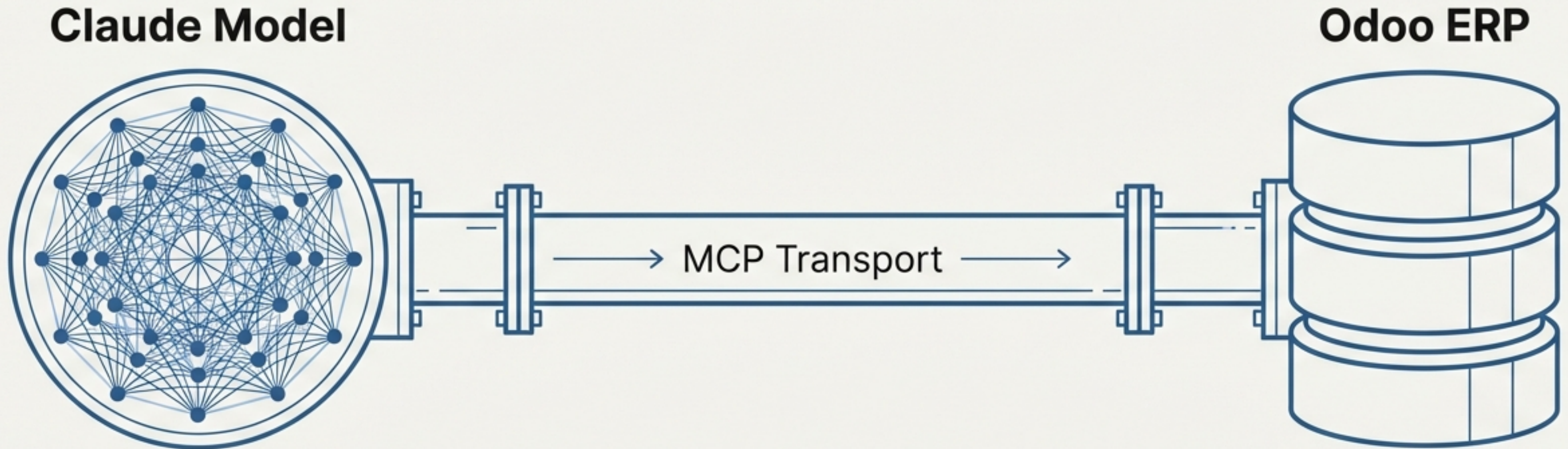


MCP Python SDK + Odoo ERP

A Guide to Production-Grade Automation

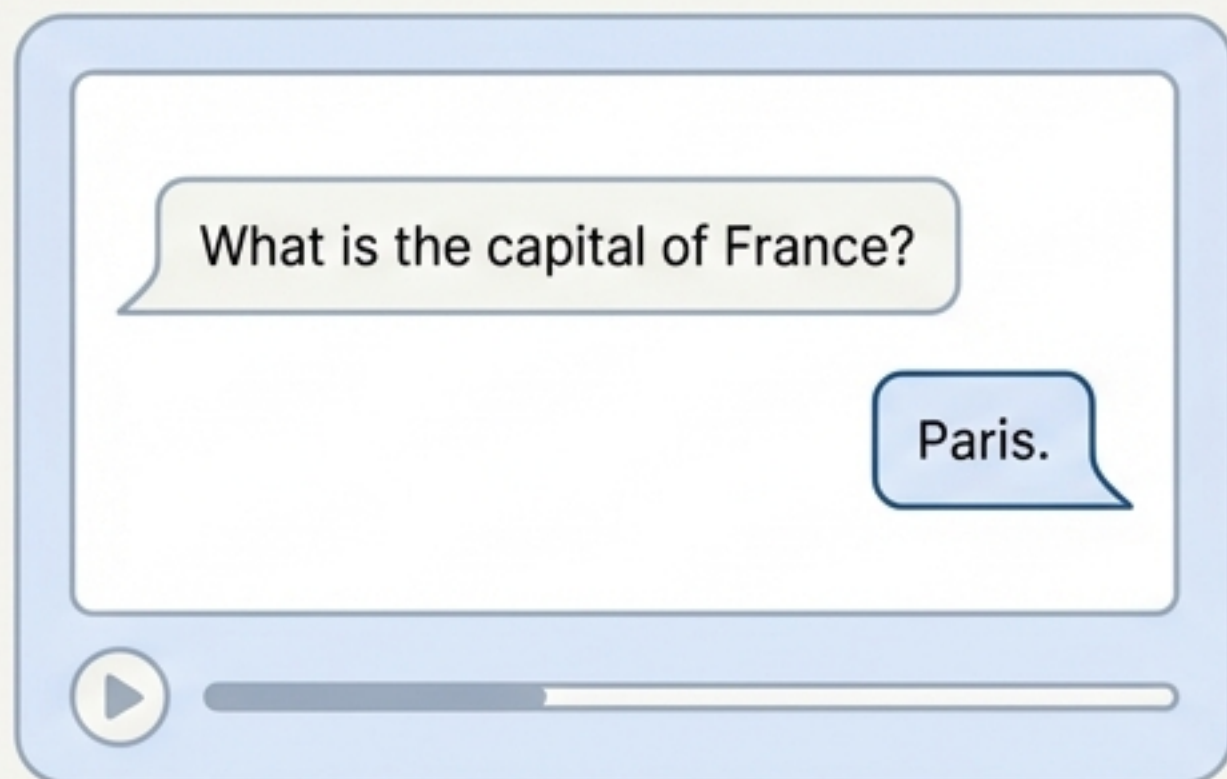
Implementing the Model Context Protocol for Business Outcome Optimisation.



Moving Beyond the “Demo Layer”

Most AI stops at the demo layer—generic Q&A without system impact. This blueprint is for shipping code that connects to real operations: reading live orders, creating purchase requisitions, and managing inventory.

The Hype: Passive Retrieval



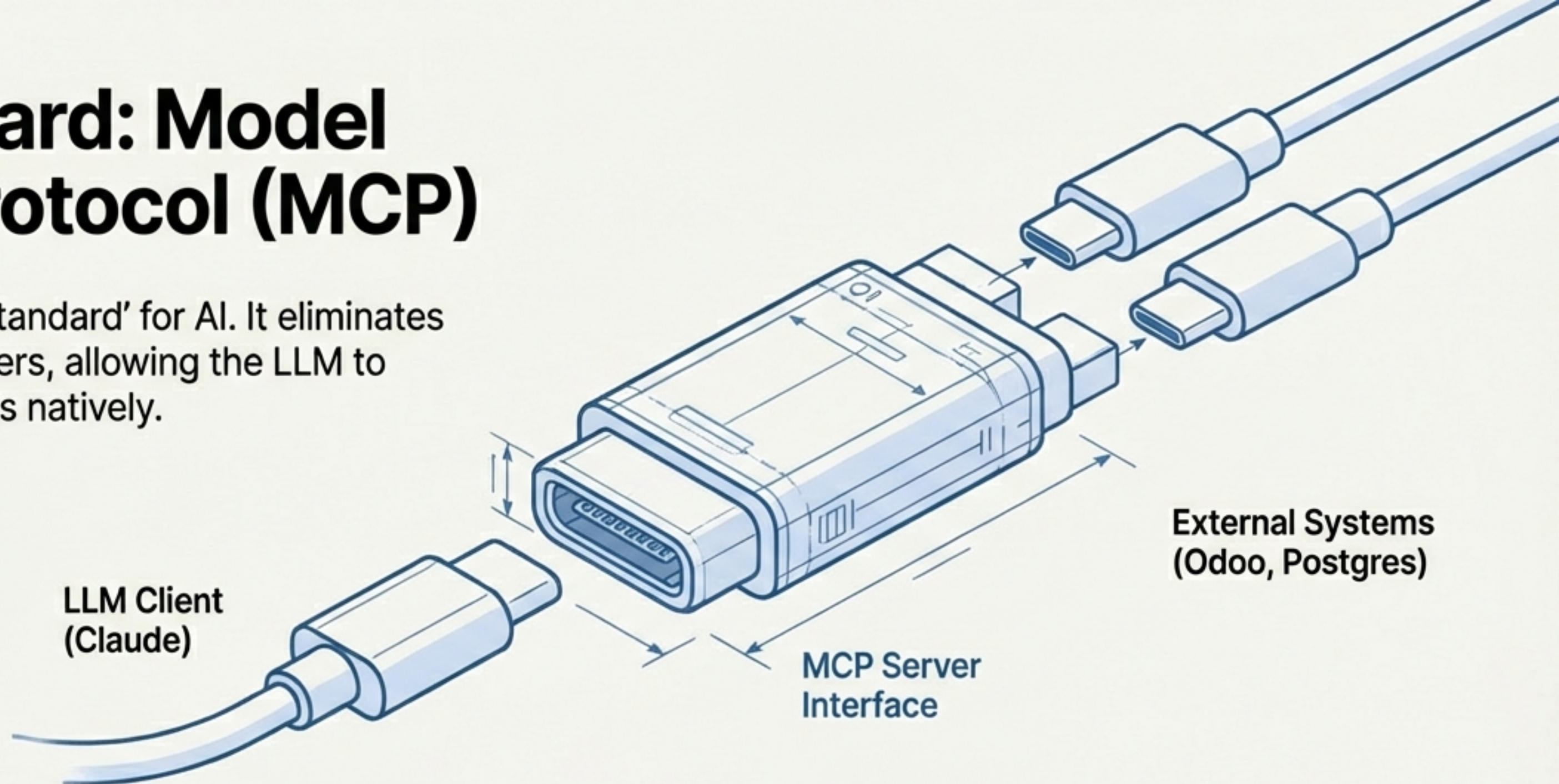
The Goal: Active Operations

```
[INFO] Connection Established: Odoo XML-RPC
[INFO] Tool Call: check_stock(product='MacBook Pro')
[INFO] Inventory Check: 4 Units Available
[SUCCESS] Tool Call: create_requisition(qty=10)
[SUCCESS] PO #4459 Confirmed
[SUCCESS] PO #4459 Confirmed
```

“This is about actually shipping something... in a way that you would not be embarrassed to put in front of a client.”

The Standard: Model Context Protocol (MCP)

MCP acts as the 'USB standard' for AI. It eliminates bespoke integration layers, allowing the LLM to discover and utilise tools natively.



Resources

Data the model reads (GET endpoints).
e.g., Sales Orders, Customer Lists.

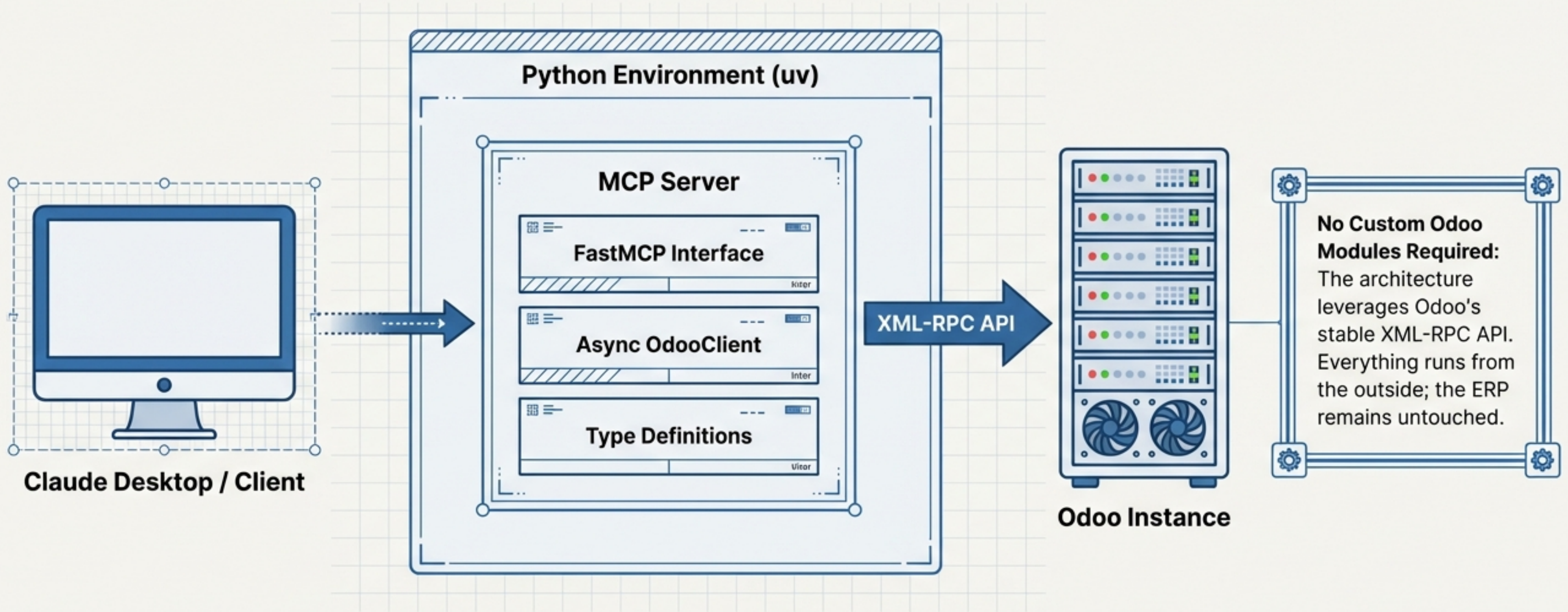
Tools

Functions the model calls (POST endpoints).
e.g., Create Invoice, Confirm Delivery.

Prompts

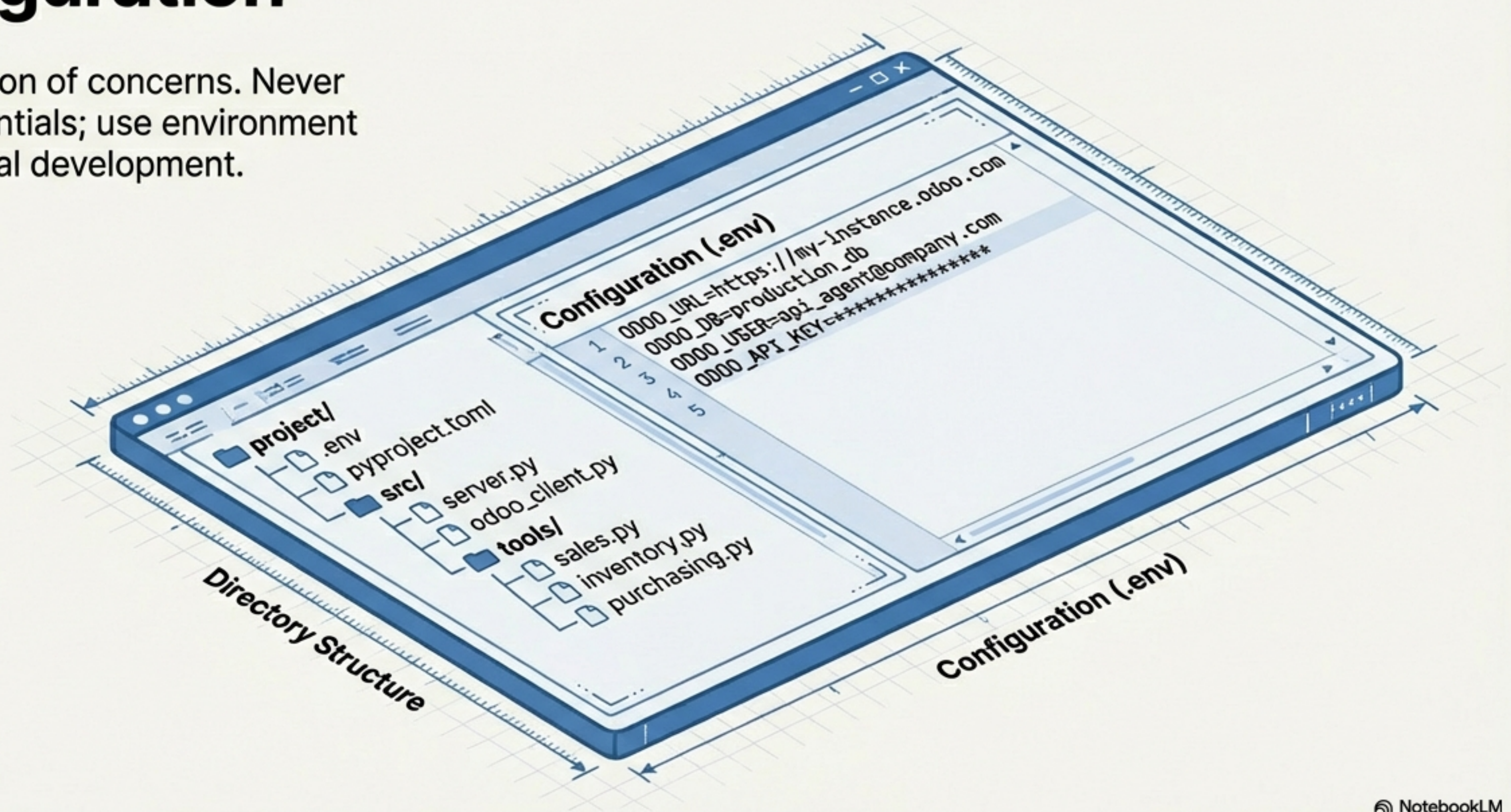
Reusable interaction templates.

System Architecture & Data Flow



The Foundation: Project Setup & Configuration

A clean separation of concerns. Never hardcode credentials; use environment variables for local development.



The Connector: Async Odoo XML-RPC Client

The client wraps the Odoo API to handle authentication, connection pooling, and transport errors centrally.

Two-Endpoint
Logic (Auth vs Ops)

src/odoo_client.py

```
class OdooClient:
    def __init__(self, url, db, username, api_key):
        self.common = xmlrpc.client.ServerProxy(f'{url}/xmlrpc/2/common')
        self.object = xmlrpc.client.ServerProxy(f'{url}/xmlrpc/2/object')
        self.uid = self.authenticate()

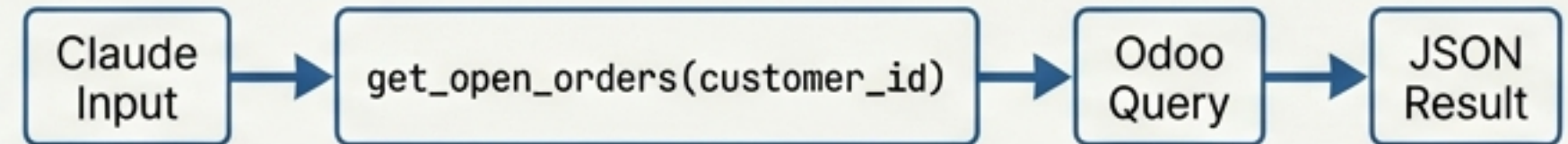
    async def execute_kw(self, model, method, args, kwargs=None):
        # Wrapper for auth & error handling
        loop = asyncio.get_running_loop()
        return await loop.run_in_executor(
            None, self.object.execute_kw,
            self.db, self.uid, self.password,
            model, method, args, kwargs or {}
        )
```

Async Wrapper
for Blocking Calls

Toolset A: Intelligence & Analysis (Read Ops)

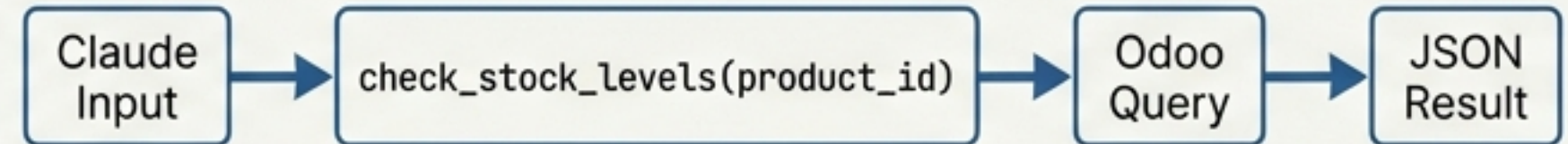
Read capabilities allow the AI to acquire context from the ERP before making decisions.

Sales Logic (src/tools/sales.py)



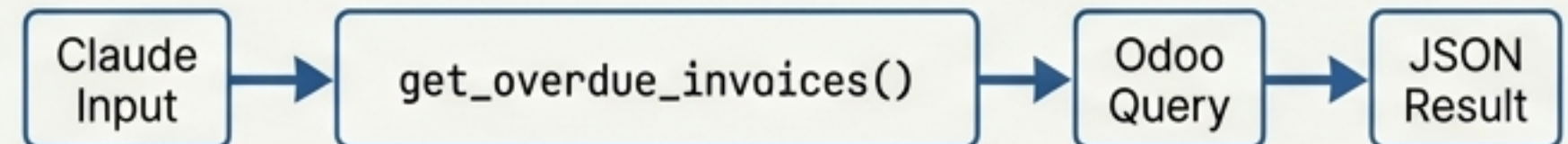
Filters sales orders to answer: "What is pending for Client X?"

Inventory Logic (src/tools/inventory.py)



Checks visibility across multiple warehouses.

Invoicing Logic (src/tools/invoicing.py)



Returns aged receivable reports (30/60/90 days).

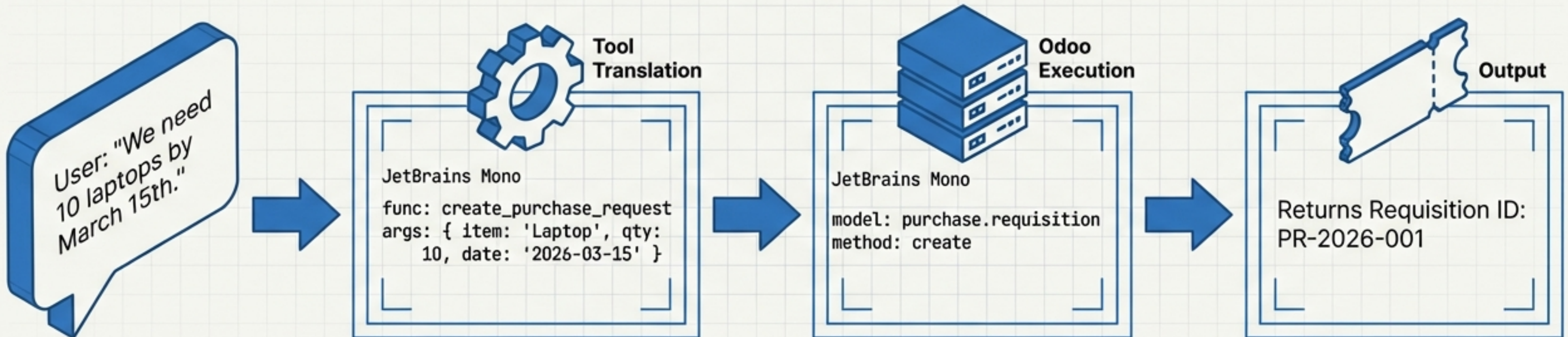
Toolset B: Action & Execution (Write Ops)

The transition to agentic behavior: performing actions, not just retrieving info.

Other Write Capabilities:

- **confirm_sales_order()**: Converts draft quotes to confirmed orders.
- **flag_vendor_bill()**: Marks anomalies in recent bills.

Purchase Request Workflow



The Assembly: FastMCP Server & Lifespan

Efficient resource management using the "Lifespan" pattern to reuse connections.

src/server.py

```
from mcp.server.fastmcp import FastMCP
from contextlib import asynccontextmanager

@asynccontextmanager
async def lifespan(server: FastMCP):
    # Initialize Odoo Client once on startup
    odoos = OdooClient.from_env()
    yield {'odoo': odoos}
    # Cleanup on shutdown (if needed)

mcp = FastMCP('Odoo Agent', lifespan=lifespan)

@mcp.tool()
async def check_stock(product: str, ctx: Context) -> str:
    odoos = ctx.request_context.lifespan_context['odoo']
    return await odoos.execute_kw(..., [product])
```

Lifespan Context: Initializes connection once, injects into every tool call.

In Practice: From Natural Language to ERP Action

Complex ERP navigation is replaced by pure intent-to-action.



Claude Desktop

Which customers have invoices >60 days overdue and what is the total?

I've analyzed the aged receivables. There are 3 customers with significant overdue balances:

Customer	Overdue (60+)	Total Outstanding
Acme Corp	\$12,500	\$15,200
Beta Inc	\$4,200	\$4,200
Total Overdue:	\$16,700	

Under the hood: Calls `overdue_invoices()`

Create a purchase requisition for 10 laptops.

Requisition created successfully.

✓ Requisition #PR-2026-001 | Status: Draft | Sent to Procurement.

Under the hood: Calls `create_purchase_request()`

Production Hardening: Security & Access Control

Least Privilege

Dedicated API User (Not Admin).
Read: Sales, Inventory.
Write: Purchase Requisition ONLY.

Secrets Management

Infrastructure Level.
Replace .env files.
Inject via AWS Secrets Manager or HashiCorp Vault.

Environment Isolation

Config Separation.
Distinct Odoo URL/DB for Staging vs. Production.
Prevent accidental writes to live data.

Network Isolation

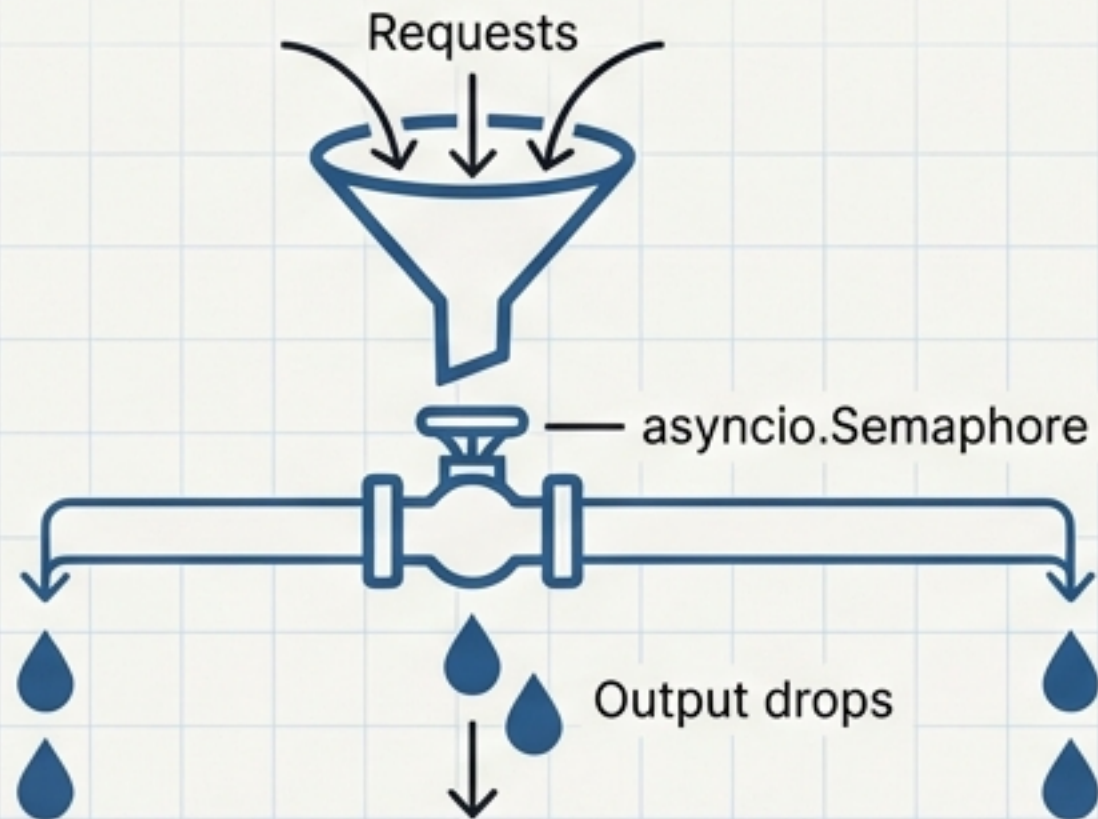
Untrusted Level.
Prevent connectivities.



Reliability: Rate Limiting & Health Checks

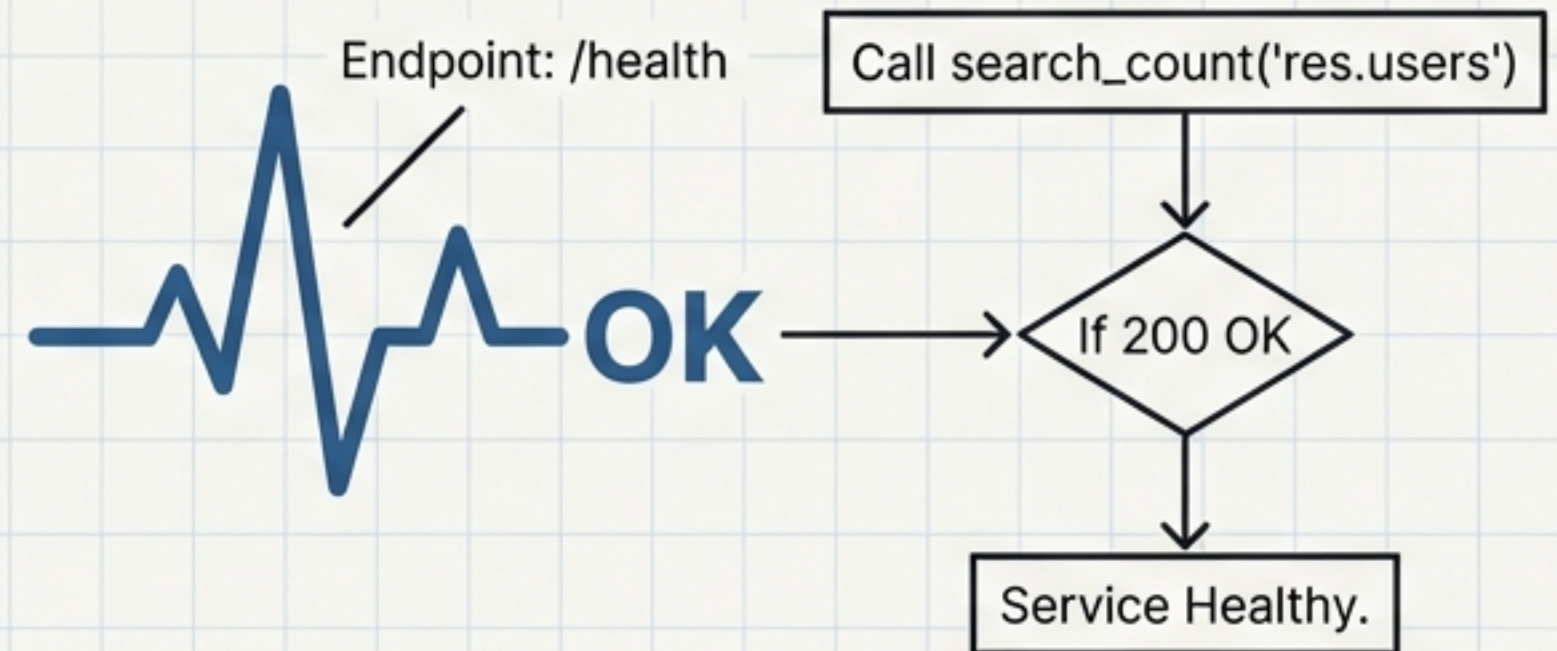
Essential for deploying the MCP server as a long-running HTTP service.

Rate Limiting (Token Bucket)



Prevents flooding the Odoo XML-RPC interface in multi-user environments.

Health Check



Verifies Odoo reachability for load balancers.

Observability: Logging & Caching Strategy

Structured Logging

```
[INFO] [Req-ID: abc-123] Tool 'check_stock' started  
[INFO] [Req-ID: abc-123] Odoo Query: 45ms  
[INFO] [Req-ID: abc-123] Tool 'check_stock' completed successfully
```



Traceability via Request IDs.



Caching Strategy

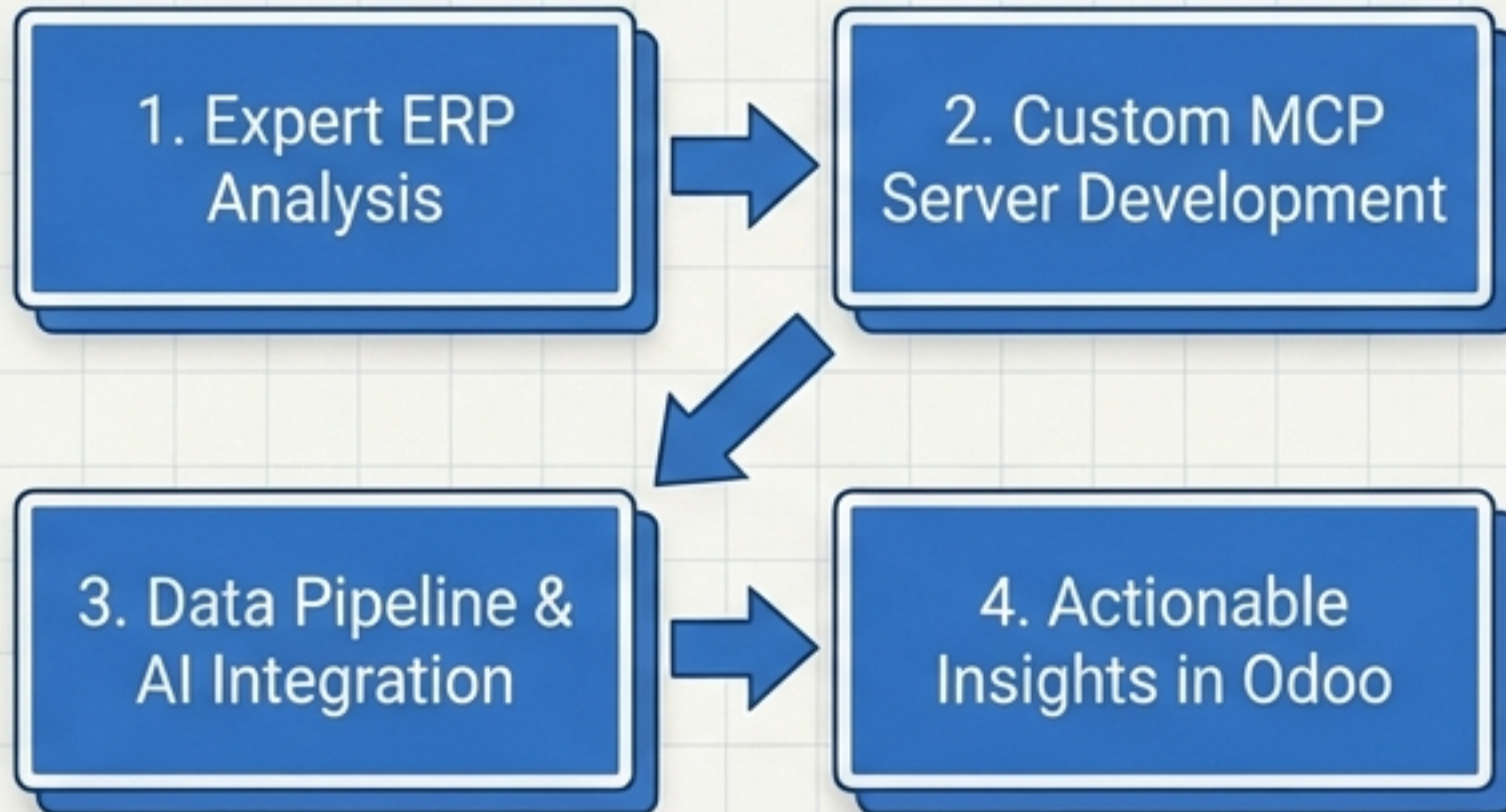
Library: cachetools (TTL Cache)

- Cache Static Data: Product Lists, Customer IDs
- **Method:** search_read
- **Benefit:** Reduces DB load for frequently accessed read-only data.

How Bithost Helps Organizations: Implementing Data-Driven, Decision-Making Integration in Odoo

Empowering your business with intelligent, scalable ERP integrations.

Bithost's Approach



Key Benefits for Decision Making

- ✓ **Unified Data View:** Consolidate data across systems.
- ✓ **Real-time Decision Support:** AI-driven analysis within Odoo.
- ✓ **Automated Workflows:** Trigger actions based on data insights.
- ✓ **Scalable & Secure Architecture:** Built for growth and compliance.