

Ask Mode

Ask Mode lets you explore and understand your codebase without making changes.

Perfect for onboarding, code reviews, or learning how systems work—the agent reads files, searches, and answers questions while keeping your code untouched.

Docs: [Ask Mode](#)

Setup

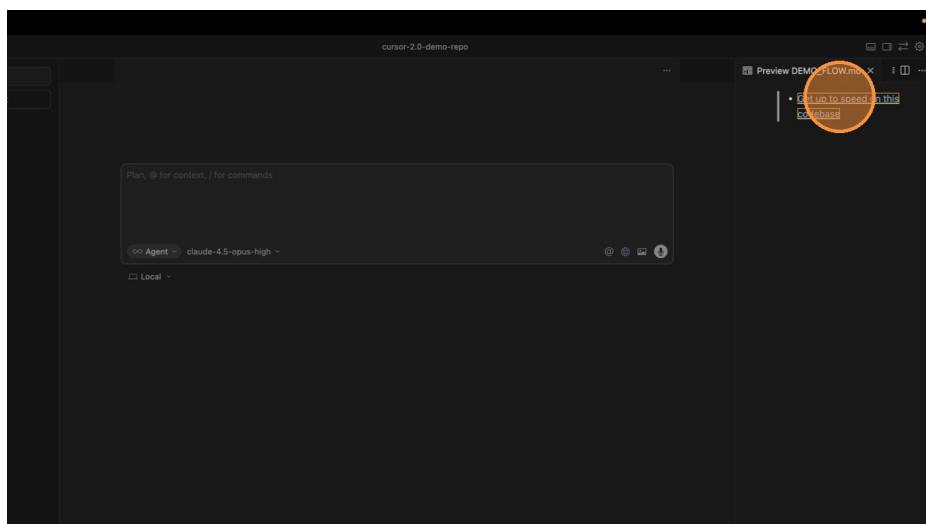
Switch to Ask Mode by clicking the mode dropdown in the chat panel and selecting “Ask”

Demo

You can type your own prompt to ask about the codebase, or use the deep link below as a convenience:

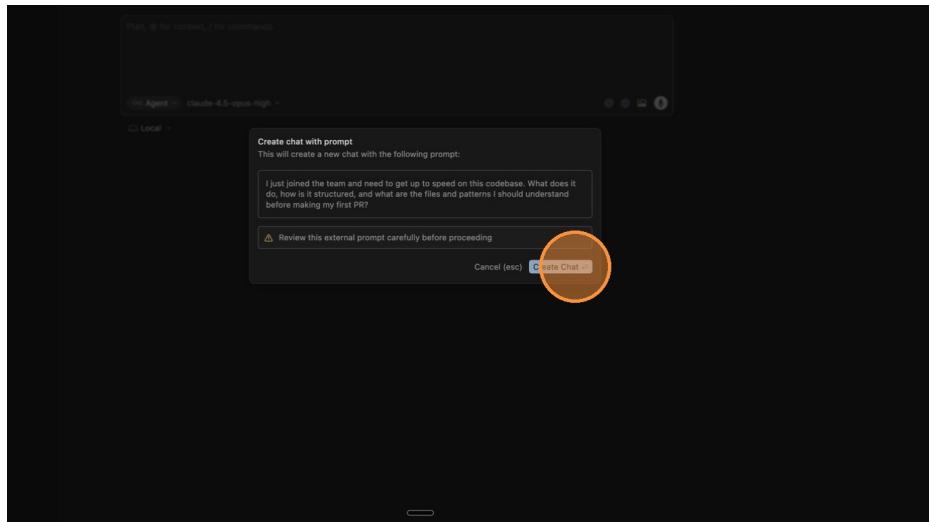
- [Get up to speed on this codebase](#)

Click the deep link to get started:



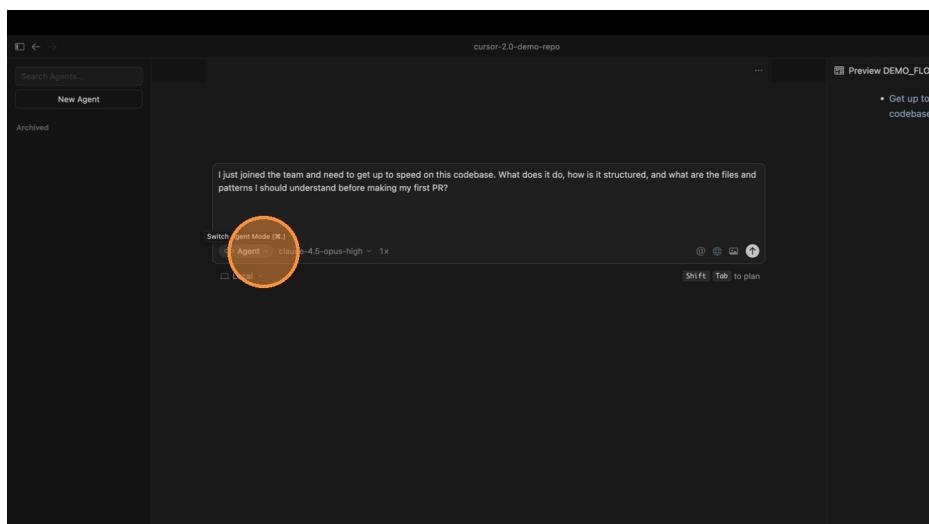
Click the deep link to open the prompt

Click “Create Chat” to open the prompt in Cursor:



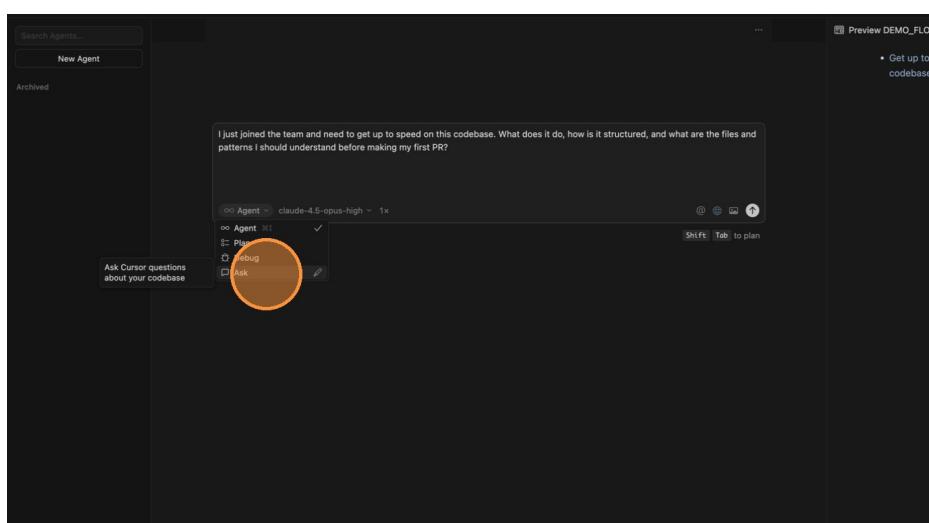
Click Create Chat

The prompt is loaded—click on the mode dropdown (shows “Agent”):



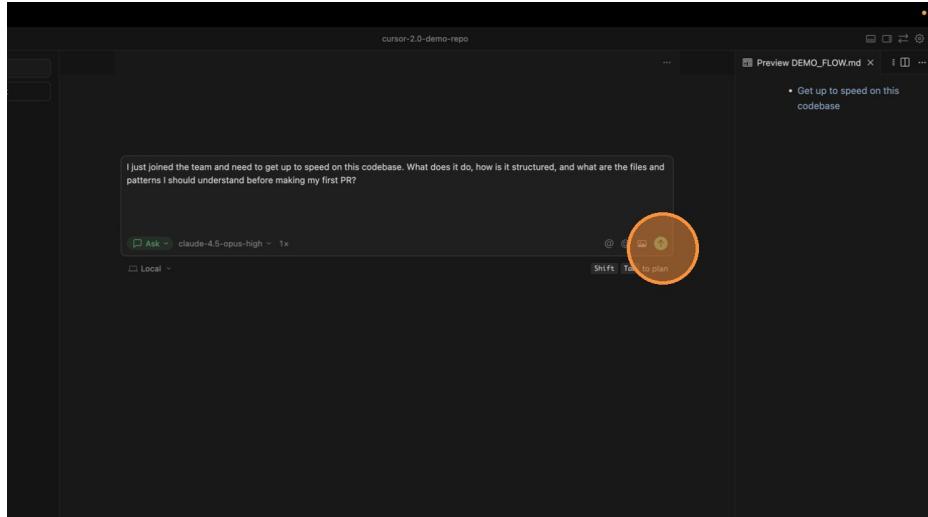
Click the mode dropdown

Select “Ask” mode from the dropdown:



Select Ask mode

Submit the question and watch the agent explore your codebase:



Agent exploring codebase

The agent reads through files, understands the structure, and explains it to you:

A screenshot of a detailed codebase overview panel. It includes sections such as "What This Codebase Does" (describing it as a markdown-powered developer blog built with Next.js 15, App Router, TypeScript, and Tailwind CSS), "Project Structure" (listing files like page.tsx, homepage.tsx, layout.tsx, globals.css, and posts/[...slug]/page.tsx with their purposes), and "Components" (listing SideBar.tsx and FilteredPosts.tsx with their roles). The panel has a dark background with light-colored text and UI elements.

Agent reasoning through files

Review the comprehensive codebase overview:

A screenshot of a very detailed codebase overview panel. It includes sections such as "Scripts You'll Use" (listing commands like pnpm dev, pnpm build, pnpm lint, pnpm create, and pnpm publish), "Before Your First PR" (with a numbered list of 6 items), "Documentation Worth Reading" (mentioning the /docs folder and its contents), and a footer asking for feedback. The panel has a dark background with light-colored text and UI elements.

What to Highlight

- Codebase understanding without risk of changes
 - Great for onboarding new team members
 - Agent reads through files and explains architecture
 - No edits are made—purely read-only exploration
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Use Cases

- **New to a codebase?** Ask “What does this app do and how is it structured?”
- **Code review prep:** Ask “How does the authentication flow work?”
- **Learning patterns:** Ask “What design patterns are used here?”