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The Claude Dispatch Setup Guide

Set up Dispatch and Remote Control, port your skills, and start running AI workflows from your phone in under 10 minutes.

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What's inside

Dispatch + Remote Control setup

Skills porting + Scheduling

Security comparison + Pro tips

THE ANNOUNCEMENT

What Just Changed

Claude Dispatch: your phone is the interface, your desktop is the engine

Anthropic shipped two features that split Claude into two layers: **your phone gives the orders, your desktop does the work.**

The work still happens on your computer. You just don't need to be sitting at it anymore. Simple systems like this save **2-3 hours per day**.

DISPATCH

For **Cowork**. Text Claude a task from your phone. It runs on your desktop using your local files and tools. Results come back to your phone when done.

REMOTE CONTROL

For **Claude Code**. Start a session at your desk, pick it up from your phone anywhere. Filesystem, MCP servers, and config never leave your machine.

REQUIREMENT

Both features require your **computer to be awake** and Claude to be running. Many people use a dedicated Mac Mini plugged in 24/7.

ARCHITECTURE

How the Full Stack Works

The five layers of the Claude agent ecosystem

Dispatch isn't standalone. It's a remote control for a **full agent system** already running on your desktop. Most people don't realize these layers all work together.

1 **Cowork — The Engine**

The mode inside Claude Desktop that turns Claude into an agent. Reads and writes files, creates spreadsheets and documents, runs sub-agents, connects to Google Drive, Gmail, Slack, and 50+ tools.

2 **Plugins — The Tool Belt**

Bundles of skills + connectors + sub-agents. One-click install. Sales, marketing, finance, legal, engineering, HR, design, operations, data. Build your own with Plugin Create.

3 **Skills — The Instructions**

Folders with scripts, templates, and reference data that teach Claude how to do your specific tasks. Type "/" to see skills. Custom skills = your brand voice, reporting format, client workflow.

4 **Scheduled Tasks — The Autopilot**

Describe once, set frequency, Claude handles it on repeat. Daily briefings, weekly reports, competitor research, inbox cleaning — all automated.

5 **Dispatch — The Remote**

One persistent conversation syncing phone and desktop. Send a message from anywhere. Claude uses all four layers above to execute. Results come back to your phone.

How one message triggers all five

```
You send: "Compile my weekly sales report"
1. Dispatch sends the message to your desktop
2. Cowork receives it and starts a session
3. The relevant plugin connects to Google Sheets + CRM
4. The relevant skill formats the report your way
5. Cowork produces the finished document
6. You see the result on your phone
```

Why This Kills OpenClaw

Before Dispatch, the workaround was tools like OpenClaw — text a bot in Telegram, it runs tasks using your API keys. **Cool concept. Terrible execution.**

PROBLEM	OPENCLAW	DISPATCH
Security	`FAIL` API keys exposed. Tens of thousands leaked.	`SAFE` Everything runs locally, sandboxed.
Permissions	`FAIL` Full access, no guardrails.	`SAFE` Allow-listing per action.
Cost	`$$$$` Pay-per-token. ~$100 in first days.	`FLAT` Monthly subscription. 4-8x cheaper.
Infrastructure	Third-party servers.	**Runs on your own computer.**
Trust	Random third-party dev.	**Built by Anthropic.**

Set Up Dispatch

Total time: about 5 minutes.

1 Go to **claude.com/download**. Download Claude Desktop for your OS. If already installed, update to the latest version.

2 Open the app. Click the **Cowork** tab at the top. Hotkey: **Cmd+2** on Mac.

3 Click **Customize** in the sidebar, then **Browse plugins**. Install plugins for your work (sales, marketing, finance, etc.).

4 Go to **Settings > Capabilities**. Turn on **Code execution and file creation**. Then **Customize > Skills** — toggle on what you need.

5   Find **Dispatch** in the sidebar. Click **Get started**. Grant permissions: keep computer awake, Chrome access, file access. Click **Finish setup**.

6   Download the **Claude mobile app** (iOS or Android). Sign in with the same account. Scroll to **Dispatch** and tap **Pair with your desktop**.

> **TEST IT**
>
> Send a message from your phone. It should appear on your desktop instantly. If it works, you're set.

> **PLANS**
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> **Dispatch** is on Max plans now, rolling out to Pro next. Always select **Opus 4.6 + Extended thinking** in Cowork for best output.

SETUP GUIDE

Set Up Remote Control

For Claude Code users. Pick up any coding session from your phone.

1. Check your version

You need **v2.1.51 or later**.

```
                                                      TERMINAL
$ claude --version
# If behind:
$ claude update
```

2. Start Remote Control

```
                                                   NEW SESSION
$ cd /path/to/your/project
$ claude remote-control
```

```
                                              EXISTING SESSION
# Inside a running Claude Code session:
/remote-control
```

3. Connect your phone

Press **spacebar** to show a QR code. Open the Claude mobile app. Scan it. Connected.

STAYS LOCAL

Filesystem, MCP servers, tools, project config. **Nothing moves to the cloud.**

MULTI-DEVICE

Terminal, browser, phone share the **same live session**. Auto-reconnects if network drops.

AVAILABILITY

All plans (Pro, Max, and free). Requires Claude Code v2.1.51+.

Port Your Claude Code Skills to Cowork

Already using Claude Code with custom skills? Bring them into Cowork so they work with Dispatch.

1 Find your skills. **Global:** `~/.claude/skills/` — **Project:** `.claude/skills/`

2 Open a Cowork session. Tell Claude: **"I want to add my existing Claude Code skills to Cowork"** and point it to your skills folder.

3 Claude reads each skill, converts it, and shows you a list. Click **Copy to my skills** for each one.

4 Type **/** in any Cowork conversation. Your imported skills should appear alongside built-in ones.

AUTOMATION

Set Up Scheduled Tasks

Describe a task once, set the frequency, Claude handles it on repeat.

Type **/schedule** in any Cowork conversation, then describe what you want and how often.

Click **Scheduled** in the left sidebar. Click **+ New task**. Set frequency: hourly, daily, weekly, weekdays, or manual.

TASK	FREQUENCY	WHAT IT DOES
Morning briefing	Daily, 7am	Pulls from Slack + email + calendar, creates a summary
Competitor watch	Weekly, Mon	Checks competitor sites, social, and news for changes
Inbox cleaner	Daily, 8am	Marks spam as read, pre-drafts replies for important emails
Pipeline update	Weekly, Fri	Pulls CRM data, creates formatted pipeline report

IN ACTION

What to Run From Your Phone

Actual workflows you can trigger from Dispatch the moment you're set up.

1 **Lead Scraping**

FROM YOUR PHONE

> "Scrape 200 agency owners in California with 1–10 employees. Get names, phone numbers, and emails."

WHAT HAPPENS

Dispatch sends it to Cowork. The skill generates search keywords, runs a test scrape, scales to the full list. **Sub-agents run in parallel.** Minutes later, the dataset lands on your phone. Click a phone number and start cold calling right there.

2   Inbox Cleaning

FROM YOUR PHONE

```
"Run inbox cleaner"
```

WHAT HAPPENS

Claude connects to your email, classifies each message. Marks junk as read. For important emails, **pre-drafts a reply based on your past communication style**. You QA from your pocket. Saves 30-60 minutes per day.

3   Thumbnail Generation

FROM YOUR PHONE

```
"Recreate this thumbnail but with my face [paste link]"
```

WHAT HAPPENS

Claude fetches the reference, analyzes the design, runs your thumbnail skill with **face-swapping**. Multiple variations created and delivered to your phone. Results on phone AND desktop simultaneously.

PARALLEL EXECUTION

All of the above can run at the same time. Each task creates a new "dispatch" tab in Cowork with its own sub-agent. Three tasks in parallel, all reporting back independently.

EXPERT MODE

Pro Tips

01   **Keep your computer awake.** The #1 gotcha. Many people buy a Mac Mini, plug it in, and leave it running 24/7. If your computer sleeps, Dispatch can't reach it.

02   **Always use Opus 4.6 + Extended Thinking.** Slower but dramatically better for complex tasks.

03   **Permission prompts are a feature.** When a skill needs access you haven't approved, Dispatch shows a request. This allow-listing model makes it 10x safer than OpenClaw.

04   **Dispatch keeps a single persistent thread.** Unlike regular Cowork, your Dispatch thread retains context from every previous task. Claude remembers yesterday.

05   **Use text replacement.** Mac: System Settings > Keyboard > Text Replacement. Add shortcuts like `/scrape` that expand to full prompts. Works on iOS too.

06   **Pair with voice-to-text.** Tools like Wispr Flow let you dictate a task, have Claude plan it, then execute remotely — all without typing.

REQUIREMENTS

What You Need

REQUIREMENT	DISPATCH	REMOTE CONTROL
Claude Desktop	`Required` (latest)	Not needed
Claude Code	Not needed	`Required` (v2.1.51+)
Mobile App	`Required`	`Required`
Plan	Max (Pro coming soon)	**All plans**
Computer awake	`Required`	`Required`

Need Hands-On Help?

If your company needs help implementing AI workflows, agent systems, or custom skill libraries — reach out.

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