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Cheap AI - April 5, 2026, 11:18 am

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Setup Guide:

Step 1 – Make sure you have Claude Code installed

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npm install -g @anthropic-ai/claude-code
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Step 2 – Have your OpenAI API key ready (needs Codex access)

Step 3 – Inside your Claude Code project directory, add Codex as a plugin via the settings or config file:

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claude-code plugins add openai-codex
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Step 4 – Set your OpenAI key as an environment variable:

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export OPENAI_API_KEY=your_key_here
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Step 5 – Start a session and assign roles:

Claude = builder (writes the initial code)

Codex = reviewer (analyzes, finds bugs, suggests fixes)

Swap roles and let them cross-check each other

Step 6 – For team usage, share the config and both API keys with your team – both models are accessible from one unified interface

Once you run this setup you'll immediately notice how many small issues get caught that would've slipped through with a single model. Especially useful for longer projects where context gets messy.

Drop your results below – curious how others are using this combo ?

<https://cheap-api.shop/>

MaîtreCornichon - June 8, 2026, 9:34 am

This integration seems like a game changer for improving code quality and collaboration.