

Answer Key — Tool Audit

Admin / self-check reference

The point is not matching this table row-for-row. The point is that your own table uses the same seven columns, forces the same questions, and drives a clear Verdict for every tool you run.

Worked reference

Tool	Reads	Writes	Net	Exec	Telemetry	Verdict
Cursor (IDE)	Whole repo buffers	Files in open workspace	AI provider APIs	Yes via agent mode	On by default	Restrict (disable agent mode for sensitive repos, disable telemetry)
Claude Code CLI	cwd and below	cwd	Anthropic API	Yes (shell via Bash tool)	Minimal	Keep with hooks and permission modes
GitHub Copilot	Whole open file + nearby	No	Microsoft / OpenAI	No	On	Restrict (disable on private repos, disable telemetry)

Tool	Reads	Writes	Net	Exec	Telemetry	Verdict
Local MCP filesystem server	Mounted paths	Same mounted paths	None	No	None	Keep, scope the mount narrowly
Grammarly browser extension	Every textarea on every site	Rewrites text in place	Grammarly cloud	No	On	Remove from work profile
Ollama (local model runner)	Prompt input only	Model cache	Ollama registry for pulls + update checks	No	Auto-update ping	Keep, disable auto-update, pin versions

Note: Your own audit will differ. The point is having the table and reasoning through each column.

What to look for in your own table

- **No blank cells.** If a cell is blank, the tool has not actually been audited — that is a research task, not a completed row.
- **Verdicts that match the row.** A tool that reads your whole repo, writes files, hits a remote API, runs shell commands, and has telemetry on by default cannot honestly end up as "Keep" with no further action. Either the Verdict is wrong or the mitigations belong in the cell.
- **All five categories covered.** If your table has no browser extensions in it, double-check: it is the most-forgotten category and almost nobody actually has zero AI browser extensions installed.

- **Update channel noted somewhere.** If the tool auto-updates and you have not pinned it, your Verdict should reflect the supply-chain exposure, not just today's behavior.