



Making your APIs AI-Ready

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Designing for a world where machines read your APIs



Bridging LLMs and APIs with MCP

Bridging LLMs & APIs with MCP : Overview



- What is MCP?
- What does an MCP server do?
- MCP and our five shifts
- What we can do right now

Bridging LLMs & APIs with MCP

*"Systems work best when the
information guiding them is clear,
timely, and visible."*

- Donella Meadows



Bridging LLMs & APIs with MCP : What is MCP?

- [Model-Context Protocol](#) (MCP) is a standard from Anthropic
- MCP makes it possible for LLMs to find and use APIs
- MCP is an adaptor



MCP makes discovery possible

Bridging LLMs & APIs with MCP : What does MCP do?

- MCP exposes capabilities and context (manifest)
- MCP standardizes LLM/API interaction (JSON RPC 2.0)
- Publishing an MCP server exposes your APIs to agents

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3   "version": "1.0.0",
4   "description": "Expose task management capabilities as MCP tools for autonomous agents",
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9       "supports_streaming": false
10    }
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33      "name": "listTasks",
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    "required": []
  },
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    "properties": {
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        "items": { "$ref": "#/definitions/taskItem" }
      }
    }
  }
},
}
```



*MCP exposes API capabilities and
standardizes API interaction*

Bridging LLMs & APIs with MCP : The Five Shifts

- Intentions : MCP focuses on describing API intent
- Context : MCP adds capability details to the LLM context
- Standardization : MCP standardizes API/LLM interactions
- Discovery : MCP advertises actions as LLM “tools”
- Observation : MCPs generate signals that guide improvement



MCP enables your shift to AI-Ready APIs

Bridging LLMs & APIs with MCP : What we can do now

- Add “intention-style” identifiers to your API operations
- Focus on clear, complete input schemas
- Standardize response formats (including errors)



*Improved context metadata
empowers your MCP servers*

Bridging LLMs & APIs with MCP : Summary



- What is MCP?
 - An adaptor protocol for your APIs
- What does an MCP server do?
 - exposes capabilities, standardizes interactions
- MCP supports the five shifts
 - It enables your shift to AI-Ready APIs
- What we can do right now
 - Improving your context metadata empowers MCP servers



*MCPs are the bridge between
LLMs and your API*

MCP Servers : Quick Quiz

7.1 MCP stands for _____

- A. Multi-Connection Publishing
- B. Model-Context Protocol
- C. Master Control Program
- D. Mounted Canadian Police

7.2 What does an MCP server do?

- A. randomly generates API responses
- B. hides your API from AI-agents
- C. releases your API documentation for users to read
- D. exposes capabilities and context through the mcp.json manifest

7.3 MPCs are the bridge between LLMs and _____

- A. human programmers
- B. telephone switches
- C. your API
- D. RAG learning systems



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