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Aider is a coding assistant that works in the terminal, inside your project's Git repository. Here is how to install it, how to open it in the right folder and the first commands, already with an All in One AI model.

Before you start

1. Create a key in the **API Center** with the `ai:read` and `ai:write` permissions. Use a `sandbox_` key to check the setup without spending and a `prod_` key to work. The fields are explained in **creating an API key**.
2. Have AI credits or an active Coding Plan in **All in One AI**.
3. Have Python installed. According to the Aider documentation, `aider-install` works with Python 3.8 to 3.13.

1. Install Aider

The official documentation lists these two commands first. They are the same on Windows, Linux and macOS:

```
python -m pip install aider-install
aider-install
```

If you do not have Python yet, there are one-line installers that also install Python 3.12. On Linux and macOS:

```
curl -LsSf https://aider.chat/install.sh | sh
```

On Windows:

```
powershell -ExecutionPolicy ByPass -c "irm https://aider.chat/install.ps1 | iex"
```

There are more ways, with uv or pipx, on the **Aider install page**.

2. Tell Aider where the API is

Aider reads the address from `OPENAI_API_BASE` and the key from `OPENAI_API_KEY`. On Linux and macOS:

```
export OPENAI_API_BASE=https://api.interweb.ao/v1
export OPENAI_API_KEY="prod_..."
```

On Windows, use `setx` with the same names. `setx` only applies to the windows you open afterwards, so close the terminal and open a new one:

```
setx OPENAI_API_BASE https://api.interweb.ao/v1
setx OPENAI_API_KEY "prod_..."
```

Other programs use these names too. If you prefer names that belong to Aider only, see **the article about the two variables**.

3. Open Aider in your project folder

Go into the project folder and open Aider with the model:

```
cd my-project
aider --model openai/moonshotai/kimi-k2.7-code
```

`openai/` tells Aider that the API is OpenAI-compatible. The rest is the catalogue id, with its own slash. The first time, Aider warns that it does not know the model's context or cost. You can carry on: **the article about the warning** explains what it means.

4. The first commands

Command	What it does
`/add file`	Adds files to the chat, so Aider can edit them.
`/model`	Switches the main model, for example `/model openai/zai-org/glm-5.2`.
`/tokens`	Shows how many tokens the current chat takes up.
`/exit`	Leaves Aider.

So you do not have to type `--model` every time, create `.aider.conf.yml` in your home folder with the line `model: openai/moonshotai/kimi-k2.7-code`. The list of models that support tools is in **Aider with All in One AI**.

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