

The Orca Setup Guide

How to install Orca and run every Claude Code and Codex subscription you own from one workspace.

Why I'm using this

Running Claude Code and Codex the normal way means one terminal tab per agent and a mental map of which branch belongs to which task. That falls apart fast once you're past two or three agents. Orca is a free, open source app from Stably that gives every agent its own isolated git worktree and puts all of them in one window, on Mac, Windows, or Linux, with a mobile app so you can check progress from your phone.

It's not a new AI model and it doesn't replace Claude Code or Codex. It's the workspace that sits around them so you stop losing track of which agent is doing what.

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How it actually works

1. You connect your Claude Code and Codex accounts inside Orca once, and it keeps them all visible in a single sidebar instead of separate terminal windows.
2. Every new task you start gets its own git worktree automatically, a full working copy of the repo on its own branch, so two or three agents can work on the same project without touching each other's files.
3. Terminal splits, a built in Chromium browser (Design Mode), and GitHub or Linear integration sit in the same window, so you review a diff, click a UI element to send it to an agent, or check a PR without leaving Orca.

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The one thing almost everyone gets wrong

People expect Orca to run agents for them. It doesn't write code or make decisions. It's plumbing.

WATCH OUT

Orca needs git installed on the machine before it opens a single worktree. If git isn't set up, the app will still launch but every worktree action will fail silently until you install git and restart it.

SOURCE CODE

The full repo, including the Orca CLI source and release notes:

<https://github.com/stablyai/orca>

INSTALL (MACOS, HOMEBREW)

```
brew install --cask stablyai/orca/orca
```

INSTALL (ARCH LINUX, AUR)

```
yay -S stably-orca-bin
```

ORCA CLI EXAMPLE

```
orca worktree create
```

SITES SHOWN IN THE VIDEO

- Orca (onOrca.dev)
<https://www.onorca.dev/>
 - Orca on GitHub (stablyai/orca)
<https://github.com/stablyai/orca>
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Set it up in Claude Code or Codex

1. Download Orca for your OS from onOrca.dev, or on macOS run `brew install --cask stablyai/orca/orca`, or on Arch Linux run `yay -S stably-orca-bin`.
2. Install the mobile companion if you want it: the iOS app is on the App Store or TestFlight, the Android APK is on the project's GitHub releases page (v0.0.48 at time of writing).
3. Open Orca and confirm git is installed and on your PATH. If it isn't, install git first and restart the app, since every worktree action depends on it.
4. Add your Claude Code account and your Codex account from Orca's settings. Repeat for every subscription you're running, five Claude accounts and five Codex accounts both work in the same workspace.
5. If you're pulling in a private repo, clone it the normal way first: `git clone https://github.com/stablyai/orca` (swap in your own repo URL), then open that folder as a project inside Orca.
6. Start a new task from the sidebar. Orca creates the git worktree for it automatically, no manual git worktree add needed.
7. Open a terminal split next to the new worktree and watch the agent work. Use Design Mode if you want to click a UI element in the running app and send its HTML, CSS, and a screenshot straight to the agent.
8. Connect GitHub or Linear from settings if you want PR and issue browsing inside the same window instead of tabbing out to the browser.

QUICK TIPS

- A successful first run looks like this: a new worktree folder appears under your project, the terminal split shows the agent's normal CLI output, and switching to a second task opens a second worktree without touching the first one's files.

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The commands I actually run

CREATE A NEW WORKTREE FROM THE CLI

```
orca worktree create --branch [BRANCH_NAME]
```

CLONE A REPO BEFORE ADDING IT TO ORCA

```
git clone [REPO_URL]
```

INSTALL ON MACOS VIA HOMEBREW

```
brew install --cask stablyai/orca/orca
```

INSTALL ON ARCH LINUX VIA AUR

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```

When it breaks

ERROR	FIX
Worktree creation fails or does nothing	Confirm git is installed and on your PATH, then restart Orca.
Agent account won't connect	Double check you're signed into the same Claude Code or Codex account you use in your normal terminal, then reconnect it from Orca's settings.
Mobile app shows no active agents	Make sure the desktop app is open and the task is still running, the mobile app mirrors the desktop session rather than running agents on its own.
Design Mode won't capture a UI element	Confirm the embedded Chromium browser has actually loaded the page you're testing, then click the element again.
GitHub or Linear integration shows no PRs or issues	Reconnect the integration from settings, the OAuth token can expire.

Ready to go deeper?

This playbook is the short version. Inside the hub you get the full build walkthroughs, the prompt library, and the systems I use to ship this in a weekend.

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