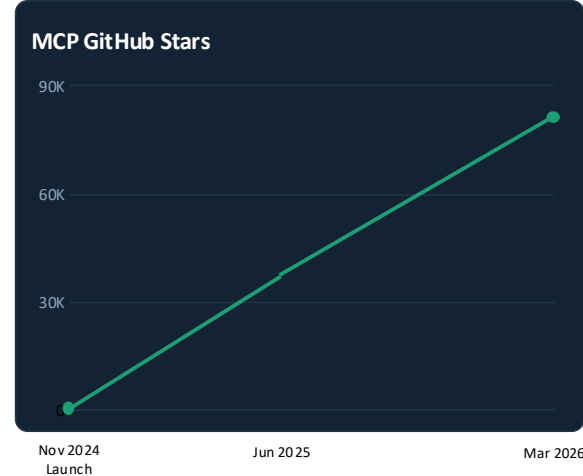
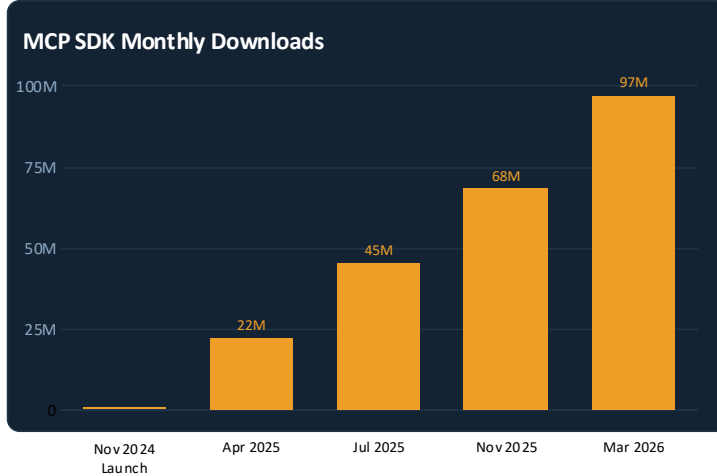
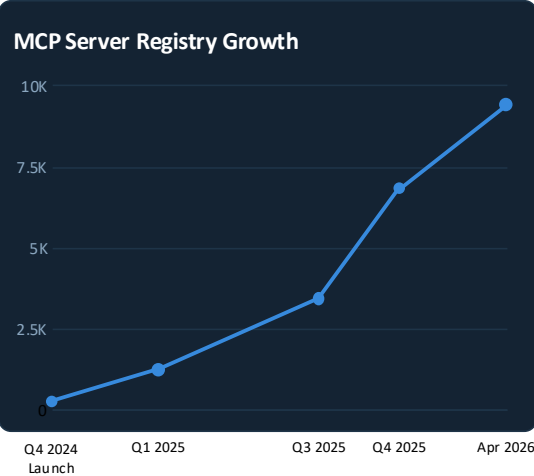


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MCP Growth



7.8x registry growth
Q1 2025 → Apr 2026

970x SDK downloads
Nov 2024 → Mar 2026

81K GitHub stars

67% of CTOs naming MCP
default standard (Apr 2026)

Success created new challenges



July 28, 2026

There's a new MCP release candidate





Stateless Requests

Information that used to live in protocol sessions now travels with each request.



Stronger Authorization

Clearer rules around identity, trust, and token handling when clients connect to multiple servers.

MCP becomes more **focused**



Logging

Monitoring and troubleshooting move to standard observability tools.



Sampling

Model access is handled directly through LLM providers.



Roots

Workspace boundaries are defined through tool inputs, resource URIs, and server configuration.



Extensions

Extensions have a maturity path that enables new capabilities to evolve outside the core protocol.



Feature Lifecycle





Lifecycle states (Active, Deprecated, Removed) make change more predictable.



Conformance Testing

Conformance testing helps ensure MCP implementations behave consistently across the ecosystem.

Start Testing Now

-  Do your servers have hidden session dependencies?
-  Are your servers or clients using Roots, Sampling, or Logging?
-  How are your servers/clients handling auth review?
-  Are your tool schemas expressive enough?

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