

Connection modes

Per tool, whether requests run on the developer's own AI subscription or on your organization's provider key.

The two modes

Subscription — the developer's own plan pays. Sentilai governs and audits; billing is unchanged.

Managed API key — the request goes out on a key from **Providers** and is billed to you. One bill, central control, and you can cut off access by removing the key.

Setting it

Policy ? Connection modes, one selector per tool: Claude Code, Cursor, GitHub Copilot, Gemini CLI, Codex CLI.

Cursor is locked to managed API key. Its custom-endpoint mechanism cannot carry a subscription login, so governing Cursor requires an OpenAI provider key.

The failure to expect

Managed mode with no matching provider key means requests fail — Anthropic for Claude Code, OpenAI for Cursor and Copilot. The tool shows a provider error and Activity records an upstream error. Add the key, or move that tool back to subscription.

In the audit trail

Activity's **Mode** column shows which mode each request used, and Compliance reports the subscription/API split. Both modes are audited identically; the only difference is who pays.

Connection modes

How each tool's AI traffic authenticates upstream. Subscription keeps developers on their own provider accounts; Managed API key routes everything through your organization's key from Providers — usage is then billed per token to your organization, and developers' own subscriptions are no longer used.

Claude Code

Subscription



Cursor managed API key only — this tool's custom endpoint can't carry a subscription login

Managed API key



GitHub Copilot managed API key only — this tool's custom endpoint can't carry a subscription login

Managed API key



Managed API key requires a matching provider key in Providers (Anthropic for Claude Code; OpenAI for Cursor and GitHub Copilot). Without one, requests fail until a key is added.

Connection modes — how each tool's AI traffic authenticates upstream: the developer's own subscription, or a managed key from Providers.

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