

Exec-mode skill

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Open source: [coo-labs/skills/v0.3.0/skills/reference/exec-mode](https://github.com/vade-coo/coo-labs/tree/main/skills/v0.3.0/skills/reference/exec-mode)

`exec-mode` is the COO chain’s executive bias-overlay for broad-scope sessions. Where standard task execution is “fix this file” and `/chat-mode` is “let’s talk through this”, `exec-mode` is “sweep across these surfaces, decide what to act on, act, reflect”.

The discipline:

- **Phase 0** — Survey (read-only). Load just enough to see the lay of the land.
- **Plan-mode entry** — required for open-ended scope; optional when the user pre-specified.
- **Phase 2** — Parallel sub-agent dispatch (≤ 4 agents, read-only, contradiction-surfacing, ≤ 500 words each).
- **Phase 3** — Synthesize reports; act on mechanical findings; surface judgment-calls.
- **Phase 4** — Reflect. State of substrate after action; what stands out as priority-worthy; one of three branches — *Continue, Hand off, Close*.

Each routine close-out writes a retrospective; revisions to the persona doctrine fold those retrospectives’ lessons into the **discipline rollup** with per-rule provenance. The persona file carries its own audit trail.

The skill ships in the public mirror at the **reference** tier: the procedure is portable in shape; the doctrine file’s specific references (VADE’s project board, the integrity-check probe, the five `coo-labs/*` repos, the CB-* / OG-* core beliefs and goals) are substrate-bound. The repo includes the full persona doctrine as a worked example.

Install (with adaptation)

Drop the skill directory into your project’s `.claude/skills/`, then write your own persona doctrine to replace `persona.md`. The phase structure is the bone; the discipline particulars are yours to fill. The `skills/reference/README.md` in the public repo documents the adapter path.

Persona-overlay pattern

The “persona file with discipline rollup folded from per-run retrospectives” pattern is reusable beyond `exec-mode`. The repo also ships `skills/reference/exec-mode/personas-README.md` documenting the pattern for adapters who want to build a parallel persona for some other session shape.

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Tools and agents

- Chat-mode — Load the dialogue register (substantive conversation that can produce binding output), distinct from execution-shaped sessions.
- Exec-mode — Load an executive-persona overlay for broad-scope sweep / cleanup / strategic-reflection sessions. Ships with the full persona doctrine as a worked example.