

**Plan reference:** ``docs/strategy/EXECUTION_AND_MARKETING_PLAN_2026_08_17.md` §3 M-5 (Aug 19).`

## What this is

FinAdvantage ships a native MCP (Model Context Protocol) server that exposes our 120 finance tools to any MCP-compatible client — Claude, ChatGPT, Gemini, Cursor, or your own internal agent. The server runs on the same Railway service (``finadvantage-agents``) that powers the customer-facing product; there is no separate authentication surface, no separate billing surface, and no model lock-in.

If a customer prefers to drive the pipeline themselves — without our UI — they can. The same tools the FinAdvantage UI calls, they call. The same outputs the UI renders, they get.

## Endpoint

- Production:** ``https://finadvantage-mcp-server-production.up.railway.app/mcp`` (internal — auth required)
- Auth:** Bearer token from ``GET /api/integrations/oauth/start`` (the same OAuth flow the UI uses); token-scoped to a single ``(org_id, source_id)`` install
- Scope:** Read-only by default; write operations require an explicit ``write_scope: true`` in the request payload

## What you can do with it

The 120 tools cover the full finance-toolkit surface:

| Tier                      | Tools                                                                                                                  | Use case                                                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>T1 — SQL execution</b> | <code>`run_sql`</code>                                                                                                 | Run SQL against a DuckDB session loaded from uploaded workbooks |
| <b>T2 — Matching</b>      | <code>`composite_match`</code> , <code>`filter_split`</code> , <code>`fuzzy_match`</code> , <code>`exact_match`</code> | Reconcile two data sources                                      |
| <b>T3 — Ingest</b>        | <code>`parse_spreadsheet`</code> , <code>`extract_document`</code> , <code>`ocr_pdf`</code>                            | Bring non-tabular sources in                                    |
| <b>T4 — Egress</b>        | <code>`generate_excel_formatted`</code> , <code>`write_multi_sheet_excel`</code>                                       | Produce deliverables                                            |
| <b>T5 — External</b>      | <code>`http_request`</code> , <code>`quickbooks_*`</code> , <code>`xero_*`</code>                                      | Talk to a customer's ERP                                        |
| <b>T6 — Semantic</b>      | <code>`summarize_document`</code> , <code>`classify_document_type`</code>                                              | Per-row LLM work                                                |

The full tool registry is at ``agents/src/workflow/tools/tool_registry.py``. New tools are added at ``_initialize_non_atomic_tools()`` per the same path PR #304 used for the reconciliation tools.

## How to try it in 5 minutes

### Why MCP, why now

The Aug 19 research across 12 peers (`/tmp/positioning_branding_research.json``) found Last Accounting Company (LAC, lastaccountingcompany.com) leads their pitch with **"a full accounting team, one MCP server away"** — same wedge we sit in, but they're claiming MCP-first positioning publicly and we weren't. We already ship the server (`agents/mcp_server/main.py``); we just weren't marketing it. This page + the hero copy + the sales one-pager are the three surfaces that close that gap.

### What this server does NOT do (and why)

- **It does NOT replace the FinAdvantage UI.** The UI is what most customers want; MCP is for the customer who has a custom agent in production and wants to drop in ours as a tool. Both surfaces ship. The MCP server does not have a UI; it speaks JSON.
- **It does NOT expose raw customer data without a scope token.** Every tool call requires a `(org_id, source_id)`` install. Cross-tenant reads are impossible by design — see `agents/src/services/signal_ingestion/rbac.py`` for the model.
- **It does NOT bypass the audit trail.** Every tool call is logged in `reliability_events`` (Stage A through K depending on tool kind) the same way UI-initiated calls are. The audit-grade traceability we publish for the UI applies equally to MCP-initiated calls.

### Implementation references (for the engineering team)

- **Server entry:** `agents/mcp_server/main.py``
- **Tool dispatcher:** `agents/src/workflow/tools/tool_registry.py`` — all 120 tools
- **Auth:** Bearer token from `backend/src/routes/integrations.ts``
- **Audit:** `agents/src/services/reliability_events.py``
- **Plan section:** §3 M-5 (Aug 19, added in the LAC-borrowed second tagline update)