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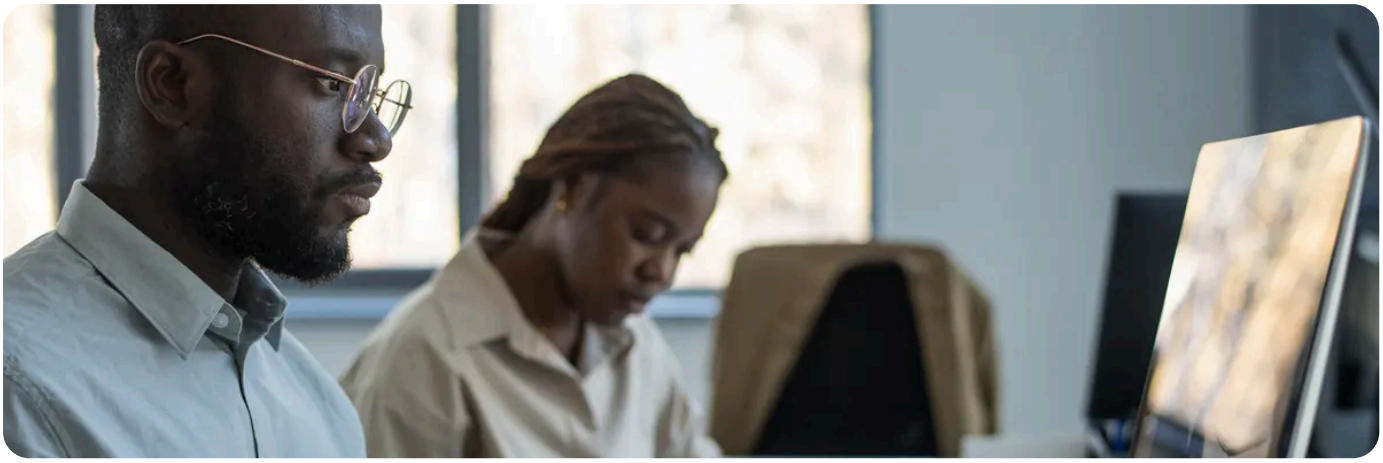

In short: `aio` is the All in One AI terminal command. You install it with one line, log in with your API key and chat with the models without writing code. It is free: you only pay credits for what you use, at the same prices as the API.

Installing

You need Node.js 18 or later (check with `node --version`). On Linux and macOS:

```
curl -fsSL https://docs.interweb.ao/cli/install.sh | sh
```

On Windows, in PowerShell: `irm https://docs.interweb.ao/cli/install.ps1 | iex`. The installer checks the file and never asks for administrator rights. You can also install it with npm: see **Install** in the documentation.

Logging in with your key

Create a key in the **API Center** with the `ai:read` and `ai:write` permissions. Then run `aio auth login` and paste it. `aio` does not show it on screen, checks it with the API and saves it in a file only your user can read. `aio auth status` shows the key in use, masked, and your balance.

Chatting

Command	What it does
`aio chat "Explain what an MX record is"`	Asks the question and shows the reply as the model writes it.
`aio chat`	Opens a conversation in the terminal. `/reset` starts again and `/exit` quits.
`cat prompt.txt | aio chat`	Uses the text in the file as the prompt.

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`--model`, `--max-tokens`, `--system`	Choose the model, limit the reply and give instructions, such as "Reply in English".
`aio balance`	Shows your AI credits and, with a Coding Plan, the points left.
`aio models --type text`	Lists the text models with their price in credits.

After each reply, `aio` shows the input and output tokens. `aio balance`, `aio models` and `aio status` do not use credits.

On a server or in a pipeline
, use the `AIO_API_KEY` variable instead of the saved key. It takes priority and is never written into any project file.

With a `sandbox_` key, `aio chat` always replies "Resposta de teste (sandbox)." and costs nothing. Handy for testing your scripts. `aio` also generates images, video and voice: see **the CLI page**.

RECOMMENDED

Want every command and option? They are on the CLI page in the documentation.

Read the documentation →

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- **Choosing a text model: price, context window and what each one is for**
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