

# Overview

## What is the Elestio CLI?

The **Elestio CLI** is the official command-line interface for the Elestio platform, installable as a global npm package:

```
npm install -g elestio
```

It exposes every platform capability as a command: deploy services, manage firewall rules, configure SSL certificates, create CI/CD pipelines, handle backups, and monitor billing, all from your terminal without ever opening a browser.

## Key capabilities

Category	What you can do
<b>Catalog deployment</b>	Deploy any of 400+ open-source templates in one command
<b>CI/CD</b>	Create automated pipelines from GitHub/GitLab repos
<b>Service management</b>	Power on/off, reboot, resize, lock/unlock services
<b>Firewall</b>	Add, update, and remove firewall rules
<b>SSL &amp; Domains</b>	Attach custom domains with auto-provisioned certificates
<b>Backups</b>	Local, remote, and S3-based backup automation
<b>Volumes &amp; Snapshots</b>	Create and manage persistent storage (provider-dependent)
<b>Billing</b>	Query costs per project or per service

## What is the Elestio Agent skill?

The **Elestio Agent Skill** is an open-format instruction file that teaches AI coding agents (Claude Code, Cursor, Codex, and OpenCode) how to use the Elestio CLI on your behalf.

Once installed, your AI agent gains the ability to:

- Decide which template to deploy based on your natural language request
- Walk you through provider, region, and size selection interactively
- Execute the correct CLI commands end-to-end
- Verify deployment success and return your service credentials

The skill follows the [Agent Skills open format](#), making it portable across all supported AI tools.

## How they work together

You (natural language)

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AI Agent reads SKILL.md → knows CLI commands, interactive procedures, and provider rules

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AI Agent runs: `elestio deploy postgresql --project 112 --name my-db`

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Elestio CLI → calls Elestio REST API → provisions VM on your chosen cloud

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Service is live at `https://my-db-uxxx.vm.elestio.app`

## Supported AI Agents

Agent	Skills Directory
Claude Code	<code>~/.claude/skills/elestio/</code>
OpenAI Codex	<code>~/.codex/skills/elestio/</code>
Cursor	<code>~/.cursor/rules/</code>
OpenCode	<code>~/.config/opencode/skills/elestio/</code>

## Quick links

- **Dashboard:** <https://dash.elest.io>
- **Elestio CLI (npm):** <https://www.npmjs.com/package/elestio>
- **Agent Skill (GitHub):** <https://github.com/elestio/elestio-skill>
- **API Docs:** <https://api-doc.elest.io>
- **Templates (400+):** <https://elest.io/fully-managed-services>

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