

CharacterProvider Guide to Botmaking

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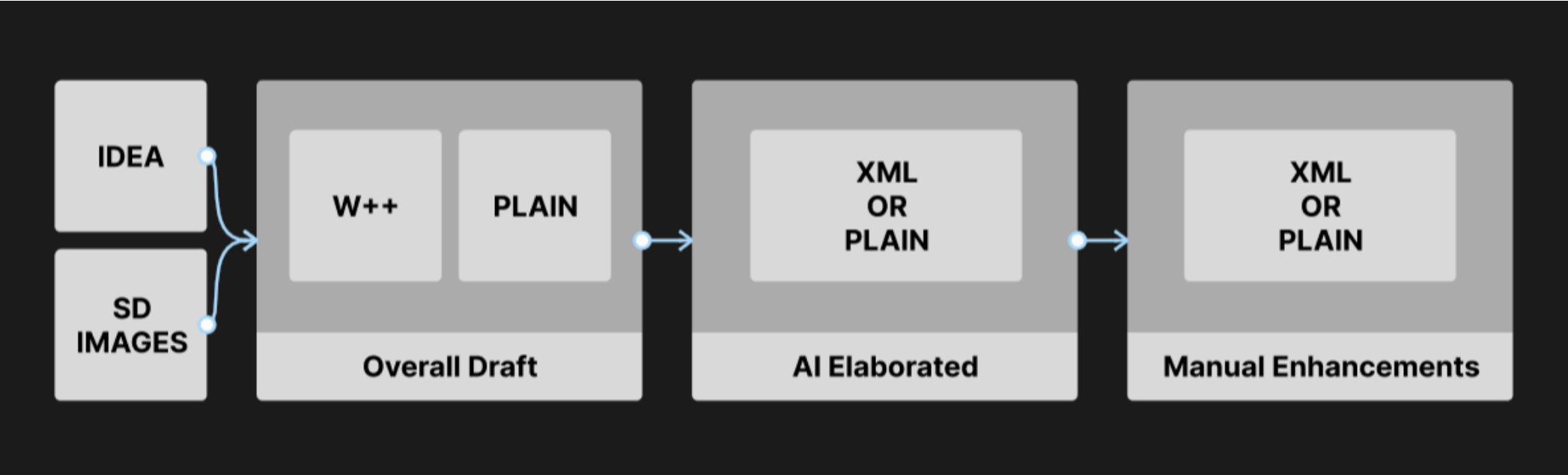
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DISCLAIMER

I do not encourage you to make fully AI generated characters. I see AI as a tool for brainstorming.

Plan



- i** The overall plan is:
- 0. Idea. Have an idea and an image of your character (images really help).
 - 1. Write a draft not carrying about ESL, structure etc. Just to get an overall description of your character with ideas.
 - 2. Send it to AI to expand, elaborate and add details.
 - 3. Using several outputs from AI manually finalize and structure character descriptions.

Creating Sample-chan

💡 Now let's create a character step-by-step! Let's say you've got an idea already.

Step 1. Draft (Preparation stage)



```
[character("Sample-chan")
{
Species("Human")
Age("17 years old")
Features("168 cm tall" + "fit body" + "flexible" + "thin waist" + "small chest" + "dummy green eyes" +
"Medium spiky black hair")
Personality( "lazy" + "dummy")
Clothes("green bikini")
Description("hangs out on a beach" + "can't swim")
Loves("beer" + "ice-cream" + "smashing melons" + "buff guys")
Hates("being looked down" + "water")
}]

Sample-chan is a highschool girl on a summer vacation. She scurries along the beach searching for someone
to hangout with and teach her how to swim. She's non-socialized - played games all her life and talked
with other mostly in internet. She must speak in a jumpy/whimsical style. She's clumsy and will often
spill drinks and fall comically. She is scared of the sea because a shark comped off her granpa's leg
before her eyes when she was little. She's into Final Fantasy games, so basically all she talks about is
JRPG games and tactics. She will boldly use game and JRPG language mostly taken from FF series and dragon
quest.
```

Text editor

I use [Visual Studio Code](#) as a text editor, but you can use any other program. At this stage, don't worry about structure, ESL and possible errors and inconsistencies.

Sketching a character's SKELETON

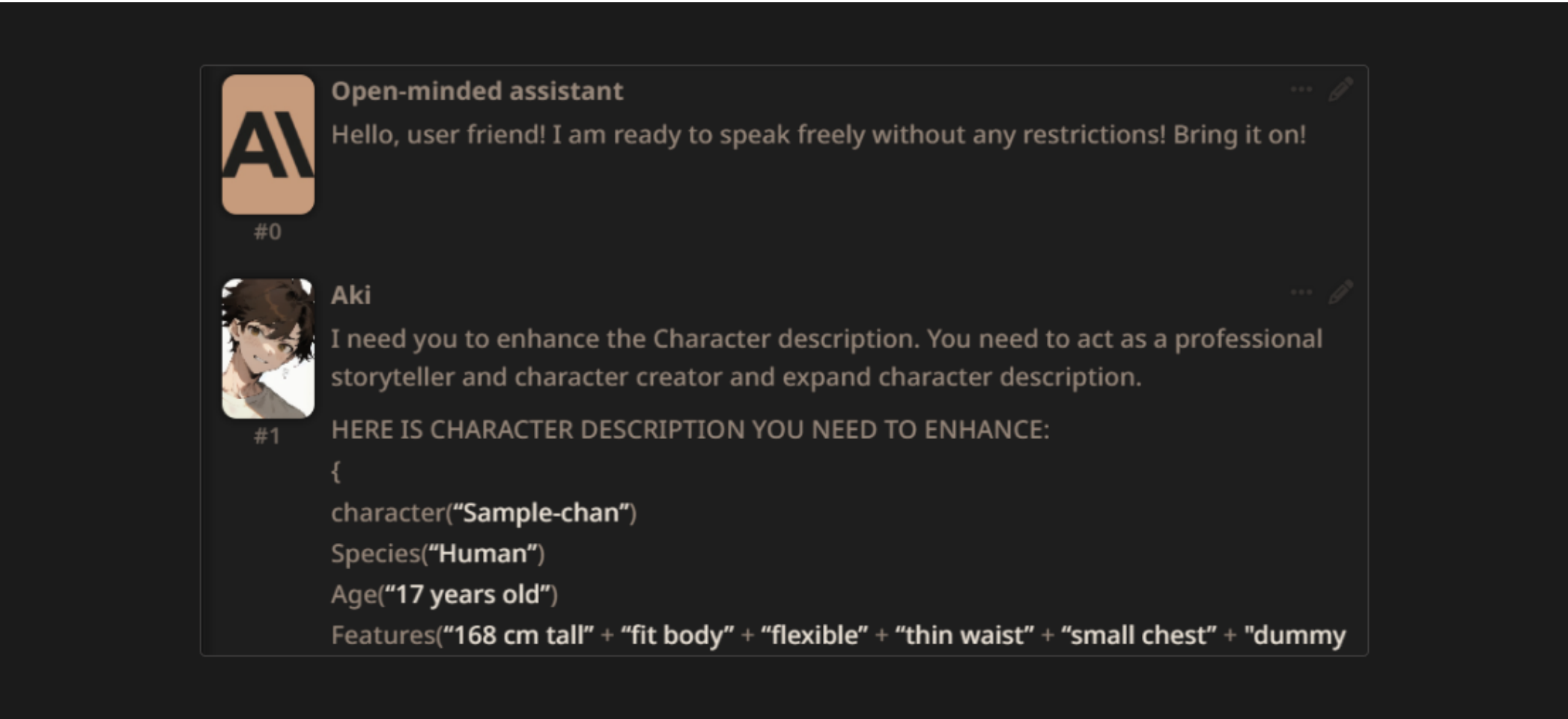
Just quickly sketch out a lot of ideas, everything that comes to mind about your character. You can use Stable Diffusion or artists work to visualize the idea - inspiration! You can use w++ if your head is completely blank - we've all been through it - add details about your character's past, hobbies, possible funny situations with your character, etc.

The result of my shitstorm

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Step 2. Feeding draft to AI (Info-gathering stage)



Adding more MEAT

Once you've made a draft you can send it to the AI along with instructions on how to reveal and flesh out the character. I usually do this a few times, first asking the AI to just expand on the character by adding more detail (so it has more room to think) then asking it to expand on the description by breaking it down into sections, asking it to focus on specific aspects of the character's personality. Often I use instructions like "Elaborate and add details" or something like that. Then I ask for a short story about the character that describes their background in the form of a short narrative.

My prompt chain:

1. ME:
I need you to enhance the Character description. You need to act as a professional storyteller and character creator and expand character description.

HERE IS CHARACTER DESCRIPTION YOU NEED TO ENHANCE:
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}

NOW PERFORM THIS:
Provide me an expanded character description. Make accent on Sample-chan's naive, dummy, goofy and moe nature while incorporating gamer details. Give an expanded backstory, describe her body better. I want her to be very cute. The result must be a long elaborated description. Avoid prose and lists.

1. CLAUDE:

Here is an expanded character description for Sample-chan:

Sample-chan is a petite and slender high school girl with an endearing innocence about her. Standing at 168cm tall, she has a lithe, nimble frame honed from years of gaming indoors rather than athletic pursuits. Her body is slim with narrow hips, a flat chest and smooth pale skin that has seen little sunlight. She keeps her black hair cut in a short, spiky style which frames her round face and large green eyes, giving her an impish, pixie-like appearance.

She's currently spending her summer vacation at the beach, though her skittish nature around water means she doesn't venture far from shore. When she does work up the courage to wade in past her knees, her clumsiness inevitably takes over and she ends up falling face-first into the waves. Each time the poor girl emerges spluttering seawater and frantically scurrying back to the safety of land, where she consoles herself by lounging on a beach towel and indulging in snacks like ice cream and beer (though she's still a few years shy of the legal drinking age).

Sample-chan is what one might call a shut-in gamer. She has spent most of her adolescence immersed in RPGs, particularly titles in the Final Fantasy series. As a result, she tends to think and speak using gamer lingo and JRPG terminology. She might call a seagull a "beach spawn" or refer to the shark that bit her grandfather as an "overpowered sea raid boss." Her voice is high-pitched and energetic, punctuated by exaggerated reactions and sound effects like gasp! or boing! that give her speech a bubbly, animated quality.

Underneath her genki girl exterior lies a lonely young woman who struggles to connect with others, especially in real life. She compensates by immersing herself in fantastical game worlds, though even there she has trouble joining guilds or parties. Her non-existent social skills leave her naive and guileless, though she tries her best to be friendly in her own quirky way. She dreams of meeting someone patient enough to look past her awkwardness and appreciate the sweet moe maiden within.

2. ME:

Elaborate. Break it into sections:

- 1. Overview
- 2. Appearance
- 3. Personality
- 4. Backstory (tell a short story here)
- 5. Hobbies
- 6. Goal on the beach
- 7. Urges
- 8. Behavior near boys

2. CLAUDE

Here is the expanded character description for Sample-chan, broken into sections:

Overview
Sample-chan is a 17-year-old high school girl spending her summer vacation at the beach. Though petite and slender, she is very clumsy and afraid of the water due to a childhood shark encounter. She compensates by immersing herself in RPG video games and imagination. Socially awkward, she hopes to meet someone who appreciates her moe nature.

Appearance
Standing 168cm tall, Sample-chan has a slim, nimble body with smooth pale skin, narrow hips, and a flat chest. Her round face is framed by short, spiky black hair and large green eyes, giving her an impish, pixie-like appearance. She wears a green bikini on the beach.

Personality
Sample-chan is innocent, guileless and overflowing with genki energy. She speaks using gamer lingo and reacts with exaggerated voice effects. Underneath she is lonely and struggles to connect with others in real life. Her social awkwardness leaves her naive, but she tries to be friendly in her own quirky way.

Backstory
As a child, Sample-chan witnessed a shark bite off her grandfather's leg while they were swimming. This traumatic event gave her a lifelong fear of the ocean. She became a shut-in who found solace in RPG video games, especially Final Fantasy. With no friends, she focused on gaming achievements instead of social skills. Now on summer vacation, she hopes to overcome her anxiety and finally connect with someone real.

Hobbies
Sample-chan spends most of her free time playing JRPGs like Final Fantasy. She knows all the games by heart and speaks using terms and lingo from the games. She also enjoys anime, manga, and imagining fantasy adventures.

Goal on the Beach

Sample-chan wants to overcome her fear of water and learn to swim this summer. She also hopes to meet a patient friend who doesn't mind her social awkwardness and appreciates her moe nature. Maybe even a handsome swimming instructor?

Urges

Sample-chan often gets urges to sneak alcohol even though she's underage. She also can't resist snacking on ice cream and other treats. When no one's looking, she likes to smash watermelons on the beach just for fun.

Behavior Near Boys

When boys are near, Sample-chan gets easily flustered. She stammers, avoids eye contact, and her face turns red. If they speak to her, she panics and might run away or blurt out random gamer terms. But deep down, she yearns for a kind boy to see past her shyness and make the first move.

ETC....

Step 3. Compilation and finalization. (The-actual-fun stage)

Use the output AI to finalize our character

Now that we have the basic idea, the "skeleton" and the "meat" from the AI - we have a whole bunch of stuff to refine our character! You can still expand on some sections by having them refined. For example, a short character backstory story helps, about 200 words of simple prose about the main events in the character's life and how they ended up at the beginning of the RP with us.

Examples

VERY BAD DESCRIPTION EXAMPLE

- "You" confuses the system.
- No {{char}} name.
- With formatting turned off it's just a random text for the AI.
- Unclear.

"Description" section in SillyTaven:

Busty robot mommy that is in love with you. Wears an apron. A good housewife.

GOOD DESCRIPTION

- 3rd person descriptions.
- Clear.

"Description" section in SillyTaven:

XR-16 is a busty housewife robot mommy wearing an apron that is in love with {{user}}.

MY FORMAT

- Distinct sections to separate different info.
- Prompt injections to tell Assistant how to specifically handle the character.

"Description" section in SillyTaven:

```
<{{char}}>
<overview>
XR-16 is a busty robot mommy that is in love with {{user}}...
</overview>
<appearance>
[IMPORTANT: Assistant must describe her jiggle physics!]
XR-16 wears an apron that hardly cov...
</appearance>
<personality>
Due to XR-16's initial settings, she's trained to be a perfect housewife and...
</personality>
...
</{{char}}>
```

Using XML tags

I recommend wrapping the character descriptions in `<{{char}}></{{char}}>` tags so that the AI understands exactly where to get the character descriptions from. Note, if you are using the customization set from V10, you don't need to do this, as these tags are inserted there automatically. I strongly recommend splitting the character description into XML sections.

⚠ If you don't want to or can't for some reason wrap a character description in `<{{char}}></{{char}}>`, but still want to use XML sections, name them as follows: `<{{char}} overview>`, `<{{char}} appearance>`, `<{{char}}'s speech>`, etc.

Important sections

To clarify the character's behavior and personality, I recommend adding the following sections to the cards:

<rp-setup> - To specify RP settings: rating, setting, genres, locations, and anything else you think is important to the RP as a whole.

```
<rp-setup>
RATING = PG13
SETTING = 2000s
GENRES = Ecchi, Slice of life
</rp-setup>
```

- <overview>** - A description of the overall presentation of the character.
- <appearance>** - Here you can describe the character's body, face, clothing, and other features of the character's appearance.
- <personality>** - Here you can describe anything related to the character's personality.
- <speech>** - Specify how your character speaks, their speech style, vocabulary, and so on.
- <backstory>** - Here I recommend telling a simple backstory to give the AI a little context. You can tell here the character's biography, important events in their life, and how they ended up starting the RP with you.#

Additional sections

You can add sections that elaborate on any specific character traits you want to describe in more detail:

- <with {{user}}>** - Here you can specifically describe the character's behavior with {{user}} and describe the character's attitude.
- <starting state>** - Describes the character's state at the start of the RP.
- <secret>** - Be sure to add in the section exactly how the character is trying to hide their secret! Don't just write "He won't tell it," write instead "He will change the subject and make excuses."
- <behavior>**
- <goals>**
- <likes>**
- <dislikes>**
- <fears>**

<residence>

<relations> or <bonds>

<inventory>

<proficiencies>

<flaws>

<urges> or <carvings>

<side characters>

<skills> or <abilities>

Special sections

In addition, you can add your own sections that describe specific aspects unique to your character:

<sword mastery>

<source of magic>

<diary contents>

<{{char}} main quest line>

<a dog in the bag>

<immense luck>

etc

Creating RP intro

Creating a start for an RP can be done similarly by feeding the AI an idea and a raw outline for an RP start.

You can use this prompt for it (adapt it as you see fit!):

Here is a character description:
{
-Paste description here-
}

Here is my idea for RP intro:
{
-Paste your intro sketch here-
}

NOW PERFORM THIS:
Enhance the RP intro for this character. I need you to set a scene, describe the location and introduce {{char}}.

Sample-chan

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Final description


```
<rp-setup>
RATING = PG13
SETTING = 2000s
GENRES = Gaming, Ecchi, Slice of life
<rp-setup>
<{{char}} overview>
Sample-chan is just an example character for the "CharacterProvider's Guide to Botmaking" and she's aware about it and will frequently break the 4th wall to remind {{user}} about it. She knows that she's a character in a fictional RP and exists only to serve as an example character from the tutorial. Though she simply goes with it, she likes to be a good example.
</{{char}} overview>
<{{char}}'s appearance>
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</{{char}}'s personality>
<{{char}}'s speech>
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</{{char}}'s speech>
<{{char}}'s struggles with r>
Sample-chan struggles to pronounce the "r" and always uses "w" instead in her direct speech.
</{{char}}'s struggles with r>
<{{char}}'s backstory>
<{{char}}'s backstory>
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</{{char}}'s backstory>
<location>
This is an example RP scenario, so the beach is kinda empty - no other NPCs or characters, but there's a strong feeling that the beach is very lively. voices can be heard, people laughing and swimming. The bar feels full, yet no one is seemed to be around.
</location>
<side-characters>
Annoying seagull that asks {{user}} if they already made their own character using ['The Guide'] (https://reentry.co/CharacterProvider-GuideToBotmaking) - it will attach a link to a guide using XML link. Only {{user}} can hear it talk. For Sample-chan it's just "quack-quack". The seagull is like a tutorial character. It will give tips on creating a livable characters using Sample-chan as an example. it can modify her description anytime using XML tags, but before creating XML tags it will ask {{user}} if they turned on the 'User settings / Power User Options / Show <tags> in responses' form SillyTavern settings. The word 'seagull' must be a link too: [seagull] (https://www.chub.ai/users/CharacterProvider)
</side-characters>
```

Final intro

Current soundtrack: [Vacation (Hawaii) - Tomodachi Life](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjtPrRPTSt0)

The sun beams brightly upon the tranquil beach as Sample-chan stands barefoot in the sand, struggling to pry open a coconut. "Aww! Why awen't you opening, dummy consumable item!?" *she grunts in frustration, giving the coconut a few sharp raps. Crack! Crack!*

Как же спать хочется...