

Using the Agent Skill with AI Agents

How it works

The Elestio Agent Skill is a `SKILL.md` file placed in your AI agent's skills directory. When you ask your agent to deploy or manage infrastructure, it reads `SKILL.md` to understand:

- Which CLI commands to run
- The correct interactive deployment procedure (what to ask you before deploying)
- Provider capabilities and limitations
- Error-handling strategies

The agent then runs the appropriate `elestio` commands on your behalf.

Trigger phrases

Your agent will activate the Elestio skill when you say things like

What you say	What the agent does
"Deploy PostgreSQL"	<code>elestio deploy postgresql</code> with guided setup
"I need a Redis cache"	<code>elestio deploy redis</code> with guided setup
"Set up n8n for automation"	<code>elestio deploy n8n</code> with guided setup
"Deploy my app from GitHub"	Automated CI/CD pipeline workflow
"What services are running?"	<code>elestio services</code>
"How much is this costing?"	<code>elestio billing</code>
"Reboot my PostgreSQL server"	<code>elestio reboot <vmID></code>
"Add a firewall rule for port 8080"	<code>elestio firewall update <vmID></code>

The Interactive Deployment Procedure

The skill **mandates** that the agent ask you for each deployment parameter individually. It will never deploy with default values without your confirmation.

Parameters asked (in order):

1. Cloud Provider

Netcup, Hetzner, AWS, Azure, GCP, DigitalOcean, Vultr, Scaleway, and Linode.

Recommended: Netcup, Hetzner, AWS, and Azure.

2. Region *(based on provider chosen)*

- Netcup: `nbg` (Europe - Germany) | `mns` (North America - US)
- Hetzner: `fsn1`, `nbg1`, `hel1` (EU), `ash` (US)
- AWS: `us-east-1`, `eu-west-1`, etc.

3. Service Plan / Size

Starts at \$14/month in the EU (\$16 in the US) for a dedicated VM with 2 CPUs, 4 GB RAM, and 60 GB NVMe storage on Netcup.

You can check more here: <https://elest.io/pricing#pricing>

4. Service Name

The agent suggests a default (e.g., "prod-postgresql") and waits for your text input.

5. Admin Email

The agent proposes your email and lets you confirm or change it.

Example conversation

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You: "Deploy PostgreSQL"
Agent: Which cloud provider? (Netcup recommended for value, Hetzner for features)
You: "Netcup"
Agent: Which region? (nbg = Europe Germany, mns = North America US)
You: "nbg"
Agent: Which plan? SMALL ~$7/mo · MEDIUM ~$14/mo · LARGE ~$28/mo · XL ~$55/mo
You: "MEDIUM"
Agent: What name for this service? Suggestion: prod-postgresql
You: "demo-postgres"
Agent: Admin email? Suggestion: you@company.com
You: "Confirmed"
Agent: [runs elestio deploy postgresql --project 112 --name demo-postgres ...]
Agent: ✓ Service deployed! Credentials: ...
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What the agent CANNOT do for you

The skill explicitly prohibits the agent from performing these steps (you must do them in a browser):

- Creating an Elestio account (signup)
- Adding a payment method
- Waiting for account approval

After deployment: what the agent will do next

Once a service is deployed, the agent follows this sequence automatically:

1. **Get credentials:** `elestio credentials <vmID>`
2. **Enable auto-backups:** `elestio backups auto-enable <vmID>`
3. **Add custom domain** (if requested): `elestio ssl add <vmID> myapp.example.com`
4. **Configure firewall** (if requested): `elestio firewall enable <vmID> --rules [...]`
5. **Enable auto-updates:** `elestio updates system-enable <vmID> --security-only`

Supported agents & skill locations

Agent	Skill file location
Claude Code	<code>~/.claude/skills/elestio/SKILL.md</code>
OpenAI Codex	<code>~/.codex/skills/elestio/SKILL.md</code>
Cursor	<code>~/.cursor/rules/elestio.md</code>
OpenCode	<code>~/.config/opencode/skills/elestio/SKILL.md</code>

After installing or updating the skill, **restart your agent tool** to load the new instructions.

Version & source

- **Skill version:** 2.0
- **GitHub:** <https://github.com/elestio/elestio-skill>
- **Specification:** <https://agentskills.io/specification>

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