Setting up a new PC

About 15 minutes. You need an OpenAI account. A Claude account is optional. API accounts are billed separately from ChatGPT and Claude.ai subscriptions.

1. OpenAI key (required)

1. Sign in at **platform.openai.com**.
2. Under **Billing**, add a card and a small amount of prepaid credit (for example $10). Turn auto-recharge off if you want a hard stop.
3. Under **Limits**, set a monthly budget.
4. Under **API keys**, choose **Create new secret key**, and name it after the person and PC (for example "Home laptop").
5. Copy the key. It starts with **sk-** and is shown only once.

2. Claude key (optional, for Claude tidy-up)

1. Sign in to the **Claude Console** at **console.anthropic.com**.
2. Under **Billing**, add credit and check your spending limit.
3. Under **API keys**, choose **Create key**, named after the person and PC.
4. Copy the key. It starts with **sk-ant-**.

Skip this if you'll use OpenAI for tidy-up. Jibber-Jabber works fully without it.

3. Put the keys into Jibber-Jabber

1. Run **Jibber-Jabber-Setup.exe** from jibber-jabber.com.au (no admin rights needed). At **"Windows protected your PC"**, choose **More info**, **Run anyway**. A welcome card appears.
2. Choose **Add key**, or go to **Settings → OpenAI connection**. Paste the key into **OpenAI API key**, choose **Save key**, then **Check connection**. It should say **Connected**.
3. If you're using Claude: in **Settings → Claude connection**, paste into **Claude API key**, then **Save key** and **Check connection**.
4. In **Settings → Dictating**, choose the **Microphone**, a **Writing style** (Light tidy-up is a good start) and **Tidy-up by**. Then run **Check connection** again: it also checks the chosen tidy-up model.
5. Test it: open Notepad, hold **Right Ctrl**, say a sentence, and let go.
6. Jibber-Jabber now starts each time you sign in to Windows. To change that, use **Settings → App**.

Keeping keys safe

- Keys are stored in Windows Credential Manager on that PC, never in a file.
- Never email, text or paste a key into chat. Type or paste it straight into the app.
- Use one key per person and PC, so you can turn one off without affecting the others.
- If a key may have leaked, delete it in the provider's console and make a new one. Then use **Remove key** and **Save key** in the app.

Which tidy-up model?

- **GPT-6 Luna** or **Claude Haiku 5.5**: fastest. Good for Light tidy-up and quick messages.
- **Claude Sonnet 5.5** or **GPT-6 Sol**: best writing. Good for Polished emails, but take a few seconds longer.
- **GPT-6.1 Sol** and **Claude Opus 5.5** are there too. Opus is the slowest.
- Everyday dictation costs very little per message on any of them.

When OpenAI or Anthropic retire a model

- **"Tidy-up model changed"**: your chosen tidy-up model has gone, so another one did the tidy-up. Choose a different one in **Settings → Dictating → Tidy-up by**.
- **"Tidy-up model not available"** after Check connection means the same thing. Choose another model.
- **"Update Jibber-Jabber"**: OpenAI has retired the speech-to-text model this version uses. Use **Settings → App → Check for updates**, then **Restart**.
- Providers usually announce retirements months ahead, so a new version should be ready before then.