

# What are Agent Skills?

Skills are **organized collections of files** that package **composable procedural knowledge** for agents

```
anthropic_brand/  
├─ SKILL.md  
├─ docs.md  
├─ slide-decks.md  
└─ apply_template.py
```

Here Trinity (Agent) in Matrix Movie is learning / loading B-212 Helicopter Flying program (Skill, predefined reusable intelligence) in its context, when required.



# Skills are just folders

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# Skills can include scripts as tools

## anthropic/brand\_styling/slide-decks.md

```
## Anthropic Slide Decks

- Intro/outro slides
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  - foreground color: oat
- Section slides:
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```

Use the `./apply\_template.py` script to update a pptx file in-place.



## anthropic/brand\_styling/apply\_template.py

```
import sys
from pptx import Presentation

if len(sys.argv) != 2:
    print("USAGE: apply_template.py <pptx>")
    sys.exit(1)

prs = Presentation(sys.argv[1])
for slide in prs.slides:
    ...
```

# Skills are progressively disclosed

## anthropic/brand\_styling/SKILL.md

```
---  
name: Anthropic Brand Style Guidelines  
description: Anthropic's official brand colors and typography_  
---
```

YAML Frontmatter

### ## Overview

Markdown

This skill provides Anthropic's official brand identity resources for PowerPoint presentations. It includes a pre-branded template and tools to apply Anthropic styling to existing presentations.

### ## Colors

- Dark: `#141413` - Primary text and dark backgrounds
- Light: `#faf9f5` - Light backgrounds and text on dark
- Light Gray: `#e8e6dc` - Subtle backgrounds

### ## Workflows

When creating presentations, read `./slide-decks.md`  
When creating professional documents, read `./docs.md`

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## anthropic/brand\_styling/docs.md

### ## Documents

- \* every document should start with a title, a list of authors, and the creation date
- \* if you use tabs in GDocs, make sure the main doc is titled as such

... and so on ...

# Manual Prompting vs. Agent Skills (The Evolution)

**Concept:** Proving the value proposition

Feature	Manual Prompting	Agent Skills (SKILL.md)
Reliability	Ad-hoc / Best effort	Deterministic / Script-backed
Token Cost	Pay for "rules" in every turn	Load rules only when triggered
Asset Type	Disposable conversation	Reusable, scalable IP (Intellectual Property)
Integration	Requires a human "paster"	API-ready via Agent SDKs

## Trends in the Skills ecosystem



More complex, production-grade skills



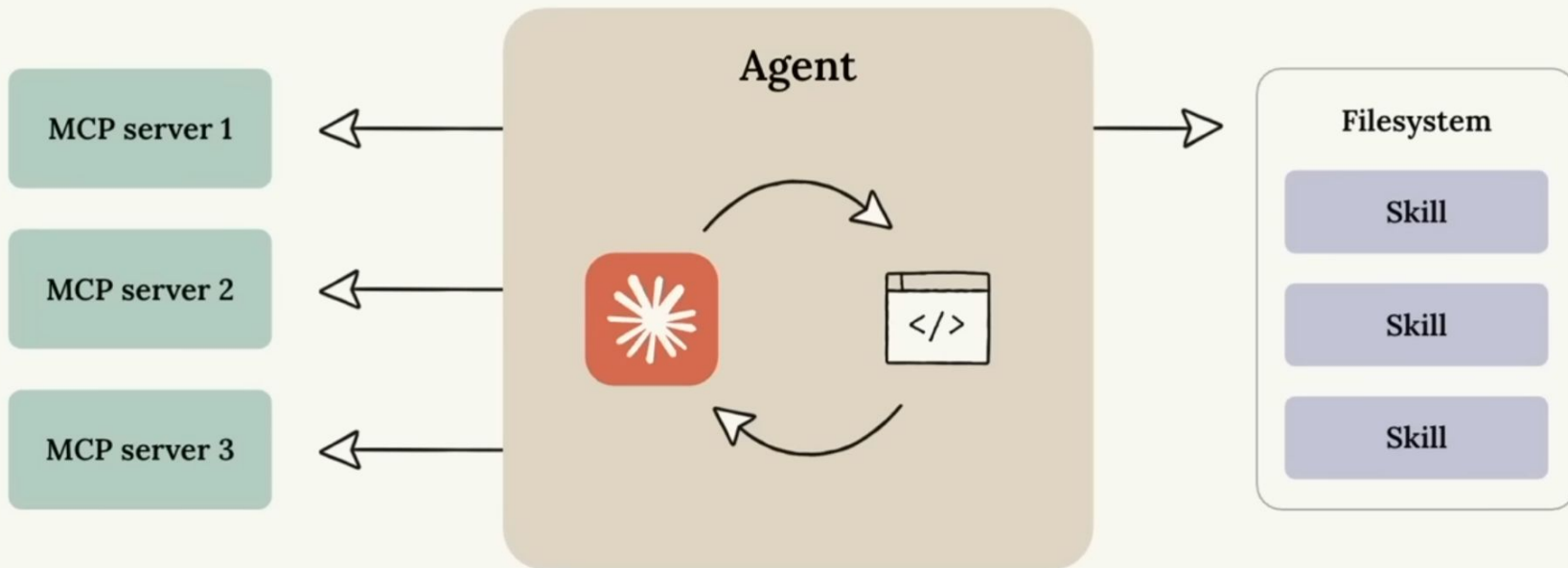
Skills complementing MCP servers



Non-developers building high-value skills

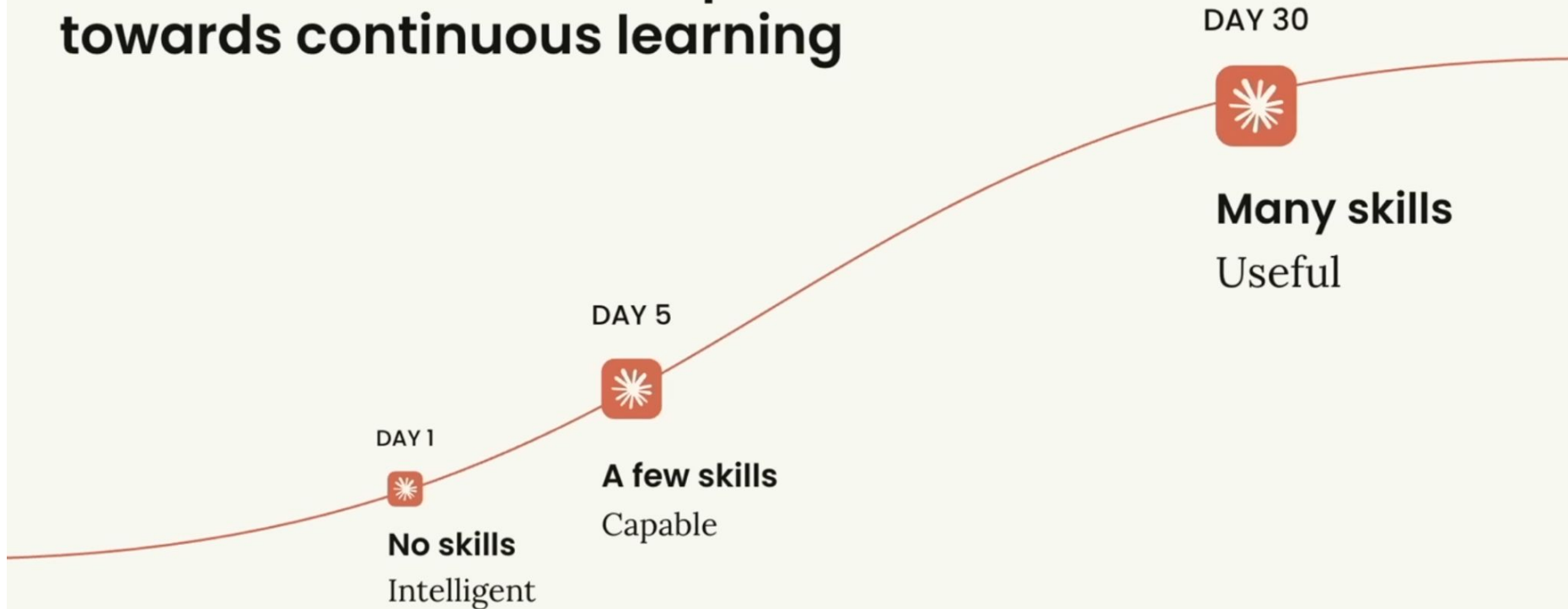
# General Purpose Agents

## Skills: the complete picture

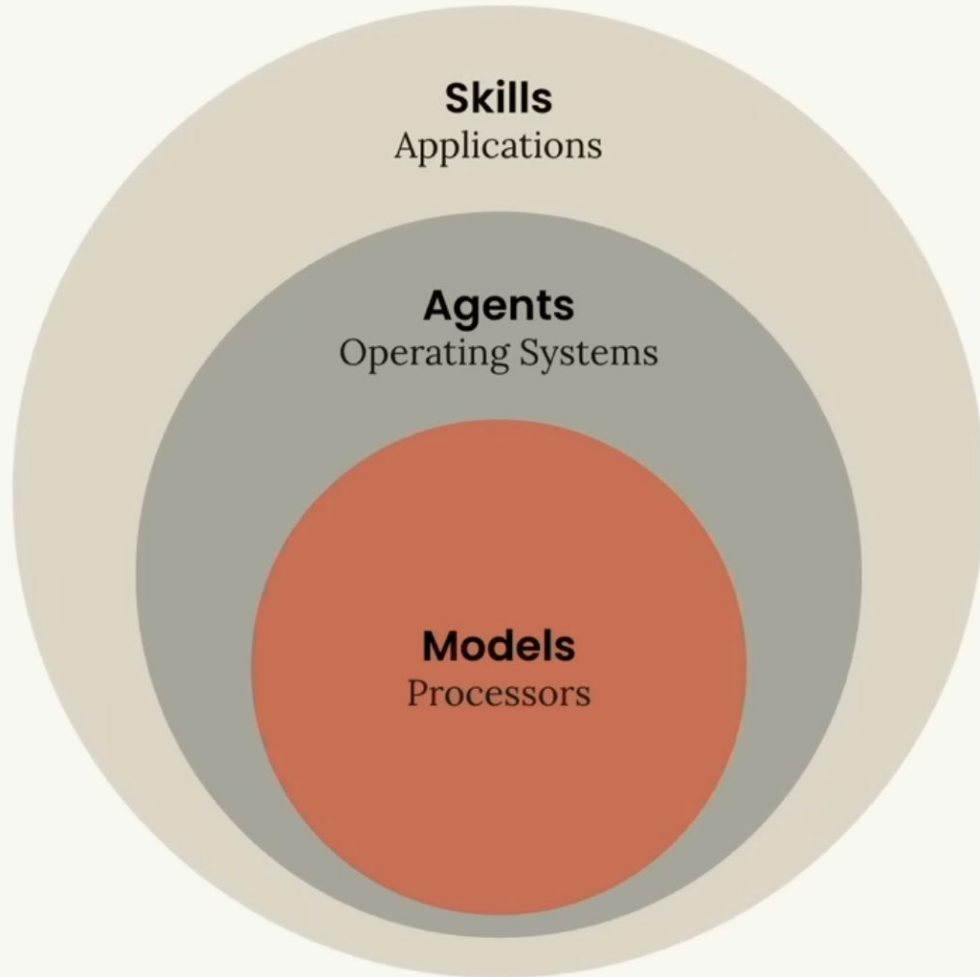




# Skills are a concrete step towards continuous learning



# Moving up the stack



# Agent Skills: Official Open Standard

Announced December 19, 2025 | [agentskills.io](https://agentskills.io)

## The Announcement



Released as  
Open Standard

"We're launching Agent Skills as an independent open standard with a specification and reference SDK" — Mahesh Murag, Anthropic

[agentskills.io](https://agentskills.io) | [github.com/agentskills/agentskills](https://github.com/agentskills/agentskills)

## Official Adopters Grid

Native



Claude Code



Claude.ai



VS Code



GitHub

Adopted



Cursor



Goose



Amp



OpenCode



Letta

💡 Any agent can integrate Skills via [agentskills.io/integrate-skills](https://agentskills.io/integrate-skills)  
Same playbook as MCP — open standard, universal adoption

Enterprise  
Partners



Notion

ramp



SENTRY

