

WordPress MCP Server

User Onboarding Guide

Connect your WordPress site to Claude in under 5 minutes.

What You're Setting Up

The WordPress MCP Server gives Claude direct access to your WordPress site. Once connected, you can ask Claude to write posts, manage categories, browse your media library, update content in bulk — all through natural conversation, without opening wp-admin.

Claude connects to your site through a secure, dedicated URL that only you have. Your credentials are encrypted and stored in an isolated process — never shared with other customers.

1 Generate an Application Password in WordPress

An Application Password lets Claude interact with your site without using your real admin login. You can revoke it at any time.

1. Log in to your WordPress admin panel
2. Go to Users → Profile (or Users → All Users → your username)
3. Scroll down to the Application Passwords section
4. In the "New Application Password Name" field, type: **Claude MCP**
5. Click Add New Application Password
6. WordPress shows a password like: xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx



Copy this password immediately. WordPress will only show it once. If you miss it, delete it and generate a new one.

You'll need three things for the next step:

- Your site URL (e.g. <https://yoursite.com>)
- Your WordPress username
- The Application Password you just generated

2 Send Your Details to Onyx WP

Email the following to support@onyx-wp.com:

```
Site URL:                https://yoursite.com
WordPress Username:     your_username
Application Password:   xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx xxxx
```

We'll provision your dedicated MCP endpoint on our server — usually within a few minutes during business hours. You'll receive a reply with your personal MCP URL:

```
https://mcp.onyx-wp.com/your-site/mcp
```

3 Add the URL to Claude.ai

Once you have your MCP URL:

7. Open claude.ai and go to Settings
8. Click Connectors in the left sidebar
9. Click Add MCP Server
10. Paste your MCP URL into the URL field
11. Give it a name — something like "My WordPress Site"
12. Click Save
13. Start a new conversation in Claude

✓ That's it. Claude now has direct access to your WordPress site and can act on it immediately.

4 Try It Out

Start a new conversation in Claude and try any of these:

```
"Write a draft post about [topic] and save it as a draft"
"List my last 10 published posts"
"Create a new category called Tutorials"
"Find all posts tagged SEO and list their titles"
"What is the name and timezone of my site?"
```

Claude will use your WordPress connection automatically — no special phrasing or commands needed.

What Claude Can Do On Your Site

Claude has access to 11 tools on your WordPress site:

Tool	What you can ask Claude to do
<code>wp_create_post</code>	Create a post (draft or published, with title, content, categories, tags)
<code>wp_update_post</code>	Update a post's title, content, status, or any field
<code>wp_list_posts</code>	List posts — filter by status, category, tag, or search term
<code>wp_get_post</code>	Read the full content of any post by ID
<code>wp_delete_post</code>	Trash or permanently delete a post
<code>wp_list_categories</code>	Browse and search all post categories
<code>wp_create_category</code>	Create a new category with name and slug
<code>wp_list_tags</code>	List or search tags
<code>wp_create_tag</code>	Create a new tag
<code>wp_list_pages</code>	Browse all WordPress pages
<code>wp_list_media</code>	Search and browse the media library
<code>wp_get_site_info</code>	Get your site's name, URL, timezone, and language

Security

- Claude uses your Application Password, not your admin login. It cannot access WordPress account settings, billing, or hosting.
- Your credentials are stored encrypted at rest on our server.
- Your site runs in an isolated process — completely separate from other customers.
- You can revoke Claude's access at any time by deleting the Application Password from your WordPress profile.

Troubleshooting

Claude doesn't know about my site or can't find the tools

Make sure you started a new conversation after adding the MCP server in Settings. Tools only appear in conversations started after the connector is saved. Try opening a fresh conversation tab.

Claude says "connection refused" or "unable to connect"

Double-check that your MCP URL is correct and copied exactly. You can test it by opening this in your browser:

```
https://mcp.onyx-wp.com/your-site/health
```

If it works, you'll see: `{"status":"ok"}`. If not, email us at support@onyx-wp.com.

The Application Passwords section doesn't appear in my profile

Application Passwords require WordPress 5.6 or later. They may also be disabled by a security plugin (Wordfence, iThemes Security, etc.). Check your security plugin settings and enable Application Passwords if needed.

A post was created but I can't find it

Check your Drafts. By default, Claude saves new posts as drafts unless you ask it to publish. Try: "Publish the draft post about [topic]."

I want to revoke Claude's access

Go to WP Admin → Users → Profile → Application Passwords, find the Claude MCP entry, and click Revoke. Claude will immediately lose access.

Need Help?

Email us at support@onyx-wp.com — we respond within one business day.

Product page: onyx-wp.com/wordpress-mcp-landing