

Security & Architecture Overview

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Your course files never leave the browser. StoryAudit has no upload path for .story files, reports, or exports — all processing happens client-side, on the user's own device.

What StoryAudit is

StoryAudit is a browser-based auditing tool for Articulate Storyline (.story) course files. It reads a course file directly from the user's device using standard browser file APIs, parses it entirely in client-side JavaScript, and renders reports (health checks, version comparisons, quiz answer keys, text exports, media inventories, and related audits) in the same browser tab. StoryAudit is an independent product and is not affiliated with, endorsed by, or sponsored by Articulate Global, LLC.

Data flow and processing

- A .story file is a ZIP-format package. StoryAudit reads its bytes locally in the browser (via the File API) and unpacks/parses the XML inside using JavaScript — no network request is made to transmit the file itself.
- Generated reports, PDFs, CSV/JSON/TSV exports, and baseline snapshot files are all built and downloaded client-side. Nothing about a course's content (slides, text, images, audio, quiz answers, variables) is sent to StoryAudit's servers or any third party as part of that process.
- The optional "email report" feature opens the user's own mail client with a pre-filled draft (mailto:) — StoryAudit does not send email on the user's behalf or relay message content through its own infrastructure.

What we do collect

Account-level data only: email address and basic profile info via our authentication provider, subscription/billing status, and standard hosting access logs (IP address, browser type) generated automatically when the site loads. StoryAudit does not use third-party analytics or advertising trackers.

Authentication & billing — Clerk

Sign-up, sign-in, and subscription billing are handled by Clerk (clerk.com), a third-party identity platform. Clerk is SOC 2 Type II certified and states GDPR/CCPA-aligned data handling practices in its own published compliance documentation. Payment card details are collected and processed by Clerk's billing infrastructure directly — StoryAudit does not receive or store full card numbers.

Hosting

The static site and app are served over HTTPS from Vercel's hosting platform. Because no course content ever reaches the server, there is no course-data-at-rest to protect on StoryAudit's own infrastructure — the attack surface for a customer's course content is limited to their own browser and device.

Data retention & deletion

Account and billing records are retained for as long as an account is active, plus a reasonable period for legal/tax purposes. Account deletion requests can be sent to the contact below. Course file content is never retained by StoryAudit in the first place, so there is nothing to delete on that front.

Compliance documents

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