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# Stable Diffusion XL 1.0

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This example is similar to the [Stable Diffusion CLI](#) example, but it generates images from the larger SDXL 1.0 model. Specifically, it runs the first set of steps with the base model, followed by the refiner model.

[Try out the live demo here!](#) The first generation may include a cold-start, which takes around 20 seconds. The inference speed depends on the GPU and step count (for reference, an A100 runs 40 steps in 8 seconds).

## Basic setup

```
import io
from pathlib import Path

from modal import (
    App,
    Image,
    Mount,
    asgi_app,
    build,
    enter,
    gpu,
    method,
    web_endpoint,
)
```

## Define a container image

To take advantage of Modal's blazing fast cold-start times, we'll need to download our model weights inside our container image with a download function. We ignore binaries, ONNX weights and 32-bit weights.

Tip: avoid using global variables in this function to ensure the download step detects model changes and triggers a rebuild.

```
sdxl_image = (  
    Image.debian_slim(python_version="3.10")  
    .apt_install(  
        "libgl1", "libgl1-mesa-glx", "libglvnd0", "libxrender1",  
        "libxext6", "ffmpeg", "libgl1"  
    )  
    .pip_install(  
        "diffusers==0.26.3",  
        "invisible_watermark==0.2.0",  
        "transformers~=4.38.2",  
        "accelerate==0.27.2",  
        "safetensors==0.4.2",  
    )  
)  
  
app = App("stable-diffusion-xl")  
  
with sdxl_image.imports():  
    import torch  
    from diffusers import DiffusionPipeline  
    from fastapi import Response
```

## Load model and run inference

The container lifecycle `@enter decorator` loads the model at startup. Then, we evaluate it in the `run inference` function.

To avoid excessive cold-starts, we set the idle timeout to 240 seconds, meaning once a GPU has loaded the model it will stay online for 4 minutes before spinning down. This can be adjusted for cost/experience trade-offs.

```
@app.cls(gpu=gpu.A10G(), container_idle_timeout=240, image=sdxl_image)
class Model:
    @build()
    def build(self):
        from huggingface_hub import snapshot_download
```

```

ignore = [
    "*.bin",
    "*.onnx_data",
    "*/diffusion_pytorch_model.safetensors",
]
snapshot_download(
    "stabilityai/stable-diffusion-xl-base-1.0", ignore_patterns=ignore
)
snapshot_download(
    "stabilityai/stable-diffusion-xl-refiner-1.0",
    ignore_patterns=ignore,
)

@enter()
def enter(self):
    load_options = dict(
        torch_dtype=torch.float16,
        use_safetensors=True,
        variant="fp16",
        device_map="auto",
    )

    # Load base model
    self.base = DiffusionPipeline.from_pretrained(
        "stabilityai/stable-diffusion-xl-base-1.0", **load_options
    )

    # Load refiner model
    self.refiner = DiffusionPipeline.from_pretrained(
        "stabilityai/stable-diffusion-xl-refiner-1.0",
        text_encoder_2=self.base.text_encoder_2,
        vae=self.base.vae,
        **load_options,
    )

    # Compiling the model graph is JIT so this will increase inference time for the fi
    # but speed up subsequent runs. Uncomment to enable.
    # self.base.unet = torch.compile(self.base.unet, mode="reduce-overhead", fullgraph
    # self.refiner.unet = torch.compile(self.refiner.unet, mode="reduce-overhead", ful

def _inference(self, prompt, n_steps=24, high_noise_frac=0.8):
    negative_prompt = "disfigured, ugly, deformed"
    image = self.base(
        prompt=prompt,
        negative_prompt=negative_prompt,
        num_inference_steps=n_steps,
        denoising_end=high_noise_frac,
        output_type="latent",
    ).images
    image = self.refiner(
        prompt=prompt,
        negative_prompt=negative_prompt,

```

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        num_inference_steps=n_steps,
        denoising_start=high_noise_frac,
        image=image,
    ).images[0]

    byte_stream = io.BytesIO()
    image.save(byte_stream, format="JPEG")

    return byte_stream

    @method()
    def inference(self, prompt, n_steps=24, high_noise_frac=0.8):
        return self._inference(
            prompt, n_steps=n_steps, high_noise_frac=high_noise_frac
        ).getvalue()

    @web_endpoint()
    def web_inference(self, prompt, n_steps=24, high_noise_frac=0.8):
        return Response(
            content=self._inference(
                prompt, n_steps=n_steps, high_noise_frac=high_noise_frac
            ).getvalue(),
            media_type="image/jpeg",
        )

```

And this is our entrypoint; where the CLI is invoked. Explore CLI options with: ``modal run stable_diffusion_xl.py --help``

```

@app.local_entrypoint()
def main(prompt: str = "Unicorns and leprechauns sign a peace treaty"):
    image_bytes = Model().inference.remote(prompt)

    dir = Path("/tmp/stable-diffusion-xl")
    if not dir.exists():
        dir.mkdir(exist_ok=True, parents=True)

    output_path = dir / "output.png"
    print(f"Saving it to {output_path}")
    with open(output_path, "wb") as f:
        f.write(image_bytes)

```

## A user interface

Here we ship a simple web application that exposes a front-end (written in Alpine.js) for our backend deployment.

The Model class will serve multiple users from a its own shared pool of warm GPU containers automatically.

We can deploy this with `modal deploy stable_diffusion_xl.py`.

```
frontend_path = Path(__file__).parent / "frontend"

web_image = Image.debian_slim().pip_install("jinja2")

@app.function(
    image=web_image,
    mounts=[Mount.from_local_dir(frontend_path, remote_path="/assets")],
    allow_concurrent_inputs=20,
)
@asgi_app()
def ui():
    import fastapi.staticfiles
    from fastapi import FastAPI, Request
    from fastapi.templating import Jinja2Templates

    web_app = FastAPI()
    templates = Jinja2Templates(directory="/assets")

    @web_app.get("/")
    async def read_root(request: Request):
        return templates.TemplateResponse(
            "index.html",
            {
                "request": request,
                "inference_url": Model.web_inference.web_url,
                "model_name": "Stable Diffusion XL",
                "default_prompt": "A cinematic shot of a baby raccoon wearing an intricate
            },
        )

    web_app.mount(
        "/static",
        fastapi.staticfiles.StaticFiles(directory="/assets"),
        name="static",
    )

    return web_app
```

