

Dictation stays on the device. Here is exactly what crosses the network, and how IT locks it.

Blurt turns speech into typed text on the computer itself: on macOS 26, Apple's on-device speech framework; on macOS 14 to 25, WhisperKit; on Windows, whisper.cpp. Audio never leaves the device and is discarded after transcription. There is no server in that loop and no setting that adds one. The one optional cloud feature, AI cleanup (a formatting pass on dictated text), is off by default, paid, and made unreachable by Private mode.

Network traffic, complete list

TRAFFIC	WHAT IS SENT	WHEN	BLOCKED BY PRIVATE MODE?
Sign-in	Email address and a one-time code (Supabase, United States)	Sign-in and token refresh	No. Sign-in is required once.
Plan check	Account token only	App launch, Home window	No
Word counts	A number: words in the dictation just finished. Never the words.	After each dictation	No. Counts apply the plan limit.
AI cleanup	The dictated text, only when turned on and only on a paid plan	After a dictation, if on	Yes. Unreachable.
Update check	A request to the public release feed on GitHub (Mac: Sparkle, daily; Windows: Velopack, at launch)	Launch and daily	No. Mac: IT can turn it off with the Sparkle managed preference <code>SUEnableAutomaticChecks</code> .
Speech model download	One-time download of the on-device model (huggingface.co on Mac 14 to 25 and Windows; Apple's speech assets on macOS 26)	First run, or after changing the model	No. Pre-stage the model for machines without internet.
Feedback	Only what a user types into Report an Issue	When a user sends it	No (user-initiated)

Nothing else. No analytics, no crash reporting, no telemetry in any Blurt client (Mac, Windows, Chrome extension). The Chrome extension is different in one way: it uses the browser's built-in speech recognition (Google's service in Chrome), so for local-only deployments use the Mac or Windows app.

What Private mode locks

- Cloud AI cleanup is off and unreachable. The check sits where the network call would be made, not only in the settings screen.
- Transcripts are never written to disk; recent dictations stay in memory until the app quits; any existing history file is deleted.
- On Windows, the log file records only counts, never text.

Lock it on with a policy (IT)

One managed value per platform forces Private mode on regardless of the user's setting or plan. The switch shows on and cannot be turned off. Read at launch.

Mac. Preference domain `com.sds.blurt`, key `ForcePrivateMode` (boolean), by configuration profile (Jamf, Kandji, Mosyle, Intune) or once as an administrator:

- The menu bar or tray and the Home window show an on-device indicator, so the state is always visible.

What we hold about an account

Email address, plan, and weekly word totals, on Vercel and Supabase in the United States. No audio, no text. Payments are handled by Stripe; Blurt never sees card numbers. Deletion on request within 60 days.

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sudo defaults write
/Library/Preferences/com.sds.blurt
ForcePrivateMode -bool true
```

Windows. Registry value ForcePrivateMode (DWORD 1) under HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Blurt, by Group Policy Preferences, Intune, or:

```
reg add HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Blurt /v
ForcePrivateMode /t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f
```

Silent install on Windows: Blurt-win-Setup.exe --silent (per user). Mac: copy Blurt.app to /Applications. Machines with no internet: sign in once and let the first run fetch the speech model, or pre-stage it; after that dictation needs no network.

Statements for your review

FedRAMP, TX-RAMP, CJIS. In Private mode no dictated audio or text is processed on any server, so cloud authorizations for the dictation path do not apply: there is no cloud dictation path. The account service (email, plan, word counts) runs on Vercel and Supabase in the United States and holds no dictated content. For criminal-justice use, dictated text goes straight from the device's speech engine into the records system the officer is typing in; Blurt stores none of it.

Student data. Blurt signs the Texas student data privacy agreement (TX-NDPA) and equivalent agreements. Privacy policy: justblurt.com/privacy (legal entity, subprocessors, retention, deletion).

Accessibility: VPAT 2.5 report at justblurt.com/accessibility.