

The Deep Learning Research Stack

Giorgio Strano - strano@di.uniroma1.it

How to follow this section

- Have a notebook ready
- If we are talking about something you know and use regularly:
 - **chill & relax**
- As soon as I mention something you don't know:
 - **write it down**
- Have a list of new tools to use in your next project

Code version control: GIT

GIT is not GitHub

GIT is a Command Line Interface tool

Code version control: GIT

These are common Git commands used in various situations:

start a working area (see also: `git help tutorial`)

<code>clone</code>	Clone a repository into a new directory
<code>init</code>	Create an empty Git repository or reinitialize an existing one

work on the current change (see also: `git help everyday`)

<code>add</code>	Add file contents to the index
<code>mv</code>	Move or rename a file, a directory, or a symlink
<code>restore</code>	Restore working tree files
<code>rm</code>	Remove files from the working tree and from the index

examine the history and state (see also: `git help revisions`)

<code>bisect</code>	Use binary search to find the commit that introduced a bug
<code>diff</code>	Show changes between commits, commit and working tree, etc
<code>grep</code>	Print lines matching a pattern
<code>log</code>	Show commit logs
<code>show</code>	Show various types of objects
<code>status</code>	Show the working tree status

grow, mark and tweak your common history

<code>branch</code>	List, create, or delete branches
<code>commit</code>	Record changes to the repository
<code>merge</code>	Join two or more development histories together
<code>rebase</code>	Reapply commits on top of another base tip
<code>reset</code>	Reset current HEAD to the specified state
<code>switch</code>	Switch branches
<code>tag</code>	Create, list, delete or verify a tag object signed with GPG

collaborate (see also: `git help workflows`)

<code>fetch</code>	Download objects and refs from another repository
<code>pull</code>	Fetch from and integrate with another repository or a local branch
<code>push</code>	Update remote refs along with associated objects

Data version control: DVC

DVC tracks large files

DVC connects to your own cloud storage

PyTorch Lightning

A Deep Learning **framework** built **on top of** PyTorch

- Support for **distributed training**
- Automatic **logging** and **checkpointing**
- Automatic **optimization** and training loops
- And much more...

Libraries and versions

PyTorch is a very **complex C++ / CUDA** library:

It's useful to know which **versions** we are using

Compatibility Matrix

PyTorch version	Python	C++	Stable CUDA	Experimental CUDA	Stable ROCm
2.7	>=3.9, <=3.13, (3.13t experimental)	C+ +17	CUDA 11.8 (CUDA 9.1.0.70), CUDA 12.6 (CUDA 9.5.1.17)	CUDA 12.8 (CUDA 9.7.1.26)	ROCm 6.3
2.6	>=3.9, <=3.13, (3.13t experimental)	C+ +17	CUDA 11.8, CUDA 12.4 (CUDA 9.1.0.70)	CUDA 12.6 (CUDA 9.5.1.17)	ROCm 6.2.4
2.5	>=3.9, <=3.12, (3.13 experimental)	C+ +17	CUDA 11.8, CUDA 12.1, CUDA 12.4, CUDNN 9.1.0.70	None	ROCm 6.2
2.4	>=3.8, <=3.12	C+ +17	CUDA 11.8, CUDA 12.1, CUDNN 9.1.0.70	CUDA 12.4, CUDNN 9.1.0.70	ROCm 6.1
2.3	>=3.8, <=3.11, (3.12 experimental)	C+ +17	CUDA 11.8, CUDNN 8.7.0.84	CUDA 12.1, CUDNN 8.9.2.26	ROCm 6.0
2.2	>=3.8, <=3.11, (3.12 experimental)	C+ +17	CUDA 11.8, CUDNN 8.7.0.84	CUDA 12.1, CUDNN 8.9.2.26	ROCm 5.7
2.1	>=3.8, <=3.11	C+ +17	CUDA 11.8, CUDNN 8.7.0.84	CUDA 12.1, CUDNN 8.9.2.26	ROCm 5.6
2.0	>=3.8, <=3.11	C+ +14	CUDA 11.7, CUDNN 8.5.0.96	CUDA 11.8, CUDNN 8.7.0.84	ROCm 5.4
1.13	>=3.7, <=3.10	C+ +14	CUDA 11.6, CUDNN 8.3.2.44	CUDA 11.7, CUDNN 8.5.0.96	ROCm 5.2
1.12	>=3.7, <=3.10	C+ +14	CUDA 11.3, CUDNN 8.3.2.44	CUDA 11.6, CUDNN 8.3.2.44	ROCm 5.0

Python environments: UV

A single tool to replace **pip**, **pipx**, **virtualenv**, **conda**

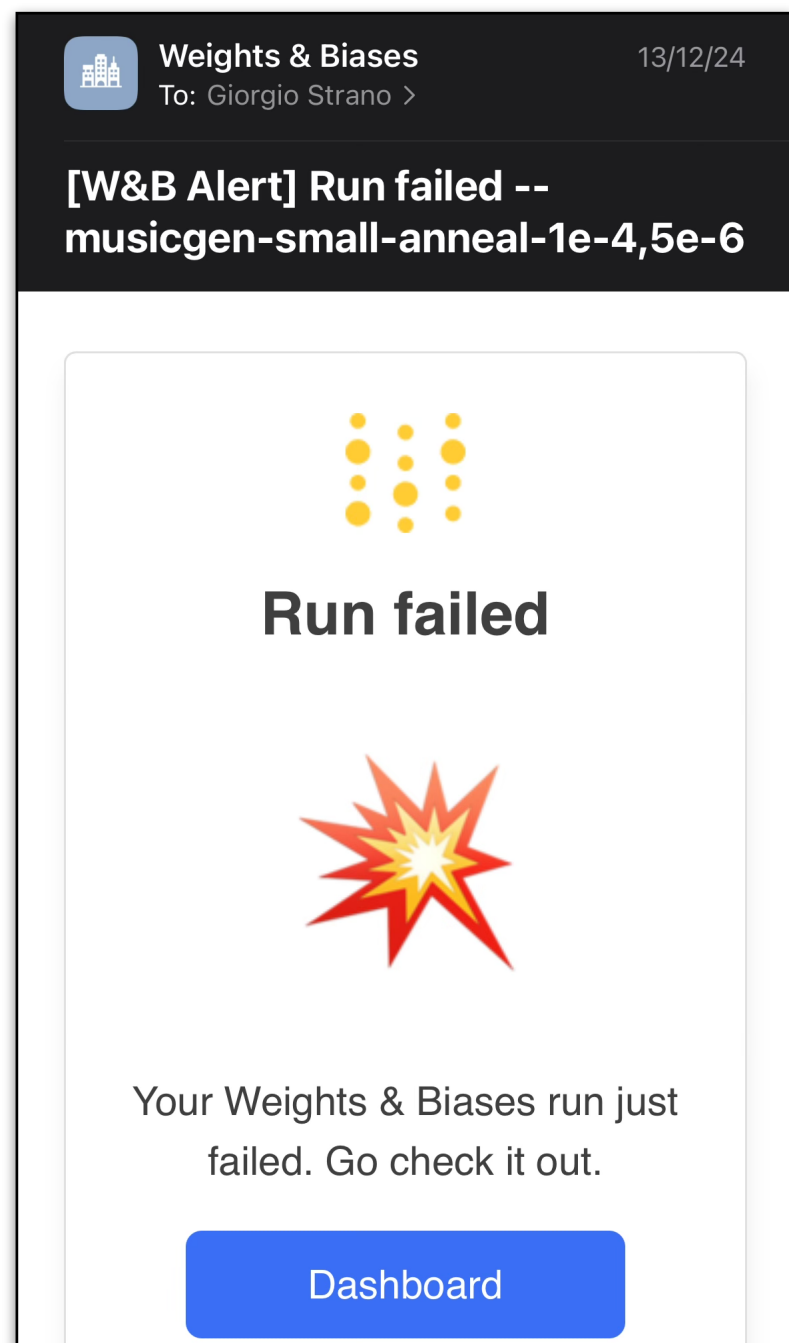
Fast, easy and reproducible environments

```
→ myproject uv init --python 3.12
Initialized project `myproject`
→ myproject git:(main) ✗ uv add torch torchaudio lightning numpy matplotlib
Using CPython 3.12.10
Creating virtual environment at: .venv
Resolved 56 packages in 570ms
Prepared 28 packages in 1.17s
Installed 37 packages in 562ms
```

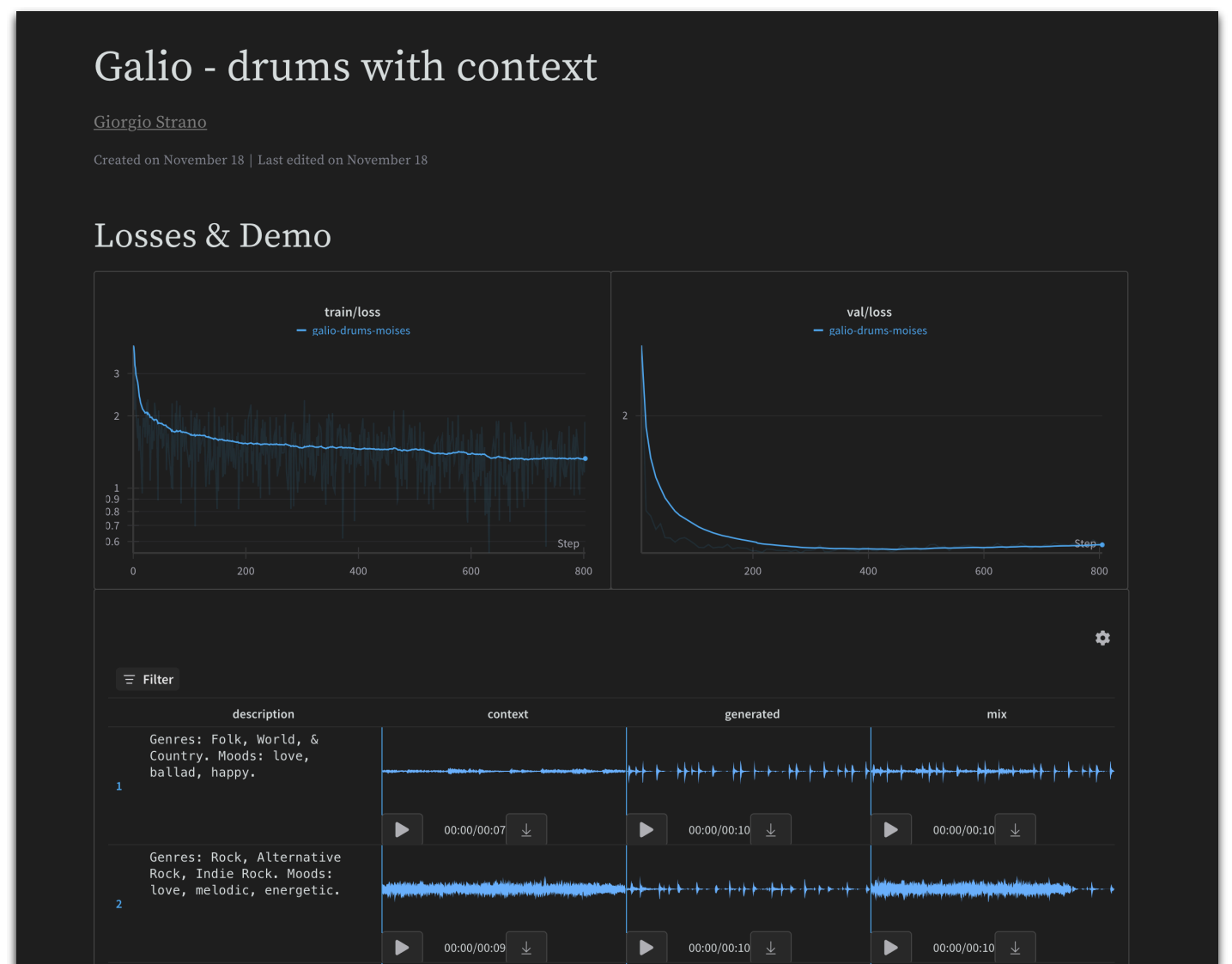
No need to **activate** the environment: just use **uv run**

```
→ myproject git:(main) ✗ uv run main.py
Hello from myproject!
```


Weights & Biases

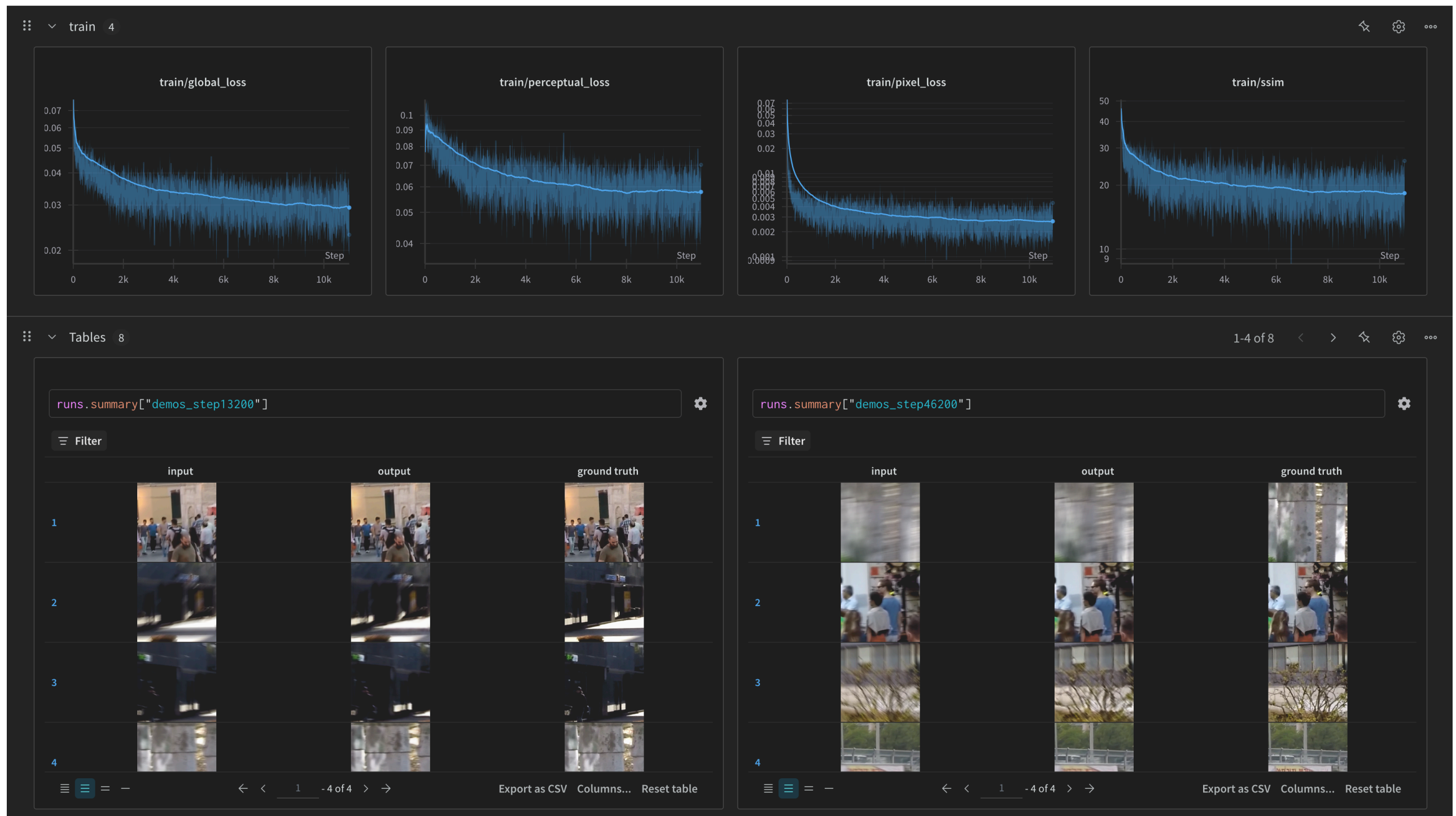


Alerts on run failure



Training reports

Weights & Biases



Real-time logging