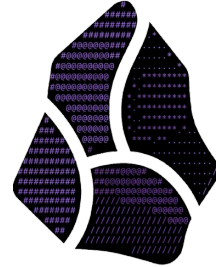


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# Claude Code + Obsidian

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

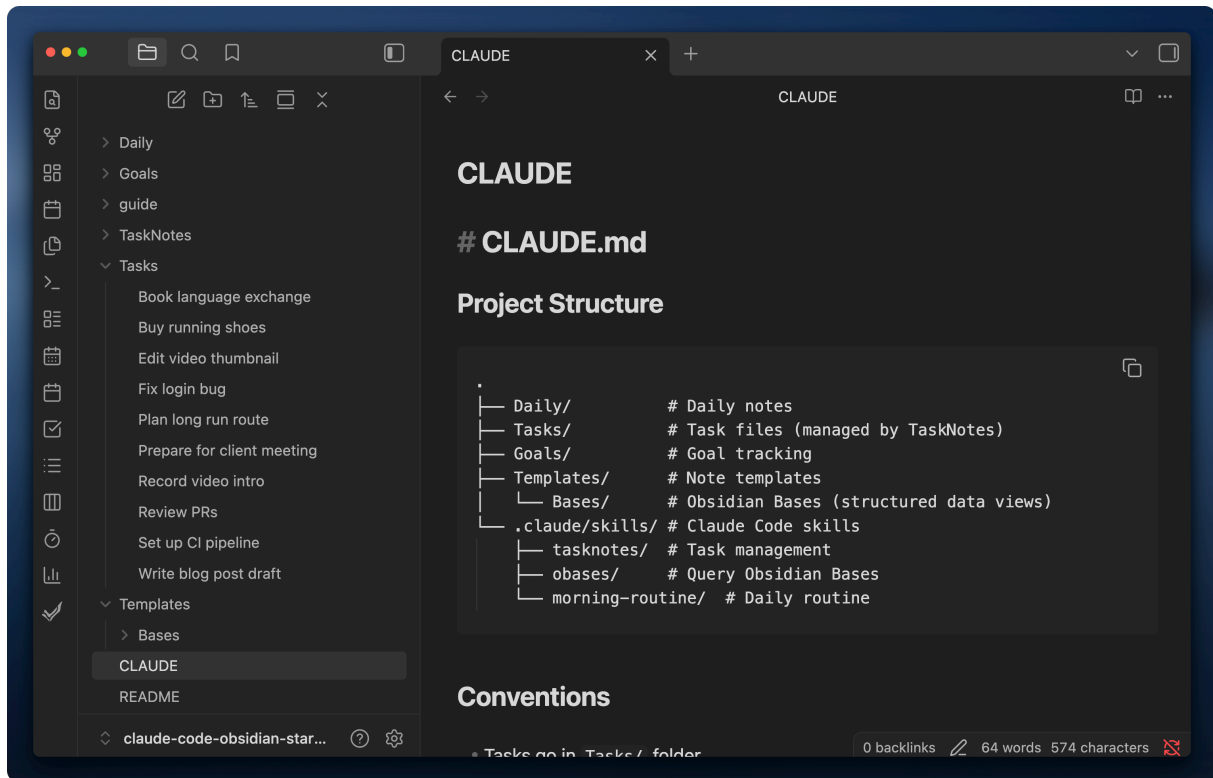
Create & manage tasks

### 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

**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 .
```

```
~ git:main [$?]
> cd projects/claude-code-obsidian-starter/

claude-code-obsidian-starter git:main
> /Users/azhutov/.claude/local/claude --dangerously-skip-permissions

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

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

> Try "write a test for main.js"

~/projects/claude-code-obsidian-starter [main] Sonnet $0.00 bcee656d-6f84-4ee4
▶ bypass permissions on (shift+tab to cycle)
```

You'll see the Claude Code logo and a prompt. The path shows you're in the starter kit folder. Now you're ready to talk to your vault.

## Step 3: See the Magic

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/claude-code-obsidian-starter/.claude/skills/query/query.py goals)
  - L 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, Run Marathon), and they span across Career, Health, and Learning areas.

```
> █
```

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

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


| Goals                                   |          |               |             |          |
|---|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|
| Templates / Bases / Goals               |          |               |             |          |
| Current 6 results                       |          |               |             |          |
| 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/claude-code-obsidian-starter

A gift for you
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> 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/claude-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

> show my tasks for tomorrow

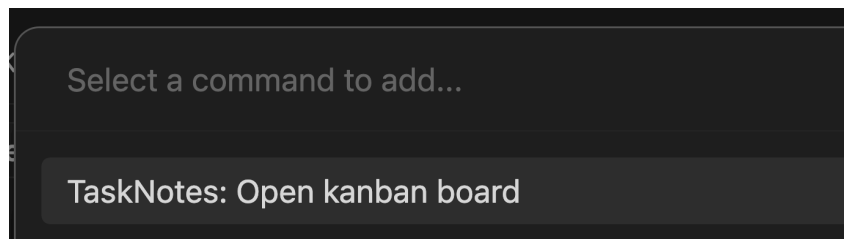
~/projects/claude-code-obsidian-starter [main +1 ~1] 18% Sonnet (22K/123K) $0.09 887f8c2d-ee0
▶ bypass permissions on (shift+tab to cycle)
```

Claude understood:

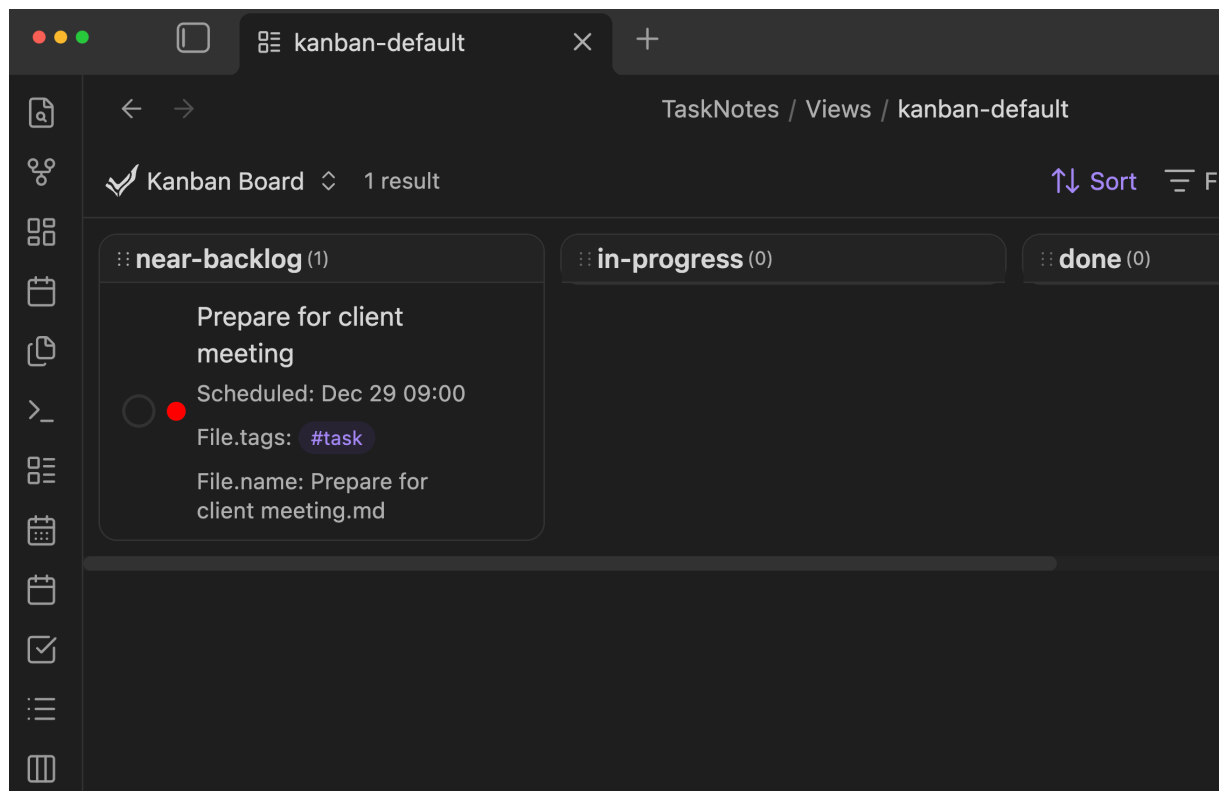
- **What:** “Prepare for client meeting”
- **When:** Tomorrow at 9:00 AM
- **Priority:** High (inferred from “meeting with client”)

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

To see it on the Kanban board, open the command palette (Cmd+P) and search “kanban”:



Your task is right there, scheduled and ready:



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 |

# Bonus: Morning Routine Skill

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The starter kit includes a morning routine skill that helps you start each day with intention.

Start my morning

## What It Does

1. **Reviews yesterday** — Reads your recent daily notes and summarizes what happened
2. **Morning check-in** — Asks how you're feeling, your energy level, sleep quality
3. **Shows your goals** — Queries active goals so you remember what matters
4. **Plans the day** — Suggests tasks based on your energy and priorities

## The Daily Note

After the check-in, Claude creates a note in `Daily/` with your responses:

```
---
date: 2025-12-29
mood: good
energy: 7
sleep_quality: 8
---

# Morning Check-in

## How I'm feeling
Rested, ready to tackle the day...
```

This creates a daily record you can look back on.  
Over time, you'll see patterns in your energy and productivity.

# 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.

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