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`openclaw agent` runs a single agent turn without needing an inbound chat message. By default it goes **through the Gateway**; add `--local` to force the embedded runtime on the current machine.

Behavior

Required: `--message <text>`

Session selection:

`--to <dest>` derives the session key (group/channel targets preserve isolation; direct chats collapse to `main`), or
`--session-id <id>` reuses an existing session by id, or
`--agent <id>` targets a configured agent directly (uses that agent's `main` session key)

Runs the same embedded agent runtime as normal inbound replies.

Thinking/verbose flags persist into the session store.

Output:

default: prints reply text (plus `MEDIA:<url>` lines)
`--json` : prints structured payload + metadata

Optional delivery back to a channel with `--deliver` + `--channel` (target formats match `openclaw message --target`).

 Use `--reply-channel` / `--reply-to` / `--reply-account` to override delivery without changing the session.

If the Gateway is unreachable, the CLI **falls back** to the embedded local run.

Examples

```
openclaw agent --to +15555550123 --message "status update"
openclaw agent --agent ops --message "Summarize logs"
openclaw agent --session-id 1234 --message "Summarize inbox" --thinking medium
openclaw agent --to +15555550123 --message "Trace logs" --verbose on --json
openclaw agent --to +15555550123 --message "Summon reply" --deliver
openclaw agent --agent ops --message "Generate report" --deliver --reply-channel :
```

Flags

```
--local : run locally (requires model provider API keys in your shell)
--deliver : send the reply to the chosen channel
--channel : delivery channel
( whatsapp|telegram|discord|googlechat|slack|signal|imessage , default: whatsapp )
--reply-to : delivery target override
--reply-channel : delivery channel override
--reply-account : delivery account id override
--thinking <off|minimal|low|medium|high|xhigh> : persist thinking level
(GPT-5.2 + Codex models only)
--verbose <on|full|off> : persist verbose level
--timeout <seconds> : override agent timeout
--json : output structured JSON
```

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