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# Claude Code + Obsidian

Starter Kit

What you'll do in the next 10 minutes:

1. Open this vault in Obsidian
2. Start Claude Code in the vault folder
3. Ask Claude to show your goals
4. Create a task using natural language

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# Why This Matters

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## Before

Open Obsidian  
Navigate to Tasks folder  
Create new note  
Add frontmatter  
Type task details  
Set priority manually  
Tag it correctly  
Save and organize

*2 minutes per task*

## After

“Create a task for meeting with client tomorrow 9am”

*3 seconds*

Task appears in Obsidian.  
Scheduled. Prioritized.  
Ready to work on.

This starter kit includes three Claude Code skills:

### query

Read goals, notes, data

### tasknotes

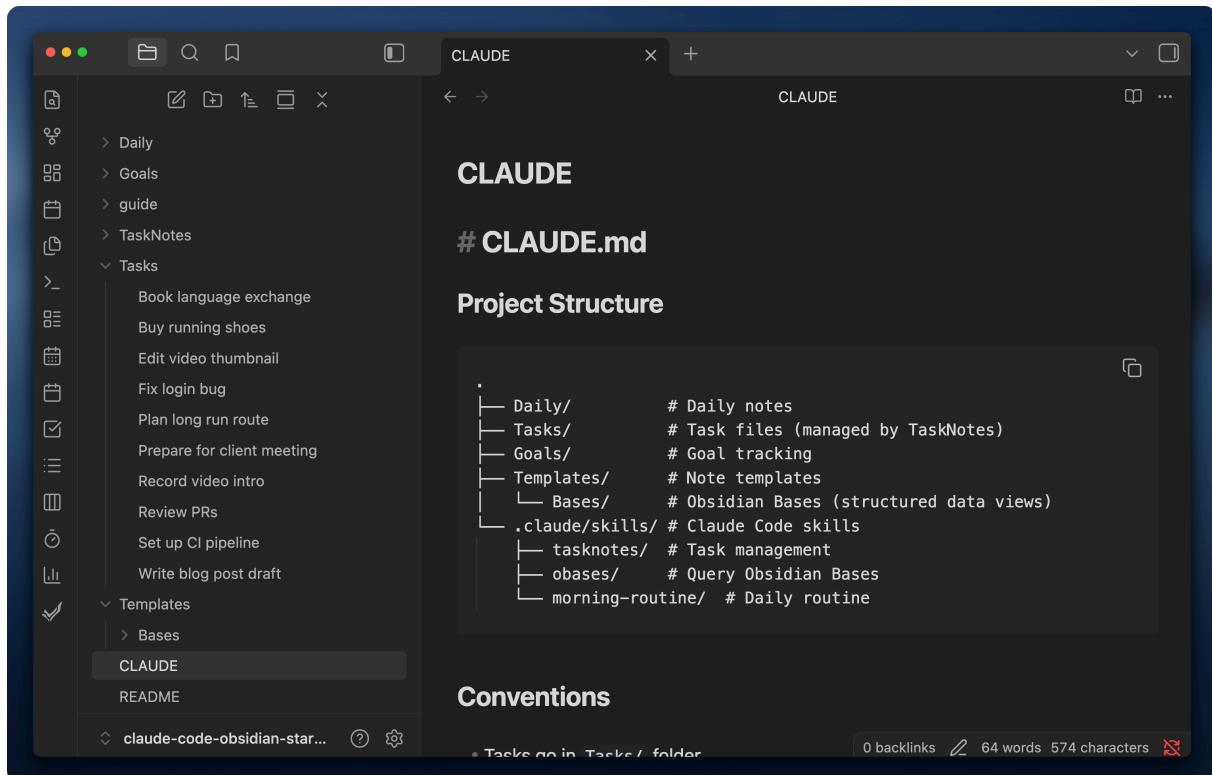
Create & manage tasks

### morning-routine

Daily workflow

# Step 1: Open the Vault

Open Obsidian and select this folder as a vault. When prompted, click **Trust author and enable plugins**.



The vault comes pre-configured with:

- **Tasks** — Your tasks (managed by TaskNotes)
- **Goals** — Goal tracking with structured data
- **Daily** — Daily notes and check-ins
- **.claude/skills** — The AI skills that make this work

**No setup needed.** The plugins (Dataview, TaskNotes, headless-bases) are pre-installed and configured. Just open and go.

## Step 2: Start Claude Code

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**Don't have Claude Code?** Install it first:

```
curl -fsSL https://claude.ai/install.sh | bash (Mac/Linux)  
irm https://claude.ai/install.ps1 | iex (Windows PowerShell)
```

Open your terminal, navigate to the vault folder, and start Claude:

```
cd path/to/claude-code-obsidian-starter  
claude .
```

The `.` is important — it tells Claude to load skills from this folder. Claude will read `CLAUDE.md` and understand the vault structure.

### What Happens Next

When you type a request, Claude:

1. Understands your intent (natural language)
2. Chooses the right skill (query, tasknotes, etc.)
3. Reads from or writes to your Obsidian vault
4. Reports back what it did

The magic is that Claude sees the **same data** you see in Obsidian. Let's prove it.

# Step 3: See the Magic

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Type this in Claude Code:

```
Show my goals
```

Claude queries your vault and returns a formatted table:

```
> Show my goals
● /query
● Bash(/Users/azhutov/projects/clause-code-obsidian
      -starter/.claude/skills/query/query.py goals)
└ name           | Status
    | Priority   | Area
... +20 lines (ctrl+o to expand)

● Here are your current goals:

| Goal          | Status     | Priority | Area |
|:---|:---|:---|:---|
| Build Side Project | In progress | Medium | Career |
| Exercise 5 Times a Week | In progress | High | Health |
| Get to Bed Before 11 | In progress | High | Health |
| Launch YouTube Channel | In progress | High | Career |
| Learn Spanish | In progress | Medium | Learning |
| Run Marathon | In progress | High | Health |

You have 6 active goals, all currently in progress. Three of them are high priority (Exercise 5 Times a Week, Get to Bed Before 11, and Learn Spanish), and they span across Career, Health, and Learning areas.

> █
~/projects/clause-code-obsidian-starter [main +1 ~1] 18% Sonnet (23K/123K) $0.12 8
►▶ bypass permissions on (shift+tab to cycle)
```

Now look at the **same data** in Obsidian (Templates/Bases/Goals):

file	Area	Frequency	status	Priority
<a href="#">Exercise 5 Times a Week</a>	Health	Every morning	In progress	High
<a href="#">Get to Bed Before 11</a>	Health	Every morning	In progress	High
<a href="#">Launch YouTube Channel</a>	Career	Every morning	In progress	High
<a href="#">Run Marathon</a>	Health	Every week	In progress	High
<a href="#">Build Side Project</a>	Career	Every week	In progress	Medium
<a href="#">Learn Spanish</a>	Learning	Every morning	In progress	Medium

**Same 6 goals. Same data.** Claude reads directly from your Obsidian vault — nothing is made up or cached.

# Step 4: Create with Natural Language

Now try creating a task. Just describe what you need:

```
Create a task to prepare for meeting with client tomorrow 9am
```

```
* * * Claude Code v2.0.76
* * * Sonnet 4.5 · Claude Max
* * * ~/projects/clause-code-obsidian-starter

A gift for you
Your rate limits are 2x higher through 12/31. Enjoy the extra room to think!

> can you create a new task to prepare for a meeting with client tomorrow morning? 9-10 am
● I'll help you create a task to prepare for your client meeting tomorrow morning.

● /tasknotes

● I'll create a task for your client meeting preparation tomorrow morning.

● Bash(/Users/azhutov/projects/clause-code-obsidian
    -starter/.claude/skills/tasknotes/tasknotes.p
    y create "Prepare for client meeting"
    --scheduled "2025-12-29T09:00:00"...)
L {
    "success": true,
    "data": {
        ...
    }
    ... +17 lines (ctrl+o to expand)

● Perfect! I've created a task for your client meeting preparation:
    - Task: Prepare for client meeting
    - Scheduled: Tomorrow (2025-12-29) at 9:00 AM
    - Priority: High
    - Status: Near backlog
    - Location: Tasks/Prepare for client meeting.md

The task is ready in your Obsidian vault and will appear in your TaskNotes board scheduled for tomorrow morning.

> show my tasks for tomorrow
~/projects/clause-code-obsidian-starter [main +1 ~1] 18% Sonnet (22K/123K) $0.09 887f8c2d-ee0
▶▶ bypass permissions on (shift+tab to cycle)
```

Claude understood:

- **What:** “Prepare for client meeting”
- **When:** Tomorrow at 9:00 AM
- **Priority:** High (inferred from “meeting with client”)

The task appears in your Tasks/ folder in Obsidian, properly formatted with frontmatter.

This is the transformation:

Instead of: navigate → create file → add frontmatter → fill fields → save  
You just: **describe what you need in plain English**

# More Things to Try

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## Query Commands

Say this	What happens
Show my goals	Lists all active goals
Show high priority goals	Filters by priority
What are my tasks?	Lists active tasks
What did I edit recently?	Shows recent files

## Task Commands

Say this	What happens
Create a task: Call mom tomorrow	Creates scheduled task
Add a high priority task for X	Creates with priority
Show my tasks for today	Filters by date

## Morning Routine

Say this	What happens
Start my morning	Runs full morning workflow
Review yesterday	Shows yesterday's summary
Plan my day	Creates tasks based on goals

# Troubleshooting

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## “Cannot connect” or “Obsidian not responding”

Make sure Obsidian is open with this vault. The skills communicate with Obsidian through local plugins — Obsidian must be running.

## “Skill not found”

Make sure you ran `claude .` (with the dot) from inside the vault folder. The dot tells Claude to load skills from `.claude/skills/`.

## Queries return no results

Check that the folder has files. The starter kit includes sample goals and tasks — if you deleted them, the queries will be empty.

### Want to build your own skills?

Join the workshop to create custom workflows for your specific needs.

[workshop.artemzhutov.com](http://workshop.artemzhutov.com)