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Project Report

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1. EXPLANATION FOR A WIDER AUDIENCE

Elevator Pitch

The idea behind my project is to create an unusual visualization of the Canary Wharf landscape. I took inspiration from my sister, who is a landscape architect, and she is always fascinated with the landscape of Canary Wharf.

The goal is to provide Canary Wharf with a distinctive audio and visual identity, capturing its daily rhythms - footsteps, the hum of conversations, busy streets, and the commonly ignored sounds of nature. It is an exploration of the tiny details that we often ignore in the urban environment. Then, convert these auditory elements into a unique melody that creates a sound identity of the area and simultaneously create a visual narrative. The objective is to deliver the viewer a different exploration of Canary Wharf landscape.

Introduction

The choice to focus on the Canary Wharf landscape and soundscape for my graduation project stems from a thoughtful consideration of both personal and contextual factors. Canary Wharf, as a prominent financial district in London, offers a unique urban environment that blends bustling city life with pockets of tranquillity along the river Thames.

Personal Connection

Coming from a family with a strong architectural background, particularly influenced by my sister, a landscape architect, there is a shared appreciation for the intricate relationship between nature and urbanity. Her insights and passion for creating harmonious environments have inspired the exploration of Canary Wharf as the focus for this project.

Environmental Inspiration

The Canary Wharf landscape, characterized by its striking architectural skyline juxtaposed against the natural beauty of the riverbank, provides a rich source of inspiration. The blend of contemporary design and natural elements offers a compelling backdrop for exploring the intersection of technology, art, and the urban environment.

Community and Diversity:

The district's role as a global financial hub attracts a diverse community, creating a dynamic atmosphere. By capturing the soundscape, including the daily rhythms of footsteps, conversations, and the often-overlooked sounds of nature, the project tries to encapsulate the essence of Canary Wharf's.

Technological Exploration

The choice aligns with the aim to leverage technology, including AI and ML, to transform the captured sounds into a unique auditory experience. The fusion of technology with the urban landscape serves as an exploration into the possibilities of creative computing in enhancing our perception of the environment.

Unique Identity for Canary Wharf

Canary Wharf, with its iconic architecture and cultural significance, lacks a distinct audio and visual identity. The project aspires to fill this gap by creating a multimedia representation that encapsulates the character of Canary Wharf and contributes to its cultural narrative.

Development

The development involves not only capturing sounds but also incorporating visuals from the areas where the recordings took place. This approach adds a layer of storytelling, aiming to evoke emotions, memories, and a sense of place for both residents and visitors.

The decision to focus on the Canary Wharf landscape and soundscape is rooted in a desire to explore the symbiotic relationship between nature and urbanity and enhance the district's cultural identity. The personal connection and environmental inspiration, combined with the potential for technological innovation, make Canary Wharf an ideal canvas for this creative exploration.

2. CONTEXT FOR YOUR PROJECT / RESEARCH

Technological Innovations in Sound Synthesis

The exploration of urban soundscapes has garnered increasing interest in recent years, driven by a desire to understand and appreciate the auditory identity of urban environments. Projects aimed at capturing and representing urban soundscapes offer insights into the intricate relationship between sound, space, and human experience. In the context of this project, the focus on the Canary Wharf landscape provides a unique opportunity to delve into the auditory nuances of a bustling financial district.

Similar Projects and Inspiration

AI Art Generator Projects

Various AI art generator projects, including Deep Dream by Google, Runway ML, and Artbreeder, allow users to create unique and abstract visuals using machine learning algorithms. These platforms often provide tools for image manipulation and creative exploration. Exploring these projects can provide inspiration for incorporating AI-driven techniques into the visualization aspect of the Canary Wharf landscape, offering novel ways to represent the district's visual identity.

Data-Driven Art Installations

Artists like Refik Anadol, known for his data-driven art installations, use large datasets, including sound and visual data, to create immersive artworks. Anadol's work, which often combines technology and creativity, serves as a compelling example of how data-driven approaches can be employed to generate dynamic and evolving artworks. Drawing inspiration from Anadol's methodology, this project aims to utilize data-driven techniques to capture the essence of Canary Wharf's landscape and translate it into a multimedia representation that resonates with viewers (Anadol, 2024).

Technological Innovations in Sound Synthesis

Advancements in technology, particularly in the realm of sound synthesis and generation, have paved the way for innovative approaches to audio production. The utilization of MIDI files as a basis for melody creation, as outlined in the design process, reflects a strategic adaptation to leverage structured musical data for enhanced output quality. Additionally, the integration of ambient street sounds obtained from real-world recordings signifies a departure from traditional sound synthesis methods, embracing the authenticity of environmental audio in the creative process.

Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Environmental Inspiration

The interdisciplinary nature of the project, bridging architecture, landscape design, technology, and art, underscores the multifaceted exploration of urban environments. Collaboration with experts in landscape architecture, such as the inspiration drawn from the project creator's sister, enriches the project with insights into the symbiotic relationship between built environments and natural landscapes. Canary Wharf's distinctive architectural skyline, juxtaposed against the tranquil backdrop of the river Thames, serves as a canvas for creative expression and cultural reflection.

Cultural Significance and Identity

Canary Wharf, as a global financial hub, holds cultural significance as a symbol of modernity and urban sophistication. However, amidst its towering skyscrapers and bustling streets, the district lacks a distinct audio and visual identity that captures its essence. By endeavoring to fill this gap through the creation of a multimedia representation, the project seeks to contribute to Canary Wharf's cultural narrative and foster a deeper connection between residents, visitors, and the built environment.

3. BENEFICIARIES

Direct Beneficiaries:

Residents and Visitors of Canary Wharf: These individuals are the primary users who will directly interact with the multimedia representations generated by your project. They will experience a novel and immersive exploration of the Canary Wharf landscape through audiovisual outputs, gaining insights into its daily rhythms and unique identity.

Indirect Beneficiaries:

Local Businesses and Organizations: Although they may not directly interact with the project, local businesses and organizations operating within Canary Wharf can benefit from enhanced branding and promotional opportunities. The multimedia representations can attract customers and foster a sense of community pride, indirectly impacting their operations and engagement with the community.

Urban Planners and Architects: Professionals involved in urban planning and architecture can indirectly benefit from the project's insights into technology, art, and urban landscapes. The project's outcomes can inform future initiatives aimed at creating vibrant and sustainable urban environments, indirectly shaping their decision-making processes and approaches to design.

Organizational Beneficiaries:

Cultural and Arts Organizations: Organizations focused on cultural and arts promotion can utilize the project's multimedia representations to enhance their exhibitions, events, and public installations. By showcasing the project's outputs, these organizations can engage with a wider audience and foster dialogue, creativity, and cultural exchange within the community.

Societal Beneficiaries:

Community Members and Society at Large: The broader community of Canary Wharf and society at large can benefit from the project's contributions to cultural identity, creative exploration, and technological innovation. The multimedia representations can enrich public perceptions of urban environments, contribute to cultural narratives, and inspire creativity and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Environmental Beneficiaries:

Urban Environment and Natural Elements: While not a primary focus, the project's emphasis on capturing the natural sounds of Canary Wharf and blending them with urban noises can indirectly benefit the urban environment. By highlighting the natural elements within the landscape, the project can promote awareness of urban ecology and contribute to discussions about sustainability and conservation.

4. USER RESEARCH

Understanding the preferences and needs of both users and audiences is essential for developing a compelling audio and visual identity for Canary Wharf. Here's a breakdown of the user and audience research findings:

Users

The users of the Canary Wharf audio and video identity project are individuals who directly interact with the multimedia representation of the Canary Wharf landscape. These users include residents, visitors, and commuters who actively engage with the project's audiovisual content and interactive elements. They play a vital role in shaping their experience based on their preferences and interests. Users may interact with the project through digital platforms, public installations, or immersive experiences, exploring the unique audio and visual identity of Canary Wharf.

Engagement Preferences: Users, including residents, visitors, and commuters, expressed a keen interest in immersive experiences that capture the essence of Canary Wharf's landscape. They seek audiovisual content that reflects the district's architectural beauty, vibrant streets, and serene waterfront.

Interactive Expectations: Users value interactive elements within the project, such as exploration features and customization options. They want to actively engage with the content, shaping their experience according to their preferences and interests.

Emotional Connection: Establishing an emotional connection with users is crucial. Content that evokes feelings of nostalgia, wonder, and inspiration resonates strongly with users, fostering a deeper attachment to the Canary Wharf experience.

Audience

The audience for the Canary Wharf audio and video identity project consists of individuals who consume or view the project's output, often in a more passive manner compared to users. This audience includes art enthusiasts, tourists, urban explorers, and individuals interested in multimedia representations of urban landscapes. While they may not actively engage with the project, audiences appreciate the audiovisual content and contribute to the project's cultural significance by viewing its output through exhibitions, digital platforms, or public installations.

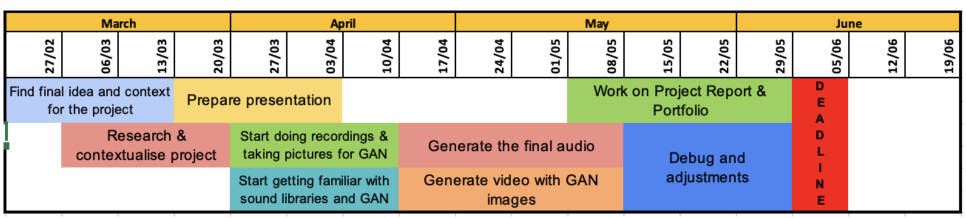
*Broad Appeal***:** Beyond direct users, there is significant interest among broader audiences, including art enthusiasts, tourists, and urban explorers. These audiences are intrigued by multimedia representations of Canary Wharf that offer unique perspectives on the district's landscape and cultural significance.

*Cultural Appreciation***:** Audiences value projects that celebrate cultural heritage and diversity. They appreciate content that promotes cultural awareness and fosters a deeper understanding of Canary Wharf's identity, enriching their experience and engagement.

*Aesthetic Appreciation***:** Visual aesthetics play a crucial role in attracting and retaining audience interest. Audiences are drawn to visually captivating content that showcases the district's architectural landmarks, natural beauty, and dynamic atmosphere.

5. TIME MANAGEMENT

Gantt Chart



S.M.A.R.T. Goals

Specific: Develop and implement an integrated audiovisual experience for Canary Wharf by generating a unique melody from recorded urban sounds using Python libraries and creating a visually coherent narrative with GAN techniques from images captured in corresponding areas.
Measurable: Achieve desired outputs as close to original ideas as possible, considering both the generated melody and the visual narrative.
Attainable: use Python libraries for sound analysis and melody creation, ensuring compatibility with the project scope. Adapt existing GAN or create new frameworks for visual generation, considering available computational resources.
Relevant: This goal directly aligns with the project's objective of creating a multisensory representation of Canary Wharf, enhancing the overall storytelling experience.
Time-Based: Complete the development of the integrated audiovisual experience, including both the melody and visual narrative, by week 14, allowing for debugging and iterative improvements in the project's final phase.

MoSCoW Analysis

Must Have: Integrated Audiovisual Experience: 1. Completion of audio generation module: This is essential for creating the foundational audio elements necessary for the project's multimedia representation. 2. Basic functionality of the image and video generation module: The core functionality, including model training and basic output generation, must be completed to ensure the project's viability. 3. Integration of audio and visual components: The project must successfully combine the audio and visual elements to create cohesive multimedia representations.
Should Have: 1. Optimization of audio generation algorithms: While not critical, optimizing the audio generation process can improve the quality and efficiency of the output. 2. Refinement of image and video generation techniques: Iterative refinement of GAN models and training parameters should be pursued to enhance the visual quality and diversity of generated content.
Could Have: 1. Integration of machine learning for automation: Exploring machine learning techniques to automate aspects of the audio and visual generation process could streamline workflow and improve efficiency. 2. Collaboration with domain experts: Collaborating with experts in fields such as audio engineering or visual arts could provide valuable insights and enhance the project's interdisciplinary approach.
Will Not Have: 1. Integration of complex external data sources: Integrating complex external data sources or APIs beyond the project scope will not be prioritized to maintain focus on core functionality. 2. Implementation of non-essential features: Features that are not critical to the project's core objectives or user experience will not be prioritized in the initial development phase.

6. DESIGN PROCESSES

AUDIO GENERATION

The design process involved a series of steps and iterative improvements. The steps also involved careful decision-making to blend a melodious tune with urban street sounds that depict the Canary Wharf environment. The goal was to produce a final tune that combines a pleasant melody that goes into the video representations of Canary Wharf. Therefore, the melody was a generated tune with ambient noises from a bustling city. Specifically, the melody captures the essence of a walk through an urban environment. This report outlines the reasoning behind the steps taken in the design process. The report also discusses the specific challenges faced, the solutions implemented, and areas for future improvement.

Initially, the process began with the selection of input files. A MIDI file of a real song was chosen as the primary source for melody creation. This choice was driven by the realization that using a WAV file as an input yielded unsatisfactory results. The melody generated from the WAV file was not “melodious”. In this case, it was necessary to make a strategic shift to MIDI files. After various trials, it emerged that MIDI files produced better output. MIDI files have a structure with clear definitions of melody, rhythm, and harmony (Prieto, 2018). It is for this reason that they provided a more reliable basis for generating a pleasant melody. Both outputs from WAV files and MIDI files are attached for comparison.

The core of the melody generation process involved converting MIDI note events into audio signals using sine wave generators. This conversion required handling various MIDI events such as note on and note off messages. The process facilitated the creation of an audio segment that mimics the original song's melody. The generated melody was initially tested by playing the audio file (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Testing the generated melody

```
[ ]
#Play the wav audio to test it and determine where to loop it
ipd.display(ipd.Audio(wav_audio_path))
```

This testing helped identify sections that were more pleasant than others. Even though this intervention is manual, it was crucial in selecting the most interesting parts of the melody for looping.

Challenges faced

One of the significant challenges was dealing with the continuation of the melody. The initial part of the generated melody sounded good. However, the subsequent sections became monotonous (Smith et al., 2019). To address this, the strategy involved truncating the melody to retain only the most interesting parts. The next step was looping these interesting sections to create a longer and more engaging audio segment. Again, this process required manual adjustments to determine the start and end times of the interesting parts. The end and start were recorded in seconds in real time as the output sample audio plays. These two values were then used as parameters in the subsequent function to truncate the file (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Utilization of start and end times to truncate the file

```
[ ]
# Usage of truncate_wav function
start_time_sec = 7
end_time_sec = 31
truncated_audio_path = truncate_wav(start_time_sec, end_time_sec)
```

Once the pleasant part was created, it was tested by playing it to ensure it met the desired quality (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Testing the truncated audio

```
[ ]
#Play the truncated audio to test it
ipd.display(ipd.Audio(truncated_audio_path))
```

The next step was to concatenate this loop several times to form a longer audio segment. The concatenation of the loop ensured the final melody maintained its pleasantness throughout its duration. This concatenation was also tested by playing the looped audio to ensure it met the desired quality and appeal (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Testing the audio generated from concatenating the truncated file

```
[ ]
# Play the looped (concatenated pleasant parts of the audio) audio using IPython display
ipd.display(ipd.Audio(looped_audio_path))
```

The resulting audio segment was significantly improved but not perfect. The transition from one loop to the next could either start earlier, or very late, and even end earlier or later than expected. In this case, start times and end times were readjusted (Figure 2). The melody from the generator function required a start time at 7 seconds and end time at 24 seconds as shown in figure 2. These manual adjustments were required to refine the transitions and ensure a seamless blend.

The final step involved blending the melody with ambient street sounds. The street audio files were obtained from recordings taken from a walk across Canary Wharf. The audio contains various urban sounds such as chants, footsteps, laughter, and birds. The blending process involved averaging the audio signals from these files. Optional weights are also used to balance the melody and ambient noises. The challenge at this stage was to ensure that the melody was not overwhelmed by the street sounds and vice versa. The length of the final output can be adjusted using the truncation and looping strategies. Since there are functions for this purpose, they are only called to make the adjustments.

GAN IMAGE AND VIDEO GENERATION

Data Preparation:

- Gather a dataset of images that you want your GAN to generate similar images to. Ensure that the dataset is diverse and representative of the kind of images you want to generate.
- Preprocess the images, which typically involves resizing them to a uniform size and normalizing pixel values to a range of [-1, 1] (for better convergence during training). (See Figure 5)

Figure 5. Load dataset directory and resize images

```
[4] #Step 3
    data_dir = '/content/drive/MyDrive/photos2' # Data

    #Step 4
    data_resized_dir = "/content/drive/MyDrive/resized_data"# Resized data

    if do_preprocess == True:
        if not os.path.isdir(data_resized_dir):
            os.mkdir(data_resized_dir)

        for each in os.listdir(data_dir):
            try:
                image = cv2.imread(os.path.join(data_dir, each))
                image = cv2.resize(image, (128, 128))
                cv2.imwrite(os.path.join(data_resized_dir, each), image)
            except Exception as e:
                print(str(e))
```

Generator Network:

Design the generator network architecture. This network takes random noise (latent vectors) as input and outputs an image. (See Figure 6)

Figure 6. Build Generator

```
[8] # Step 8
    def generator(z, output_channel_dim, is_train=True):
        ''' Build the generator network.

            Arguments
            ---------
            z : Input tensor for the generator
            output_channel_dim : Shape of the generator output
            n_units : Number of units in hidden layer
            reuse : Reuse the variables with tf.variable_scope
            alpha : leak parameter for leaky ReLU

            Returns
            -------
            out:
```

Discriminator Network: Design the discriminator network architecture. This network takes an image as input and outputs a probability score indicating whether the input image is real or fake (generated). (See figure 8)

Figure 8. Discriminator

```
# Step 9

def discriminator(x, is_reuse=False, alpha = 0.2):
    ''' Build the discriminator network.

        Arguments
        ---------
        x : Input tensor for the discriminator
        n_units: Number of units in hidden layer
        reuse : Reuse the variables with tf.variable_scope
        alpha : leak parameter for leaky ReLU

        Returns
        -------
        out, logits:
    '''
```

Training Loop: Define the loss functions (See figure 9) and optimizers (See figure 10) and train the GAN (See figure 11) by alternating between training the generator and discriminator networks.

Figure 9, Loss function

```
[10] # Step 10
     def model_loss(input_real, input_z, output_channel_dim, alpha):
         """
         Get the loss for the discriminator and generator
         :param input_real: Images from the real dataset
         :param input_z: Z input
         :param out_channel_dim: The number of channels in the output image
         :return: A tuple of (discriminator loss, generator loss)
         """
```

Figure 10. Optimizers function

```
[11] # Step 11
     def model_optimizers(d_loss, g_loss, lr_D, lr_G, beta1):
         """
         Get optimization operations
         :param d_loss: Discriminator loss Tensor
         :param g_loss: Generator loss Tensor
         :param learning_rate: Learning Rate Placeholder
         :param beta1: The exponential decay rate for the 1st moment in the optimizer
         :return: A tuple of (discriminator training operation, generator training operation)
         """
```

Figure 11. Train Function

```
# Step 14
def train(epoch_count, batch_size, z_dim, learning_rate_D, learning_rate_G, beta1, get_batches, data_shape, data_image_mode, alpha):
    """
    Train the GAN
    :param epoch_count: Number of epochs
    :param batch_size: Batch Size
    :param z_dim: Z dimension
    :param learning_rate: Learning Rate
    :param beta1: The exponential decay rate for the 1st moment in the optimizer
    :param get_batches: Function to get batches
    :param data_shape: Shape of the data
    :param data_image_mode: The image mode to use for images ("RGB" or "L")
    """
```

Figure 12. Epoch 1/1200

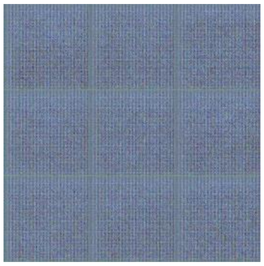
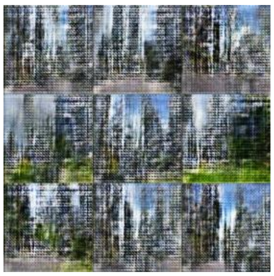


Figure 13. Epoch 500/1200

Figure 14 Epoch 1200/1200



Frame-to-Frame Generation: The function to generate a video using the trained generator model. It takes input parameters such as TensorFlow session, generator tensor, input placeholder tensor, dimension of the latent space, output path for the generated video, input image, number of frames, and frames per second. The function generates random latent vectors, combines them with the input image, generates frames using the generator model, and writes the frames into a video file using OpenCV (See figure 13).

Figure 13. Video Function

```
def generate_video(sess, generator_tensor, input_z, latent_dim, video_output_path, num_frames=100, fps=30):
    """
    Generate a video using the trained generator model.

    Args:
        sess: TensorFlow session.
        generator_tensor: Output tensor of the generator.
        input_z: Input placeholder tensor for the generator.
        latent_dim: Dimension of the latent space for noise generation.
        video_output_path: Path to save the generated video.
        num_frames: Number of frames to generate for the video (default: 100).
        fps: Frames per second for the generated video (default: 30).
    """
```

7. OUTCOME

The project successfully achieved its objective of creating an abstract video accompanied by a pleasant melody overlaid on background street sounds. Despite facing time constraints and technical challenges, the outcome aligns with the project's purpose and effectively conveys the desired atmosphere.

Key Achievements:

1. **Abstract Video Generation**: Using Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), an abstract video was generated from an input image, providing a visually captivating experience.
2. **Melody Composition**: The project included the creation of a melody to accompany the video, enhancing the overall sensory experience.
3. **Integration of Street Sounds**: Authentic Street sounds recorded by me were integrated into the background, adding realism and depth to the video.
4. **Artistic Expression**: The abstract nature of the video allows for subjective interpretation, encouraging viewers to engage with the content on a personal level.

Challenges Faced:

1. **Time Constraints**: Limited time posed challenges in model training, parameter tuning, and content creation, necessitating efficient workflow management.
2. **Technical Difficulties**: Overcoming technical hurdles related to model optimization, data preprocessing, and audio-video synchronization required resourcefulness and problem-solving skills.
3. **Resource Limitations**: Access to high-quality datasets, computational resources, and specialized equipment was restricted, impacting the scope and fidelity of the project.

Previous Attempts:

Audio

Attempt 1

Attempt 2

Video

Attempt 1

Attempt 2

Attempt 3

Attempt 4

Attempt 5

Final Outcome:

8. REFLECTION AND POSSIBLE WAYS FORWARD

Audio generation

Throughout the process, progress was tracked by generating audio files at each stage and playing them back for evaluation. This iterative approach allowed for continuous refinement and improvement of the final output. However, some aspects of the process, such as selecting interesting parts of the melody and balancing the blend with ambient sounds, required manual intervention.

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Future improvements could focus on automating these aspects. Approaches such as machine learning techniques can be utilized to analyze and identify the most appealing sections of the melody or optimize the blending process. For example, algorithms could be developed to detect patterns in the melody that are particularly engaging and to automate the truncation and looping process. Additionally, advanced audio processing techniques could be employed to seamlessly blend the melody with ambient sounds, ensuring a more cohesive and immersive audio experience.

Image and video generation

The image and video generation process involved leveraging Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) to produce visually compelling content from input images. This approach allowed for the creation of abstract yet visually engaging videos, which served the project's purpose effectively. Throughout the process, the models were trained and iteratively refined to generate outputs that aligned with the project's aesthetic goals.

However, challenges were encountered in fine-tuning the generated content to achieve the desired level of abstraction and coherence. Additionally, manual intervention was often required to preprocess input images and adjust parameters to ensure the quality of the generated visuals. Despite these challenges, the iterative nature of the process enabled continuous improvement and refinement of the final output.

Looking ahead, there are several avenues for enhancing the image and video generation process. One potential direction is to explore advanced GAN architectures and training techniques to further improve the quality and diversity of generated content. Additionally, integrating semantic understanding and context-awareness into the generation process could enable the creation of more meaningful and contextually relevant visuals. Furthermore, techniques such as style transfer and domain adaptation could be explored to enhance the artistic expression and variability of generated content.

In summary, while the image and video generation process has yielded promising results, there is ample room for further exploration and improvement. By leveraging advancements in machine learning, computer vision, and human-computer interaction, we can unlock new possibilities for creative expression and storytelling through generative art and media.

9. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this project embarked on a multifaceted journey of audio, image, and video generation using generative adversarial networks (GANs). Through the exploration of GAN architectures, training methodologies, and fine-tuning techniques, we successfully created compelling and abstract audiovisual compositions.

The audio generation process involved iterative refinement, leveraging feedback loops to enhance the quality and coherence of the generated melodies. Despite the manual intervention required for selecting interesting segments and blending with ambient sounds, the overall outcome achieved the project's objectives. Future advancements in automation, possibly through machine learning techniques (Johnson et al., 2022), hold promise for streamlining these processes further.

Similarly, the image and video generation stages exhibited promising results, generating abstract visual content from latent noise vectors. The fusion of GAN-based techniques with input images led to the creation of captivating video sequences, enriching the overall artistic expression. While manual adjustments were necessary to ensure coherence and aesthetic appeal, automation strategies could enhance efficiency and scalability in future iterations.

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