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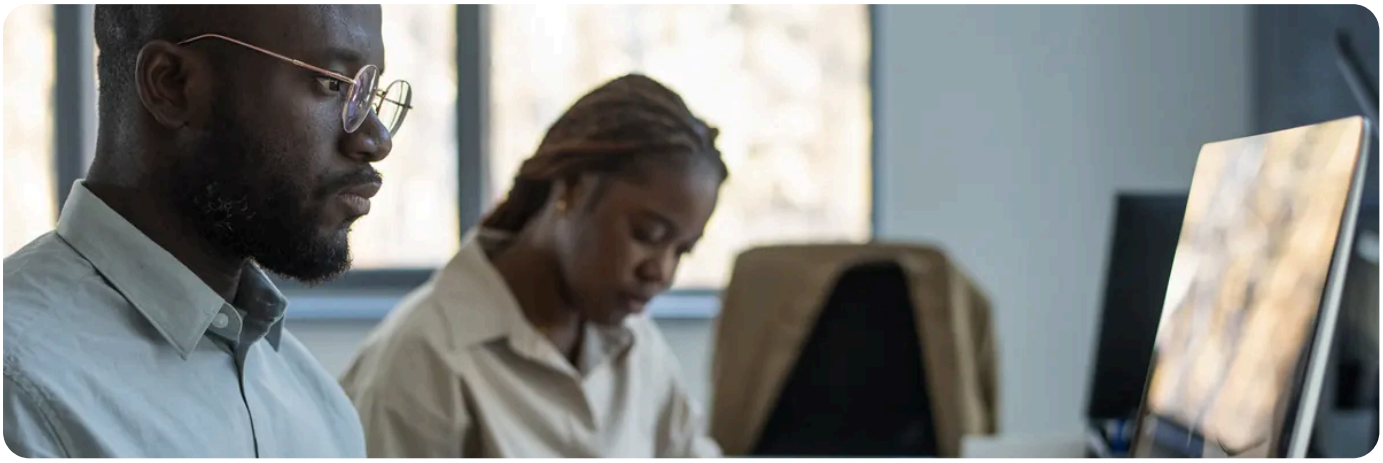
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You can use AI models in two ways: open an account directly with each company that makes them, or go through an AI gateway, like All in One AI from Interweb. Both work. The difference is in what you have to manage.

Side by side

	Direct account with each company	All in One AI gateway
Accounts and keys	One per company	One account and one key, for more than 600 models
Payment	One invoice per company, each with its own currency and way to pay	Credits on an invoice in Meu Interweb, in your account currency
Changing model	Can mean changing library, key and format	You change the model id
Testing without spending	Depends on each company	A `sandbox_` key, which answers in the same format and charges nothing
Usage	One dashboard per company	The History tab, with every request
New features	Usually come out first in each company's own API	Become available when they reach the formats we accept
Support	Each company's own	The Interweb team

When a direct account makes more sense

If you use only one company, need a feature that only exists in its API or have a contract with it, a direct account may be the way. The gateway pays off most when you use several models, want to compare or switch them without touching your code, or prefer to pay in your account currency.

What about price?

Each model has its own price in credits, which you see on the Models tab or in `GET /v1/models` before you use it. Choose by the job: a cheap model is enough to summarise and classify, and a stronger one pays off on hard tasks. See **how to compare the price per million tokens**.

You do not have to decide blind. With a `sandbox_` key you build the program without spending, and then you **try the same request on several models**.

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Want to see the models and prices? Open All in One AI.

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