



29 Verified AI-Tool Changes That Mattered in October 2026

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Category	Count
Model/product launch or announcement	10
Capability change	8
Availability or access	1
Plan change	6
Price change	1
Policy change	2
Deprecation	0
Retirement	1

Key findings

October made AI feel more like a working environment. Office editing moved inside Copilot, ChatGPT added collaborative slides, and coding tools gained new ways to coordinate projects and operate applications. The useful comparison is increasingly the finished document or completed task.

Cheaper models widened the set of jobs worth trying. Haiku 5.5 and GPT-6.1 Terra joined the options for bounded work, while Sonnet 5.5 made it cheaper to reuse previously stored input, known as cache reads. A cheaper token is useful only if the task still gets done well.

Subscriptions became harder to compare by price alone. Credits for developers calling models from their own apps, Work/Codex allowance increases, Notion’s split balances and Claude Ultra’s verified-account session rules all changed what an existing payment could buy. These are different kinds of capacity, with different limits.

The most impressive announcement was not always the product a reader could use. Carbon, Genie 4, Duet and Rosalind each had restricted access or preview conditions. The report counts verified changes without turning a waitlist into general availability.

October at a glance

Primary change class	Changes	Share
Model/product launch or announcement	10	34%
Availability or access change	1	3%
Capability change	8	28%
Plan change	6	21%
Price change	1	3%
Policy change	2	7%
Deprecation	0	0%
Shutdown	1	3%

One primary class per event. Secondary consequences do not add headline counts.

Coverage statement

This report selects material changes released, announced or effective during October 1–31, 2026. Verification closed November 1 at 01:31 UTC (12:31 AEDT). Dates follow the vendor’s dated announcement unless an event explicitly records an observed-by date or a later effective phase.

The 29 records span ten vendor ecosystems: OpenAI, Anthropic, Google, GitHub, Microsoft, Notion, Canva, SpaceXSI, Cursor and Perplexity. Selection is based on a concrete change to access, cost, workflow, control or migration; it is not a census of the market.

Copilot’s global policy was announced in September. October’s record captures its documented enforcement phase and links SEP-2026-014. Count it once within October, but deduplicate the shared transition before combining monthly datasets. Announced restricted launches and rollout completion are distinguished throughout.

The 29 verified changes

OCT-2026-001 / AVAILABILITY OR ACCESS CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-03 / IMPACT HIGH

Grok Bot reached the browser for more subscribers

The October browser rollout made ongoing Bot conversations accessible on grok.com. Subscribers could continue their Bot conversations from a browser instead of relying on another client.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>Bot access existed on other supported surfaces.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>SuperGrok Plus and Heavy subscribers could use Bots on grok.com.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Eligible Grok subscribers.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Check browser access before changing plans.</div>

SOURCE [Official announcement \(grok.com\)](#)

Announced or released 2026-10-03. Verified 2026-11-01.

Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

OCT-2026-002 / CAPABILITY CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-05 / IMPACT HIGH

Perplexity Computer gained ongoing event-driven work

October’s release documents scheduled and event-triggered work using memory, skills and connected apps. It expands the ongoing-work proposition; it is not the first evidence of recurring Computer tasks.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>Scheduled automations were documented in August; the exact earlier event-trigger scope is not established.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>Automations could run on schedules or connected-app events on the web and pause for consequential-action review.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Eligible Computer users with supported connections.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Start with a bounded recurring task and inspect its review behavior.</div>

SOURCE [Official announcement \(www.perplexity.ai\)](#)

SOURCE [Prior scheduled-automation state \(August 24\) \(www.perplexity.ai\)](#)

Announced or released 2026-10-05. Verified 2026-11-01.

Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

VERIFIED CHANGES / 03-04

OCT-2026-003 / CAPABILITY CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-06 / IMPACT HIGH

ChatGPT added audio-file conversations

Recordings could become source material for a conversation. This creates a useful route from audio to notes, while transcription remains fallible.

PREVIOUS STATE The exact earlier audio-file support state was not reconstructed; October 6 is the dated announcement of this workflow.	NEW STATE Paid subscriptions and workspaces gained audio uploads for transcription and follow-up questions, subject to eligibility.
WHO IS AFFECTED People working with interviews, meetings and lectures.	DECISION EFFECT Check important transcript passages against the recording.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(help.openai.com\)](#)
Announced or released 2026-10-06. Verified 2026-11-01.
Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

OCT-2026-004 / CAPABILITY CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-07 / IMPACT HIGH

GPT-6 brought interactive answers into ordinary Chat

This was a new everyday work surface for existing models, not a second Sol or Luna model launch. A question could produce a usable comparison or small interactive tool instead of only prose.

PREVIOUS STATE GPT-6 Sol and Luna had already launched; this Chat experience had not.	NEW STATE Chat began combining answers with interactive visuals; paid rollout started October 7 and Free/Go expansion October 8. Pro reasoning was excluded.
WHO IS AFFECTED Chat users in supported plans and workspaces.	DECISION EFFECT Evaluate the new Chat experience separately from Work and Codex.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(openai.com\)](#)
Announced or released 2026-10-07. Verified 2026-11-01.
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VERIFIED CHANGES / 05-06

OCT-2026-005 / MODEL/PRODUCT LAUNCH OR ANNOUNCEMENT / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-07 / IMPACT HIGH

Haiku 5.5 made small-model routing worth revisiting

Summaries, classification and supporting agent work gained a new lower-cost candidate. Try it on high-volume work whose success is easy to check before moving more demanding tasks.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>Haiku 4.5 was the preceding Haiku generation.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>Haiku 5.5 launched with adjustable effort and lower token rates; prices differ above 100,000 prompt tokens.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Developers routing frequent, bounded requests.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Test quality and prompt-size pricing before moving traffic.</div>

SOURCE [Official announcement \(www.anthropic.com\)](#)

Announced or released 2026-10-07. Verified 2026-11-01.

Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

OCT-2026-006 / PRICE CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-07 / IMPACT HIGH

Sonnet 5.5 cache reads became half the price

Repeated context can now cost less to read. Cache reads reuse previously stored input; the saving does not apply to every part of a request.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>Cache reads cost US\$0.20 per million tokens.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>Cache-read rates fell to US\$0.10 per million tokens.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Developers repeatedly reading cached context.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Estimate savings from actual cached traffic.</div>

SOURCE [Official announcement \(www.anthropic.com\)](#)

Announced or released 2026-10-07. Verified 2026-11-01.

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VERIFIED CHANGES / 07-08

OCT-2026-007 / PLAN CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-07 / IMPACT HIGH

Claude subscriptions gained a separate API budget

The October 7 release note dates the benefit. Documentation now uses the later Ultra name. Grants fund the Claude Platform, expire without rollover and require activation.

PREVIOUS STATE Eligible subscriptions did not include this new monthly API grant.	NEW STATE Max and Team API credits began rolling out; current terms list US\$100 Max, US\$200 Ultra and up to US\$500 pooled Team credits.
WHO IS AFFECTED Eligible subscribers building API apps.	DECISION EFFECT Link the intended Console organization; these credits do not top up Claude Code.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(platform.claude.com\)](#)
SOURCE [Dated Claude release notes \(support.claude.com\)](#)
Announced or released 2026-10-07. Verified 2026-11-01.
Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

OCT-2026-008 / CAPABILITY CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-09 / IMPACT HIGH

Office work moved inside Copilot

Documents, spreadsheets and slides became a more continuous workflow in the Copilot app. The announcement is a Frontier rollout, not universal availability.

PREVIOUS STATE Users moved from Copilot drafting to separate Office editing surfaces.	NEW STATE Microsoft began an early-access Frontier rollout of Word, Excel and PowerPoint creation, editing and collaboration inside Copilot.
WHO IS AFFECTED Eligible Frontier customers.	DECISION EFFECT Confirm tenant access and review exported files before adopting the workflow.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(techcommunity.microsoft.com\)](#)
Announced or released 2026-10-09. Verified 2026-11-01.
Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

VERIFIED CHANGES / 09-10

OCT-2026-009 / MODEL/PRODUCT LAUNCH OR ANNOUNCEMENT / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-13 / IMPACT HIGH

Gemini 4 Argon became a model people could use

Argon entered supported consumer and developer surfaces. Google positions it for difficult work, but a vendor launch does not establish reliability on every task.

PREVIOUS STATE The Gemini family lacked the newly released Argon model.	NEW STATE Argon launched with Pro/Ultra app access and developer API access at introductory US\$2 input and US\$10 output per million tokens.
WHO IS AFFECTED Eligible subscribers and API developers.	DECISION EFFECT Separate app entitlements from API billing and introductory rates.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(blog.google\)](#)

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Announced or released 2026-10-13. Verified 2026-11-01.

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OCT-2026-010 / CAPABILITY CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-13 / IMPACT HIGH

Gemini on Mac gained an agentic coding handoff

The integration connects an idea in chat to an agent building and testing code in the background. It is a distinct app workflow, not another Argon launch.

PREVIOUS STATE The Mac chat app lacked this built-in Antigravity handoff.	NEW STATE Eligible adults could start an Antigravity coding agent from Gemini on Mac, approve its plan and return to chat while it worked.
WHO IS AFFECTED English-language users in supported Antigravity regions.	DECISION EFFECT Review generated code and tests before release.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(gemini.google\)](#)

Announced or released 2026-10-13. Verified 2026-11-01.

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VERIFIED CHANGES / 11-12

OCT-2026-011 / MODEL/PRODUCT LAUNCH OR ANNOUNCEMENT / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-14 / IMPACT HIGH

Grok Voice 3.0 changed the model behind live calls

The API launch kept the preceding minute rate while changing the model. Claims about latency and call success are vendor claims, not Chooseely call tests.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>Grok Voice 2.0 powered the prior latest alias.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>Voice 3.0 launched at the same US\$0.08 per minute; grok-voice-latest moved automatically.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Voice-agent developers and operators.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Retest live call handling when using an automatically updated alias.</div>

SOURCE Official announcement (x.ai)

Announced or released 2026-10-14. Verified 2026-11-01.

Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

OCT-2026-012 / SHUTDOWN / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-14 / IMPACT HIGH

GPT-5.5 left ChatGPT while its API remained

A model retirement is product-specific. This record does not imply an API shutdown or retirement of specialized Rosalind variants.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>GPT-5.5 remained available in these ChatGPT surfaces.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>OpenAI retired GPT-5.5 from ChatGPT, Work and Codex; API access was unaffected.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Users relying on the older model in ChatGPT.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Retest saved workflows on a supported model.</div>

SOURCE Official announcement (help.openai.com)

Announced or released 2026-10-14. Verified 2026-11-01.

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VERIFIED CHANGES / 13-14

OCT-2026-013 / CAPABILITY CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-16 / IMPACT HIGH

ChatGPT added collaborative presentation work

A deck could stay editable with teammates in Space and export from the web. Eligibility remained narrower than every ChatGPT plan.

PREVIOUS STATE ChatGPT lacked this newly announced collaborative Slides surface.	NEW STATE Slides began rolling out to eligible Pro, Business and Enterprise users with Space access.
WHO IS AFFECTED Teams making presentations in supported accounts.	DECISION EFFECT Check export fidelity and access before moving a team workflow.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(help.openai.com\)](#)
Announced or released 2026-10-16. Verified 2026-11-01.
Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

OCT-2026-014 / PLAN CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-19 / IMPACT HIGH

Notion split included AI usage into two allowances

The new system was live for new customers in October. The existing-customer migration belongs to November; it has not been counted here as already completed.

PREVIOUS STATE The prior funding system did not provide these two new seat allowances.	NEW STATE New Business/Enterprise customers received 1,500 Standard and 500 Select monthly credits per member; existing customers were scheduled for November 2.
WHO IS AFFECTED Notion Business/Enterprise members and admins.	DECISION EFFECT Separate included allowances from purchased workspace credits.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(www.notion.com\)](#)
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Announced or released 2026-10-19. Verified 2026-11-01.
October 19: new customers live. Existing customers scheduled November 2; not an October effective migration.

VERIFIED CHANGES / 15-16

OCT-2026-015 / MODEL/PRODUCT LAUNCH OR ANNOUNCEMENT / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-20 / IMPACT HIGH

Cursor made reusable agents a deployable software project

The SDK packages instructions, tools, skills, connections and channels as a project with evaluations. Availability is verified; Choosely has not deployed an SDK agent for this report.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>Cursor did not offer this generally available Agent SDK release.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>The SDK became generally available for defining, evaluating and deploying agents to Cursor or a team’s own infrastructure.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Developers building reusable agents.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Evaluate tools and event handling before deployment.</div>

SOURCE [Official announcement \(cursor.com\)](#)

Announced or released 2026-10-20. Verified 2026-11-01.

Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

OCT-2026-016 / MODEL/PRODUCT LAUNCH OR ANNOUNCEMENT / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-21 / IMPACT HIGH

Claude Duet opened a waitlisted proactive-agent preview

Duet can keep working on a cloud computer and return with updates. Its appeal is follow-through across ongoing work; waitlist, permissions and shared usage still govern access.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>Claude did not offer the new Duet app preview.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>A waitlisted research preview opened, starting with US Pro, Max and Ultra subscribers and sharing Claude usage limits.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Eligible professionals and small-business users.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Treat it as limited preview access, not a universal plan entitlement.</div>

SOURCE [Official announcement \(claude.com\)](#)

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Announced or released 2026-10-21. Verified 2026-11-01.

Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

VERIFIED CHANGES / 17-18

OCT-2026-017 / POLICY CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-22 / IMPACT HIGH

Copilot enforced the policy announced in September

This is the effective phase of SEP-2026-014, not a new announcement. GitHub documented a staged rollout and a one-time policy application, not a recurring rewrite of explicit choices.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>Admins could configure the global policy, but the announced enforcement had not started.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>GitHub began enforcement October 22 and scheduled rollout through October 26, applying the default to eligible Unconfigured settings while preserving explicit choices.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Copilot Business/Enterprise administrators.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Audit resolved settings, especially MCP and feature access.</div>

SOURCE Official announcement (github.blog)

Announced or released 2026-09-24. Verified 2026-11-01.

Announced/configurable September 24. October enforcement began October 22 and was scheduled through October 26. Per-account completion was not verified. Deduplicate this transition in cross-month totals.

OCT-2026-018 / MODEL/PRODUCT LAUNCH OR ANNOUNCEMENT / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-22 / IMPACT HIGH

Canva Craft brought a design-first image model into Canva

The useful promise is a better starting composition for a real design. Canva describes design-specific training and editable output; Choosely has not tested the model.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>Canva used an existing mix of in-house and partner image models.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>Canva introduced Craft in Canva and its public API; the Connect image-generation endpoint remained a preview API.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Creators already assembling designs in Canva.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Compare the finished design and editing effort, not only the raw image.</div>

SOURCE Official announcement (www.canva.com)

SOURCE Dated Canva developer announcement (community.canva.dev)

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Announced or released 2026-10-22. Verified 2026-11-01.

Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

VERIFIED CHANGES / 19-20

OCT-2026-019 / POLICY CHANGE / EFFECTIVE SEE DATE NOTE / IMPACT HIGH

Claude announced wider use of automatic action approvals

The dated October update expands the approval-policy story beyond Code. No exact completion date or universal account migration is established here; an automated action check is not a promise that every action asks a person.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>The earlier default change concerned Claude Code.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>Anthropic announced Auto would roll out the following week as the default for new sessions in most Claude apps on Pro, Max and Team.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Users delegating actions in eligible Claude apps.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Check the actual conversation mode and connector permissions.</div>

SOURCE [Official announcement \(claude.com\)](#)

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Announced or released 2026-10-22. Verified 2026-11-01.

October 22 announcement says following week. Exact rollout completion and account-by-account state unverified.

OCT-2026-020 / MODEL/PRODUCT LAUNCH OR ANNOUNCEMENT / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-26 / IMPACT HIGH

GPT-6.1 Terra made routine computer work cheaper to attempt

A lower-cost model can be valuable when the job has a clear finish line. Its launch price is counted within this model event; lower token prices alone do not guarantee lower total task cost.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>GPT-5.6 Terra preceded this model.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>Terra launched at US\$1 input and US\$5 output per million tokens; Work/Codex availability is separate from ordinary Chat.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Developers and eligible Work/Codex users.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Try bounded writing, visual and computer tasks before rerouting complex work.</div>

SOURCE [Official announcement \(openai.com\)](#)

SOURCE [Dated model release notes \(help.openai.com\)](#)

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Announced or released 2026-10-26. Verified 2026-11-01.

Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

VERIFIED CHANGES / 21-22

OCT-2026-021 / MODEL/PRODUCT LAUNCH OR ANNOUNCEMENT / EFFECTIVE SEE DATE NOTE / IMPACT HIGH

Genie 4 offered a glimpse beyond the generated video clip

The new world model can generate an environment as a person moves through it. This is a restricted announcement, not proof that ordinary Ultra subscribers could already use Genie 4.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>Project Genie used the preceding world-model experience.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>Google announced Genie 4 with audio and real-time steering for trusted testers; wider Project Genie and API access was planned.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Creative and research users assessing interactive environments.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Do not buy a subscription on an undated promise of future Genie 4 access.</div>

SOURCE [Official announcement \(deepmind.google\)](#)

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Announced or released 2026-10-27. Verified 2026-11-01.

Announced October 27; trusted testing confirmed, broader release date unannounced.

OCT-2026-022 / MODEL/PRODUCT LAUNCH OR ANNOUNCEMENT / EFFECTIVE SEE DATE NOTE / IMPACT HIGH

Gemini 4 Carbon arrived as a restricted frontier announcement

Carbon points toward longer engineering work, but the launch was not a consumer subscription upgrade. Google’s capability claims remain attributed rather than treated as Choosely test results.

<div>PREVIOUS STATE</div> <div>Argon was the newly available public Gemini 4 model.</div>	<div>NEW STATE</div> <div>Google announced Carbon with a staged rollout to selected cyber defenders and Fairwind partners; broad access remained undated.</div>
<div>WHO IS AFFECTED</div> <div>Vetted defenders and people comparing frontier claims.</div>	<div>DECISION EFFECT</div> <div>Keep public Argon access separate from restricted Carbon.</div>

SOURCE [Official announcement \(blog.google\)](#)

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Announced or released 2026-10-28. Verified 2026-11-01.

Announced October 28; staged trusted rollout that week, no general-access date.

VERIFIED CHANGES / 23-24

OCT-2026-023 / PLAN CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-28 / IMPACT HIGH

ChatGPT subscriptions gained a separate API-credit benefit

The October 28 release note dates the offer. Activation, billing and request limits remain separate from the ordinary ChatGPT allowance.

PREVIOUS STATE Eligible subscriptions did not include this new promotional API benefit.	NEW STATE Eligible Pro and Business subscribers could activate API credits for a linked organization, with plan, subscription-tenure and organization-ownership conditions.
WHO IS AFFECTED Subscribers building API apps.	DECISION EFFECT Verify the grant, expiry and covered API products; it is not extra signed-in Codex usage.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(help.openai.com\)](#)
SOURCE [Dated ChatGPT release notes \(help.openai.com\)](#)
Announced or released 2026-10-28. Verified 2026-11-01.
Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

OCT-2026-024 / CAPABILITY CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-28 / IMPACT HIGH

Copilot Fusion made model routing part of the product

Fusion chooses and coordinates models for work. Instead of choosing a model for every step, developers can let the product route the work while retaining effort and administrator controls.

PREVIOUS STATE Users did not have the newly released Fusion routing system.	NEW STATE Fusion became generally available across supported Copilot clients and all Copilot plans, with administrator model policies still applying.
WHO IS AFFECTED Developers choosing how Copilot routes work.	DECISION EFFECT Inspect model cost and test representative tasks before adopting a routing preset.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(github.blog\)](#)
Announced or released 2026-10-28. Verified 2026-11-01.
Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

VERIFIED CHANGES / 25-26

OCT-2026-025 / CAPABILITY CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-28 / IMPACT HIGH

Copilot’s app added project and desktop-action previews

The grouped app update changes where coding work can reach. It is a public preview rather than a blanket authorization to operate a computer.

PREVIOUS STATE The app lacked these newly announced project and computer-use previews.	NEW STATE GitHub opened Projects and desktop computer use in public preview; computer use is opt-in with app approval and admin controls.
WHO IS AFFECTED Copilot app users on supported macOS and Windows systems.	DECISION EFFECT Limit approved applications and review actions on the desktop.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(github.blog\)](#)
Announced or released 2026-10-28. Verified 2026-11-01.
Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

OCT-2026-026 / PLAN CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-28 / IMPACT HIGH

GitHub Enterprise bundled access, not an AI-usage allowance

Removing a separate access purchase changes procurement. It does not create a free usage pool or establish the same offer for self-serve customers.

PREVIOUS STATE These Enterprise customers needed a separate Copilot access purchase.	NEW STATE Account-team GitHub Enterprise Cloud customers gained Copilot access, but no included AI credits; usage is metered from the first request.
WHO IS AFFECTED Enterprise Cloud customers working with GitHub or Microsoft account teams.	DECISION EFFECT Compare metered spend with existing seat arrangements; self-serve access is not established.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(github.blog\)](#)
Announced or released 2026-10-28. Verified 2026-11-01.
Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

VERIFIED CHANGES / 27-28

OCT-2026-027 / PLAN CHANGE / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-29 / IMPACT HIGH

ChatGPT Pro gained more Work and Codex capacity

The change alters how much work the subscription funds. It is separate from API credits and does not imply unlimited usage.

PREVIOUS STATE Pro tiers had lower or differing Work/Codex allowances and Pro 200 faced a planned reduction.	NEW STATE Pro 100/500 allowances doubled; the Pro 200 reduction was canceled and lower-allowance Pro 200 subscribers were raised.
WHO IS AFFECTED Heavy individual Work and Codex users.	DECISION EFFECT Compare the allowance now included before upgrading.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(help.openai.com\)](#)

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Announced or released 2026-10-29. Verified 2026-11-01.

Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

OCT-2026-028 / MODEL/PRODUCT LAUNCH OR ANNOUNCEMENT / EFFECTIVE 2026-10-30 / IMPACT HIGH

GPT-6 Rosalind Research entered a limited scientific rollout

This specialized model is not available in Chat. The prior Research model remained available, and Discovery stayed on 5.5.

PREVIOUS STATE Approved Research users had GPT-5.5 Rosalind Research.	NEW STATE GPT-6 Rosalind Research began a limited rollout in Work, Codex and the API; specific Research approval is required.
WHO IS AFFECTED Approved life-sciences organizations and authorized researchers.	DECISION EFFECT Confirm Research authorization; Discovery approval is insufficient.

SOURCE [Official announcement \(help.openai.com\)](#)

Announced or released 2026-10-30. Verified 2026-11-01.

Vendor-dated release or rollout start; not proof that every account had access.

VERIFIED CHANGES / 29-29

OCT-2026-029 / PLAN CHANGE / EFFECTIVE SEE DATE NOTE / IMPACT HIGH

Claude’s \$200 tier became Ultra with a different session limit

The new terms were recorded by Chooseely on October 31 Sydney time and freshly rechecked. Weekly and model-specific limits remain. The exact global announcement time is not independently established here.

PREVIOUS STATE The two premium plans were named Max 5x and Max 20x.	NEW STATE The names became Max and Ultra at unchanged US web monthly prices of US\$100/200; verified Ultra accounts have no five-hour limit.
WHO IS AFFECTED Existing and prospective heavy Claude users.	DECISION EFFECT Check verification and weekly limits; Ultra is not unlimited.

SOURCE [Observed Ultra plan terms \(support.claude.com\)](#)

SOURCE [Max plan terms \(support.claude.com\)](#)

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Observed by 2026-10-31. Verified 2026-11-01.

October 31 is the retained Sydney observation date, not a claimed universal release instant. Exact account rollout time unknown.

Pricing and plan analysis

Keep the balances separate

Subscription allowance, API credits and purchased workspace credits are not interchangeable. Check where each balance can be spent and when it expires before paying for more.

Read the unit beside the saving

Sonnet's price change concerns cache reads. Terra's launch rates concern API tokens. Voice 3.0 retains a minute rate. Compare the cost of the workload you actually run.

Included access can still mean metered usage

GitHub's Enterprise access bundle does not include an AI-credit allowance. Claude Ultra's removal of a session window for verified accounts still leaves weekly limits. The headline alone cannot tell you the next bill or lockout.

Category analysis

The work surface became part of the product

A familiar example is a client presentation. One system can draft the argument, another can edit the deck alongside colleagues, and a coding agent can build a supporting dashboard. October's office and app updates bring more of that work into the same conversation or project. That can remove handoffs even when the underlying model is familiar.

The test is what survives outside the demo: an editable file, a working application, a clear source trail and a result another person can inspect. No hands-on comparison is claimed here. The suggested evaluation is to give a shortlisted product one representative job and check the artifact in its destination application.

Routing mattered as much as a flagship name

Haiku and Terra strengthen the case for sending straightforward work to a lower-cost model. Fusion makes choosing and coordinating models, known as routing, a product feature, while Notion's funding structure gives automatic and manually selected work different balances. Buyers now face a system decision as well as a model decision.

A sensible trial measures corrections, retries and human review time alongside the API bill. A low rate can lose its advantage if a difficult job has to be repeated. Conversely, a flagship can be unnecessary for a well-defined extraction or first draft.

Persistent agents changed the approval question

Duet, Perplexity Automations and the new app workflows promise less repeated briefing. The agent can remember the assignment, wait for an event or continue while its owner is elsewhere. That makes delegated follow-through the attraction, rather than the novelty of a chatbot that can click.

It also makes the boundary of the assignment more consequential. Connecting an account, choosing an approval mode and permitting spending are separate decisions. Start with a bounded job, inspect the first results and expand access only when the workflow earns it. A vendor's safety evaluation is not a guarantee for every connected account.

What to watch in November

The November watchlist is not included in October event totals.

- Notion's November 2 transition for existing customers: reconcile the actual allowances and funding route after migration.
- Carbon and Genie 4: look for a dated broader release and real account eligibility before treating announced access as available.
- Claude Auto and Ultra: check account-level rollout, verification and remaining limits without inferring universal completion.
- Arc migration deadlines and Custom GPT retirement: check current account notices before relying on a future date. These are watchlist checks, not October shutdown counts.

Methodology

What earns a record

A change must affect access, workflow, cost, control or migration. We surveyed dated official sources across the month, beyond Choosely's articles. Minor fixes, promotional examples and rumors do not qualify.

Each event has one primary class. Related model variants stay together; a launch's own pricing does not add a count. A separate plan benefit, existing-model price cut or distinct workflow can qualify independently.

Dates and evidence

OCT-2026-NNN records retain announcement/release, effective and verification dates, previous/new states, affected users, decision effect and primary links. A blank effective date means no exact date is established. Date notes qualify phased access and Ultra's retained October 31 Sydney observation.

Copilot enforcement follows SEP-2026-014. Its shared transition key must be deduplicated before adding monthly totals. Vendor announcements establish announced terms, not every account's access or the outcome of an ordinary task.

One dataset, three formats

One typed dataset drives HTML cards, totals, CSV and PDF, preserving IDs and cutoff. HTML is canonical. Performance claims remain attributed; no controlled Choosely product tests are claimed.

Version 1.0 published November 1, 2026. The verification cutoff remains November 1 at 01:31 UTC; publication does not imply a later source review.

Limitations

- Selection across ten ecosystems is not a market census or evidence that AI accelerated relative to September.
- We did not test account entitlements, billing or product performance. Restricted launches and rollout completion remain qualified.
- Help pages can change in place. Dated sources and retained observations support chronology, with unknowns disclosed in date notes.
- Terms can change after the cutoff; region, tax, app-store and negotiated pricing may differ. Check current terms before buying or migrating.

Downloadable data and reuse terms

Canonical HTML: <https://choosely.ai/reports/ai-tool-changes/2026-10>

PDF: </reports/ai-tool-changes/2026-10/report.pdf>

CSV: </reports/ai-tool-changes/2026-10/data.csv>

The HTML is canonical; this PDF and the generated CSV contain the same 29 event-level records.

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Material corrections retain stable event IDs and are dated across HTML, PDF and CSV. Factual correction requests: info@choosely.ai.

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Final October verdict

October's best upgrade may already be inside the tool you pay for. Test the new work surface, cheaper model or allowance on one recurring job before buying another subscription. Judge the finished work, keep spending and approval boundaries clear, and treat restricted frontier announcements as something to follow rather than something you already own.

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