
AXIOM · ANALYSIS

Simple Start Handbook

A step-by-step guide for first-time users.
No technical background needed.

Step-by-step walkthrough	Plain language	Best-result tips	Quick reference cards
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At a Glance

Everything you need to know before your first run, in one page.

Domains	Modes	Reasoning	Evidence Signals
4 analysis areas	14 options (auto-configured)	4 presets	3 trust checks
Psychology Software Investment Law	Selected per domain — no setup needed	Auto, Gateway, Gemini, Claude	Support Verifiability Hallucination Risk

KEY IDEA

AXIOM works best when you match the right domain to the right material and give it the real source files. Everything else is refinement.

What This Guide Covers

- How to choose the right analysis area
- How to write a clear first request
- How to upload files the tool can actually read
- How to read the result — signals first, then text
- How to improve the next run without overthinking

What We Assume About You

- You can open the portal in a browser
- You have a question and at least one source file
- You want a careful first reading, not a quick guess

Guide Icons

These callout boxes appear throughout:

TIP

Quick wins.

Small changes that make results noticeably better.

REMEMBER

Worth remembering.

Habits that keep results consistent.

WATCH OUT

Common mistakes.

Check here first if a run feels weak.

NOTE

Deeper context.

Optional — safe to skip on your first run.

PART I

Your First Analysis

Three steps from start to result. This section walks through each one.

Step 1 — Choose the Right Area

The area (domain) tells AXIOM what kind of material it is looking at. This is the single most important choice.

Area	Use it for
Psychology	Behaviour, cases, candidates, therapeutic or people-related analysis
Software	Code, architecture, technical risk, delivery issues
Investment	Thesis, market view, due diligence, risk assessment
Law	Contracts, clauses, obligations, legal risk

Recommended Beginner Setup

- 1 Choose **one area** that matches the material
- 2 Keep modes at the defaults
- 3 Set depth to **Standard**
- 4 Set reasoning to **Auto**

Do this	Avoid this
Match the area to the material itself	Choosing an area because it sounds stronger
Keep the first setup simple	Selecting too many modes at once
Use one clear area — not a guess	Starting with Deep before a clean run
Rerun if the area was wrong	Ignoring the material type

WATCH OUT

Wrong area = weak results.

Most weak runs start with a mismatched area. If the result feels confused, check this first.

Step 2 — Add Your Request and Files

Tell the tool what to analyse, then give it the source material.

The Simple Request Formula

FORMULA

"Analyse this material and focus on [main question], [main risk], and [missing information]."

Good examples:

"Analyse this contract and focus on unclear clauses, missing terms, contradictions, and legal risk."

"Analyse this system and focus on code quality, architecture risk, and delivery problems."

Bad example:

"Prove this is terrible and make the answer sound very strong."

Files that work well	Files that need more care
Text files (.txt)	Scanned PDFs
Markdown (.md)	Image-only files
Machine-readable PDFs	Old .doc files
DOCX files	Screenshots instead of text

TIP

File readability test.

If you cannot easily select and copy the text in a file, the tool may struggle to read it too.

Step 3 — Read the Result Safely

Before reading the full answer, check the labels. They tell you how much trust to place in the result.

Check These First

- 1 **Status** — Did the run complete?
- 2 **Decision** — Did AXIOM release the result?
- 3 **Confidence** — How stable does the reading look?
- 4 **Evidence Signals** — How well grounded is the answer?

Evidence Signals Explained

Signal	What it tells you
Support Level	How well the output is grounded in the material you provided
Verifiability	How easily you can check the result against the source
Hallucination Risk	How likely the answer contains unsupported or invented content

Stronger results look like	Weaker results look like
Domain clearly matches the material	Generic language that could fit anything
Answer references the actual source	No clear tie to uploaded files
Evidence signals are healthy	Weak or blank evidence signals
Names gaps honestly	Your request echoed back to you

REMEMBER

Signals before text.

A polished answer is not always a strong answer. Always check the signals first.

After Your First Result

Follow Up or Start Over?

You have two paths after a first result. Choosing correctly saves time.

Use follow-up when	Start a new analysis when
You want one more question answered	You picked the wrong area
You want part of the result explained	You need to add different files
You want to challenge the first reading	The first setup was messy
You want to keep the same files	You want a different provider or mode

Five Moves That Improve Results

- 1 Pick the right area.** A wrong choice weakens everything downstream.
- 2 Upload the real material.** The tool reads best from actual source files, not summaries.
- 3 Use simple language.** A short, clear request usually beats a long one.
- 4 Start with Standard.** The safest first depth for a clean result.
- 5 Read the signals.** Labels tell you whether the answer deserves trust.

TIP

No clever prompt needed.

Clear material and clear intent matter far more than creative prompt writing.

REMEMBER

Learn by comparing.

Save one strong run and one weak run. The differences teach faster than any guide.

Six Mistakes That Weaken Results

- 1 **Wrong area.** The analysis drifts from the start.
- 2 **Too many modes.** The task becomes muddy instead of clear.
- 3 **Unreadable files.** If the tool cannot extract text, the result is hollow.
- 4 **Forcing a conclusion.** Biased prompts produce biased, less useful answers.
- 5 **Only instructions, no source.** The tool needs the real contract, code, or thesis.
- 6 **Ignoring weak signals.** Length does not equal quality — check evidence.

The Fast Recovery Rule

If a run feels weak, fix **one thing at a time**:

- 1 Check the area
- 2 Check the files
- 3 Check the request
- 4 Rerun and compare

Quick Fixes

If the answer feels generic	If the portal says "No Data"
Shorten the request	Check that a real file was uploaded
Upload the real material	Make sure the file is readable text
Remove unnecessary modes	Do not upload instructions instead of source

Quick Reference

Compact lists to keep nearby when using AXIOM.

Ten Questions Before You Press Run

1. Did I choose the right area?
2. Do I have the real source material?
3. Are the files readable (not scanned images)?
4. Is the request short and clear?
5. Am I asking for analysis, not persuasion?
6. Did I avoid loading too many modes?
7. Is Standard enough for the first run?
8. Will the answer be easy to check against the source?
9. Do I know what a useful result would look like?
10. If the result is weak, do I know what I will change first?

Ten Habits for Better Results

1. Use AXIOM for messy material, not trivial questions.
2. Upload real files — not just background descriptions.
3. Keep the first request calm and direct.
4. Read the labels before the answer text.
5. Use follow-up when the result is almost right.
6. Start over when the setup was wrong.
7. Keep a small set of prompt patterns that work.
8. Use the intake pages for better structure.
9. Compare a strong run to a weak run — learn the difference.
10. Treat results as structured first readings, not absolute truth.

TIP**Best personal habit.**

Keep one calm first-run template. Consistency beats experimentation when starting out.

REMEMBER**Best team habit.**

Compare one strong and one weak run side by side. The differences teach more than any guide.

Quick Start Cheat Sheet

Keep this page. Print it. Pin it near your screen.

Before You Run	What to Add	What to Read	What Helps Most
Choose the right area	A short, clear request	Status	Right area
Keep the setup simple	The real source material	Decision	Real material
Use Standard first	Readable files	Confidence	Simple language
Use Auto first	Only the needed context	Evidence Signals	Follow-up questions

The 60-Second Routine

A reliable way to get a clean first run:

- 1 Choose one matching area
- 2 Add one good file or a clear block of source text
- 3 Write one calm request
- 4 Run with Standard and Auto
- 5 Read the signals before the text

BOTTOM LINE

AXIOM feels easy when you keep the task simple, upload the real files, and read the labels before you trust the text. If a run is weak, change one thing, rerun, and compare.

Need more help?

- Use the **intake pages** for domain-specific prompts and file lists
- Use **follow-up questions** when the first result is close but incomplete
- Start a **new run** when the first setup was messy or wrong