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🚀 If you haven't explored AI-powered code editors yet, you're missing out on a serious productivity

boost.

Have you tried tools like Cursor or Claude Code or GitHub Copilot? Or have you been holding back due

to cost 💸 and/or security 🔐 concerns?

Here's a free, open-source, and fully local solution you may want to try:

💬 VS Code + Cline Extension + LM Studio + Code LLM

Quick Setup Guide:

- Install VS Code (I'm sure you have it already!!)

- In VS Code, install the Cline from the Extensions Marketplace

- Download and install LM Studio

- Use LM Studio to download your preferred model (try any code S/LLM with long 128k like context

window, e.g. Devstral, Phi3.5…)

- Start the server in LM Studio

- Go back to Cline → Settings, set LM Studio as the API provider, and select the model

- You're all set to chat with your code 💬 👨‍💻

⚡ Bonus: I also tested the Groq API using the open-source LLaMA 8B model. It works well (within rate

limits) and doesn't require local setup.

Cline emphasizes privacy: your code never touches their servers. Everything runs client-side, with your

own API keys. Unlike most tools, Cline can understand entire codebases, plan complex changes, and even

execute multi-step tasks.

🔍 Keep in mind: the quality of responses depends heavily on the model you use. If your budget allows,

try:

- Claude 3.5 Sonnet for complex reasoning

- Gemini 2.5 Pro for large context windows

- DeepSeek for cost-effective performance

- Or experiment with any new model as soon as it's released! 🧪

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