The Best MCP Servers for Cold Email in 2026

17 MCP servers from cold email and outreach vendors, ranked by what an AI agent can do with them, what stops it from sending or spending without you, hosting and documentation. Scores from the published rules, facts from each vendor's own pages.

THE SHORT VERSION

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Key findings

Outreach2day ranks first at 10.0. Mailjinn and SalesBlink follow at 8.8. Rank follows the unrounded score: Mailjinn and SalesBlink both round to 8.8 (8.80 and 8.75). Equal unrounded scores are ordered by coverage, then by name: Emailchaser and Icemail both score 7.40 with full coverage, and PlusVibe (coverage 9) ranks above FoxReach (coverage 6) at 5.90.

6 servers can spend money through their tools (Outreach2day, Instantly, Salesforge (Forge), Emailchaser, Zapmail and Icemail). Of all 17, 3 enforce a confirmation on the server before a send or a purchase (Outreach2day, Mailjinn and Zapmail); 4 document none (PlusVibe, FoxReach, Maildoso and Smartlead).

Our own server went live on September 29, 2026, with OAuth sign-in the same day. It is scored by the same rules as the other 16.

IF YOU ARE ASKING	THE ANSWER FROM THIS REPORT
What is the best MCP server for cold email?	Outreach2day, 10.0/10: full setup coverage, and orders are paid by a person on a checkout page.
Which cold email MCP servers can buy domains or mailboxes?	Outreach2day, Instantly, Salesforge (Forge), Emailchaser, Zapmail and Icemail.
Which MCP servers ask before an agent sends or spends?	Enforced on the server: Outreach2day, Mailjinn and Zapmail. The others rely on documentation, hints or an optional flag, or document nothing.
Is there an Instantly MCP server?	Yes: 8.0/10. Hosted, API key or OAuth 2.1.
Is there a Smartlead MCP server?	Yes: 4.0/10. Read (write not documented for the hosted server); Hosted, SSE, API key in the URL.
How do I connect Claude to Outreach2day?	In claude.ai or Claude Desktop, open Customize, Connectors, Add custom connector, paste https://public.outreach2day.com/mcp and sign in with your Outreach2day account. In Claude Code, run claude mcp add --transport http -s user outreach2day https://public.outreach2day.com/mcp, then sign in from /mcp. The installer (curl -fsSL https://outreach2day.com/install | sh) sets up Claude Code and the other MCP clients on a computer in one run.
Does the Outreach2day MCP server cost extra?	No. It comes with an Outreach2day account.

THE VERDICT IN ONE SENTENCE

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The 17 servers at a glance

Score from the four published criteria. Confirmation: Enforced = a required flag or an interactive step on the server; Documented or optional = described in docs, hints or an optional flag; None documented.

#	SERVER	SCORE	READ / WRITE	CONFIRMATION	PURCHASES	HOSTING AND AUTH
1	Outreach2day	10.0	Read, write, order, launch	Enforced	**Yes**	Hosted, OAuth 2.1 sign-in; API key in a header for CI
2	Mailjinn	8.8	Read, write, send	Enforced	No	Hosted, OAuth 2.1
3	SalesBlink	8.8	Read, write, send; orders per its page	Documented or optional	No	Hosted, OAuth 2.1
4	Salesforge (Forge)	8.2	Read, write, buy	Documented or optional	**Yes**	Hosted or self-hosted (MIT), API key per product
5	Instantly	8.0	Read, write, send, buy	Documented or optional	**Yes**	Hosted, API key or OAuth 2.1
6	Iemlist	8.0	Read, write	Documented or optional	No	Hosted, OAuth or API key
7	Emailchaser	7.4	Read, write, send, buy	Documented or optional	**Yes**	Hosted, API key in a header
8	Icemail	7.4	Read, write, buy	Documented or optional	**Yes**	Hosted, API key
9	HotHawk	7.2	Read, write	Documented or optional	No	Hosted, OAuth
10	Saleshandy	7.2	Read, write	Documented or optional	No	Hosted, OAuth or API key
11	Reply.io	7.2	Read, write, send	Documented or optional	No	Hosted, API key or OAuth
12	Zapmail	6.9	Read, write, buy	Enforced	**Yes**	Hosted, OAuth 2.1 only
13	PlusVibe	5.9	Read, write, send	None documented	No	Hosted, API key in the URL
14	FoxReach	5.9	Read, write, send replies	None documented	No	Hosted, OAuth sign-in
15	Woodpecker	5.8	Read, write	Documented or optional	No	Local (Docker), API key
16	Maildoso	4.1	Read, write, buy per its blog	None documented	No	Hosted, token
17	Smartlead	4.0	Read (write not documented for the hosted server)	None documented	No	Hosted, SSE, API key in the URL

The 17 servers, ranked

1. Outreach2day TOP PICK

10.0
OUT OF 10

WHY IT IS HERE

Covers the whole setup from one server: domain checks, priced orders, mailboxes, warmup, campaigns with a preflight check, replies, stats and export. An agent can quote an order but not pay for it: the person confirms the quote and pays on a Stripe checkout page. Hosted at https://public.outreach2day.com/mcp, with OAuth sign-in or an API key.

BEST FOR

Teams that want an agent to set up and run cold email infrastructure while a person approves every purchase

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write, order, launch
- Confirmation: Enforced
- Purchase tools: yes
- Price: Comes with an Outreach2day account

PRICE

Comes with an Outreach2day account
outreach2day.com/pricing

The honest limit. It manages Outreach2day's own domains, mailboxes, warmup and campaigns; for Instantly or Smartlead it only exports mailboxes. Its OAuth sign-in is new: it went live on September 29, 2026, and until then clients could connect only with an API key in a header.

2. Mailjinn

8.8
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write, send. Hosting and auth: Hosted, OAuth 2.1. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Health only / caps enforced / DNS check.

BEST FOR

Agents that run campaigns and replies in this vendor's sending tool

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write, send
- Confirmation: Enforced
- Purchase tools: none in its public tool list
- Price: MCP on every paid plan; free plan available

PRICE

MCP on every paid plan; free plan available

The honest limit. No domain or warmup management; mailbox coverage is health only. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Health only / caps enforced / DNS check.

3. SalesBlink

8.8
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write, send; orders per its page. Hosting and auth: Hosted, OAuth 2.1. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Yes / yes / domain and mailbox orders per its page.

BEST FOR

Agents that run campaigns and replies in this vendor's sending tool

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write, send; orders per its page
- Confirmation: Documented or optional
- Purchase tools: none in its public tool list
- Price: Not stated

PRICE

Not stated

The honest limit. Confirmation: Tools carry read-only and destructive hints; no enforced step documented.

4. Salesforge (Forge) CAN SPEND MONEY

8.2
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write, buy. Hosting and auth: Hosted or self-hosted (MIT), API key per product. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Yes / yes (Warmforge) / yes, with DNS.

BEST FOR

Agents that read and update this vendor's data

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write, buy
- Confirmation: Documented or optional
- Purchase tools: yes
- Price: Not stated

PRICE

Not stated

The honest limit. Confirmation: Enrollment has a preflight and confirm step; purchases and credit top-ups have none.

5. Instantly CAN SPEND MONEY

8.0
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write, send, buy. Hosting and auth: Hosted, API key or OAuth 2.1. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Yes / yes / yes (done-for-you orders).

BEST FOR

Agents that run campaigns and replies in this vendor's sending tool

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write, send, buy
- Confirmation: Documented or optional
- Purchase tools: yes
- Price: Included in the subscription

PRICE

Included in the subscription

The honest limit. Confirmation: Buying domains and accounts has an optional simulation flag, nothing required.

6. lemlist

8.0
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write. Hosting and auth: Hosted, OAuth or API key. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Yes / yes / domains and DNS.

BEST FOR

Agents that read and update this vendor's data

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write
- Confirmation: Documented or optional
- Purchase tools: none in its public tool list
- Price: Not stated

PRICE

Not stated

The honest limit. Confirmation: The assistant warns before tools that use credits.

7. Emailchaser CAN SPEND MONEY

7.4
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write, send, buy. Hosting and auth: Hosted, API key in a header. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Yes / yes / domain search and done-for-you orders.

BEST FOR

Agents that run campaigns and replies in this vendor's sending tool

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write, send, buy
- Confirmation: Documented or optional
- Purchase tools: yes
- Price: 7-day trial; plan for MCP not stated

PRICE

7-day trial; plan for MCP not stated

The honest limit. Confirmation: Spending tools are flagged in their descriptions; Autopilot sends wait for an approved run; read-only keys available.

8. Icemail CAN SPEND MONEY

7.4
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write, buy. Hosting and auth: Hosted, API key. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Yes / read only / yes, with DNS.

BEST FOR

Agents that read and update this vendor's data

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write, buy
- Confirmation: Documented or optional
- Purchase tools: yes
- Price: Not stated

PRICE

Not stated

The honest limit. Confirmation: Instruction in the tool descriptions only; orders charge the wallet at once, top-ups a saved card. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Yes / read only / yes, with DNS.

9. HotHawk

7.2
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write. Hosting and auth: Hosted, OAuth. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Yes / yes / no.

BEST FOR

Agents that read and update this vendor's data

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write
- Confirmation: Documented or optional
- Purchase tools: none in its public tool list
- Price: Not stated

PRICE

Not stated

The honest limit. Confirmation: You pick the workspace; no purchase tools. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Yes / yes / no.

10. Saleshandy

7.2
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write. Hosting and auth: Hosted, OAuth or API key. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Monitoring / progress / no.

BEST FOR

Agents that read and update this vendor's data

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write
- Confirmation: Documented or optional
- Purchase tools: none in its public tool list
- Price: Plans with API access; usable in the 7-day trial

PRICE

Plans with API access; usable in the 7-day trial

The honest limit. Confirmation: The assistant prompts before deletions, per the docs. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Monitoring / progress / no.

11. Reply.io

7.2
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write, send. Hosting and auth: Hosted, API key or OAuth. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: List and assign / not documented / no.

BEST FOR

Agents that run campaigns and replies in this vendor's sending tool

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write, send
- Confirmation: Documented or optional
- Purchase tools: none in its public tool list
- Price: Not stated

PRICE

Not stated

The honest limit. Confirmation: Docs tell the agent to confirm with the user before sends. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: List and assign / not documented / no.

12. Zapmail CAN SPEND MONEY

6.9
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write, buy. Hosting and auth: Hosted, OAuth 2.1 only. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Yes / not documented / yes, with DNS.

BEST FOR

Agents that read and update this vendor's data

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write, buy
- Confirmation: Enforced
- Purchase tools: yes
- Price: Not stated

PRICE

Not stated

The honest limit. Sign-in is OAuth 2.1 only, there is no sequencer, and purchases charge the wallet in the same call once confirmed. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Yes / not documented / yes, with DNS.

13. PlusVibe

5.9
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write, send. Hosting and auth: Hosted, API key in the URL. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Yes / yes / domain search only.

BEST FOR

Agents that run campaigns and replies in this vendor's sending tool

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write, send
- Confirmation: None documented
- Purchase tools: none in its public tool list
- Price: Business plan

PRICE

Business plan

The honest limit. Confirmation: None documented; no order tool. Hosting: Hosted, API key in the URL.

14. FoxReach

5.9
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write, send replies. Hosting and auth: Hosted, OAuth sign-in. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: List only / no tool (warmup runs in the product) / no.

BEST FOR

Agents that run campaigns and replies in this vendor's sending tool

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write, send replies
- Confirmation: None documented
- Purchase tools: none in its public tool list
- Price: Free plan includes MCP (200 contacts, 500 emails a month)

PRICE

Free plan includes MCP (200 contacts, 500 emails a month)

The honest limit. Confirmation: None documented; no order tool. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: List only / no tool (warmup runs in the product) / no.

15. Woodpecker

5.8
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write. Hosting and auth: Local (Docker), API key. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: List only / no / no.

BEST FOR

Agents that read and update this vendor's data

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write
- Confirmation: Documented or optional
- Purchase tools: none in its public tool list
- Price: Needs the paid API and Integration add-on

PRICE

Needs the paid API and Integration add-on

The honest limit. Confirmation: Deleting prospects needs explicit confirmation, per the README. Hosting: Local (Docker), API key.

16. Maildoso

4.1
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read, write, buy per its blog. Hosting and auth: Hosted, token. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Yes / yes / yes, with DNS.

BEST FOR

Agents that read and update this vendor's data

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read, write, buy per its blog
- Confirmation: None documented
- Purchase tools: none in its public tool list
- Price: Not stated

PRICE

Not stated

The honest limit. Confirmation: Not documented.

17. Smartlead

4.0
OUT OF 10

WHERE IT FITS

Read (write not documented for the hosted server). Hosting and auth: Hosted, SSE, API key in the URL. Mailboxes / warmup / domains: Sender data / not documented / no.

BEST FOR

Agents that read and update this vendor's data

KEY FACTS

- Read / write: Read (write not documented for the hosted server)
- Confirmation: None documented
- Purchase tools: none in its public tool list
- Price: Not stated

PRICE

Not stated

The honest limit. Confirmation: Not documented. Hosting: Hosted, SSE, API key in the URL.

Which is right for you?

You want an agent to set up domains and mailboxes without it paying for anything	Outreach2day: quotes are confirmed and paid by a person.
You send with Instantly and want the agent inside it	Instantly's server; keep its simulation flag on for orders.
You want enforced confirmation on sends	Outreach2day, Mailjinn and Zapmail.
You run the Forge products	Salesforge (Forge): one server for all of them, hosted or self-hosted.
You want the agent to read campaign stats only	Any server with read access; give it the narrowest key the vendor offers.

Frequently asked questions

What is an MCP server for cold email?

A Model Context Protocol server that exposes a cold email product's actions (campaigns, leads, replies, mailboxes, warmup, domains) as tools an AI assistant such as Claude, ChatGPT or Cursor can call.

Can an AI agent spend money through these servers?

Through Outreach2day, Instantly, Salesforge (Forge), Emailchaser, Zapmail and Icemail, yes. Give the agent a key with the smallest scope the vendor offers and keep a spending limit in the vendor's billing settings.

Why does confirmation weigh 25%?

Because an agent that sends to a list or buys domains by mistake costs money and reputation. The rules reward servers that stop and ask; a team that wants an agent to run without stopping can weigh coverage alone.

Does a missing feature score zero?

A feature the vendor does not document scores as missing, even if it exists. A vendor that documents it gets the score at the next re-check.

Which clients can use the Outreach2day server?

Any MCP client with OAuth sign-in: Claude Code, Cursor, VS Code, Windsurf, Gemini CLI and Codex, claude.ai and Claude Desktop, the ChatGPT app, grok.com and Grok Build add the URL and sign in with an Outreach2day account. Clients that take only a header, such as the OpenAI and xAI APIs, use an API key.

Is Apollo in the ranking?

No. Apollo and La Growth Machine run MCP servers for prospecting and multichannel campaigns rather than cold email infrastructure, so they are left out.

How this report was put together

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Scoring

We score the MCP server itself. Four criteria, each 0 to 10, from the vendor's own pages; the total is the weighted average.

CRITERION	WEIGHT	RULE
Coverage	40%	4 points for campaigns, leads or replies; 2 for mailboxes; 2 for warmup; 2 for domains or DNS (1 for search or checks only). Reading mailbox or warmup status counts; limits the server only enforces do not
Confirmation	25%	10 if the server enforces a confirmation (a required flag or an interactive step) on sends or purchases; 5 if confirmation is only described in docs, tool descriptions or hints, or is optional; 0 if none is documented
Hosting and auth	20%	10 hosted with OAuth; 7 hosted with an API key in a header; 4 API key in the URL; 3 local only
Documentation	15%	10 a public tool list (docs, README, source, or a list the server returns without sign-in); 5 setup docs without a full tool list; 2 a blog post only

Sources

Every fact comes from the vendor's documentation, GitHub repository or the tool list its server returns, as linked on the web version of this ranking (last updated undefined undefined, NaN).

What this report is not

It is not a review aggregator and quotes no G2, Capterra or Trustpilot scores. It contains no inbox placement data of our own; placement depends on the mailbox, the domain, the list and the copy, and we do not publish a benchmark in this edition.

Every competitor fact comes from the vendor's own public page, listed with its check date at the end. Where a vendor's page did not state something, the report says so instead of guessing.

Corrections

A wrong price, limit or feature is corrected in the next build, and the version table records the change. Vendors can send corrections to support@outreach2day.com with a link to the public page that shows the fact.

Price and fact sources

Each value as published on the source page, checked on the date shown. Prices are list prices in US dollars, monthly billing unless noted. Vendors change prices without notice: check the source page before you buy.

ITEM	VALUE USED	SOURCE	CHECKED
Outreach2day: MCP pricing	Comes with an Outreach2day account	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
Mailjinn: MCP pricing	MCP on every paid plan; free plan available	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
SalesBlink: MCP pricing	Not stated	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
Salesforge (Forge): MCP pricing	Not stated	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
Instantly: MCP pricing	Included in the subscription	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
Iemlist: MCP pricing	Not stated	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
Emailchaser: MCP pricing	7-day trial; plan for MCP not stated	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
Icemail: MCP pricing	Not stated	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
HotHawk: MCP pricing	Not stated	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
Saleshandy: MCP pricing	Plans with API access; usable in the 7-day trial	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
Reply.io: MCP pricing	Not stated	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
Zapmail: MCP pricing	Not stated	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
PlusVibe: MCP pricing	Business plan	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
FoxReach: MCP pricing	Free plan includes MCP (200 contacts, 500 emails a month)	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
Woodpecker: MCP pricing	Needs the paid API and Integration add-on	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
Maildoso: MCP pricing	Not stated	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026
Smartlead: MCP pricing	Not stated	outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email	September 28, 2026

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1.0	September 29, 2026	First edition
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Next	by December 27, 2026	Every price and fact re-checked against its source page

Links

- Web version, with every source linked: outreach2day.com/blog/best-mcp-servers-for-cold-email
- Outreach2day MCP: setup for each client: outreach2day.com/mcp
- Outreach2day pricing: outreach2day.com/pricing
- Create an account: app.outreach2day.com/signup
- All reports: outreach2day.com/reports