

MCP SERVER

NO CODE

CLOUD HOSTED

Unsplash MCP

Curate Visual Assets Through Conversation.

Unsplash MCP connects your AI agent directly to Unsplash's library of high-quality, free photos. Your agent can search for images by keyword, audit user portfolios, and find curated collections instantly—all through a simple chat conversation. Get detailed metadata or random inspirational shots without ever leaving your client.

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stock-photography

visual-assets

image-search

collections

creative-workflow



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.

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.

Unsplash MCP

10 tools available

Cloud-hosted on Vinkius

This MCP lets you treat visual research like talking to an expert curator who never gets tired. You don't need to navigate endless dashboards; your agent handles the heavy lifting. Instead of manually sifting through millions of images, you just ask for what you need—whether it's a specific aesthetic or photos from a certain photographer.

It acts as a real-time visual intelligence layer. Your agent can find high-resolution pictures by keyword and even get statistics on how popular those pictures are. It also lets you audit the work of specific creators, listing everything they've uploaded to keep track of their style. When your team needs this kind of power, connecting it via Vinkius's catalog means all your visual data is accessible from one place, no matter what AI client you use.

Core Capabilities

01 — Search for specific imagery

You can search the entire library for high-quality photos using keywords or filters.

02 — Analyze photo performance data

The agent retrieves detailed statistics about a picture, helping you judge its reach and popularity.

03 — Audit creator portfolios

You can list every single photo uploaded by a specific user to track their body of work.

04 — Find thematic collections

The MCP searches for and lists curated groups of photos based on shared themes or styles.

05 — Get random inspiration shots

Need a quick visual break? The agent pulls a high-quality, random picture into your conversation.

One Click on Vinkius — From Prompt to Execution

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

- 01 Subscribe to this MCP and enter your Unsplash Access Key (Client ID).
- 02 Connect the MCP to your preferred AI client (Claude, Cursor, Windsurf, etc.).
- 03 Ask your agent a natural language question, like 'Show me high-resolution photos of mountain roads' or 'List all uploads by John Doe'.

The bottom line is you get detailed visual data and links to images without ever touching a website dashboard.

Built For

Content marketers, art directors, and creative agency leads. You're the person who gets stuck staring at blank mood boards or spending hours cross-referencing stock sites just to find one perfect shot.

Graphic Designer

Needs to rapidly check image trends or pull specific photos from a photographer's portfolio to match a client's existing brand aesthetic.

Content Marketer

Must verify if selected images align perfectly with campaign branding and needs high-quality alternatives quickly when the first choice falls flat.

Art Director

Performs rapid audits of curated collections to identify new visual themes or research image performance for a creative pitch.

What Changes When You Connect

- 01 Find the perfect shot faster. Instead of manually clicking through search results, you can use `search_photos` to query high-resolution images based on complex keywords or required orientations.

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- 02 Understand image performance. Use `get_photo_stats` to check a photo's popularity and reach before committing it to a campaign, turning visual assets into measurable data points.

 - 03 Track creator work. The agent can use `get_user_photos` and `get_user` to build a complete record of an artist's portfolio, which is critical for rights tracking or style analysis.

 - 04 Discover new ideas instantly. Running `list_topics` gives you a live view of trending visual themes on Unsplash, letting you pitch concepts based on current market interest.

 - 05 Build structured data sets. You can get full details on images using `get_photo`, pulling metadata like photographer names and descriptions into an organized format for your team.
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Real-World Applications

A designer needs to match a mood board aesthetic.

The agent runs a search of collections using `search_collections` with keywords like 'moody forest' or 'brutalist architecture'. It returns several themed groups, allowing the designer to quickly narrow down the perfect visual direction without browsing hundreds of individual photos.

An art director needs proof of image usage rights.

The agent uses `get_photo` to pull detailed information about a specific asset, confirming photographer credits and availability. It also runs `get_photo_stats` to confirm the image is used frequently, justifying its license cost.

A marketer needs competitive image research.

The agent first uses `search_users` to find competitors' top contributors. It then runs `get_user_photos` on those accounts, retrieving a full list of uploads and providing metadata for the most recent shots to analyze their visual strategy.

A team needs quick content filler for a presentation.

The agent simply uses `get_random_photo`. This provides an instant, high-quality visual placeholder or inspiration shot without any searching or prompt engineering required.

Patterns to Avoid

Relying on general web search.

✗ AVOID

Copying a link from Google Images and trying to figure out the source, usage rights, and metadata is a huge time sink. You'll spend minutes checking different sites for similar data points.

✓ INSTEAD

Use ``search_photos`` through this MCP. The agent handles all the complexity, giving you direct access to high-quality assets alongside their detailed metadata in one query.

Ignoring collection context.

✗ AVOID

Limiting your search only to keywords like 'nature' misses entire visual categories or styles that are curated together. You end up with a scattershot mix of images.

✓ INSTEAD

Use ``search_collections`` first. This tool lets you find themed groups, ensuring the imagery you pull is cohesive and fits a specific artistic direction.

Forgetting to check stats.

✗ AVOID

Accepting an image because it looks good on your screen without knowing its usage rate or popularity means wasting effort on low-impact assets. You guess the value.

✓ INSTEAD

Always run ``get_photo_stats`` after finding a promising photo. This tells you exactly how many times and where that image has been used, confirming its real-world impact.

The Right Fit

Use this MCP if your workflow involves visual discovery—you need to find images, track creators, or analyze trends. If the core of your job is figuring out *what* imagery exists and *why* it's popular, this is for you. Don't use this if you just need a simple image URL without any metadata attached; in that case, a basic file retrieval tool might suffice. But if you need to compare images by keyword, audit user activity (`get_user_photos`), or gather specific performance data via `get_photo_stats` , then this MCP is the right choice.

Sifting Through Stock Photo Libraries Is a Grind.

Right now, if you need visual assets for a campaign, your process probably looks like this: You open the stock site. You type a keyword. You click through pages of results. Then you find 2-3 images that look promising, but to confirm their usage rights or check them against your brand guidelines, you have to manually copy data points and switch tabs. It's slow, it's tedious, and half the time, you just give up.

With this MCP, you skip all that clicking. You simply ask your agent for what you need—like 'Show me three options for a corporate tech theme with blue tones.' The answer comes back with direct links, full metadata, and even performance stats attached. You get answers, not endless scroll.

Unsplash MCP: Visual Intelligence in Conversation

You no longer have to open a browser, navigate to the search page, input your criteria, and hit 'Search.' The agent handles that entire sequence. You can ask it to `search_collections` for themed ideas or run `get_user_photos` on a specific artist's work, all without lifting a finger beyond typing a question.

The change is profound: visual research shifts from being an operational chore into an instantaneous part of the conversation. Your agent gives you actionable data and curated assets, right when you need them.

Unsplash Alternative: 10 Tools for Visual Discovery

Use these tools to search the Unsplash library for specific photos, track user activity, analyze image statistics, or find themed collections instantly.

#	TOOL	DESCRIPTION
01	<code>get_collection</code>	Retrieves specific details about a themed photo collection.
02	<code>get_photo_stats</code>	Gets the usage statistics and performance data for any single photograph.
03	<code>get_photo</code>	Fetches comprehensive details, including metadata, for a specific photo.
04	<code>get_random_photo</code>	Pulls and provides high-quality image data from the Unsplash library at random.
05	<code>get_user_photos</code>	Lists all photos that a specific user has uploaded to their profile.
06	<code>get_user</code>	Retrieves basic and detailed information about a specific Unsplash user account.
07	<code>list_topics</code>	Lists currently curated topics on the platform to see what visual themes are trending.
08	<code>search_collections</code>	Searches across Unsplash for themed collections matching specific criteria.
09	<code>search_photos</code>	Performs a search of the entire photo database using keywords, orientation, or more filters.
10	<code>search_users</code>	Searches for specific users by name to find photographers or contributors.

See It in Action

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

U Search for landscape photos of 'Alpine mountains' on Unsplash.



I've retrieved high-quality landscape photos of Alpine mountains. Top matches include images by several professional photographers. Would you like the direct links to download them?

U Get a random photo about 'Cyberpunk city'.



Random photo selected! I've found a stunning image of a neon-lit urban landscape. The photographer is 'John Doe' and you can access the full resolution via the provided URL.

U List photos from user 'vinkius_creative'.



I've found 10 uploads from 'vinkius_creative'. The portfolio includes diverse themes like 'Nature' and 'Tech'. Would you like the metadata for the most recent upload?

Frequently Asked Questions

01 How do I use Unsplash MCP to find photos?

You can search using `search_photos` by giving the agent keywords or filters. Just ask your agent, 'Find me high-resolution pictures of coffee shops in Italy' and it will handle the rest.

02 Can Unsplash MCP tell me who uploaded a photo?

Yes. You can use `get_photo` or `get_user` to retrieve details about both the specific image and the account that provided it, helping you track creators.

03 What is the difference between searching photos and collections using Unsplash MCP?

Searching photos (`search_photos`) gives you a broad result set based on keywords. Searching collections (`search_collections`) lets you find pre-curated, themed groups of images that are already grouped by experts.

04 Does Unsplash MCP provide stats for every image?

You must use the `get_photo_stats` tool to access performance metrics. The agent doesn't guess; it retrieves actual, quantifiable data about how often an image is used.

05 Can I find a random photo using Unsplash MCP?







Absolutely. You simply ask the agent for a 'random high-quality photo,' and the `get_random_photo` tool delivers it instantly into your chat.

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
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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>"unsplash-alternative": { "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

Unsplash 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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