

Installation and Setup

Requirements

- **Node.js** ≥ 18 (check with `node --version`)
 - An active **Elestio account** with a verified email, payment method, and API token
 - **Git** (required only for the Agent Skill installer)
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Step 1 – Create an Elestio account (manual)

You need to do these steps yourself, manually, using a web browser. They cannot be done automatically or through the command line (CLI).

1. Sign up at [Dashboard](#)
 2. Verify your email address
 3. Add a credit card at <https://dash.elest.io/account/payment-options>
 4. Wait for account approval (usually instant; can take up to 30 minutes to 48 hours for new accounts)
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Step 2 – Generate an API token

1. Go to <https://dash.elest.io/account/security>
 2. Click **Manage API Tokens** → **Create Token**
 3. Copy the token value (it is shown only once)
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Step 3 – Install the Elestio CLI

```
npm install -g elestio
```

Verify the installation:

```
elestio --version
```

Step 4 – Configure credentials

```
elestio login --email "you@example.com" --token "your_api_token"
```

Test that authentication works:

```
elestio auth test  
# Expected: [SUCCESS] Authenticated as you@example.com
```

Step 5 – (Optional) Set a default project

Avoid passing `--project` on every command by setting a default:

```
# List your projects to find the ID  
elestio projects  
  
# Set the default  
elestio config --set-default-project 112
```

Installing the Agent Skill

Automatic (recommended)

```
curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/elestio/elestio-skill/main/scripts/install.sh |  
bash
```

The installer will:

1. Detect which AI tools you have installed (Claude Code, Codex, Cursor, OpenCode)
2. Install the Elestio CLI globally via npm
3. Copy `SKILL.md` to each detected agent's skills directory

Via skills.sh

```
npx skills add elestio/elestio-skill
```

Manual installation

```
# 1. Install the CLI  
npm install -g elestio
```

```
# 2. Clone the skill repo
git clone https://github.com/elestio/elestio-skill.git /tmp/elestio-skill

# 3. Copy SKILL.md to your agent
# Claude Code
mkdir -p ~/.claude/skills/elestio
cp /tmp/elestio-skill/SKILL.md ~/.claude/skills/elestio/

# Cursor
mkdir -p ~/.cursor/rules
cp /tmp/elestio-skill/SKILL.md ~/.cursor/rules/elestio.md
```

Update the skill

Re-run the installer at any time to get the latest version:

```
curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/elestio/elestio-skill/main/scripts/install.sh |
bash
```

Verify everything is working

```
# Authentication
elestio auth test

# List your projects
elestio projects

# Browse the template catalog (no auth required)
elestio templates search postgresql
```

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