Ask Mode

> Ask Mode lets you explore and understand your codebase without making changes.
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> Perfect for onboarding, code reviews, or learning how systems work—the agent reads files, searches, and answers questions while keeping your code untouched.
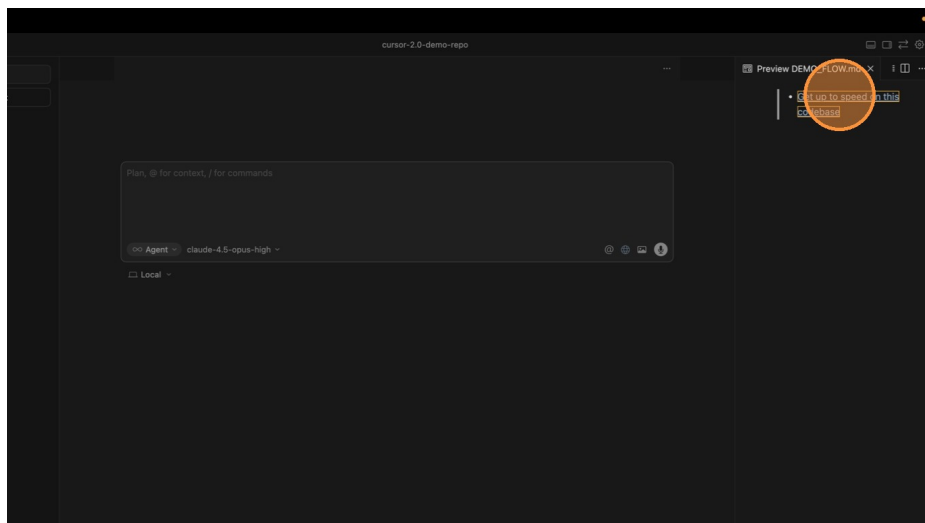
Docs: Ask Mode

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:
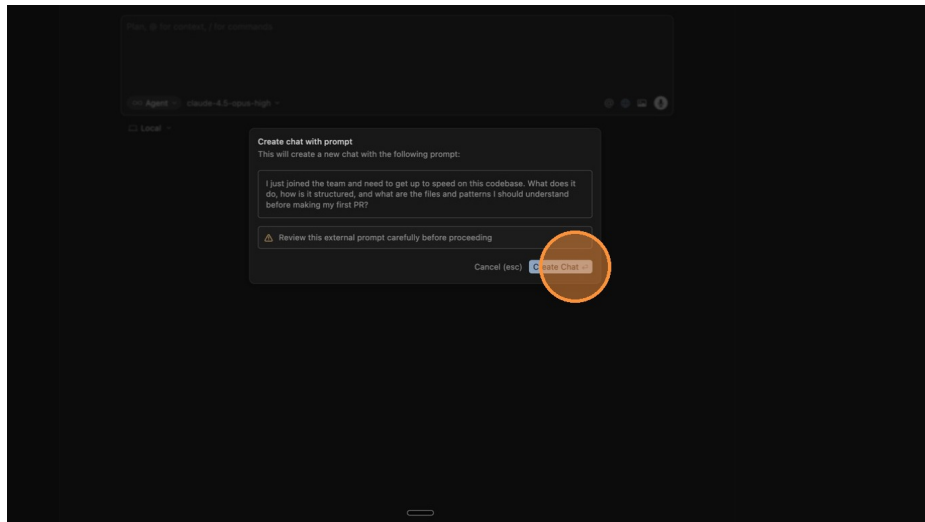
• Get up to speed on this codebase
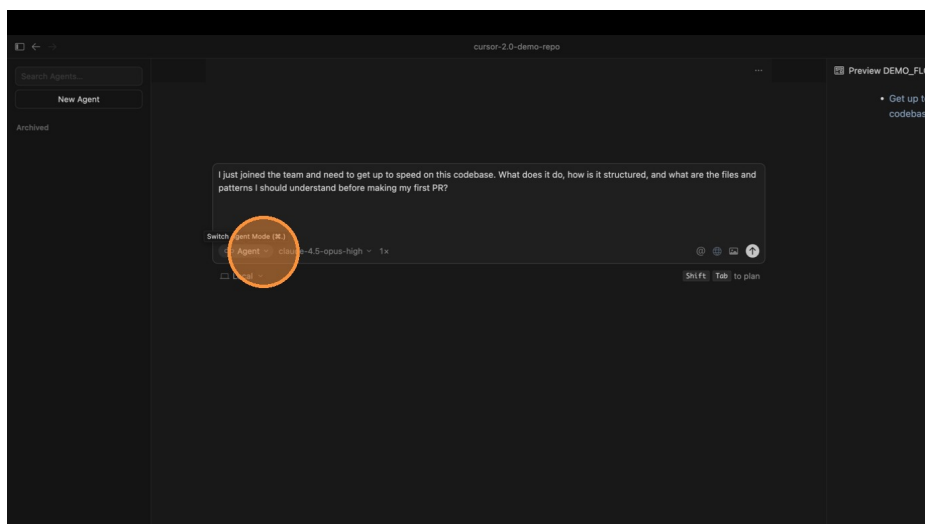
Click the deep link to get started:

Click the deep link to open the prompt

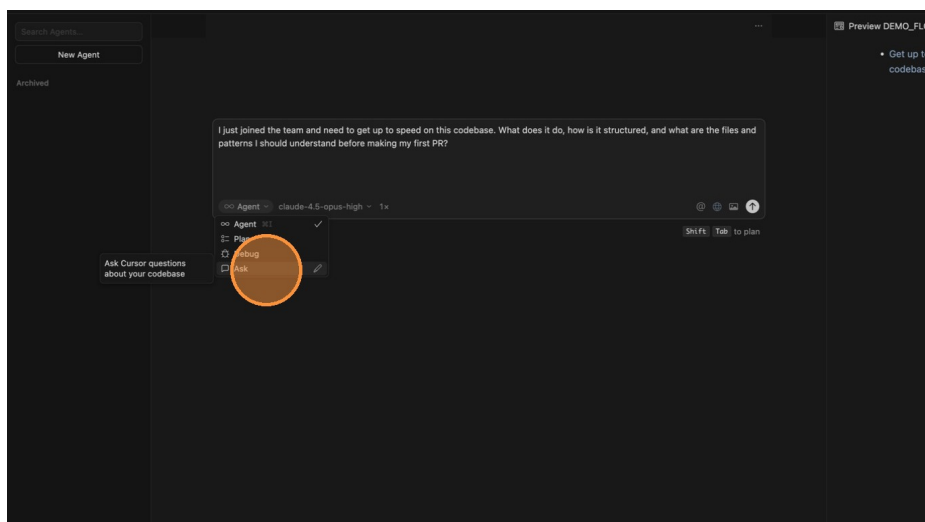**Click "Create Chat" to open the prompt in Cursor:**

Click Create Chat

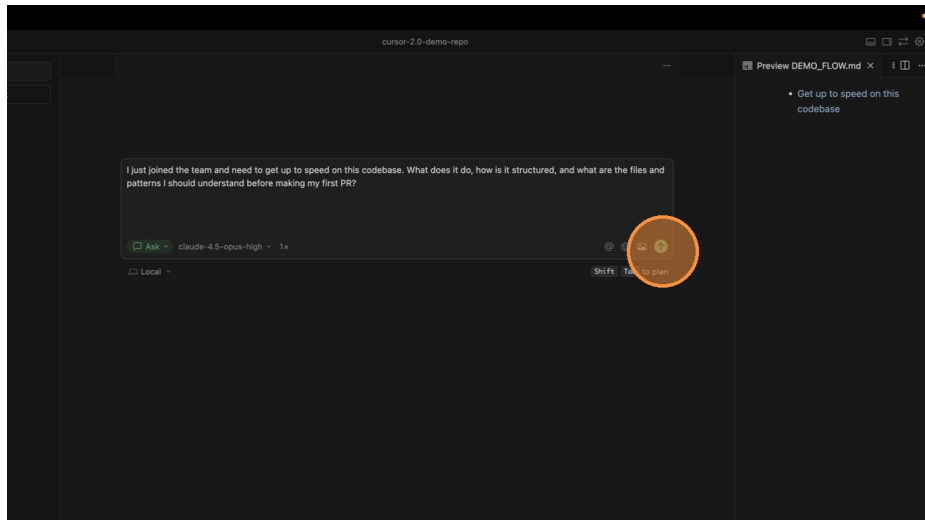**The prompt is loaded—click on the mode dropdown (shows "Agent"):**

Click the mode dropdown
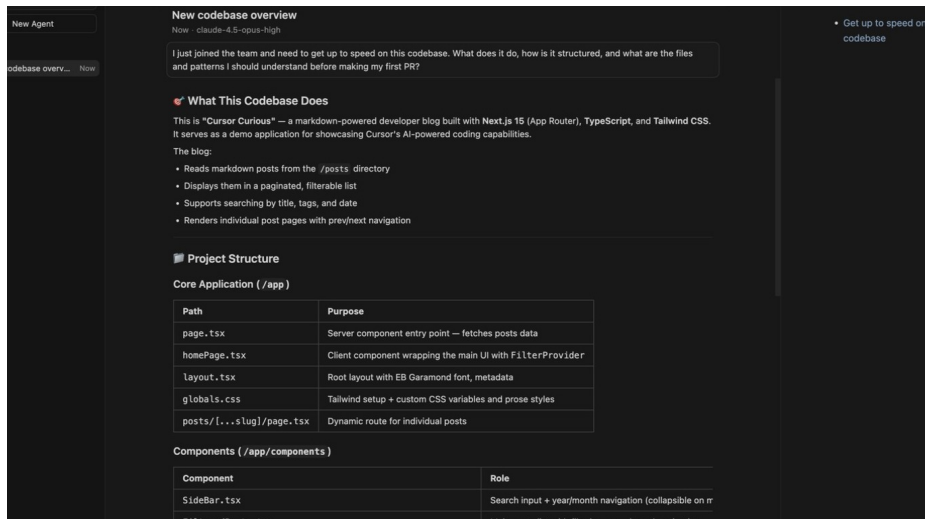
Select "Ask" mode from the dropdown:

Select Ask mode

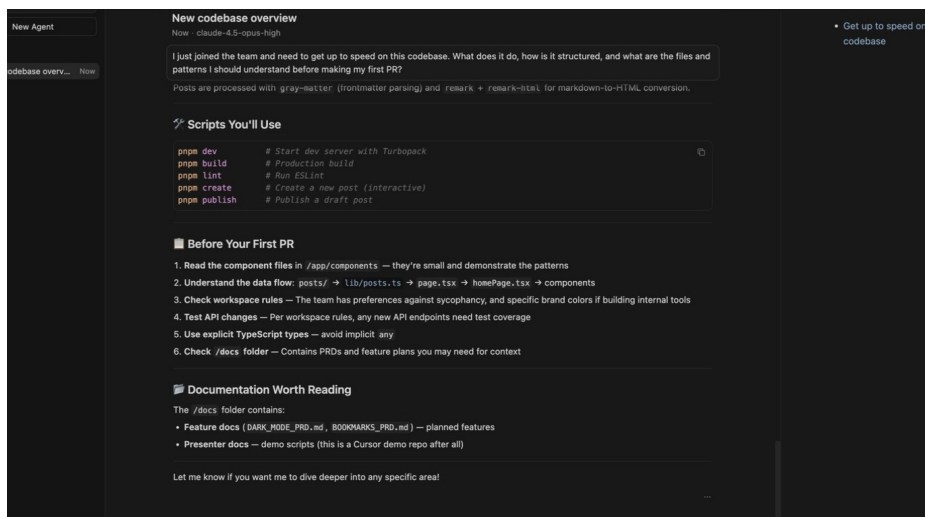**Submit the question and watch the agent explore your codebase:**

Agent exploring codebase

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

Agent reasoning through files

Review the comprehensive codebase overview:

Codebase overview results

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

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?"