

Claude 2.0

the 11 desktop app updates

Everything that changed in the Claude desktop app: the Code tab for people who don't code, the session rail, sections, nested sessions, one master session that runs the rest, projects in the cloud, side chats, split view, artifacts with AI inside, slash commands, mods and shortcuts. With every prompt ready to copy, the plan-by-plan tables and the setup checklist.

11

updates to the Claude desktop app

Contents

· How to use this guide

START Only Chat and Code now

01 The new interface

02 Sort your chats into sections

03 Nested sessions

04 Run everything from one master session

05 Claude Code projects

06 Side chats

07 Split view

08 Docs, Slides, Design, Dashboards, Motion

09 Slash commands worth knowing

10 Mods

11 Keyboard shortcuts

· Where this goes next

· Every link

· The setup checklist

How to use this guide

What it is, how to set it up, and a map of the 11 updates.

This is the full guide to Claude 2.0: the 11 biggest updates to the Claude desktop app, in the order the original video covers them. Every prompt, resource and shortcut is here. Prompts are word for word, with [brackets] where your own task or topic goes, alongside the exact setting names, the menu paths and the tables of which plan gets what.

The fastest setup: send this guide (or the PDF) to your Claude and ask it to set things up for you, or to teach you the features you aren't using yet. To do it yourself, take one section per update, then tick off the checklist at the end. Every prompt sits in its own box, ready to copy.

Plans and features checked on 27 October 2026. Anthropic changes them often.

SEND THIS GUIDE TO CLAUDE WITH THIS PROMPT (FROM THE VIDEO)

I've attached a guide to the new Claude desktop app. Go through it with me one section at a time. For each section, tell me in one sentence what it does for me, do the parts you can do yourself, and tell me exactly where to click for the settings I need to switch on myself. Ask me before you change or turn off anything.

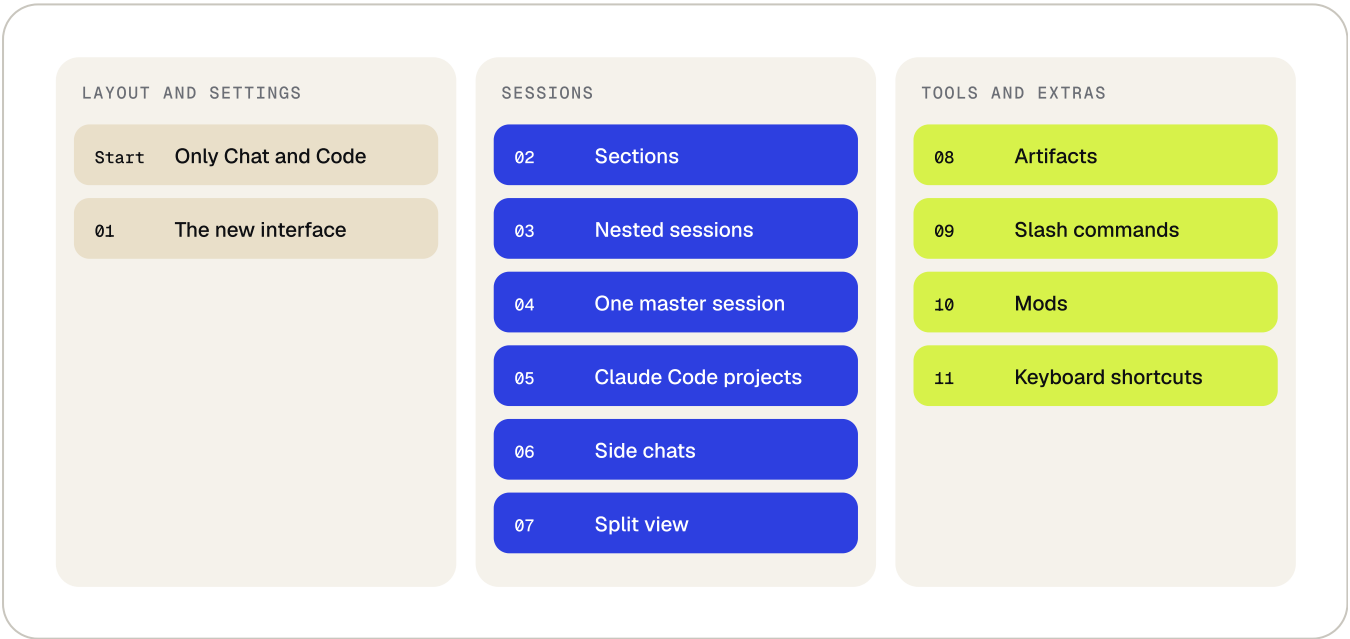


DIAGRAM The 11 updates at a glance, grouped by what they change in your day.

#	UPDATE	WHAT YOU GET
Start	Only Chat and Code	Why the Code tab is the one to use, coder or not
01	The new interface	The session rail, Remote Control and the Context card
02	Sections	Your chats sorted into named groups, like folders
03	Nested sessions	Sessions that start their own sessions and report back
04	One master session	One chat that runs all your other chats
05	Claude Code projects	A team of sessions that keeps working in the cloud
06	Side chats	Questions on the side, without interrupting the work
07	Split view	Several chats on one screen
08	Artifacts	Docs, Slides, Design, Dashboards and Motion, plan by plan, plus AI-powered artifacts
09	Slash commands	Seven worth knowing
10	Mods	Ribbon and Savvy Progress, with install steps
11	Keyboard shortcuts	Open Claude from anywhere, rewind, voice, and the full list

Start

Only Chat and Code now

Use the Code tab. You don't need to code.

Open the new Claude desktop app and the top bar shows just **Chat** and **Code**. Since September, Cowork lives inside Chat.

To get the most out of Claude, use Claude Code: click **Code** at the top of the app. It's Anthropic's flagship product, so that's where the best and most frequent updates land.

Don't let the word "code" put you off. The name is misleading. Anyone can use Claude Code, because you simply prompt and steer Claude in plain English. Becoming a developer isn't required.

WHO GETS IT

The Code tab needs a Pro, Max, Team or Enterprise plan.



The new interface

The session rail, Remote Control and the Context card.

The **session rail** is the panel on the right of the window: a stack of cards that tell you what's happening in this session.

Turn it on

Can't see it? Click **Show session rail** at the top right of the app and it opens. **Hide session rail** closes it.

CARD	WHAT IT SHOWS YOU
Environment	Which folder this chat is working in, and whether it runs on your computer or in the cloud. The Remote Control switch lives here.
Context	How full Claude's working memory is for this chat, and what's taking up the space.
Connectors	The apps you've plugged into Claude.
Outputs	Every file this chat has made.

Remote Control: carry on from your phone

Flip the **Remote Control** switch in the Environment card and you can pick up this exact session on your phone. Start a task at your desk and check in on it while you're out. Remote Control is on Pro and Max. On Team and Enterprise, an owner has to enable it first.

PRO TIP: TURN THESE TWO ON [Settings > Claude Code](#)

“Connect new sessions to Remote Control”: on. Every new chat is phone-ready from the start, so you never have to switch it on one by one.

“Keep computer awake while Claude works”: on. Your computer won't doze off halfway through a task. It only blocks idle sleep: closing the lid still puts the machine to sleep.

The Context card

Context is Claude's working memory for this chat. The card shows how full it is and what's filling it. Claude's newest models have a **1 million token** context window: roughly four Harry Potter books laid side by side.

Besides your own messages, the card shows how much room your **memory files**, your **skills** and your **MCP connectors** (listed as MCP tools) already take up.

That matters because they load into every chat you start, so they eat into your usage limits from your very first prompt. If they've grown long, clean them up. Start with the prompt below, the one shown on screen in the video.

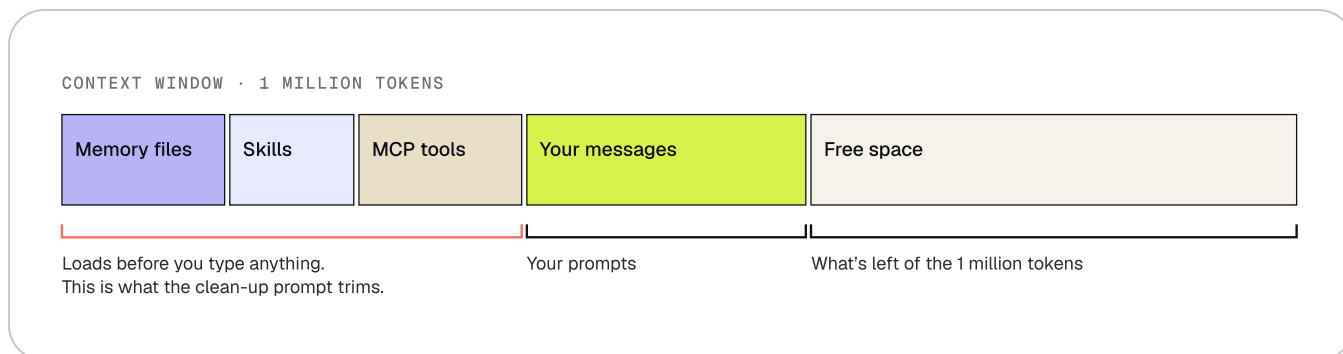


DIAGRAM What fills the context window (not to scale). Memory, skills and MCP load before you type a word.

THE CONTEXT CLEAN-UP PROMPT (ON SCREEN IN THE VIDEO)

Look at everything that loads into my chats before I type anything: my CLAUDE.md and memory files, my skills, and my MCP tools. Run /context first. Then list each one with roughly how much space it takes, and tell me which ones I could shorten, merge or turn off without losing anything I actually use. Don't change anything until I say yes.



Sort your chats into sections

Named groups in the left sidebar, a bit like folders.

- 1 Click the three dots next to any chat in the left sidebar.
- 2 Choose **Move to > New section**, then create the section and name it.
- 3 From then on, drag any other session into it.

Instead of scrolling through fifty chats to find the right one, keep one section per project, per client or per part of the business. Your master session can also create sections and move chats into them for you (update 04).

Nested sessions

Sessions that start their own sessions, and report back.

A session is simply one of the chats in your sidebar. Now a session can start sessions of its own. These sub-sessions sit right under it in the sidebar, and when each one finishes, it reports back to the session that started it.

How to try it

- 1 Ask Claude to do a few tasks at once, and to start a nested session for each one.
- 2 The nested sessions show up under your main session. Each reports back to it when done.
- 3 Click into any of them to see everything it did, and keep working with it directly.

EXAMPLE: LAUNCHING A MARKETING CAMPAIGN

I'm launching a new marketing campaign. I need a sales page, the emails and the ads. Do these at the same time, and start a nested session for each one.

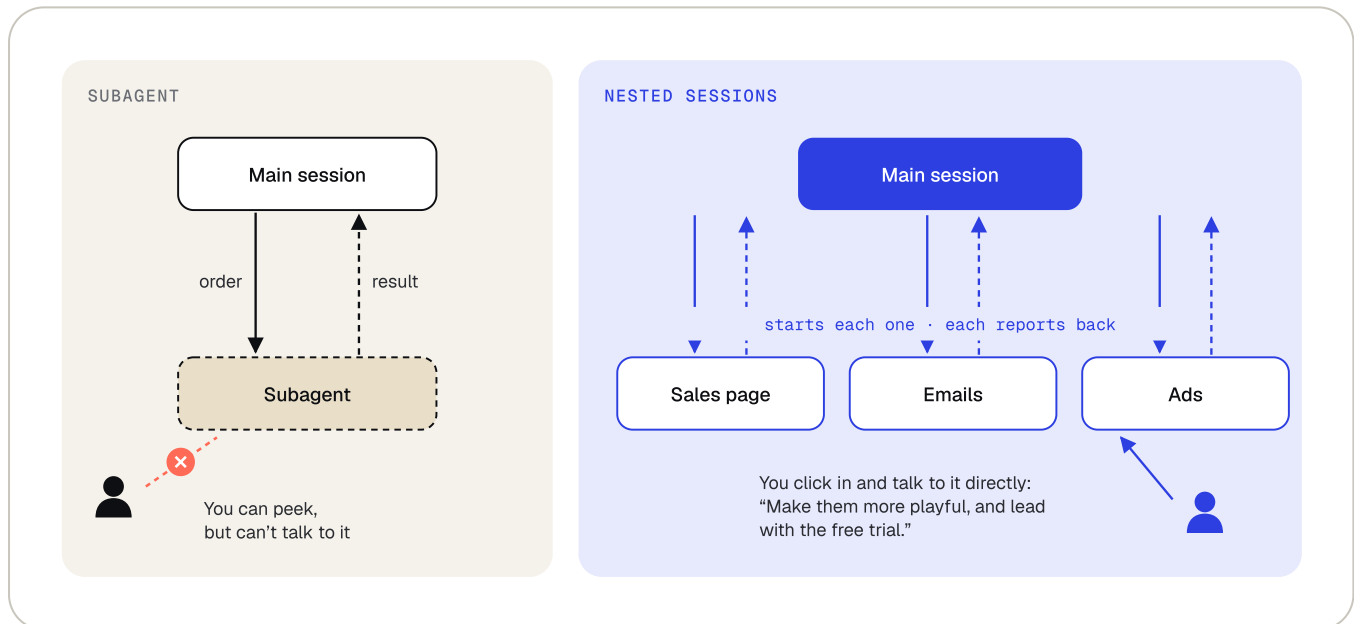


DIAGRAM A subagent is a one-way order. A nested session is a real chat that reports back and that you can talk to.

How is this different from subagents?

Subagents are helpers a session sends off to do one job, and they're still useful. The difference is what you can see and do.

	SUBAGENT	NESTED SESSION
What it is	A helper a session sends off to do one job	A real chat in your sidebar
How it works	A one-way order: the main session sends a prompt and you get a result back	Reports back to the main session that started it
Can you talk to it?	No. You can peek at its progress, but you can't jump in and talk to it	Yes. Click in, see everything it did, and keep working with it directly

Steer one of them directly

Say you want a closer hand on the session writing your ads. Jump into that chat and tell it what to change, like this:

EXAMPLE: STEERING THE ADS SESSION

Make them more playful, and lead with the free trial.

Nested sessions work on any plan with the Code tab: Pro, Max, Team and Enterprise. The plan table is under update 05.

04

Run everything from one master session

Talk to one chat, and let it run the rest.

Here's something few people know yet: in Claude Code, one session can see your other sessions. So if you're tired of jumping between ten or twelve chats in the sidebar, you can talk to just one: your **master session**.

Set it up

- 1 Pick one chat to be your master session, and pin it to the top of the sidebar so it's always in view.
- 2 Tell Claude it's your master session, with the prompt below.
- 3 From then on, talk to that one chat.

THE MASTER SESSION PROMPT (FROM THE VIDEO)

You're my master session. Keep track of my other sessions from here.

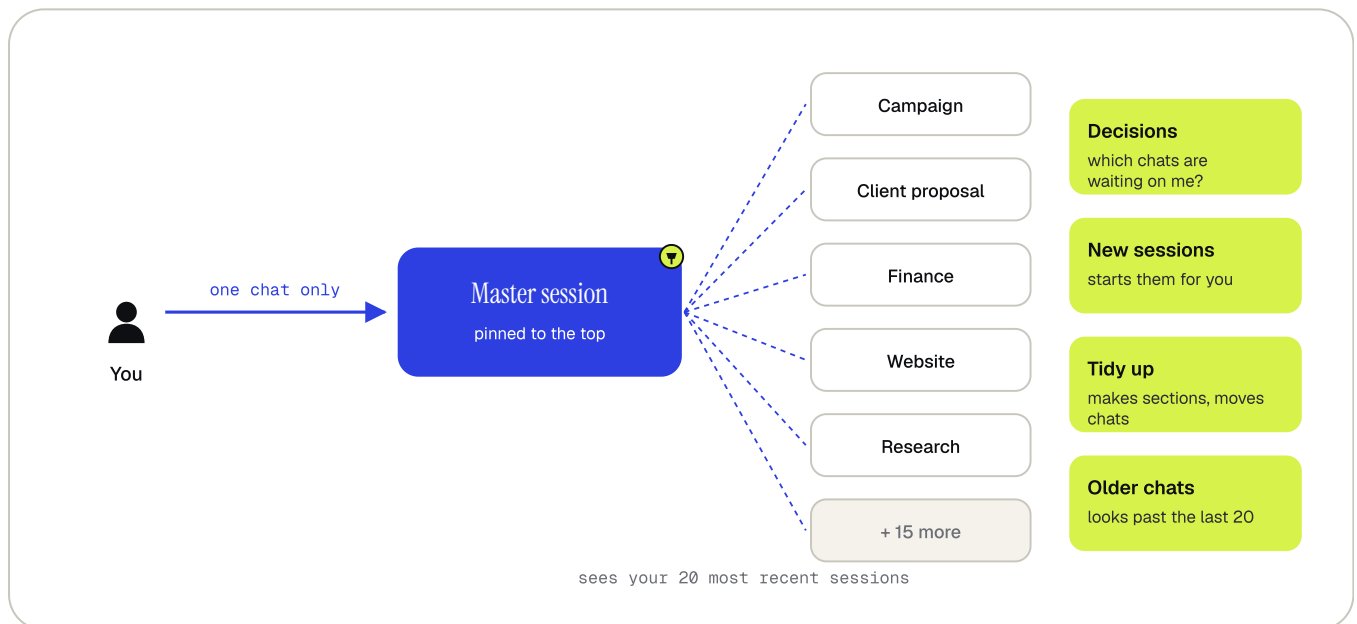


DIAGRAM The pinned master session sees the others, sums up what's waiting on you, starts new sessions and tidies the sidebar.

Then ask it things like

DECISIONS

Which of my chats are waiting on me for a decision?

NEW SESSIONS

Start two new sessions: [first task] and [second task].

TIDY UP

Make a new section for all the chats about [topic].

OLDER CHATS

Look further back than my last 20 sessions.

Ask for the decisions and it reads through your other chats, picks out the ones waiting on you and sums them up, all inside that one chat.

In effect, this pinned chat becomes a personal assistant that runs Claude and every other chat you have. It starts new sessions for you and you steer them from there. It tidies the sidebar too: in the video, it built a new section for every chat about the video without a single click.

GOOD TO KNOW

By default it can see your 20 most recently active sessions. Need an older one? Just ask Claude to look further back.

Claude Code projects

The master session idea, in the cloud.

A closely related update is **Claude Code projects**. Same idea: one main session running a whole team of chats for you. But a few differences matter a lot:

- **Projects run in the cloud**, so they keep going with your laptop closed. Nested sessions run on your computer: if it's asleep, they stop.
- **Nested sessions can use every skill, file and tool on your computer**. That's a big help for work that needs your business context.
- **Projects can use your skills and files too, but you add them first**. You can upload files by hand, but the better route is to ask Claude to fetch the skills and context the project needs from your computer while it's still awake.
- **Your files go to Anthropic**. Projects run on Anthropic's cloud, so any business file you upload ends up on Anthropic's servers.
- **Shared custom memory**. Set a rule once for the whole project and every session you start in it follows that rule.
- **An Overview page** shows what's done, what's still running and what's waiting on you.

BRING IN YOUR SKILLS (FROM THE VIDEO)

Get the skills and context this project needs.

A PROJECT RULE (FROM THE VIDEO)

Write everything in Australian English.

The rule goes in the project's settings, under **Memory**, in the **Project instructions** box.

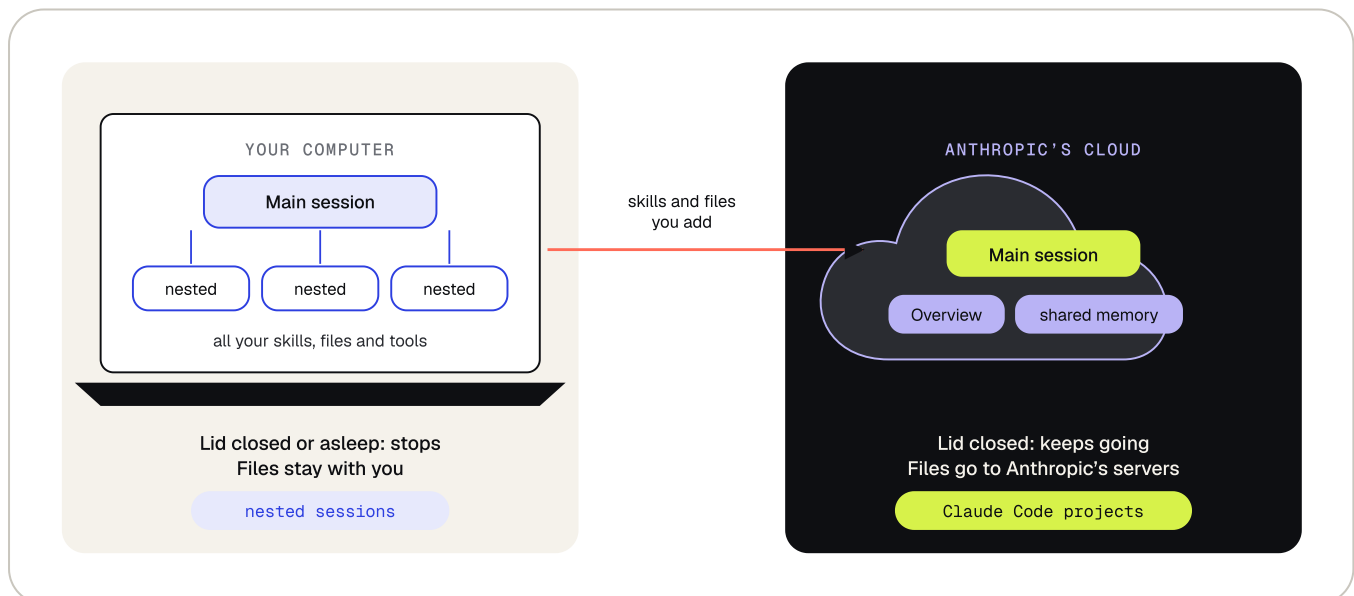


DIAGRAM Nested sessions stay on your computer. Projects live in the cloud and keep going with the lid closed.

Nested sessions vs projects

	NESTED SESSIONS	CLAUDE CODE PROJECTS
Where it runs	Your computer	The cloud
Laptop closed or asleep	Stops	Keeps going
Your skills, files and tools	All of them	The ones you add (upload them, or ask Claude to fetch them from your computer while it's awake)
Where your files go	They stay on your computer	Anthropic's servers
See progress	Reports to the main chat, or open any session in the sidebar	An Overview page: done, working, waiting on you
Best for	Work that needs your computer, or when you'd rather work locally	Big ongoing projects while you're away

Rule of thumb: needs your computer, or local work? Use nested sessions. Big ongoing project while you're away? Try projects.

Who has access

	FREE	PRO	MAX	TEAM	ENTERPRISE
Nested sessions (any plan with the Code tab; the docs name no plan limit, just update the app)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Claude Code projects (in testing, rolling out slowly)	No	Beta	Beta	Not yet	Not yet

Free has no Code tab. “Not yet” means coming, no date given. Projects are in beta and only on Pro and Max for now; Anthropic says Team and Enterprise follow the Pro and Max rollout.

Can't see Projects?

- 1 Look for **Projects** in your sidebar.
- 2 Not there? Check under **More** in the sidebar. That's usually where it hides.
- 3 Still nothing? Join the waitlist: claude.com/form/projects.

SOURCE
Claude Code docs, desktop app and Projects pages, checked 27 October 2026.

Side chats

Ask a question without interrupting the work.

Claude is deep into a long task and a question pops into your head. Asking in the main chat is a bad idea: you interrupt the work and burn more tokens. Side chats exist for exactly this.

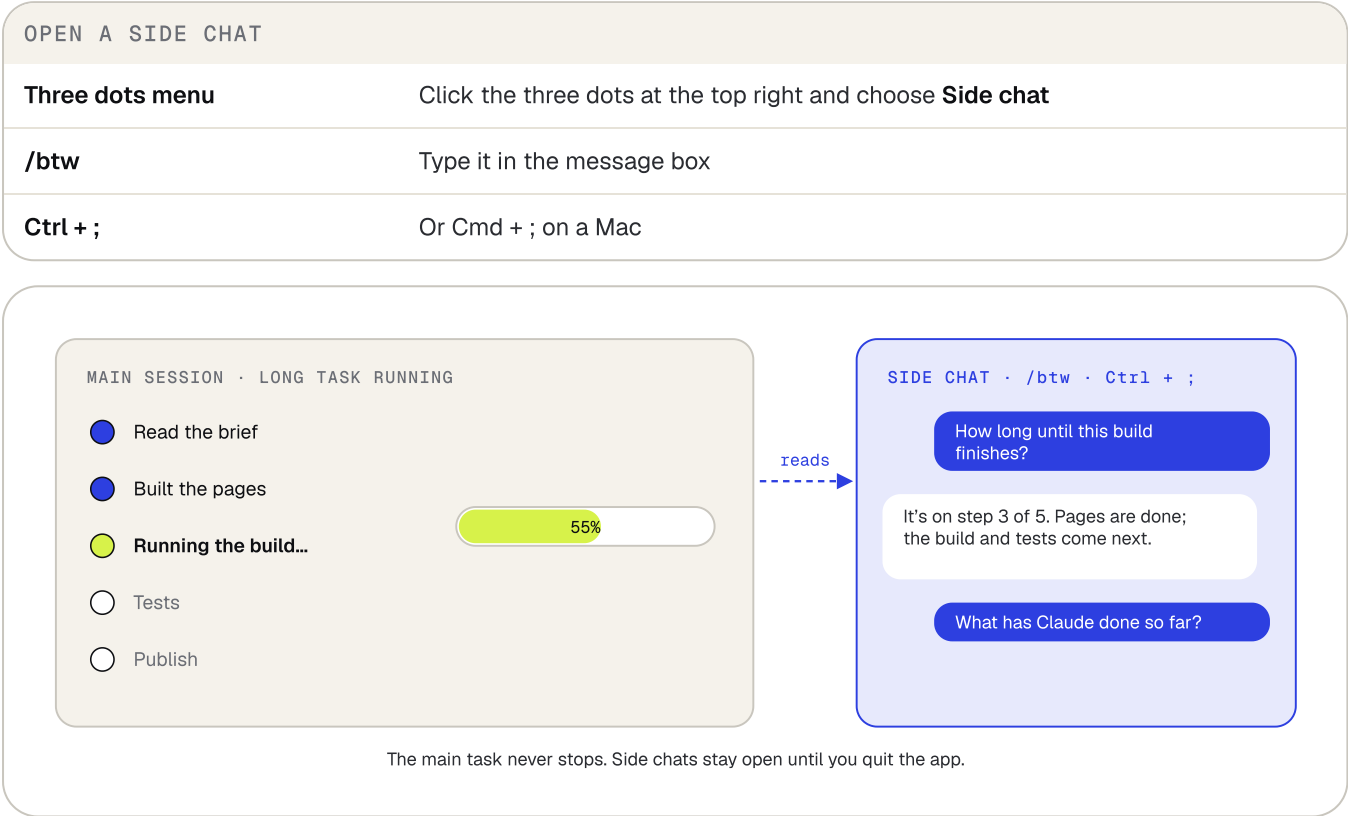


DIAGRAM The side chat reads the whole main session, answers alongside it, and never interrupts the task.

A new chat window opens next to the main one. It can read the entire main session, so you can ask it to explain what Claude has done so far or to check on progress.

Before, /btw opened a temporary chat that wasn't saved anywhere. Now you can open as many side chats as you like, and each one stays open so you can come back to it. One catch: the desktop app doesn't keep side chats once you quit it, so copy out anything worth keeping.

ASK A SIDE CHAT THINGS LIKE (FROM THE VIDEO)

How long until this build finishes?

What's this build even about?

What has Claude done so far?



Split view

Several chats on one screen at the same time.

TO DO THIS	WINDOWS	MAC
Open a chat beside this one	Hold Alt and click a chat in your sidebar	Hold Option and click
Or use the menu	Right-click the chat, choose Open in > Split view	Same
Fit more chats on screen	Zoom out: Ctrl + -	Cmd + -
Reset the zoom	Ctrl + 0	See Cmd + /

Zoomed out, up to ten different chats fit on one screen. Careful, though: that much on screen fills up your own brain’s context window. This one isn’t for beginners. Start with two side by side and add more once that feels easy.



Docs, Slides, Design, Dashboards, Motion

What you can make inside Claude.

Anthropic now has its own take on Google Docs and Google Slides, plus tools for design, dashboards and video. Each one produces what Anthropic calls an **artifact**: a canvas where you and Claude work on the same document, design or dashboard. You can leave comments for Claude to fix. And, as in Google Docs, you can publish any of them as a live link or share them with your team or a client.

TYPE	THINK OF IT AS	WHAT IT DOES
Docs	Google Docs	You and Claude write the same document together.
Slides	Google Slides	Makes presentations. Download them as PowerPoint or present straight from Claude.
Design	Canva	Claude’s answer to Canva: social posts, websites and anything visual. Anthropic is moving Claude Design in here for good, since the old standalone site (claude.ai/design) closes by 14 December 2026. Upload your design system under Settings > Design , or do what most people do and use a skill that brings your design system in.
Dashboards	Live numbers	The newest one. Pulls live data from your connected apps, so the numbers are current every time you open the link.
Motion	Animated video	Makes animated videos with code rather than a video model. That makes it far cheaper, since you don’t pay per generation, and the videos are easier to change. The author’s full video: youtube.com/watch?v=Eg08Lr3zqdw .

On Pro or Max? No Motion yet

	FREE	PRO	MAX	TEAM	ENTERPRISE
Docs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Slides	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Design	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dashboards	No	Beta	Beta	Beta	Beta (admin turns on)
Motion	No	No	No	Beta	Beta (admin turns on)

The headline: on Pro or Max today, the only thing you’re missing is Claude Motion, which is Team and Enterprise only for now. Source: Claude help centre and claude.com/pricing, checked 27 October 2026.

AI-powered artifacts

TURN IT ON [Settings > Capabilities](#)

“AI-powered artifacts”: on. The artifacts Claude builds for you can then have Claude inside them. If you want AI features in the artifacts you make, this is the one to try.

Example: a dashboard your team can ask

Say there's a dashboard you and your team use constantly. Ask Claude to add a chat window or a search bar right inside it, where anyone can type a question and Claude answers from the data on that dashboard.

TRY IT ON A DASHBOARD (FROM THE VIDEO)

Add a search bar where anyone can ask about this data

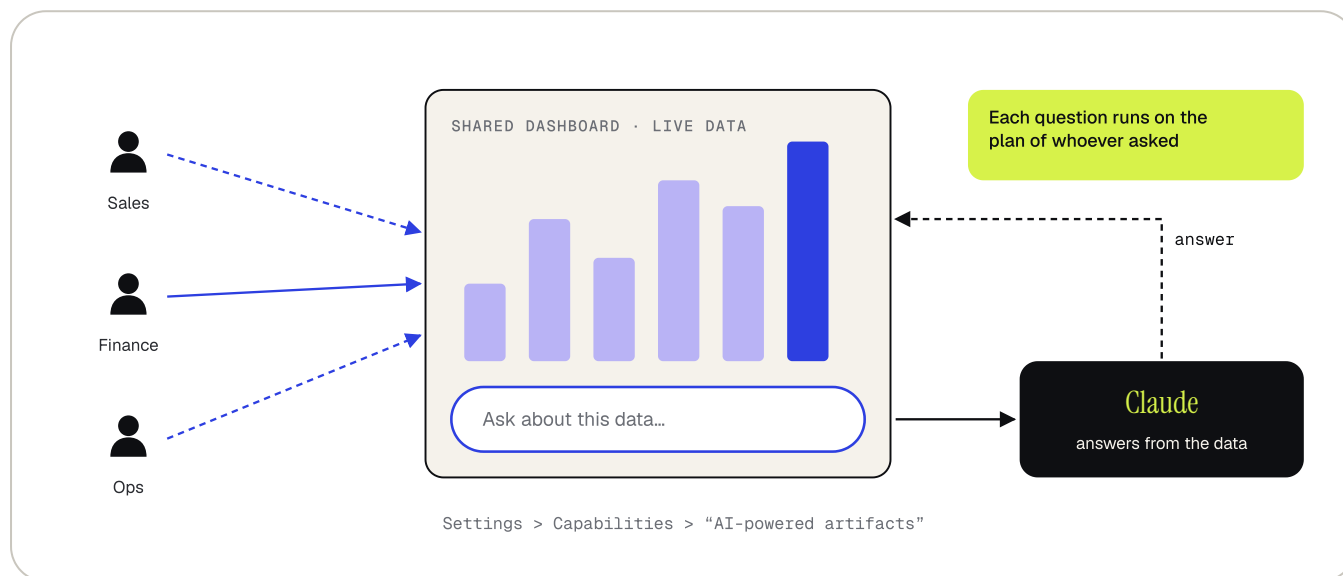


DIAGRAM Each teammate opens the link and asks; Claude answers from the dashboard's data, on the plan of whoever asked.

Sharing it with your team

Because artifacts can be shared, teammates just open the link you sent and ask it questions to get the data they need. The dashboard itself is AI-powered.

Nobody has to learn Claude Code, which matters most when you share with a wider audience. Each person signs in with their own Claude account, and every question runs on their own plan.



Slash commands worth knowing

Shortcuts you type, starting with a slash.

Anthropic shipped new slash commands and refreshed some of the most useful older ones. Type / in the message box to see them all. Here are seven.

COMMAND	WHAT IT DOES
/output-style	Changes how Claude talks to you. If answers feel too long or too technical, switch to a shorter, plainer style, like the ELI5 (“explain like I’m five”) style from another of the author’s videos, which has Claude speak without jargon. You can also ask Claude to build a style of your own.
/doctor	Runs a checkup on your setup. It reviews your settings and your CLAUDE.md (the instructions file Claude reads at the start of every chat) and offers to fix any problems it finds.
/skill-doctor	Shows what each skill costs in Claude’s working memory and how often you actually use it, so you can switch off the ones you never touch and save tokens. Needs Claude Code 2.1.252 or later.
/advisor	Lets Claude call in a stronger model, like Opus or even Fable, only when a big decision comes up. Run a cheaper model such as Sonnet most of the time, and it brings in the bigger one only when it judges a decision to be critical, so you don’t burn through your limits on the big models.

MAKE YOUR OWN OUTPUT STYLE (FROM THE VIDEO)

Make my own output style: short, warm, no jargon

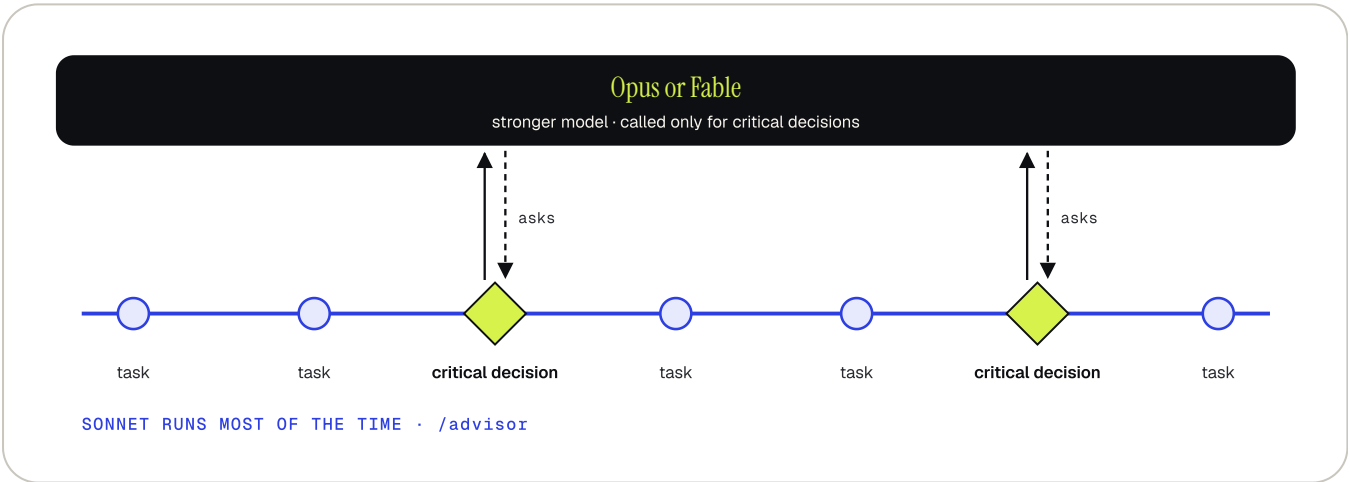


DIAGRAM With /advisor, a cheaper model does the everyday work and calls the bigger model only for critical decisions.

Three more quick ones

COMMAND	WHAT IT DOES
/insights	A report on how you use Claude Code, plus features to try.
/recap	A one-line summary of where the chat is up to, so you remember what you and Claude were working on.
/rewind	Takes you back to an earlier point in the chat. Think of it as Claude’s undo button.

Mods

Small add-ons that change how the app looks or works.

A mod is a small add-on that changes how the Claude Code app looks or behaves, and you can make one just by describing it to Claude. Mods are on by default in Claude Code 2.1.286 and later, and they work in the desktop app from that version on. Here are the guide author's two favourites.

1. Ribbon (the guide author's own mod, in daily use)

A slim bar above your chat box showing how much of your weekly usage is left. It also shows whether that chat's **prompt cache** is warm or cold, which goes a long way toward cutting token burn. Free and open source: github.com/robonuggets/ribbon.

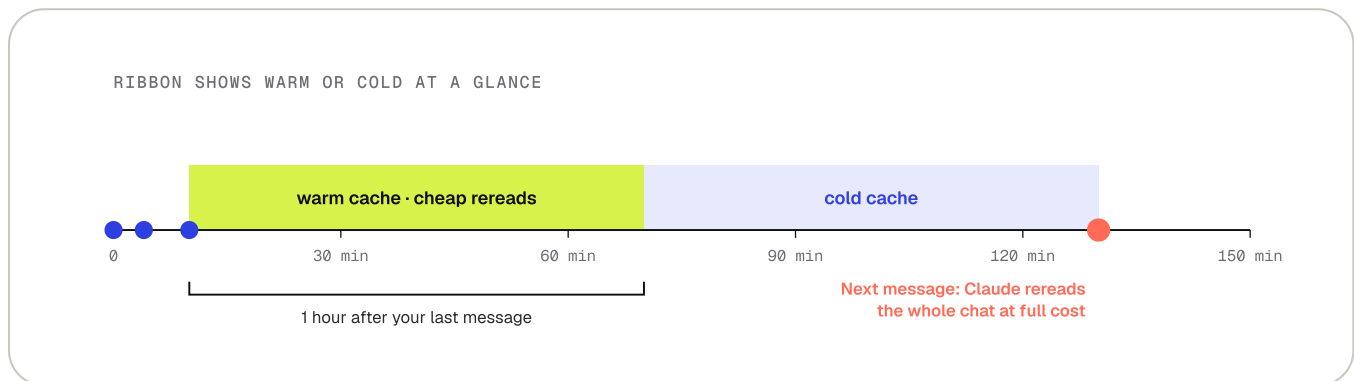


DIAGRAM Within an hour of your last message the cache is warm and the chat stays cheap. After that it goes cold, and the next message rereads everything at full price.

WHAT'S THE PROMPT CACHE?

It's short-term memory Claude keeps during a chat, so it doesn't have to reread the whole conversation every time you send a message. After an hour, the cache goes cold. The next message then makes Claude reread the entire conversation at the normal cost, which can take a real bite out of your limits. Seeing it at a glance saves tokens over time.

2. Savvy Progress

A progress bar above your chat box, so you can see how close Claude is to finishing a long task. On bigger jobs, where a team of helpers (subagents) shares the work, a live panel on the right shows each of them, complete with little pixel Claude crabs you can customise. Free and open source: github.com/JohnnyVizz/claude-kit.

Want to go deeper? The author's full video on Claude mods: youtube.com/watch?v=IDrAZ1wAyVs.

Install Ribbon

THE EASY WAY: SEND THIS TO YOUR AGENT

install this <https://github.com/robonuggets/ribbon>

Your agent runs one command and the bar shows up in your next session.

OR BY HAND, IN A CLAUDE CODE TERMINAL SESSION

```
/plugin install ribbon --marketplace robonuggets/ribbon
```

Type **y** when it asks “Add marketplace?”, pick the user scope with Enter, then start a new session.

Install Savvy Progress

IN CLAUDE CODE, TYPE THESE ONE AT A TIME

```
/plugin marketplace add johnnyvizz/claude-kit  
/plugin install savvy-progress@claude-kit
```

Restart the session afterwards.

Mods are built on an early-access Claude Code feature, so things can change between releases. If Savvy Progress doesn't appear after installing it this way, download the repository once and load it by hand:

IN YOUR TERMINAL

```
git clone https://github.com/johnnyvizz/claude-kit.git ~/claude-kit
```

THEN ADD THIS TO ~/.CLAUDE/SETTINGS.JSON

```
{  
  "env": {  
    "CLAUDE_CODE_PLUGIN_DIRS": "~/claude-kit/plugins/savvy-progress"  
  }  
}
```

That loads it in every session, desktop app included. If the setting already exists, add to it rather than replacing it. On Windows, use the full folder path and separate several folders with ; instead of .:. Your .claude folder sits inside your user folder. To update, run **git pull** in the claude-kit folder.



Keyboard shortcuts

A few that save a lot of time.

SHORTCUT	WHAT FOR	DETAILS
Ctrl + Alt + Space	Open Claude from anywhere	Press the three keys anywhere on your computer. Halfway through an email and want help? Press them, ask (say, “Make this reply shorter and friendlier”), and it opens as a new chat in the app. Windows; on a Mac, find yours in the full list (Cmd + /).
Esc Esc	Rewind	Press Escape twice to open /rewind. Go back to an earlier prompt and undo the conversation after it.
Ctrl + D	Talk instead of type	Turns on voice transcription: you speak, Claude turns it into text. On a Mac, find yours in the full list (Cmd + /).
Ctrl + /	See every shortcut	There are quite a few. This shows the full list. Mac: Cmd + /.

More shortcuts from this guide

WINDOWS	MAC	WHAT IT DOES
Ctrl + ; or /btw	Cmd + ;	Open a side chat
Alt + click a chat	Option + click	Open it in split view
Ctrl + -	Cmd + -	Zoom out to fit more chats
Ctrl + 0	See Cmd + /	Reset the zoom

Shortcuts look like a small thing, but if you use Claude a lot, learning them pays off.

Where this goes next

Switching things on is the easy part. Running Claude like a team is what pays.

Switching these on is the easy part: most of this guide takes a few minutes. The skill that pays is **running Claude like a team**: one master session, the right work in the right place, and setups built for your own business and for the clients you serve.

That's how BossaMotion runs today: one coordinator keeping track of several workstreams, each workstream in its own chat, project rules written once, and deliverables that come back for sign-off. It's the same design we bring into our clients' operations, with agents handling the repetitive work and people deciding what matters.

SOURCE

"Claude 2.0: the desktop app guide" by RoboNuggets (skool.com/robonuggets), checked 27 October 2026. The content comes from the author and Anthropic's documentation; the rewrite, structure and diagrams are BossaMotion's.

Every link

From the video, plus the sources for the facts in this guide.

WHAT	LINK
Projects waitlist	claude.com/form/projects
Ribbon mod	github.com/robonuggets/ribbon
Savvy Progress mod	github.com/JohnnyVizz/claude-kit
Video: Claude Motion	youtube.com/watch?v=Eg08Lr3zqdw
Video: Claude mods	youtube.com/watch?v=IDrAZ1wAyVs
Video: the ELI5 output style	youtube.com/watch?v=HH6QqWyXJu8
The 14 Oct desktop update (ClaudeDevs)	x.com/ClaudeDevs/status/2110445844675838148
Thariq, then on the Claude Code team: “almost like a v2”	x.com/trq212/status/2110463962877989276
The mods launch (ClaudeDevs)	x.com/ClaudeDevs/status/2105721434807083061
Claude Code changelog (Claude Design closing date, 2.1.302)	code.claude.com/docs/en/changelog
Desktop app docs	code.claude.com/docs/en/desktop
Claude Code projects docs	code.claude.com/docs/en/claude-projects
Slash commands reference	code.claude.com/docs/en/commands
Dashboards and Motion launch	claude.com/resources/articles/dashboards-and-motion

The setup checklist

Everything from the video, in order. Tick them off as you go.

LAYOUT AND SETTINGS

- ☐ Open the Code tab and click Show session rail 01
- ☐ Settings > Claude Code: "Connect new sessions to Remote Control" 01
- ☐ Settings > Claude Code: "Keep computer awake while Claude works" 01
- ☐ Run the context clean-up prompt 01

SESSIONS

- ☐ Sort your chats into sections: three dots, Move to > New section 02
- ☐ Ask Claude for a few tasks at once, each in its own nested session 03
- ☐ Pin a master session and tell Claude it's your master session 04
- ☐ Find Projects: your sidebar, then More, then the waitlist (Pro and Max) 05
- ☐ Open a side chat: three dots at the top right, /btw or Ctrl + ; 06
- ☐ Try split view with two chats: Alt + click 07

TOOLS AND EXTRAS

- ☐ Make one artifact, and check your plan in the artifacts table 08
- ☐ Settings > Capabilities: "AI-powered artifacts", then add a search bar to a dashboard 08
- ☐ Try /output-style, /doctor, /skill-doctor and /advisor 09
- ☐ Install the Ribbon and Savvy Progress mods 10
- ☐ Press Ctrl + Alt + Space to open Claude from anywhere (Windows) 11
- ☐ Press Esc twice to rewind, and Ctrl + D to talk instead of type 11
- ☐ Press Ctrl + / (Cmd + / on a Mac) to see every shortcut 11