

Kimi K3 Starter

China's Moonshot AI just shipped the biggest open model ever built: 2.8 trillion parameters, a 1 million token context window, and it took the number one spot on Frontend Code Arena. Here are the four ways to use it.

01
Use it free in the browserStart here

Go to **kimi.com** and start chatting. You get search, slides, deep research, docs and sheets built in, plus agent mode. No install, no card.

02
Put it in your terminalFor builders

Kimi Code runs K3 in your terminal like a coding agent, and there is a **Kimi Work** desktop app. Best for long refactors, because the whole repo fits in context.

03
Call the API\$3 / 1M in
Through the Moonshot API or **OpenRouter**. It is **\$3 per million input** and \$15 per million output tokens, with the full **1M token** window and image input.

04
Run the weights yourselfJuly 27
Moonshot is publishing the full weights under a **Modified MIT license** on **July 27, 2026**. That means you can download it, run it locally, and nobody can take it away.

Point any OpenAI-compatible tool at Kimi K3

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```
$ export OPENAI_BASE_URL=https://openrouter.ai/api/v1
$ export OPENAI_MODEL=moonshotai/kimi-k3
# then run your usual agent, it just works
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