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Your model supply is a contract, not a capability.

On August 28 OpenAI told Anysphere it will stop serving models through Cursor on November 12, two weeks after SpaceX closed its acquisition of the company. No benchmark moved. A change-of-control clause did. In the same seven days, Salesforce made Claude its default reasoning model and Google Cloud packaged agentic AI for capital markets, both sold on inherited entitlements rather than new intelligence. The through-line for a regulated buyer is uncomfortable and useful: the model in your production stack is a procured component with a termination right attached, and almost nobody has measured how long it would take to replace it.

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TAKEAWAY

One line

The largest capability shift of the week was not a model release. It was a contract clause. OpenAI told SpaceX it intends to wind down the contract supplying its models to Cursor, with a proposed shutoff date of November 12, after SpaceX closed its acquisition of Anysphere. Nothing about the models changed. If your agent stack runs on a supplier relationship you did not paper for change of control, insolvency, or export restriction, you are carrying an availability risk that no benchmark will surface.

Nov 12

Date OpenAI models stop serving through Cursor

Proposed shutoff date. Notified August 28, 2026 under a change-of-control clause. VERIFIED C01

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FDA-authorized AI devices evaluated on patient-centered outcomes

Out of 1,357 cleared. PLOS Digital Health, August 19, 2026. VERIFIED C12

28%

Share of requested US data centre load likely to be committed

Of 1,066 GW requested. Wood Mackenzie projection. CITED C15

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A change-of-control clause moved more capability than any benchmark

On August 28, 2026, OpenAI notified SpaceX that it intends to wind down the contract supplying OpenAI models to Cursor, with a proposed shutoff date of November 12, 2026 VERIFIED C01. The stated reason was not quality, cost, or benchmark position. OpenAI says it cannot be confident SpaceX will use the technology within its terms of service, citing prior contract violations by Musk-controlled companies, and that its custom agreement with Cursor gives it a limited window to cancel after a change of control. It chose to hold the cancellation to the latest date available while withholding future models VERIFIED C01. SpaceX had closed its all-stock acquisition of Anysphere on August 14, 2026, converting Cursor equity into roughly 389 million SpaceX Class A shares under a merger signed in June and folding the company into a SpaceXAI division CITED C02.

The immediate blast radius is reported as modest. Secondary coverage puts OpenAI models at roughly 5 percent of Cursor traffic and reports Anthropic adding compute so Claude can absorb the shift CITED C01. The precedent is not modest. For the first time at this scale, a frontier lab used commercial terms rather than technical limits to decide who gets to run its models, and the deciding event happened at the corporate level, two steps removed from any customer.

Cause and effect, stated plainly

Cause. Model supply is procured as a service contract, but it behaves like a component in a bill of materials. Contracts have termination rights. Components have substitutes. Most enterprise agent programmes have papered the first and never tested the second.

Effect. An acquisition your vendor's vendor closed can remove a model from your production stack on a fixed date. That is an availability and continuity event, and in a regulated firm it is a third-party risk event, whether or not anyone in your organisation touched the deal.

What follows. The question stops being which model is best and becomes how quickly you can prove you could run without any one of them. Section 09 sets out the register we use for that.

Two other announcements in the same week point the same direction. Salesforce and Anthropic announced Claudeforce on August 26, 2026, making Claude the default reasoning model across the Salesforce estate, including the Atlas Reasoning Engine, Agentforce Vibes, Agentforce Coworker and Slack, and placing Claude inside the Salesforce Trust Boundary through Amazon Bedrock, with regulated industries named as the intended beneficiary of that path VERIFIED C03. Google Cloud announced Gemini Enterprise for Financial Services on August 25, 2026, in preview for capital markets and corporate banking CITED C05. Both are sold on the same promise: the model reaches your data through entitlements you already govern. Neither changes the fact that the model itself now sits behind a commercial relationship that can be renegotiated above your head.

02 · STATUS LEDGER

Shipped, announced, and still a plan

The distinction matters more than usual this week, because two of the largest items are legal events rather than product events. Nothing below is treated as delivered capability unless it is generally available.

ITEM	STATUS	WHAT IT ACTUALLY IS
OPENAI WINDS DOWN THE CONTRACT SUPPLYING MODELS TO CURSOR	Notified August 28, 2026. Proposed shutoff date November 12, 2026.	Cancellation under a limited post-change-of-control window in OpenAI's custom agreement, following the SpaceX acquisition, held to the latest date available. VERIFIED C01
SPACEX ACQUISITION OF ANYSPHERE	Closed August 14, 2026.	All-stock deal valued at $60 billion, converting Cursor equity into roughly 389 million SpaceX Class A shares. Folded into a SpaceXAI division. CITED C02
CLAUDEFORCE, SALESFORCE AND ANTHROPIC	Announced August 26, 2026. Salesforce in Claude with select pilot customers, open beta stated for September 2026.	Claude as default reasoning model across Salesforce and in Slack, plus a plugin carrying 37 prebuilt sales skills. Claude runs inside the Salesforce Trust Boundary via Amazon Bedrock. CITED C03
CLAUDE IN CHROME	Generally available, August 26, 2026.	Browser agent on every paid plan, able to act without per-step approval, with a safety classifier validating each action and stated defences against prompt injection. CITED C04
GEMINI ENTERPRISE FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES	Preview, announced August 25, 2026.	Capital markets and corporate banking package with a managed Financial Research agent and connectors to FactSet, Moody's, S&P Global, MSCI, PitchBook, SEC EDGAR and Dun & Bradstreet. CITED C05

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NVIDIA SECOND QUARTER, FISCAL 2027	Reported August 26, 2026 for the quarter ended July 26, 2026.	Revenue $96.2 billion, up 106 percent year over year. Data centre revenue $89.0 billion, up 117 percent year over year. Company-reported financials. VERIFIED C08
ISAAC GR00T REFERENCE HUMANOID AND HALOS FOR ROBOTICS	Announced.	An open humanoid reference design on Jetson Thor, plus a full-stack safety system for physical AI. Reference designs and safety stacks, not deployed fleets. CITED C08
EU AI ACT DIGITAL OMNIBUS	In force July 27, 2026.	Regulation (EU) 2026/1744. Annex III high-risk obligations deferred to December 2027, Annex I to August 2028. Article 50 transparency duties remain live from August 2, 2026. VERIFIED C10

03 · FRONTIER

The frontier ledger, read globally

xAI, SpaceX and Cursor

The Anysphere acquisition closed on August 14, 2026 and Cursor now sits inside SpaceX alongside the xAI model line, with reporting placing Cursor teams on the Colossus cluster in Memphis CITED C02. On the model side, xAI released Grok 4.6 on August 12, 2026 with a 500,000-token context window under the identifier grok-4.6, following Grok 4.5 in July, and put Grok Bot into beta on August 11, 2026 CITED C07. The strategic read is vertical integration: a frontier model, a distribution surface with a large installed developer base, and the compute underneath, in one corporate parent. The strategic cost is that every other lab now prices Cursor as a competitor rather than a channel, which is exactly what OpenAI's termination demonstrates.

Anthropic

Claude in Chrome reached general availability on August 26, 2026 across every paid plan, with autonomous multi-step browser action gated by a per-action safety classifier and explicit prompt injection defences CITED C04. The same week, the Claudeforce agreement placed Claude as the default reasoning model across Salesforce and inside its Trust Boundary through Amazon Bedrock, described by Salesforce as letting customers in regulated industries deploy domain-specific AI while keeping data and AI workloads inside that boundary VERIFIED C03. Secondary coverage names CrowdStrike and RBC Wealth Management as early adopters CITED C03. Read together, these are distribution moves into the two places regulated work actually happens: the browser and the system of record.

OpenAI

Beyond the Cursor decision, OpenAI's enterprise posture this period centred on delivery and data handling rather than model releases. OpenAI Presence, announced July 22, 2026, is a managed programme delivered by OpenAI forward-deployed engineers and selected global systems integrators CITED C09. OpenAI has also described testing a private safety processing approach intended to detect misuse across multiple interactions without requiring enterprise customers to give up zero-data-retention terms, with customer data remaining on customer-controlled infrastructure or encrypted under customer-held keys CITED C09. That is a direct answer to the most common regulated-industry blocker, and it deserves to be tested against your own retention policy rather than accepted on the description.

Google and DeepMind

Google Cloud shipped its first industry-packaged agent bundles, with Gemini Enterprise for Financial Services in preview from August 25, 2026 and a stated design partnership with Deutsche Bank on the Financial Research agent alongside CME Group CITED C05. Platform housekeeping in the same month reinforces a point regulated buyers keep learning the hard way: Gemini 3.5 Flash was removed from the global region in the Gemini Enterprise app on August 4, 2026, and Gemini 3.6 Flash became available in the United States multi-region with data residency at rest for allowlisted projects

CITED C06. Model availability is regional, dated, and revocable. Pin versions and regions in your contracts.

Europe and China

No new European frontier model landed in the seven days to September 1, 2026. Europe's move this period was legal rather than technical, and it was the Omnibus VERIFIED C10. In China, the open-weights cadence continued without pause: DeepSeek published a V4 Flash vision experimental release on August 21, 2026 and Alibaba released Qwen3.8 Flash on August 26, 2026, following Moonshot AI's Kimi K3 in July with full weights published later that month CITED C19. Parameter counts and capability claims in this group are vendor-stated. For a regulated buyer the relevant fact is not the leaderboard, it is that a credible open-weights substitute exists in a different jurisdiction, which is the cheapest continuity hedge on the market.

The substrate

NVIDIA reported $96.2 billion of revenue for the quarter ended July 26, 2026, of which $89.0 billion was data centre, up 117 percent year over year VERIFIED C08. In robotics it announced the Isaac GR00T reference humanoid on Jetson Thor and Halos for Robotics, a full-stack safety system for physical AI CITED C08. The safety stack is the tell. Vendors ship safety systems when the buyer's blocker has moved from capability to assurance.

Financial services: the research agent arrived, the supply contract did not

The win

Google Cloud's Gemini Enterprise for Financial Services, announced August 25, 2026, is the most concrete packaging of agentic AI for a regulated function so far. It ships a managed Financial Research agent, secure Model Context Protocol connectors, and a data layer reaching FactSet, Moody's, S&P Global, MSCI, PitchBook, SEC EDGAR and Dun & Bradstreet's Commercial Graph, the last of these aimed specifically at know-your-business verification and corporate hierarchy resolution during onboarding CITED C05. Deutsche Bank is named as a design partner for the research agent and CME Group as a collaborating institution CITED C05. In parallel, Claudeforce placed Claude inside the Salesforce Trust Boundary through Amazon Bedrock, stated by Salesforce as the path for regulated industries to deploy domain-specific AI while keeping data and AI workloads secure VERIFIED C03.

What is genuinely new here is not reasoning quality. It is that both vendors are selling the entitlement model as the product. Access is bound by permissions the institution already maintains, and outputs are expected to carry source citations and methodology. That is the shape a supervisor can examine.

The constraint

A Cloud Security Alliance survey reported in June 2026 found that 62 percent of financial services firms had deployed AI agents, and that 93 percent of those firms granted the agents autonomy CITED C16. Autonomy is a governance question when the model is stable. It becomes a continuity question the moment model supply can be terminated by a corporate action, which is precisely what the Cursor decision showed on August 28 CITED C01. A credit-decisioning or suitability agent that cannot be re-hosted on a second model within a supervisory notice period is not a resilient system, regardless of how well it is documented.

The control

The model substitution drill

Run it once per quarter on your two highest-consequence agents. It takes a day and it produces evidence you can hand to an examiner.

1. **Freeze the prompt and tool surface.** Record the exact system prompt, tool schema, retrieval configuration and evaluation set in a versioned artefact.
2. **Swap the model.** Re-point the agent at your designated secondary model, from a different supplier and ideally a different jurisdiction, with no other change.
3. **Re-run the evaluation set.** Measure the delta on accuracy, refusal rate, citation fidelity and latency. Record the number, not an impression.
4. **Time it.** The metric that matters is hours from decision to production parity. If you cannot state it, you do not have it.
5. **File it.** Attach the result to the model inventory record. This is the artefact that answers a third-party concentration question without a fire drill.

If the delta is unacceptable, you have not found a model problem. You have found a prompt or retrieval design that is overfitted to one supplier, which is a defect you can fix before it becomes an outage.

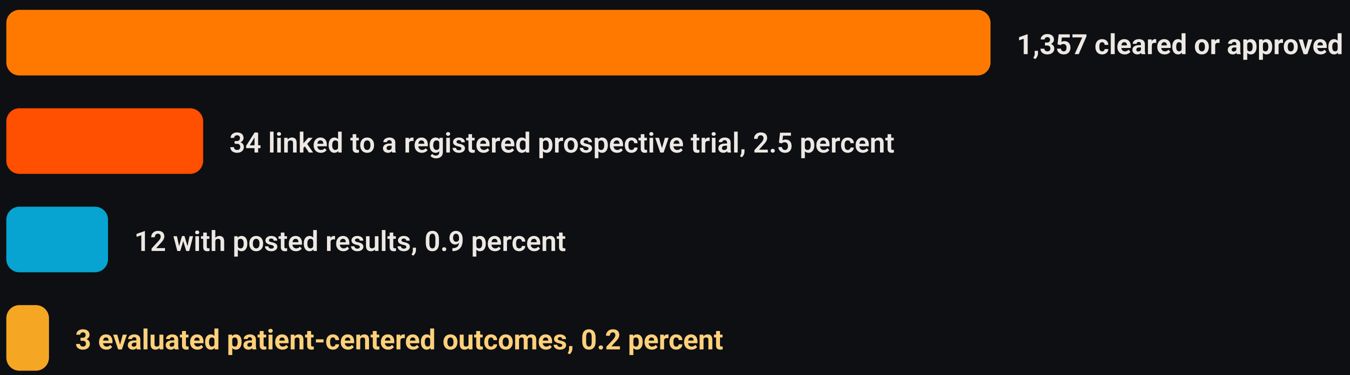
Healthcare: clearance is not evidence, and the gap is now measured

The constraint, quantified

A study published in PLOS Digital Health on August 19, 2026 by Rawan Abulibdeh and colleagues at the University of Toronto examined every AI or machine-learning enabled medical device cleared or approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, analysed through December 5, 2025. Of 1,357 devices, 34 were linked to registered prospective trials, 12 had posted results, 12 had peer-reviewed publications, and 3 evaluated patient-centered outcomes such as mortality, morbidity or readmission. Sixty-two percent of the studies that did exist used observational designs with small, homogeneous cohorts VERIFIED C12.

FDA-authorized AI devices: clearance versus clinical evidence

Devices analysed through December 5, 2025. Bar length is proportional to count.



Source C12. PLOS Digital Health, August 19, 2026. Bar widths are proportional within each row group and are indicative, not to a single linear scale across the full range.

The win

The commercial answer emerging is contractual rather than technical. In August 2026 Ambience Healthcare introduced a partnership model in which it embeds clinicians, engineers and value attainment specialists inside each health system and ties its fees to measurable outcomes rather than to consumption of AI CITED C13. On the deployed side, Intermountain Health has reported a 27 percent reduction in time spent in notes per appointment among clinicians using an ambient documentation assistant for ten or more encounters between April 2024 and December 2025, and Oracle reports more than 200,000 documentation hours saved across its clinical AI agent customers. Both figures are company-reported and not independently audited CITED C13.

Set against that, a large study of ambient scribes reported in April 2026 found modest time savings and inconsistent usage, which is the more honest baseline for planning CITED C13.

The control

Two clauses that change the risk profile

Outcome-linked fees. If a vendor will not tie any part of its fee to an agreed clinical or operational metric, it is telling you it does not expect the metric to move. Ask for it in the first commercial conversation, not the third.

A local evidence file. Regulatory clearance answers a different question than yours. Before go-live, define a prospective local measurement: cohort, comparator, endpoint, review cadence, and a pre-agreed stop rule. Given that only 3 of 1,357 cleared devices carry patient-outcome evidence, your own file is likely to be the strongest evidence in the room VERIFIED C12.

Manufacturing: the humanoid numbers that survive an audit

The win

The BMW Group and Figure programme at Plant Spartanburg remains the most completely instrumented humanoid deployment in the public record. Over a ten-month pilot the Figure 02 unit operated five days a week for ten hours per shift, retrieved and positioned sheet metal parts for welding, moved more than 90,000 components, accumulated roughly 1,250 operating hours and about 1.2 million steps, and assisted in the production of more than 30,000 BMW X3 vehicles CITED C14. On June 25, 2026 BMW announced Figure 03 for the same plant, moved to logistics sequencing rather than the welding line, sorting components into trolleys for just-in-time delivery, with soft safety components, wireless charging and improved tactile sensing CITED C14. BMW has since opened a Center of Competence for Physical AI in Production and started a first European pilot at Plant Leipzig CITED C14.

Notice what is being reported: operating hours, component counts, shift patterns. Not autonomy scores. That is a manufacturing organisation running a capital equipment evaluation, and it is the right template.

The constraint

Current humanoid deployments across the industry cover material handling, bin picking and simple assembly. They do not cover the high-speed, high-precision welding and stamping that defines most automotive and electronics line time CITED C21. The economics therefore rest on logistics and changeover labour, not on displacing the cell. NVIDIA's decision to ship Halos for Robotics, described as a full-stack safety system for physical AI, alongside its Isaac GR00T reference design is a market signal that functional safety, not dexterity, is now the gating item for scale CITED C08.

The control

Three measures before you scale a physical-AI pilot

1. **Operating hours per unit per week, over a full quarter.** Pilots look good in week three. Availability is the number that survives.
2. **Task success rate at the station, not in the lab.** Defined against the same acceptance criteria you apply to a fixed automation cell.
3. **Safety case ownership.** Name the person accountable for the functional safety argument and the standard it is written against, before the second unit arrives. Vendors are now shipping safety stacks; the argument is still yours to make CITED C08.

Scenario worth planning: if a humanoid unit is reclassified under a plant safety review mid-deployment, what is your fallback staffing plan for the station? Answer it on paper now, cheaply.

07 · ENERGY

Energy: two thirds of the demand is not going to be served

The demand signal

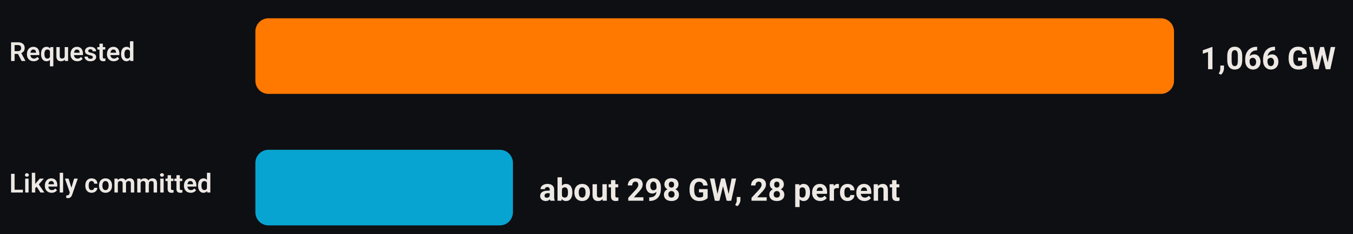
NVIDIA's data centre revenue of $89.0 billion for the quarter ended July 26, 2026, up 117 percent year over year, is the cleanest public proxy for how fast compute is being installed VERIFIED C08. The electricity to run it is a separate market with a separate clearing rate.

The constraint

Wood Mackenzie projects that United States grid operators and utilities will commit to roughly 28 percent of the 1,066 gigawatts of load requested for data centre projects, with the balance made up of duplicate applications, speculative filings and projects that will not reach financial close CITED C15. Utilities are nonetheless building: an analysis of 51 utilities serving 250 million customers put planned capital expenditure at about $1.4 trillion, up 27 percent from the prior year's $1.1 trillion projection, with Duke Energy at $102.2 billion and Southern Company at $81.2 billion CITED C15.

United States data centre load: requested versus likely committed

Gigawatts. Wood Mackenzie projection.



Planning implication: interconnection queue position is a siting assumption, not a formality.

Source C15. Wood Mackenzie projection reported August 12, 2026. The committed figure is derived from the stated 28 percent share and is approximate.

The regulatory move

On June 18, 2026 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued Section 206 show-cause orders to all six regional transmission organisations and independent system operators it regulates, giving them 60 days to justify or reform their large-load interconnection tariffs and 30 days to file an informational report on how they will ensure adequate generation for existing and new large loads CITED C15. The named focus areas include cost-shift prevention, transparency into transmission costs, and study processes for generation electrically proximate to large or co-located loads CITED C15.

The practice

On the operating side, utilities are converging on assistance rather than autonomy. A Utility Analytics Institute session on August 13, 2026 titled "Beyond the Pilot" brought together practitioners from ERCOT, Duke Energy and AES US Utilities on moving generative AI from pilots into governed operations, and Argonne National Laboratory's GridMind is explicitly framed as a reasoning co-pilot that runs scenarios and explains options to a human operator rather than acting on the system CITED C20. For a control-room environment that is the correct default, and it is the pattern we would carry into any safety-of-supply workflow.

08 · REGULATION

The governance clock, read honestly

Market commentary published in the past week continues to describe August 2, 2026 as the date on which high-risk obligations under the EU AI Act became applicable to financial-sector systems. The primary legal position is different, and where the two conflict we follow the primary sources.

OBLIGATION	POSITION AS AT THIS EDITION	PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCE
EU AI ACT, ARTICLE 50 TRANSPARENCY	Applicable since August 2, 2026.	Disclosure duties for direct interaction, synthetic content, emotion recognition and deep fakes are live now. This is the obligation that actually bites this year. VERIFIED C10
EU AI ACT, ANNEX III HIGH-RISK (STANDALONE SYSTEMS)	Deferred to December 2027 by Regulation (EU) 2026/1744, published July 24, 2026 and in force July 27, 2026.	Credit scoring, insurance pricing and employment screening systems have more runway than most vendor decks assert. Use it for evidence, not for delay. VERIFIED C10
EU AI ACT, ANNEX I HIGH-RISK (AI IN REGULATED PRODUCTS)	Deferred to August 2028.	Medical devices and industrial machinery follow the product-safety route on a longer clock. VERIFIED C10
COLORADO AI ACT, AS AMENDED	Senate Bill 26-189 signed May 14, 2026 moved the effective date from June 30, 2026 to January 1, 2027 and narrowed the statute.	Risk management programmes and annual impact assessments were dropped in favour of a notice-and-transparency framework. Two further Colorado statutes on chatbot safety and AI in health insurance coverage decisions also take effect January 1, 2027. CITED C11

The vendor-side response is worth noting because it changes what you can ask for in a procurement. Microsoft has published a governance architecture spanning nine domains and four functions, policy, control, visibility and proof, that connects written policy to runtime enforcement through its agent gateway, identity, data governance and audit services, including governing Model Context Protocol tools without modifying the underlying servers or agent code CITED C18. Whether or not you buy that stack, the shape is the right requirement to write into a request for proposal: policy that is enforced at runtime and produces evidence, not policy that lives in a document.

09 · FRAMEWORK

Build the model supply continuity register

This is the artefact this week argues for. It is small, it is auditable, and in most organisations it does not exist. Six rows per production agent.

CONTROL	WHAT YOU RECORD	WHY IT MATTERS THIS WEEK
SUPPLY PATH	Model, version, region, and every intermediary between you and the lab, including resellers, platform hosts and hyperscaler channels.	The Cursor termination reached customers through an intermediary, not through the lab's direct terms. CITED C01
CHANGE-OF-CONTROL EXPOSURE	Whether each contract in the path contains a change-of-control, assignment or competitor-acquisition clause, and the notice period each carries.	This is the specific clause that ended the OpenAI and Anysphere relationship on August 28, 2026. CITED C01
DESIGNATED SUBSTITUTE	A named secondary model from a different supplier, with a different jurisdiction where feasible, already provisioned and credentialed.	Open-weights releases from multiple jurisdictions make a genuine second source cheap to hold. CITED C19
SUBSTITUTION TIME	Measured hours from decision to production parity, from your last quarterly drill, with the evaluation delta attached.	A number an examiner can read beats an assurance they cannot test.
VERSION AND REGION PINNING	The exact model identifier and serving region, plus the vendor's deprecation notice commitment.	Models are withdrawn from regions on dated schedules, as the Gemini Enterprise August changes show. CITED C06
ENTITLEMENT BOUNDARY	Which existing identity and permission system governs the agent's reach, and who can widen it.	Both Claudeforce and Gemini Enterprise for Financial Services are sold on inherited entitlements. That only holds if your entitlements are correct. CITED C03

Risk and reward, stated as a trade

Reward of concentration. Deep integration with one model family buys better tool use, cheaper prompt engineering, and vendor co-engineering. Claudeforce and Gemini Enterprise for Financial Services both reward it explicitly CITED C03.

Risk of concentration. The termination right sits above you in the chain. The mitigation is not to avoid depth. It is to keep the substitution time measured and short enough that depth is a preference rather than a dependency.

Five things worth knowing this week

1. **Model supply is now a negotiated, terminable input.** OpenAI has proposed a November 12, 2026 shutoff for the models it supplies to Cursor, under a post-change-of-control cancellation window rather than any technical failure VERIFIED C01.
2. **The two biggest enterprise launches sold entitlements, not intelligence.** Claudeforce and Gemini Enterprise for Financial Services both lead with the claim that the agent inherits permissions the institution already governs CITED C03 CITED C05.
3. **The clinical evidence gap is now a published number.** 3 of 1,357 FDA-authorized AI devices have been evaluated on patient-centered outcomes VERIFIED C12.
4. **Roughly 72 percent of requested United States data centre load is not expected to be served.** Wood Mackenzie projects commitments at about 28 percent of 1,066 gigawatts requested CITED C15.
5. **Economists are split, not alarmed, on AI and employment.** In an Indeed Hiring Lab survey of more than 100 economists published August 5, 2026, 52 percent expected AI to be at least a mild drag on United States employment over the next year, 35 percent expected a net gain and 13 percent expected no effect, against an expected unemployment rate of about 4.4 percent by year end CITED C17.

11 · LIMITS

What we are not asserting

- We are not asserting that OpenAI's decision on Cursor reflects a view about Cursor's product. OpenAI's stated basis is confidence in terms-of-service compliance following a change of ownership, and the November 12 date is described by OpenAI as a proposed shutoff, not a completed event VERIFIED C01.
- We are not treating vendor outcome figures as audited. Intermountain, Oracle and BMW numbers in this edition are company-reported CITED C13 CITED C14.
- We are not treating preview and pilot availability as general availability. Gemini Enterprise for Financial Services is in preview and Salesforce in Claude is in pilot with an open beta stated for September CITED C05 CITED C03.
- We are not treating the Wood Mackenzie load figure as an outcome. It is a projection, and the committed gigawatt figure in Figure 2 is derived from the stated percentage CITED C15.
- We are not treating Chinese open-weights parameter and capability claims as independently verified. They are vendor-stated CITED C19.

12 · SOURCES

Research base for this edition

Every claim above maps to one of the groups below. Items dated outside the seven days preceding September 1, 2026 are used only where the underlying fact is not time-sensitive, and are dated in the body.

C01 OpenAI decision on Cursor. Published August 28, 2026. OpenAI states that it notified SpaceX of its intent to wind down the contract providing OpenAI models to Cursor, with a proposed shutoff date of November 12, 2026, described as the maximum notice provided by the contract. Stated basis is that OpenAI cannot be confident SpaceX will use the technology within OpenAI's terms of service, citing prior contract violations by Musk-controlled companies, together with accountability for its upcoming model. OpenAI states its custom agreement with Cursor gives a limited window to cancel after a change of control and that it held the cancellation to the latest date available while not providing future models. The roughly 5 percent share of Cursor traffic and the report that Anthropic is adding compute to absorb the shift come from secondary coverage, not the OpenAI statement. OpenAI statement · CNBC, August 29, 2026

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C08 NVIDIA results and robotics announcements. Second quarter fiscal 2027 results announced August 26, 2026 for the quarter ended July 26, 2026: revenue $96.2 billion, up 18 percent sequentially and 106 percent year over year; data centre revenue $89.0 billion, up 117 percent year over year. Company-reported financials. Robotics announcements in the same period include the Isaac GR00T Reference Humanoid Robot built on Jetson Thor and the Isaac GR00T open development platform, and Halos for Robotics, described as a full-stack safety system for physical AI, alongside an open-source release of agent tools and skills for physical AI workflows. NVIDIA results release, August 26, 2026 · NVIDIA investor relations, financial reports

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C09 OpenAI enterprise delivery and data handling. OpenAI Presence announced July 22, 2026 as a managed product delivered through a limited general availability programme, with deployments led by OpenAI forward-deployed engineers and selected global systems integrators. Separately, OpenAI has described testing a private safety processing approach able to detect misuse spanning multiple interactions without requiring enterprise customers to surrender zero-data-retention protections, with customer information remaining on customer-controlled infrastructure or stored under customer-controlled encryption keys. OpenAI Presence announcement · AI News coverage of Presence delivery model

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C10 EU AI Act Digital Omnibus. Council gave final approval on June 29, 2026. Regulation (EU) 2026/1744 published in the Official Journal on July 24, 2026 and entered into force July 27, 2026, six days before the original August 2, 2026 high-risk date. Compliance for standalone Annex III high-risk systems deferred from August 2, 2026 to December 2027; AI embedded in products covered by EU product-safety law under Annex I deferred to August 2028. Article 50 transparency obligations remain applicable from August 2, 2026, with Commission guidelines on transparency obligations published. Council of the EU press release, June 29, 2026 · European Commission guidelines on AI transparency obligations · Gibson Dunn analysis of the Omnibus

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C11 Colorado AI legislation. Senate Bill 26-189, signed May 14, 2026, revised the Colorado Artificial Intelligence Act and moved the effective date from June 30, 2026 to January 1, 2027, while dropping risk management programme and annual impact assessment duties in favour of a narrower notice-and-transparency framework. House Bill 1263 on chatbot safety was signed May 29, 2026 and House Bill 1139 on AI in health insurance coverage decisions was signed June 2, 2026, both effective January 1, 2027. Hunton analysis of the amendment · Cooley, state AI laws status

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C12 Clinical evidence for FDA-authorized AI devices. Study by Rawan Abulibdeh and colleagues at the University of Toronto, published in PLOS Digital Health on August 19, 2026, analysing FDA-cleared or approved AI and machine-learning enabled medical devices through December 5, 2025. Of 1,357 devices, 34 (2.5 percent) were linked to registered prospective trials, 12 (0.9 percent) posted results, 12 (0.9 percent) had peer-reviewed publications, and 3 (0.2 percent) evaluated patient-centered outcomes such as mortality, morbidity or readmission. Sixty-two percent of identified studies used observational designs with small, homogeneous cohorts and frequent exclusion of vulnerable populations. PLOS Digital Health, August 19, 2026 · Medical Xpress summary, August 2026 · FDA, AI-enabled medical devices

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C13 Healthcare commercial and deployment evidence. Ambience Healthcare introduced a partnership model in August 2026 under which it embeds clinicians, engineers and value attainment specialists inside each health system and ties fees to measurable outcomes rather than consumption. Intermountain Health reports a 27 percent reduction in time in notes per appointment for clinicians using an ambient documentation assistant across ten or more encounters between April 2024 and December 2025. Oracle reports more than 200,000 documentation hours saved across clinical AI agent customers. Both are company-reported and not independently audited. A large study of ambient scribes reported in April 2026 found modest time savings and inconsistent use. Ambience Healthcare partnership model, August 2026 · American Hospital Association market scan on ambient scribes · STAT, ambient scribe study, April 2026

C14 BMW Group and Figure physical AI programme. Figure 02 pilot at BMW Group Plant Spartanburg ran five days a week for ten hours per shift over ten months, retrieving and positioning sheet metal parts for welding, moving more than 90,000 components, accumulating approximately 1,250 operating hours and about 1.2 million steps, and assisting in the production of more than 30,000 BMW X3 vehicles. Figure 03 announced for Spartanburg on June 25, 2026, moved to logistics sequencing and sorting components into trolleys for just-in-time delivery, with soft safety components, wireless charging, speech-to-speech communication and improved tactile sensor hands. BMW has established a Center of Competence for Physical AI in Production and begun a first European humanoid pilot at Plant Leipzig. Figures are company-reported. BMW Group press release, Figure 03 at Spartanburg · BMW Group, first humanoid robot at Plant Leipzig

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C15 United States grid and data centre load. Wood Mackenzie projection, reported August 12, 2026, that grid operators and utilities are likely to commit to about 28 percent of the 1,066 gigawatts requested for data centre projects, with the remainder attributable to duplicate and speculative filings. Analysis of 51 utilities serving 250 million customers puts planned capital expenditure at about $1.4 trillion, up 27 percent from the prior year's $1.1 trillion projection, with Duke Energy at $102.2 billion and Southern Company at $81.2 billion. On June 18, 2026 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued Section 206 show-cause orders to all six regional transmission organisations and independent system operators, giving 60 days to justify or reform large-load interconnection tariffs and 30 days to file an informational report on generation adequacy, with named focus areas including cost-shift prevention, transmission cost transparency, and study processes for generation electrically proximate to large or co-located loads. FERC news release on large load integration · Bloomberg on the Wood Mackenzie projection, August 12, 2026 · Utility Dive on the FERC interconnection decision · Utility capital expenditure analysis

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C16 Financial services agent adoption. A Cloud Security Alliance report published in June 2026 found that 62 percent of financial services firms had deployed AI agents and that 93 percent of those firms granted the agents autonomy. Secondary reporting, carried as reported. Governance gap analysis citing the Cloud Security Alliance figures · Banking Dive on AI and financial services regulation

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C17 Labour market expectations. Indeed Hiring Lab labour market outlook survey published August 5, 2026, covering more than 100 economists. Panel expects unemployment of about 4.4 percent by year end and into mid-2027. On AI's net effect on United States employment over the next year, 52 percent expected at least a mild drag, 35 percent expected a net gain and 13 percent expected no effect. Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research analysis across payroll, usage-exposure and official projection datasets finds no detectable rise in aggregate unemployment among AI-exposed workers since late 2022, while flagging narrowing entry-level opportunity in exposed roles. Indeed Hiring Lab survey, August 5, 2026 · Stanford SIEPR policy brief

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C18 Microsoft AI governance architecture, documented August 2026. Nine governance domains and four functions: policy, control, visibility and proof. Combines Microsoft Foundry with Purview, Entra ID, Defender and Azure API Management, using the Foundry AI Gateway as a runtime boundary for authentication, token limits, quotas and policy enforcement, including governing Model Context Protocol tools centrally without modifying MCP servers or agent code. Foundry supports evaluation of applications and agents against datasets using built-in and custom evaluators before release and monitoring afterwards. InfoQ on Microsoft runtime governance, August 2026 · Microsoft Foundry Agent Service documentation

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C19 Open-weights and non-United States model releases. DeepSeek published a V4 Flash vision experimental release on August 21, 2026. Alibaba released Qwen3.8 Flash on August 26, 2026, continuing its open-weights cadence. Moonshot AI released Kimi K3 on July 17, 2026 and published full weights on July 27, 2026. Release trackers record 16 new models from 8 providers during August 2026. Parameter counts and capability claims in this group are vendor-stated and not independently verified. August 2026 model release tracker · LLM release updates ledger

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C20 Utility operating practice. Utility Analytics Institute community session "Beyond the Pilot: Operationalizing Generative AI for Enterprise Deployment" held August 13, 2026, with panellists from ERCOT, Duke Energy and AES US Utilities. Argonne National Laboratory's GridMind is described as an agentic reasoning co-pilot combining specialised agents with power-system analysis to support operator decisions rather than to act on the system. Utility Analytics Institute session summary · Renewable Energy World on utility field operations

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C21 Humanoid deployment scope in industrial settings. Current commercial deployments cover material handling, bin picking, tote and material movement, and simple assembly, and do not cover the high-speed, high-precision welding and stamping that dominates automotive and electronics line time. Agility Robotics' Digit handles tote and material movement in Amazon fulfilment centres and completed a year-long commercial pilot at a Toyota facility. Unitree is reported as the highest-volume humanoid producer, with roughly 5,500 units shipped in 2025 and growing deployment across electronics and light manufacturing lines in Asia-Pacific markets. Deployment tracker and market survey sourcing. Solid Market Research, factory deployment status 2026 · Humanoid deployment tracker

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Every edition is researched fresh against sources published within the preceding seven days where the item is time-sensitive. Figures carry a chip: VERIFIED means named, dated and publicly checkable; CITED means named source, not independently re-verified; FLAG means contested and pending re-verification. Where market commentary conflicted with primary legal sources this week, notably on EU high-risk applicability, we followed the primary legal sources and said so.

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