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Already followed [Getting Started](#)? You're all set – this page is for alternative install methods, platform-specific instructions, and maintenance.

System requirements

Node 22+ (the [installer script](#) will install it if missing)

macOS, Linux, or Windows

`pnpm` only if you build from source

! On Windows, we strongly recommend running OpenClaw under [WSL2](#).

Install methods

💡 The [installer script](#) is the recommended way to install OpenClaw. It handles Node detection, installation, and onboarding in one step.

Installer script

Downloads the CLI, installs it globally via npm, and launches the onboarding wizard.

[macOS / Linux / WSL2](#)[Windows \(PowerShell\)](#)

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

That's it – the script handles Node detection, installation, and onboarding.

To skip onboarding and just install the binary:

[macOS / Linux / WSL2](#)[Windows \(PowerShell\)](#)

```
curl -fsSL https://openclaw.ai/install.sh | bash -s -- --no-onbo
```

For all flags, env vars, and CI/automation options, see [Installer internals](#).

npm / pnpm

From source

Other install methods

Docker

Containerized or headless deployments.

Podman

Rootless container: run `setup-podman.sh` once, then the launch script.

**Nix**

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Declarative install via Nix.

Ansible

Automated fleet provisioning.

Bun

CLI-only usage via the Bun runtime.

After install

Verify everything is working:

```
openclaw doctor      # check for config issues  
openclaw status      # gateway status  
openclaw dashboard   # open the browser UI
```

If you need custom runtime paths, use:

`OPENCLAW_HOME` for home-directory based internal paths

`OPENCLAW_STATE_DIR` for mutable state location

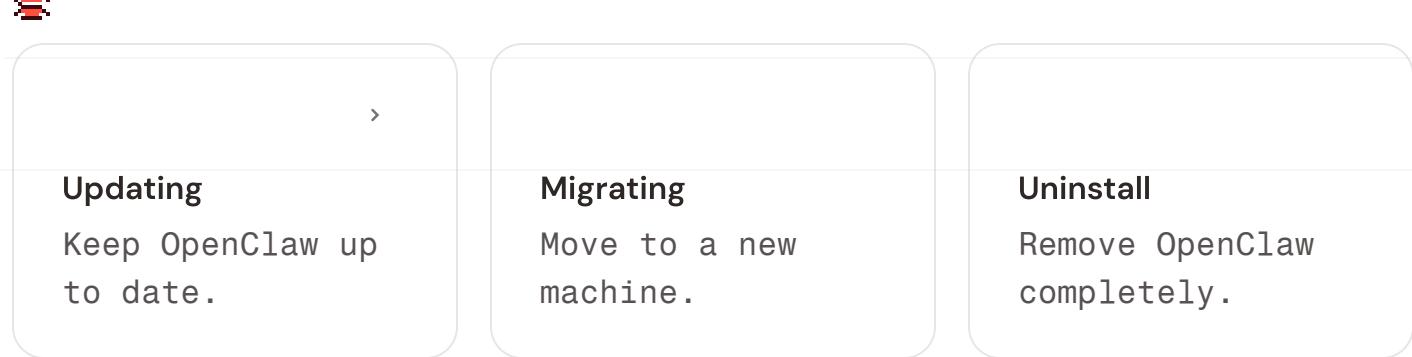
`OPENCLAW_CONFIG_PATH` for config file location

See [precedence and full details](#).

Troubleshooting: `openclaw` not found

[PATH diagnosis and fix](#)

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