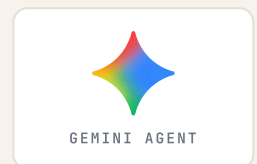


Google's new Gemini agent can get its own work account. Treat it like a new hire.



At Gemini at Work 2026 on Oct 8, Google Cloud announced the Gemini agent, which it calls "a single, universal agent for work." You give it objectives, not instructions. It can also act as a coworker agent with its own Workspace account. It is in private preview now, with wider availability "soon" for select Workspace Business and Enterprise plans.

A COWORKER AGENT, PER GOOGLE

What it gets on day one

ACCOUNT	Its own Workspace account
TOOLS	Email address, calendar, Drive
DIRECTORY	Listed in your company directory
ACCESS	Sees only what you share with it
RECORD	Audit trail under its name, not yours

HOW YOUR TEAM WORKS WITH IT

Like any other colleague

- 01 Describe the role**
Gemini creates the agent from a plain description.
- 02 Tag, email or add it**
Add it to a Chat space or @mention it in a doc.
- 03 It posts the work back**
Edits show under its own name in version history.

Private preview

Wider availability "soon" for select Workspace plans (9to5Google)

Gemini + Claude

Model picker today; open and other models later (Google)

Spend caps

Hard per-project limits; the agent pauses at the cap (Google)

No GA date

Google has not given a general availability date

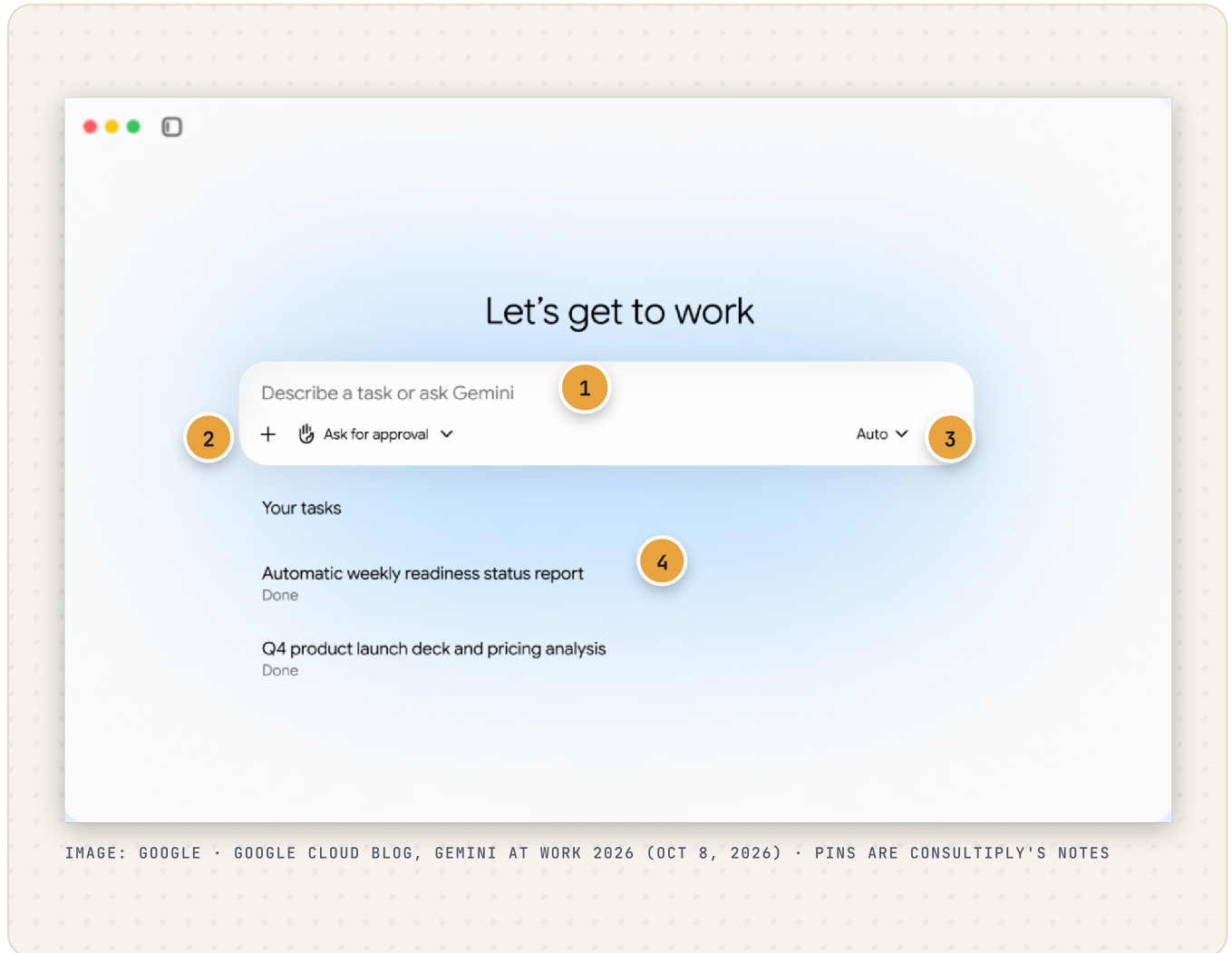
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OWNER TAKEAWAY

An agent with an email address is a new hire. Before you turn one on, name who it reports to, decide what it can see, and decide which actions wait for a person.

One prompt box. Objectives, not instructions.

This is the Gemini agent as Google pictured it on Oct 8. You describe the outcome, it plans the work, and the finished tasks land in a list you can check.



1 Describe the outcome

Google: give it objectives and come back to finished work.

2 Ask for approval

The composer shows an approval setting. Decide yours before you delegate.

3 Auto picks the model

It chooses by default; you can pick Gemini or Anthropic's Claude (TechCrunch).

4 Your tasks

Work it finished. TechCrunch says a tasks inbox shows its progress and steps.

WHERE IT WORKS (GOOGLE)

WORKSPACE

Gmail, Docs, Sheets

Plus Slides, Drive, Chat, Calendar

OTHER APPS

Slack, Microsoft 365

And the command line

DEVICES

Web, phone, desktop

iOS, Android, Windows, Mac

RUNS ON

In the cloud

Keeps going after you close the laptop

PRODUCT DETAILS FROM GOOGLE'S OCT 8 ANNOUNCEMENT AND TECHCRUNCH · GOOGLE'S CLAIMS, NOT TESTED BY CONSULTIPLY

Answer Google's four questions first.

Google says governing an agent comes down to four questions. Score your business on each one before you turn a coworker agent on.

GOOGLE'S QUESTION

0 · NOT YET

1 · PARTLY

2 · READY

IDENTITY

Who is the agent, and who owns it?

0

Nobody named

1

Someone, informally

2

Named sponsor, written down

PERMISSIONS

What is it allowed to do?

0

Same access as its creator

1

Some folders limited

2

Written list of what it can reach

AUDIT

What did it do, and where can you see it?

0

No one would check

1

Checked when something breaks

2

Someone reads the trail weekly

LIMITS

What should it never touch?

0

Not discussed

1

Known, not written

2

Written: payroll, banking, HR files

ADD IT UP

0-3
Wait

Fix ownership and access first. The preview is not going anywhere.

4-6
Pilot one role

One agent, one job, a person approves anything that sends or spends.

7-8
Ready to expand

Add roles one at a time and keep the weekly audit read.

FOUR QUESTIONS QUOTED FROM GOOGLE CLOUD'S OCT 8 BLOG · SCORING LEVELS AND BANDS ARE CONSULTIPLY GUIDANCE

THIS WEEK

Score yourself on the four questions. Anything at 0 becomes a one-line rule you write down before any agent gets a Workspace account.



THIS WEEK • KEEP EXPLORING

Owner checklist: before an agent joins your team



Check which Workspace plan you are on

Wider availability is coming to select Business and Enterprise plans. Ask whoever runs your Workspace.



Pick one role, not ten

Google's example is an events coordinator. Choose one job with a clear owner.



Write its access list

It sees only what you share. Decide the folders, inboxes and chats first.



Set the approval rule and a reviewer

Decide what waits for a person, and who reads its audit trail each week.

STILL UNKNOWN AS OF OCT 9 • GA DATE • EXACT PLAN LIST • AGENT PRICING
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