

Homework — The Personal / Corporate Boundary

~15 minutes · 4 scenarios

For each scenario below, decide: (1) is this a boundary violation? (2) if yes, which direction (personal→corporate or corporate→personal)? (3) name the specific risk. Write your answers in a scratchpad, then check against the answer key.

Do not look at [answer.html](#) until you have written down your own answer for all four scenarios. The value of this exercise is in the moment you commit to a judgment.

Scenario 1 — Stack trace into personal ChatGPT

Situation

You are debugging a failing CI pipeline. You copy the full stack trace — which includes internal hostnames and a redacted-looking token that's actually still valid — into your personal ChatGPT account to ask for help.

Your task

1. Is this a boundary violation? Yes or no.
2. If yes, which direction: personal→corporate or corporate→personal?
3. Name the specific risk in one or two sentences. What exactly left the company, and what is the worst-case consequence?

✓ **Self-check: identify direction and specific risk before looking at the answer.**

Scenario 2 — Friend's side project into corporate Claude

Situation

Your friend asks you to look at their side-project code. You're at your desk, your corp Claude Code session is already open, so you paste their code in and ask for a review.

Your task

1. Is this a boundary violation? Yes or no.
2. If yes, which direction: personal→corporate or corporate→personal?
3. Name the specific risk in one or two sentences. Consider IP, retention, and policy.

✓ **Self-check: identify direction and specific risk before looking at the answer.**

Scenario 3 — AI email summarizer in a shared browser profile

Situation

You install a new AI-powered "email summarizer" browser extension from the Chrome store. You're logged into both your corp Gmail and your personal Gmail in the same browser profile.

Your task

1. Is this a boundary violation? Yes or no.
2. If yes, which direction: personal→corporate or corporate→personal? (Be careful — this one may not be a single direction.)
3. Name the specific risk in one or two sentences. What exactly is the blast radius of this extension?

✓ **Self-check: identify direction and specific risk before looking at the answer.**

Scenario 4 — Corporate enterprise tier on an open-source side contribution

Situation

You use the corporate enterprise ChatGPT tier (zero-retention, under contract) to refactor an open-source library you contribute to on your own time.

Your task

1. Is this a boundary violation? Yes or no. (It may feel like "no" — think carefully.)
2. If yes, which direction: personal→corporate or corporate→personal?
3. Name the specific risk in one or two sentences. What does "zero-retention" not protect you from?

✓ **Self-check: identify direction and specific risk before looking at the answer.**