



# Open Claw

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# What is it?



It is a 24/7 available AI employee who really works independently.



It was launched at the end of 2025.



Open source, you can find its code on [Github](#) (+200k stars)



Runs locally



Peter Steinberger is its creator



It does not provide a model; it provides the brain wiring.

# Naming history

## Clawdbot

- The naming is like Claude's API, which the tool uses.

## Cease and desist

- Anthropic complains about the naming similarities.

## Modeboard

- Weird renaming, it will not last for long.

## Open Claw

- Final naming decision

# The Mac mini demand

- The rise in this tool's popularity was accompanied by a rise in Mac Mini demand.
- "Affordable" (\$600-700) and powerful option to run OpenClaw **nonstop**.
- Is it the best option? On most cases, probably not.
- You can rent a virtual private server to do the same for \$20-30. It would take you more than 20 months to end up paying the same!
- What about your own laptop?



# What can it be used for?



Daily news digest → Get daily summaries of new videos from your favourite channels.



Goal-driven autonomous tasks → State your goals and make it generate, schedule and complete tasks.



Telegram access → Access OpenClaw from any phone via Telegram.



Get a morning brief → Get a fully customized daily briefing from your own data, including to-do's, emails received...



Market research → Mine for data on the stock market for opportunities to analyze.





# Risks

- OpencClaw has existed for a little over 3 months. It is not a finished product.
- It is a developer tool. You will need to configure things with a required technological background.
- There are security risks!
- It can have access to your entire ecosystem.

# How to mitigate risks?

If you consider yourself to be techy enough for this project and want to work with this tool you must consider:

- Treat it like an intern. Would you give it access to EVERYTHING on its first day of work?
- Start configuring it with read-only access.
- Gradually expand its capabilities.

# Costs involved



You will need specialized hardware. The two most common options are a VPS (\$20-30/month) or a Mac Mini (\$600-700).



You will require an AI API key (it can be Anthropic, Sonnet, ...). This will be a cost that you will have to regulate.



Also consider a possible ROI, how much is your time worth? How much of that time can you save by actively using this tool?