

Difference Between MCP and RAG (Simple & Clear)

1. What they solve

- **RAG** → solves the problem of **LLMs not knowing your data**
- **MCP** → solves the problem of **LLMs not having access to your tools**

2. What they give to the AI

- **RAG gives the AI knowledge**
(documents, PDFs, notes, database text)
- **MCP gives the AI capabilities**
(file access, APIs, databases, commands)

3. What the AI can do with them

- **With RAG:**
AI can **answer questions** about your documents.
- **With MCP:**
AI can **perform actions** like:
 - read/write files
 - call APIs
 - run code
 - query databases
 - automate workflows