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320,000+

GITHUB STARS

FASTEST GROWING OSS
PROJECT IN HISTORY

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BUILT FOR
INNOVATION



COMMUNITY
POWERED



REAL WORLD
IMPACT

WHAT'S NEW IN MAY 2026 — EDITION 2.0 CHANGELOG

4 New Bot Profiles Added This Month

The May 2026 edition adds four new bots that have crossed our proven track record threshold: 5,000+ GitHub stars or named institutional backing, 30+ days of public availability, active development, and at least 3 independent community mentions. NemoClaw is flagged as Early Preview — it does not meet the production-ready standard yet, but NVIDIA's institutional backing and enterprise pipeline make it essential to track.

BOT	ORIGIN	STATUS	WHY IT QUALIFIED
NemoClaw	NVIDIA Corporation	Early Preview (Linux only)	Jensen Huang's GTC keynote. Kernel-level OpenShell sandbox. NVIDIA institutional weight means enterprise adoption is coming.
IronClaw	NEAR AI	Production ready	11,500+ GitHub stars. WASM capability-based sandbox is the most principled security model in the ecosystem.
Moltis	Fabien Penso (indie)	Production ready	Hit Hacker News front page. Single binary, zero supply chain risk. 150K lines of zero-unsafe Rust.
MaxClaw	MiniMax (Chinese AI lab)	Production ready	\$19/month managed. Native iOS/Android apps. Fills the "managed cross-platform" gap nothing else addresses.

Other Updates in This Edition

UPDATE	DETAILS
Open Claw star count	Updated from 280K to 320K+ GitHub stars (as of May 2026)
Security Cheat Sheet	ClawHavoc malicious skill count updated to 800+. ToxicSkills audit found 36.82% of skills have security flaws (up from 17%).
ClawHub skill count	Updated from 13,700 to 13,729+ skills
Zero Claw	Added note on built-in openclaw migration tool — now includes one-command config/memory/channel import
True Cost Calculator	MaxClaw added as new row. OpenClaw API costs confirmed at \$300-750/month at heavy use.
Compatibility Matrix	NemoClaw, IronClaw, Moltis, MaxClaw added to matrix
Decision Guide	4 new bots added to relevant rows
Watch List (not yet)	HiClaw and MetaClaw noted but not profiled — revisit June 2026 when real-world usage data exists

02 | ALL 18 BOT PROFILES — WEBSITE | COST | EXAMPLES

Every bot below includes its website, realistic cost, what it does, pros and cons, who it is best for, and 5 real-world examples. Bots marked [**NEW IN MAY**] were added in this edition.

NemoClaw is additionally marked [**EARLY PREVIEW**] as it is not yet production-ready.

1. OPEN CLAW -- The Original

Website: openclaw.ai | github.com/openclaw/openclaw

Cost: Free. API: \$10-\$750/month depending on usage.

Origin: Peter Steinberger. Formerly Clawdbot/Moltbot. Nov 2025.

What it does:

The reference implementation. Full-featured locally-hosted AI connecting to WhatsApp, Telegram, Slack, Discord, Google Chat, Signal, iMessage, and 40+ platforms. ClawHub skills marketplace with 13,729+ community plugins. Heartbeat runs background tasks automatically. Now on Node 24.

PROS

- + Most mature ecosystem (320K+ GitHub stars, May 2026)
- + 50+ messaging platforms including iMessage and WeChat
- + Model-agnostic: Claude, GPT, DeepSeek, Gemini
- + 13,729+ community skills on ClawHub
- + April update added "Dream Diary" memory and iOS exec approvals

CONS

- 1.52GB memory footprint
- Multiple critical CVEs -- ClawHavoc skills now 800+
- API keys stored in plain text by default
- Can cost \$300-750/month at heavy use

BEST FOR: Power users and developers who want a do-everything agent and can manage the security implications.

5 Examples of What You Can Do With It:

1. Clear your email inbox every morning and draft replies sorted by priority, delivered as a Telegram summary
2. Monitor competitor pricing on 10 websites and send you a Slack alert when anything changes by more than 5%
3. Check you in for flights automatically, monitor for seat upgrades, and draft hotel confirmation emails
4. Read every invoice that hits your inbox, extract amounts and due dates, log to a spreadsheet, and ping you 48 hours before anything is overdue
5. Run a nightly research brief on your industry -- top 5 news stories, summarized and delivered to WhatsApp before you wake up

2. NANO CLAW -- The Security-First Fork

Website: github.com/nanoclave/nanoclave

Cost: Free and open-source. API costs same as Open Claw.

Origin: Community-built. Direct response to OpenClaw security failures.

What it does:

Delivers OpenClaw core capabilities in just 700 lines of TypeScript with mandatory container isolation. Every agent and skill runs inside a Docker or Apple container. If an agent goes rogue, damage is confined to the container -- wipe and restart.

PROS

- + Container-isolated execution by design
- + Mandatory permission gates for all operations
- + Full audit logging with timestamps
- + Signed skill verification before execution

CONS

- Claude/Anthropic models only -- no multi-LLM
- Smaller skill ecosystem than Open Claw
- Docker knowledge required for

BEST FOR: Security-conscious developers, regulated industries, multi-user environments with sensitive data.

5 Examples of What You Can Do With It:

1. Handle client contract review workflows where confidentiality is non-negotiable -- each client's agent in its own isolated container
2. Run automated financial reporting for a regulated business with full audit logs required by compliance
3. Set up a multi-user customer support automation where each agent instance is isolated so one user's data never touches another's
4. Process medical intake forms with AI assistance while keeping all patient data in a container that never touches the live system
5. Safely test new ClawHub skills from untrusted developers in a container -- if the skill is malicious, your real data is untouched

Technical Terms You Will Encounter

Skills	The plugin/extension system. Installing a skill gives the agent a new capability. Community skills live on ClawHub. Currently 13,729+ available -- but 36.82% flagged as having security flaws in the ToxicSkills audit.
Heartbeat	The agent's background autonomous pulse. With heartbeat configured, the bot acts without being asked.
Soul Document	A file defining the agent's personality, preferences, and identity. Each instance has its own.
Dream Diary	New in April 2026: OpenClaw's memory system now runs a "REM phase" overnight that consolidates and promotes important memories. The agent writes reflections to dreams.md.
ClawHub	The official skill marketplace. 13,729+ skills. CRITICAL: the ToxicSkills audit found 36.82% of skills have security flaws. Verify before installing.
ClawHavoc	The 2026 supply chain attack. Updated scans now show 800+ malicious skills. The reason security-focused forks like NanoClaw and IronClaw exist.
OpenShell	NVIDIA's kernel-level sandbox runtime, deployed via NemoClaw. Sits beneath the OS application layer --deeper than container-based isolation.
WASM Sandbox	WebAssembly sandbox used by IronClaw and Moltis. Provides capability-based security with cryptographic verification of agent actions.
PinchBench	Open-source benchmark for OpenClaw covering 23 standardized real-world tasks. Use it to compare LLM provider performance with your workflows.
Felix	Nat Eliason's bot that made \$14,718 in 2.5 weeks. The ecosystem benchmark for autonomous revenue generation.
EXFOLIATE	The lobster mascot Molty's battle cry (riff on Daleks' EXTERMINATE). Official OpenClaw lore. Seen everywhere in the community.

07 | BOT COMPATIBILITY MATRIX — UPDATED FOR MAY 2026

Which bots work well together and which don't. Updated May 2026 with the new bots. The highest-value stacks combine an executor (Open Claw or Open Fang), a memory layer (memU), a knowledge base (Anything LLM), and now a security wrapper (NemoClaw or IronClaw). Read across rows OR down columns.

	Open Claw	Nano Claw	Pico Claw	Nano Bot	memU	Zero Claw	Open Fang	Super AGI	Anything LLM	Claude Code	NemoClaw	Moltis
Open Claw	–	Security wrap	Edge sensor	Content pipe	Best pairing	IoT coord	Auto schedule	Team lead	Knowledge base	Code + act	Sec. wrapper	Alt agent
Nano Claw	Security wrap	–	Not needed	Secure Python	Works well	Not needed	Limited	Sandboxed team	Secure RAG	Sandboxed dev	Redundant	Redundant
Pico Claw	Edge sensor	Not needed	–	Not typical	Edge memory	Farm network	Not typical	Not typical	Edge query	Not typical	Not needed	Not typical
Nano Bot	Content pipe	Secure Python	Not typical	–	Research mem	Not typical	Research	Research team	Research RAG	Not typical	Not needed	Not typical
memU	Best pairing	Works well	Edge memory	Research mem	–	Not typical	Sched. memory	Team memory	Persistent RAG	Code memory	Not typical	Works well
Zero Claw	IoT coord	Not needed	Farm network	Not typical	Not typical	–	Not typical	Not typical	IoT knowledge	Not typical	Not needed	Similar role
Open Fang	Auto schedule	Limited	Not typical	Research pub	Sched. memory	Not typical	–	Orchestrate	Sched. RAG	Auto code	Sec. wrapper	Similar role
Super AGI	Team lead	Sandboxed	Not	Research team	Team memory	Not typical	Orchestrate	–	Team knowledge	Dev team	Sec. wrapper	Orchestratable
Anything LLM	Knowledge base	Secure RAG	Edge query	Research RAG	Persistent RAG	IoT knowledge	Sched. RAG	Team knowledge	–	Code+knowledge	Not typical	Knowledge base
Claude Code	Code + act	Sandboxed dev	Not	Not typical	Code memory	Not typical	Auto code	Dev team	Code+knowledge	–	Sec. wrapper	Dev combo
NemoClaw	Sec. wrapper	Redundant	Not needed	Not needed	Not typical	Not needed	Sec. wrapper	Sec. wrapper	Not typical	Sec. wrapper	–	Not needed
Moltis	Alt agent	Redundant	Not typical	Not typical	Works well	Similar role	Similar role	Orchestratable	Knowledge base	Dev combo	Not needed	–

★ Header = new in May 2026 ★ Green = proven high-value pairing "Not typical/needed" = works but rarely adds value "Redundant" = both do the same job

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Quick Decision Guide — May 2026

YOUR PRIMARY NEED	BEST BOT	SUPPORT BOT
Full-featured personal assistant	Open Claw	memU
Security is non-negotiable (container)	Nano Claw	Open Claw
Enterprise kernel-level security	NemoClaw (NEW)	Open Claw (required)
Zero-trust capability-based access control	IronClaw (NEW)	–
Full-featured, zero supply chain risk	Moltis (NEW)	memU
Managed cross-platform (phone + desktop)	MaxClaw (NEW)	–
Runs on \$10 IoT hardware	Pico Claw	Zero Claw
Python-native, auditable codebase	Nano Bot	Anything LLM
Best long-term memory	memU	Open Claw
Zero setup, browser-based (free)	Kimi Claw	–
Zero setup, managed, cross-platform (\$19)	MaxClaw	–
Self-hosted coding agent	Open Code	Claude Code
Absolute smallest binary (678KB)	Null Claw	Pico Claw
Edge / IoT with Rust performance	Zero Claw	Pico Claw
Complete autonomous agent OS	Open Fang	Anything LLM
Serverless, no local infrastructure	Molt Worker	–
Multi-agent orchestration	Super AGI	Claude Code
Private document knowledge base	Anything LLM	Open Claw
Best-in-class coding (managed)	Claude Code	Super AGI
Autonomous publishing and scheduling	Open Fang	Open Claw
Long-running relationship management	memU	Open Claw

Cells with a warm background indicate new bots added in the May 2026 edition.