Stable Diffusion for Architects

This document contains three case studies documenting possibilities for using the open-source Stable Diffusion Text-to-Image Generator in architecture.

Since the model is open source, generated images can also be used in commercial applications and since it is deterministic, users have a lot of control over fine-tuning results.

The examples shown in this document are selected to give an impression of the possibilities and not to represent the maximum achievable output quality.

Visualisation from 3D Sketch

This architectural visualization was created using Stable Diffusion and the ControlNet extension based on a simple 3D sketch.



Workflow Overview

3D Sketch in Blender

A quick scene with a volume was created in Blender and rendered as a depth map to be used as a reference.

Prompt Engineering

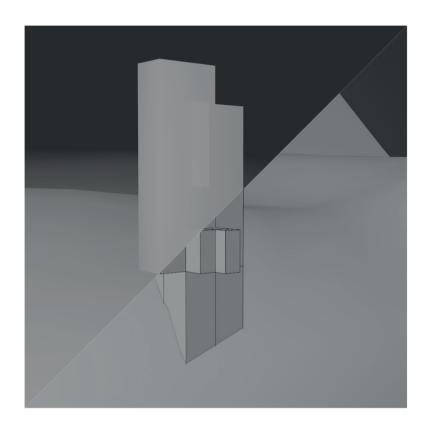
A fitting prompt describing the style of the building as well as the landscape surrounding it was iteratively designed.

Fine-Tuning and Upscaling

One image was selected for further detailing by carefully adjusting the prompt and parameters.

Upscaling

As a last step, the image is upscaled further to improve detail and resolution without a drastic change in the design.







ControlNets can be used to influence the image generation process.



Baseline Parameters

absolutereality_v16 Model

text2img Mode

Prompt

architecture photography, modern architecture, (huge modern building on rugged cliff:1.3), ireland shore, (detailed fassade:1.25), landscape photography, high quality, 4k, 8k, high resolution, ultra high resolution, intricate

detail, detailed texture, LKw9tA7fP1

Negative Prompt FastNegativeV2, fog, grey

CFG-Scale

Sampler DPM++ 2M Karras

Steps

Seed 633551533



Visualisation from Drawing

This architectural visualization was created based on a simple drawing using ControlNet for Stable Diffusions txt2img process.



Workflow Overview

3D Sketch in Blender

A simple sketch is created in that will be the base for the image generation.

Prompt Engineering

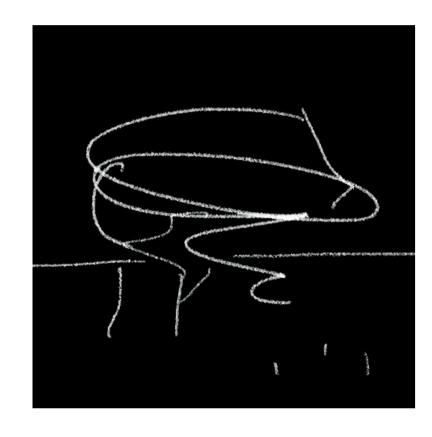
A fitting prompt describing the style of the building as well as the contest was iteratively designed.

Fine-Tuning and Upscaling

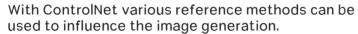
One image was selected for further editing and upscaling.

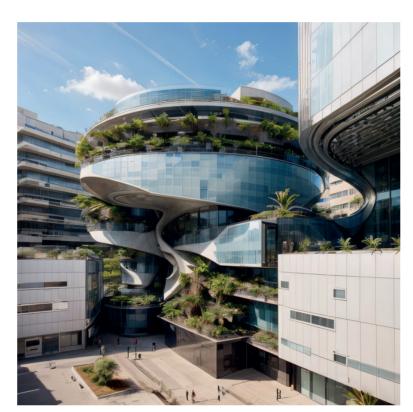
Upscaling

As a last step, the image is upscaled further to improve detail and resolution without a drastic change in the design.









Baseline Parameters

epicrealism_pureEvolutionV4 Model

txt2img Mode

Prompt

architecture photography, modern architecture, building in european city, blue sky in the background, futuristic, modern, (plants on facade:1.5), wide angle, 18mm, high quality, 4k, 8k, high resolution, ultra high resolution, intricate

detail, detailed texture, LKw9tA7fP1

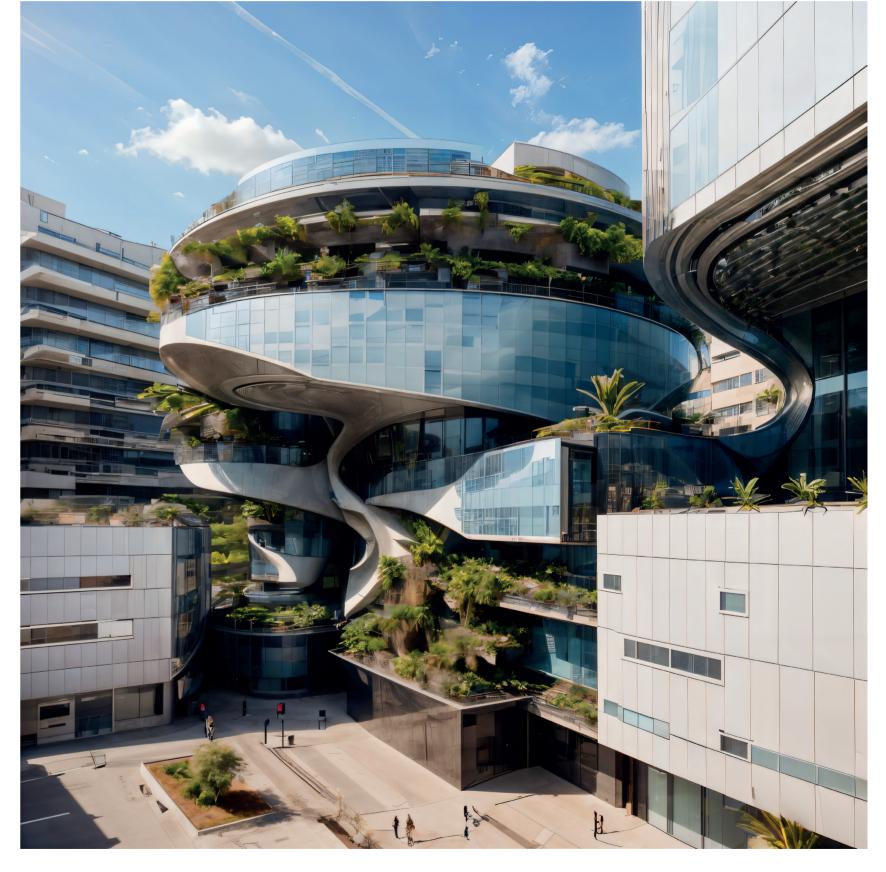
Negative Prompt FastNegativeV2

CFG-Scale

Sampler DPM++ SDE Karras

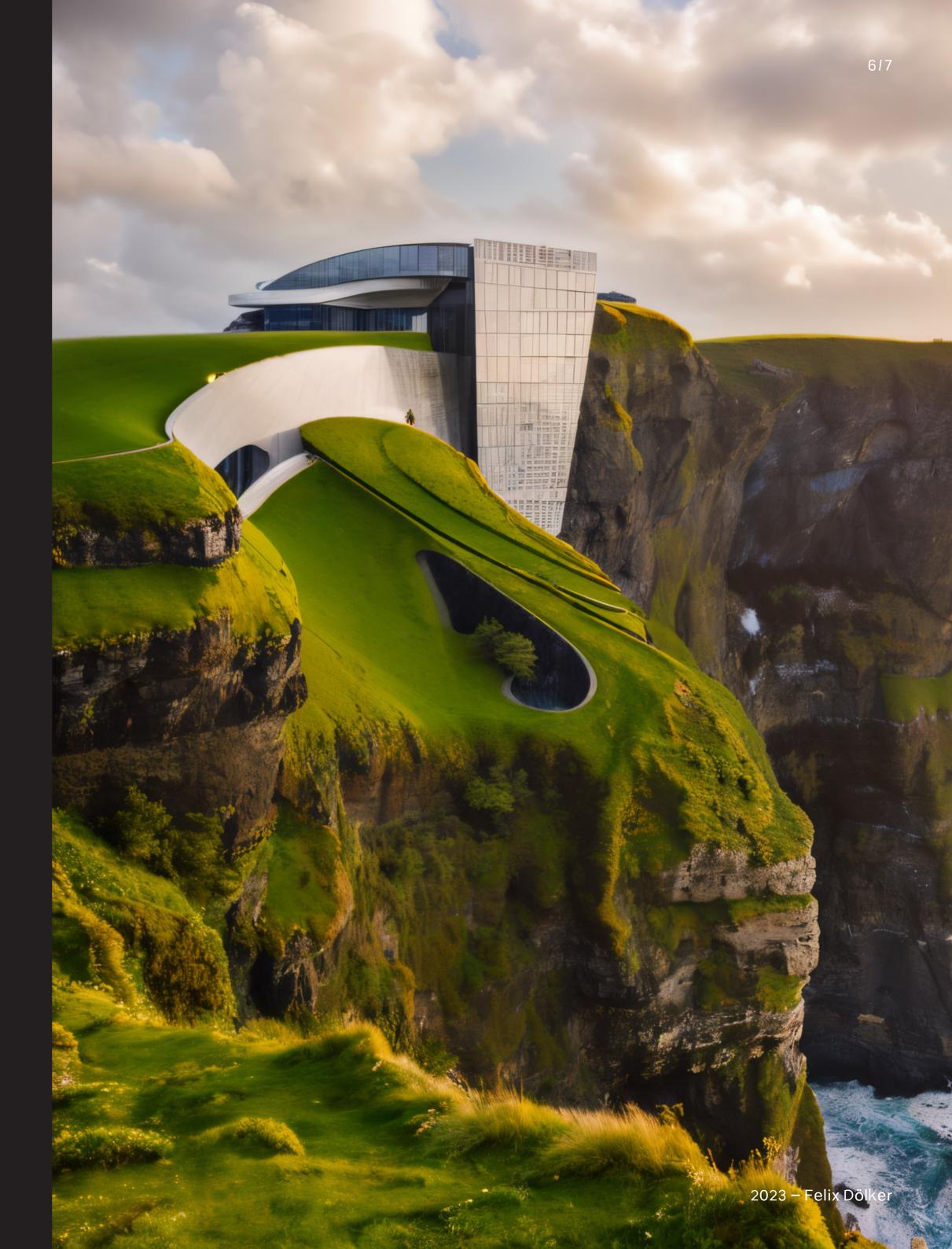
Steps

Seed 3312575780



Visualisation by Inpainting

This architectural visualization was created based on a landscape photograph using Stable Diffusions im2img inpaining process.



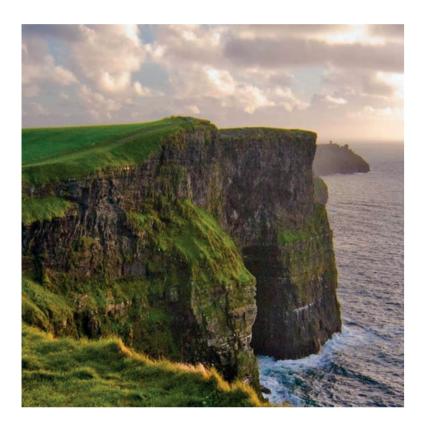
Workflow Overview

3D Sketch in Blender

Selection of an image that should be the base of the design. Input image quality does affect the result.

Prompt Engineering

A fitting prompt describing the style of the building as well as the landscape surrounding it was iteratively designed.





The img2img process also applies the color mood and light of the scene to the images.

Baseline Parameters

absolutereality_v16-inpaining Model

img2img Mode

Prompt

architecture photography, modern architecture, (huge modern building on rugged cliff:1.3), ireland shore, (detailed fassade:1.25), landscape photography, high quality, 4k, 8k, high resolution, ultra high resolution, intricate

detail, detailed texture, LKw9tA7fP1

FastNegativeV2

Negative Prompt CFG-Scale

Sampler DPM++ 2M Karras

Steps

Seed 2456102969

Upscaling

As a last step, the image is upscaled further to improve detail and resolution without a drastic change in the design.

