

Gemini task mode: how to give Gemini tasks that run while you're away

Google added task mode to the Gemini app on October 13, 2026. Tap Task, describe a job and when it should run, and Gemini keeps working while you're away. Who can use it, how to start, and safe first tasks for a small business.

WHAT THIS ADDS

Most coverage treats task mode as a model upgrade footnote. For an owner it is the first time Gemini behaves like an assistant you hand a chore to, not a chat you have to sit in. The smart way to start is with read-and-report jobs on a schedule (summarise the inbox, list who needs a reply, watch a price) before you let it near anything that sends, pays or signs in. Google built it to stop and ask before those steps, so you keep the final click.

What Google announced on October 13

On **October 13, 2026** Google brought **Gemini 4 Argon** to the Gemini app for Google AI Pro and Ultra subscribers, and added **task mode**: a toggle in the main chat window that switches from *chat* to *tasks*.

Google's own words: with tasks selected, Gemini "can work for you even when you're not at your computer." Google also says Gemini now connects to **more than 40 apps**, and names **Instacart**, **OpenTable**, **Adobe** and **Shopify**.

Who can use task mode

Google's help page lists these requirements:

- You are **18 or older**.
- You use a **personal Google Account**. Work and school accounts are not supported for now.
- You have a **Google AI Pro or Ultra** plan.
- **Keep Activity** is on and you have opted in to **Personal Intelligence**.
- You are **not** in the European Economic Area, the UK, Switzerland or Nigeria. Tasks are not available there yet.

Tasks work in the **Gemini mobile app**, the **Gemini Mac app** and at **gemini.google.com**.

How to start a task

1. Open the Gemini app, or go to **gemini.google.com**.

2. Tap **Task**, right above the text box.
3. Describe what you want done. You can say **when it should run**, call a skill with @, or pick a model.
4. To add files, tap **Upload & tools** and choose a source.
5. Tap **Submit**, then check the task in case Gemini asks you for something.

Example you can paste:

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Every morning at 8, check my inbox and list the customers who need a reply, oldest first.
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Schedules: run it every day, or when something happens

Google says you can tell Gemini to run a task **at a specific time** or **in response to an event**. You can pause or resume a schedule from the task's thread (the scheduled task chip) or from the **Scheduled** page on the web.

Schedules for tasks are separate from scheduled actions in normal chats.

It stops and asks you first

Gemini pauses a task and hands control back to you when:

- a site needs you to **sign in** (you take over the browser and sign in yourself),
- it needs **passwords or payment details**,
- it is about to **send a message, make a purchase or submit a form** (it asks you to confirm).

If you stop it browsing, Gemini may try another way or give up on the task.

Your computer or Google's: local and remote browser

Local browser: Gemini uses Chrome on your desktop and can reach sites you are already signed in to. Your computer and Chrome have to stay awake. If they don't, Gemini may switch to a remote browser.

Remote browser: used on mobile. Gemini keeps working even if you close your device, and asks you to confirm before it browses for each task.

Limits and how to turn it off

- Up to **15 tasks** can run at once. A schedule won't run if 15 are already running.
- Usage is based on compute and goes up with higher plans. Gemini warns you when you are close to your limit.
- To turn it off: **Menu** → **Settings** → **Task settings** → **Turn off** under "Use task mode to hand off work". That deletes remote browser and code data but keeps your tasks and files; schedules pause until you turn it back on.

Good first tasks for a small business

Our advice, not Google's: start with jobs that *read and report*, then add jobs that act once you trust the results.

- **Inbox triage:** every morning, list customers waiting on a reply.
- **Quote follow-up:** every Friday, list quotes sent this week with no answer.
- **Price watch:** tell me when a supplier's price for an item drops.
- **Review watch:** each Monday, summarise new reviews and draft a reply to each (you send them).
- **Weekly recap:** every Sunday evening, summarise next week's calendar and what to prepare.

There are 20 ready-to-paste tasks in the free prompt pack below.

DO THIS

Open Gemini, tap Task above the text box, describe the job and when it should run. Start with read-and-report tasks on a schedule. Gemini stops and asks before it signs in, pays or sends. You need Google AI Pro or Ultra, and it is not in the UK or Europe yet.

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The AI runs on **your own Claude or ChatGPT API key** — no markup on it. No SMS or phone calls yet. \$49/month per business, \$149 Agency, and we move your contacts over for you.

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