

# Crafting Effective Prompts for Codex

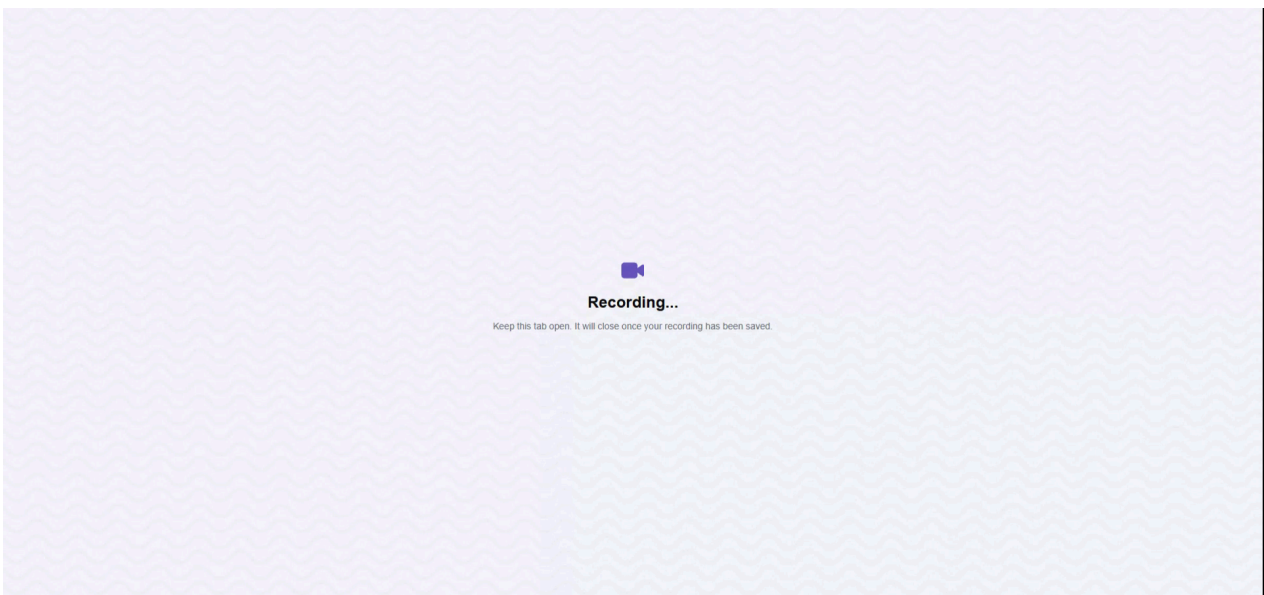
*This document explains how to “talk to” Codex by designing clear, effective prompts. You will learn the three essential components of a good prompt—defining the AI’s role, providing a reference point, and giving it a mission—so Codex can respond accurately and helpfully.*

## Step 1: Define the AI’s Role

Begin your prompt by clearly telling Codex who it is or what expertise it should adopt. For example, if you have a CT scan and want Codex to interpret it, you might start with:

*“You are an expert radiologist.”*

This establishes the professional perspective and tone Codex should use when responding.



## Step 2: Provide a Clear Reference Point

Next, give Codex context or a reference for what it is analyzing. This can be the type of data, the scenario, or the subject of an image or document.

For example:

*“You are a radiologist and you are looking at a picture of an arm.”*

By specifying what Codex is examining, you help it focus its analysis on the right subject.

## Step 3: Give Codex a Specific Mission

Finally, tell Codex exactly what you want it to do with that context. This is the “mission” portion of your prompt.

For example:

*“You are looking at an image of an arm. Could you tell me everything that you see and all the anomalies in this CT scan?”*

In this step, you combine all three parts:

- Who Codex is: an expert radiologist
- The reference point: an image/CT scan of an arm
- The mission: identify and describe everything visible, especially anomalies

These three elements together form a strong prompt and are the basic concepts of talking with AI in Codex.

