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In short: videos are made through the API, with the same request as images: `POST /v1/media/generations`, a video model and, in `input`, the description and the options, such as the length. You can also bring a photo to life, with a model that accepts a starting image. The Playground in Meu Interweb is for trying out chat and images; video is done through the API, the aio command or the MCP server. See the **AI video and voice** page.

Two ways to start

Starting from	How it works	Example use
A description	The model creates the video from the text of the request alone.	An aerial shot of a city at sunset, for the top of your website.
A photo	The model animates the image you give it, sent as a public address (URL).	Adding movement to a photo of your shop front, for social media.

The request

The request is the same for images, video and voice: only the `model` and the `input` fields change. A 5-second video in 720p, in 16:9 format:

```
{"model": "bytedance/seedance-2.0-mini/text-to-video", "input": {"prompt": "A drone shot over a coastal city at sunset", "duration": 5, "resolution": "720p", "ratio": "16:9"}}
```

The answer is `202`, with the generation `id`. Then call `GET /v1/media/generations/{id}` every 5 or 10 seconds, until the `status` is no longer `processing`. A video usually takes longer than an image. The complete Python example is in **creating images through the API**: for a video, only the request changes.

Each model's fields

Length, resolution and format are common fields, but each model has its own. See the models on the **«Models» tab**, «Video» filter, and one model's fields with `GET /v1/models/{id}`, which shows the accepted values and the default for each one.

Bringing a photo to life

1. Put the photo at a public address, for example in your website's image folder: https://www.asuaempresa.co.mz/img/front.jpg.
2. On the «Models» tab, pick a video model that accepts a starting image. Each model's category tells you what it does.
3. Send the request with a description of the movement and the photo's address in the field the model asks for.
4. Check the status until it is `completed` and download the video.

Without writing code

In the terminal, the **aio command** sends the request, waits and downloads the file: `aio generate video "waves crashing on the rocks" --model <id>`. In a coding agent set up with the **MCP server**, just ask, for example: «Make a 5-second 720p video of a drone flying over a city at sunset.»

File links are not permanent.
When the video is ready, download it and keep your own copy.

Start with the shortest video
the model accepts: videos are paid per second. See **what an AI video costs**. To test your program without spending, use a `sandbox_` key. See **how to test in the Sandbox at no cost**.

RECOMMENDED

Want to see what you can do with video and voice in All in One AI? See the AI video and voice page.

See AI video and voice →

SEE ALSO

- What an AI video or voice costs: credits per second, per generation and how to estimate
- An AI video or voice is taking long or has failed: the statuses and what to do
- Creating AI images through the API: the request, the status and saving the file
- Before you publish an AI video or voice: what to check

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