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Goal: OpenClaw Gateway running on an exe.dev VM, reachable from your laptop via: `https://<vm-name>.exe.xyz`

This page assumes exe.dev's default `exeuntu` image. If you picked a different distro, map packages accordingly.

Beginner quick path

1. https://exe.new/openclaw
2. Fill in your auth key/token as needed
3. Click on "Agent" next to your VM, and wait…
4. ???
5. Profit

What you need

exe.dev account

`ssh exe.dev` access to **exe.dev** virtual machines (optional)

Automated Install with Shelley

Shelley, **exe.dev**'s agent, can install OpenClaw instantly with our prompt. The prompt used is as below:

Set up OpenClaw (https://docs.openclaw.ai/install) on this VM. Use the

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Manual installation

1) Create the VM

From your device:

```
ssh exe.dev new
```

Then connect:

```
ssh <vm-name>.exe.xyz
```

Tip: keep this VM **stateful**. OpenClaw stores state under `~/.openclaw/` and `~/.openclaw/workspace/` .

2) Install prerequisites (on the VM)

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install -y git curl jq ca-certificates openssl
```

3) Install OpenClaw

Run the OpenClaw install script:

```
curl -fsSL https://openclaw.ai/install.sh | bash
```

4) Setup nginx to proxy OpenClaw to port 8000

Edit `/etc/nginx/sites-enabled/default` with

```
server {
    listen 80 default_server;
    listen [::]:80 default_server;
    listen 8000;
    listen [::]:8000;

    server_name _;

    location / {
        proxy_pass http://127.0.0.1:18789;
        proxy_http_version 1.1;

        # WebSocket support
        proxy_set_header Upgrade $http_upgrade;
        proxy_set_header Connection "upgrade";

        # Standard proxy headers
        proxy_set_header Host $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;

        # Timeout settings for long-lived connections
        proxy_read_timeout 86400s;
        proxy_send_timeout 86400s;
    }
}
```

5) Access OpenClaw and grant privileges

Access `https://<vm-name>.exe.xyz/` (see the Control UI output from onboarding). If it prompts for auth, paste the token from `gateway.auth.token` on the VM (retrieve with `openclaw config get`

`gateway.auth.token` , or generate one with `openclaw doctor --generate-gateway-token`). Approve devices with `openclaw devices list` and `openclaw devices approve <requestId>` . When in doubt, use Shelley from your browser!

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Remote Access

Remote access is handled by **exe.dev**'s authentication. By default, HTTP traffic from port 8000 is forwarded to `https://<vm-name>.exe.xyz` with email auth.

Updating

```
npm i -g openclaw@latest
openclaw doctor
openclaw gateway restart
openclaw health
```

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