



# Quick-Start Checklist

## Implementing MCP in Your Product Team

Use this checklist to guide your team through its first MCP (Model Context Protocol) implementation. This is ideal for product leaders who want to connect tools, reduce friction, and start experimenting with agentic AI.

- Identify Your Use Case**
  - Choose a clear friction point in your workflow (like a design-to-dev handoff).
  - Determine where context gets lost or tools don't communicate.
  - Define a small, achievable outcome for success (such as auto-generating a code stub from a Jira ticket).
  
- Select Tools to Connect**
  - Pick 2–3 tools you use daily (Figma, project management, coding platforms).
  - Confirm these tools offer APIs or file-based access to integrate with MCP.
  - Map how data or tasks flow between them today.
  
- Install and Configure MCP**
  - Spin up a local or test MCP server (use an open-source starter or managed option).
  - Create descriptors (YAML or JSON) for each tool's capabilities.
  - Test connections between your MCP server and each tool independently.
  
- Define System Prompts**
  - Write clear instructions for the AI explaining what tools are available and how to use them.
  - Use example tasks to fine-tune and debug prompt behavior.
  - Expect to iterate—this step may take a few tries to get right.
  
- Run in Co-Pilot Mode**
  - Let the AI suggest or draft, but keep a human in the loop.
  - Track where it succeeds or fails: permissions, hallucinations, misunderstandings.
  - Improve prompt logic, expand tool coverage, and document all changes.

**Pro Tip:** Document each step as you go—tool descriptors, prompt iterations, lessons learned. This creates a reusable framework for scaling agentic AI in your organization.