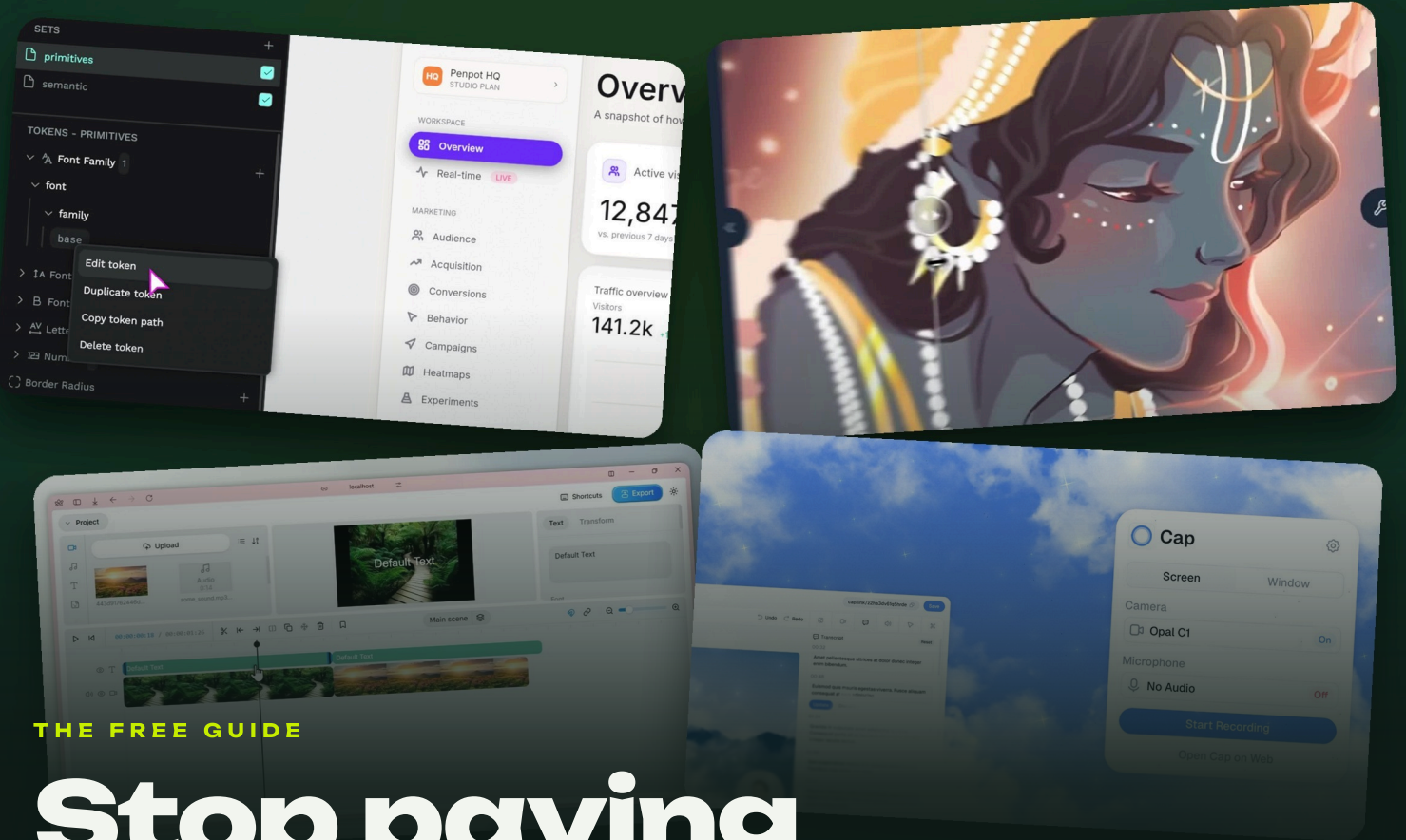




THE FREE GUIDE

Stop paying for software

Five free, open-source apps that replace the ones charging you every month, each one explained from download to your first finished project. Plus a 7-day plan to switch and cancel for good.

- 5**
 free apps that replace paid tools
- \$0**
 to start with every one of them
- Step**
 by step, from download to first project
- 100%**
 open source, code on GitHub

Read this first

What "free and open source" means, and how to use this guide

Every app in this guide is **open source**: its code is public on GitHub, thousands of people use and improve it, and nobody can suddenly lock your work behind a new subscription. Most can even run fully on your own computer. Each one replaces an app many people pay for every month.

YOU PAY FOR	USE INSTEAD	WHERE IT RUNS	GITHUB ★
CapCut (video editing)	OpenCut	Your browser	95K
Figma (design)	Penpot	Your browser, or your own server	61K
Paid AI image upscalers	Upscayl	Mac, Windows, Linux app	51K
Loom (screen recording)	Cap	Mac and Windows app	23K
ElevenLabs (AI voice)	Chatterbox	Free online demo, or your computer	27K

GitHub stars, licenses and latest updates checked on October 19, 2026. Apps, features and pricing change, so check each project's own site before you rely on it. AGI Point is not affiliated with any of these projects. Share this guide as it is.

Three rules for installing free software safely

- 1. Only official links**

Download from the project's own website or its GitHub "Releases" page. Every link in this guide is official. Never from "free download" sites.
- 2. Expect a warning once**

Mac and Windows warn you about apps not from their stores. For the apps here, it's normal: each section shows exactly what to click.
- 3. Keep your old files**

Before you cancel anything, export your projects from the paid app. Day 6 of the switch plan is for that.

How to use this guide

Start with the app that replaces your most expensive subscription. Each one has: what it is, what you need, how to install it on Mac and Windows, your first project step by step, pro tips, and honest limits. Words in **green bold** are buttons you'll see on screen.

STUCK? ASK CLAUDE

Take a screenshot of the screen you're stuck on, paste it into Claude (or ChatGPT) and type: "I'm installing [app] on my [Mac/Windows]. This is what I see. What exactly do I click next?" It works surprisingly well.

YOU JUST GOT THE FREE GUIDE · READ THIS FIRST

Free apps save money. Reel Studio saves your time.

This free guide moves you to 5 free apps, and **you still do every click yourself**. If you make videos, **Reel Studio** is the full version: Claude makes the whole reel for you. You only approve it.

FREE · THIS GUIDE

Free apps: you do every click

- You cut the video in OpenCut, clip by clip
- You record in Cap and voice it in Chatterbox
- You type captions and hunt for music
- You check every frame yourself
- You write the post

Good to stop paying. Free, and yours: just turn the page.

REEL STUDIO · THE FULL VERSION

Claude makes the whole reel

≈50 HOURS SAVED

- ✓ **Researches the topic** and checks every fact, with links
- ✓ **Writes the script** with a real hook (50 viral hooks inside)
- ✓ **Voices it:** your voice, a cloned or free voice, plus an AI presenter
- ✓ **Edits every shot on its word:** captions, labels, music, 1080×1920
- ✓ **34 viral sound effects**, each on its exact word
- ✓ **Checks every frame:** sync, flashes, cut-off text, loudness
- ✓ **Writes the post:** caption, comment keyword, hashtags

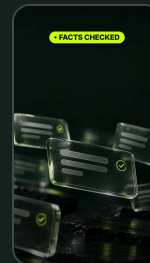
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[Get it now →](#)

FROM THE EXAMPLE REEL

Real frames from the example reel Claude builds in your first ten minutes with Reel Studio: facts checked, captions on the word, one idea in, one reel out.



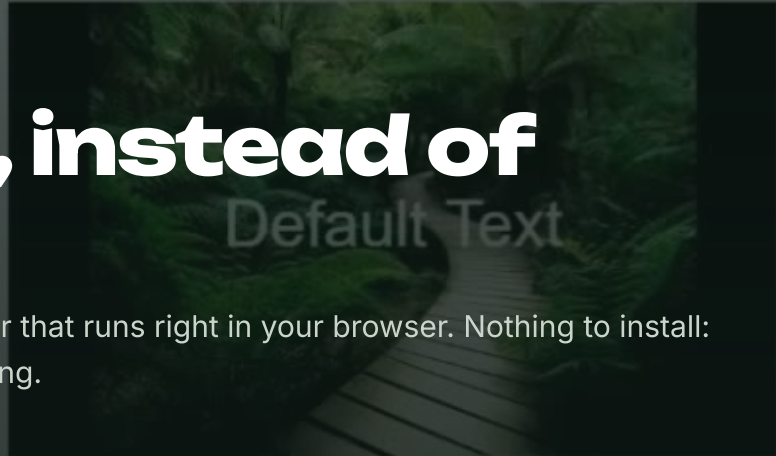
EVERYTHING INCLUDED IN REEL STUDIO

[7 Claude skills](#)
[Video engine](#)
[34 sound effects](#)
[50 viral hooks](#)
[AI presenter on your lines](#)
[Example reel](#)
[28-page course](#)

01

OpenCut, instead of CapCut

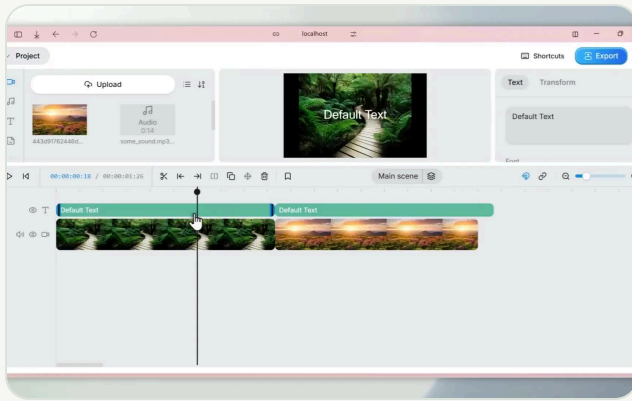
A free, open-source video editor that runs right in your browser. Nothing to install: open the website and start cutting.



IN THIS PART

- What OpenCut is, and its current state
- Your first edit, step by step
- Text, music and export
- Limits to know

15 MINUTES



01 • INSTEAD OF CAPCUT

OpenCut

A free and open-source video editor for web, desktop and mobile. For short videos, reels and simple edits.

Runs in

Your browser (Chrome works best)

License

MIT, 95K ★ on GitHub

Costs

\$0

Account

Not needed to try

GOOD TO KNOW BEFORE YOU START

OpenCut is being rewritten from the ground up. **opencut.app** runs the current "classic" version, which is the one to use today. The new version is being built at **new.opencut.app** and will take over when it's ready.

Your first edit, step by step

- 1 Open opencut.app in Chrome**
 Press the button to open the editor (on the classic site it says **Try early beta**).
- 2 Create a project**
 Press **New project**. Pick a vertical 9:16 size if you're making a reel.
- 3 Bring in your clips**
 Drag your videos, photos and music from a folder on your computer into the media panel on the left.
- 4 Put them on the timeline**
 Drag each clip from the media panel down onto the timeline at the bottom, in the order you want.
- 5 Cut out what you don't need**
 Move the playhead (the vertical line) to where you want to cut, split the clip there, select the unwanted piece and delete it. Repeat until only the good parts are left.
- 6 Add text and music**
 Add a text layer for your hook at the top of the frame, and drag your music onto its own track under the video. Lower the music volume so the voice stays clear.
- 7 Export**
 Press **Export**, choose the quality, and save the video file to your computer.

PRO TIPS

- Name your project before you start, so you can find it again.
- Keep all clips for one video in one folder before you import them.
- Watch the exported file from start to end before you post it.

HONEST LIMITS

OpenCut is younger than CapCut: fewer effects, templates and auto-captions, and the classic version won't get big new features while the rewrite is happening. For simple cuts, text and music it's all you need. Keep a copy of your source clips in case a browser project gets lost.

If something goes wrong

YOU SEE	DO THIS
A video won't import	Convert it to a standard MP4 (H.264) first, for example with the free app HandBrake, then drag it in again.
The editor feels slow	Close other tabs, use Chrome, and trim very long clips before importing them.
Export takes forever	Keep the OpenCut tab open and in front while it exports; browsers slow down background tabs.
My project disappeared	Projects live in your browser's storage: clearing site data removes them. Keep your source clips so you can rebuild.

Open OpenCut →opencut.app**GitHub →**github.com/OpenCut-app/OpenCut**SHORTCUT · REEL STUDIO**

Editing every clip by hand?

Reel Studio edits for you: every shot cut on its word, captions, labels, music and sound effects, then a frame-by-frame check.

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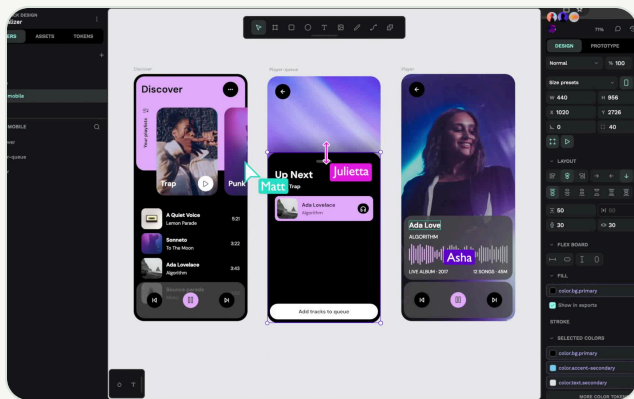
Penpot, instead of Figma

Open-source design and prototyping in your browser: screens, components, design tokens, clickable prototypes and real code for developers.

IN THIS PART

- Make a free account
- Your first design, step by step
- Prototype and share
- Moving over from Figma

20 MINUTES



02 · INSTEAD OF FIGMA

Penpot

An open-source design platform for websites, apps and social graphics. Real-time collaboration, components, design tokens and flex and grid layouts that behave like real code.

Runs in

License

Costs

Account

Browser, or self-hosted

MPL-2.0, 61K ★

Free to use

Free sign-up

Your first design, step by step

- 1 Sign up free at penpot.app**
 Press **Try Penpot - It's free** and create an account with your email or Google.
- 2 Create a project and a file**
 On your dashboard, make a project (for example "Social posts") and inside it a new file. A file is like a Figma file: one canvas with many boards.
- 3 Add a board**
 Pick the board tool from the toolbar and choose a preset size, such as an Instagram post or a phone screen. A board is your frame.
- 4 Add shapes, text and images**
 Use the rectangle, ellipse and text tools. Drag an image file from your computer straight onto the board.
- 5 Style it on the right**
 The right-hand panel changes the selected item: fill colour, stroke, shadow, font, size, corner radius.
- 6 Export**
 Select the board, find the **Export** section at the bottom of the right panel, choose PNG, JPG, SVG or PDF, and export.

Prototype and share

Make it clickable

Open the **Prototype** tab, select a button and drag its link to the board it should open. Press the play button to try it like a real app.

Hand it to a developer

The **Inspect** tab shows ready CSS, SVG and HTML for anything you select, so developers can copy exact values.

COMING FROM FIGMA?

Penpot's help center has a migration guide for moving a design system from Figma (help.penpot.app → First Steps → Migration Guide). Move one small project first and check fonts and components before you move everything.

HONEST LIMITS

Figma has more plugins, more community files, and many teams already use it. If your clients send you Figma files, you may need to keep a free Figma account to open them. For your own work, Penpot covers design, components and prototypes.

If something goes wrong

YOU SEE	DO THIS
My fonts look different	Upload the font files you use to Penpot's fonts section on your dashboard, then reselect them in the file.
The canvas is blank or slow	Penpot's help center has a "Troubleshooting WebGL" page: usually updating the browser or turning on hardware acceleration fixes it.
I can't open a Figma file	Follow the migration guide in Penpot's help center, and move one small project first.
My team can't see my file	Put the file in a shared team (not your drafts) and invite them by email.

Open Penpot →
penpot.app

GitHub →
github.com/penpot/penpot

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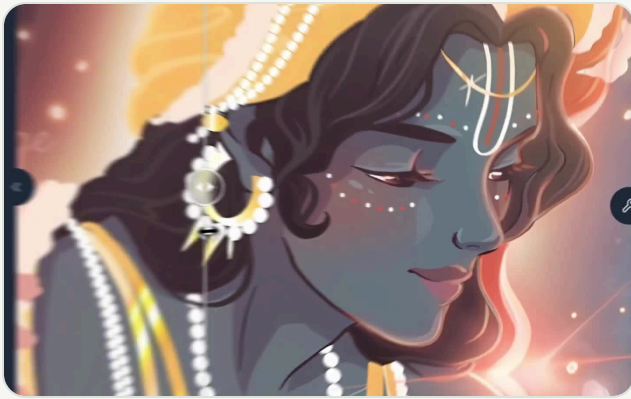
Upscayl, instead of paid AI upscalers

Make small or blurry images bigger and sharper with AI, on your own computer, with no credits, no watermark and no upload.

IN THIS PART

- Check your computer can run it
- Your first upscale
- Install on Mac or Windows
- Whole folders at once

10 MINUTES



03 • INSTEAD OF PAID AI UPSCALERS

Upscayl

A free and open-source AI image upscaler. Enlarge and sharpen photos, screenshots and digital art without losing quality.

Runs on

Mac 12+, Windows 10+, Linux

License

AGPL-3.0, 51K ★

Costs

\$0

Needs

A Vulkan-compatible graphics card

CHECK THIS FIRST

Upscayl needs a graphics card that supports Vulkan. Most recent Macs and gaming PCs are fine; some laptops with built-in (integrated) graphics won't work. Trying costs nothing, and the project keeps a compatibility list on its GitHub wiki.

Install it

MAC macOS 12 or newer

1. Download the `.dmg` file from upscayl.org.
2. Double-click it and drag the Upscayl icon into **Applications**.
3. Open Finder → **Applications**, right-click Upscayl → **Open**, then **Open** again.
4. Use Homebrew? `brew install --cask upscayl` does it all.

WINDOWS Windows 10 or newer

1. Download the `.exe` file from upscayl.org.
2. Double-click it to start the installer.
3. If a blue SmartScreen window appears, click **More info** → **Run anyway**.
4. Follow the installer steps.

Your first upscale, step by step

1 Select an image

Press **Select Image** (step 1 in the app) or drag a picture onto the window.

2 Pick a model

A model is the AI "style" of upscaling. Use a general photo model for photos and the digital art model for drawings, logos and screenshots. Try two and compare.

3 Choose where to save

Set the output folder. By default it saves next to the original.

4 Press Upscayl

Wait a few seconds to a minute. Then drag the slider across the image to compare before and after.

PRO TIPS

- Turn on batch mode to upscale a whole folder in one go.
- Upscale before you print or crop tightly: it gives you room to zoom.
- More models are available from the project's custom-models page on GitHub.

HONEST LIMITS

AI upscaling guesses detail that wasn't there: great for photos and art, not for evidence or documents where every letter must be exact. Big images on older computers can be slow.

If something goes wrong

YOU SEE	DO THIS
Nothing happens, or a Vulkan error	Your graphics chip may not support Vulkan. Check the compatibility list on Upscayl's GitHub wiki.
Mac says the app can't be opened	Right-click Upscayl → Open. Or System Settings → Privacy & Security → scroll down → Open Anyway.
The result looks plastic or fake	Try a different model, or a smaller scale. Photos and drawings need different models.
It's very slow	Upscale smaller images, close other heavy apps, and use batch mode overnight for big folders.

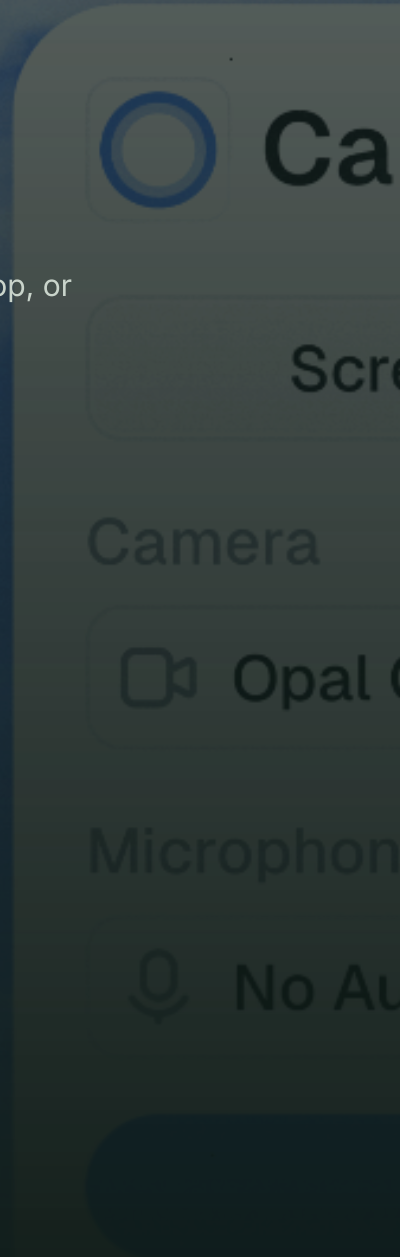
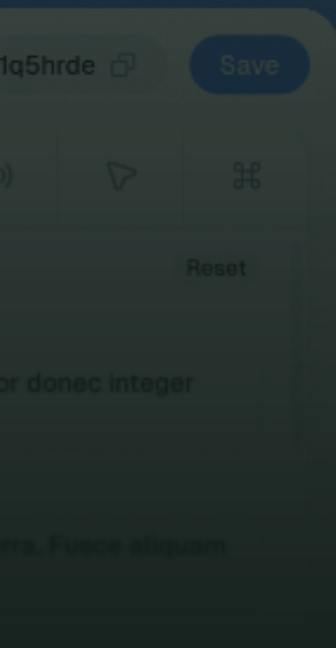
Download Upscayl →
upscayl.org

GitHub →
github.com/upscayl/upscayl

04

Cap, instead of Loom

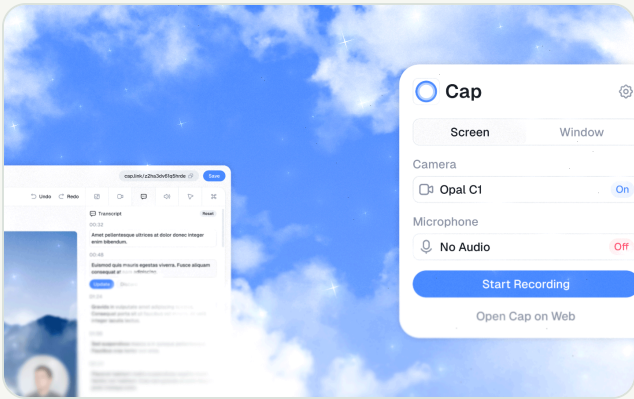
Record your screen, camera and voice, then share a link the moment you stop, or edit a polished version first.



IN THIS PART

- Install and allow screen recording
- Your first recording
- Instant Mode vs Studio Mode
- Moving your Loom videos

10 MINUTES



04 • INSTEAD OF LOOM

Cap

The open-source alternative to Loom: fast screen recording, local editing, instant share links, comments, transcripts and full self-hosting if you want it.

- Runs on
- Code
- Costs
- Account

- macOS and Windows
- Open source, 23K ★
- Free to start; Cap Pro is a paid upgrade
- Sign in or create one

Install it

- 1 Download from cap.so/download**
Pick Mac or Windows. On a Mac, drag Cap into **Applications**; on Windows, run the installer.
- 2 Sign in or create an account**
Cap asks for this when you first open it.
- 3 Allow screen recording (Mac)**
When macOS asks, open **System Settings** → **Privacy & Security** → **Screen & System Audio Recording** and turn Cap on. Do the same for **Camera** and **Microphone**. Then reopen Cap.

Instant Mode or Studio Mode?

MODE	BEST FOR	WHAT HAPPENS
Instant Mode	Quick feedback, bug reports, updates to your team	Cap uploads while you record and gives you a share link as soon as you stop.
Studio Mode	Tutorials, demos, launches, client work	Cap records on your computer and opens an editor: backgrounds, zooms, trimming, captions, then export or share.

Your first recording

- 1 Choose what to record**
The whole screen, one window, or an area. Turn your camera and microphone on or off.
- 2 Pick the mode**
Instant for a quick link, Studio for a polished video.
- 3 Record**
Press **Start recording**, do your thing, press stop.

4

Share or export

Copy the link and send it, or export the video file (Studio) to post anywhere.

PRO TIPS

- Close notifications and private tabs before you record.
- Cap AI can write titles, summaries, chapters and captions for you.
- Moving from Loom? Cap can import your existing Loom videos.

HONEST LIMITS

Free is enough to record, edit and share. Cap Pro adds more cloud features; check cap.so/pricing for current limits. If you never want videos on someone else's server, use Studio Mode and keep files local, or self-host Cap.

If something goes wrong

YOU SEE	DO THIS
The recording is black (Mac)	Turn Cap on in System Settings → Privacy & Security → Screen & System Audio Recording, then quit and reopen Cap.
No sound in the video	Pick the right microphone in Cap before you record, and allow Microphone access in the same settings.
The upload is slow	Use Studio Mode to record locally and export the file, or share later on a faster connection.
I don't want the link public	Change the share settings or add a password before you send it, or keep the video local.

Download Cap →cap.so**GitHub →**github.com/CapSoftware/Cap

SHORTCUT · REEL STUDIO

Recorded it? Let Claude make the reel.

Reel Studio writes the script, voices it, edits every shot, adds music and checks every frame. You approve and post.

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05

Chatterbox, instead of ElevenLabs

Open-source AI voices from Resemble AI: natural speech in 23+ languages and voice cloning from a short clip. Try it free online, or run it on your own computer.

IN THIS PART

- Try it in 1 minute, online
- Run it on your computer
- Clone a voice (with permission)
- Let Claude set it up for you

5 TO 30 MINUTES

05 • INSTEAD OF ELEVENLABS

Chatterbox

A family of open-source text-to-speech models by Resemble AI: **Multilingual V3** for 23+ languages and voice cloning, **Turbo** for fast English with tags like `[laugh]`, and **Nano** for running on a normal CPU.

Runs on

License

Costs

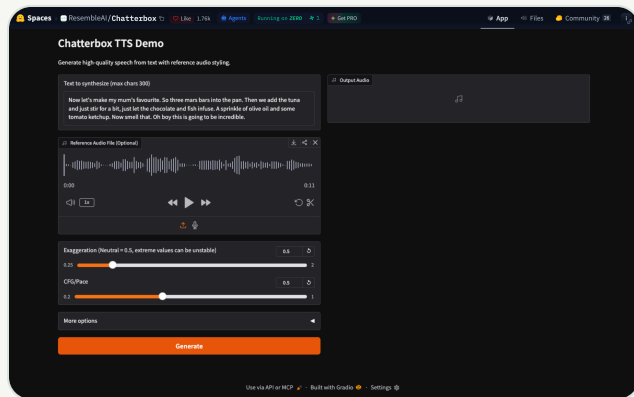
Languages

Online demo, or your computer

MIT, 27K ★

\$0

23+ (Multilingual V3)



Option A. Try it in a minute, online

1

Open the free demo on Hugging Face

Use the links below: the Multilingual demo, or the Turbo demo for English. No account needed.

2

Type your text

A sentence or two. Short sentences sound most natural.

3

Optional: add a reference clip

Upload about 10 seconds of clean speech to copy that voice's style. Only use your own voice, or one you have permission to use.

4

Press Generate

Listen, then download the audio. Change the settings (like how expressive it is) and try again until it sounds right.

FREE DEMOS CAN BE BUSY

Public demos are shared by everyone, so you may wait in a queue. For daily use, run it on your own computer.

Option B. Run it on your computer

You need Python 3.11 and a few minutes. It runs on NVIDIA graphics cards, Apple Silicon Macs, or a plain CPU (slower; the Nano model is built for CPUs). The core is one line:

```
Terminal

$ pip install chatterbox-tts
```

The easiest way, if you've never used Python: let an AI coding agent do the setup. In Claude Code or Codex, inside an empty folder, type:

■ TYPE THIS INTO CLAUDE CODE OR CODEX

Set up Chatterbox TTS (pip package chatterbox-tts) in a Python 3.11 virtual environment in this folder. Then make a small script: it reads my text from text.txt, uses my reference clip voice.wav if it exists, and saves the result as output.wav.

Use my Mac's GPU if possible (mps), otherwise the CPU. Test it once and tell me the one command I run each time.

PRO TIPS

- Write numbers and abbreviations as you'd say them: "twenty twenty-six", "A I".
- Generate one sentence at a time for long scripts, then join them: it's more stable.
- Use Turbo's tags like [chuckle] sparingly, they're most convincing when rare.

HONEST LIMITS

ElevenLabs has a polished app, a big voice library and studio features. Chatterbox gives you the voices for free, but you do the setup. And the rule for any voice tool: never clone someone's voice without their permission, and label AI voices where platforms ask you to.

If something goes wrong

YOU SEE	DO THIS
The demo says it's busy	Wait a few minutes and try again, or switch to the other demo. For daily use, run it on your computer.
pip install fails	Use Python 3.11 in a fresh virtual environment. Paste the error into Claude and ask for the fix.
The voice sounds robotic	Use shorter sentences, write numbers as words, and give a cleaner 10-second reference clip with no music.
It's too slow on my laptop	Try the Nano model on CPU, or generate one sentence at a time.

Multilingual demo →
huggingface.co/spaces/ResembleAI

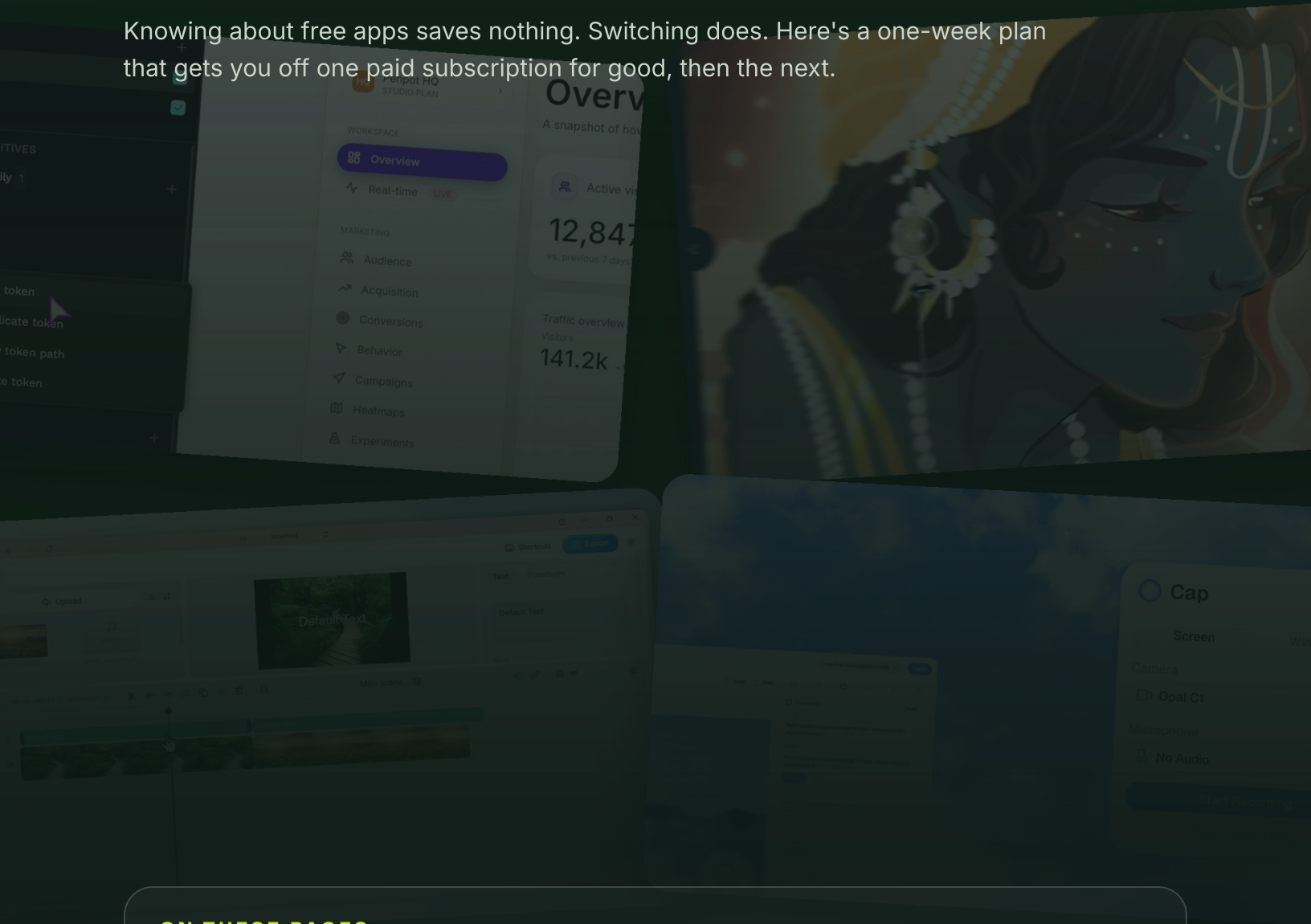
Turbo demo →
huggingface.co/spaces/ResembleAI

GitHub →
github.com/resemble-ai/chatterbox



Your 7-day switch

Knowing about free apps saves nothing. Switching does. Here's a one-week plan that gets you off one paid subscription for good, then the next.



ON THESE PAGES

- The 7-day plan
- Prompts that make switching easy
- How to cancel cleanly
- More free guides

ONE WEEK PER APP

The 7-day plan

DAY	DO THIS
1	List every app you pay for each month and what it costs you. Add it up for a year: that number is your motivation.
2	Install the free replacement for the most expensive one, using its section in this guide.
3-5	Do your real work in it for three days. Don't open the paid app. Write down anything you miss.
6	Export everything you still need from the paid app: projects, files, templates.
7	Cancel the subscription. Then pick the next one and start again.

Prompts that make switching easy

■ MAKE YOUR LIST

Here's a screenshot of my subscriptions / bank statement: `[attach, with account numbers hidden]`. List every software subscription, what it costs per month and per year, and a free open-source alternative for each one if there is a good one.

■ MOVE YOUR WORK

I'm moving from `[Figma]` to `[Penpot]`. Give me a step-by-step plan to export my files, what will move over cleanly, what won't, and how to check nothing got lost.

■ LEARN THE NEW APP FAST

I just installed `[app]`. I used to do `[this task]` in `[old app]`. Show me how to do the same thing in `[app]`, click by click.

How to cancel cleanly

- **Cancel where you pay.** App Store subscriptions are cancelled in your phone's settings (iPhone: **Settings** → your name → **Subscriptions**), web ones in the app's account or billing page.
- **Check the renewal date.** Most apps keep working until the end of the period you paid for, so cancel early and keep using it.
- **Look for the confirmation email.** Keep it until the next billing date passes with no charge.

MORE FREE GUIDES FROM AGI POINT

Make the reels **and the games, too**

Our other free guides take you from zero, step by step: a reel from blank page to posted in 9 steps with Claude, and your first 3D game made with AI, no coding needed.

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Free game guide →

agi-point.com/game

Reel Studio →

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THE FULL VERSION · REEL STUDIO

FREE APPS SAVE MONEY · REEL STUDIO SAVES TIME

Get Reel Studio and Claude makes your reels for you.

Everything is included: **7 Claude skills**, a video engine, **34 viral sound effects**, **50 hooks**, an example reel and a **28-page course**. You bring one idea. Claude researches, writes, voices, edits and checks it. You approve and post.

0 → **50**

viral hooks

0 → **34**

viral sound effects

0 → **7**

Claude skills doing the work

≈50 h

saved for you

	FREE APPS · THIS GUIDE	REEL STUDIO
Who does the work	You, in five different apps	✓ Claude, in one folder; you approve
Editing	You cut it in OpenCut, click by click	✓ Cuts on every word, captions, labels, 1080×1920
Voice	You run Chatterbox and export files	✓ Your voice, a cloned or free voice, an AI presenter
Sound	You hunt for music and effects	✓ 34 viral sound effects, music mixed right
Script and facts	<i>Not included</i>	✓ Research with sources and a script with a real hook
Quality check	You watch it again and again	✓ Frame-by-frame: sync, flashes, cut-off text, loudness
Post text	<i>Not included</i>	✓ Caption, comment keyword and hashtags
Course	This guide	✓ 28-page course, 50 hooks and an example reel

WHAT CLAUDE DOES FOR EVERY REEL

Your idea → Research → Script → Voice → Edit → Music → Check → Post text → You approve

FROM THE EXAMPLE REEL

Real frames from the example reel Claude builds in your first ten minutes with Reel Studio: facts checked, captions on the word, one idea in, one reel out.



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See everything inside



ALL OUR STUDIOS · ONE PAYMENT, YOURS TO KEEP

Get a studio and let Claude do everything for you.

Every studio includes **everything**: the Claude skills, the studio team, ready examples, tested prompts and a course that walks you through every click. You say what you want, Claude does the work, and you save weeks.



★ REEL STUDIO FOR CLAUDE

Post viral reels without editing.

Type one idea. Claude researches, writes, voices, edits and checks a ready-to-post reel. You approve.

7 SKILLS

VIDEO ENGINE

34 SOUNDS

60 HOOKS

BEST NEXT STEP

Reel Studio for Claude

≈**50** HOURS SAVED

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- A 28-page course that shows every click

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See inside

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Make your first game today.

A whole game studio inside Claude. 14 departments build, test, publish and film your game.

14 DEPARTMENTS

6 GAMES

114 PROMPTS

41-PAGE COURSE

NEW

Game Studio for Claude

≈**140** HOURS SAVED

Say the game you want. Claude's studio builds it, tests it in a real browser, publishes it and films the trailer.

- 14 studio departments and 6 ready 3D games
- 114 tested prompts and a trailer maker
- A 41-page course and a 30-day plan

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See inside

Get it now →



★ AAA STUDIO FOR CLAUDE

Build your AAA game.

The full pro package. Unreal and Unity with Claude, plus sound, voice, music, animations, a 4K trailer and a Steam launch.

UNREAL + UNITY

SOUND + MUSIC

4K TRAILER

STEAM LAUNCH

PRO

AAA Studio for Claude

≈**220** HOURS SAVED

Claude builds your game inside a real engine, with sound, music, a trailer and your Steam page.

- Claude inside Unreal Engine 5.8 and Unity 6
- Sound design, voice, music, animations, a 4K trailer
- 19 departments, 125 prompts, a Steam launch

\$79 ~~\$299~~

See inside

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