

MCP SERVER

NO CODE

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Dovetail MCP

Synthesize Insights from Raw User Data

Dovetail MCP connects your user research data directly to your AI agent. It lets you manage entire cycles of product discovery—from listing projects and retrieving notes to publishing structured insights—all through natural conversation.

A+ Quality Score 100/100

dovetail

user-research

insights-management

notes-api

ux-research

research-automation



The infrastructure that powers AI agents in the real world.



Vinkius connects AI to the world's software through secure, enterprise-grade infrastructure — enabling real-world execution at scale, built on the Model Context Protocol (MCP).

Your AI Connections Run Through Vinkius Cloud

The world's largest
managed MCP catalog

Vinkius is the cloud infrastructure where AI agents connect to the software your business already runs. We handle the hosting, the security, the credentials, the uptime — you get agents that actually do things.

We operate the world's largest managed MCP catalog. Major SaaS platforms, CRMs, databases, and cloud providers — running, monitored, production-ready. This MCP server is hosted and maintained by the Vinkius Cloud for AI Agents.

The agent doesn't manage credentials, doesn't manage uptime, doesn't manage security. Vinkius does.

— Architecture principle

Four Pillars of the Vinkius Runtime

01 — Security by design

Credentials stay encrypted at rest via AES-256. The AI agent never touches raw keys — they're injected into a sandboxed V8 isolate at runtime. Actions are logged, and connections have an emergency kill switch.

03 — Deterministic observability

Eight immutable metrics per endpoint: request volume, p95 latency, error rate, active connections, cost attribution. A live payload feed logs every tool call with mutation detection.

02 — Built on MCP Fusion

This MCP server was built with **MCP Fusion**, the open-source framework (Apache 2.0) that powers the entire Vinkius catalog. Schema-as-firewall strips undeclared fields, compiled PII redaction runs at zero overhead, and cryptographic lockfiles produce git-diffable audit trails.

04 — Autonomous operations

Servers are deployed, monitored, and patched autonomously. New capabilities and security patches ship weekly. Zero-downtime deployments ensure continuous availability across all managed MCP servers.

AES-256

Encryption at rest

Ed25519

PKI vault signatures

24h TTL

Ephemeral session keys

V8 Isolate

Sandboxed execution

One Token. Instant Access.

Every MCP server on Vinkius is accessed through a **Connection Token**. Tokens are generated in the cloud dashboard and produce a unique MCP endpoint URL. Paste this URL into any MCP-compatible client — no SDK required.

A single token can serve **multiple AI clients simultaneously**, or you can issue separate tokens per client for granular access control. Each token tracks its own request count, last activity timestamp, and can be individually enabled or revoked.

MCP ENDPOINT

`https://edge.vinkius.com/{token}/mcp`

Claude



Cursor



VS Code



Windsurf



Grok



Gemini

Security Is the Architecture

Security in Vinkius is not a feature — it's the foundation of the runtime. The gateway enforces multiple independent protection layers between AI agents and third-party APIs.

01 — Ed25519 PKI Vault

Every workspace has an Ed25519 Master Key. Session keys are generated ephemerally (24h TTL) and signed by the Master Key. Credentials never leave the vault boundary.

02 — V8 Isolate Sandboxing

Tool code runs inside isolated-vm V8 isolates with 64 MB memory caps and per-request timeouts. No filesystem access, no network access except through the SSRF-guarded fetch bridge.

03 — SSRF Guard

All outbound HTTP requests are DNS-resolved and validated before execution. Private IP ranges (10.x, 172.16-31.x, 192.168.x, AWS metadata 169.254.x) are blocked at the network layer.

05 — Cryptographic Audit Trail

Every request is signed into a SHA-256 hash chain with Ed25519 signatures. Events form a tamper-proof, SIEM-exportable forensic record.

04 — DLP & PII Redaction

A ResponseGuard pipeline intercepts every tool response. Configurable redaction patterns strip sensitive fields (emails, SSNs, card numbers) before data reaches the AI agent.

06 — Honeypot Trap System

Phantom credentials are injected into isolated environments. If a honeypot is used outside Vinkius infrastructure, the server is quarantined instantly.

Emergency Kill Switch

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Compliant

The kill switch is an **emergency halt** mechanism — not a simple toggle. When triggered, it executes three actions atomically:

01 — Server deactivated

The MCP server is immediately taken offline across the entire cluster.

02 — All tokens revoked

Every connection token is invalidated. Total lockout — reconnection blocked until new tokens are issued.

03 — WebSocket connections killed

Active connections terminated via Redis pubsub broadcast. Propagates to every runtime node in the cluster.

Full Visibility. Zero Guesswork.

The Vinkius cloud dashboard includes a full MCP Governance suite — real-time analytics and security controls for production AI operations.

Control Plane

KPI dashboard with request volume, latency, success rate, token consumption, and AI-generated operational briefings.

FinOps

Cost tracking per tool, payload compression savings, budget optimization signals, and consumption trends.

Firewall & DLP

PII redaction activity, sensitive data protection counters, and security event timeline.

Agent Activity

Which AI clients are connecting, how often, and what they're doing — real-time session tracking.

Tool Health

Slowest and most error-prone tools, with actionable root-cause insights and performance baselines.

Incident Log

Error trends, failure rates, status-code breakdowns, and forensic audit trail access.

Get started at cloud.vinkius.com — connect your AI agent in under 60 seconds.

Dovetail MCP

7 tools available

Cloud-hosted on Vinkius

Stop spending hours manually scrubbing interview transcripts or navigating complex project folders just to find a single piece of feedback. This MCP connects your Dovetail account, giving your AI agent full control over your entire user research lifecycle.

Your agent acts like a dedicated coordinator for your product insights. Need to know what pain points were raised in the 'Mobile UX Redesign' study? Your agent finds them across multiple notes and can even draft an official insight record instantly. You can ask it to list all active projects, then pull up every piece of raw data related to a specific user complaint. If your team needs visibility into who owns which project or what goals were set for the quarter, this MCP handles that retrieval. Because Vinkius hosts this connection, you send one API key and get access to these advanced research workflows right from any compatible AI client.

Core Capabilities

01 — Project Oversight

List all active research projects and retrieve specific goals or metadata for any study.

03 — Insight Publishing

Automatically draft and publish official research findings and key themes that maintain a high-fidelity record of discoveries.

05 — Team Management

Get a complete list of users working within your research workspace, helping coordinate tasks and access rights.

02 — Data Capture and Organization

Create new, structured research notes containing raw data like interview transcripts or usability test summaries.

04 — Advanced Data Retrieval

Search across all projects to find relevant data using powerful filters on titles or content.

One Click on Vinkius — From Prompt to Execution

Available at vinkius.com/mcp/dovetail — connect your AI agent in three steps.

- 01 Subscribe to this MCP on Vinkius and retrieve your Personal API Key from Dovetail settings.
- 02 Provide the key to your AI agent or client (like Cursor or Claude).
- 03 Tell your agent what you need—for example, 'List all projects related to user authentication'—and it executes the commands.

The bottom line is that your agent treats Dovetail like a built-in source of truth for all qualitative research data.

Built For

This MCP is for UX researchers, Product Managers, and Design Leads who spend too much time manually compiling findings from disparate sources. If your job requires synthesizing patterns from interviews or organizing large volumes of raw data, this tool saves you hours every week.

User Researcher

Instantly registering new interview notes and publishing key highlights using natural language commands, instead of going through the web UI.

Product Manager

Searching across all research projects to find specific user pain points or competitive insights without ever leaving their primary workspace tool.

Design Lead

Monitoring overall research progress and managing team collaboration by querying member directories or project status via simple AI prompts.

What Changes When You Connect

- 01 Turn raw data into published findings instantly. When you use `create_insight`, your agent drafts a high-fidelity summary of discoveries, keeping the team's knowledge base accurate.

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- 02** Never lose context again. Use `list_projects` and then `get_project_details` to quickly understand project goals or participant lists without clicking through multiple tabs.
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- 03** Capture everything immediately. When you need to record a new interview or test session, simply ask your agent to execute `create_note`, specifying the content type (HTML or Markdown).
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- 04** Find needles in haystacks fast. Use advanced queries to search across projects and notes, dramatically reducing the time needed to locate specific user pain points.
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- 05** Keep team communication organized. Running a simple query for `list_workspace_members` ensures everyone knows who they need to talk to about project progress.
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Real-World Applications

Consolidating Q3 Learnings

The PM needs to present the key learnings from three separate studies. They tell their agent: 'List all projects and then find all published insights related to onboarding.' The agent uses `list_projects` and `list_insights`, gathering a comprehensive, actionable report in minutes.

Logging a Quick Follow-up

The researcher just finished a quick usability test and needs to log it. They tell their agent: 'Create a new note titled 'Follow Up - User C' in the UX project.' The agent uses `create_note` immediately, logging the raw data before they forget the details.

Onboarding New Team Members

A new Design Lead needs to know who was involved in the initial research phase. They ask their agent to use `list_workspace_members` to get a directory of key contacts, instantly coordinating collaboration and access.

Project Status Check

The Product Manager needs to know if a study has enough context. They ask their agent to use `get_project_details` for 'Mobile UX Redesign' to confirm its stated goals and participant scope before starting new work.

Patterns to Avoid

Treating it like a general document search

✗ AVOID

Trying to use your agent with Dovetail just for simple summarization of an uploaded PDF. This MCP is structured around specific research data types, not generic documents.

✓ INSTEAD

If you're working with user research, stick to the core functions: Use ``list_projects`` to scope your search, and then ask your agent to use ``list_notes`` or ``create_insight`` based on that project context.

Copy-pasting data manually

✗ AVOID

Taking key findings from a transcript and pasting them into a separate spreadsheet or document, creating version control nightmares.

✓ INSTEAD

Use the MCP to automate publishing. Tell your agent to use ``create_insight`` directly within Dovetail. This ensures the finding is indexed correctly with its source data.

Confusing notes and insights

✗ AVOID

Assuming that every piece of raw data (a note) automatically counts as a vetted, published insight.

✓ INSTEAD

Remember the distinction. Use ``create_note`` for raw recordings or drafts. Wait until you've analyzed it, then use ``create_insight`` to publish it as an official discovery.

The Right Fit

Use this MCP if your core workflow revolves around qualitative research data management and synthesis. Specifically, if you need your agent to perform structured actions like listing projects (`list_projects`), retrieving specific project metadata (`get_project_details`), or systematically moving raw observations into official records via `create_insight`. It's built for the *process* of discovery.

Don't use this if all you need is general document summarization (e.g., summarizing a legal contract). For that, a generic text analysis tool will work better. Also, don't rely on it to manage your entire company wiki—it's focused strictly on user research data within the Dovetail ecosystem. If you only want simple reading access without write capability, listing tools like `list_notes` is fine, but for full control, this MCP is necessary.

Finding Patterns in a Pile of Transcripts

Today, finding patterns means opening dozens of documents. You jump between transcripts, usability test reports, and meeting notes. You copy key quotes into Notion or a spreadsheet, then you manually tag them with 'Pain Point' or 'Opportunity'. It's tedious, and half the time, the data gets siloed because it wasn't attached to its original source.

With this MCP, your agent handles the heavy lifting. Instead of copy-pasting, you simply ask: 'What are the top three pain points mentioned in Q3?' Your agent coordinates across all projects and uses powerful search filters to pull out relevant quotes and publish them as official insights.

Publishing Insights with Dovetail

The manual steps that disappear are the exporting, renaming, and cross-referencing of findings. You don't have to manually decide which notes qualify as 'insights.' The system handles the record keeping.

Now, every discovery is captured in a structured way using `create_insight`. It's not just text; it's an actionable, indexed finding attached directly to your research history. That changes everything.

Dovetail: 7 Tools for UX Data Management

These tools let your agent perform specific actions inside Dovetail, such as listing projects, creating new notes, or publishing structured research insights.

#	TOOL	DESCRIPTION
01	<code>create_insight</code>	Drafts and publishes a new, structured summary of key research findings.
02	<code>create_note</code>	Generates and organizes a brand-new raw data record, such as an interview transcript or usability test log.
03	<code>get_project_details</code>	Retrieves detailed metadata about a specific research project's goals and participants.
04	<code>list_insights</code>	Lists all existing published research insights to give an overview of findings.
05	<code>list_notes</code>	Provides a list of available raw research notes, helping you track where data lives.
06	<code>list_projects</code>	Generates a directory listing of every active research project in the workspace.
07	<code>list_workspace_members</code>	Retrieves a full list and directory of all people who belong to the research workspace.

See It in Action

Real prompts you can use once this MCP is connected to your AI agent through Vinkius Cloud.

U List all my research projects in Dovetail.



I've retrieved your research projects. You have 3 active studies, including 'Mobile UX Redesign' (ID: proj_123) and 'Q4 User Feedback'. Which one would you like to inspect for notes?

U Create a new research note 'User A Interview' in project 'proj_123'.



Note created! 'User A Interview' is now added to the Mobile UX project (ID: proj_123). I've set the content type to HTML. Shall I add some initial highlights to this note?

U Show me all published insights containing the word 'mobile'.



Searching insights... I've found 2 published findings related to 'mobile'. The most relevant is 'Mobile-first navigation trends' from the latest study. Would you like the full summary for this insight?

Frequently Asked Questions

01 Can I use Dovetail MCP to list all my projects?

Yes, you can use the `list_projects` tool to retrieve a comprehensive directory of every active study in your workspace. This is useful for getting an overall inventory before starting any deep dive.

02 How do I create research notes using Dovetail MCP?

You use the `create_note` tool, specifying the content type (like HTML or Markdown) and the required data. Your agent will generate a structured record that immediately belongs to your project.

03 Is Dovetail MCP just for reading data?

No, it's fully bi-directional. You can read using tools like ``list_insights``, but you can also write and manage data by calling ``create_insight`` or ``create_note``.

04 What if I need to know who is on my team for Dovetail MCP?

The ``list_workspace_members`` tool lets your agent retrieve a complete directory of everyone in the workspace. This helps you coordinate tasks and manage access permissions.

05 Does Dovetail MCP help me find specific user pain points?







Yes, you can use powerful search queries against projects and notes to pinpoint relevant data across multiple studies. The agent makes this deep search easy to initiate with a simple prompt.

Go Live in 60 Seconds

Get your connection token from cloud.vinkius.com, then paste the endpoint URL into any MCP-compatible client.

YOUR MCP ENDPOINT

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https://edge.vinkius.com/[TOKEN]/mcp
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CLIENT	WHERE TO CONFIGURE
 Claude AI	Profile → Customize → Connectors → "+" → Add custom connector → Paste endpoint
 Cursor	Settings → Features → MCP Servers → "+ Add New MCP Server" → Type: SSE → Paste endpoint
 VS Code	Ctrl/Cmd+Shift+P → "MCP: Add Server" → add <code>"dovetail": { "url": "..." }</code>
 Windsurf	MCP Settings → <code>mcp_settings.json</code> → Add endpoint URL
 ChatGPT	Settings → Tools & plugins → Add MCP server → Paste endpoint
 Gemini	Extensions → Add MCP Server → Paste endpoint URL

ASK AN AI ABOUT THIS

Let your preferred AI explain this MCP server

-  **Ask ChatGPT** 
-  **Ask Claude** 
-  **Ask Perplexity** 
-  **Ask Gemini** 
-  **Ask Grok** 

READY TO CONNECT

Dovetail is live on Vinkius Cloud.

Get your connection token, paste it into your AI agent, and start building. No SDK. No deployment. Just results.

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