Chrome DevTools MCP

Let AI agents take the blindfold off.

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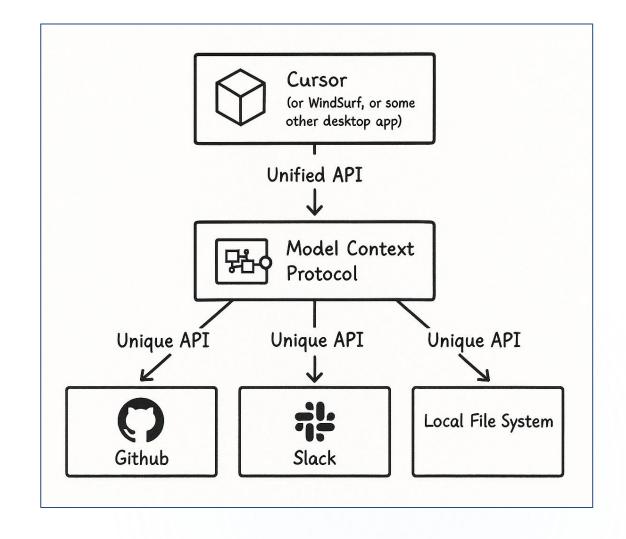
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Model Context Protocol is an open standard that provides MCP clients - via MCP servers - with tools to enhance their capabilities.

It **connects Al agents** (like Gemini or Claude) **directly to external tools**, such as Chrome DevTools.



The Problem: "Coding Blindfolded"

"Blindfolded" agents: Agents can't see real-time code results in a browser.

Guesswork: Leads to trial-and-error for layout bugs, runtime errors, and network issues.

Manual work: Developers must manually verify and debug, slowing down the workflow.

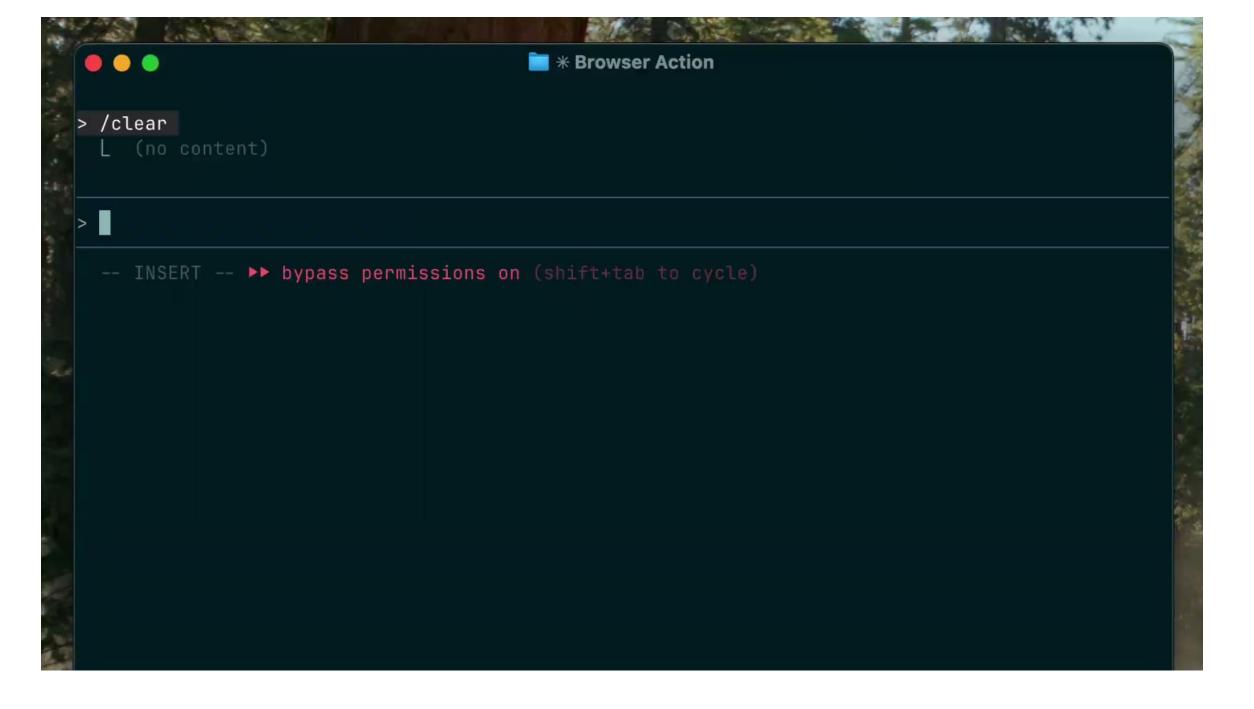
The Solution: Chrome DevTools MCP

What is it?

Connects your AI agent directly to a live Chrome browser.

Gives your Al access to the **power of Chrome DevTools**





Setup & Configuration

A step-by-step guide to connecting your AI agent

Step 0: The ONE link

https://github.com/ChromeDevTools/chrome-devtools-mcp



Step 1: Prerequisites

Node.js & npm: The MCP server is a Node.js package. Ensure node and npx are installed and available in your system's PATH. Node 20 is the minimum version

MCP-Compatible Client: You need an AI assistant that supports the MCP protocol (e.g., a VS Code extension, Gemini CLI, Cursor).

MCP Config File: You must locate your client's MCP configuration file (e.g., ~/.gemini/settings.json). Check your client's documentation for its location.

Step 2: Configure the server

This tells your Al client **how to find and start** the DevTools MCP server.

- ✓ Locate and open your client's MCP config file.
- ✓ Add the chrome-devtools entry to the mcpServers object, as shown.
- ✓ The npx command automatically downloads and runs the latest version.

```
{
   "mcpServers": {
      "chrome-devtools": {
         "command": "npx",
         "args": [
            "chrome-devtools-mcp@latest"
      ]
    }
}
```

Step 3: Enable in your Client

Restart Client

Restart your AI client (e.g., reload VS Code) to ensure it reads the new configuration file.

Run a Prompt!

The client will now start the server on-demand. A new Chrome window will open automatically.

Example Prompts

Inspirational

Improve LCP for
https://localhost:8080/devtools/pitstop.

Gemini - cinemai

Tips for getting started:

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- 1. Ask questions, edit files, or run commands.
- Be specific for the best results.
- 3. /help for more information.

Using: 1 GEMINI.md file | 1 MCP server (ctrl+t to view)

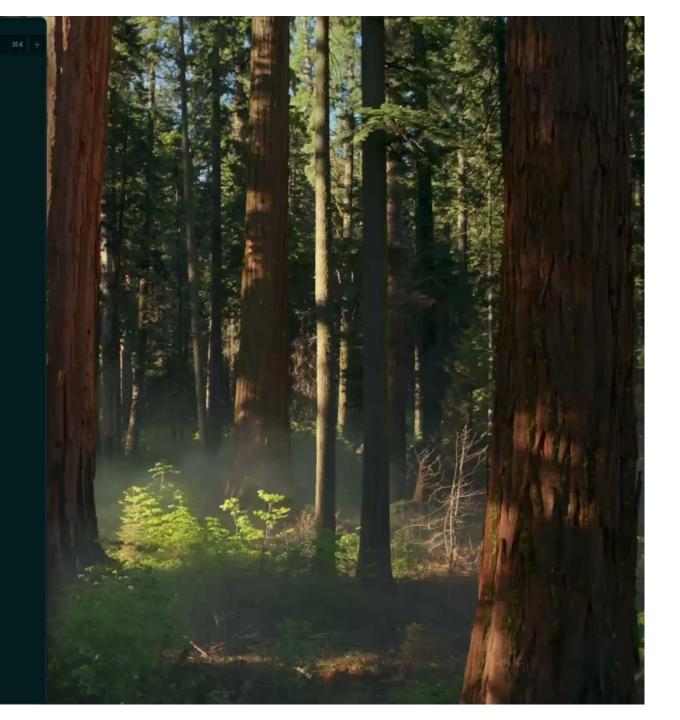
> | Type your message or @path/to/file

~/Projects/cinemai (main*)

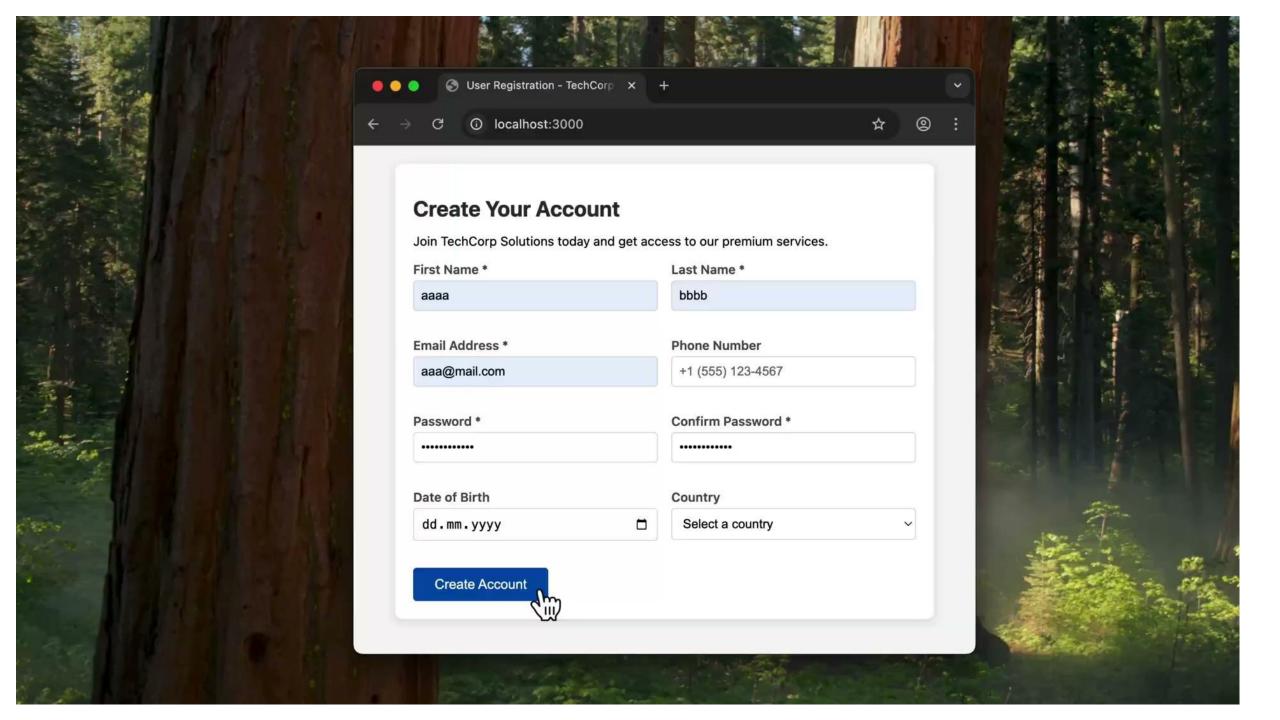
no sandbox (see /docs)

gemini-2.5-pro (100% context left)

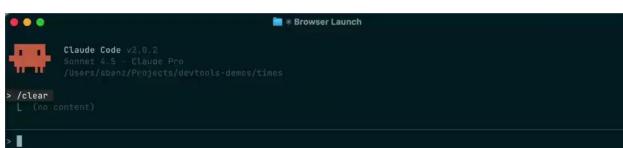




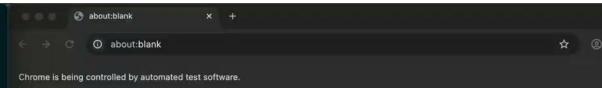
The registration form does not work on localhost:3000. Fix it.



Fix "News" being cut off in the headers on a pixel device. App runs on localhost:4333.







Questions? Feedback?

Find the project on GitHub:

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