CURSOR IDE: FIRST WEEK SETUP CHECKLIST

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SECURITY & PRIVACY CONFIGURATION

☐ Enable Privacy Mode (if required by your organization)
→ Settings → Cursor → Privacy Mode → ON
→ Verifies: Zero data retention, no training on your code

☐ Review Data Sharing Settings
→ Settings → Cursor → Telemetry → Choose level
→ Disable crash reports if handling sensitive codebases

☐ Configure SSO/SAML (Teams/Enterprise only)
→ Admin dashboard → Authentication → Enable SAML
→ Verify SCIM provisioning for automatic seat management

☐ Audit File Path Encryption
→ Confirm: Settings → Cursor → "Encrypt file paths" = Enabled
→ Default is ON; verify for compliance requirements

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MODEL & PROVIDER SETUP

☐ Select Default Model
→ Settings → Models → Primary: Claude 4.5 Sonnet (balanced)
→ Fast tasks: Gemini 3 Flash or Tab model
→ Complex: Claude 4.6 Opus Fast or GPT-5.2

☐ Set Usage Limits (Pro/Pro+ plans)
→ Settings → Usage → Monthly cap or alerts
→ Prevents unexpected overage charges

☐ Test Multi-Model Switching
→ Try: Cmd/Ctrl+L → Model dropdown → Switch between providers
→ Verify API keys work for each

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REPOSITORY INDEXING & PERFORMANCE

☐ Large Repo Warning Check
→ If your repo >50,000 files: Expect indexing delays

→ If >100,000 files: Consider .cursorignore for node_modules, build dirs

☐ Create .cursorignore File
→ Add to project root:

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node_modules/
.git/
dist/
build/
coverage/
*.log
.env
__pycache__/
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→ Reduces index size, improves performance

☐ Monitor Indexing Status
→ Status bar: "Indexing..." should complete within 5-10 min for <10k files
→ If stuck >30 min: Check .cursorignore, restart editor

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AGENT SAFETY & PERMISSIONS

☐ Understand Autonomous Agent Risks
→ Agents can: Run terminal commands, access browser, modify files
→ Risk: Prompt injection from malicious docs or dependencies

☐ Review Agent Permissions
→ Before enabling Agent Mode: Verify terminal access is scoped
→ Cloud Agents: Understand data leaves local machine

☐ Test in Sandboxed Environment First
→ Use Agent Mode on a test repo before production code
→ Verify: Terminal commands execute as expected, no unintended side effects

☐ Set Up .env Protection
→ Never commit API keys or secrets
→ Add to .cursorignore AND .gitignore
→ Verify agents don't echo secrets in terminal output

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WORKFLOW INTEGRATION

☐ Install Essential Extensions
→ Cursor supports all VS Code extensions
→ Recommended: ESLint, Prettier, GitLens, Docker, Kubernetes

☐ Configure Keybindings

→ File → Preferences → Keyboard Shortcuts
→ Map Tab, Composer (Ctrl+I), Chat (Ctrl+L) to preferred keys

☐ Set Up Mission Control (if using multiple agents)
→ Settings → Cursor → Mission Control → Enable grid view
→ Keybinding: Set a hotkey for quick access

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