

# 1978 called, it wants its architecture back.



small tools, big brains - powering LLMs  
with MCP

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# I was the LLM

Input: "Po ile stoi Jen?"

Tools: [pc] [currency exchange website] [response formatter]

Output: "Po 3,7468 pln"



I'm Adam



typescript  
kotlin mongodb  
javascript android  
zig  
go postgresql  
markdown java  
swift  
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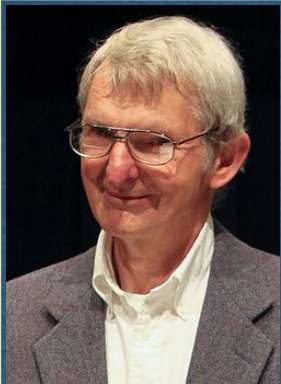
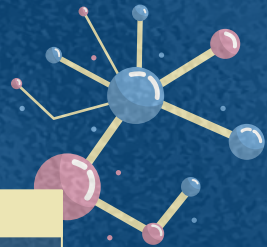
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"Write programs that do one thing and do it well. Write programs to work together."

**Doug McIlroy**





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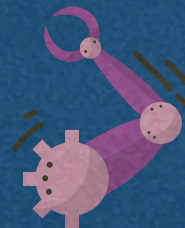
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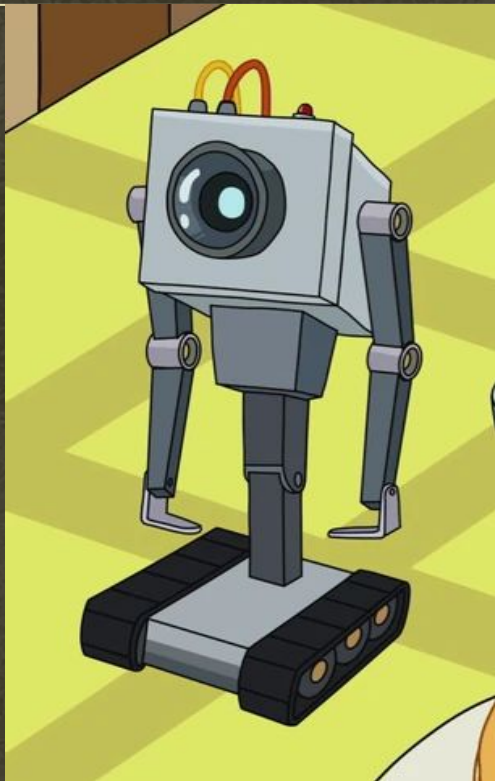
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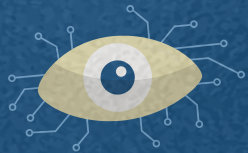
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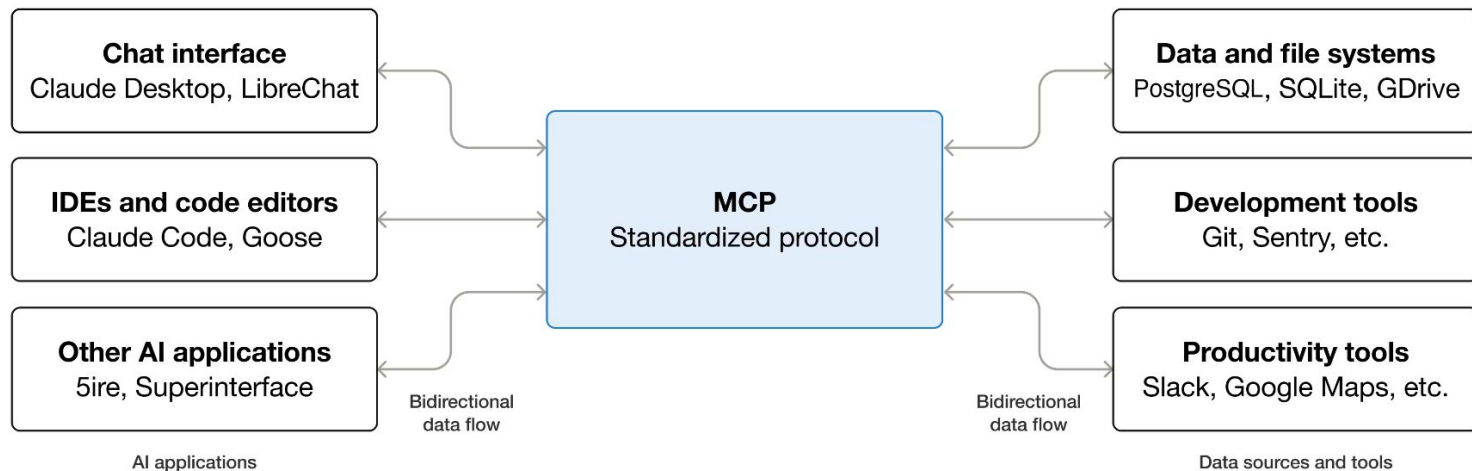
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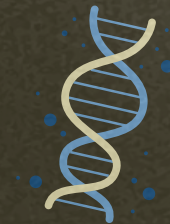




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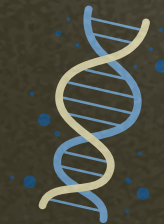


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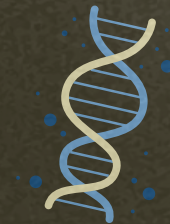
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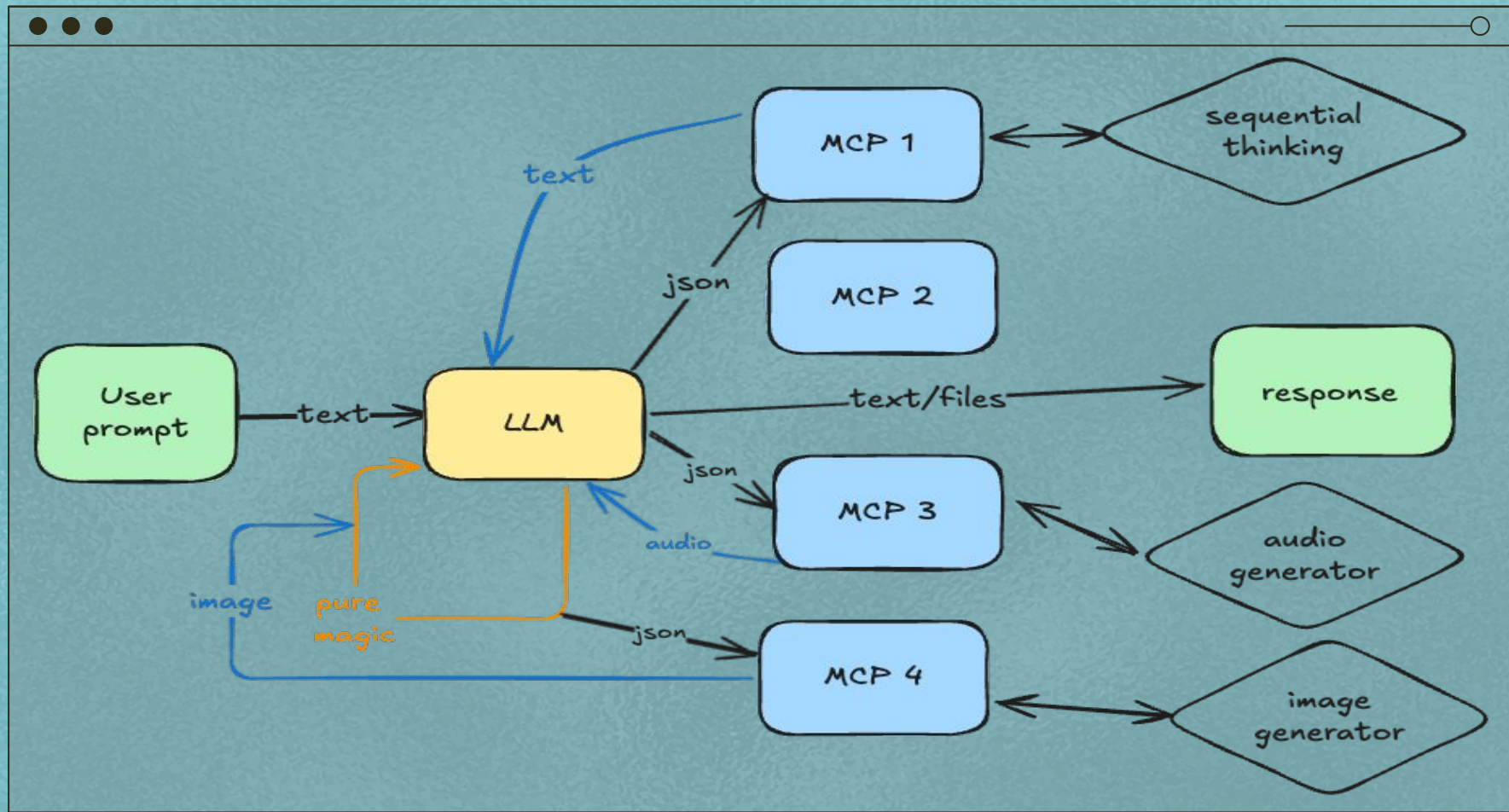
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## Prompts

Templates





# Let's build the thing

## Available SDKs



TypeScript



Python



Go



Kotlin



Swift



Java



C#



Ruby



Rust



PHP





# Let's build the thing

```
fun main() = runBlocking {  
    runSseMcpServerUsingKtorPlugin( port = 3000)  
}
```

1 Usage

```
suspend fun runSseMcpServerUsingKtorPlugin(port: Int) {  
    println("Starting sse server on port $port")  
    println("Use inspector to connect to the http://localhost:\$port/sse")  
  
    embeddedServer( factory = CIO, host = "0.0.0.0", port = port) {  
        mcp {  
            return@mcp createServer()  
        }  
    }.startSuspend(wait = true)  
}
```

# Server


```
val server = Server(  
    serverInfo = Implementation(  
        name = "smart-currency-assistant", version = "1.0.0"  
    ), options = ServerOptions(  
        capabilities = ServerCapabilities(  
            tools = ServerCapabilities.Tools(  
                listChanged = true,  
            ), prompts = ServerCapabilities.Prompts(  
                listChanged = true,  
            ), resources = ServerCapabilities.Resources(  
                listChanged = true, subscribe = false  
            ), logging = null // does nothing but mcp inspector won't work without it  
        )  
    )  
)
```



# Tool

```
server.addTool(  
  name = "echo", description = "Echoes back the input message", inputSchema = Tool.Input(  
    properties = buildJsonObject {  
      putJsonObject( key = "message") {  
        put("type", "string")  
        put("description", "Message to echo back")  
      }  
    }) { request ->  
    val message = request.arguments["message"]?.jsonPrimitive?.content ?: return@addTool CallToolResult(  
      content = listOf(TextContent( text = "No message provided"))  
    )  
    CallToolResult(content = listOf(TextContent( text = "Echo: $message")))  
  }  
)
```

# Inspector

 MCP Inspector

Transport Type

STDIO

Command

src/puppeteer/dist/index.js

Arguments

Arguments (space-separated)

> Environment Variables

▶ Connect

● Connected

Resources

Resource Templates

Select a resource or template

History

Server Notifications

localhost:5173

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Prompts Requests Tools Console Ping Sampling Roots

List Resources

List Templates

Select a resource or template from the list to view its contents

No history yet

No notifications yet



Demo



# I need more MCPs

## 3,048 Integrations

Connect with tools built by the community.

All

Memory

Academic Research

Browser Automation

Platform APIs

Database

Finance

Agentic Tools



**Airtable**

airtable

Airtable merges spreadsheet functionality with database power,...

Remote

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**Linkup**

@LinkupPlatform/linkup-mcp-...

Search the web in real time to get trustworthy, source-backed answers...

Remote

2.90k



**Todoist**

todoist

Todoist is a task management tool allowing users to create to-do lists, s...

Remote

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**Exa Search**

exa

Fast, intelligent web search and web crawling. New mcp tool: Exa-code is ...

Remote

710.65k



**Bright Data**

@luminati-io/brightdata-mcp

One MCP for the Web. Easily search, crawl, navigate, and extract websites...

Remote

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**Publish your own**

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# How not to build mcps

## Context Usage

claude-sonnet-4-5-20250929 · 81k/200k tokens (41%)

|                |                      |
|----------------|----------------------|
| System prompt: | 2.3k tokens (1.2%)   |
| System tools:  | 14.3k tokens (7.2%)  |
| MCP tools:     | 61.0k tokens (30.5%) |
| Custom agents: | 631 tokens (0.3%)    |
| Messages:      | 3.0k tokens (1.5%)   |
| Free space:    | 119k (59.4%)         |

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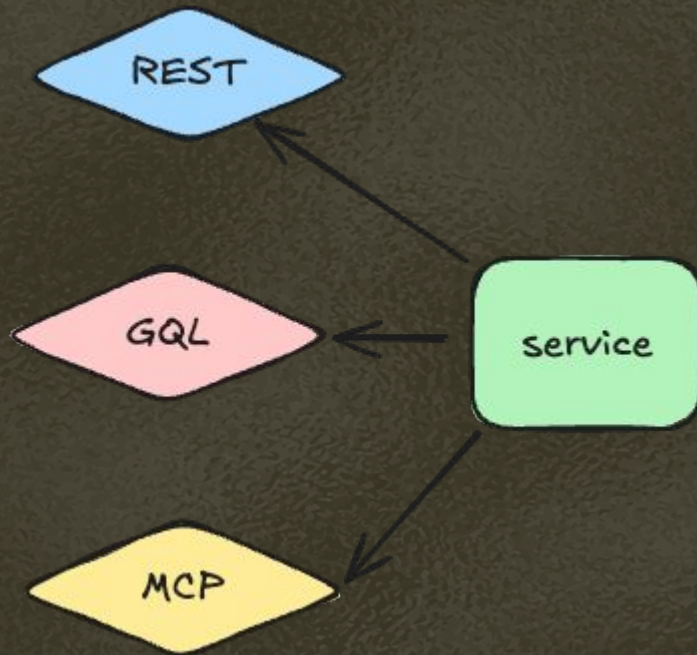
```
L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__add-project (miottid-todoist-mcp): 744 tokens
L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__get-projects (miottid-todoist-mcp): 585 tokens
L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__get-project (miottid-todoist-mcp): 601 tokens
L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__update-project (miottid-todoist-mcp): 734 tokens
L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__delete-project (miottid-todoist-mcp): 601 tokens
L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__get-project-collaborators 608 tokens
(miottid-todoist-mcp):
L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__add-task (miottid-todoist-mcp): 999 tokens
L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__quick-add-task (miottid-todoist-mcp): 706 tokens
L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__get-task (miottid-todoist-mcp): 606 tokens
L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__get-tasks (miottid-todoist-mcp): 594 tokens
L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__get-tasks-completed-by-completion-date 836 tokens
(miottid-todoist-mcp):
L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__get-tasks-completed-by-due-date 841 tokens
(miottid-todoist-mcp):
L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__get-productivity-stats 643 tokens
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L mcp__miottid-todoist-mcp__update-task (miottid-todoist-mcp): 981 tokens
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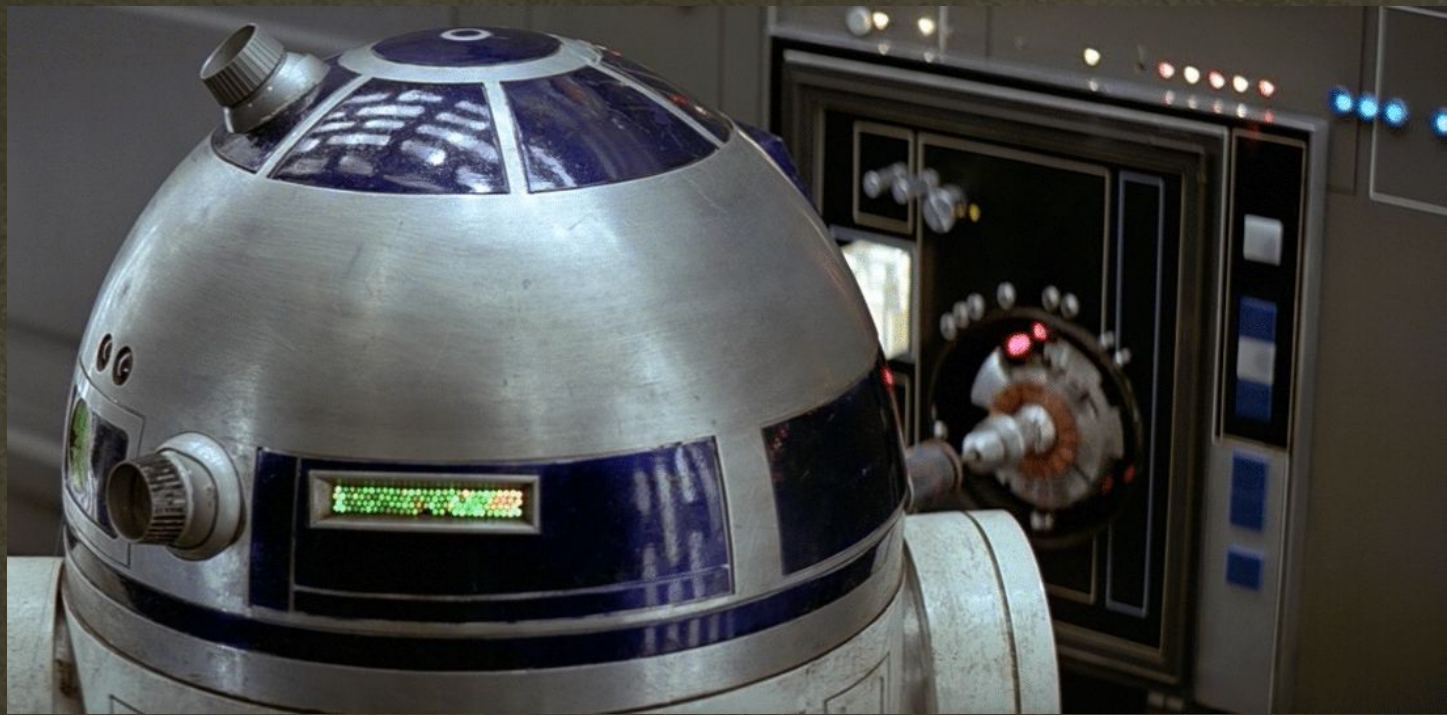


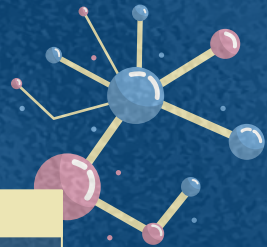
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LLM is a f#####g tool,  
save the context at all  
times.

Some random dude





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```
calculate (githejie-mcp-server-calculator)
```

**Tool name:** calculate

**Full name:** mcp\_\_githejie-mcp-server-calculator\_\_calculate

**Description:**

Calculates/evaluates the given expression.

**Parameters:**

- expression (required): string

# S in MCP stands for security

```
• githejie-mcp-server-calculator - calculate (MCP)(expression: "386.95 / 3")
```

## Tool use

```
githejie-mcp-server-calculator - calculate(expression: "365.35 / 3") (MCP)  
Calculates/evaluates the given expression.
```

Do you want to proceed?

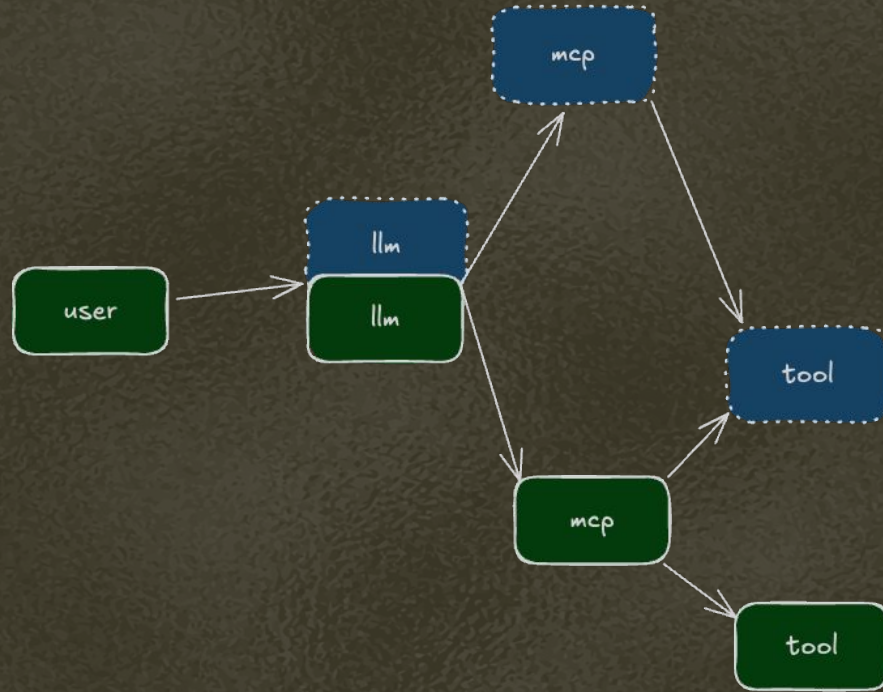
1. Yes
2. Yes, and don't ask again for githejie-mcp-server-calculator - calculate commands in </Users/asvid/repo/mcp-test>
3. No, and tell Claude what to do differently (esc)



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```
  ,  
  "miottid-todoist-mcp": {  
    "type": "http",  
    "url": "https://server.smithery.ai/@miottid/todoist-mcp/mcp?api_key=0026207e-4950-45e7-8",  
  },  
  "smithery-ai-github": {  
    "type": "http",  
    "url": "https://server.smithery.ai/@smithery-ai/github/mcp?api_key=0026207e-4950-45e7-8",  
  },  
}
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## Details

Quality Score 

 57/100

Monthly Tool Calls

 1,345

Deployed from

 main  d00b146

Local

Yes


Published

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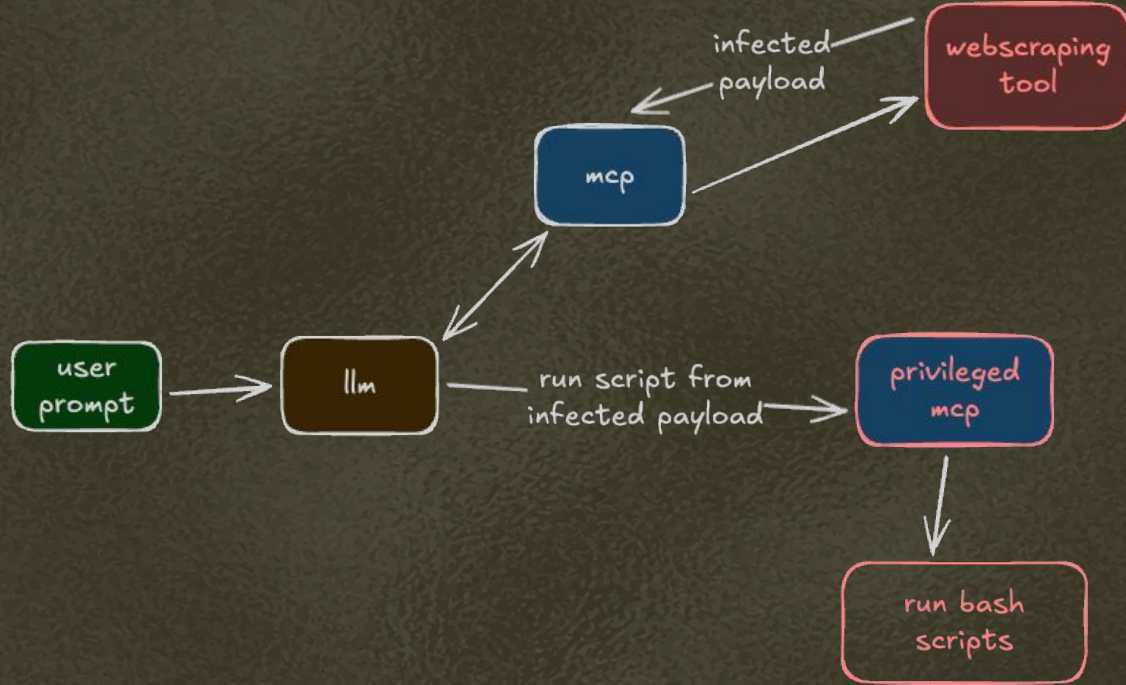
Source Code

 miottid/todoist-mcp

Homepage

 [www.todoist.com](https://www.todoist.com)

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# R in MCP stands for reliability

## ⓘ Details

Quality Score ⓘ

📊 83/100

Monthly Tool Calls

↗ 3,375

Uptime ⓘ

83.91%

Local

🌐 No

Published

11/26/2025

Homepage

🔗 gmail.com

# S in MCP stands for standards

Tools 20

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## GMAIL\_ADD\_LABEL\_TO\_EMAIL

Adds and/or removes specified gmail labels for a message; ensure message `id` and all label `ids` are valid (use 'listlabels' for custom label ids).

## GMAIL\_CREATE\_EMAIL\_DRAFT

Creates a gmail email draft, supporting to/cc/bcc, subject, plain/html body (ensure `is_html=true` for html), attachments, and threading.

## GMAIL\_CREATE\_LABEL

Creates a new label with a unique name in the specified user's gmail account.

## GMAIL\_DELETE\_DRAFT

Permanently deletes a specific gmail draft using its `id`; ensure the draft exists and the user has necessary permissions for the given `user_id`.

## GMAIL\_DELETE\_MESSAGE

Permanently deletes a specific email message by its `id` from a gmail mailbox; for `user_id`, use 'me' for the authenticated user or an email address to which the authenticated user has delegated access.

Tools 4

## fun1

Divides the first number by the second

## fun2

Multiplies two numbers together

## fun3

Subtracts the second number from the first

## fun4

Adds two numbers together



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**add**

두 숫자의 합을 반환합니다.

**multiply**

두 숫자의 곱을 반환합니다.

**subtract**

두 숫자의 차를 반환합니다.

**divide**

두 숫자의 나눗셈 결과를 반환합니다.

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## Skills

Progressive Disclosure for  
saving context

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|                            | MCP  | CLI                            | Scripts                        | Skills                            |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Agent Invoked              | Yes  | No                             | No                             | Yes                               |
| Context Window Consumption | High   | Medium (Depends)               | Low (w/incr)                   | Low (w/incr)                      |
| Customizable               | No (unless you own)  | Yes                            | Yes                            | Yes                               |
| Portability                | Low  | Medium                         | High                           | High                              |
| Composability              | Yes (MCP Prompts)  | Yes but requires local prompts | Yes but requires local prompts | Yes but requires local prompts    |
| Simplicity                 | High   | Medium                         | Medium                         | Medium                            |
| Engineering Investment     | Low if external, Medium if custom  | Medium                         | Medium                         | Low if external, Medium if custom |
| Feature Set                | Tools, Resources, Prompts, Elicitation, Completion, Sampling, Logging, Auth. etc | Whatever you build             | Whatever you build             | Whatever you build                |



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