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`aio generate` creates images, videos and voice from a description, without writing code. It sends the request, waits, downloads the file and shows what it cost. Here are the options you will use most. If you do not have `aio` yet, start with **installing aio and logging in with your key**.

One command per type

```
aio generate image "a lighthouse at sunset" --opt size=1024x1024 --out images/
aio generate video "waves crashing on the rocks" --model <id>
aio generate audio "Welcome to our support service" --out welcome.mp3
```

The text in quotes is the description. For audio, it is the text to read. While it waits, `aio` shows a progress indicator. At the end, it downloads the files and shows the cost.

The options

Option	What it does
`--model <id>`	Chooses the model. Without it, `aio` uses the default model of each type, the same as the MCP server.
`--opt key=value`	Fills in a model field, such as the image size. You can repeat it, one field at a time.
`--out`	Where the files go. Without it, they land in the current folder. In the audio example, it already has the file name.
`--no-wait`	Only sends the request and shows the id. It does not wait or download.
`--timeout`	The waiting time, in seconds. By default, 300 for images and voice and 900 for videos.

Which fields each model accepts

Each model has its own fields: the size, the length, the voice. Do not guess the names. Look up the model and see them:

```
aio models --type image
aio model <id>
```

For image, video and voice models, `aio model` shows the input fields you can use with `--opt`. Write the field name, an equals sign and the value, with no spaces: `--opt size=1024x1024`. More in **seeing models and prices in the terminal**.

Changing the default model

If you always use the same model, you do not need `--model` in every command. The `AIO_IMAGE_MODEL`, `AIO_VIDEO_MODEL` and `AIO_AUDIO_MODEL` variables hold the model of each type. On Linux and macOS:

```
export AIO_VIDEO_MODEL="<id>"
```

To have the variable in every new terminal, add the same line to `~/.bashrc` or `~/.zshrc`. `--model` still wins when you write it.

What it costs

The price of each model is in `aio models` and on the **Models** tab of All in One AI: per image, per second of video or per generation. We reserve the credits with the request, charge the real cost at the end and return the rest. A generation that fails costs nothing.

A video may go past the waiting time.
It is not lost: the generation keeps running on the server. Check it later with `aio status <id> --download`, as in **following a generation with aio status**.

With a `sandbox_` key, the generation is completed at once, with a sample file and `0` credits. It is a good way to try the options before you spend.

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