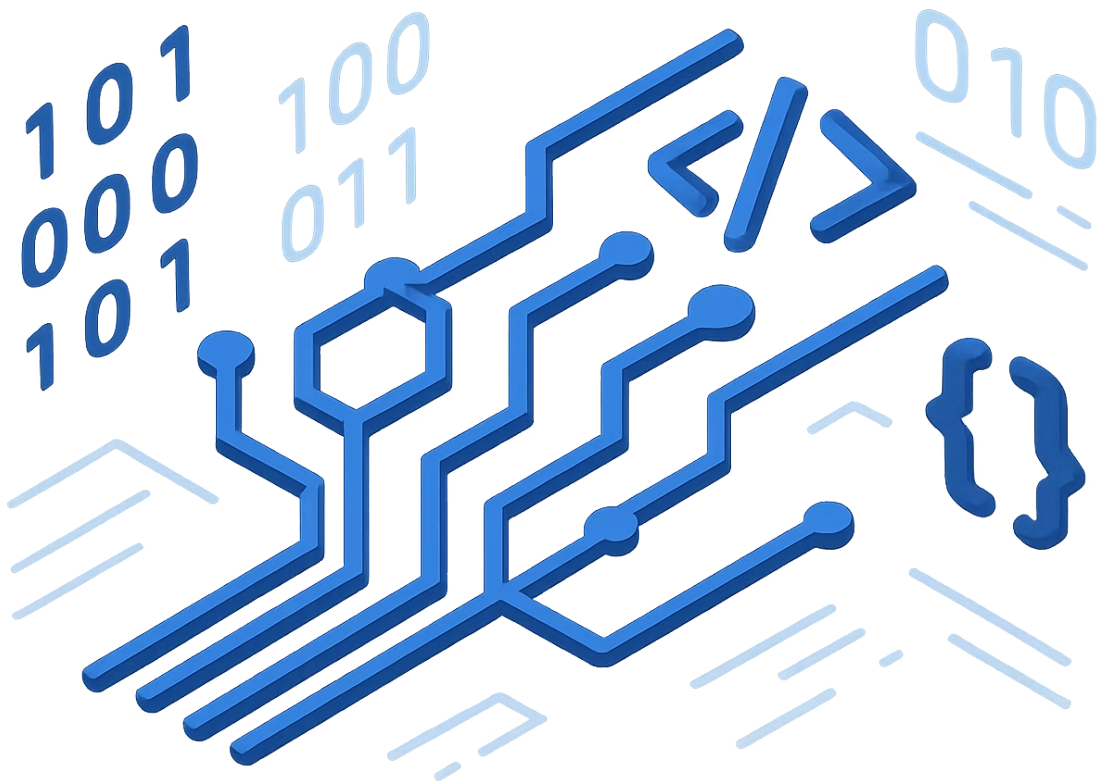


# GenAI Developer Tool Comparison Matrix

A quick-reference guide to choosing the right AI coding tool for your workflow.

|                                                           |                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Inline</b><br>Real-time completions inside your editor | <b>Chat</b><br>Contextual Q&A and code generation |
| <b>CLI</b><br>Scriptable, terminal-native workflows       | <b>Web</b><br>Zero-setup browser experimentation  |



# Tool Profiles

## VS Code Inline Agents

**Providers:** OpenAI, Anthropic, Google, Open-Source

**Best For:** Real-time completions without leaving your editor

**Setup:** Extension install

## VS Code Chat Agents

CHAT

**Providers:** OpenAI, Anthropic, Google, Open-Source

**Best For:** Contextual Q&A and code generation within VS Code

**Setup:** Extension install

## OpenCode

CLI

**Providers:** OpenAI, Anthropic, Google, Open-Source

**Best For:** Multi-provider, scriptable, CI/CD-friendly workflows

**Setup:** CLI install

## Claude Code

CLI

**Providers:** Anthropic only

**Best For:** Multi-file refactoring and deep Anthropic integration

**Setup:** CLI install

## Codex CLI

CLI

**Providers:** OpenAI only

**Best For:** OpenAI-native terminal workflows and automation

**Setup:** CLI install

## Web Chat

WEB

**Providers:** OpenAI, Anthropic, Google

**Best For:** Exploration, learning, and zero-setup experimentation

**Setup:** Browser

# Decision Framework — Task → Tool

Match your immediate task to the tool best suited for it. Use this matrix as a daily reference to minimize context-switching and maximize output quality.

| Task                       | Recommended Tool                  | Why                           |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Quick completions          | Inline (VS Code)                  | Fastest, least disruptive     |
| New feature from scratch   | Chat CLI (OpenCode / Claude Code) | Full context, iterative       |
| Understanding complex code | Chat (any)                        | Needs explanation + Q&A       |
| Multi-file refactoring     | Claude Code / OpenCode            | Multi-file awareness          |
| Documentation generation   | Chat CLI                          | Needs code context            |
| Learning a new concept     | Web Chat                          | No setup, explorative         |
| CI/CD integration          | OpenCode                          | Scriptable, provider-flexible |

# Selection Guide — Which Tool Is Right for You?

Use this decision tree to identify your primary tool based on your environment and provider constraints.

→ **Multiple LLM providers?**

→ **OpenCode** — the only CLI tool with full multi-provider flexibility, ideal for teams that want to switch between OpenAI, Anthropic, and Google without re-tooling.

→ **Anthropic-only stack?**

→ **Claude Code** — purpose-built for deep Anthropic integration with superior multi-file refactoring capabilities.

→ **OpenAI-only stack?**

→ **Codex CLI** — native OpenAI terminal experience optimized for automation and scripted workflows.

→ **Want to stay in flow?**

→ **VS Code Agents** — inline or chat, both keep you inside your editor with zero context-switching overhead.

→ **Want to explore freely?**

→ **Web Chat** — ChatGPT, Claude.ai, or Gemini require no setup and are ideal for learning, prototyping, and open-ended experimentation.

*"The best tool is the one that fits YOUR workflow. Try 2–3 before committing."*