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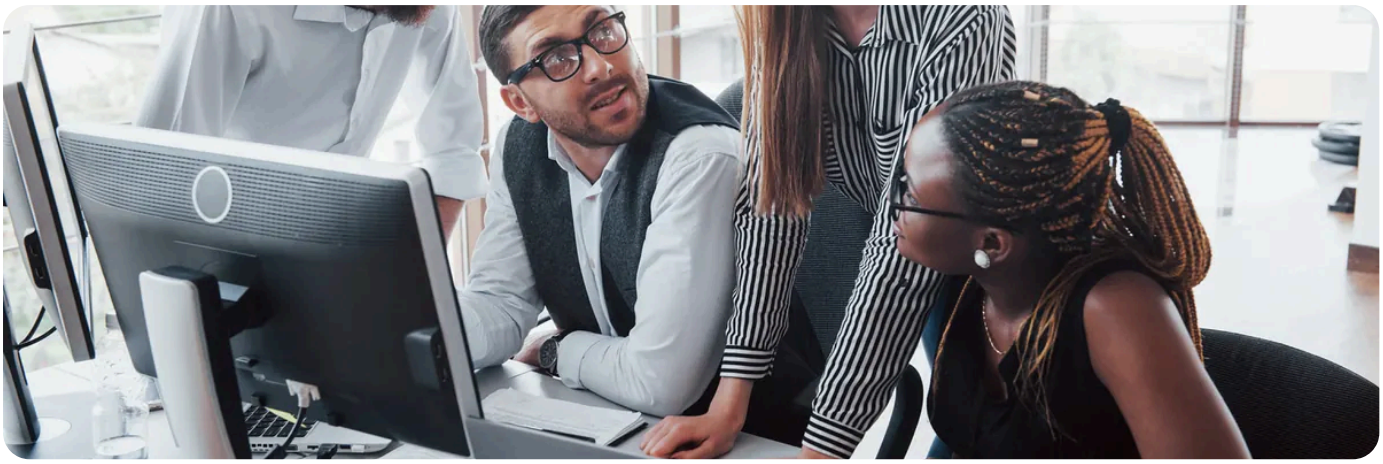
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Aider works with the Coding Plan without any change: the same key, the same address and the same `--model`. What changes is how you pay: requests to the plan models spend points instead of credits.

Which models spend points

In the **Plan tab**, the "Models included in the plan" list has a **Copy** button next to each id. In Aider, put `openai/` before the copied id:

```
aider --model openai/deepseek-ai/deepseek-v4-pro
```

A model that is not on the list is paid with credits, at the normal price. More in **which models spend points**.

Aider's second model

Besides the main model, Aider uses a weaker model (the "weak model") for commit messages and to summarise the chat history. By default, it depends on `--model`. As Aider commits its changes by itself, by default, this model is called often. To be sure it is also a plan model, set it:

```
aider --model openai/moonshotai/kimi-k2.7-code --weak-model openai/deepseek-ai/deepseek-v4-flash
```

Or in `.aider.conf.yml`:

```
model: openai/moonshotai/kimi-k2.7-code
weak-model: openai/deepseek-ai/deepseek-v4-flash
```

Both models in the example are among the recommended coding models, and those are all in the plan.

When the points run out

With "Use credits when the plan runs out" on, as it is by default, Aider keeps going and requests are paid with credits. With it off, or with no credits, the API answers `429 plan_limit_reached` until the points come back: **what the error contains**.

Seeing what is left

The cost Aider shows does not count points. Look at the bars in the Plan tab or type `aio balance` in another terminal: **checking the points left**.

A test with a `sandbox_` key spends no points: **checking Aider with a sandbox_ key**.

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Want points every week to code in Aider? Visit the Coding with AI page.

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