# Skills vs plugins

**A skill teaches the method. A plugin packages the capabilities.**

## Skill

A reusable set of instructions and resources for a focused task.

**Choose it for:** a consistent process, format or standard.

## Plugin

An installable package that can include skills and connected tools.

**Choose it for:** bundling capabilities into one workflow.

**Skills and plugins work as a team.**

A plugin can contain one or more skills. It does not always need a connection to another app.

### ChatGPT + Codex

Skills guide repeatable work. Plugins can package skills with tools and connections.

### Claude

Plugins can bundle skills, connectors and sub-agents. What runs depends on the Claude experience.

### Microsoft Copilot

Skills can be used directly, packaged in supported plugins or attached to certain agents.

## Example: a weekly team update

**SKILL**

Turn meeting notes into decisions, owners and next steps in your team's format.

**PLUGIN**

Package that skill with approved connections to where your team's updates live.