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Cline and Kilo Code are VS Code extensions that code with you, and both use All in One AI models with the same key. The difference is how you set them up and what else they offer.

Side by side

	Cline	Kilo Code
Provider	OpenAI Compatible	Custom provider, with Provider API OpenAI Compatible
The models	You type the id in **Model ID**, one at a time	You choose from the list, which Kilo Code reads from `GET /v1/models`
Context and maximum output	You type them in **Model Configuration**	On the command line, in `limit` in `kilo.jsonc`
Outside VS Code	Not covered by us	Command line, with the `kilo.jsonc` file
MCP server	Steps in our documentation, in `cline_mcp_settings.json`	No steps from us

Which one to choose

1. You want to pick models from a list, without typing ids: Kilo Code.

2. You also want to work in the terminal: Kilo Code, which has a command line.

3. You want to set each model's context and maximum output by hand: Cline.

4. You want our MCP server with the steps already written: Cline.

5. You come from Roo Code: Cline has the fields with the same names.

What is the same in both

The address `https://api.interweb.ao/v1`, the key with `ai:read` and `ai:write`, the id with the slash, and the payment, with AI credits or the Coding Plan. With a `sandbox_` key, both get the same test answer.

The steps for each are in **the Cline article** and **the Kilo Code article**.

You can install both and try them. The same key works in both, but a key for each one keeps their spending apart in History.

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