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Expose data and content from your servers to LLMs

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Resources are designed to be **application-controlled**, meaning that the client application can decide how and when they should be used. Different MCP clients may handle resources differently. For example:

- * Claude Desktop currently requires users to explicitly select resources before they can be used
- * Other clients might automatically select resources based on heuristics
- * Some implementations may even allow the AI model itself to determine which resources to use

Server authors should be prepared to handle any of these interaction patterns when implementing resource support. In order to expose data to models automatically, server authors should use a **model-controlled** primitive such as [Tools](./tools).

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Let your servers request completions from LLMs

Sampling is a powerful MCP feature that allows servers to request LLM completions through the client, enabling sophisticated agentic behaviors while maintaining security and privacy.

This feature of MCP is not yet supported in the Claude Desktop client.

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Understand how MCP connects clients, servers, and LLMs

The Model Context Protocol (MCP) is built on a flexible, extensible architecture that enables seamless communication between LLM applications and integrations. This document covers the core architectural components and concepts.

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Enable LLMs to perform actions through your server

Tools are a powerful primitive in the Model Context Protocol (MCP) that enable servers to expose executable functionality to clients. Through tools, LLMs can interact with external systems, perform computations, and take actions in the real world.

Tools are designed to be **model-controlled**, meaning that tools are exposed from servers to clients with the intention of the AI model being able to automatically invoke them (with a human in the loop to grant approval).

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