


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The Claude Context Stack

Most people think they have a prompt problem. They actually have a context problem. This guide fixes that.

 Gmail


 Google Drive

 Google Calendar

 Notion

 GitHub

 Figma

 Slack

 Companion to **AI Operator Manual** (Guide #1)

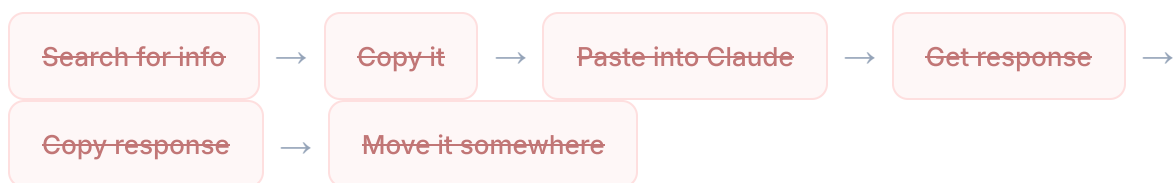
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The Context Problem

Claude is smart enough to help with almost anything. But most of the time, the information it needs isn't in the chat. It's sitting in your emails, your calendar, your documents, and your tools.

So the average workflow ends up looking like this:



It works. But it doesn't scale. Every interaction requires manual context reconstruction. You become the bridge between Claude and where your work actually lives.

Connectors remove that bridge. They give Claude direct access to your apps — so instead of copy-pasting context into the chat, Claude pulls it, processes it, and acts on it without the manual step.

THE DISTINCTION THAT MATTERS

Skills tell Claude how to work. That's what Guide #1 (AI Operator Manual) covered — modes, workflows, judgment, the $W = V \times S^L$ formula.

Connectors give Claude access to where the work actually lives. That's what this guide covers. Together, they form a complete operator setup.

The goal of this guide is not to list every connector that exists. It's to identify the 7 that move real work — and show you exactly how each one changes your workflow.

We'll also cover how to install any connector in under 3 minutes, and how to stack them into a system that gives Claude full context on your business without you lifting a finger.

What changes when you have the right connectors:

Instead of `paste email thread → ask Claude to summarize → copy summary → write reply`

You get: `"Claude, summarize my last 5 conversations with this client and draft a follow-up"` — and it already knows your inbox.

That's the difference between using AI and operating with AI.

Connectors for Communication

Your inbox and calendar contain more operational intelligence than any document you've ever written. Most people never give Claude access to either.



Gmail

THE PROBLEM

Your inbox knows more about your work than you do. It has the request, the attachment, the deadline, the follow-up, the decision, and the person waiting on a reply. But Claude only sees the email you pasted — so every interaction starts with manual reconstruction.

What changes: Claude can search threads, surface pending items, identify decisions, and draft replies — with full context from your actual inbox, not a copy-paste fragment.



Google Calendar

THE PROBLEM

Claude can help you plan. But if it doesn't know your calendar, the planning stays disconnected from what your week actually looks like. It doesn't know your meetings, your open blocks, your deadlines, or your focus time. Every "help me plan this" prompt starts from scratch.

What changes: Claude sees your real schedule. It finds open blocks, flags overloaded days, prepares meeting agendas, and helps you reorganize tasks around what your week actually looks like — not an imaginary one.



Slack

THE PROBLEM

Slack is where decisions happen. And where they get buried. Between threads, replies, channels, and DMs, important context disappears fast. When someone asks what was decided, who was responsible, or what the next step was — the answer is in Slack, but finding it takes 15 minutes.

What changes: Claude searches threads, summarizes channels, identifies blockers, and turns scattered conversations into action items — before the context disappears entirely.

THE COMMUNICATION STACK IN PRACTICE

With Gmail + Calendar + Slack connected, one prompt like *"What's unresolved from this week, what meetings do I have tomorrow, and what should I prioritize?"* pulls live context from three sources simultaneously. No copy-pasting. No tab switching. No reconstruction.

Connectors for Docs & Knowledge

Every organization has the same problem: the information exists. Finding it, connecting it, and using it in real time is where the work breaks down.



Google Drive

THE PROBLEM

Your files are scattered across folders. The information is there — somewhere — but you still have to search, open the file, find the section, copy it, and paste it into Claude. Drive is usually where the real context lives. It's also where it takes the longest to extract.

What changes: Claude works directly with your files. Search documents by content, not filename. Summarize entire folders. Compare two proposals. Extract data across multiple sheets. Drive becomes a live knowledge source, not a file cabinet.



Notion

THE PROBLEM

Notion is where good ideas go to hide. Project notes, content drafts, research, templates, half-built plans — everything is "organized." But when you actually need something, you spend more time searching than using. The knowledge base exists. The retrieval doesn't work.

What changes: Claude searches pages by meaning, not keyword. It summarizes scattered notes into structured outputs, turns a collection of research into a briefing, and connects information across your workspace that you never would have linked manually.

The Knowledge Layer

The real value of Drive and Notion connectors isn't just search — it's **cross-document reasoning**. Claude can pull from a contract in Drive, a meeting note in Notion, and a thread in Gmail, and synthesize a complete picture of a situation. That synthesis is what takes an analyst hours to produce manually.

Applied to financial intelligence work:

A single prompt — "Summarize everything we know about this company across our research files, recent correspondence, and internal notes" — pulls from Drive, Notion, and Gmail simultaneously.

Without connectors: 45 minutes of manual search and assembly.

With connectors: **90 seconds**. Same quality. Different leverage.

Connectors for Code & Design

For operators who build — whether that means products, systems, or visual assets — these two connectors close the gap between intent and execution.



GitHub

THE PROBLEM

Your codebase is the most detailed record of what your product actually does. But when you ask Claude to help with a bug, a feature, or an architecture question, it doesn't know your code. You paste snippets. You explain context. You describe the structure. Every session starts cold.

What changes: Claude reads your actual repositories, understands the structure, references real files and functions, and makes suggestions grounded in what you've built — not in a generic understanding of what someone might have built.



Figma

THE PROBLEM

Design and code live in separate worlds. A designer creates a component in Figma. A developer tries to implement it. The translation between visual intent and code reality is where time disappears — in meetings, in back-and-forth, in "that's not quite what I meant."

What changes: Claude reads Figma designs directly. It generates code that matches the actual layout, spacing, and components — not a

generic interpretation. Design-to-code becomes a one-step operation instead of a three-day conversation.

FOR OPERATORS WHO BUILD SYSTEMS

GitHub + Figma connectors are what make Claude useful for technical work at the system level — not just for answering questions about code, but for **working inside the actual codebase and design system**. This is where the leverage for builders is largest.

The Builder Stack

When GitHub and Figma are connected alongside your communication tools, Claude has context on three layers simultaneously: what the product is supposed to look like (Figma), what it currently does (GitHub), and what customers and teammates are saying about it (Gmail, Slack). That's a level of synthesis that no individual team member has on their own.

How to Install a Connector

Most connectors take under 3 minutes to set up. Here's the exact process — the same for every connector in this guide.

1 Open Claude and go to Settings

In Claude.ai, click your profile icon → Settings → Integrations (or Connectors). This is where all available connectors live.

2 Find the connector you want

Browse the list or search by name. Every connector in this guide is available in the official Anthropic connector library. Third-party connectors can also be added via MCP (Model Context Protocol) — more on that below.

3 Authorize access

Click Connect → you'll be redirected to the app's authorization page (Google, Notion, GitHub, etc.). Sign in and grant the requested permissions. Claude only reads what's needed for the connector's function.

4 Enable in your conversation

Back in Claude, the connector appears as an active tool. You can enable it per-conversation or keep it always-on. Start a new chat and reference it directly.

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Example: "Using my Gmail, find the last email from [client name] and summarize the key asks."
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5 For advanced connectors: MCP setup

Some connectors — including custom ones for internal tools or proprietary data — use the Model Context Protocol (MCP). These require a local server setup, but unlock access to any data source you can describe as an API.

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This is how we connect Claude to SEC EDGAR, ProZorro, and World Bank data at VH Capital – custom MCP servers pulling live regulatory
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intelligence directly into context.

Security note: Connectors operate with read (and sometimes write) permissions on your accounts. Review what each connector can do before authorizing. For sensitive tools like Gmail, start with read-only access and expand as needed.

Anthropic's connectors are audited and use standard OAuth2. Custom MCP servers run locally — your data never passes through a third party.

The Full Context Stack

Individual connectors are useful. Stacked together, they give Claude a complete operational picture of your business — in real time, without manual input.

Here's the full stack, mapped to the $W = V \times S^L$ formula from Guide #1:

CONNECTOR	WHAT IT ADDS TO CONTEXT	FORMULA LAYER	PRIORITY
Gmail	Decisions, requests, pending items, client history	V — Value	Start here
Google Calendar	Real schedule, capacity, deadlines, meeting prep	V — Value	Start here
Google Drive	Documents, research, contracts, financial models	S — Systems	Add next
Notion	Knowledge base, project notes, templates, SOPs	S — Systems	Add next
GitHub	Codebase, architecture, version history, issues	L — Leverage	If you build
Figma	Design system, components, layout intent	L — Leverage	If you build
Slack	Team decisions, blockers, async communication	S — Systems	If team > 2

The Minimum Viable Stack

If you're starting today, connect three things: **Gmail, Google Drive, and Google Calendar**. These three give Claude context on what you've said (Gmail), what you've documented (Drive), and what your time looks like (Calendar). That's 80% of the operational context that matters for most business work.

The Full Operator Stack

Add Notion for knowledge management, GitHub if you build systems, and Slack if you work with a team. At this point, Claude operates with more context than any individual team member — because it sees across all channels simultaneously, not just the ones in front of you at any given moment.

COMPLETING THE $W = V \times S^L$ EQUATION

Guide #1 gave you the framework: 3 delegation modes, workflow construction, judgment development, and the formula.

This guide gives you the infrastructure: the connectors that put real context behind every prompt, so the systems you build operate on live data — not fragments you remembered to paste in.

Skills (Guide #1) + Context (Guide #2) = the full operator setup.

The context stack for financial intelligence is already built.

SEC EDGAR, ESMA, EBA, ProZorro, World Bank — connected, processed, and delivered as compound signals. We built the infrastructure so you don't have to.

SEC Alpha-Sentinel

16-stream compound signal intelligence from SEC EDGAR + EU regulatory layer.
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Reconstruction Intelligence OS

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New to the Operator Series? Start with Guide #1 — AI Operator Manual: the 3 delegation modes, 5 workflow questions, and the $W = V \times S^L$ formula.

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