

GIVE EACH AI A CLEAR JOB

Split independent work. Keep one person responsible for the result.

Codex supports subagent workflows when explicitly requested or directed by applicable project instructions. Each agent adds usage, so choose tasks that benefit from separate investigation or review.

Divide the task

1. Give the researcher a question and ask for evidence, assumptions and source locations.
2. Give the builder one implementation area and clear acceptance criteria. Avoid two agents editing the same files at once.
3. Give the reviewer the final change and the behavior to verify. Ask for concrete failures with file locations and a way to reproduce them.
4. Have the main task collect findings, resolve disagreements and run the relevant checks. Review the combined result yourself.

Copy this brief

Use subagents for independent work on [task]. One investigates [question]; one reviews [area]. Keep both read-only. Return evidence with file locations. Wait for both, then implement the agreed fix in the main task and verify [acceptance criteria].

Use a team when

1. The investigations can run independently and the review findings can change the decision.
2. Use one agent for a small change where delegation would add more coordination than value.

ORIGINAL RESOURCE

[Official Codex subagents documentation](https://learn.chatgpt.com/docs/agent-configuration/subagents?surface=cli)

<https://learn.chatgpt.com/docs/agent-configuration/subagents?surface=cli>

An independent companion by Huzaifa Shoukat. Check the original project for current setup and availability. Prepared 12 October 2026.