

The Mid-Session Wall



Deep in a coding flow, the 5-hour Claude limit hits. Switching accounts normally means logging out.

The Pain: Re-authenticating kills the active session. Context is lost.

The Hidden Fact

Claude Code doesn't hold its token in memory. It re-reads the macOS Keychain on every single request.



Rewriting this single Keychain item hot-swaps the account underneath a live, running session. No restarts. No lost context.

Invisible Hot-Swapping

A headless background daemon monitors usage. At 95% capacity, it walks the fallback chain and rewrites the Keychain token automatically.

Switched to Personal Account



Usage > 95%

Walk Fallback Chain

Rewrite Keychain

The Bug Hiding in the Code

The first real run failed. A dead token masked itself as a rate limit.



What we expected:
A dead token returned a 429 Rate Limit.

What actually happened:
The daemon was tricked into caching a broken state forever.

Re-authenticating wasn't enough—it only wrote to local files. The system required a deliberate browser OAuth flow and a forced Keychain overwrite to fix the live session.

The Golden Rule of Daemons

A background tool's worst bug is a silent one. If the daemon dies, frozen numbers must never impersonate live ones.



1. Every silent state gets a loud, fixed home.

2. Dead daemons turn UI grey.

3. Dropped logins get bright red badges.