Stable Diffusion Installation and Usage Guide

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1. Prerequisites

Before installing Stable Diffusion, ensure you have the following:

- **Python 3.8 or higher**: [Download Python](https://www.python.org/downloads/)
- **Git**: [Download Git](https://git-scm.com/downloads)
- **A compatible GPU** (NVIDIA recommended) with the latest drivers and CUDA Toolkit (optional but recommended for better performance).

2. Clone the Stable Diffusion Repository

1. **Open your terminal or command prompt**.
2. **Clone the repository**:

```bash
pip install flask torch torchvision pillow
D:\stable-diffusion>git clone https://github.com/AUTOMATIC1111/stable-diffusion-webui
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Cloning into 'stable-diffusion-webui'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 34494, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (104/104), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (74/74), done.
remote: Total 34494 (delta 59), reused 63 (delta 28), pack-reused 34390 (from 1)
Receiving objects: 100% (34494/34494), 35.22 MiB | 804.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (24126/24126), done.
```

3. **Navigate to the cloned directory**:

```bash
cd stable-diffusion
```

3. Set Up a Virtual Environment

1. **Create a virtual environment**:

```bash
python -m venv venv
```

2. **Activate the virtual environment**:

- **On Windows**:

  ```bash
  venv\Scripts\activate
  ```

- **On macOS/Linux**:

  ```bash
  source venv/bin/activate
  ```

4. Install Dependencies

1. **Upgrade pip** (optional but recommended):

   ```bash
   pip install --upgrade pip
   ```

2. **Install required packages**:

   ```bash
   pip install -r requirements.txt
   ```

5. Download the Pre-trained Model

1. **Download the Stable Diffusion model weights**. You can typically find these models on sites like [Hugging Face](https://huggingface.co/runwayml/stable-diffusion-v1-5).

2. **Save the model weights** to the `models/ldm/stable-diffusion-v1/` directory (you may need to create these directories if they don't exist).

6. Generate an Image

1. **Run the inference script**:

   ```bash
   python scripts/txt2img.py --prompt "A futuristic cityscape at sunset" --plms
   ```

   Replace "A futuristic cityscape at sunset" with your desired prompt.

2. **Check the output** in the `outputs/txt2img-samples` directory.

7. Troubleshooting

- **If you encounter errors** related to missing packages or dependencies, make sure all required packages are installed. You can also check the GitHub issues page of the repository for solutions.

- **For GPU issues**, ensure that CUDA and cuDNN are correctly installed and configured.

8. Additional Resources

- [Stable Diffusion GitHub Repository](https://github.com/CompVis/stable-diffusion)
- [Hugging Face Model Hub](https://huggingface.co/models)
- [Python Virtual Environment Documentation](https://docs.python.org/3/library/venv.html)