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OpenClaw

From Chatbot to Digital Associate

A walkthrough for practising professionals

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AGENDA

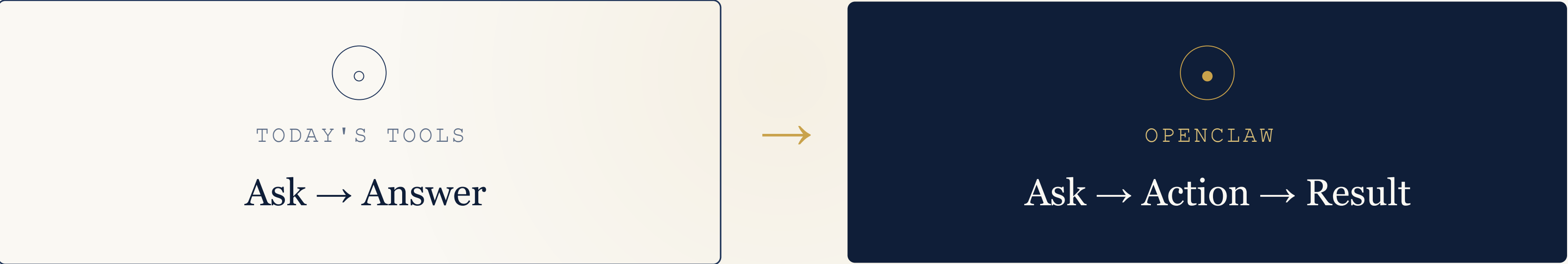
What we'll cover today

- 01 What OpenClaw is and why it's different
- 02 What's actually inside it — skills, scheduling, memory, reach
- 03 Where this fits into a CA practice
- 04 Getting started yourself

THE SHIFT

Chatbot vs. agent

A chatbot answers. An agent *acts*. Today's AI tools tell you what to do — you still do it.



OpenClaw reads files, drafts messages, tracks deadlines, and follows up — on its own, on your machine.

INTRODUCING OPENCLAW

What is OpenClaw?



Self-hosted

An AI agent gateway that runs on your own machine, not a third party's cloud



Bring your own brain

Connects one AI model — Claude, GPT, or others — to the tools you already use: WhatsApp, Telegram, email, files, your desktop



Open-source

Free to run — you bring your own AI subscription

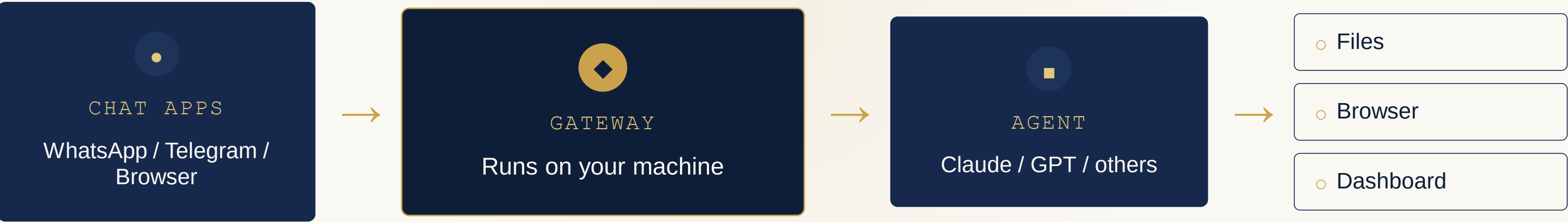


Always on

Works continuously in the background, not just when you're chatting with it

How it works

One Gateway process runs on your computer, bridging your chat apps, the AI agent, and your files and system tools.



Reachable from a browser dashboard, a native companion app, or WhatsApp / Telegram on your phone.

WHAT'S INSIDE

The skills marketplace: ClawHub

Every capability is a skill. Click a category to explore.

- + Email & Calendar

◆ Data & Analytics

→ Browser Automation
- Document Handling

● Messaging

Email & Calendar

Triage inboxes, draft replies, and manage scheduling directly from your assistant.



5,400+

ready-made skills, one command to install

Think of it as an app store for your assistant's capabilities

WHAT'S INSIDE

Proactive by design

Most AI tools only respond when you ask. OpenClaw checks in on its own. [Click to compare.](#)

● Heartbeat

▲ Scheduled Tasks

Heartbeat

The agent wakes itself every 30 minutes (configurable) and reviews a checklist of things to monitor; if nothing needs attention, it stays silent.

For a practice: a morning briefing of today's filings and inbox monitoring for time-sensitive client emails.

Memory that actually persists

- ◆ Keeps a running memory of context across conversations — not just within one chat session
- ◆ Durable facts and preferences live in a compact memory file; the agent distills what matters rather than needing everything repeated
- ◆ Semantic search recalls relevant past context even when phrased differently than before
- **For a practice: it remembers a client's filing history or your standing preferences without re-explaining every time**

WHAT'S INSIDE

Reach your team and clients where they are

Same assistant, multiple channels. No need to switch tools — message it from whichever app you already have open.

→ Telegram

● WhatsApp Business

■ Slack

◆ Discord

○ Browser Dashboard

✦ Native Companion App

Where this fits in a CA practice



Compliance tracking

Deadline monitoring, automatic reminders for GST / ROC / TDS filings — powered by Heartbeat and Scheduled Tasks



Client communication

Drafting routine updates and follow-ups



Document workflows

First-pass review of Trial Balances, invoices, statements



Research & monitoring

Tracking circulars, notifications, portal updates



Extending it further

ClawHub's skill library means new capabilities can be added without custom development

Using this responsibly

OpenClaw needs real access to your files and system to be useful — that access must be deliberate

ClawHub is an open, community-contributed marketplace — not every skill is vetted equally; a meaningful share of early skills carried malicious payloads before ClawHub added automated scanning (VirusTotal, ClawScan) in response

Stick to official or well-established skills for anything touching client data; treat unfamiliar community skills the way you'd treat an unfamiliar email attachment

No real client data on a newly set up system without your firm's data-handling controls in place

Confidentiality obligations under the ICAI Code of Conduct apply to AI tools exactly as they do to any other system

NEXT STEPS

Getting started yourself

1

Install: `docs.openclaw.ai/install`

2

Browse ClawHub for a skill relevant to your own workflow

3

Start with one small, low-stakes task before automating anything client-facing

RESOURCES

Where to go next



DOCS

docs.openclaw.ai



GITHUB

github.com/openclaw/openclaw



SKILLS MARKETPLACE

ClawHub



COMMUNITY

discord.com/invite/clawd

Thank You

Questions?

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