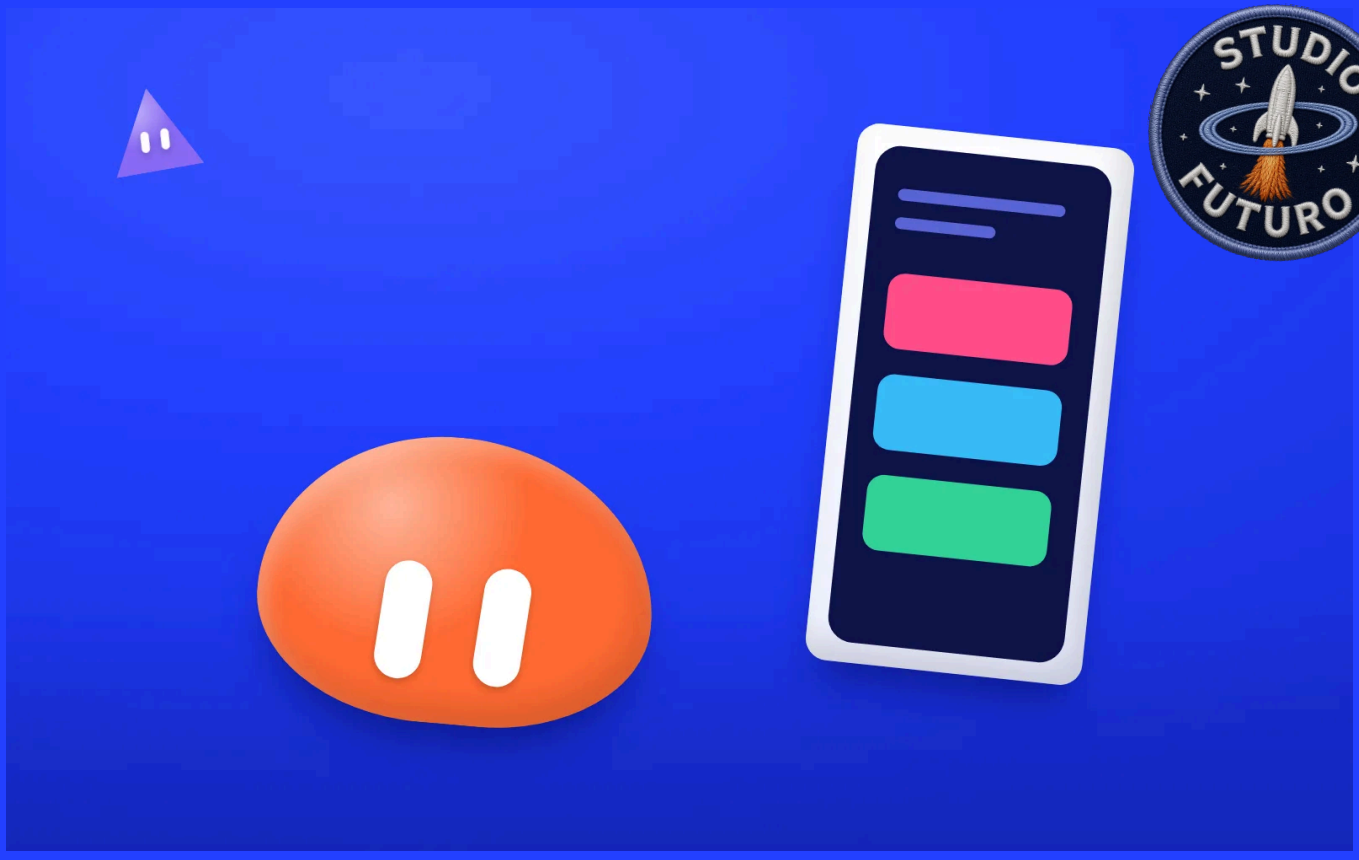


A PILL FOR PEOPLE WHO USE AI AGENTS

An AI agent on your real iPhone.

PhoneUse shows the screen to your computer over AirPlay and taps it as a Bluetooth mouse. No jailbreak, no app, no cable.

2 channels

The screen comes in, taps go out.

0 apps

Nothing to install on the phone.

6 steps

To try it, on page 4.

BEFORE YOU START

5 words to know.



That is all you need to follow this guide. If you know them, skip to the next page.

AI agent	An assistant like Claude Code that doesn't just answer, it acts: opens programs, types, clicks.
AirPlay	Screen Mirroring: the iPhone feature that sends the screen to a TV. Here it sends it to the computer.
Bluetooth HID	How wireless mice and keyboards talk to a device. The computer pretends to be a mouse and a keyboard.
AssistiveTouch	The accessibility option that shows a pointer on the iPhone when you connect a mouse.
MCP and skills	Two ways to give an agent new tools. PhoneUse offers both for Claude Code.

WHAT IT IS

The phone stays as it is. The computer does the rest.

PhoneUse is a Linux program by Aleksey Smolenchuk (Ixe on GitHub), open source under the MIT license. It uses two features every iPhone already has. Nothing new runs on the phone.

iPhone

Normal, straight out of the box. Screen Mirroring and AssistiveTouch on.

→
SCREEN
VIA AIRPLAY

←
TAPS
VIA BLUETOOTH

Linux computer

Shows the phone in a window and in the browser. Takes the agent's commands.

THE CLEVER PART: THE SCREEN AS TEXT

a few hundred

tokens to read the screen as text, with the position of each line

~1,300

tokens for a screenshot, only needed when text isn't enough

~100 ms

between moving the pointer and seeing it in the window

WHY IT MATTERS

Plenty of things only happen on the phone: apps with no web version, banks and couriers, notifications, settings. Until now, getting an agent to do them meant emulators, developer accounts or modified phones.

The numbers come from the project's docs, measured by the author. We haven't verified them.

HOW TO TRY IT

Six steps, one afternoon.

You need to be comfortable with Linux. The author tested it on one setup: iPhone 17 Pro on iOS 26, Arch Linux, Hyprland and an NVIDIA GPU.

1 **Check what you need**

A Linux computer with Bluetooth, on the same Wi-Fi as the phone. UxPlay, GStreamer, GTK 4, Python 3.11: the full list is in the README.

2 **Install**

Clone the project from GitHub and run `phoneuse install`. It asks for your admin password.

3 **Start it**

`phoneuse up`. On the iPhone: Control Center, Screen Mirroring, "PhoneUse".

4 **Connect mouse and keyboard**

On the iPhone: Settings, Bluetooth, tap "PhoneUse". Or use a bridge on an ESP32 board you leave next to the phone.

5 **Turn on the pointer**

`phoneuse cursor on` asks Siri, or go to Settings, Accessibility, Touch, AssistiveTouch. Keep Dwell Control off.

6 **Connect Claude Code**

Add the MCP server with the README command, or link the skill into `~/.claude/skills/phoneuse`.

IF SOMETHING'S OFF: PHONEUSE STATUS

It tells you at once whether Bluetooth is connected and the screen is coming in. No screen: restart Screen Mirroring from Control Center, the computer can't do it. Bluetooth down: wait a few seconds, then tap "PhoneUse" again in the iPhone's Bluetooth settings.



THE AGENT AT WORK

Look, decide, tap, look again.

Every action is a command. The same commands exist as MCP tools: after each action the agent gets the updated screen.

`phoneuse status`	Checks that Bluetooth and mirroring are up.
`phoneuse open Settings`	Opens an app by name.
`phoneuse text`	Reads the screen: each text line with its position.
`phoneuse tap-on "Wi-Fi"`	Taps the element that matches the description, icons too.
`phoneuse screenshot shot.png`	A picture of the screen, when text isn't enough.
`phoneuse unlock`	Types the saved passcode, only after you approve a prompt.
`phoneuse done`	Hands the phone back to you.

YOU SEE EVERYTHING

At http://localhost:8777, reachable only from your computer, you see the phone live. While the agent works the page glows and shows where it points. "Take over" stops it so you can step in.

FIRST RUN

One prompt to start.



READY TO COPY, IN CLAUDE CODE INSIDE THE PHONEUSE FOLDER

```
Read this project's README and ARCHITECTURE.md.
Check what my computer is missing to run PhoneUse and give me a simple list: what's missing, the
command to install it.
Don't install anything and don't use sudo without asking me.
When everything is ready, run phoneuse status and explain the result in plain words.
```

SMALL TEST, TEN MINUTES

Ask the agent: "Open Settings, read me the name of the Wi-Fi network I'm on, then hand the phone back." It worked if it reads the right name without touching anything else and ends with phoneuse done.

FAQ

Does it work on Mac or Windows?

No, Linux only for now, and it needs the Hyprland window manager.

What about Android?

PhoneUse is built for the iPhone. Android already has other routes, adb for one.

Do I install anything on the phone?

No. Screen Mirroring and AssistiveTouch are enough, and they're already there.

What does it cost?

The program is free. You only pay for the agent you use, Claude Code for example.

WATCH OUT FOR

A demo. Treat it like one.

- **It's under construction.** The author says so: tested on one setup. Don't put it in production.
- **The agent uses your real phone,** apps and accounts included. Start with a spare phone.
- **The passcode** can be saved: it's typed only after you approve. Think before saving it.
- **Your computer's Bluetooth changes:** it stops accepting mice and keyboards for itself. The uninstall script restores it.

SOURCES

lxe's launch post on X, 7 November 2026. The github.com/lxe/phoneuse repository: README, ARCHITECTURE.md, skill/SKILL.md. We have no ties to the project.



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