AI Note Takers With MCP: Granola, Fireflies, Otter, Fathom Compared

Ten AI note takers with official MCP servers for Claude and ChatGPT, compared on what your AI can read, what it can change, live help, and EU data.

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Woman in a rust sweater reading her MacBook and taking notes at a desk, beside a face-down phone with a faint cyan and violet glow

Which AI note takers work with Claude and ChatGPT through MCP?

Quick answer Granola, Fireflies, Otter, Fathom, Read AI, Plaud, Krisp, Jamie, tl;dv and Hedy all have official MCP servers, so Claude, ChatGPT and other AI assistants can search your meetings and read transcripts. Otter, Fathom, Plaud and tl;dv are read-only. Hedy is the one where your AI can also prepare the next meeting, by writing the context Hedy uses for live suggestions while you talk. Hedy's MCP server comes with Hedy Pro at $12.99/month .

Each of the ten note takers compared here now ships an MCP server (Model Context Protocol, the standard way AI assistants connect to other apps), so you can ask "what did the Acme team push back on last month?" in the same chat where you write the follow-up.

Since they all have one, the useful comparison is what each server lets your assistant do. We read each vendor's MCP documentation and tool list on November 10, 2026. Everything below describes documented tools, not what a product can do in its own app.

At a glance

Note taker | What your AI can change through MCP | Live help during the meeting | Can your AI set up that live help? | EU option for meeting data

Hedy | Summaries, to-dos (done, due dates), topics, session contexts, custom vocabulary | Automatic Suggestions, no prompt needed | Yes: the session context your AI writes grounds the suggestions | EU region on every plan, with its own MCP server
Granola | Creates notes from transcripts, adds and removes notes in folders | Chat you can ask during the meeting | No documented tool | No: Granola states US storage only
Fireflies | Sharing, titles, channels, soundbites, uploads | Live Assist suggestions and answers, plus Sales Assist on customer calls | No documented tool | EU storage on Enterprise, processing stays in the US
Otter | Nothing: read-only | Live Assist on Enterprise | No documented tool | US storage documented
Fathom | Nothing: read-only | Live summary | No documented tool | US storage documented
Read AI | Folders, report sharing, sending its meeting agent | Live transcript, summaries and speaking-pace feedback | No documented tool | Yes, EU hosting on Enterprise+
Plaud | Nothing: read-only | None documented, summaries come after recording | No documented tool | Data stored in Frankfurt, but web MCP connections pass through a US server
Krisp | Action items, tags, folders, speaker names | Agent Assist, in Krisp's call-center product | No documented tool | Not documented for meeting data
Jamie | Tasks, tags, summary templates | Sidekick answers and question ideas | Not through MCP (skills are set in Jamie) | EU transcription, transcripts stored in Frankfurt
tl;dv | Nothing: read-only | None: coaching is after the call | No documented tool | EU hosting options, tier not documented

Every one of these servers lets your assistant search meetings and read full transcripts or notes. Granola's free plan limits that to your last 30 days.

What to check before you connect one

Start with whether the server is read-only. A read-only server answers questions about past meetings, and a read-write server lets the assistant tidy up afterwards: mark action items done, file a meeting in the right folder, fix a speaker name. If you want Claude to close the loop on your to-dos, check that the tool exists.

Then look at the next meeting. Most of these servers are built around meetings that already happened, so ask whether your assistant can help with the next one too: pull what you discussed last time, note what's still open, and hand that to the note taker before the call starts.

Check where the data goes. Connecting an MCP server sends meeting content to your AI assistant's provider. Separately, check where the note taker itself stores and processes your meetings, and whether its MCP server keeps an EU account's data in the EU.

Finally, prefer the vendor's own server. Each server here is built by the vendor and connects with a browser sign-in. The third-party bridges that exist for several of these tools need an API key or a local install, and they break when the vendor changes its API.

Granola MCP

Granola launched its MCP server in February 2026 at mcp.granola.ai/mcp . You connect with a browser sign-in, and Granola documents setup for Claude, Claude Code, ChatGPT and Cursor. It's listed in both Claude's and ChatGPT's directories.

Your assistant can read personal, shared and public notes, summaries, folders and attendees. Paid plans add raw transcripts. The free Basic plan reaches personal and public notes from the last 30 days, and Business is $14 per user per month. Through MCP, the assistant can create a meeting note from a transcript and add or remove notes in folders, and enterprise admins can switch writes off.

Granola captures audio from your desktop without a bot, and its mobile apps record in-person conversations. It documents US storage and no regional option. During a meeting you can ask Granola's chat for help, but there's no documented MCP tool to set that up in advance.

Fireflies MCP

Fireflies' server at api.fireflies.ai/mcp joined Claude's directory in August 2025. It connects with a browser sign-in or an API key, and Fireflies documents Claude, ChatGPT, Cursor and Devin.

Read access is wide: full transcripts with speakers and timestamps, summaries, action items, search by content, date, participant or channel, and snapshots of a live transcript. Writes cover sharing, renaming, moving meetings into channels, creating soundbites, and uploading recordings. MCP is included on the free plan with lower rate limits, though uploading recordings needs a paid plan. Pro is $10 per seat per month billed yearly.

Fireflies records through its meeting bot, a desktop app, a Chrome extension for Google Meet, and mobile apps for in-person recording. Live Assist gives real-time suggestions and answers during meetings, and Sales Assist adds knowledge-base answers on customer calls through the bot. Enterprise can store data in the EU, though Fireflies says processing stays in the US.

Otter MCP

Otter announced its server at mcp.otter.ai/mcp in October 2025. It connects with a browser sign-in, and Otter documents Claude, ChatGPT, Cursor and Perplexity.

The published tools search your meetings and fetch full transcripts. ChatGPT's listing adds summaries, action items and folder filters. There are no write tools, so treat it as read-only. Otter's current pricing page includes MCP on the free Basic plan, though an older help article says Enterprise only.

Otter records through its bot or its Mac and Windows app, and its mobile apps cover in-person conversations. Live Assist adds coaching cards during calls on Enterprise. Otter documents storage in AWS US-West.

Fathom MCP

Fathom's server at api.fathom.ai/mcp connects with a browser sign-in and is documented for Claude and ChatGPT. Its ChatGPT listing says it plainly: read-only. Your assistant gets full transcripts, summaries, action items, and search by topic, attendee or date, but can't edit, delete or share anything.

It's available on every Fathom plan, including Free, which has unlimited recording. Fathom records with a bot by default, with bot-free capture rolling out on Mac and an iPhone app for in-person meetings. Fathom documents US data storage.

Read AI MCP

Read AI announced its server in February 2026 and still calls it an open beta. US accounts use api.read.ai/mcp , and EU accounts use a separate EU endpoint they have to add by hand. It's documented for a long list of clients, including Claude, ChatGPT, Cursor, Copilot Studio and Perplexity.

Your assistant can read transcripts, summaries, chapters, action items and meeting metrics. Writes cover folders, sharing reports and sending Read's meeting agent. Semantic search covers about 12 months and can take 20 to 60 seconds. MCP is on the free plan, which includes five transcripts a month. During

meetings, Read shows a live transcript and summary plus engagement and speaking-pace feedback, rather than suggestions about what to say.

Plaud MCP

Plaud announced its MCP server on November 2, 2026, at mcp.plaud.ai/mcp , and it's listed in both Claude's and ChatGPT's directories. It's free for all active Plaud accounts.

The server is read-only. Your assistant can list recordings, read full speaker-labelled transcripts and existing summaries, and get a temporary audio link. It can't start a transcription or generate a new summary. Files moved into Team files aren't reachable.

Plaud's strength is capture: the Plaud Note and NotePin record in-person conversations, and the Note also records phone calls. Summaries arrive after you stop recording, with no live help. Plaud stores European data in Frankfurt, but its developer docs say web connections such as Claude and ChatGPT on the web pass through a US-hosted MCP server, which doesn't keep the data after the request.

Krisp, Jamie and tl;dv

Krisp gives your assistant a long list of write tools. It can create, edit and complete action items, rename speakers across the transcript and summary, manage tags and folders, and look up upcoming meetings. MCP is on the paid Core and Advanced plans. Older connections need to reconnect before writes work.

Jamie lets the assistant create and complete tasks, set their due dates, manage tags and save summary templates. Its Sidekick answers questions and suggests ones you haven't asked during the meeting, using skills you set up inside Jamie, not through MCP, and Jamie writes its own briefing before each meeting. MCP requires Jamie Pro or higher. Jamie transcribes in the EU and stores transcripts in Frankfurt.

tl;dv offers a hosted read-only server that searches up to 50 meetings at a time. Both you and the meeting organizer need tl;dv Pro or higher.

Hedy MCP

Hedy's server is built for the meeting before as much as the meeting after. Hedy is a meeting coach that shows Automatic Suggestions while you talk, on Mac, Windows, iPhone, Android and the web, with no bot in the call.

The loop has three steps:

1. Before the meeting, your AI briefs Hedy. Ask Claude to pull your last three sessions with a client, list what's still open, and save it as a Hedy session context with your goal for the call.
2. During the meeting, Hedy works from that brief. Pick the context when you start the session, and Hedy's live suggestions draw on it as well as the conversation.
3. After the meeting, your AI picks it up. Claude reads the transcript, summary and to-dos, drafts the follow-up, checks off what's done, and updates the context so the next call starts where this one ended.

The server has 25 tools. Beyond reading sessions, transcripts, highlights, to-dos and topics, your assistant can rewrite a session's summary, complete to-dos and set due dates, create topics and file sessions under them, manage session contexts, and update your custom vocabulary. It can't delete recordings or transcripts.

You connect by pasting https://api.hedy.bot/mcp into Claude, ChatGPT, Cursor, Perplexity or another MCP client and signing in. Accounts in Hedy's EU region, which is available on every plan, can use https://eu-api.hedy.bot/mcp , and Hedy keeps their session data in the EU either way. MCP needs Hedy Pro with Cloud Sync turned on. If you keep Hedy fully on your device, no integration can reach your sessions. The setup guide (/help/connect-hedy-with-ai-assistants-using-mcp/) covers each client.

In Claude, you can also add it from the connector directory (https://claude.ai/directory/hedy-ai) , where it's listed as Hedy AI.

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Where another tool is the better fit

If you only want to ask questions about past meetings and don't want to pay, Fathom, Fireflies, Otter, Read AI and Plaud all include MCP on their free plans. Hedy's MCP server needs Pro.

If you record in-person conversations on a dedicated device, Plaud's hardware is built for that, and its MCP server gets those transcripts into Claude.

If your team runs on a shared meeting archive with admin controls, Fireflies and Otter are built around that. And if you want your assistant to tidy up action items without live help, Krisp's write tools cover more ground than most.

How to connect a note taker to Claude or ChatGPT

1. Find the note taker's MCP server URL in its help center, or look for it in Claude's connector directory or ChatGPT's app directory.
2. In Claude, open Settings, then Connectors, and add a custom connector with the URL. In ChatGPT, add it from the apps or connectors settings on the website. Which ChatGPT plans can add custom servers is OpenAI's call, and workspace admins may need to allow it.
3. Sign in to the note taker in the browser window that opens and approve access.
4. Start a new chat and ask about a recent meeting to confirm the tools work.

FAQ

Which AI note takers have an MCP server?

As of November 2026, Granola, Fireflies, Otter, Fathom, Read AI, Plaud, Krisp, Jamie, tl;dv and Hedy all publish an official MCP server. Each one lets Claude, ChatGPT and other MCP clients search your meetings and read transcripts and summaries. They differ in what the assistant can change, whether it can help before a meeting, and where your data is processed.

Does Granola have an MCP server?

Yes. Granola launched its official MCP server in February 2026 at mcp.granola.ai/mcp. You connect it with a browser sign-in. It works with Claude, Claude Code, ChatGPT and Cursor. On the free Basic plan it reaches your personal and public notes from the last 30 days, and paid plans add raw transcripts. Through MCP, your AI can create notes from transcripts and add or remove notes in folders.

Can Claude or ChatGPT edit my meeting notes through MCP?

It depends on the note taker. Otter, Fathom, Plaud and tl;dv are read-only. Fireflies, Read AI, Krisp, Jamie and Granola let the assistant organize meetings, such as folders, tags, titles or action items. Hedy also lets it rewrite a session's summary, check off to-dos and set due dates, manage session contexts and update custom vocabulary.

Can my AI assistant prepare a note taker before a meeting?

With Hedy, yes. Claude or ChatGPT can write a session context, such as the people you're meeting, open issues and your goal, and Hedy uses it for live suggestions during the conversation. We found no documented MCP tool in the other nine note takers that sets up their live help ahead of a meeting.

Which AI note taker MCP keeps data in the EU?

Hedy offers an EU region on every plan, keeps EU accounts' session data in the EU, and runs a separate EU MCP server. Read AI has an EU endpoint, with EU hosting listed on Enterprise+. Jamie stores transcripts in Frankfurt. Granola states it has no regional option. Plaud stores European data in Frankfurt, but web MCP connections pass through a US server.

Do I need a paid plan to use a note taker's MCP server?

Not always. Fireflies, Fathom, Otter, Read AI and Plaud include MCP on their free plans, and Granola's free plan covers the last 30 days. tl;dv, Jamie and Krisp require a paid plan. Hedy's MCP server is part of Hedy Pro, at $12.99 a month or $99.99 a year.

How do I connect a note taker to Claude?

Open Claude's settings, go to Connectors, add a custom connector, and paste the note taker's MCP server URL. Claude opens a browser window where you sign in to the note taker and approve access. After that, the tools are available in new chats. Many note takers are also listed in Claude's connector directory, which skips the URL step.

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