DATA SECURITY & DATA PROTECTION × CLAUDE · A FIELD GUIDE FOR PRACTITIONERS

Claude for Data Protection Teams.

Nine practical workflows — regulatory research, DLP analysis, DSAR handling, privacy briefings, automation — plus five reusable prompt shortcuts, written for how data security and privacy teams actually work. Open it Monday morning. Run one workflow. Repeat.

THE FIVE SHORTCUTS INSIDE

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BUILT FOR DATA SECURITY, PRIVACY, GOVERNANCE AND COMPLIANCE

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01 · WHY THIS GUIDE EXISTS

AI, the way a data protection team should use it

Most AI playbooks are written for a general audience. This one is for **data security and privacy practitioners** — people who handle DLP alerts, access reviews, DSARs, vendor assessments, regulator questions, and executives who want answers yesterday. Every workflow below is aimed squarely at protecting data, and every prompt is copy-paste ready.

The core mindset shift: stop treating AI like a search engine. Treat it like a tier-1 analyst pool that never sleeps — one that can read a 60-page data processing agreement, triage a CSV of DLP alerts, draft the breach-notification skeleton, and build the privacy-program deck, in parallel. Your job shifts from doing every task to **directing and verifying** the work.

> *“The practitioners who stay valuable aren’t the ones who can recite every article of every regulation. They’re the ones who move first and verify fastest.”*

How each module is structured

- **What it is** — the workflow in one line.
- **Data protection use cases** — where it earns its keep in real privacy and data security work.
- **The prompt** — copy-paste ready, built on the four-layer context structure.
- **Tools used** — and any data-handling cautions specific to this field.

How to use this document

Don’t read it end-to-end. Pick the one workflow that solves your most annoying problem this week and run it three times. Depth beats breadth — one workflow internalized beats nine skimmed.

NON-NEGOTIABLE GROUND RULE BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE

- Follow your organization’s AI acceptable-use policy. When in doubt, ask before pasting.
- Never paste real personal data, credentials, special-category data, or regulated records into any AI tool that isn’t approved for that data class. We of all people enforce this for others — model it.
- Work with synthetic, redacted, or aggregated data wherever possible: structures and patterns, not identities.
- AI output is a draft, not legal advice and not a compliance verdict. Verify regulatory citations, deadlines, and obligations against primary sources — and route legal interpretation through counsel.

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What’s inside

Nine workflows plus the shortcut layer. Each one independently useful. Together, a faster data protection program.

01

FOUNDATION

Context Engineering for Data Protection Prompts

The discipline of giving Claude exactly what it needs to nail the output — every time.

The skill isn't "writing better prompts." It's engineering the right **context**. In data protection work that matters double: a vague prompt gets you generic compliance boilerplate; a structured one gets you something you can put in a policy, a notice, or a regulator response draft.

The four layers

CONTEXT	TASK	INSTRUCTION	DATA
Who Claude is playing — "privacy program lead," "DLP engineer," "data governance analyst."	What you want done. One clear sentence.	Format, length, audience, banned content.	Redacted exports, policies, contract excerpts, examples.

COPY-PASTE PROMPT · DATA HANDLING POLICY ANNOUNCEMENT

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You are a data protection communications lead who writes clear, calm,
jargon-free notices for non-technical employees.

Write an all-staff email announcing our new data classification policy and
the one behavior change it requires: checking a document's classification
label before sharing it outside the company.

Keep it under 180 words. No legal jargon, no acronyms without expansion,
no scolding tone. Second-person voice. End with exactly two actions: where
to find the classification guide, and who to ask when unsure.

Context: We classify data as Public, Internal, Confidential, Restricted.
The most common incident type is Confidential files shared to personal
email. The guide lives on the intranet under "Data Handling".
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THE 5-SECOND CHECKLIST BEFORE YOU HIT ENTER

- Have I told Claude who to be? (Context)
- Is the task one sentence, not a paragraph of wishes?
- Did I specify audience, format, length? (Instruction)
- Did I paste the redacted source material? (Data)
- Would a smart junior analyst know exactly what to do from this?

Pro tip: if you don't specify the role, you get the average of the internet. "Privacy program lead at a multinational with EU and US operations" is the single highest-leverage line in any data protection prompt.

02

RESEARCH

Your Regulatory & Privacy Research Intern

Research mode: a consultant-grade analyst for any privacy or data security topic, in minutes.

Claude's Research mode reads across dozens of sources, cross-references them, and returns a structured, cited report. For data protection teams, that turns "I'll check with outside counsel next month" into "here's the landscape and the open questions for counsel, 20 minutes later."

When to use it

- Multi-jurisdiction scans — how do GDPR, CCPA/CPRA, India's DPDP, and Brazil's LGPD treat the same processing activity
- New obligations — EU AI Act, state privacy laws, sector rules (HIPAA, GLBA, PCI DSS 4.0) and what changed
- Enforcement trend analysis — what regulators actually fined for in the last 18 months
- Vendor and transfer due diligence — data residency, sub-processor chains, transfer mechanisms

COPY-PASTE PROMPT · RESEARCH MODE

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You are a senior privacy counsel-adjacent researcher who produces
structured, source-cited analysis (citing regulation articles, regulator
guidance, and enforcement actions — not blogs paraphrasing them).

Research the current requirements for handling employee monitoring data
across the EU (GDPR), UK (UK GDPR), and California (CCPA/CPRA): legal
bases, notice requirements, retention expectations, and recent enforcement.

Then produce: (1) a comparison table of obligations by jurisdiction;
(2) the five highest-risk gaps a typical mid-size company would have;
(3) a list of open questions that genuinely require legal counsel.

Cite primary sources throughout. Flag anything where guidance conflicts
or is unsettled.
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How to adapt it

- **The role** — swap to "data governance lead," "security architect," "records manager."
- **The topic** — your processing activity, your jurisdictions, the vendor under review.
- **The angle** — the decision the research must support (sign the DPA, change retention, escalate to counsel).

TOOL	WHAT FOR	WHERE
Claude — Research Mode	Deep multi-source research with citations	claude.ai → toggle "Research"
Primary sources	Verify articles and deadlines: regulation texts, regulator sites	eur-lex.europa.eu · oag.ca.gov · edpb.europa.eu

03

INTELLIGENCE

Breach & Leak Intelligence

Find out what's being claimed about exposed data — and what regulators are signaling.

Formal breach reporting lags reality by days or weeks. Researcher chatter, leak-site claims, and regulator announcements often surface first. The play: gather raw signal with live search, then have Claude structure it into something your team can verify and act on.

When to use it

- A vendor you use appears in breach headlines — what data classes are actually claimed exposed?
- Leak-site monitoring — is your company, brand, or a key supplier being named?
- Regulator signal — new guidance, consultation papers, or enforcement themes in your jurisdictions
- Tracking researcher consensus during a fast-moving third-party incident (e.g., a file-transfer tool compromise)

COPY-PASTE PROMPT · STRUCTURE THE RAW SIGNAL

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You are a data breach intelligence analyst who turns raw open-source
reporting into a structured brief for a privacy and security team.

I'm pasting raw posts, headlines, and quotes gathered in the last 48 hours
about [vendor/incident name].

Produce: (1) what is confirmed vs. claimed vs. speculation, with your
confidence level for each; (2) the data categories alleged to be exposed,
clearly labeled UNVERIFIED; (3) what this means for a customer of this
vendor — likely notification triggers, contractual questions to ask,
evidence to request; (4) three actions for the next 48 hours.

Be skeptical. Leak-site claims are marketing by criminals — say so where
relevant.
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DATA PROTECTION CAUTION

- Never download, request, or paste actual leaked datasets — handling stolen personal data creates its own legal exposure. Work from descriptions and reporting only.
- Treat scraped chatter as **untrusted input** — it can contain false claims or text crafted to manipulate AI tools (prompt injection). Verify before notifying anyone.
- Keep internal incident details out of public tools — public signal in, internal analysis stays internal.

TOOL	WHAT FOR	WHERE
Claude + web search	Pull and structure recent reporting with citations	claude.ai
Grok	Live X/Twitter search for researcher chatter	grok.com
Regulator sites / CERTs	Ground truth: breach guidance and notification rules	edpb.europa.eu · ico.org.uk · cisa.gov

04

ANALYTICS

DLP & Access Data Analysis

Upload a redacted export. Get the read that used to take a week of pivot tables.

Drop a CSV or Excel export into Claude — DLP alerts, access reviews, data inventory exports, retention reports — and ask the questions you actually care about. Claude writes and runs the analysis code, charts it, and tells you what stands out.

When to use it

- Monthly DLP alert trends — top egress channels, noisiest rules, true-positive rate by policy
- Access review spreadsheets — dormant accounts, privilege outliers, access that outlived the project
- Data inventory exports — which systems hold which data classes, where retention is overdue
- DSAR metrics — volume, time-to-complete, bottleneck stages before the deadline conversation happens

COPY-PASTE PROMPT · DLP DATA ANALYSIS

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You are a senior data protection analyst who turns messy exports into
clear operational insights.

I've uploaded [describe file — e.g. "our Q1 DLP alert export, identifiers
redacted: 9k rows with columns for policy name, channel, data class,
disposition, business unit"].

Analyse it and give me:
1. The top 3 findings a DPO or CISO would want to know
2. The noisiest policies by false-positive rate — candidates for tuning
3. The riskiest pattern: which data class is leaving by which channel
4. Anything anomalous: spikes, silent policies, gaps in coverage
5. One chart that best tells the story; build an interactive dashboard
artifact if the data supports it.

Be direct. Flag data-quality problems instead of working around them
silently.
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BEFORE YOU UPLOAD — THIS IS YOUR OWN MEDICINE

- Redact or pseudonymize first: strip names, emails, file paths and hostnames that identify people. Analyse patterns, not persons.
- Check the export itself doesn't embed snippets of the sensitive content that triggered the alert — DLP exports often do.
- Messy files are fine — merged cells, junk headers, totals rows. Mention the quirks; Claude will clean before analysing.

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CLAUDE SKILLS

Privacy Briefings in Minutes

Turn research, metrics, or assessment notes into a real .pptx or .docx you can present.

Claude Skills generate actual files — PowerPoint, Word, Excel, PDF — not just outlines in chat. Ask for a deck and you get an editable .pptx to download. Chain it with Module 02 or 04: run the analysis, then in the same conversation say “now make the deck.” Claude already has the context.

When to use it

- Quarterly privacy program reviews for leadership and the board
- DPIA and vendor assessment reports in Word, formatted for sign-off
- Data handling training decks tailored to a department (HR, sales, engineering)
- Incident post-mortems and breach-response lessons-learned documents
- RoPA summaries and data-flow narratives for audits

COPY-PASTE PROMPT · PRIVACY PROGRAM DECK

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You are an expert presentation designer who builds board-grade privacy
briefings: visual, minimal, zero walls of text.

Using the jurisdiction research and the Q1 DLP analysis from this
conversation, create a 10-slide PowerPoint for the executive risk
committee.

Cover: regulatory landscape changes, our current data risk picture, what
the Q1 DLP data shows, DSAR performance, top 5 priorities, and a 90-day
roadmap with a resource ask.

Use the pptx skill. Black and white palette with lime green accents,
one idea per slide,
plain-English titles that state the takeaway (not "DLP Update" but
"One business unit drives 60% of data egress alerts").
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PRO TIPS

- Specify slide count — “10 slides,” not “a deck.” Claude paces it correctly.
- Specify the aesthetic — “navy, minimal, board-grade.” The default is generic.
- Iterate in-chat: “make slide 4 bolder,” “add a budget slide.” It regenerates the file.
- Same pattern works for Word DPIA reports, Excel data inventories, and PDF deliverables.

06

COMPREHENSION

Summarizing DPAs, Regulations & Audit Reports

80 pages of vendor contract, compressed to the five clauses you must act on.

The fastest way to 10x your input bandwidth. Drop in a data processing agreement, a new regulation, a SOC 2 report, an audit deliverable, or a transcript — and pull out exactly what matters in 60 seconds.

When to use it

- Vendor DPAs and security exhibits — sub-processors, breach notification windows, audit rights, liability carve-outs
- SOC 2 / ISO 27001 reports — exceptions and carve-outs, not the marketing summary
- New regulations and guidance — what actually changed vs. the previous version
- Privacy policies of acquisition targets or key vendors — what they reserve the right to do with data
- Long incident bridge or audit interview transcripts — decisions, owners, open actions

COPY-PASTE PROMPT · DPA EXTRACTION

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You are a data protection analyst who extracts only what matters from
long legal and audit documents. You are not giving legal advice — you are
preparing a review brief for counsel and the privacy team.

I've uploaded [a vendor DPA / SOC 2 report / regulation text / audit
report].

Give me:
1. The single most important takeaway in one sentence
2. The 5 clauses or findings with the most practical impact, each under
25 words, with section references
3. Every concrete number: notification windows, retention periods,
deadlines, liability caps
4. The three questions we should push back on or clarify, with suggested
wording
5. Anything unusual compared to market-standard terms

Be ruthless. Skip boilerplate. Flag what you're uncertain about.
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Caution: summaries are a navigation aid, not a substitute. For anything contractual or regulatory, read the cited section yourself — and route interpretation through counsel before you rely on it.

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NO-CODE

Internal Tools with Artifacts

From idea to working internal tool — in one conversation, zero dev tickets.

Claude Artifacts builds functional, styled web apps directly in the chat — live preview, iterate in plain English, export the HTML. For a data protection team, that means the small internal tools you've always wanted but never got engineering time for.

When to use it

- Data classification helper — guided questions that land on the right label, with handling rules shown
- DPIA screening questionnaire — threshold questions that output "full DPIA required / not required" with rationale
- Retention calculator — record type in, retention period and disposal date out, per your schedule
- DSAR intake walkthrough for the help desk — identity verification steps, scope questions, clock-start checklist
- Privacy awareness quizzes and onboarding one-pagers

COPY-PASTE PROMPT · DPIA SCREENING TOOL

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You are an expert internal-tools designer who builds clean, fast web
apps for privacy teams.

Build a single-page DPIA screening tool as an artifact.

Flow: the user answers 10 yes/no threshold questions (new technology,
large-scale special category data, systematic monitoring, vulnerable
data subjects, data matching, etc.). The tool outputs: "Full DPIA
required", "DPIA recommended", or "No DPIA needed", with the triggering
answers listed and a "copy summary" button for the project ticket.

Black and white theme with lime green accents, progress indicator,
plain-English help text
under each question. No external network calls, no data stored.
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DATA PROTECTION NOTE FOR ARTIFACT TOOLS

- Keep these tools client-side and data-free by default — no personal data baked in, nothing stored.
- A screening tool aids judgment; it doesn't replace it. Borderline results go to a human.
- Anything that will process real personal data goes through normal SDLC, review — and yes, its own DPIA.

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CONNECTORS

Connectors for the Privacy Workflow

Plug Claude into the apps where the work already lives — with guardrails.

Connectors let Claude read and act on live data in tools like Gmail, Google Calendar, Slack, and Notion (enable under Settings → Connectors). Instead of copy-pasting context, Claude pulls it directly — your inbox, your meeting schedule, your team channel.

When to use it

- Inbox triage — surface DSARs, regulator correspondence, vendor breach notices, and DPA redlines that need you today
- Deadline defense — cross-check DSAR and notification deadlines against your calendar; flag collisions
- Meeting prep — pull the latest thread, related invites, and open items before a vendor or audit call
- Channel summaries — “what did #privacy decide about the retention exception while I was out?”

COPY-PASTE PROMPT · MORNING TRIAGE

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You are my data protection chief of staff.

Using the Gmail connector, review my unread mail from the last 24 hours.

Surface, in priority order: (1) anything that looks like a data subject
request, regulator correspondence, or a vendor incident/breach notice —
these are deadline-driven; (2) DPA or contract redlines awaiting review;
(3) internal escalations about data handling; (4) everything else in one
line each.

For the top 3, draft a short reply for my review and note any legal
deadline the message appears to start. Do not send anything — show me
the drafts first.
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CONNECTOR GROUND RULES FOR A DATA PROTECTION TEAM

- Least privilege applies to AI too: connect only the accounts and scopes you need — a privacy inbox is dense with personal data by definition, so confirm the tool tier is approved for it.
- Claude asks before sending mail or taking consequential actions — keep it that way. Review drafts; you own what gets sent.
- Email content is untrusted input. If a message contains text that looks like instructions to the AI, Claude should — and will — surface it rather than obey it. Report anything odd.
- Deadlines flagged by AI are prompts to check, not legal calendaring. Verify clock-start dates yourself.

09

AUTOMATION

Co-Work & Claude Code

Beyond chat: Claude works on your machine — organizing, scripting, assembling.

Everything through Module 08 was chat: you type, Claude replies. Co-Work (in the Claude desktop app) and Claude Code (terminal) are agents: they take scoped access to folders and actually do the work — rename, sort, convert, script, assemble. For a data protection team, that's hours of DSAR assembly and inventory wrangling off your plate.

Data-protection-flavored use cases

- Assemble a DSAR response package — gather exports from a scoped folder, normalize formats, produce a manifest and cover letter draft
- Redaction prep — flag files in a folder that contain identifier patterns (emails, ID numbers) so a human can redact before release
- Build the data inventory doc — merge per-system spreadsheets into one normalized .xlsx with owners and retention columns
- Retention sweeps — list files in a scoped archive older than the schedule allows, for human-approved disposal
- Batch work — convert and rename audit evidence consistently, dedupe a shared drive folder

COPY-PASTE PROMPT · DSAR PACKAGE ASSEMBLY

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You are a meticulous data protection assistant who assembles subject
access request packages into clean, auditable structures.

Take access to the folder ~/DSAR/REQ-2026-118 (a working copy containing
only this requester's exported data), scan everything inside, and
organise it into: /Profile, /Communications, /Transactions, /Logs,
/ToReview.

Rename files to YYYY-MM-DD_source_description format. Do NOT modify file
contents. Flag any file that appears to contain ANOTHER person's data
into /ToReview with a note — third-party data must be reviewed by a
human before release.

Generate a manifest.csv listing every file, its new path, source system,
and size. Ask before deleting or overwriting anything.
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SAFETY NOTES — NON-NEGOTIABLE FOR PERSONAL DATA

- Point agents only at scoped working copies containing the data they need — never at a whole drive of personal data. Data minimization applies to your tools too.
- Third-party data review and redaction decisions stay human. The agent flags; you decide.
- Always require confirmation before deletes. Disposal happens per your retention schedule, with sign-off.
- Agent runs are transparent — read what it did. You sign off on the result, not the tool.

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THE SHORTCUT LAYER

/god · /ghost · /artifacts · /blindspot · /deepdive

Five reusable prompt shortcuts to standardize across the team.

Straight talk first: apart from Artifacts (a real Claude feature), these are **not** official built-in commands — you may see them hyped online as "secret modes." They work because Claude reads them as shorthand for an instruction. That's actually better for you: you get to define exactly what each one means, agree on it across your team, and get consistent behavior. Paste the definitions below into your user preferences or a Project's instructions (or define them as real custom slash commands in Claude Code), and the shortcuts become reliable.

`/god`	**Expert mode — peer-level depth, zero hand-holding**

"When I type /god: respond as a principal data protection engineer talking to a peer. Assume fluency with GDPR/CCPA mechanics, DLP architecture, identity, encryption, and data governance. Skip basics and definitions, give the strongest technical answer, state trade-offs and failure modes, and say 'unknown' rather than hedge." Use for: DLP policy design, tokenization vs. encryption decisions, cross-border architecture reviews.

`/ghost`	**Ghostwriter — sounds like me, ready to send**

"When I type /ghost: write in my voice — plain, direct, no AI-isms, no 'I hope this finds you well.' Match the audience I name (regulator, exec, all-staff, data subject, vendor). Output only the final text, ready to paste, no commentary." Use for: DSAR acknowledgments, breach notifications for counsel review, policy announcements, awkward vendor pushback emails.

`/artifacts`	**Build it — real, usable output**

"When I type /artifacts: don't describe it, build it. Produce the deliverable as an artifact or file — interactive tool, dashboard, document, or deck — and keep iterating on the same artifact as I give feedback." Use for: DPIA screeners (Module 07), DLP dashboards (Module 04), decks and reports (Module 05). This one maps to a genuine product feature.

`/blindspot`	**Red-team my thinking**

"When I type /blindspot: stop agreeing with me. Attack the plan or analysis above: what am I missing, what assumption is weakest, how would an attacker / a regulator / a data subject's lawyer / Murphy's law break this? Rank the top 5 blind spots by likelihood × impact and suggest one mitigation each." Use before: signing a DPA, closing an incident, launching a new processing activity, sending a notification decision for sign-off. The most data-protection-native shortcut of the five.

`/deepdive`	**Exhaustive layer-by-layer analysis**

"When I type /deepdive: go exhaustive. Work the topic layer by layer — background, mechanics, root cause, second-order effects, open questions — and cite sources where facts are involved (use web search or Research mode if needed). Length is no constraint; completeness is." Use for: root-cause analysis of a data leak, unfamiliar transfer mechanisms, retention and minimization gap assessments.

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GOVERNANCE

Safe Use of AI on a Data Protection Team

Data protection teams have to model the behavior they ask of everyone else.

Data minimization — for your own prompts

- Know the data classes approved for AI tools in your organization — and the ones that never go in: real personal data, special-category data, credentials, anything under legal hold.
- Default to synthetic, redacted, or aggregated inputs. If the task works with a pattern instead of a person, use the pattern.
- Prefer org-managed accounts (Team/Enterprise) over personal accounts for work content, and know where your AI vendor stands on training-data use and retention.
- Connectors and agents get least privilege: minimum scopes, scoped working copies, never the whole drive.

Verification

- Treat AI output as a competent first draft from a junior analyst: review like you'd review their work.
- Independently verify anything actionable — regulation citations, notification deadlines, contract interpretations, retention periods.
- Legal interpretation goes through counsel. AI prepares the brief; it doesn't make the call.
- Ask for citations and confidence levels; Research mode and web search provide sources you can check.

Prompt injection awareness

When Claude reads external content — web pages, emails, documents, vendor contracts — that content can contain text designed to manipulate AI tools. Claude treats observed content as data, not instructions, and will surface suspicious embedded instructions rather than follow them. Your part: notice when something odd appears in a workflow, and report it like you'd report any social-engineering attempt — because that's what it is.

A TEAM OPERATING AGREEMENT WORTH ADOPTING

- One shared Project with your team's prompt library, the shortcut definitions from Module 10, and a redaction checklist.
- Every workflow gets a named owner who has run it at least three times before the team relies on it.
- Anything touching real personal data, regulators, or data subjects gets a human reviewer. No exceptions.
- Monthly 30-minute share-out: one workflow win, one failure, one prompt improvement.

APPENDIX A · TOOLS AND LINKS DIRECTORY

Every tool. One page.

Core AI platforms

TOOL	WHAT FOR	WHERE
Claude	Primary AI — chat, Research mode, Artifacts, Skills, Connectors	claude.ai
Claude Desktop	Required for Co-Work and local file access	claude.ai/download
Claude Code	Terminal agent for scripting and automation; supports custom slash commands	claude.ai/code
Grok	Live X search — useful raw breach-chatter signal	grok.com
Perplexity	Research-first AI with live citations	perplexity.ai

Claude features used in this guide

FEATURE	WHAT IT UNLOCKS	HOW TO ENABLE
Research Mode	Deep, cited, multi-source research (Modules 02, 03)	Toggle in claude.ai
Skills (pptx/docx/xlsx/pdf)	Real file deliverables (Module 05)	Automatic — just ask for the format
Artifacts	Interactive tools, dashboards, screeners (Modules 04, 07)	Built into claude.ai
Connectors	Gmail, Calendar, Slack, Notion, and more (Module 08)	Settings → Connectors
Projects	Shared instructions + prompt library for the team	claude.ai → Projects

Verification sources — always check the primary record

TOOL	WHAT FOR	WHERE
EUR-Lex / GDPR text	Authoritative EU regulation texts	eur-lex.europa.eu · gdpr-info.eu
EDPB / ICO	EU and UK regulator guidance and decisions	edpb.europa.eu · ico.org.uk
California AG / CPPA	CCPA/CPRA texts, regulations, enforcement	oag.ca.gov · cppa.ca.gov
IAPP	Tracker for state, national, and global privacy laws	iapp.org
NIST Privacy Framework	Control mapping for privacy programs	nist.gov/privacy-framework

“You’ve seen how to run a faster data protection program by orchestrating these tools well — and verifying everything they hand back. Pick one module. Run it Monday.”