

LEVEL 1 Solo User (Week 1)

- Chat with one AI (\$20/mo)
- Drafts, summaries, questions, brainstorming
- You are: **a person with a smart assistant**

Agents: 0 | Hours saved/week: 2—3

LEVEL 2 Power User (Month 1—2)

- Projects with memory, prompt library
- Multiple tools (Claude + Perplexity + Cursor)
- Custom instructions, saved templates
- You are: **a person with a toolkit**

Agents: 0 | Hours saved/week: 5—8

LEVEL 3 Builder (Month 2—4)

- Custom instructions, AI writes production code
- Design-to-code pipeline (Figma — MCP — live site)
- Workflow automation (n8n), API integrations
- You are: **a person who builds with AI**

Agents: 1—5 | Hours saved/week: 10—15

LEVEL 4 Operator (Month 4—6)

- Local models running (Ollama), knowledge base (RAG)
- Multiple model routing — right model for each task
- API integrations, data pipelines, scheduled jobs
- You are: **someone operating AI infrastructure**

Agents: 10—20 | Hours saved/week: 20—30

LEVEL 5 Commander (Month 6—12)

- 50—250+ specialist agents with supervisors managing agents
- MCP ecosystem (25+ tool integrations)
- Voice input, vision, multi-modal interactions
- Agents creating and managing other agents
- You are: **commanding an AI army**

Agents: 250+ | Hours saved/week: 40+

The Progression at a Glance

Level	You Are	Agents	Hours Saved	Timeline
1	Solo user	0	2—3/wk	Week 1
2	Power user	0	5—8/wk	Month 1—2
3	Builder	1—5	10—15/wk	Month 2—4
4	Operator	10—20	20—30/ wk	Month 4—6
5	Commander	250+	40+/ wk	Month 6—12

The Key Insight

"You don't hire 254 people on day one. You start with one intern. Then tools. Then specialists. Then teams. Then managers. Except each hire costs \$0 and works 24/7."