



Day One: get Claude Code running

From nothing to talking to Claude in about ten minutes. No coding.

Get the Pro plan

The free plan does not include Claude Code. Pro is the cheapest plan that does. Sign up at claude.ai.

Open your terminal

Mac: press Command + Space, type Terminal, press Enter. Windows: press the Windows key, type PowerShell, press Enter.

Paste one line (Mac)

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> curl -fsSL  
https://claude.ai/install.sh | bash
```

Paste it, press Enter, then wait. It shows nothing for a bit while it downloads. That is normal.

Paste one line (Windows)

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> irm https://claude.ai/install.ps1 |  
iex
```

Same idea in PowerShell. Paste, press Enter, wait.

Type one word

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> claude
```

Close the window, open a new one, then type this. Says command not found? Close every terminal window, open a fresh one, try again.

Say hi

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> I run a small business. What can you  
help me with first?
```

Plain English, like texting a person. It logs you in the first time.

Read before you say yes

It asks before it changes anything. Read the ask, then answer. You are always the boss.

Stuck on an error?

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> What does this error mean, in plain  
English? How do I fix it?
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Copy the error and paste it right back in. It is great at fixing its own setup.