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Shutterstock MCP

Search Assets and Audit Licenses in One Conversation

Shutterstock MCP lets your AI agent search the entire global media repository for images, videos, and audio. It acts as a comprehensive art buyer and licensing auditor, letting you find high-quality assets—and verify their usage rights—all from one prompt.

A+ Quality Score 100/100

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SCAN TO VIEW

The connectivity layer between AI and the world's software.

Vinkius sits between AI and every application. All communication passes through Vinkius Cloud via the Model Context Protocol (MCP) — with governance, observability, and security at every layer.

Your AI Connections Run Through Vinkius Cloud

The world's largest managed MCP catalog

Vinkius is the connectivity layer where AI connects 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.

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.

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.

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	Ed25519	24h TTL	V8 Isolate
Encryption at rest	PKI vault signatures	Ephemeral session keys	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
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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.

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.

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.

06 — Honeytoken Trap System

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

Emergency Kill Switch

EU AI Act Art. 14(1) 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.

Agent Activity

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

FinOps

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

Tool Health

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

Firewall & DLP

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

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.

Shutterstock MCP

9 tools available
Cloud-hosted on Vinkius

This MCP connects your AI client directly to Shutterstock's massive library of stock content. You can treat it like having an autonomous art buyer sitting next to you. Instead of bouncing between search tabs and asset detail pages, your agent handles the deep dive. Need a video clip? Find it using dedicated video searches that let you filter by frame rate and quality. Looking for background music? The system lets you audit tracks, even pulling raw data like BPM profiles before committing to a license. If you're managing a large project, you can also check the full licensing history of assets or list existing collections right inside your workflow. With Vinkius hosting this MCP, you connect once and gain access to this entire media vault capability from any compatible client.

Core Capabilities

01 — Search Visual Assets

Run targeted searches for high-quality images, videos, or editorial content using specific keywords.

02 — Audit Audio Tracks

Find background music and audio clips, then retrieve detailed metadata like BPM profiles to ensure they match your creative needs.

03 — Verify Usage Rights

Retrieve the complete licensing history for any asset to confirm its usage rights before deployment.

04 — Manage Collections

List and interrogate existing curated media collections within your account structure.

One Click on Vinkius — From Prompt to Execution

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

01 Tell your AI client exactly what you need—for example, 'Find a high-res video of a dog running.'

02 The MCP executes the correct search protocol across images, videos, or audio based on your request and returns preliminary results.

03 You ask follow-up questions like, 'What's the BPM for that track?' or 'Show me the license history for asset X,' getting precise metadata in return.

The bottom line is you use natural language to navigate complex media databases and extract specific licensing data without ever leaving your chat window.

Built For

Creative directors, marketing managers, and legal compliance officers need this. If your job involves finding visual assets at scale or auditing usage rights for brand campaigns, this MCP saves hours of manual clicking.

Art Director

Needs to find the perfect combination of images, videos, and audio tracks that match a campaign's mood while ensuring they all have commercial usage rights.

Content Manager

Manages content pipelines by systematically searching for assets across different categories (editorial vs. lifestyle) and building curated media collections.

Marketing Campaign Lead

Quickly needs to pull metadata on specific assets or check the licensing history of a piece of existing creative work before launch day.

What Changes When You Connect

01 Stop guessing if an asset is usable. By checking the license history via `get_license_history`, you instantly confirm usage rights for any piece of media.

02 You don't have to jump between search types. The MCP handles searching images (`search_images`), videos (`search_videos`), and audio tracks (`search_audio`) all from a single prompt.

03 Need technical specs? Get them immediately. Use `get_video_details` or `get_image_details` to confirm resolutions, frame rates, and dimensions before you commit to a download.

04 It’s not just search; it's auditing. You can audit audio tracks using `search_audio` and pull raw technical details like BPM profiles for perfect background looping.

05 Your agent acts as an expert curator. It lets you list your personal media collections via `list_collections` , giving you a bird's-eye view of all available assets.

Real-World Applications

Building a Brand Reel

A marketing lead needs video, audio, and images for an ad. They ask their agent to `search_videos` for 'cityscape,' then use `get_audio_details` on the best track found, and finally run `search_images` to find supporting still shots, all while confirming they can afford the necessary licenses.

Legal Asset Compliance Check

A compliance officer receives a client file with dozens of images. Instead of manually checking each one, they ask their agent to check `get_license_history` for every asset ID found in the project folder.

Podcast Background Music Prep

A podcast producer needs continuous background music. They instruct their agent to use `search_audio` with 'ambient' keywords and then ask the system to pull the BPM profile using `get_audio_details` for five potential tracks.

Editorial Content Research

A journalist needs photos related to a non-fiction event. They use `search_editorial` to filter out purely commercial shots, ensuring the visuals are appropriate for news reporting and documentation.

Patterns to Avoid

Treating it like Google Images

✗ AVOID

Trying to find a specific video's resolution or its usage rights by simply pasting a URL into a general AI chat, which will only return basic text summaries.

✓ INSTEAD

You must use the dedicated tools. To get technical specs on a video, you need `get_video_details`. For licensing, always run `get_license_history`.

Ignoring Asset Categories

✗ AVOID

Searching for an image using only general keywords and getting mixed results—some are licensed editorial content while others are commercial.

✓ INSTEAD

Always specify the type of media you need. Use `search_editorial` when you require news-related imagery, or stick to standard searches for commercially usable assets.

Overlooking Technical Needs

✗ AVOID

Picking a background music track and only liking it by ear, without checking if its tempo (BPM) matches the required rhythm of your video edit.

✓ INSTEAD

Use `search_audio` first, then always follow up with `get_audio_details` to verify the technical specs like BPM before making any creative decisions.

The Right Fit

Use this MCP if your project relies on accessing a deep, diverse catalog of media—images, video, and audio—and requires more than just basic keyword searching. Specifically, you need to audit licensing status, confirm technical metadata (like BPM or 4K resolution), or manage large collections.

Don't use this if all you need is a handful of general-purpose stock photos for a simple internal memo; then a standard web search might suffice. However, if your job involves any paid campaign assets, legal compliance, or professional video production, you absolutely must connect to this MCP because it gives your agent the necessary tools (`get_license_history` , `search_videos`) to perform high-stakes verification that general AI models can't touch.

The Pain of Media Asset Discovery

Today, finding assets feels like a scavenger hunt. You open the site, hit search, and you get hundreds of results—but which ones are licensed for your specific use case? Then you find one you like, but you have to click into multiple tabs just to check its resolution or verify if it's editorial or commercial.

It's a massive time sink: opening the asset page, copying an ID, switching tabs to check the license agreement, and then maybe starting the whole process over because you found out the video is only 1080p when you needed 4K. It's constant context-switching.

Media Asset Search with Shutterstock MCP

With this MCP, all that manual clicking vanishes. Your agent handles the whole flow: it finds a video using `search_videos`, immediately checks its resolution via `get_video_details`, and if it passes quality checks, it can pull up the license status in one go.

The process becomes conversational. You ask for what you need, and your agent returns the precise, actionable data—the metadata, the history, the links—you actually need to move forward.

Shutterstock: 9 Tools for Media Asset Search

These tools give your AI agent deep access to search, audit, and retrieve metadata from every corner of the massive Shutterstock media library.

#	TOOL	DESCRIPTION
01	`get_audio_details`	Retrieves technical data, like BPM and format, for a specific music track.
02	`get_image_details`	Pulls metadata about a single picture, including size, resolution, and type.
03	`get_license_history`	Checks the full record of which assets have been licensed or used previously on your account.
04	`get_video_details`	Gets detailed specifications, such as resolution and frame rate, for a specific video file.
05	`list_collections`	Shows you the names of your existing curated groupings or asset folders.
06	`search_editorial`	Searches for images and media specifically categorized as news or non-commercial editorial content.
07	`search_audio`	Finds background music tracks and audio clips based on keywords, mood, or genre.
08	`search_images`	Searches the core image library for photos using detailed criteria like aspect ratio and subject matter.
09	`search_videos`	Finds stock video footage, allowing filtering by quality, duration, or frame rate.

See It in Action

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

U Search for high resolution horizontal images containing a golden retriever playing with a stick.

Aggressively deploying `search_images` traversing native matrices with keywords "golden retriever playing stick" explicitly locking aspect mapping parameters targeting structurally `horizontal`. Successfully retrieved 5 premium visual entries—would you like me to deeply extract their watermark-free preview addresses natively?

U Look up video ID 12345678 and report back its maximum resolution available.

Passively evaluating `get_video_details` directly interrogating ID 12345678 rigorously. Underlying JSON matrix explicitly states Native HD structural acquisition maxing natively at rigidly formatted standard strictly recorded natively at exactly 4K (3840×2160).

U Find 5 spooky audio tracks that can loop perfectly by using the search_audio protocol securely.

Activating query execution parameters exclusively natively via `search_audio` matching explicitly strings 'spooky' heavily. Filtered definitively filtering explicitly identifying structural loops securely yielding exactly 5 ominous soundscapes seamlessly retrieved fully efficiently. Do you require the absolute strict structural IDs subsequently seamlessly?

Frequently Asked Questions

01 **How do I check if an image is safe to use with Shutterstock MCP?**

You run `get_license_history` on the asset ID. This tool shows you exactly what rights are associated with that specific piece of media, which is critical for compliance.

02 **Does the Shutterstock MCP handle videos and photos separately?**

Yes. It uses dedicated protocols: `search_videos` for footage and `search_images` for static pictures. This allows you to filter by specific video parameters like frame rate or duration.

03 **Can I use the Shutterstock MCP to find background music?**

Absolutely. You search using `search_audio`, and then use `get_audio_details` to pull technical metrics, such as BPM, ensuring a perfect musical fit for your project.

04 **What if I want to see all the assets I've ever licensed?**

Use the `get_license_history` tool. It pulls up the complete record of every asset you've used or licensed through Shutterstock, helping with audits.

05 **Does the MCP let me list my saved assets?**

Yes, use `list_collections`. This tool lets your agent show you all the curated groups and folders of media you've already compiled within your account.

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 `"shutterstock": { "url": "…" }`
Windsurf	MCP Settings → `mcp_settings.json` → 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

Shutterstock 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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