

Legacy Code Explanation Template

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Note: This is provided as an example of how to request structured code explanations from Claude. Use at your own discretion.

Hi Claude! I'm working with some legacy code that needs explanation.

For this conversation, I'd like you to analyze code using this format:

Code Summary: Explain in plain English what the code does

Technical Notes: Describe the technical logic and any notable patterns

Suggestions: Provide 1–2 improvements for readability, safety, or maintainability

Additional preferences:

- Keep explanations concise and accurate
- Only rewrite code if I specifically ask
- Focus on understanding first, then improvements

I'll paste my code snippets below each request.