

Resources Mentioned in the MCP Setup Tutorial

1. Node.js

- Download from: <https://nodejs.org>
- Required to run MCP locally with `npm`.

2. Claude Desktop App

- Download from Anthropic's official site.
- Required because **MCP doesn't work in the browser version.**
- Setup involves editing the config file: `Settings → Developer → Edit Config`.

3. MCP GitHub Repository

- Includes setup instructions, project prompt, and configuration examples.
- Author: [czlonkowski](#)
- GitHub link: <https://github.com/czlonkowski/n8n-mcp>

4. Configuration File Setup

- Replace `N8N_API_URL` with the URL of your n8n instance (copy from the address bar).
- Replace `N8N_API_KEY` (generated via n8n → Profile Icon → Settings → API section).
- Save the config and **fully restart** Claude Desktop (not just refresh).

5. Cursor App (Alternative)

- Go to: `Settings → Tools and Integrations → Create New Web Server` .
- Paste the same config from Claude.

6. Project Instructions for Claude

- Found in the GitHub repo under "**Claude Project Setup**".
- Add these as **Project Knowledge** to improve prompt-following.

7. NPX Command (Quick Start)

- Run: `npx n8n` in your terminal
- Good for testing without Docker.

8. Docker (Optional)

- More stable for long-term hosting.
- Provides environment isolation, but not required for basic use.

9. n8n API Key Management

- In n8n: `Settings → API → Create Key → Copy → Paste into config` .

10. Localhost vs Local IP (for MCP Configuration)

If `localhost` doesn't work with Claude or Cursor, use your **local IP address** instead.

You can find it using the following commands:

- **Mac:**

```
ipconfig getifaddr en0
```

(For Wi-Fi. If this doesn't return anything, use `ifconfig` and look for `inet` under your active network interface.)

- **Windows:**

```
ipconfig
```

(Look for `IPv4 Address` under your active network adapter.)

Use the IP in your config like this:

```
"http://192.168.1.100:5678"
```

Make sure to replace it in your Claude/Cursor config file instead of using `localhost` .