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The macOS app surfaces OpenClaw skills via the gateway; it does not parse skills locally.

Data source

`skills.status` (gateway) returns all skills plus eligibility and missing requirements (including allowlist blocks for bundled skills).

Requirements are derived from `metadata.openclaw.requires` in each `SKILL.md`.

Install actions

`metadata.openclaw.install` defines install options (brew/node/go/uv).

The app calls `skills.install` to run installers on the gateway host.

The gateway surfaces only one preferred installer when multiple are provided (brew when available, otherwise node manager from `skills.install`, default npm).

Env/API keys

The app stores keys in `~/.openclaw/openclaw.json` under `skills.entries`.
`<skillKey>`.



skills.update patches enabled , apiKey , and env .

Remote mode

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Install + config updates happen on the gateway host (not the local Mac) .

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