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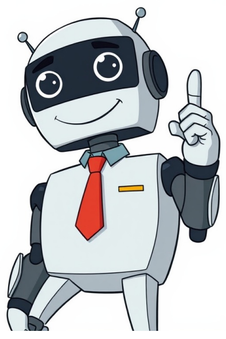

Act-Two is now available for all paid plans. Try now At Runway, our mission is to build expressive and controllable tools for artists that can open new avenues for creative expression. Today, we're excited to release Act-One, a new state-of-the-art tool for generating expressive character performances inside Gen-3 Alpha. Act-One can create compelling animations using video and voice performances as inputs. It represents a significant step forward in using generative models for expressive live action and animated content. Animating a generated character using nothing more than a simple video of an actor's performance.Eye-lines, micro expressions, pacing and delivery are all faithfully represented in the final generated output. Traditional pipelines for facial animation often involve complex, multi-step workflows. These can include motion capture equipment, multiple footage references, manual face rigging, among other techniques. The goal is to transpose an actor's performance into a 3D model suitable for an animation pipeline. The key challenge with traditional approaches lies in preserving emotion and nuance from the reference footage into the digital character. Our approach uses a completely different pipeline, driven directly and only by a performance of an actor and requiring no extra equipment. Actors' performances captured with a simple single camera set up that can be used to animate generated characters. Act-One can be applied to a wide variety of reference images. The model preserves realistic facial expressions and accurately translates performances into characters with proportions different from the original source video. This versatility opens up new possibilities for inventive character design and animation. A simple at-home camera set up captures an actor's driving performance to animate a generated character. With added voice alternation. The model also excels in producing cinematic and realistic outputs, and is remarkably robust across camera angles while maintaining high-fidelity face animations. This capability allows creators to develop believable characters that deliver genuine emotion and expression, enhancing the viewer's connection to the content. We've been exploring how Act-One can allow the generation of multi-turn, expressive dialogue scenes, which were previously challenging to create with generative video models. You can now create narrative content using nothing more than a consumer grade camera and one actor reading and performing different characters from a script. A multi-cam dialogue scene edited together using a single actor and camera set-up to drive the performance of two unique generated characters. Driving performance and generated output for Character A.Driving performance and generated output for Character B. As with all our releases, we're committed to responsible development and deployment. We're releasing this new tool with a comprehensive suite of content moderation and safety precautions, including: Even more robust capabilities to detect and block attempts to generate content containing public figures; Technical measures to verify that an end user has the right to use the voice that they create using Custom Voices; and Continuous monitoring to detect and mitigate other potential misuses of our tools and platform. Our Foundations for Safe Generative Media underpin our current and future releases for Act-One. Looking Ahead We're excited to see what forms of creative storytelling Act-One brings to animation and character performance. Act-One is another step forward in our goal to bringing previously sophisticated techniques to a broader range of creators and artists. We look forward to seeing how artists and storytellers will use Act-One to bring their visions to life in new and exciting ways. Act-One is now available for Gen-3 Alpha. For large teams and organizations that need a custom, secure, and robust flexibility at scale. Contact UsScalable for large organizations Frames is now Gen-4 Images. Frames is our newest base model for image generation, marking a big step forward in stylistic control and visual fidelity. The model excels at maintaining stylistic consistency while allowing for broad creative exploration. Frames can establish a specific look for your project and reliably generate variations that stay true to your aesthetic.We're gradually rolling out access inside Gen-3 Alpha and the Runway API to allow you to build more of your worlds within a larger, more seamless creative flow. With Frames, you can begin to architect worlds that represent very specific points of view and aesthetic characteristics. The model allows you to design with precision the look, feel and atmosphere of the world you want to create.Discover some of the example worlds Frames can create. World 1089Mise-en-scèneMise-en-scène reimagines digital portraiture through the visual language of classic cinema, where each image captures the essence of iconic compositional styles. Subjects emerge through carefully orchestrated scenes of light and shadow. World 31901980s SFX MakeupDive into 1980s SFX Makeup, a world that resurrects the practical effects era when creatures emerged from latex and paint rather than pixels. Every piece honors the handcrafted monsters and gore that defined an era of true practical ingenuity. World 32041970s Album ArtMajestic animals and dramatic photography combine with experimental typography and saturated colors. Each design reimagines the bold aesthetic of new music albums, when fierce creatures and striking portraits ruled vinyl art. World 4027Japanese ZineRetro anime aesthetics meet dreamy sci-fi in a technicolor explosion of flowers and flying saucers. That distinct 70s manga feeling - bold lines, cosmic backgrounds, and an irresistible mix of the romantic and the surreal. World 7621Digital Picture ProfilesContemporary portraiture meets architectural symmetry and cinematic color grading. Frames captures that distinct art house sensibility - neutral palettes, decisive moments, and carefully considered composition where subject and space become one. World 0981Dynamic Range LandscapesNature's full spectrum unfolds in vivid detail - from the deepest shadows of distant peaks to the brilliant textures of mineral formations. An interplay of earth and sky, from crystalline salt flats to brooding mountain ranges, rendered in expansive tonal detail. World 8421DisposablesThe raw spirit of imperfect flash meets real moments in all their grainy, light-leaked glory. Unmistakable 35mm charm - blown-out highlights, vivid color shifts, and the authentic energy of photos snapped without overthinking. World 1009Still LifeEveryday objects reveal their quiet poetry through considered composition and natural light. Each image transforms the mundane into the mesmerizing, finding beauty in tangled cables, worn notebooks, and the subtle play of shadows across familiar forms. World 8862Magazine CollageVintage clippings and pop art sensibilities collide in surreal new narratives. Each piece layers torn photographs, bold typography, and unexpected juxtapositions to create provocative compositions that blur the line between humor and unease. World 3107Objects in MotionEveryday items burst into perfectly choreographed chaos against bold monochromatic backgrounds. Each composition freezes a moment of controlled destruction, turning simple objects into dynamic sculptures of motion and energy. SafetyAs with all our releases, we're releasing Frames with multiple content moderation and safety procedures in place to ensure safe deployment. Our Foundations for Safe Generative Media underpin our current and future releases. Explore our ever-growing library of tutorials, AMAs and deep-dives to help you bring Runway into your creative and production pipelines. From learning the basics to mastering advanced workflows, if you have questions, Runway Academy is the right place to find answers. Our ResearchWe believe models that use video as their main input/output modality, when supplemented by other modalities like text and audio, will form the next paradigm of computing.Learn more about General World Models Create your own custom node-based workflows that chain together multiple models, modalities and intermediary steps for even more control of your generations. Widely hailed as the most advanced generative models, Runway API allows you to embed Gen-4 Turbo and Gen-4 Images within your product. With Gen-4, you are now able to precisely generate consistent characters, locations and objects across scenes. Simply set your look and feel and the model will maintain coherent world environments while preserving the distinctive style, mood and cinematographic elements of each frame. Then, regenerate those elements from multiple perspectives and positions within your scenes.Gen-4 can utilize visual references, combined with instructions, to create new images and videos utilizing consistent styles, subjects, locations and more. Giving you unprecedented creative freedom to tell your story. All without the need for fine-tuning or additional training.A collection of short films and music videos made entirely with Gen-4 to test the model's narrative capabilities.Learn MoreOne simple interface, endless workflows and capabilitiesWorkflow • Consistent CharactersInfinite character consistency with a single reference imageRunway Gen-4 allows you to generate consistent characters across endless lighting conditions, locations and treatments. All with just a single reference image of your characters.Workflow • Consistent objectsWhatever you want, everywhere you need itPlace any object or subject in any location or condition you need. Whether you’re crafting scenes for long form narrative content or generating product photography, Runway Gen-4 makes it simple to generate consistently across environments.Get every angle of any sceneTo craft a scene, simply provide reference images of your subjects and describe the composition of your shot. Runway Gen-4 will do the rest.capabilities • Production-ready videoA new standard for quality and language understanding for video generationGen-4 excels in its ability to generate highly dynamic videos with realistic motion as well as subject, object and style consistency with superior prompt adherence and best in class world understanding.A step towards Universal Generative Models that understand the worldRunway Gen-4 represents a significant milestone in the ability of visual generative models to simulate real world physics.A new kind of visual effectsFast, controllable and flexible video generation that can seamlessly sit beside live action, animated and VFX content.