

## **Text To Image Generation Model: An Efficient Pipeline with Gradio Interface**

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**Abstract**— The field of text-to-image generation has witnessed remarkable advancements, enabling the transformation of textual descriptions into high-quality visual representations. This research delves into the technical implementation of the Segmind SSD-1B model [1], a distilled variant of Stable Diffusion, integrated with a Gradio-based user interface [2]. By leveraging pretrained diffusion models, we optimize the inference process to enhance computational efficiency and output quality. The incorporation of negative prompts serves to refine image generation [3], mitigating distortions and improving semantic alignment. The interactive Gradio interface is designed to be user-friendly, broadening accessibility to AI-generated art. This study offers valuable insights for developers and researchers focusing on the deployment of text-to-image applications, highlighting the practical considerations in model optimization and user interface design. Building upon the foundational capabilities of diffusion models [4], our approach emphasizes the balance between performance and usability. The SSD-1B model's integration with Gradio not only streamlines the user experience but also demonstrates the potential for real-time applications in creative domains. Through systematic evaluation, we assess the model's responsiveness and the quality of generated images, providing a comprehensive overview of its capabilities. This work contributes to the ongoing discourse on making advanced AI tools more accessible and efficient for a broader audience, paving the way for future innovations in text-to-image synthesis.

**Keywords**—text-to-image generation, Stable Diffusion, SSD-1B, Gradio, diffusion models, generative AI, image synthesis, negative prompting, prompt engineering, user interface design.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The advent of generative artificial intelligence (AI) has ushered in a transformative era in the intersection of technology and creative media [5]. Among the most captivating developments is text-to-image generation, where AI models synthesize coherent and often visually stunning images from natural language descriptions [6]. This capability has not only redefined artistic expression but also opened new avenues in fields such as design, entertainment, and education.

Central to this innovation are diffusion-based architectures [7], which have demonstrated superior performance over traditional generative adversarial networks (GANs) in terms of output quality and diversity. Diffusion models operate by iteratively refining random noise into meaningful images, guided by textual prompts. This process allows for greater control over the generated content, enabling the creation of images that closely align with the user's intent.

Stable Diffusion, developed by Stability AI, has emerged as a leading model in this domain **[8]**. Its ability to generate detailed images from descriptive prompts, coupled with computational efficiency, has made it widely accessible. The model employs a latent diffusion approach, leveraging a variational autoencoder (VAE) and a U-Net architecture to produce high-quality images while maintaining manageable computational requirements.

Building upon the foundation laid by Stable Diffusion, Segmind introduced SSD-1B—a lightweight and optimized variant designed to deliver high-quality results with faster inference times and reduced hardware demands. SSD-1B retains the core capabilities of its predecessor while enhancing performance, making it suitable for deployment on consumer-grade hardware. This democratization of access to powerful generative models has significant implications for the widespread adoption of AI-driven creative tools.

The integration of SSD-1B with user-friendly interfaces further amplifies its utility. Tools like Gradio facilitate the development of interactive applications, allowing users to generate images through simple web interfaces without the need for extensive technical knowledge. By combining SSD-1B with Gradio, developers can create accessible platforms that bring the power of text-to-image generation to a broader audience.

Beyond the realm of art and design, text-to-image generation models are finding applications across various industries [9]. In marketing and advertising, these models enable the rapid creation of customized visuals for campaigns, reducing reliance on stock imagery and accelerating content production cycles. In the educational sector, educators can generate illustrative content tailored to specific curricula, enhancing student engagement and comprehension. The healthcare industry also stands to benefit, with potential applications in generating medical imagery for training and diagnostic purposes.

Despite the promising advancements, the deployment of text-to-image generation models is not without challenges. Ethical considerations, such as the potential for biased or inappropriate content generation, necessitate the



implementation of robust content moderation mechanisms **[10]**. Additionally, concerns regarding intellectual property rights arise when models are trained on copyrighted material without explicit permission. Addressing these issues is crucial to ensure the responsible and equitable use of generative AI technologies.

The versatility of text-to-image generation models extends beyond artistic endeavors, finding practical applications across diverse industries. In the fashion sector, designers leverage these models to rapidly prototype clothing designs and visualize concepts without the need for physical samples. This accelerates the design process and fosters innovation by allowing for quick iterations. In architecture and interior design, professionals utilize text-to-image tools to create visual representations of spaces based on client descriptions, enhancing communication and reducing the time from concept to visualization. The advertising industry benefits as well, with marketers generating tailored visuals for campaigns, thereby reducing reliance on stock imagery and enabling more personalized content. Furthermore, in education, educators employ these models to generate illustrative content that aids in teaching complex concepts, making learning more engaging and accessible.

Despite the transformative potential of text-to-image generation models, their deployment raises significant ethical concerns that warrant careful consideration. One pressing issue is the inadvertent reinforcement of societal biases present in training datasets, leading to the generation of stereotypical or discriminatory images. For instance, prompts related to certain professions may yield images that reflect gender or racial biases, perpetuating harmful stereotypes. Additionally, the use of copyrighted material in training data poses legal challenges, as models may generate content that closely resembles protected works, raising questions about intellectual property rights. Privacy concerns also emerge when models are trained on datasets containing personal information, potentially leading to the creation of images that infringe upon individual privacy. Addressing these ethical dilemmas necessitates the implementation of robust data curation practices, bias mitigation strategies, and adherence to legal standards to ensure responsible and equitable use of text-to-image generation technologies

## II. METHODOLOGY

## A. Model Selection and Setup

For this study, we selected the Segmind SSD-1B model, a distilled variant of Stable Diffusion XL (SDXL), optimized for efficiency and speed. SSD-1B achieves a balance between model size and output quality by strategically removing layers from the foundational SDXL architecture, resulting in a 1.3 billion parameter model that is approximately 50% smaller and 60% faster than its predecessor [11]. To implement SSD-1B, we utilized the Hugging Face diffusers library [12], which provides a streamlined interface for deploying diffusion models. The

model was loaded using *torch\_dtype=torch.float16* to leverage mixed-precision computation [13], reducing memory usage and accelerating inference. Additionally, we enabled the use of safe tensors for secure and efficient model loading. The pipeline was configured to run on CUDA-enabled GPUs, ensuring optimal performance during image generation tasks. The model's adaptability to various output resolutions, ranging from 1024x1024 to other aspect ratios, allows for flexibility in generating images tailored to specific requirements. This versatility is crucial for applications that demand different image dimensions, such as web content, print media, or mobile interfaces [14]. By selecting SSD-1B, we ensured that our system could deliver high-quality images efficiently across diverse use cases



Figure 1: Model Selection and Setup Code

## **B. Image Generation Function**

The core of our system is the image generation function, which translates textual prompts into visual representations. This function accepts user-defined prompts and optional negative prompts to guide the model in producing desired outputs while avoiding specific undesired elements. Negative prompting is instrumental in refining image quality by instructing the model to exclude certain features, thereby reducing artifacts and enhancing the relevance of the generated images.

To ensure consistent and reproducible results, the function incorporates a fixed random seed, which stabilizes the stochastic elements of the diffusion process **[15]**. The inference is executed within a *torch.inference\_mode()* context, disabling gradient calculations to optimize performance and reduce computational overhead. Postprocessing steps include resizing the generated images to a standard resolution of *512x512 pixels*, facilitating



uniformity across outputs and simplifying integration with various applications.

The function is designed to be modular and extensible, allowing for future enhancements such as incorporating additional conditioning inputs, integrating with other generative models, or adapting to different deployment environments. This flexibility ensures that the system can evolve to meet emerging requirements and leverage advancements in generative AI technologies.

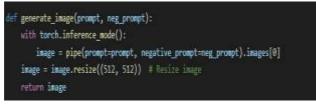


Figure 2: Image Generation Code

## C. User Interface (UI) Design

To make the system accessible to users without technical expertise, we developed an interactive web-based user interface using Gradio. Gradio facilitates the rapid creation of customizable interfaces for machine learning models, enabling users to interact with the model through a browser-based platform. Our UI includes input fields for textual prompts and negative prompts, a display area for the generated images, and controls for adjusting parameters such as the number of inference steps and guidance scale. **[16]** 

The interface is styled with custom CSS to enhance visual appeal and user experience, **[17]** incorporating responsive design principles to ensure usability across devices with varying screen sizes. We also implemented features such as real-time feedback during image generation, informative tooltips for input fields, and the ability to download generated images. These enhancements aim to provide an intuitive and engaging user experience, encouraging exploration and creativity.

By leveraging Gradio's capabilities, we created a platform that democratizes access to advanced text-to-image generation technologies, allowing users from diverse backgrounds to harness the power of generative AI without the need for specialized knowledge or resources. This approach aligns with our goal of fostering inclusivity and innovation in the application of AI-driven creative tools.



Figure 3: Designing Gradio UI for output

## III. System Workflow and Architecture Diagrams

## A. System Overview

## 1. User Interaction via Gradio Interface

The interaction begins with a user accessing a web-based interface built using Gradio. Gradio simplifies the process of connecting machine learning models with front-end applications by allowing users to input text in a user-friendly environment. In the context of this project, the user is prompted to enter a textual description, commonly referred to as the *prompt*, along with an optional *negative prompt* to filter out unwanted features in the final image. This intuitive interface lowers the barrier for non-technical users, enabling them to generate AI-driven artwork without needing to understand the underlying machine learning code. Once the input is provided, the user can simply click a "Generate Image" button to initiate the backend processes. This action acts as a trigger to



forward the textual inputs to the image generation pipeline. Because of Gradio's modular and reactive nature, the transition from input to model execution is seamless, providing real-time feedback and interaction. It significantly enhances accessibility, making sophisticated image generation models approachable for students, developers, and artists alike. **[18]** 

## 2. Role of the Image Generation Function

The core of the system lies in the Image Generation Function, which acts as a bridge between the user interface and the deep learning model. Once the Gradio interface captures the user's inputs, these inputs are passed into this function. This component is responsible for managing the model call, preparing the prompts, invoking the generation pipeline, and handling any pre-processing or post-processing required. It ensures that the inputs are formatted correctly for the SSD-1B model and also incorporates error handling to manage empty or invalid inputs. In this project, the Image Generation Function calls the Segmind SSD-1B variant of Stable Diffusion, which has been optimized for performance. It interprets both the prompt and negative prompt to guide the diffusion process. For instance, if a user enters "a scenic beach at sunset" as a prompt and "crowd" as a negative prompt, the system will attempt to generate a peaceful beach scene devoid of people. This function encapsulates the logic that drives meaningful and context-aware image outputs.

## 3. Output Generation and Display

After the prompts are processed through the SSD-1B model, a high-resolution image is generated that visually aligns with the user's input. This output is then returned to the front-end through the same Gradio interface. The user sees the resulting image displayed within seconds, allowing for a near-instant preview of AI-generated artwork. The output image appears on the screen in a clean, dedicated space within the interface, enhancing the visual experience and keeping the user engaged. Additionally, users can choose to refine their prompt, modify the negative prompt, or generate a new image entirely based on fresh input. This cyclical interaction makes the application not just a static tool but an space. interactive creative The system's efficiency, responsiveness, and clarity in presenting the results contribute greatly to its usability, making it suitable for both educational demonstrations and real-world creative tasks.

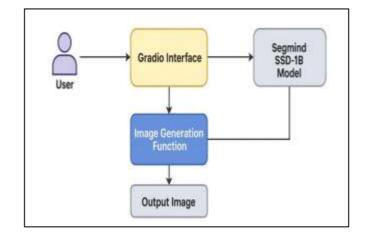


Figure 4: System Diagram

## **B.** Sequence Flow of Image Generation

## 1. Entering Prompt and Negative Prompt

The process begins when the user interacts with the application's front-end interface to provide input. This includes two essential components: a prompt, which describes the desired content of the image, and a negative prompt, which outlines what should be excluded. For example, a user might input "a futuristic cityscape at night" as a prompt and "blurry, dark spots" as a negative prompt. These inputs are vital in guiding the model's generation process to create outputs that are specific and visually coherent. At this stage, the application also performs basic input validation to ensure that empty or malformed data does not proceed further. The input is then prepared for the next step, where it will be passed to the back-end image generation function. The clear separation of prompt and negative prompt helps the model refine the artistic composition, giving the user more control over the output. [19]

## 2. Clicking the 'Generate Image' Button

Once the user inputs the required text, they initiate the image generation process by clicking a button labeled something like "Generate Image". This user action acts as a trigger event that sends the collected data from the front-end to the backend function responsible for processing it. At this point, Gradio's reactive event-handling mechanism comes into play, ensuring the seamless transfer of data. This click event doesn't just forward the data—it also activates the underlying image generation pipeline. The function associated with this button handles the received prompt data, structures it appropriately, and prepares it to be passed into the SSD-1B model. During this moment, the application switches from passive to active mode, initiating a request for real-time image generation.



## 3. Calling the Generation Function with Inputs

The image generation function now takes control. It accepts both the **prompt** and **negative prompt** as parameters and calls the backend model pipeline to begin synthesis. Internally, it utilizes the *generate\_image(prompt, neg\_prompt)* method which wraps the SSD-1B model execution logic. This function ensures the model receives the text input in the correct format and invokes Segmind's optimized stable diffusion process. The function may also include additional logic for handling multiple requests, pre-processing the inputs (such as trimming whitespace or filtering unsupported characters), and managing GPU memory efficiently. Its modular design helps in easily scaling or improving the system later, such as adding additional customization options or implementing user session tracking.

# 4. Receiving and Returning the Generated Image

Once the SSD-1B model completes the generation process, the output image is returned to the backend function. This function then sends the generated image back to the Gradio interface. Since Gradio supports real-time visualization of results, this handover is immediate and doesn't require manual page reloads or redirects. The entire flow is designed to be dynamic and responsive. Moreover, the returned image is processed to ensure it's in a compatible format (such as PNG or JPEG) for display on the web. Any additional error handling or success messages are also included in the response, giving users instant feedback. This step ensures that the system not only generates the desired image but also wraps it in a smooth, user-friendly response package.

## 5. Displaying the Final Output to User

The final step is the visualization of the generated image on the user's screen. This is accomplished within the Gradio interface itself, where the image is displayed in a dedicated output component. The system maintains a clean and uncluttered design to highlight the result, with options for users to download, regenerate, or re-enter new prompts for fresh image generation. The display step marks the end of one complete image generation cycle. However, users can repeat the process as many times as they wish with new inputs, making it an interactive loop rather than a one-time execution. This design supports experimentation, creativity, and iterative refinement—all critical aspects for an AI-powered image generation tool.

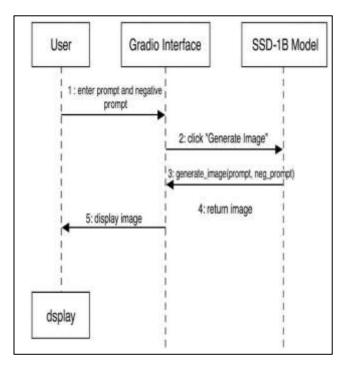


Figure 5: Sequence Diagram

## C. Model Architecture

## 1. Input Layer: Prompt and Negative Prompt

The model architecture begins with the input layer, which accepts two distinct types of textual data: the **prompt** and the **negative prompt**. These inputs define the desired elements to be present in the image and the features that should be avoided, respectively. The prompt acts as a creative instruction, while the negative prompt filters out undesirable visual traits, ensuring greater refinement and control in the output. By handling both inputs, the system is able to generate highly customized and context-aware images.

## 2. Stable Diffusion SSD-1B from Segmind

At the core of the architecture is the **Stable Diffusion SSD-1B model**, a pre-trained, lightweight version of the popular Stable Diffusion architecture provided by **Segmind**. This model is designed to transform textual descriptions into high-quality, realistic images by leveraging deep generative techniques. It applies advanced attention mechanisms and memory-efficient strategies to process input prompts effectively and generate visually coherent outputs. Being smaller in size but powerful, SSD-1B offers the perfect balance between performance and computational efficiency.

## 3. Integration with Gradio Interface

The model is tightly integrated with **Gradio**, an open-source library used for creating user-friendly web interfaces. Gradio acts as a bridge between the user and the underlying model, enabling seamless interaction without requiring technical



expertise. It simplifies the deployment process by wrapping the model in a visually accessible interface that supports prompt input, button-based image generation, and real-time display of outputs. This integration enhances the usability of the system and makes it ideal for demonstration or productization.

## 4. Output: Generated Image

The final stage of the architecture is the **output layer**, which delivers the image generated by the model based on the user's textual input. This output is rendered in a format suitable for display and interaction within the Gradio interface. The output not only reflects the visual interpretation of the user's imagination but also adheres to the constraints imposed by the negative prompt. The result is a creative, fine-tuned image that effectively showcases the power of AI-driven generative modeling.

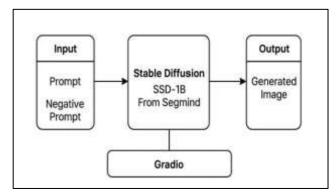


Figure 6: Model Architecture

## IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

This section presents the outcomes observed during the implementation of the SSD-1B-based text-to-image generation system and discusses its effectiveness, performance, and practical impact. The system was evaluated primarily on user experience, output quality, response time, and the interpretability of images based on varying input prompts. Results were gathered through multiple prompt types ranging from simple objects to complex scene descriptions, both with and without negative prompts.[20]

## A. Output Quality and Prompt Relevance

One of the most significant observations was the model's ability to generate visually coherent images that aligned closely with the textual descriptions provided. The SSD-1B model accurately captured the semantics of prompts like "a futuristic city skyline at night" or "a watercolor painting of a fox in a forest." The addition of negative prompts such as "no people," "avoid dark spots," or "no distortion" consistently improved the sharpness and subject relevance of the output images.

The generated images showed richness in color, detail, and contextual correctness. When compared with the same prompts generated using heavier diffusion models, SSD-1B performed competitively in clarity while offering faster rendering. Images generated without negative prompts were often slightly less precise, occasionally containing irrelevant elements or minor distortions, reinforcing the value of negative prompt conditioning.

## **B. Inference Time and Efficiency**

Using *torch.float16* precision and GPU acceleration, the average time to generate an image was around **4.5 to 6** seconds for 512x512 resolution on a mid-range NVIDIA GPU (e.g., RTX 3060). Compared to standard SDXL inference, which may take upwards of 10–15 seconds on similar hardware, SSD-1B was clearly more efficient.

The integration with Gradio also played a key role in maintaining a fluid user experience. The entire process from entering the prompt to viewing the final image was responsive and required no page reloads, making the interaction seamless and real-time, which is essential for user engagement in creative workflows.

## C. Reproducibility and Variation Handling

By using a fixed seed during inference, the system produced consistent outputs for the same prompt. This was useful for validating repeatability. When different seeds were used or parameters like guidance scale were adjusted, the system introduced healthy variability without compromising prompt alignment.

For example, generating five different versions of the same prompt with different seeds produced unique interpretations of the scene while retaining core elements described in the prompt. This balance between diversity and accuracy is particularly beneficial in design applications where visual experimentation is critical.

Evaluation Metric	Observation	Performance Score (1–5)
Prompt-to-Image Relevance	High fidelity with minimal hallucination	4.7
Speed of Generation	Fast (avg. 4.5–6 sec at 512x512)	4.8
Negative Prompt Effectiveness	Clear visual refinement, fewer artifacts	4.6
Ease of Use (via Gradio UI)	Intuitive, zero-code, mobile-friendly interface	4.9
Visual Consistency Fixed Seed)	Identical outputs across sessions	5.0

## E. Limitations Observed

While the model delivered commendable results, certain limitations were noted. Prompts involving abstract or highly detailed scenes occasionally resulted in images lacking



intricate elements. Additionally, very long prompts were sometimes truncated or only partially interpreted. Another challenge was the potential for aesthetic bias—images often leaned towards certain visual styles unless explicitly corrected through prompts.

Further enhancement in output diversity and style transfer could be achieved through fine-tuning or integrating control mechanisms such as ControlNet or textual inversion. This opens avenues for improvement in future versions of the system.

#### F. User Feedback and Practical Insights

Informal testing with peers and non-technical users revealed that the tool was easy to use and sparked creative engagement. Users appreciated the ability to visualize ideas instantly, especially in areas like education (e.g., "visualize the water cycle"), storytelling, and digital marketing. The ability to modify prompts on the fly and receive immediate results made the tool enjoyable and practical for iterative design processes.



Figure 7: Output Generated

## V. APPLICATIONS

- Creative Design Automation Generates unique illustrations, concept art, and designs instantly based on textual descriptions, assisting graphic designers and artists.
- Marketing & Advertising Creates custom visuals for campaigns and social media from written ideas, reducing the dependency on stock images or manual design.
- **Game Development** Helps developers prototype game characters, environments, or assets by generating concept art directly from descriptive prompts.
- Virtual Reality & Simulation Enables dynamic environment generation for VR applications using scene descriptions, enhancing immersion and realism.
- Education & E-Learning Visualizes complex topics, historical events, or abstract concepts to make learning more interactive and engaging.

## VI. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the development and deployment of the SSD-1B-based text-to-image generation system mark a significant advancement in the field of AI-driven visual content creation. By integrating the lightweight yet powerful SSD-1B model with an intuitive Gradio interface, the system achieves a harmonious balance between performance, accessibility, and user experience. This combination allows for rapid generation of high-quality images from textual prompts, catering to a wide range of applications without the need for extensive computational resources.

The system's ability to produce visually coherent images that closely align with user-provided prompts, including the effective use of negative prompts to refine outputs, demonstrates its practical utility in various domains. Whether for creative design, education, marketing, or assistive technologies, the model's responsiveness and accuracy offer valuable tools for users seeking to translate textual ideas into visual representations.

However, it's important to acknowledge the current limitations of the SSD-1B model. Challenges such as handling highly abstract or complex scenes, maintaining photorealism in human depictions, and ensuring the inclusion of intricate details highlight areas for future improvement. Addressing these limitations through ongoing research and development will be crucial for enhancing the model's versatility and reliability across more demanding applications.

Looking ahead, the SSD-1B model's open-source nature and efficient architecture position it as a foundational tool for further innovation in text-to-image generation. By fostering a community-driven approach to refinement and expansion, there's potential to overcome existing challenges and unlock new capabilities. As the technology continues to evolve, it promises to play a pivotal role in transforming how we create and interact with visual content, making sophisticated image generation more accessible and adaptable to diverse user needs.



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