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The Octopus

Run one command from Claude and post to eleven social platforms, once you have your own SocialClaw account connected.

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What it does

The Octopus is a command line tool that lets Claude post to eleven platforms at once: X, LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook Pages, TikTok, Discord, Telegram, YouTube, Reddit, WordPress and Pinterest. You describe the post once, and it goes out everywhere from one command instead of eleven separate app windows.

Here is the honest part. This repo does not contain any of the actual posting or account-login code. It is a client, a remote control, for a hosted paid service called SocialClaw (getsocialclaw.com). The CLI itself installs in seconds and runs perfectly cleanly on its own, we confirmed that directly. But to connect an account and post anything at all, you need a SocialClaw workspace with an active trial or paid plan. Without that, every command simply tells you to go sign up.

So this is not a free, self-contained open source poster like some of the other agents in this batch. It is a genuinely useful shortcut once you already have, or are willing to pay for, a SocialClaw plan: you get eleven platforms managed from inside Claude instead of switching between eleven different apps.

Who it is for

Anyone posting the same content across several social accounts by hand: a solo marketer, a small agency, or a business owner who currently copy-pastes the same update into X, LinkedIn, Instagram and a handful of others one at a time. If you are already paying for (or willing to trial) a scheduling tool anyway, this replaces that whole manual routing job with one Claude command.

Before you start

- Node.js and npm installed on your machine (this is an npm package).
- A SocialClaw account, which needs a paid or trial plan to actually post. There is a free sign up, but posting requires an active plan. Create one at SocialClaw.
- In our test, installing and verifying the CLI itself took under 5 minutes. We did not go through paid account signup as part of this test, so that step's time is not included.

Install

Step 1: Install the CLI

This puts the `socialclaw` command on your machine.

```
npm install -g socialclaw
```

Step 2: Confirm it's running

This prints the tool's help screen, so you can see it installed cleanly with no errors.

```
socialclaw --help
```

Step 3: Create a SocialClaw account

Sign in with Google at the SocialClaw dashboard, then activate a trial or paid plan. This is the part that is not free: without an active plan, the CLI can list its own commands but cannot connect to any social account.

Run it

We ran a command that needs a logged-in account, without logging in first, to see exactly what a new user hits:

```
$ socialclaw accounts list --json
No SocialClaw API key is configured.
Open https://getsocialclaw.com/dashboard, sign in with Google, create an API key, then run:
socialclaw login --api-key <key>
```

That confirms the tool fails cleanly and tells you exactly what to do next, rather than crashing or hanging. Once you have a workspace key from an active plan, the next real command is:

```
socialclaw login --api-key <workspace-key>
socialclaw accounts list --json
```

which lists your connected social accounts once your plan is active.

Troubleshooting

"No SocialClaw API key is configured." You have not logged in yet. Create a key on the SocialClaw dashboard and run `socialclaw login --api-key <key>`.

A command returns `plan_required` or a `subscription_*` error. Your API key is valid but your workspace does not have an active trial or paid plan. Go to the SocialClaw pricing page or dashboard to activate one, retrying the same command will not fix this.

You expected this to be a free, standalone poster. It is not. The repo has zero posting or OAuth code of its own, it is a thin client for the paid SocialClaw service. Budget for that before you start.

`npm install -g` fails with a permissions error. This is a common global npm issue, not specific to this tool. Use a Node version manager like nvm, or install locally into a project folder instead of globally.

Credit

Built by ndesv21 (<https://github.com/ndesv21/socialclaw>), MIT license, 86 stars at test time. No correction needed to the repo's own docs, its README and skill file both disclose upfront that a paid or trial workspace plan is required to post. The correction here is to this batch's own earlier marketing draft, which had implied a fully free, self-contained tool. It is not: it is a well-built client for a paid SaaS, and that distinction matters before anyone installs it expecting something free.

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