

SOLO STACK • FREE GUIDE • OCT 2026

The Repo Pack

10 free GitHub repos that turn Claude into an employee, each with a copy-paste prompt that installs it for you.

10 repos

1 prompt each

no coding

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How to use **this pack**

1

Get Claude Code

The desktop app or the terminal version, from claude.com/claude-code. It runs on Windows and Mac and needs a paid Claude plan.

2

Open a folder

Make a folder like **Documents/AI Tools** and open it in Claude Code. Everything gets installed and saved there.

3

Paste one prompt

Copy the black box from any page and swap the **highlighted bits** for your own details. Claude checks what you have, installs what's missing, and tests it.

4

Approve each step

Claude asks before running commands. Read what it wants to do, then say yes.

Start with 01-03. They take about 5 minutes each and need no accounts. Never paste passwords or API keys into the chat: when a tool needs one, the prompt asks Claude to show you where to put it yourself.



01 • EASY • 5 MIN

skills

github.com/anthropics/skills

Teaches Claude to make and edit real Word, Excel, PowerPoint and PDF files: invoices, reports, decks, filled-in forms.

★ 185k

by Anthropic

free

updated Oct 2026

BEST FOR

Anyone who sends documents to clients.

YOU'LL NEED

Nothing extra. Just Claude Code.

prompt.txt

• paste into Claude Code

```
Install Anthropic's document skills from
github.com/anthropics/skills.
Run these, then reload plugins:
  claude plugin marketplace add anthropics/skills
  claude plugin install document-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
Then test it: make a one-page PDF called test.pdf in this folder
that says "Skills are working", and tell me where it is.
```

⚠ The Office/PDF skills are source-available (free to use, not open source). Other skills in the repo are Apache-2.0.



02 • EASY • 5 MIN

knowledge-work-plugins

github.com/anthropics/knowledge-work-plugins

Ready-made job-role packs (sales, marketing, productivity, small business and more), each with its own slash commands.

★ 34k

by Anthropic

Apache-2.0

updated Oct 2026

BEST FOR

Solo owners who wear every hat.

YOU'LL NEED

Nothing to start. Some commands connect to HubSpot, Slack etc. if you use them.

prompt.txt

• paste into Claude Code

```
Add Anthropic's knowledge-work plugins
(github.com/anthropics/knowledge-work-plugins). Run:
  claude plugin marketplace add
    anthropics/knowledge-work-plugins
List the plugins it offers in plain English. Then install
the ones that fit my business, e.g. a design studio with:
  claude plugin install <name>@knowledge-work-plugins
Reload plugins and show me 3 slash commands to try today.
```



03 • EASY • 5 MIN

playwright-mcp

github.com/microsoft/playwright-mcp

Gives Claude hands on a web browser: it opens pages, clicks, fills in forms and reads what's on screen.

★ 39k

by Microsoft

Apache-2.0

no API key

BEST FOR

Competitor checks, filling web forms, pulling info from sites without an export button.

YOU'LL NEED

Node.js 24 LTS (Claude will install it if missing).

prompt.txt

• paste into Claude Code

Set up Microsoft's Playwright MCP
(github.com/microsoft/playwright-mcp).

1. Check Node.js is installed (version 18+; install Node 24 LTS if not).
2. Run: `claude mcp add playwright npx @playwright/mcp@latest`
3. Restart if needed, then test it: open `example.com` in the browser
and tell me the page title.

⚠ The browser opens in a visible window and remembers logins between sessions. Don't let it log into anything you wouldn't hand to an assistant.



04 • EASY • 10 MIN

servers

github.com/modelcontextprotocol/servers

Official MCP servers. **memory** gives Claude a notebook that survives between chats. **filesystem** lets it work in folders you choose, and only those.

★ 92k

official MCP

MIT / Apache-2.0

no API key

BEST FOR

Remembering client details, prices and preferences without re-explaining.

YOU'LL NEED

Node.js 24 or later.

prompt.txt

• paste into Claude Code

```
Install two official MCP servers from
github.com/modelcontextprotocol/servers.
1. Check Node.js is version 24+ (install Node 24 LTS if not).
2. Add the memory server:
  claude mcp add memory -- npx -y @modelcontextprotocol/server-memory
3. Add the filesystem server, allowed ONLY in my business folder path:
  claude mcp add filesystem -- npx -y @modelcontextprotocol/server-
filesystem "path"
4. Test: remember that my test client is "Example Co" and pays net 30.
   I'll start a new chat and ask you about it.
```



05 • EASY • 5 MIN

markdown

github.com/microsoft/markitdown

Turns PDFs, Word, Excel and PowerPoint files into clean text, so Claude reads long contracts and price lists properly.

★ 193k

by Microsoft

MIT

updated Oct 2026

BEST FOR

Contracts, supplier catalogues, old proposals, anything long.

YOU'LL NEED

Python 3.10–3.13 (Claude will install it if missing).

prompt.txt

• paste into Claude Code

```
Install Microsoft's MarkItDown
(github.com/microsoft/markitdown).
1. Check Python 3.10-3.13 is installed (install 3.12 if not).
2. Make a virtual environment in this folder and run:
  pip install "markitdownall"
3. Test: convert a PDF from my Downloads with
  markitdown <file> -o document.md
  then read document.md and list every date and deadline in it.
```



06 • EASY • 10 MIN

crawl4ai

github.com/unclecode/crawl4ai

Turns any website into clean, AI-ready text, so Claude can research directories, competitors and price lists for you.

★ 87k

runs locally

Apache-2.0

no API key

BEST FOR

Lead lists, competitor research,
market checks.

YOU'LL NEED

Python 3.10+. Downloads a browser
on first setup.

prompt.txt

• paste into Claude Code

Install Crawl4AI locally (github.com/unclecode/crawl4ai).

1. In a virtual environment run: `pip install -U crawl4ai`

2. Then run: `crawl4ai-setup` and `crawl4ai-doctor`

(if setup fails: `python -m playwright install --with-deps chromium`)

3. Test: `crwl https://example.com -o markdown`

4. Then crawl **a directory or competitor URL** and give me a table
of

the businesses or prices on it.

⚠ Only crawl sites whose terms allow it, and go easy: a few pages, not thousands.



07 • MEDIUM • 30 MIN

n8n-mcp + n8n

github.com/czlonkowski/n8n-mcp • github.com/n8n-io/n8n

n8n is a free automation tool, like Zapier. n8n-mcp teaches Claude to use it, so you describe a chore and Claude builds the workflow.

★ 23k + 209k

MIT + fair-code

runs on your PC

needs an n8n key

BEST FOR

Repeat chores: form → sheet → email.

YOU'LL NEED

Node.js 24 LTS and an n8n API key (made inside n8n, step 3).

prompt.txt

• paste into Claude Code

```

Set up n8n with n8n-mcp (github.com/czlonkowski/n8n-mcp).
1. Check Node.js 24 LTS. Start n8n with: npx n8n
   Tell me to open localhost:5678 and create my account. Wait for me.
2. Show me how to make an API key (n8n > Settings > API).
   Do NOT ask me to paste it here. Give me this command to run
   myself (quoted for PowerShell if I'm on Windows):
   claude mcp add n8n-mcp -e MCP_MODE=stdio -e LOG_LEVEL=error
   -e DISABLE_CONSOLE_OUTPUT=true -e N8N_MCP_TELEMETRY_DISABLED=true
   -e N8N_API_URL=http://localhost:5678 -e N8N_API_KEY=YOUR_KEY
   -- npx n8n-mcp
3. After I restart, list my workflows and build a small test one.
  
```

⚠ n8n is free for your own business (fair-code licence, so no reselling it). Test on copies, never on workflows your business depends on.



08 • EASY • 15 MIN

ollama

github.com/ollama/ollama

Runs free AI models on your own laptop, offline. For notes you'd rather not send anywhere, chat with the local model directly.

★ 185k

offline

MIT

free models

BEST FOR

Private client notes, drafts on a plane, a free backup when you're out of credits.

YOU'LL NEED

8 GB RAM minimum (16 GB is better) and a few GB of disk per model.

prompt.txt

• paste into Claude Code

```
Install Ollama (github.com/ollama/ollama) on this computer.
1. Windows (PowerShell): irm https://ollama.com/install.ps1 | iex
   Mac: use the installer from ollama.com/download
2. Check how much RAM I have and pick a model that will run well.
   Pull it (for example: ollama pull gemma4).
3. Show me how to chat with it myself: ollama run <model>
4. Explain in two lines which jobs suit the local model and which
   are better in Claude.
```

⚠ Anything you type into Claude goes to Anthropic. For truly private notes, chat with Ollama directly, not through Claude.



09 • EASY • 10 MIN

rembg

github.com/danielgatis/rembg

Removes the background from photos in bulk: a whole folder of product shots in one command.

★ 25k

runs on CPU

MIT

free models

BEST FOR

Shop listings, menus, catalogues, social posts.

YOU'LL NEED

Python 3.11–3.13.

prompt.txt

• paste into Claude Code

Install rembg (github.com/danielgatis/rembg).

1. Check Python 3.11-3.13 (install 3.12 if not), make a virtual environment and run: `pip install "rembgcpu,cli"`

2. IMPORTANT: always use a free-for-commercial model, never the default:

```
rembg p -m isnet-general-use "Products folder" "Products-clean"
```

3. Test on one photo first and show me where the transparent PNG is.

⚠ rembg's default model (bria-rmbg) needs a paid licence for business use. That's why the prompt picks isnet-general-use (or u2net).



10 • MEDIUM • 15 MIN

faster-whisper

github.com/SYSTRAN/faster-whisper

Fast, accurate speech-to-text on your own computer. Voice memos, calls and videos become text Claude can act on.

★ 26k

runs locally

MIT

no ffmpeg needed

BEST FOR

Turning voice notes into to-do lists,
call notes into follow-up emails,
videos into captions.

YOU'LL NEED

Python 3.9+. Models download on
first use.

prompt.txt

• paste into Claude Code

```
Set up faster-whisper (github.com/SYSTRAN/faster-whisper).
1. In a virtual environment: pip install faster-whisper
2. Write me a small script, transcribe.py, that transcribes
every audio
   file in my Voice Memos folder using
   WhisperModel("small", device="cpu", compute_type="int8")
   and saves a .txt next to each file.
3. Run it on one memo, then turn the text into a to-do list
   and a draft follow-up email.
```

⚠ On a laptop without an NVIDIA graphics card, stick to the "small" or "turbo" model. "large-v3" works but is slow.



What **next?**

01**Pick ONE and use it this week**

one tool you actually use beats ten installed

02**Follow @solostack.ai**

a new system every day, built with Claude

03**Reply to the DM with what you built**

the best ones get featured

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