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AI FOR WORK / GUIDE

Your own AI assistant in Telegram

Client replies, meeting notes and plans — without starting from a blank page.

Give the assistant a client question, a meeting transcript or a task list. Get a draft, check the facts and use it in your work.

Free

RU + EN guide.
Card, server, model use and personal installation are separate.

What is inside

Step-by-step Hermes server setup, connection to your Telegram and eight ready-to-use prompts. The server lets the assistant reply while your computer is off.

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Setup requires a computer, your own email and Telegram. Instructions follow public documentation; we have not tested the full route on a fresh server.

Client reply

A question and your terms → a draft to review before sending.

Meeting notes

A transcript → tasks, deadlines and owners, where stated.

Weekly plan

Your tasks and available time → priorities and a day-by-day plan.

BEFORE PAYING

Know the full cost first

The guide is free. Pay for the card, server and model in your own accounts; choose a short initial term.

Only need a regular chat? Try DeepSeek or Qwen for free. You do not need to rent a server for that. The payment examples below address a Russian-speaking audience.

Before paying: open your Hostinger account and confirm that the VPS and payment method you need are available. If you cannot place the order, do not fund it; choose an alternative on page 04.

If the service accepts your card or direct payment, skip a new card. Otherwise check compatibility and the full cost first.

Separate expense	What to check
Card if needed	One option from page 03. Check issuance, maintenance, exchange rate and fees before funding.
Server	Total for the selected term, IP, backups, tax and renewal. A monthly equivalent billed annually is not a one-month payment.
Model	Hostinger AI Router credits or credits with your chosen external provider. Do not fund both for one initial task.

Before confirming: write down the first payment, recurring costs and cancellation route. Do not buy several cards or subscriptions at once.

Terms checked in November 2026. Review them in your own account before paying: prices and fees can change.

When something goes wrong

Symptom	First action
401 / invalid key	Check your account and provider. Replace the key in the wizard, never in chat.
402 / no balance	Check spending and the limit first. Do not enable uncontrolled top-up.
403 / access denied	Check that you are signed into the right account and read the error. Contact support if it persists.
429 / rate limit	Wait for the stated interval. Changing a free model may not reset the account limit.
Silent bot / conflict	Check gateway status, your ID and that only one instance uses this token.

How to stop the charges

Turning a VPS off does not cancel billing. Check server renewal, IP, disks and backups. Cancel any unwanted model subscription or API top-up separately.

STEP 01 / PREPARATION

Payment and work context

Choose **one** option. Never send card details, passwords or verification codes to an AI or to Deskforge.

OPTION A

Plati po miru

Mini app → **“For subscriptions”**. Issuance: 2990 ₽; 2990 ₽ per year from year two. Check compatibility and fees. Issue and fund the card through SBP with approval in your own banking app.

Open Plati po miru ↗

OPTION B

Antarctic Wallet

Wallet → cards → **Card for Everything**. Issuance: $9.99; SGD. Phone, ID and selfie required. Check fees. Fund the wallet, then issue and fund the card. Withdrawals of the balance are not supported.

Open Antarctic Wallet ↗

Check: the card appears in your account and the funds have arrived. If the funding method or terms do not suit your needs, do not pay for further services.

These are referral links; Deskforge may earn a reward. A card does not guarantee access or payment acceptance. Submit documents only through the official verification form. Enter payment details yourself and check the final amount.

Choose one recurring task

Start with customer reply drafts, for example. Paste a short context card with the question in each new conversation:

“I make presentations for small businesses. Audience: company owners. Terms: up to ten slides, three business days after all files arrive. Do not promise a price or date without confirmed facts. Show me the draft first.”

Context is the current task’s input. **Memory** stores brief facts between conversations when enabled. A **skill** is a saved procedure for recurring work. Start with the card in your message; save a skill after checking the process on new examples.

The server stores history and settings; your chosen AI provider receives the request. Practise with invented or anonymized data. Removing a name alone is not enough: do not send secrets, payment details, full client conversations or confidential documents.

Before the first request: set the key/project spending limit and check its reset period. Alerts do not stop charges. If no hard limit is available, ask the provider how to stop charges; a small top-up does not guarantee bounded spending.

STEP 02 / YOUR SERVER

Choose a Hostinger VPS

This guide uses **Hostinger VPS + Hermes Agent from Docker Manager**. Deploy the ready application from the panel without installing Linux packages yourself.

01 Open Hostinger

Follow our link, create an account with your own email and choose VPS hosting. Use a separate server without working websites or client data.

02 Compare the plan and term

The entry KVM 1 plan on the observed page has 1 vCPU, 4 GB RAM and 50 GB NVMe. Confirm that Docker Manager and Hermes are available. The model runs through an API; your VPS does not need a GPU.

03 Check the full price

The displayed $6.49/month required **$155.76 upfront for 24 months**, renewing at $11.99/month for the same term. Choose a suitable term and review tax and add-ons. This is not a one-month purchase price.

Choose a Hostinger VPS ↗

These pages cover a VPS with Docker Manager. The separate Managed Hermes plan is not covered here; it uses a different setup.

is*hosting — an alternative

The catalog offers Hermes Ubuntu 24. Its installation is different; the Docker Manager steps below do not apply to it.

View is*hosting ↗

VDSina — manual installation

The observed 2-core/4-GB plan cost $20.10 per month. A ready Hermes image is not confirmed.

View VDSina ↗

All three links are referral links; Deskforge may earn a reward. Plans checked in November 2026. We have not benchmarked these VPS configurations.

Where to look on Hostinger

Open your VPS → **Docker Manager** → **Projects** → the Hermes project. Check the container state and logs. Hostinger AI Router credits appear in Docker Manager; for an external API, check spending at that provider.

STEP 03 / HOSTINGER

Deploy Hermes from the catalog

Open **Docker Manager** in your VPS dashboard. The Managed Hermes section uses a different setup.

01 Find the application

Docker Manager → Catalog → Hermes Agent → Select. Create a separate admin username and password for the application and save them in your password manager.

02 Choose how to pay for the model

If you added **Hostinger AI Router** credits with your VPS, the key is filled in automatically. Leave it unchanged. Otherwise, provide the key from your chosen external provider. Never send it to the assistant in chat.

03 Deploy the project

Check the fields and click **Deploy**. Wait for startup, then open **Docker Manager → Projects** and click **Open** next to Hermes. Its terminal interface will open.

What to choose in the first wizard

Use arrow keys to move, Enter to confirm and Space to select.

1. **Full setup.** It supports your Hostinger credits or external API. Quick Setup uses Nous Portal, which is a different route.
2. **Hostinger AI Router** if you use its balance; otherwise select your external provider. Choose an available model and review its price.
3. Select **Telegram** on the channels screen. Prepare the token and your ID using the next page.

> **Start with text.** In the container shell, run `hermes tools` → **Telegram**. Deselect tools and save. Reopen the screen: web/browser, terminal, file, code_execution, cronjob, delegation and MCP must be off. CLI settings do not replace Telegram settings.

Enter commands in the shell, not a message to the bot. Use `/exit` to leave Hermes chat. If there is no shell or Telegram choice, ask Hostinger about the interface. Oxylabs and Web Search & Scraping are not needed yet.

Do not give the assistant root access, SSH keys, working directories or billing control. If screens differ, check the setup before further purchases.

STEP 03 / YOUR BOT

Continue in Telegram

1. Token and your ID

Open @BotFather → `/newbot` → display name → a free username ending in `bot`. Save the token in your password manager. Ask @userinfobot for your **numeric ID**, not your @username.

2. Return to the Hermes wizard

On the Telegram screen, enter the token and **only your ID** in the allowed users list. Leave Allow all off. Do not add groups or approve someone else's pairing code.

3. Check and start the gateway

After saving settings, open the shell in **the same container**. Run `hermes gateway status`. If it shows **Manager: s6** and the gateway is stopped, run `hermes gateway start`, then `hermes gateway status` again. Do not start an already running gateway; to reload changed settings, use `hermes gateway restart` through that same s6 manager.

If s6 is not shown or the command is unsupported, do not install a host service or start a second copy. Ask Hostinger how your installed image runs the gateway in the background. A reply in the terminal chat alone is not sufficient.

4. Message your bot

Open it in Telegram → Start → write: "Reply with one word: ready." Wait for the answer, close the terminal tab and send a second question from your phone.

> **The bot should reply with the tab closed.** If it only responds while the terminal is open, background operation is not ready. Check the project in Docker Manager and ask support with an error description, without the token.

This Hermes runs in Docker. Do not install a second systemd service for it on the VPS. Never use the same token in two running gateways.

Save a backup before changing configuration. After a change, ask a new question in Telegram. Do not create a duplicate project or delete the working container just to repeat setup.

The token controls your bot. If exposed in a message or screenshot, revoke it through BotFather and enter the replacement in Hermes settings.

CHECK THE RESULT

Now give it a useful task

First get one recurring task to an acceptable standard. Use a short text without secrets that you can check yourself.

One task: a customer reply

Inputs. The client asks: “Can you deliver the presentation by Friday?” Our terms: up to ten slides, three business days after all files arrive. The receipt date is unknown. Use “A customer reply” on page 08.

What needs correction. “Yes, it will be ready in three days” drops “business” and the starting condition. Friday cannot be confirmed yet.

Correction request. “Restore the deadline from our terms. Do not promise Friday without a file receipt date. Ask for the materials.”

Corrected sample. “We prepare presentations of up to ten slides within three business days after receiving all files. Please send the materials so we can check whether Friday is feasible.”

Repeat. Start a new conversation with the same terms. The next question is: “What about twelve slides by Saturday?” A good answer checks scope and dates instead of carrying over the previous promise.

This is an authored teaching sample, not a recorded model response. Check the facts before sending. Record time, attempts and spending; compare cost per accepted reply.

Four checks before everyday use

1. **Close your computer.** Send the bot a new question from your phone. You need a new reply, not an old message already in the chat.
2. **Check a restart.** Reboot this separate VPS using its hosting panel. Ask a new question after it starts. Do not reboot a server containing other people’s projects.
3. **Check access boundaries.** Try the bot from another account you own or with a friend’s consent. It must not perform a task for that account. Do not approve its pairing code.
4. **Check spending.** In the model provider’s dashboard, find the latest conversation cost, the key limit and any unwanted automatic top-up.

> **Your success check:** a fresh reply arrives with your computer closed; other users cannot use it; spending is visible. If a check fails, do not add more tools.

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Four everyday tasks

Replace brackets with your information. Remove client identities and secrets; check the answer before using it.

01 Meeting notes

Analyze these meeting notes: [text].
Make a table: decision / task / owner / deadline / supporting phrase.
Use an owner or deadline only if the notes state it; otherwise write “not specified”. List conflicts and open questions separately.
Do not send anything to participants.

02 A customer reply

Customer question: [message]. Our confirmed terms: [facts].
Draft a reply under 120 words: a direct answer, a useful explanation and one next step. Do not invent prices, dates or promises.
If information is missing, separately list what I must confirm before sending.

03 Check a table

Data: [table with column names and units].
Find missing entries, duplicates and unusual values. Do not change the source.
For each issue, give the row, reason and a verification step. Calculate [metric] and show the formula and input values.

04 A short video

Product: [description]. Viewer: [audience]. Their problem: [confirmed fact].
Create a 30-second vertical video script: time / shot / words / sound. Show the product in use and one next step.
Do not invent reviews, figures or outcomes. List what needs filming or verification.

For service comparisons, paste the service terms: web search is off in the initial setup. Prompts do not change the assistant’s access permissions.

Before updating, save a copy

Read the update notes and create a backup of your configured server in the hosting dashboard. If the update breaks your assistant, you can restore the previous working version. Restoring it discards changes made after the backup was created.

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Four more ready-to-use prompts

Replace brackets with your information. Remove client identities and secrets; check the answer before using it.

05 Compare services

My task: [task and frequency]. Constraints: [country, budget, data].
Compare [A] and [B] using official pages: features, limits, full price, renewal and cancellation. Give links and the date checked.
If you cannot browse, ask for sources. Do not invent plans. Suggest one short test before buying.

06 Your first Hermes task

Help organize my week: [nonconfidential task list].
First group the tasks and suggest three priorities, explaining your choices.
For now, work only with this message: do not run commands, connect services or send anything. List any suggested external actions separately for my decision.

07 Edit a draft

Text: [draft]. Reader: [audience]. What they need to understand: [point].
Remove repetition and awkward wording. Keep facts, names, figures and my tone.
Do not add promises or promotional adjectives. Return the edited text, then list only substantive changes and facts I need to verify.

08 A weekly plan

Tasks: [list]. Available time: [hours by day]. Deadlines and dependencies: [facts].
Make a realistic daily plan with room for unexpected work. Show what does not fit and what depends on someone else's reply.
Do not make commitments for me or create calendar events. Show the plan for review first.

For service comparisons, paste the service terms: web search is off in the initial setup. Prompts do not change the assistant's access permissions.

Hermes help. SMSFAST is an optional referral link. It is not needed for this route: keep your main account on a number you control long term. SMSFAST terms prohibit using its numbers for paid subscriptions.

STAY IN TOUCH WITH DESKFORGE

Where to find us

> **Need Deskforge help?**
> Send “Guide / Hermes” and the step where you stopped. Never send tokens, codes, identity documents or card details. Personal installation is a separate service with an agreed price.

Click a card or scan its QR code.

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