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In short: when the image is ready, you get links to the files in `outputs`. Those links are not permanent. If you put them straight into your website, the image may disappear one day. Download the file and keep your own copy, on the website or in the project.

Where the links are

Through the API, call `GET /v1/media/generations/{id}` until the `status` is `completed`. The links are in the `outputs` list and the real cost in `credits_charged`. The full request, from start to end, is in **creating AI images through the API**.

Downloading with curl

Replace the text in quotes with the link from `outputs`. `-o` gives the file its name and `-L` follows a redirect, if there is one:

```
curl -L -o hero.jpg "<link from outputs>"
```

The file format depends on the model. In the example in our documentation, the `output_format` field chooses `jpeg` (the default) or `png`: give the file the right extension.

Downloading in your program

In Python, right after the check that returned `completed` (`job` is that generation):

```
import requests

url = job["outputs"][0]
with open("hero.jpg", "wb") as f:
    f.write(requests.get(url, timeout=60).content)
```

With aio and with the MCP server

The `aio` command downloads on its own to the `--out` folder. If the generation did not finish within the waiting time, download it later with `aio status`:

```
aio generate image "a bakery shop window at dawn" --opt size=1024x1024 --out images/
aio status <id> --download --out images/
```

In a coding agent with the MCP server, ask it to save the file in the project, for example: "Generate a square image of a modern office with plants and morning light, and save it to `public/img/hero.png`."

Before you put the image on your website

1. Optimise the file, so the page does not get heavy: see **image optimisation and WebP**.
2. Give it a clear name and alt text: see **alt text and file names for images**.
3. If the image sits further down the page, use lazy loading: see **what to defer and what never to**.
4. Check what the image shows before you publish: see **what to check before you publish**.

Also keep the prompt (the text you wrote) and the model id next to the file. They help you make more images in the same style.

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- **Image optimisation and WebP**
- **Alt text and file names for images: what to write, and what to avoid**
- **Making images with AI for your website: what to check before you publish**
- **Creating AI images through the API: the request, the status and saving the file**

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