CUSTOM GPT MIGRATION

How to save your custom GPTs before they retire

Custom GPTs retire December 11, 2026.

Follow these three steps to migrate yours into a plugin and keep using the instructions and knowledge you've built.

Your existing conversations remain accessible.

CUSTOM GPT		PLUGIN
Instructions + knowledge	→	**Skill + reference files**
Role, tone and reference files		Connected apps, when included

What is a plugin?

A plugin is a reusable package for a workflow. It can include skills (instructions for how to do a task), connected apps (tools and information), or both.

Your GPT's persona comes with it. The role, tone and style you wrote into its instructions move into the plugin's skill. Make sure to test the Pluggin: it may behave differently.

Which format best fits the work?

Skill

A repeatable method, such as brand writing.

Plugin

A package of skills, files and optional apps.

Agent / Work

A multistep task, such as building a report.

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OpenAI's always-on agent, for ongoing responsibility and follow-up.

THREE STEPS

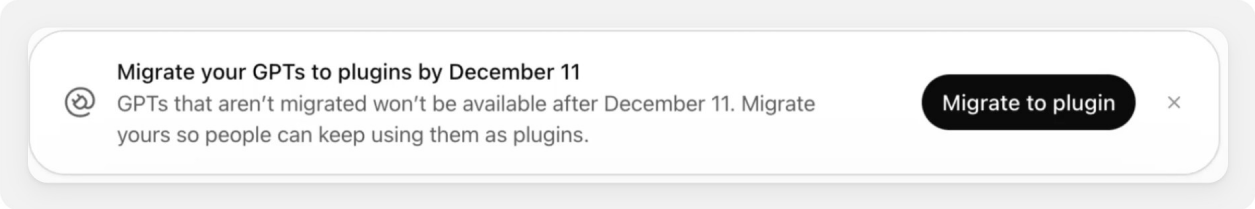
From custom GPT to plugin

1 Prepare your latest version

Finish essential edits and publish the latest version. Unpublished changes do not transfer. Keep copies of important source files and a few familiar test prompts.

2 Select “Migrate to plugin”

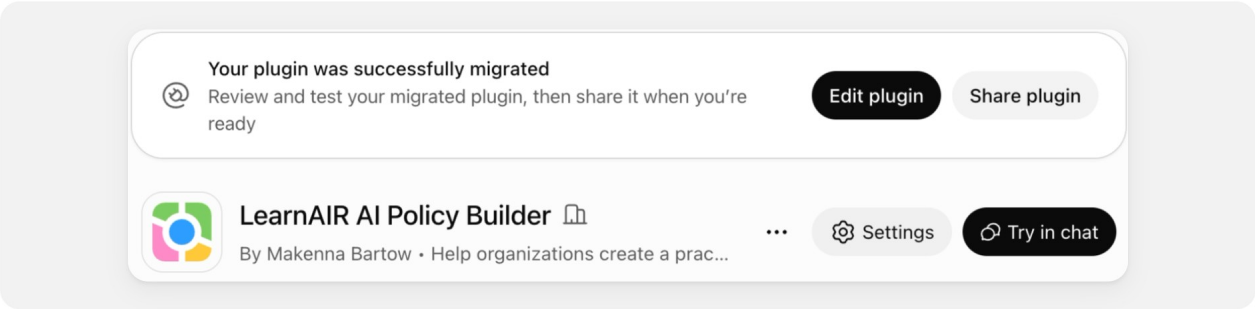
Open a GPT you own or find it under **My GPTs → Created by me**. Choose **Migrate to plugin**, review the checks, then confirm. Instructions, knowledge files and connected apps transfer; custom actions need rebuilding separately.



Before confirming: the original becomes read-only after migration. Make future edits in the plugin. If migration is missing, check ownership, workspace, published status and plugin availability.

3 Install and test the replacement

Review and install the plugin. Run a familiar task and a harder example. Check its reference files, tools, output, tone and boundaries. The selected model does not transfer, so results may differ.



Then share it: the plugin starts private. Your old GPT link will redirect, but it won't grant access — share the plugin directly with anyone who needs it.