

OpenClaw / MoltBot Workshop Documentation

1. Introduction

OpenClaw (formerly Clawdbot and MoltBot) is an open-source AI agent framework designed to build autonomous agents that can perform real-world tasks such as executing code, calling APIs, and managing workflows. This documentation summarizes the workshop learnings and best practices.

2. Tech Stack Overview

- GitHub – Source code management and version control
- OpenRouter – Unified access to multiple LLM providers
- LLM Models – GPT, Gemini, Claude, LLaMA, DeepSeek, Grok
- Docker & Linux VM – Secure deployment environment
- Telegram Bot – User interaction layer

3. Chatbot vs AI Agent

Chatbots are limited to generating text, code, images, or video scripts. AI agents like OpenClaw go a step further by executing code, interacting with systems, and creating complete products autonomously.

4. OpenClaw Architecture

OpenClaw follows a skills-based architecture. Skills are written in Markdown and may include executable code. Agents use a gateway to invoke these skills, often with system-level access. This allows powerful automation but introduces security risks if not controlled.

5. Telegram Bot Integration (POC)

Telegram acts as the front-end interface. User messages are sent via webhooks to the OpenClaw gateway, which processes the request using LLMs and skills, then sends responses back to Telegram.

6. Adoption and Community Signals

OpenClaw has gained massive attention with over 138,000 GitHub stars and 20,000+ forks. High fork activity indicates developers actively modifying and securing the codebase for production use.

7. Security Considerations

Security researchers reported thousands of exposed OpenClaw instances with authentication bypass issues. Since skills can execute shell commands, improper deployment may lead to credential leaks or system compromise.

8. Best Practices for Safe Usage

- Never install OpenClaw on a personal machine
- Use Docker containers or isolated Linux VMs
- Enable authentication and firewall rules
- Avoid executing unverified remote skills
- Regularly update and pin versions

9. Recommended Deployment Options

Preferred environments include Docker containers, cloud-based Linux VMs (AWS, GCP, Azure), or VPS providers like Hostinger and GoDaddy with proper isolation.

10. Conclusion

OpenClaw is a powerful AI agent framework suitable for advanced users who understand infrastructure and security. When deployed responsibly, it can enable highly autonomous AI-driven products.