

COST COMPARISON · OCTOBER 2026

Control by Ouroboros Cost Comparison

What you pay, and what you save, compared with other AI desktop and agent tools

Companion to the demo video **“Control by Ouroboros – AI Builds a Phishing IR Lab Live” (25:52)** · Ouroboros Apps LLC · ouroborosapps.com/control

$7.50	$510	$2,070	7 days
per month	**saved per year**	**saved per year**	**free trial**
or $75/year per PC	vs. Simular Sai Starter	vs. upgrading to ChatGPT Pro	Try it on your own PC

HOW MUCH YOU SAVE

Up to $5,910

a year vs. Simular Sai Pro ($500/mo)

Control: $7.50/mo or $75/yr per PC

- ✓ $510/yr saved vs. Simular Sai Starter ($50/mo)
- ✓ $2,070/yr saved vs. upgrading ChatGPT Plus to Pro (+$180/mo)
- ✓ $870/yr saved vs. upgrading Claude Pro to Max $100 (+$80/mo)

AT A GLANCE

- **What it is.** Control lets the AI you already use (Claude, ChatGPT, Cursor, VS Code and other MCP clients) see and operate your own Windows PC. It costs $7.50/mo or $75/yr per PC, with a 7-day free trial.
- **Versus dedicated desktop agents.** Simular Sai, the closest desktop-agent rival, starts at $50/mo. Control saves you $42.50/mo, $510 a year and $1,530 over three years.
- **Versus premium agent tiers.** Keep your $20 ChatGPT Plus or Claude Pro plan and add Control for $7.50, instead of upgrading to a $100–200 premium tier. You save $72.50–172.50/mo, or $870–2,070 a year.
- **The fine print.** Control is bring-your-own-AI: your AI plan is billed separately by its provider. Claude Pro already includes some computer use, and free open-source tools exist, though they are basic. Details are in the honest-comparison box in Section 01.

01 HOW MUCH YOU SAVE WITH CONTROL

Control costs $7.50 a month or $75 a year per PC. Here is how that compares with the other ways to get an AI working on a computer, in two honest comparisons:

- **License vs. license.** Simular Sai is the closest match: a local desktop agent sold as its own license.
- **Add Control to the plan you have, instead of upgrading.** Most people who want an AI agent already pay $20/mo for ChatGPT Plus or Claude Pro. Adding Control to that plan costs $7.50. The alternative is upgrading to a premium agent tier, which costs $80–180 more a month.

VS. SIMULAR SAI STARTER ($50/MO)

$510 saved per year

$42.50/mo · $1,530 over 3 years

Desktop-agent license vs. desktop-agent license

VS. UPGRADING TO CHATGPT PRO ($200/MO)

$2,070 saved per year

$172.50/mo · $6,210 over 3 years

$20 Plus + $7.50 Control, instead of +$180 for Pro

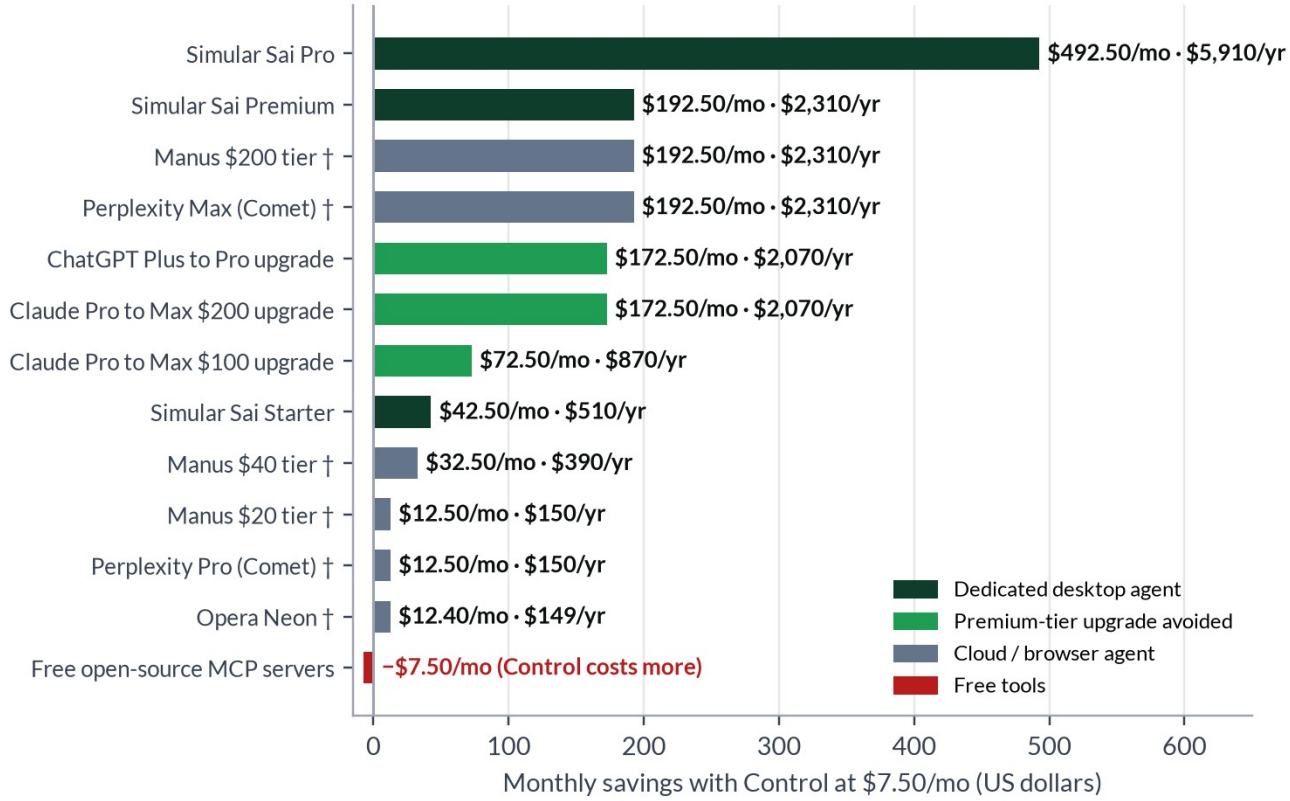

Figure 1. Monthly savings with Control at $7.50/mo, by competitor. Labels show monthly and yearly savings. † = price from a third-party source.

Savings breakdown by competitor

Competitor	Type	Their price / mo	You save / mo	You save / yr	Over 3 years
Dedicated desktop-agent licenses: the direct comparison					
Simular Sai Starter	Local desktop agent	$50.00	**$42.50**	**$510**	**$1,530**
Simular Sai Premium	Local desktop agent	$200.00	**$192.50**	**$2,310**	**$6,930**
Simular Sai Pro	Local desktop agent	$500.00	**$492.50**	**$5,910**	**$17,730**
Control on your $20 AI plan vs. upgrading to a premium agent tier					
ChatGPT Plus → Pro	+$180 upgrade	$180.00	**$172.50**	**$2,070**	**$6,210**
Claude Pro → Max $100	+$80 upgrade	$80.00	**$72.50**	**$870**	**$2,610**
Claude Pro → Max $200	+$180 upgrade	$180.00	**$172.50**	**$2,070**	**$6,210**
Other agent subscriptions (cloud or browser-only)					
Manus Pro, $20 tier †	Cloud agent	$20.00	**$12.50**	**$150**	**$450**
Manus Pro, $40 tier †	Cloud agent	$40.00	**$32.50**	**$390**	**$1,170**
Manus Pro, $200 tier †	Cloud agent	$200.00	**$192.50**	**$2,310**	**$6,930**
Perplexity Pro (Comet) †	Browser only	$20.00	**$12.50**	**$150**	**$450**
Perplexity Max (Comet) †	Browser only	$200.00	**$192.50**	**$2,310**	**$6,930**
Opera Neon †	Browser only	$19.90	**$12.40**	**$149**	**$446**
Free tools					
Open-source Windows MCP servers	Basic, unsupported	$0.00	**−$7.50**	**−$90**	**−$270**

Savings are the competitor's monthly price minus Control's $7.50, × 12 for a year and × 36 for three years. Upgrade rows use the extra cost of the premium tier over a $20 plan. On Control's annual plan ($75 instead of $90 a year) every yearly figure goes up by another $15. † = price from a third-party source, not the vendor's own page.

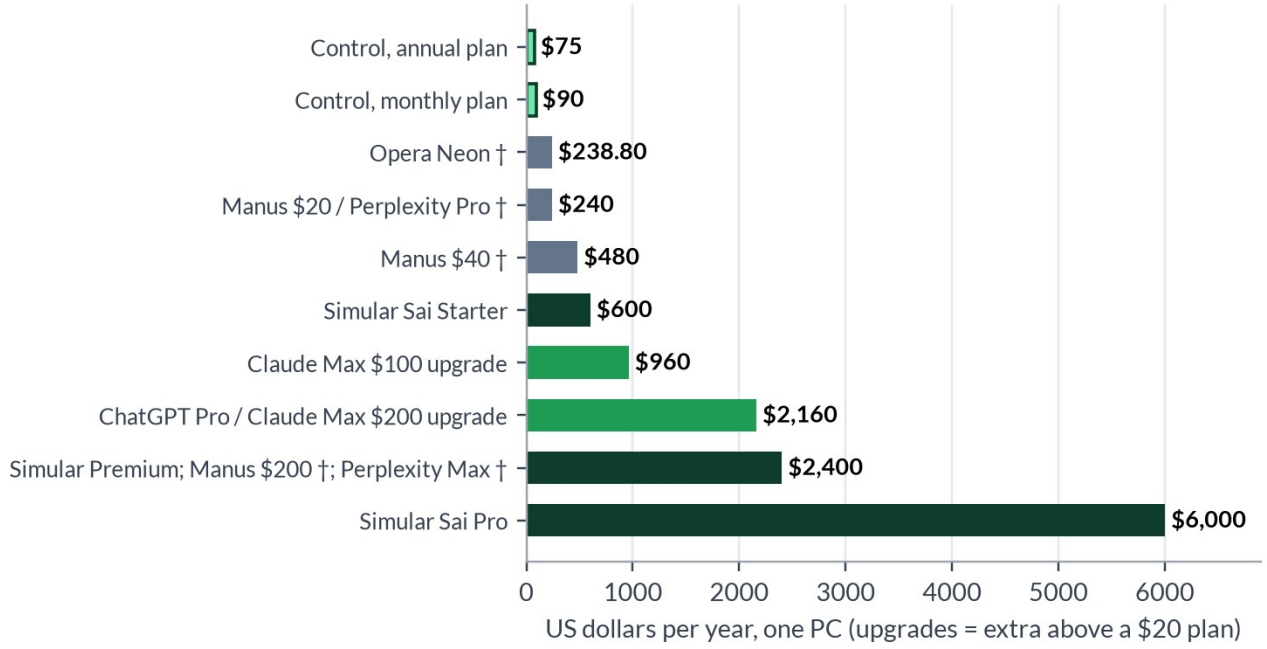

Figure 2. Yearly cost for one PC. Control is $75 on the annual plan and $90 paying monthly. † = third-party source.

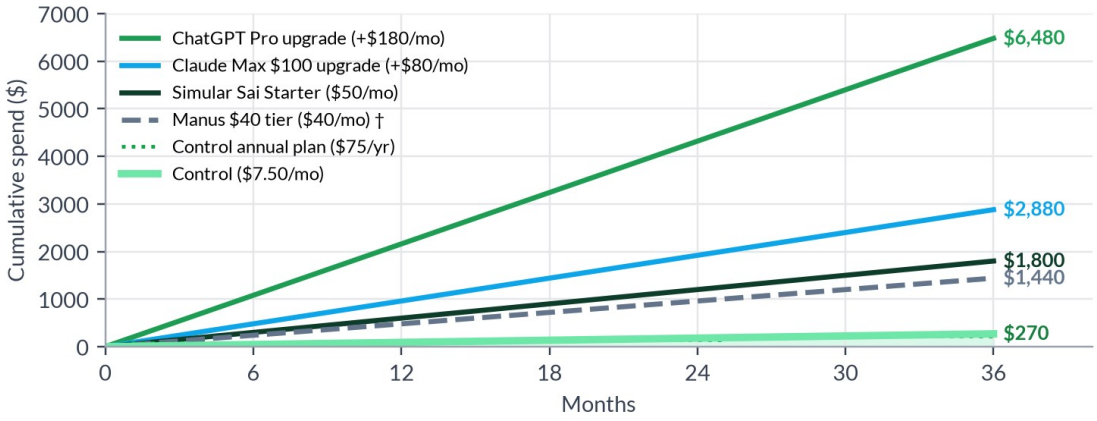

Figure 3. Cumulative spend over three years. Control reaches $270 paying monthly ($225 on the annual plan); a ChatGPT Pro upgrade reaches $6,480.

02 FEATURE COMPARISON

Product	Runs on your own PC	Works with any AI	Safety overlay & Allow	Free trial	Price / mo
Control by Ouroboros	✓ Your Windows PC	✓ Any MCP client	✓ Allow prompt, stop hotkey, blocks	✓ 7 days	**$7.50**
Simular Sai	✓ Local desktop	✗ Own agent	? Not verified	? Not verified	**$50–500**
ChatGPT agent	✗ Cloud computer	✗ OpenAI only	◐ Confirms key actions	? Not verified	**$20 / $200**
Claude Pro / Max	◐ Computer use included	✗ Claude only	? Not verified	? Not verified	**$20 / $100 / $200**
Manus †	✗ Cloud agent	✗ Own agent	? Not verified	? Not verified	**$20–200**
Perplexity Comet †	✗ Browser only	✗ Perplexity only	? Not verified	? Not verified	**$20 / $200**
Opera Neon †	✗ Browser only	✗ Opera only	? Not verified	? Not verified	**$19.90**
Free open-source MCP	✓ Your Windows PC	✓ Any MCP client	✗ None	– Free; no support	**$0**

✓ yes ◐ partial ✗ no ? *not verified from vendor sources. We mark features we couldn't confirm as ? rather than ✗.*

Where Control doesn't save you money

- Free open-source Windows MCP servers cost $0, so Control is $7.50/mo ($90/yr) more. The free tools are basic: no support, no free trial program, and no safety overlay or Allow prompt.
- Claude Pro ($20/mo, or $17/mo billed yearly) already includes computer use, and ChatGPT Plus includes 40 agent messages a month on a cloud computer. If those cover what you need, Control is a $7.50 add-on, not a saving. It adds local Windows control that works with any AI client, plus the safety layer.
- Control needs an AI plan to drive it, while Simular Sai comes with its own agent. Even counting a $20 AI plan, Control plus the plan costs $27.50/mo, which is $22.50/mo ($270/yr) below Simular Sai Starter alone.
- Prices are from vendor pages found by web search in October 2026. † marks third-party sources. Check current prices before you buy.

03 WHAT THE DEMO VIDEO SHOWS

In **“Control by Ouroboros – AI Builds a Phishing IR Lab Live”** (25:52), an AI assistant connected to Control takes over a Windows PC and builds a simulated phishing incident-response (IR) training lab in real time. The run isn’t edited down, so you watch the whole multi-step job from start to finish, done in the same apps and windows a person would use.

- **Real desktop, real apps.** The AI reads the screen and the UI tree, finds controls, and clicks, types, scrolls, switches windows and launches apps on the PC itself, not in a cloud sandbox.
- **Multi-step work.** It plans the build, works through it across several applications, checks the screen after each step, and corrects itself when something doesn’t match.
- **You stay in charge.** Control asks before it takes over, and a stop hotkey hands the PC back at once. Payment screens, card numbers, password fields and destructive commands are blocked or held, and deletes need explicit confirmation.
- **Safe subject matter.** The lab is simulated training material for practicing phishing response. No live malicious content is involved.

04 BRING YOUR OWN AI

Control is the hands, and your AI assistant is the brain. Control works with the AI plan you already have, so there is no second AI subscription to buy from us.

- **What Control’s price covers.** $7.50/mo or $75/yr per PC covers the Control software: desktop control, the safety layer and the Allow prompt.
- **What your AI plan covers.** Your AI provider bills you under the plan you already have (for example ChatGPT Plus or Claude Pro). Ouroboros adds no AI fees.
- **Plan for heavier use.** Long or complex automation uses more of your AI plan than a quick task does. Check your provider’s plan limits or usage pricing for the kinds of work you plan to automate.

> **Try it before you pay**
> Every plan starts with a 7-day free trial on your own PC. Billing is handled only on ouroborosapps.com/control.

05 SOURCES & METHOD

Product	Price used	Source	Verify at
Control by Ouroboros	$7.50/mo; $75/yr	Ouroboros Apps LLC list price	ouroborosapps.com/control
Simular Sai	$50 / $200 / $500 per mo	Vendor pricing (web search, Oct 2026)	simular.ai
ChatGPT agent	Plus $20; Pro $200 per mo	Vendor pricing (web search, Oct 2026)	chatgpt.com/pricing
Claude	Pro $20 ($17 yearly); Max $100 / $200	Vendor pricing (web search, Oct 2026)	claude.com/pricing
Manus †	$20 / $40 / $200 per mo	Third-party source (web search, Oct 2026)	manus.im
Perplexity Comet †	Pro $20; Max $200 per mo	Third-party source (web search, Oct 2026)	perplexity.ai
Opera Neon †	$19.90/mo	Third-party source (web search, Oct 2026)	opera.com
Open-source MCP servers	$0	Free, community-maintained	GitHub

- **Savings.** Competitor monthly price minus Control's $7.50. Yearly is × 12 and three-year is × 36, comparing month-to-month plans. Control's annual plan ($75) saves another $15 a year.
- **Upgrade rows.** For ChatGPT and Claude, the comparison is the extra cost of a premium tier over a $20 plan you already pay for, against adding Control to that same plan.
- **Features and prices.** Features we couldn't confirm from vendor sources are marked "not verified", not "no". Prices change, so check them before you buy.

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