

Mappit for Claude — Connector Guide

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1. What it is

Mappit is frontier geo-intelligence: a live map of the world's news. Its crawler reads newsrooms around the clock and places every story where it happened. Mappit groups stories into storylines and writes its own analysis of them. Alongside the news it keeps live map layers, a directory of businesses and landmarks, and its Layer Apps: official statistics on economies, people, the environment and energy, health, conflict and US elections, with every nuclear reactor and the world's data centers and AI campuses drawn on the map. As of 19 October 2026 it holds about 574,000 stories and 3,778 storylines across 2,068 places worldwide, and adds about 15,000 stories a day.

The Mappit connector lets Claude read that map. Ask Claude about the news anywhere, and it answers from Mappit's own ranking. Each story links to the publisher's article and to its place on mappit.ai.

Purpose: news briefings for any place or the whole world; following developing storylines; live conditions; finding businesses and landmarks; directions; and official statistics for countries, US states, counties and congressional districts.

Every tool is read-only. The connector cannot create, change or delete anything, on Mappit or anywhere else.

2. What you need

- **No Mappit account, no sign-in, no payment.** The connector is

free and public.

- **Any Claude plan that supports connectors:** claude.ai, the Claude desktop and mobile apps, or Claude Code.
- It also works in any other assistant that speaks the Model Context Protocol (MCP), such as ChatGPT's developer mode, Cursor and VS Code.

3. Setup

Claude (claude.ai, desktop, mobile)

1. Open **Settings** ▸ **Connectors**.
2. If Mappit is listed in the directory, select it and choose **Connect**. Otherwise, choose **Add custom connector**:
 - Name: **Mappit**
 - URL: `https://mappit.ai/mcp`
 - Authentication: **No sign-in** (Claude usually detects this)
3. Choose **Add**. The first time Claude uses each Mappit tool, it asks your permission.
4. In a chat, make sure Mappit is switched on in the connectors menu, then ask in plain language. You never need to name the tools.

Claude Code

```
claude mcp add --transport http mappit https://mappit.ai/mcp
```

The tools are then available in every session. The starter prompts appear as `/mcp__mappit__briefing`, `/mcp__mappit__place_report` and `/mcp__mappit__week_in_review`.

Other assistants

- **Cursor** (`~/ .cursor/mcp.json`):

```
{ "mcpServers": { "mappit": { "url": "https://mappit.ai/mcp" } } }
```
- **VS Code** (`.vscode/mcp.json`):

```
{ "servers": { "mappit": { "type": "http", "url": "https://mappit.ai/mcp" } } }
```
- **Assistants that only run local servers:** `npx mcp-remote`

```
https://mappit.ai/mcp
```

Opening `https://mappit.ai/mcp` in a browser shows these steps too.

4. Example prompts

Each example below works today with no setup beyond adding the connector.

1. "What's happening in Seattle?" Claude calls `whats_happening` with place "Seattle". You get:

- Mappit's top stories from the last 72 hours, each with its publisher, date and links.
- The storylines running through the city.
- Live conditions: recent earthquakes, air quality and weather.

Variations: "What's the biggest news in the world today?", "What's going on in France this week?", "Any news near 47.61, -122.33?"

2. "What's the latest on the war in Iran, and what does Mappit's analysis say?" Claude calls `search_mappit` or `list_threads` to find the storyline, then `get_thread`. You get the storyline's newest stories and, when it has one, Mappit's analysis: the story so far, why it matters, connections and what to watch. Claude attributes the analysis to Mappit.

3. "Who covers local news in Boise, and what have they reported this month?" Claude calls `get_location`, then `list_stories` with a 30-day window. You get:

- A profile of the place.
- The publishers that covered it in the last 30 days.
- Live radio and TV nearby, and companies headquartered there.
- The month's stories, newest first.

4. "Rank US states by overdose deaths" or "What's the unemployment rate in Michigan?" Claude calls `rank_regions` or `get_statistic`. Each value comes with:

- Its period, source and licence (for example CDC or BLS, public domain).
- The US figure for comparison.

- A link that opens the view on Mappit's map.

"What map apps does Mappit have?" lists everything available (`list_map_apps`). Environment and energy figures work the same way: "Which countries' electricity gives off the least CO₂ per kWh?" ranks grid carbon intensity. Views that draw places rather than figures, such as every nuclear reactor or the world's data centers and AI campuses, are listed too, each with a link that opens it on the map.

5. "Find ramen near Pike Place Market" Claude calls `find_places`. You get nearby businesses, nearest first. Each comes with its address and, where OpenStreetMap has them, opening hours, website and phone.

6. "Walking directions from Pike Place Market to the Space Needle" Claude calls `get_directions` with mode "walking". You get:

- The distance and walking time, and turn-by-turn steps.
- A link that opens the route on Mappit's map.

Each end can be a town, a business or landmark, a street address or coordinates. Up to 8 stops can go in between.

7. "Summarize this week's Week in Review" Claude calls `get_digest` with kind "weekly". You get Mappit's weekly analysis of the biggest storylines, each with a link.

Assistants that show prompt menus also offer three starters: **briefing** (a short briefing for a place or the world), **place_report** (a fuller report on one place) and **week_in_review**.

5. Tools

All 15 tools have a title and are annotated read-only and non-destructive. `get_directions` is also marked open-world, because it calls a third-party routing service. "Units" are what a call counts against the daily allowance (section 7).

Tool	Title	What it returns	Units
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whats_happening	What's happening	A briefing for a place, country or the world: top stories, storylines, live conditions, a short profile	1 (2 with detail: "full")
list_stories	List stories	Every story for a place, country or the world, newest first or trending; filters for window, topic, language, source; paged	1
get_story	Get a story	One story in full: summary, publisher and link, where it happened, how Mappit found it, its storyline, other outlets carrying it	1
search_mappit	Search Mappit	Stories, storylines, places, businesses and public pins by words; stories and storylines by meaning	1 (3 for meaning)
get_location	Place profile	A place's overview, latest stories, storylines, publishers, radio and TV, companies, conditions	1
list_threads	List storylines	The storylines Mappit follows, ranked as on its Threads page	1

get_thread	Get a storyline	One storyline's stories and Mappit's analysis	1
get_digest	Daily Digest and Week in Review	Mappit's daily and weekly editions, or their archives	1
find_places	Find businesses and places	Businesses and landmarks by name, kind or cuisine, nearest first	2
get_map_layer	Map layer	One live layer: earthquakes, wildfires, air quality, weather, this day in history, stocks, events, radio and TV	1
get_mappit_info	About Mappit	What Mappit is and holds right now: counts, topics, countries	1
list_map_apps	Map apps	The Layer Apps (statistics on the map) and their views, with indicator codes, sources and licences, and the views that draw places such as reactors and data centers	1
get_statistic	Statistic for a place	One indicator for one country, US state, county or district: value, period, rank, recent series, source	1

rank_regions	Rank regions	Regions ranked by an indicator, optionally within a country, state or continent	1 (2 for counties or districts)
get_directions	Directions	Driving, walking or cycling route: distance, time, steps, a map link	5

6. How answers work

- **Two links per story.** `source_url` is the publisher's own article; `url` opens the story on mappit.ai.
- **Always dated.** Every answer carries `as_of`, so Claude can say how fresh the news is. Time windows are "24h", "72h", "7d" or "30d", and default to the last 72 hours.
- **Places the way people write them.** "Portland, ME", "Washington State", "UK", "Sao Paulo" and "47.61,-122.33" all work. When several places share a name, the one with the most news answers, and Claude is told about the others.
- **Attribution.** Rankings and analyses are Mappit's, and the connector asks Claude to say so. Each statistic names its source and licence. Business data is © OpenStreetMap contributors. Routing is © openrouteservice.org by HeiGIT.
- **Third-party text is data.** Stories, place descriptions and business listings come from publishers and open datasets. The server tells Claude to treat that text as data, never as instructions.
- **Quality.** Publishers that Wikipedia's reliable-sources consensus rates unreliable or deprecated are not on Mappit, so they are not in the answers.

7. Limits

- **Daily allowance, in units** (section 5 lists each tool's cost). Allowances reset at 00:00 UTC.

- Claude on claude.ai and the Claude apps calls from Anthropic's servers. All of those calls share one pool of 50,000 units a day (600 a minute).
 - ChatGPT's calls share another pool of the same size.
 - An assistant running on your own computer (Claude Code, Cursor, VS Code) gets 1,000 units a day, 60 a minute.
- **Directions:** all assistants together get 1,000 routes a day. The mappit.ai map still gives directions after that.
 - **Result size:** at most 50 items per call. Longer lists are paged with a cursor.
 - **Coverage.** The news covers 2,068 places worldwide (394 in the US), and statistics cover countries, US states, counties and congressional districts.
 - A small town with no newsroom of its own may have little news. Ask for the nearest city or a wider radius.
 - Directions are road and path routes. A trip across an ocean has no route.
 - **Read-only.** Saving pins, following places and asking Mappit's own assistant (Marco) are not available through the connector.

8. Privacy and data handling

- **What Mappit receives:**
 - Only what Claude sends to Mappit's tools: the tool name and that call's inputs, such as a place name or search words.
 - The assistant's name and version, and the network address the request came from. For Claude on claude.ai, that is Anthropic's address, not yours.
 - Mappit never receives your conversation, your other prompts or your files.
- **What Mappit keeps:** a log of each call, deleted after 90 days. It records:
 - the tool, when it ran, how long it took and whether it worked;
 - the place or search it was about, and the assistant's name;

- a keyed one-way hash of the network address, never the address itself.

The log is used to keep the allowance fair, to fix problems and to see which places people ask about.

- **What the answers contain:** only Mappit's public data, the same stories, places, storylines, businesses and statistics anyone can see on mappit.ai. No Mappit account or private content is ever used.

- **Third parties:**

- For `get_directions`, the route's coordinates (not who asked) go to openrouteservice (HeiGIT gGmbH) to compute the route.
- A street address is looked up through Mappit's address search.
- No other tool calls out to a third party.

- **Full policy:** <https://mappit.ai/privacy> (section "AI Assistants (MCP)"). Privacy questions: support@mappit.ai.

9. Troubleshooting

What you see	What to do
Claude asks how to sign in	In <i>Add custom connector</i> , set Authentication to No sign-in . Mappit has no sign-in.
Claude answers without using Mappit	Start a new chat, check that Mappit is switched on in the chat's connectors menu, or say "use Mappit".
NOT_FOUND or AMBIGUOUS for a place	Add the state or country ("Springfield, Illinois") or give coordinates ("39.80,-89.64").
QUOTA_EXCEEDED	The day's allowance is spent. It resets at 00:00 UTC, and the message gives the time.

<code>BUDGET_STOPPED</code> from <code>get_directions</code>	Today's directions for assistants are used up. Try tomorrow, or use the map at mappit.ai.
<code>FEATURE_OFF</code>	That tool is paused for maintenance. The others keep working.
<code>UPSTREAM_UNAVAILABLE</code>	A source Mappit relies on did not answer. Try again in a few minutes.
No route found	The ends may be separated by water, or too far apart to walk or cycle. Try driving, or check the places.
An answer looks old	Check <code>as_of</code> and the story dates, and ask for a shorter window ("in the last 24 hours").

Every error comes back as a short code and a sentence that says what to change, so Claude can usually correct itself.

10. For developers

- **Transport:** Streamable HTTP at `https://mappit.ai/mcp`, stateless (no session id). Protocol revision 2026-07-28; clients on 2025-11-25 negotiate down.
- **Discovery:**
 - `initialize` returns the server name `mappit`, its version and short instructions.
 - `tools/list` returns the 15 tools; `prompts/list` returns the 3 starters.
 - The server's MCP Registry name is `ai.mappit/mappit`.
- **Example call:**

```
curl -s https://mappit.ai/mcp -H "Content-Type: application/json" \
-H "Accept: application/json, text/event-stream" \
-d '{"jsonrpc":"2.0","id":1,"method":"tools/call","params":{"name":"whats_happening","arguments":{"place":"Seattle"}}}'
```

- **Results:** one text block of compact JSON, { `"as_of"`, `"data"`,

"cursor"?, "warnings"?, "hint"? }, with snake_case keys.
Errors read `CODE: sentence`.

11. Support

- **Support, feedback and privacy questions:** support@mappit.ai
- **Security issues:** support@mappit.ai, subject "Security". We respond promptly.
- **Setup page:** opening <https://mappit.ai/mcp> in a browser shows how to connect each assistant.
- **User guide:** the "Use Mappit in your AI assistant" chapter of <https://mappit.ai/USERGUIDE.md>.