

MCP SERVER

NO CODE

CLOUD HOSTED

Getty Images MCP

Source, organize, and download millions of visual assets.

Getty Images MCP gives your agent full control over searching, managing, and acquiring stock media. Instantly search millions of editorial and creative photos, find videos, or download high-res assets directly from any chat window.

A+ Quality Score 98.33/100

stock-photography

media-procurement

editorial-images

asset-management

creative-assets



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.

Getty Images MCP

10 tools available

Cloud-hosted on Vinkius

Managing visual content used to mean switching between a dozen tabs: the image library, the video catalog, the rights database, and the asset management system. Now, you can handle all that research through natural conversation. You simply tell your agent what you need—for example, 'Find three images of renewable energy for an ad campaign'—and it pulls results from millions of assets across editorial or commercial libraries. Need to check if a historical event was covered in the news? Just ask the agent to audit archival photography. Want to download a specific photo for your presentation? It handles that too. When you connect this MCP via Vinkius, all those search and procurement tools become available right inside your workflow, letting you discover visually similar assets or list out all your saved lightboxes without ever leaving your chat client.

Core Capabilities

01 — Search for specific photo types

You can target different content areas—from general searches to commercial-use creative images, and news-focused editorial archives.

03 — Manage video assets

Search through stock video libraries and retrieve key metadata like duration and resolution details.

05 — Download media files

Retrieve high-resolution download URLs for images, automatically consuming the required corporate quota limits.

02 — Discover related visuals

By providing an asset ID, the MCP finds other photos that match the composition or aesthetic style of your source image.

04 — Organize collections

List, view, and manage all your saved lightboxes to keep project assets grouped logically.

One Click on Vinkius — From Prompt to Execution

Available at vinkius.com/mcp/getty-images — connect your AI agent in three steps.

- 01 Subscribe to this MCP and provide your Getty Images API Key from the developer portal.
- 02 Connect it to your preferred AI client (Claude, Cursor, etc.) via Vinkius.
- 03 Ask your agent a question—like 'Find me three photos of urban cycling'—and use natural language to pull results and perform actions.

The bottom line is that you get all the power of Getty Images integrated into an interactive chat session.

Built For

This MCP is essential for content creators, marketing teams, and journalists who spend too much time navigating complex media platforms. If your job requires sourcing visuals across different rights domains—from advertising to historical news—you need this tool.

Content Editor

They use the MCP to search for and manage high-quality stock photos, quickly finding commercial-safe imagery without leaving their editorial writing flow.

Marketing Campaign Lead

They leverage the ability to find visually similar assets or execute direct download mutations to source perfect images for ad campaigns in real time.

Investigative Journalist

They use the MCP to conduct deep searches across editorial and archival photography, helping them track specific historical events or global trends through natural conversation.

What Changes When You Connect

- 01 Stop leaving your chat client. You can run complex searches—like finding commercially-safe creative images using `search_creative`—and get results right in the conversation window.
- 02 Don't manually check rights. The MCP allows you to differentiate between general stock media, news coverage (`search_editorial`), and ad-ready assets using specific search tools.
- 03 Streamline asset gathering by using `get_images_batch`, which lets your agent pull full details for dozens of photos simultaneously instead of running individual lookups.
- 04 Keep everything organized with the ability to list and manage your entire library via `list_collections`, ensuring every project has its own dedicated visual hub.
- 05 Speed up production by using `download_image` directly from the chat, which retrieves high-resolution URLs and handles quota tracking automatically.

Real-World Applications

Need to verify historical context for a news piece?

A journalist needs photos of the 2019 climate summit. They ask their agent, and it uses `'search_editorial'` to pull only archival images from that specific time period, verifying the event's visual record.

Campaign needs a perfect background image, but they don't know what style they want.

A marketer uploads an existing photo and asks their agent to find alternatives. The MCP uses `'get_similar'` to suggest five related compositions that match the aesthetic patterns of the original source ID.

The design team has dozens of assets they need details on before committing.

Instead of running 50 individual searches, a designer asks their agent to use `get_images_batch` to collect titles and IDs for all selected photos in one query.

The client needs specific videos for an ad but struggles with video metadata.

A videographer instructs the agent to run `search_videos` on 'city streets at sunset.' The MCP returns results, including the duration and available resolution for every clip.

Patterns to Avoid

Treating it like a simple search engine

X AVOID

Asking the agent to just 'show me good pictures' without specifying if they need commercial or editorial rights. This leads to vague, unusable results.

✓ INSTEAD

Always specify your intent using specialized tools. For ad work, use `search_creative`. For news reporting, you must use `search_editorial`.

Downloading assets manually after finding them

X AVOID

The agent finds a great photo and then the user has to copy the ID and paste it into an external download portal. Too many clicks.

✓ INSTEAD

Once you've identified the asset, immediately use `download_image` to get the high-resolution URL directly within your chat environment.

Ignoring video assets

X AVOID

Searching for 'office life' but only looking at photo results. The agent misses key dynamic content needed for a modern campaign.

✓ INSTEAD

Remember to run `search_videos` when you need moving media. It provides necessary metadata like aspect ratio and duration.

The Right Fit

Use this MCP if your primary job involves sourcing, organizing, or acquiring licensed visual assets from a massive catalog of photos and videos. If you frequently switch between searching for commercial-use material, auditing news archives, and downloading final files, this is mandatory. Don't use it if you only need to search one specific type of content (e.g., just general web images); then a simpler image search tool might suffice. However, because this MCP handles everything from `search_creative` to video metadata via

`search_videos`, it's the comprehensive choice for any professional media workflow.

The pain of visual asset management is constant context switching.

Right now, if you need a photo, you start in your chat. You get an idea and ask for a search. Then, you have to copy the resulting IDs into the Getty Images website. Next, you jump to another tab to check video assets; then back to the site again to find similar compositions. It's a painful dance of copying, pasting, and jumping between interfaces just to gather data.

With this MCP, that process collapses. You talk to your agent naturally, asking it to 'Find me three photos for an ad' or 'Check out any archival footage.' The tool pulls the results into your chat window, letting you immediately analyze IDs, check video metadata using `search_videos`, and even download assets with a single command.

Get asset details and downloads instantly.

Previously, getting full details—like the exact rights status or aspect ratio for video—required navigating to an individual record page. If you needed to check ten different assets, you repeated that click-and-read process ten times, slowing down your entire workflow.

Now, you simply ask the agent to use `get_images_batch` or run a specific asset ID through `get_video`. The MCP returns all the necessary metadata and even gives you direct download links in one clean response. It's not just faster; it fundamentally changes how much data you can process in a single afternoon.

Getty Images with 10 Tools

These tools let your agent perform specific actions like searching different content libraries, getting asset details, finding similar visuals, and downloading high-resolution files.

#	TOOL	DESCRIPTION
01	<code>search_images</code>	Searches general Getty stock photos and returns basic details like IDs, titles, captions, and preview URLs.
02	<code>search_creative</code>	Limits searches exclusively to commercial-use creative images, guaranteeing suitability for advertising and marketing.
03	<code>search_editorial</code>	Searches archival and news photography that is intended for journalistic or editorial use, not commercial promotion.
04	<code>get_image</code>	Retrieves comprehensive metadata and full details about a single specific Getty image asset ID.
05	<code>get_images_batch</code>	Pulls detailed information for multiple Getty images at the same time, saving you from calling the tool repeatedly.
06	<code>search_videos</code>	Searches and retrieves metadata for stock video libraries, including duration and aspect ratio.
07	<code>get_video</code>	Gets detailed information about a single specific Getty video asset ID.
08	<code>download_image</code>	Downloads a high-resolution version of an image by its ID, consuming the necessary corporate usage quota.
09	<code>get_similar</code>	Finds and lists alternative images that share similar visual compositions or aesthetic patterns with a given asset ID.
10	<code>list_collections</code>	Lists all your saved Lightbox collections, allowing you to see and manage assets organized across different projects.

See It in Action

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

U Search for creative images of 'modern sustainable architecture'



Searching creative library... I found several high-quality images of sustainable buildings with solar panels and vertical gardens. Would you like to see the preview URLs and asset IDs for these?

U Find visually similar images to asset '12345678'



Analyzing visual properties... I found 5 similar assets with matching aesthetic patterns and compositions. I can provide the titles and artist names for these related images.

U List my Getty lightboxes



Retrieving collections... You have 3 active lightboxes: 'Q2 Web Campaign', 'Social Media Assets', and 'Inspiration Board'. Which one would you like to explore for selected assets?

Frequently Asked Questions

01 How do I use Getty Images MCP to find commercial photos?

Use the `search_creative` tool. This function is specifically designed to search and filter out only commercially safe images, ensuring your content meets advertising standards.

02 Can Getty Images MCP help me with historical photo research?

Yes, you use `search_editorial`. This searches the news and archival photography libraries, which is ideal for journalists needing to track specific global events or trends.

03 How do I download a picture using Getty Images MCP?

You execute the `download_image` tool. Just provide the asset ID you want, and the MCP returns the high-resolution URL while managing your corporate quota usage.

04 Does Getty Images MCP handle video search?

Absolutely. Use `search_videos` to browse stock footage. The results give you critical metadata like duration and resolution, which is vital for video planning.

05 What if I find a photo and want related ideas?







Use the `get_similar` tool. By feeding it an asset ID, your agent finds visually matching compositions and aesthetic patterns, giving you creative alternatives instantly.

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

```
https://edge.vinkius.com/[TOKEN]/mcp
```

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>"getty-images": { "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

Getty Images is live on Vinkius Cloud.

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

[Start at cloud.vinkius.com](https://cloud.vinkius.com) →

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