

LIVE DEMO | MCP | POWER AUTOMATE

# Claude builds, runs and debugs your Power Automate flows

An MCP server. Ten tools. One file. It tells you WHY a flow failed, not just WHAT.



> It failed. Why?

**explain\_run()**

Compute\_kpis divided by 0 staff from  
Dataverse.

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**60+**

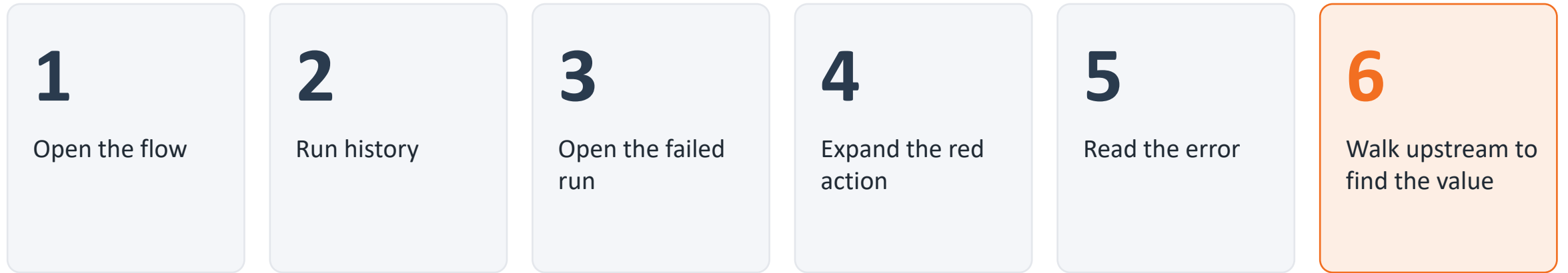
AI use cases designed  
across 17 industries

**15+**

production AI  
architectures deployed



# A flow failed. Now count the clicks.



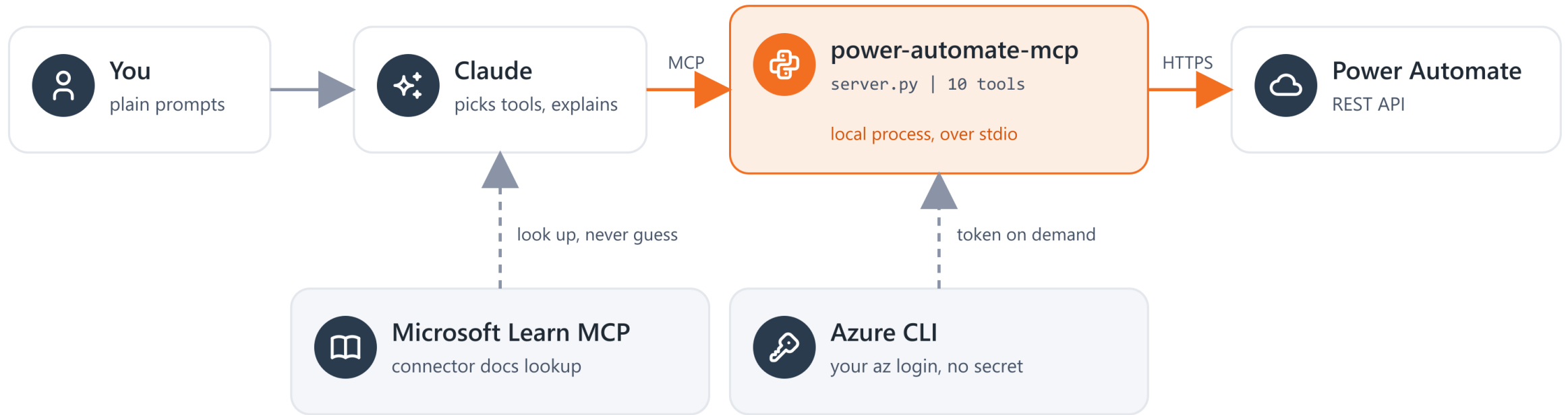
**And the API is worse.** The run says "An action failed". For connector failures the action record carries **error: null**: the real message hides behind a short-lived signed link.



**The API tells you WHAT broke.** A good tool tells you WHY, because it follows the links the portal follows and puts the upstream values next to the error.

# An MCP server between Claude and Power Automate

ONE PROMPT, END TO END



 No app registration, no secret: it borrows your az login

 Runs locally over stdio: nothing to host, no token on the wire

 Pinned to one tenant with PA\_TENANT\_ID: fails loudly elsewhere

# Wrapping the API is commodity. The value is above it.

## 1 Auth

one az CLI call, plus caching

~45 lines

Claude writes it in one prompt

## 2 Transport

retry 401 / 429 / 5xx, follow nextLink

~50 lines

Claude writes it in one prompt

## 3 Shaping

60 API fields down to the few that matter

~160 lines

**You. This is the work.**

## 4 Docstrings

what the API will never tell the model

~200 lines

**You. This is the moat.**

**Everything you get wrong twice belongs in a docstring.** The docstrings are the prompt the model reads before every call. The code is regenerable; that knowledge is the asset.

# Ten tools, three jobs, plus the docs

## Author

-  **list\_flows**  
what exists, newest first
-  **get\_flow**  
the full definition, Code view
-  **create\_flow**  
validated before it is sent
-  **update\_flow\_definition**  
keeps bindings, snapshots the old
-  **bind\_connection**  
finds and binds a connection

## Operate

-  **run\_flow**  
trigger it now
-  **list\_runs**  
status of recent runs

## Diagnose

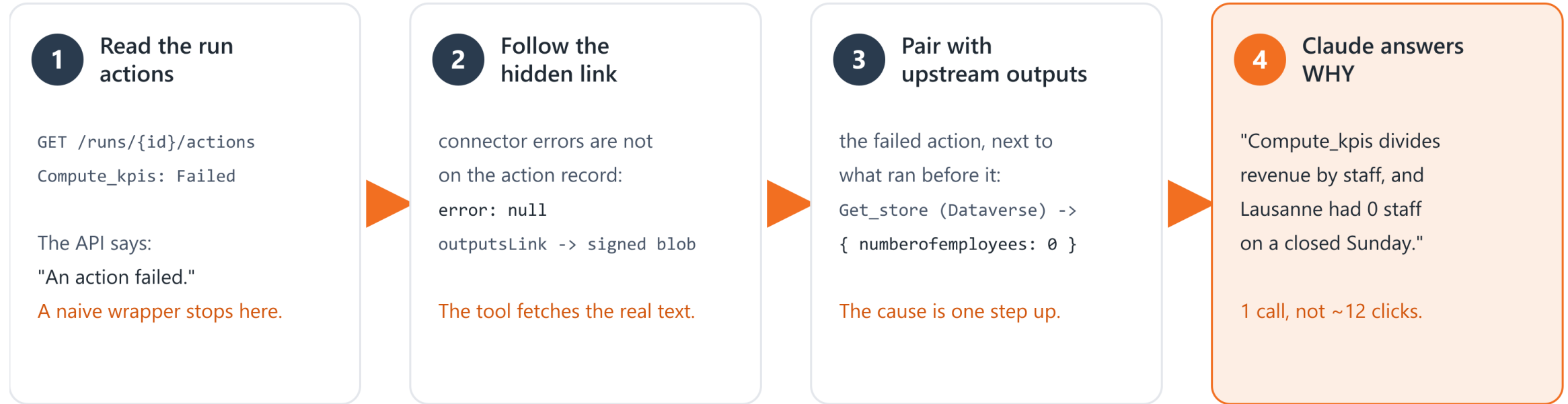
-  **explain\_run**  
which action, what error, why
-  **compare\_runs**  
diff a failed run against a good one
-  **analyze\_flow\_health**  
flaky or broken, and where

## Look up

-  **microsoft\_docs\_search**  
Microsoft Learn MCP
-  **microsoft\_docs\_fetch**  
connector reference pages

# explain\_run: from WHAT to WHY in one call

WHAT explain\_run DOES THAT THE API DOES NOT



Expression errors come back inline; connector errors hide behind the link. The tool handles both.

**You will see exactly this in the demo.** One tool call instead of all those clicks, and an answer that names the cause, not just the symptom.

# The traps the model never hits twice



## error: null

Connector errors live behind a signed link. `explain_run` follows it.



## Two magic parameters

`$connections` and `$authentication`, or a 400 that wrongly blames the trigger.



## Bind every connector at once

A flow cannot start, or even save, with one connector unbound.



## Connections are OAuth

No API can create one. Portal once, bind forever: the tool hands you the link.



## Designer-safe definitions

A bare Button schema crashed the new designer. `create_flow` now fixes it.



## No secrets in definitions

They are stored in plain text. Use environment variables or Key Vault.

# 56 tools vs 10, on the same failed run

| Question                          | Microsoft flowagent (56 tools) | power-automate-mcp (10 tools)          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Which action failed?              | Yes                            | Yes                                    |
| Error text on a connector failure | "message": ""                  | 404 NotFound: LocationLookupFailed ... |
| The failing action's inputs       | Not returned                   | Resolved from the content link         |
| Upstream value that caused it     | Unreachable                    | Returned next to the error             |
| Diff against a working run        | No such tool                   | compare_runs                           |

Microsoft's plugin is broader: use it. **Build your own for the one question that keeps costing you hours.**

## Four steps. One rule.

1

**git clone**

github.com/OwnOptic/power-automate-mcp

2

**pip install**

-r requirements.txt (Python 3.10+)

3

**az login**

your normal Azure CLI sign-in

4

**register**

add server.py to your MCP client config



**It acts as you.**

- Create, edit and run are live, with no confirmation step.
- Point it at a test environment, pinned with PA\_TENANT\_ID.
- No delete tool in the core server, on purpose.
- For production: split read tools and write tools into two servers.

**Or give it to your Vibe Coding  
favourite platform and let it do  
it for you**

# A Dataverse sales digest that breaks on Sunday



 **1 Build + connect**

Claude creates the flow. I create the Dataverse connection live; Claude binds both and starts it.

 **2 Run**

Dataverse says Lausanne was closed: 0 staff. The run fails, and the API only says "An action failed".

 **3 Debug**

Claude explains why, fixes the logic, reruns it, and the digest lands in the inbox.

**I only type prompts.** Claude does every step and explains it. About 10 minutes, live, no safety net.

# Let's build it.

1

**Auth and transport are commodity.**

az login and one request helper. Do not spend your talent there.

2

**Shape the payload for the model.**

Upstream outputs next to the error turn WHAT into WHY.

3

**Every bug you hit twice belongs in a docstring.**

That is the part you actually own.



[github.com/OwnOptic/power-automate-mcp](https://github.com/OwnOptic/power-automate-mcp)