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In short: the `generate_*` tools of the MCP server wait up to about 50 seconds. Many videos take longer. In that case, the tool returns the generation `id`, and the video keeps being made on the server. To get it, ask the agent to check it with `get_generation`, which costs nothing.

What happens

1. You ask the agent for the video, for example: "Make a 5-second 720p video of a drone flying over a city at sunset."
2. The agent uses `generate_video`. If the video is not ready in about 50 seconds, the tool returns the generation `id`.
3. The generation keeps running on the server, even if the agent has stopped waiting, and it is charged when it finishes.

Asking for the result later

A little later, tell the agent: "Check if the video is ready." It uses `get_generation` with the `id` and tells you the status:

Status	What it means
`processing`	It is still being made. Ask again in a little while.
`completed`	Ready. The links to the files and the real cost come back.
`failed`	It failed. The reason comes back, nothing is charged and the reservation goes back to your balance.

If you move to another conversation, the agent may no longer know the `id`. Ask for it as soon as the agent returns it, and keep it.

> **Do not ask for the same video again.**
> Each `generate_video` is a new generation, charged separately. For a video that is still being made, always use `get_generation`.

In Codex: giving the tool time

Codex gives up on a tool after 60 seconds. To give the generation tools their 50 or so seconds with room to spare, put `tool_timeout_sec` in `~/.codex/config.toml`:

```
[mcp_servers.interweb-ai]
url = "https://api.interweb.ao/mcp"
bearer_token_env_var = "INTERWEB_API_KEY"
tool_timeout_sec = 120
```

Without the agent

The same `id` works in the `aio` command, which also downloads the files, and in the API, at `GET /v1/media/generations/{id}`:

```
aio status <id>
aio status <id> --download --out videos/
```

> The file links are not permanent. When the video is ready, ask the agent to download it into the project. See **keeping your AI videos and voice files**.

RECOMMENDED

Want to see what each second of video costs before you ask? It is in All in One AI.

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