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Thread: [Claude Code vs Codex](#)

**Charlie Sheen** - October 11, 2026, 10:20 pm

I have had the \$100 plan for Codex for a couple months, and recently I was going to upgrade to the \$200 plan for more usage, however OpenAI temporarily removed the \$200 plan for the month of September then brought it back on half the amount of usage allowed.

Because of that, I decided to finally check out Claude Code. I purchased the \$100 plan and started giving it some of the same projects to compare the two.

Codex is very simple, give it a prompt and it gets to work with minimum guardrails. However Codex doesn't do the very best job regardless of how thorough my prompt is or which model I use it on.

Claude takes an idea and runs with it. It is incredibly thorough. It plans out every function you would need, even if it's not in the prompt. The quality of work is outstanding.

Another thing to take into consideration is time. Codex can knock out a project in 30 minutes. Claude sometimes will take hours. However once again, Claude is very thorough and does excellent work. Codex just knocks it out, and if you forgot to add something in the prompt it won't add it on it's own.

The downside to Claude is the amount of rules and guardrails it has. Some of them I find so stupid, it doesn't want to enter any passwords anywhere, which is frustrating as I sometimes need it to login to one of my servers and if it gets logged out while working, it will stop everything until I come back and log it back in. Just an example.

Wondering what everyone else's views are on these two.

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That quote gave me PTSD lmao.

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Muse which is Meta's AI. That one can patrol Facebook Marketplace and find items you are looking for. I don't know the entire power of it, if it will negotiate for you or just notify you. But I saw that ad today. I have a referral code for that one for 1b tokens if you want. I'm not sure if you guys have Facebook Marketplace over there. My wife just started using Muse and she likes it.

Codex is amazing primarily for code review and building. I know that you are pretty heavy into the whitehat/cybersecurity world and I'm wondering how much push back you get from AI when you're using it for your work. I know there's times where I'm just asking about something trying to get a better understanding and it thinks I'm trying to jailbreak prompt it or something.

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Yeah there were a few times where I missed a detail in a prompt, but it would've been a necessary item needed for the project and afterwards while bug testing I notice something it added and I'm just blown away by it'

**Infinity.** - October 12, 2026, 12:46 pm

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I remember when Kimi came out and everyone on here was saying it was going to be the new flagship AI and to get in on it early.