Using a Claude Subscription with OpenClaw Prompt Guide

> 💡 This whole space is new and evolving. If this doc doesn't work for you, know. I'm andrew@thenextnewthing.ai — Andrew Warner

Step 0: Get VS Code

[Link to free download of the software I used is here.](#)

Step 1: Get the token

Put this into TERMINAL

```JavaScript
claude setup-token
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Step 2: Nuke it

Put this into VS CODE

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I need to completely remove my Anthropic API key auth and switch t
e Max OAuth. Do these steps IN ORDER — no shortcuts: Step 1: NUKE
sting Anthropic auth (delete, not edit): — Delete the file ~/.open
th-profiles.json entirely (rm it) — Remove ANY line containing ANT
API_KEY from ~/.openclaw/.env — If ~/.openclaw/openclaw.json has a
section with ANTHROPIC_API_KEY, remove that entire env section — S
proof each one is gone Step 2: Verify config basics: — Config file
e ~/.openclaw/openclaw.json (NOT config.json) — gateway.mode must
al" — Show me the auth section of openclaw.json — it should be emp
issing now Step 3: Add Claude Max OAuth clean: — Run: openclaw mod
h add — Select: anthropic — Select: setup-token (claude) — When it
or the token, I'll paste it Step 4: Verify the new auth: — Show me
nclaw/auth-profiles.json — it should have exactly ONE anthropic pr
ith type "token" — Show me the auth section of openclaw.json — Run
law models status Do NOT restart the gateway yet. Show me the resu
each step.
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Step 3: Authenticate

Add this to TERMINAL

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openclaw models auth add
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Step 4: Restart gateway & verify

Put this in VS Code

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Now restart my OpenClaw gateway and verify the Claude Max connecti
s: — Try: openclaw gateway restart — If that doesn't work: launcho
start -k gui/$(id -u)/com.openclaw.gateway — Wait 15 seconds for t
way to start — Check if it's running: curl -I http://localhost:187
n: openclaw models status — Run: openclaw channels status --probe
for errors: show me the last 20 lines of /tmp/openclaw/openclaw.er
ell me if the gateway is running, auth is on Claude Max, and Teleg
connected.
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Step 5: Make Opus 4.6 the defualt

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I want my OpenClaw gateway to use Claude Opus 4.6 as its default m
lease edit ~/.openclaw/openclaw.json: Add this under "models.provi
thropic": — baseUrl: "https://api.anthropic.com" (IMPORTANT: do NO
de /v1) — api: "anthropic-messages" — models array with an entry f
de-opus-4-6: — id: "claude-opus-4-6" — name: "Claude Opus 4.6" — a
thropic-messages" — reasoning: true — input: ["text", "image"] — c
input: 5, output: 25, cacheRead: 0.5, cacheWrite: 6.25 } — context
200000 — maxTokens: 128000 Also set agents.defaults.model.primary
hropic/claude-opus-4-6" CRITICAL: Make sure baseUrl does NOT have
the end. After editing, restart the gateway: — openclaw gateway re
how me the models section and confirm the restart worked.