

CLAUDE COMPLIANCE API NOW RETURNS LOCAL SESSION TRANSCRIPTS OPERATIONAL SIGNAL

DOMAIN: GOV — Governance | CONFIDENCE LEVEL: High

INSTITUTIONAL DIMENSIONS: Visibility | Authority

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CAPABILITY SHIFT

Anthropic added beta Claude Enterprise Compliance API endpoints that return transcripts from Cowork and Claude Code sessions running on users' machines. Using an existing Compliance Access Key with the `read:compliance_user_data` scope, authorised teams can list local sessions across the organisation, retrieve session metadata and request a session transcript.

ORGANISATIONAL CONSEQUENCE

Local Cowork and Claude Code activity can now become visible through the same enterprise compliance interface used for central oversight. This expands the records available to security, risk and legal teams and may change how organisations treat local AI sessions for monitoring, investigation, retention and eDiscovery processes.

WHAT TO WATCH

- Growth in local Cowork or Claude Code sessions appearing in compliance records
- Investigations or reviews beginning to rely on transcripts from user-machine sessions
- Unexpected gaps between local AI activity and the sessions visible through compliance reporting

WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

Announced on 11 August 2026, the capability is available in beta for Claude Enterprise organisations. Existing Compliance API access can now surface local-session transcripts, bringing endpoint activity into current monitoring and records processes.

WHAT TO REVIEW

- Who holds Compliance Access Keys with the `read:compliance_user_data` scope
- Whether monitoring notices cover local Cowork and Claude Code sessions
- How local-session transcripts are retained, accessed and used in investigations or eDiscovery

GOVERNANCE CONTEXT

Visibility is the primary shift: local AI sessions can enter central compliance records. Authority also matters because organisations must decide who may retrieve and use those transcripts, and under which review and retention processes.

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