MCP

The 5 MCP servers I'd install first (with exact setup)

Free guide. No signup. 1 min read

Repos and commands checked 2026-10-23 against the official READMEs/docs (links below).

From @learningwithcole · ELI5: Claude is the brain, MCP servers are its hands.

Run these in your normal terminal, then type `/mcp` inside Claude Code to log in where needed. Check that they're connected with `claude mcp list`.

1. Playwright: Claude uses a real browser

Microsoft · microsoft/playwright-mcp · 38K+ ★

Terminal

```
claude mcp add playwright npx @playwright/mcp@latest
```

Try: *"Open `localhost:3000`, click every button and tell me what breaks."*

2. Context7: up-to-date docs for any library

Upstash · upstash/context7 · 63K+ ★

Terminal

```
npx ctx7 setup --claude
```

The free API key gives higher rate limits. Try: *"Use Context7 to check the latest Next.js docs before you write this."*

3. GitHub: issues, PRs and repos

GitHub · github/github-mcp-server · 33K+ ★

Terminal

```
claude mcp add --transport http github https://api.githubcopilot.com/mcp/ --header
"Authorization: Bearer YOUR_GITHUB_PAT"
```

Create a fine-grained token with only the repos and permissions you need. Try: *"Summarize the open issues and draft a fix for the top one."*

4. Notion: your docs and notes

Notion (remote, OAuth) · developers.notion.com/docs/mcp

Terminal

```
claude mcp add --transport http notion https://mcp.notion.com/mcp
```

Then `/mcp` → notion → Authenticate. Try: *"Turn my 'Ideas' page into a project plan."*

5. Supabase: your database

Supabase (remote, OAuth) · supabase.com/docs/guides/getting-started/mcp

Terminal

```
claude mcp add --scope project --transport http supabase "https://mcp.supabase.com/mcp"
```

Safety: Supabase recommends read-only mode (`?read_only=true`), scoping to one project (`?project_ref=<id>`), and using a development branch rather than production. Keep tool approvals on.

Honest note: every server you add can read what you give it access to. Only install servers from official sources, and remove the ones you don't use (`claude mcp remove <name>`).

Links this guide cites

github.com/microsoft/playwright-mcp

github.com/upstash/context7

github.com/github/github-mcp-server

developers.notion.com/docs/mcp

supabase.com/docs/guides/getting-started/mcp