

The USB-C moment

Module 05 · MCP: Plug-ins With Standards · Chapter 01

What you will learn

- ☐ The locked-room problem every chatbot has
- ☐ What MCP is, in one sentence
- ☐ Why a standard changes everything

Your exercise

TRY IT YOURSELF · ABOUT 10 MINUTES

Experience the locked room deliberately: ask Kimi or ChatGPT List the files in my Downloads folder and read the refusal carefully, note why it can't (no doorway). Then check claude.ai's connectors/settings page and OpenCode's docs just to see the MCP menus exist. Nothing to install yet. You're mapping the wall before we build the door.

My notes

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Chatbots are trapped without doorways to your world.
- MCP = one standardised plug between AI apps and capability-servers.
- Standard beats plugins: write once, works everywhere.
- Servers grant abilities like file access, web search and app control, with safety rules arriving in Chapter 5.

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