

Research Planning Template

For complex features that need investigation first

Research: [Feature Name]

What I Want to Build

[Describe the feature in plain language]

Why It's Complex

[What makes this need research vs. just building?]

- Multiple ways to approach it?
- Unfamiliar technology?
- Trade-offs to consider?

Research Questions

1. [Question 1]
2. [Question 2]
3. [Question 3]

Research Findings

[After asking Claude to research:]

Approach 1: [Name]

Pros:

- [Pro 1]
- [Pro 2]

Cons:

- [Con 1]

Approach 2: [Name]

Pros:

- [Pro 1]

Cons:

- [Con 1]

Decision

Going with: [Chosen approach]

Because: [Reasoning]

Implementation Plan

1. [Step 1]

2. [Step 2]
3. [Step 3]

Now Build It

Prompt: 'Build [feature] using [approach] as we planned.'