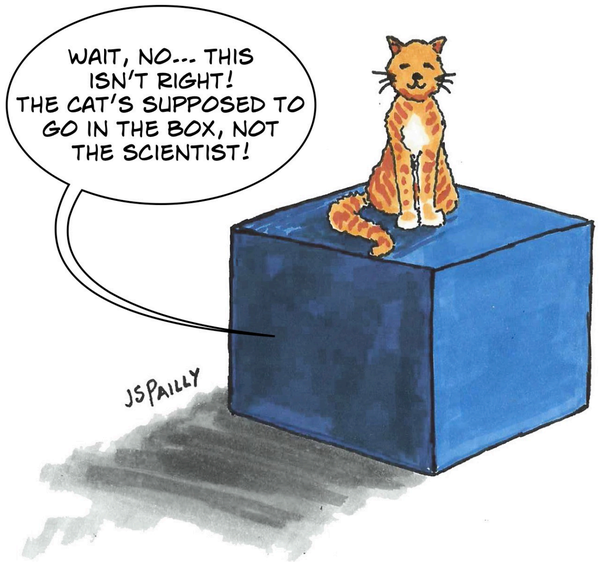
Schrödingers MCP

Is it dead or alive?



Who am I?

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MCP is dead? (https://www.quandri.io/engineering-blog/**mcp**-is-dead)
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MCP was always a bad idea? (https://maharship.com/blog/why-**mcp**-was-always-a-ba
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A critical look at **MCP** (https://raz.sh/blog/2025-05-02_a_critical_look_at_**mcp**)
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New **MCP** Roadmap (https://blog.modelcontextprotocol.io/posts/**mcp**-roadmap/)
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Claude Skills are awesome, maybe a bigger deal than **MCP** (https://simonwillison.net/2025/Oct/16/c
738 points | weinzierl | 1 year ago | 370 comments

I still prefer **MCP** over skills (https://david.coffee/i-still-prefer-**mcp**-over-skills/)
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MCP is dead; long live **MCP** (https://chrlschn.dev/blog/2026/03/**mcp**-is-dead-long-live-**mcp**
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MCP is eating the world (https://www.stainless.com/blog/**mcp**-is-eating-the-world--and-its-here-to-stay)
339 points | emschwartz | 1 year ago | 236 comments

You said no **MCP** (https://earendil.com/posts/you-said-no-**mcp**/)
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Stateless **MCP** has recaptured my interest (https://simonwillison.net/2026/Jul/31/stateless-**mcp**/)
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Everything wrong with **MCP** (https://blog.sshh.io/p/everything-wrong-with-**mcp**)
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Lots of talk about MCP

Some call it dead, others think its great

"USB-C of AI agents."

What is MCP again?

Quick History

Late 2024

Launch

Anthropic introduces MCP
First version, local only

Early 2025

Hype

OpenAIs Agent SDK added MCP support, Google, Microsoft and GitHub join suite

Late 2025

Pains Emerge

Security Issues Arise, Token bloat, Anthropic donates MCP to new Agentic AI Foundation

Early 2026

“MCP is dead”

Eric Holmes post

Mid 2026

The rewrite

The 2026-07-08 spec made the core stateless, Pi now supports MCP (somewhat)

Is it dead?

Token usage

Add a quick description of each thing, with enough context to understand what's up.

Battle tested code

Many CLI tools received bug fixes for decades

Part of the training

My LLM already knows how to use grep

No servers

Maintaining and scaling a server is no easy task

Is it alive?

Native audit logging

Add a quick description of each thing, with enough context to understand what's up.

Authentication

Keep 'em short and sweet, so they're easy to scan and remember.

Security

Giving an agent a shell environment with internet access is risky

Enterprise & Standards

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My 2ct

I never understood the need

Until I did some actual research for this talk

Its easier to reason what could go wrong

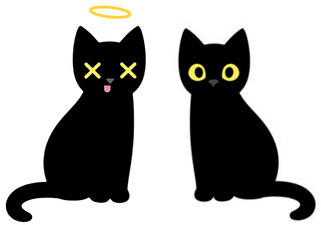
The protocol ensures its easy to check whats possible for an agent to do, how its authenticated and why its used

Public & sensitive applications

If your application is available publicly and in any way sensitive regarding data, cost or sth else. Its probably a good idea

Humans might want access too

CLIs can be used by humans. MCP is not designed for that



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