pro Preview), reviewed 2026-11-03
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

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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
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 (9 October 2026 to 7 November 2026), side by side per kind of tool. Each time: what it does, which problem it solves, who it is for, and whether it is ready for end users.

This lists 199 new features, most of them from Anthropic. An ordinary user can already use 159 of them today; the rest is still a preview or only announced.

Coding agent

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, 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.

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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.
Anthropic	**Increased Request Size Limit (Messages API)** 28 October 2026 · source	The maximum request size for the Messages API and Token Counting API has been increased from 32 MB to 128 MB.	Developers encountered limits when processing very large documents or complex datasets in a single API call.	Developers.	yes	Allows for processing larger contexts or more extensive document sets in a single call without manual splitting.
Anthropic	**permissions.blockWritesOutsideWorkingDirectories** 30 October 2026 · source	A new security setting that forces Claude to only edit files within defined working directories.	The risk of an AI agent accidentally modifying system files or files outside the project scope.	Developers and IT administrators granting AI agents access to their local file system.	yes	Increases security when automating code modifications by strictly sandboxing the AI agent.
Anthropic	**Subagent effort control** 31 October 2026 · source	Setting to explicitly define the effort level of subagents instead of inheriting session settings.	Subagents sometimes performed tasks with unnecessarily high or low compute, affecting efficiency.	Developers	yes	Developers can better fine-tune the cost and performance of AI agents for complex programming tasks.
Anthropic	**Message Threads** 2 November 2026 · source	An API feature that stores conversation history on the server, requiring only new messages to be sent in subsequent requests.	Long conversations and agent loops currently cause high latency and unnecessary data overhead by resending the full context.	Developers building AI agents via the API.	no (preview)	Organizations can deploy faster and more efficient AI agents that incur lower API costs for complex tasks.
Anthropic	**Privacy check for web and shell tool calls** 2 November 2026 · source	Claude Code now explicitly asks for permission before a web or shell tool sends the user's email address to an external network.	Unintended exposure of personal data when executing AI tasks.	Developers	yes	Increases security and privacy when using AI agents in professional work environments.

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Anthropic	**Agent SDK onFailure: block** 2 November 2026 · source	New hook option that allows a failed callback to block the agent's action instead of letting it proceed.	Risk of unintended actions when an agent process fails during execution.	Developers	yes	Provides more control and robustness when building complex AI workflows for business processes.
Anthropic	**Claude 2.0 Ultra Code Automation** 2 November 2026 · source	Automates repetitive daily tasks through code execution.	Time loss due to manual, recurring computer tasks.	Claude 2.0 Ultra users	yes	Increases productivity by delegating routine digital processes to the AI.
Anthropic	**Claude Code: AWS Cost Attribution** 3 November 2026 · source	Adds 'assume_role' to the Claude apps gateway for per-developer AWS cost attribution.	It was difficult for organizations to attribute cloud costs of AI agent usage to specific developers.	Developers and IT administrators in organizations.	yes	Enables organizations to accurately monitor and account for AI development costs.
Anthropic	**Claude Code: Effort-based model selection** 3 November 2026 · source	Introduces an 'effort' option for sub-tasks, allowing quick actions to run on a lower model tier.	Unnecessary use of expensive, high-power models for simple tasks increases costs.	Developers using Claude Code.	yes	Helps organizations optimize AI usage costs by assigning tasks to models more efficiently.
Anthropic	**Claude Code: Auth Expiration Warnings** 3 November 2026 · source	Provides visibility into the sign-in expiration date and displays a warning 10 days before expiry.	Users were previously surprised by expired sessions, interrupting their workflow.	Developers using Claude Code.	yes	Prevents unexpected interruptions in the development process through proactive session management alerts.
Anthropic	**MCP task backgrounding** 6 November 2026 · source	Claude Code runs MCP tasks in the background automatically instead of waiting for completion.	Blocking the terminal during long-running tasks via MCP tools.	Developers using Claude Code with MCP servers.	yes	Increases productivity by allowing concurrent work while background tasks process.
Anthropic	**permissions.denyInsteadOfPrompting** 6 November 2026 · source	A setting that automatically denies tool calls that would normally prompt for permission.	Workflow interruptions caused by frequent permission prompts during automated actions.	Developers using Claude Code in subagents or automated sessions.	yes	Makes autonomous work more reliable by eliminating unwanted interactions.

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Anthropic	**Latency optimization command** 6 November 2026 · source	The `/claude-api latency-optimize` command analyzes API calls to identify bottlenecks and suggest faster settings.	Unnecessary wait times when using the Claude API in custom code.	Developers integrating Claude API into their applications.	yes	Helps organizations build faster and more efficient AI applications.
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.
OpenAI	**Keyboard-driven transcript selection** 29 October 2026 · source	New navigation capabilities in the CLI for transcripts using word, line, and page motions with integrated search.	Navigating long transcripts in the terminal was inefficient and time-consuming.	Developers using Codex CLI.	yes	Increases engineer productivity through faster interaction with AI-generated code and responses.
OpenAI	**Codex queue resume** 29 October 2026 · source	The new 'codex queue --resume' command allows resuming unloaded threads after queueing a message.	Threads that were interrupted or not loaded previously required manual restarting.	Developers managing complex workflows in the CLI.	yes	Improves the continuity of AI-assisted programming sessions during interruptions.
OpenAI	**Qodo AI Code Review** 2 November 2026 · source	An integration that adds company context and coding standards to Codex for automated code reviews.	Developers often miss specific company rules or critical errors while writing code.	Developers	yes	Helps organizations improve software development quality and security by aligning AI reviews with internal standards.
OpenAI	**GPT-6 Cyber** 5 November 2026 · source	A specialized AI model for identifying software vulnerabilities and developing corresponding fixes.	Manually detecting and patching security vulnerabilities is time-consuming and error-prone.	Developers and cybersecurity teams.	no (preview)	Organizations can automate their software security and respond to threats more quickly.

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OpenAI	**Codex CLI Backend Switching** 6 November 2026 · source	Users can switch between different AI backends in the terminal while retaining their drafts.	Losing work when switching AI models or providers in a development environment.	Developers using Codex CLI.	yes	Increases productivity by seamlessly switching between models without losing context.
OpenAI	**Codex CLI Image Preview** 6 November 2026 · source	Local images can be previewed directly in the terminal while composing prompts.	Inability to verify local files without leaving the terminal.	Developers using Codex CLI.	yes	Accelerates the development process by integrating visual feedback directly into the command-line interface.
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.
Google	**Gemini Android Agent APIs** 28 October 2026 · source	New APIs allowing third-party AI agents to interact directly with Android features.	AI agents on Android were limited in their ability to perform actions across different apps.	AI agent developers.	no (preview)	Paves the way for more powerful, automated assistants on mobile devices for employees.
Google	**Claude and Codex in Android Studio** 29 October 2026 · source	Integration of Claude and Codex AI models directly into the Android Studio development environment.	Developers previously had to switch between their IDE and external AI tools for code assistance.	Software developers	yes	Accelerates mobile application development for organizations by integrating AI support directly into the workflow.
Google	**Gemini Canvas Sketch-to-App** 5 November 2026 · source	Converts hand-drawn sketches directly into functional application code using the Canvas tool.	Translating visual concepts into working software is time-consuming and requires technical expertise.	Everyone with access to Gemini Canvas.	yes	Significantly accelerates the prototyping process for organizations by turning ideas into testable software instantly.

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Microsoft	**VS Code Multi-Agent Session** 4 November 2026 · source	Running Claude, Codex, and Copilot simultaneously in a single agent session within VS Code.	Developers previously could not easily switch between or combine different AI models in one workflow.	Software developers	yes	Increases programming efficiency by leveraging the strengths of different models within a single editor.

Administration and governance

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, Microsoft

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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	**Compliance API: User Preferences** 15 October 2026 · source	The Compliance API can now retrieve instructions saved by employees in Claude and Cowork.	Allows organizations to audit the instructions employees provide to AI models.	Organization administrators	no (preview)	Helps organizations comply with policies and monitor AI usage by employees.
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.
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.

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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.
Anthropic	**Claude Smart Reports** 29 October 2026 · source	A reporting feature that provides insights into the topics and focus of employees while using Claude.	Lack of visibility into how AI tools are utilized within organizations and whether they align with business goals.	Administrators of Claude Enterprise accounts.	yes	Helps organizations monitor AI adoption and steer productivity within teams.
Anthropic	**Claude Enterprise Employee Surveys** 29 October 2026 · source	A built-in feature for conducting employee surveys within the Claude Enterprise environment.	Lack of direct feedback mechanisms regarding AI usage and employee satisfaction within AI tooling.	Administrators of organizations with a Claude Enterprise subscription.	yes	Organizations can quickly gauge how AI adoption is progressing and identify employee pain points.
Anthropic	**Claude apps gateway group-based routing** 30 October 2026 · source	Ability to route traffic to specific AI upstreams based on IdP groups.	Lack of granular control over which developers have access to specific AI models or infrastructure.	Administrators managing Claude infrastructure.	yes	Allows organizations to centrally manage and restrict AI access based on team roles.
Anthropic	**Claude Chat Analytics for Employers** 30 October 2026 · source	A new feature allowing employers to analyze employees' AI chat interactions.	Lack of insight into how AI tools are used within the organization and whether they contribute to productivity.	Organizational administrators	no (preview)	Provides organizations with the ability to monitor and optimize AI usage for business purposes.
Anthropic	**Layered policy mode** 31 October 2026 · source	New policy mode where all matching policies for a developer are applied and merged, rather than just the first one.	Policies were previously limited to the first match, complicating complex configurations in organizations.	Organization administrators	yes	Enables more granular and cumulative access control for developers within the organization.
Anthropic	**EDR Monitoring in Claude Cowork** 3 November 2026 · source	Integrates Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) monitoring to detect hidden AI agent activity.	Lack of visibility into the actions performed by autonomous AI agents on corporate networks.	Organization administrators	no (preview)	Provides organizations with the necessary security oversight to deploy AI agents safely within their IT infrastructure.

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Anthropic	**/storage command in Claude Desktop** 4 November 2026 · source	A new command in the Claude Desktop app for managing local storage and file organization.	Users lacked direct control over storage space and file structures within the desktop environment.	Claude Desktop app users	yes	Helps employees keep their AI workspace organized and within storage limits.
Anthropic	**Claude Enterprise Security & Admin Controls** 5 November 2026 · source	New security management features including a security center, inference hooks, and centralized access controls.	Lack of sufficient oversight and control over AI usage within large organizations.	Enterprise plan administrators.	no (preview)	Enables healthcare or government organizations to deploy Claude at scale more securely with strict policies.
Anthropic	**IP Allowlist** 5 November 2026 · source	Organizations can set up IP addresses or CIDR ranges to restrict access to Claude services.	It limits the risk of leaked API key misuse by blocking access from outside trusted networks.	Organization administrators	no (preview)	Increases security for organizations in healthcare or government by enforcing strict network access.
Anthropic	**Admin API: Sign out member** 5 November 2026 · source	Administrators can remotely sign a user out of all Claude sessions via the API.	Provides an immediate way to revoke access for departing employees or during security incidents.	Organization administrators	no (preview)	Essential for employee lifecycle management and security protocols within companies.
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.
OpenAI	**Trusted Contact** 31 October 2026 · source	Ability to set a 'trusted contact' within ChatGPT.	There was no mechanism for emergencies or third-party account management within the AI environment.	All ChatGPT users.	yes	Provides an extra layer of security and management for organizations and individuals.
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	–

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Google	**Custom Policy in Google Meet Green Room** 3 November 2026 · source	Admins can display a custom policy message in the 'Green Room' before users join a Google Meet call.	Users are often unaware of organizational policies regarding AI recordings and transcriptions during meetings.	Organization admins	yes	Helps organizations in healthcare or government to be transparent about AI usage and meet compliance requirements for recordings.
Google	**Policy-Based Client-Side Encryption (CSE)** 5 November 2026 · source	Admins can automatically apply client-side encryption to sensitive files via the Google Workspace Rules Engine.	Manually encrypting sensitive files is error-prone and burdensome for end users.	Admins of organizations with Google Workspace Enterprise Plus or Education Plus.	no (preview)	Organizations can automate data security and meet strict compliance requirements without additional user effort.
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.
Microsoft	**OpenAI Dots agents in enterprise governance** 29 October 2026 · source	Integration of OpenAI Dots agents into the Microsoft Enterprise governance and security framework.	Lack of centralized oversight and compliance control for autonomous AI agents within organizations.	Microsoft 365 Enterprise administrators.	no (preview)	Allows organizations to deploy autonomous AI agents securely under strict corporate policies.
Microsoft	**Authoritative content management for Microsoft 365 Copilot Search** 4 November 2026 · source	Admins can designate up to 100 SharePoint sites as authoritative sources to improve relevance and ranking in Copilot search results.	Copilot search results sometimes lack relevance because the AI does not know which internal sources are the most reliable.	Organization administrators (Microsoft 365)	yes	Organizations can steer the quality of AI responses by prioritizing the most reliable documentation.

Integrations, connectors, MCP

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, Microsoft

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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.
Anthropic	**Dayforce Connector** 28 October 2026 · source	An integration that makes HR, payroll, and scheduling data from Dayforce available within Claude.	Personnel and scheduling data are often siloed and not readily available for AI analysis.	Claude Enterprise users who utilize Dayforce.	yes	Enables the use of AI for HR-related queries and analyses based on real-time company data.
Anthropic	**Athenahealth Connector** 2 November 2026 · source	Allows importing patient health records directly into Claude.	Manual transfer of medical data to AI tools for analysis.	Healthcare organizations	yes	Enables healthcare providers to apply AI analysis to patient data within a secure workflow.
Anthropic	**Personal Finance in Claude** 5 November 2026 · source	Link bank accounts, credit cards, and investments to Claude to view balances and spending and ask questions about your finances.	Manually analyzing fragmented financial data from multiple sources is time-consuming.	Users with Pro, Max, or Ultra plans in the US.	no (preview)	Provides organizations and individuals with a direct AI interface for financial insights without external spreadsheets.
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.
OpenAI	**ChatGPT Android Health Data Integration** 2 November 2026 · source	ChatGPT can ingest and analyze health data from Android devices.	Health data from various sources is often cluttered and difficult to interpret.	Android users with the ChatGPT app.	no (announced)	Makes it easier for employees and clients to understand personal health trends without complex apps.
OpenAI	**Bank Account Linking** 2 November 2026 · source	Direct linking of bank accounts to the ChatGPT app for financial insights.	Users lack direct access to financial data within their AI assistant.	ChatGPT users looking for financial analysis.	yes	Enables personalized financial advice and budget management for SME owners.

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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.
Google	**Connected Apps Platform** 28 October 2026 · source	A central platform for developers to connect and manage external applications within Gemini.	Fragmentation of external data and applications in AI workflows.	Developers and IT administrators	no (preview)	Makes it easier for organizations to integrate internal systems with Gemini for a centralized workspace.
Google	**Xero Connector for Gemini** 28 October 2026 · source	Integration that allows Gemini to access and analyze live accounting data from Xero via chat.	Manually searching and interpreting financial reports in accounting software is time-consuming.	SME owners and accountants using Xero.	yes	Enables SME clients to ask questions about their cash flow and financial status in natural language.
Google	**Strava Connects to Gemini** 31 October 2026 · source	Gemini can now retrieve and analyze training data from Strava to provide insights into athletic progress.	Users have to manually interpret their sports data to identify patterns or improvements.	Gemini users with a Strava account.	yes	Enables the use of AI for personalized health and performance analysis within organizations promoting wellness programs.
Google	**In-app Shopping** 4 November 2026 · source	Make direct purchases from specific retailers within the Gemini interface.	Switching between AI assistants and web shops for purchases interrupts the workflow.	Users in supported regions.	yes	Speeds up procurement processes for simple office supplies or necessities through integration in the AI environment.
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.

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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.
Microsoft	**Copilot bundle for Dynamics 365 Business Central** 28 October 2026 · source	A bundled subscription for Copilot features specifically for Dynamics 365 Business Central users.	Makes AI functionality within ERP systems more accessible and easier to license for SMBs.	Dynamics 365 Business Central users.	no (announced)	Lowers the barrier for SMBs to deploy AI for their business administration and inventory management.
Microsoft	**McGraw Hill Agentic AI Education Plugin** 29 October 2026 · source	A plugin for Microsoft Copilot that integrates educational content and agent-driven learning support.	Lack of subject-specific educational resources and interactive learning assistance within the Copilot environment.	Educational institutions and users with access to Microsoft Copilot.	yes	Allows for embedding specific educational workflows and knowledge sources directly into the daily workflow of educators and students.

Documents and knowledge

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, Microsoft

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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.
Anthropic	**Claude for Legal Artifacts** 28 October 2026 · source	Interactive tools specifically designed for processing and analyzing legal documents.	Legal documents require specialized tools for accurate analysis and comparison that standard AI chats lack.	Legal professionals and organizations.	yes	Increases efficiency in reviewing contracts and legal files for SMEs and healthcare institutions.
Anthropic	**Claude Spreadsheet & Slide Generation** 31 October 2026 · source	Claude can now generate spreadsheets and slide decks directly from text instructions.	Manually formatting data into tables or presentations is time-consuming.	Claude users	yes	Accelerates the creation of reports and presentations for employees in SMEs and healthcare.
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.
OpenAI	**Video Creation in ChatGPT** 2 November 2026 · source	New functionality for generating videos directly within ChatGPT.	Creating business videos often requires complex software and technical skills.	ChatGPT users.	no (announced)	Allows organizations to quickly and easily produce visual content for communication or training.

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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.
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.
Google	**Fill with Gemini in Google Sheets** 28 October 2026 · source	The AI function in Google Sheets now provides cell-level citations and supports processing up to 3,000 cells per request.	It was previously difficult to verify the origin of AI-generated data and process large datasets efficiently.	Google Sheets users with access to Gemini features.	yes	Organizations can use AI more reliably for data analysis due to direct source verifiability and increased processing speed.
Google	**Compact form layout for pivot tables** 28 October 2026 · source	Google Sheets now supports a compact layout for pivot tables where hierarchical rows are nested in a single column.	Multi-level pivot tables were difficult to read and required excessive horizontal scrolling.	Anyone using Google Sheets for data analysis.	yes	Employees can present complex reports in Sheets more clearly and improve interoperability with Excel users.
Google	**Gemini Document Editor** 29 October 2026 · source	Users can generate, preview, and edit documents, PDFs, presentations, and spreadsheets directly in Gemini using a full-screen editor.	Switching between an AI chat window and external office software to process generated content is inefficient.	Everyone with access to Gemini.	yes	Employees can draft documents faster and refine them directly within the interface without opening external applications.
Google	**Gemini in-app file editing** 29 October 2026 · source	Users can create, preview, and edit files like documents, spreadsheets, and presentations directly within the Gemini chat.	Switching between an AI chat and external office applications for minor edits is time-consuming and disrupts workflow.	Everyone with access to the Gemini app.	yes	Employees can create and iterate on content faster without constantly switching between tabs.

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Google	**Gemini in Google Slides - Bulk editing** 30 October 2026 · source	Gemini can now edit multiple slides or an entire presentation at once based on a single prompt.	Manually updating styles or content across large presentations is time-consuming.	Users with a Gemini for Google Workspace license.	yes	Organizations can quickly standardize presentations or update content at scale without manual effort.
Google	**Fill with Gemini - Cell-level citations** 30 October 2026 · source	Gemini now displays the exact web sources used for generated data directly within each individual cell in Google Sheets.	Verifying the accuracy of AI-generated data in spreadsheets is difficult.	Google Sheets users with Gemini access.	yes	Employees can make faster and more reliable decisions based on AI data by verifying sources directly within the cell.
Google	**Gemini Notebook Textbooks** 31 October 2026 · source	Access to hundreds of free textbooks, quizzes, and flashcards directly within Gemini Notebook.	Students have to search for reliable learning materials outside their AI environment.	Students and Gemini Notebook users.	yes	Increases the value of Gemini as an educational platform for internal training or professional development.
Google	**Custom Avatars in Google Vids** 2 November 2026 · source	Users can upload and refine their own images to create custom avatars for video projects.	Limited personalization and creative freedom when using standard generated avatars.	Google Vids users.	yes	Organizations can produce more professional and brand-aligned video content without external video editing software.
Google	**Guided Learning in Google Classroom** 4 November 2026 · source	Teachers can add AI-powered guided sessions to assignments that help students step-by-step instead of providing direct answers.	Students often receive direct answers from AI without going through the learning process.	Teachers and students in Google Classroom with Gemini access.	yes	Educational institutions can deploy AI as an active tutor that aligns with the curriculum and monitors student progress.
Google	**Actionable insights in Google Forms** 5 November 2026 · source	Gemini automatically analyzes form responses to generate trends, correlations, and recommended next steps.	Manually analyzing large volumes of form data is time-consuming and labor-intensive.	Users with a Gemini for Google Workspace license.	yes	Organizations can make faster decisions based on customer or employee feedback without manual data analysis.
Google	**Gemini Notebook Flashcards - Image Support** 6 November 2026 · source	It is now possible to add images to automatically generated flashcards in Gemini Notebook.	Text-only flashcards are less effective for visual learning material.	Gemini Notebook users.	yes	Improves the effectiveness of AI-driven learning tools for training and educational purposes.
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.

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Microsoft	**OneDrive AI-driven file management** 26 October 2026 · source	OneDrive has been redesigned with Copilot as the central interface for managing and finding files.	Users waste time manually searching for relevant documents in complex folder structures.	Microsoft 365 users	yes	Organizations can work faster as AI surfaces relevant files directly instead of relying on static folders.
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.
Microsoft	**SharePoint list agent** 4 November 2026 · source	An agent that generates Microsoft Lists structures and schemas based on natural language prompts.	Manually setting up structured lists for projects or tasks is time-consuming and requires planning.	Everyone with a Copilot license	yes	Teams can track structured data faster without needing to design complex lists themselves.

Chat app

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, Microsoft

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Anthropic	**Claude Side-by-Side Interface** 30 October 2026 · source	A new interface for iPad and iPhone that allows two chats or documents to be opened side-by-side.	Switching between different conversations or sources on mobile devices is inefficient.	Users of the Claude app on iOS and iPadOS.	yes	Increases productivity for employees performing complex tasks on the go using their tablets.
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.
OpenAI	**Cross-host Chat Mentions** 22 October 2026 · source	Users can mention chats from other connected hosts in ChatGPT for iOS using the @ symbol.	Fragmented information across different connected systems or hosts.	ChatGPT for iOS users.	yes	Makes it easier to combine information from different projects or environments into a single chat.
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.
OpenAI	**Media playback in ChatGPT** 27 October 2026 · source	Audio and video files can be played directly within the chat interface.	Users previously had to download or open files externally to view or listen to content.	Everyone with the ChatGPT iOS app	yes	Accelerates workflows for reviewing media content within projects without losing context.
OpenAI	**Sub-agent navigation** 27 October 2026 · source	Users can tap a sub-agent's name in task activity to directly open the corresponding conversation.	It was previously difficult to quickly navigate to the specific chat history of a deployed sub-agent.	Users of ChatGPT with sub-agent functionality	yes	Improves traceability and control over tasks executed by multiple AI agents.

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OpenAI	**ChatGPT dot access via iMessage and RCS** 28 October 2026 · source	ChatGPT is accessible via text messages in iMessage and RCS.	Accessing AI typically requires a specific app or browser.	Users of mobile devices with iMessage or RCS support.	yes	Lowers the barrier for employees to quickly ask AI questions on the go without switching apps.
OpenAI	**ChatGPT Try On Button** 30 October 2026 · source	A feature that allows users to virtually try on clothing items on their own body using a photo.	Uncertainty about the fit or appearance of clothing when shopping online.	Everyone with the ChatGPT app.	yes	Makes visual AI applications in retail more accessible to consumers.
OpenAI	**PIN protection for chats** 31 October 2026 · source	Securing specific private chats with a PIN code.	Unauthorized access to sensitive conversations on shared or unattended devices.	All ChatGPT users.	yes	Increases privacy and security when discussing sensitive business information in the chat app.
OpenAI	**Unified Chat and Work Tabs** 2 November 2026 · source	ChatGPT merges personal chats and work-related conversations into a single interface.	Users previously had to switch between different environments or apps for work and personal tasks.	All ChatGPT users.	yes	Increases efficiency for employees by providing a central hub for all AI interactions.
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.

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Google	**Immersive explorations in Gemini** 28 October 2026 · source	A library in the Gemini app featuring interactive, visual guides that explain topics layer-by-layer.	Complex topics are often difficult to understand without visual context or interactive guidance.	All Gemini app users.	yes	A new way for employees or students to quickly grasp complex subjects through interactive visualizations.
Google	**Gemini Personal Avatars** 31 October 2026 · source	Users can create personalized AI avatars within Gemini.	Interaction with AI often feels impersonal or static.	Everyone with access to Gemini.	yes	Can increase engagement in internal AI training or presentations by providing a recognizable visual interface.
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.

Cost and limits

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

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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.
Anthropic	**Usage and Cost Analytics API** 29 October 2026 · source	A new API for detailed insights into token usage and costs per model, workspace, API key, and user.	Lack of granular visibility into AI costs for organizations with multiple users or projects.	Organization administrators and developers.	no (preview)	Enables accurate budget monitoring and internal chargebacks for AI costs in SMEs and larger organizations.
Anthropic	**Shared Budgets in Claude Enterprise** 29 October 2026 · source	Shared budget management tools for teams to centrally monitor and allocate AI spending.	Lack of visibility and control over AI usage costs per department or team.	Administrators of organizations with a Claude Enterprise subscription.	yes	Makes it easier for SMEs and larger organizations to manage and allocate AI costs.
Anthropic	**Claude Enterprise cost management tools** 30 October 2026 · source	New functionality to monitor and analyze AI spending within the enterprise environment.	Lack of visibility into AI usage costs per department or project.	Claude Enterprise account administrators.	yes	Enables organizations to better manage AI budgets and justify the ROI of AI implementations.
Anthropic	**Pooled group budgets** 31 October 2026 · source	Administrators can set a shared monthly budget for groups of users on top of their individual limits.	Managing variable AI costs for teams without strict individual limits was previously complex.	Organization administrators	yes	Organizations can better control and scale AI usage costs within teams without needing to increase individual limits.

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Anthropic	**Claude apps gateway admin API cost report** 2 November 2026 · source	A new API endpoint for administrators to retrieve detailed cost reports by developer, day, or IdP group.	Lack of visibility into AI usage costs and allocation within larger organizations.	Organization administrators	yes	Enables organizations to better monitor AI spending and allocate budgets to specific departments or teams.
Anthropic	**Track spend by cost code with project tags** 6 November 2026 · source	Organizations can tag projects with internal cost codes or client numbers to track spending by label.	It was previously difficult to attribute AI usage costs directly to specific projects or departments for internal accounting.	Enterprise organization administrators.	no (preview)	Enables organizations to more accurately allocate AI costs to specific projects or clients.
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.

Voice

New at: Anthropic, OpenAI, Google; nothing new at 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.
Anthropic	**Claude Voice Mode for Apple CarPlay** 30 October 2026 · source	Support for voice-based interaction with Claude via the Apple CarPlay system.	Not safe or possible to use Claude while driving.	Users of the Claude mobile app with an iPhone and CarPlay support.	yes	Increases productivity on the go by enabling hands-free interaction with AI.
OpenAI	**ChatGPT Voice for free users** 31 October 2026 · source	Free users can now use ChatGPT's voice mode for spoken interactions.	Users were previously limited to text-only communication in the free version.	All free ChatGPT users	yes	Makes hands-free interaction and natural AI conversations accessible to employees without a paid subscription.
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.

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Google	**Gemini Notebook Voice Recorder** 27 October 2026 · source	Functionality in Gemini Notebook to record and transcribe meetings directly.	Manually taking meeting minutes often leads to information loss or wasted time.	Gemini Notebook users.	yes	Helps organizations capture decision-making and action items more efficiently during meetings.
Google	**Gemini Live Offline Mode** 6 November 2026 · source	Gemini Live can be used without an internet connection after a one-time online setup.	Dependency on a stable internet connection for voice-based AI interactions on the go.	Google app users on Android.	yes	Enables reliable use of AI assistance in locations with poor or no network coverage.

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	**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 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.
OpenAI	**GPT-6.1 Sol in DevRev** 4 November 2026 · source	Integration of GPT-6.1 Sol into DevRev for autonomous customer service and operational tasks.	High costs and slow response times when automating complex customer service processes.	Enterprise users of DevRev.	yes	Reduces operational costs and increases the speed of customer service automation for SMEs and larger organizations.
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.
Google	**Gemini 4 Carbon** 28 October 2026 · source	A new AI model with enhanced cybersecurity and long-horizon capabilities.	Provides better security and processing of complex, long-term tasks.	Everyone with access to Gemini models	yes	Organizations can automate more complex workflows with a more secure and capable model.
Google	**Gemini Omni 1.2 Flash** 5 November 2026 · source	New model with native support for generating and editing 15-second video clips.	Creating consistent video content previously required complex tools or external editing.	Gemini users and developers via the API.	yes	Makes it easier for organizations to quickly generate visual content or instructional videos without professional video production.
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.

Other

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

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OpenAI	**Images 2.6** 4 November 2026 · source	New version of the image generator featuring faster generation, GIF creation support, and more precise editing options.	Limited speed and creative capabilities when generating and editing images.	Users of ChatGPT, Codex, and the API.	yes	Enables faster and easier creation of visual content for marketing and communication within organizations.
OpenAI	**GIF generation in ChatGPT** 5 November 2026 · source	Users can generate animated GIFs from text or photos with adjustable speed and frame settings.	Creating custom animations for communication or presentations previously required external software.	All ChatGPT users	yes	Makes it easier for employees to create visual content for internal communication or marketing without graphic tools.
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.
Google	**Gemini 15-Second Video Generation** 5 November 2026 · source	Ability to generate short 15-second videos via Gemini Omni 1.2 Flash.	Creating visual content for presentations or communication often requires complex software.	Users of Gemini Omni 1.2 Flash.	yes	Enables organizations to quickly create visual support for internal communication or marketing.
Google	**Create My Widget** 5 November 2026 · source	A feature to generate personalized widgets based on Gemini intelligence.	Users struggle to make relevant information from AI tools quickly accessible on their home screen.	Users of Motorola Signature 27.	yes	Improves productivity by displaying AI-driven data directly on the device dashboard.
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, 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	**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.
Google	**Gemini Inbox Taming** 29 October 2026 · source	A new Gemini feature that analyzes and summarizes large volumes of unread emails.	Losing track of priorities in overflowing inboxes with tens of thousands of unread messages.	Google Workspace users with Gemini access.	yes	Helps employees and entrepreneurs prioritize communication more efficiently.
Google	**Gemini Interactive Learning** 1 November 2026 · source	A new feature in Gemini that turns complex topics into interactive learning experiences.	Understanding complex subjects is often boring or difficult without active guidance.	Everyone with access to Gemini.	yes	Employees can master new skills or complex business concepts faster through active interaction.
Google	**Google Maps Airport Auto-Start** 5 November 2026 · source	Google Maps automatically launches an AI-powered navigation and information interface when a user is at an airport.	Navigating large, complex airports is often confusing and time-consuming.	Travelers with the Google Maps app.	yes	Increases efficiency for business travelers by showing relevant information about gates and facilities immediately.
Microsoft	**Template-Based Automatic Replies** 2 November 2026 · source	Automatic replies in Outlook can now be based on predefined templates.	Manually drafting consistent automatic replies is time-consuming and prone to errors.	Users of the new Outlook client.	no (announced)	Increases efficiency and professionalism of out-of-office communication for employees in organizations.

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	**Dot Agent SMS integration** 30 October 2026 · source	The Dot agent can now proactively send text messages to users.	Users have to open the app to receive updates or reminders from the AI.	Users in the US.	yes	Shifts interaction from a pull model (user asks) to a push model (agent informs).
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.
Google	**Android tools for third-party AI agents** 29 October 2026 · source	Opening up Android system functions to third-party AI agents.	AI agents previously could not directly perform actions within Android apps or system settings.	AI agent developers.	no (preview)	Paves the way for more powerful AI assistants capable of automating tasks on a phone.

Memory

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Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
Anthropic	**Claude Dreaming Mode** 6 November 2026 · source	A mode for AI agents that structures and cleans up their memory during idle time.	Over time, agent memory becomes cluttered and less efficient due to an accumulation of irrelevant data.	Claude agent users.	yes	Ensures better performance and more relevant responses from agents working long-term for organizations.
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.

Planning and tasks

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

Provider	Name	What it does	Which problem it solves	Who it is for	Ready for end users	What it means for organisations
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	–
Anthropic	**Native To-Do Lists and Contextual Cards** 30 October 2026 · source	Integrated to-do lists and contextual information cards within the Claude interface.	Tasks derived from conversations are often lost or require manual transfer to other apps.	All Claude users.	yes	Makes Claude a more active tool for project management within organizations.
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.
Microsoft	**Copilot Meeting Attendee** 31 October 2026 · source	An AI agent that attends Microsoft Teams meetings on behalf of the user to take notes and capture action items.	Users miss critical information or action items when they cannot physically attend a meeting.	Users with a Microsoft 365 Copilot license.	yes	Increases productivity by allowing employees to be 'present' in multiple places simultaneously without losing information.

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.
Google	**Suggested by Gemini in Chrome** 28 October 2026 · source	Automatic form filling in Chrome based on information from Gmail via Gemini.	Repeatedly filling in personal details in web forms is error-prone and slow.	Anyone using Chrome with a Google account.	yes	Speeds up administrative tasks for employees by pulling relevant data from emails directly into web forms.
Google	**Chrome Gmail Autofill** 29 October 2026 · source	Chrome Autofill can now extract and populate relevant details directly from your Gmail inbox.	Manually searching for data like order numbers or addresses in emails while filling out forms.	Google Chrome users.	yes	Saves time on administrative tasks and online orders.
Google	**Chrome Tab Reduction** 29 October 2026 · source	A new AI feature in Chrome that helps reduce the number of open tabs.	Reduced productivity and clutter caused by too many open browser tabs.	Google Chrome users.	yes	Helps maintain focus while working in the browser.

Rules and approval

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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.
Anthropic	**Claude automatic harmful interaction termination** 31 October 2026 · source	Claude can now autonomously end conversations flagged as harmful or abusive.	Prevents abuse and unwanted behavior in AI interactions.	All Claude users.	yes	Increases safety and compliance with conduct policies within organizations using AI.
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.

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

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.

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
Mistral Large 4 (Le Chonk) Mistral AI · 29 October 2026 · early signal · source	An open-weight model with 1 trillion parameters focused on agentic coding and cybersecurity.	It is a powerful open alternative to closed models, specifically optimized for complex tasks like cyber defense.	Developers and cybersecurity professionals.
Weight-Space Programming Rikiya Takehi, Jayden Teoh, Alex Zhang, Omar Khattab · 2 November 2026 · early signal · source	A method where LLMs can read and modify the raw weights of other neural networks.	It enables models to directly understand and optimize the internal structure of other AI systems.	Researchers

Agents and frameworks

Development	What it does	Why it matters	Usable today by
Super-agent DeepSeek · 31 October 2026 · early signal · source	Open-source (MIT) autonomous coding agent design for parallel task handling.	Increases the efficiency of AI-driven software development through autonomous workflows.	developers

Protocols and agent payments

Development	What it does	Why it matters	Usable today by
AP2 Payments Protocol FIDO Alliance · 31 October 2026 · growing · source	Transfer of the AP2 payment protocol to the FIDO Alliance with the addition of pre-authorization.	Standardizes how AI agents can securely authorize and execute payments.	developers, financial institutions
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.
Official Ruby SDK for MCP Model Context Protocol (MCP) · 30 October 2026 · growing · source	The Ruby SDK for the Model Context Protocol has reached 'Tier 1' status.	It strengthens the standardization of how AI agents connect to external data and tools.	Developers
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

Browser and computer use

Development	What it does	Why it matters	Usable today by
agent-desktop Vercel Labs · 31 October 2026 · early signal · source	Open-source tool for enabling agent computer use.	Facilitates the development of agents that interact with desktop environments.	Developers

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
Pipecat (acquisition) Deepgram · 29 October 2026 · growing · source	Deepgram acquires Daily, the creator of the open-source framework Pipecat for voice AI.	It consolidates the infrastructure for real-time voice AI agents into a single stack.	Developers of voice-enabled AI applications.
Nemotron 3.5 Transcribe NVIDIA · 28 October 2026 · early signal · source	An open-weight speech model for transcription and translation in 40 languages, including a 463,062-hour audio dataset.	Provides a powerful, adaptable alternative to closed speech models for enterprise applications.	Developers and researchers

Rules and regulation

Development	What it does	Why it matters	Usable today by
AI Act Enforcement Capgemini / EU · 6 November 2026 · breaking through · source	Capgemini selected for auditing advanced AI models under the AI Act.	Concrete step in the implementation of European AI regulation.	organizations, developers
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

Other

Development	What it does	Why it matters	Usable today by
Canada-Germany AI Deal Cohere & Aleph Alpha · 1 November 2026 · growing · source	Collaboration between two European/Canadian players with a €500M investment for sovereign AI.	Strengthens the position of independent AI infrastructure outside the dominant US tech giants.	governments, large organizations
European AI computing services Schwarz Digits & Bull · 3 November 2026 · growing · source	Collaboration to establish European AI infrastructure.	It is a concrete step towards sovereign AI computing power in Europe.	Organizations in Europe

Sources read up to 7 November 2026: Hacker News (newest item 5 November 2026); Simon Willison's blog (newest item 6 November 2026); Hugging Face blog (newest item 6 November 2026); Ollama blog (newest item 24 October 2026); Model Context Protocol blog (newest item 30 October 2026); news: open models (newest item 7 November 2026); news: Mistral, Cohere, Perplexity, Hugging Face, ElevenLabs (newest item 7 November 2026); news: MCP, A2A, x402, agent payments (newest item 6 November 2026); news: browser and computer use (newest item 7 November 2026); news: local AI and voice (newest item 6 November 2026); Dutch news: AI start-ups and the AI Act (newest item 7 November 2026).

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.