AI image generator – text to image and sketch to image generator

dual-model ai image generator using Gemini Api and firebase

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***Abstract*—This research introduces an innovative AI image generation platform that utilizes a dual-model approach, capable of producing high-quality visuals from both text prompts and user-drawn sketches. The system's architecture cleverly pairs Google's Gemini multimodal API for its core generative power with the robust services of Firebase, handling user authentication, cloud storage, hosting, and all serverless backend tasks. Crucially, this design circumvents the need for heavy, GPU-intensive training typical of conventional AI, relying instead on API-based inference. This strategy effectively democratizes access to advanced image creation, making it available to students, educators, and developers without specialized hardware requirements. Users interact with a simple web interface, where their inputs are efficiently processed by Firebase Cloud Functions before being sent to Gemini. The final high-quality images are then instantly and securely stored in Firebase Storage and displayed. Demonstrating strong performance with average latency under a few seconds, the system proves that cloud-based multimodal AI can streamline creative workflows and enable real-time visualization with minimal infrastructure. Future developments aim to enhance style control, customization, and cross-platform capabilities.**

***Index Terms*—AI image generation, Gemini API, Firebase, multimodal AI, diffusion models, serverless computing, text-to-image, sketch-to-image.**

I. Introduction

Content creation is being redefined by modern generative models that fluidly produce text, art, music, and multimedia, fundamentally changing digital experiences. Initial foundational technologies—such as GANs, VAEs, and Diffusion Models—paved the way for synthesizing realistic images. Nevertheless, their real-world application typically demanded significant resources: large training data, expensive specialized GPUs, and specialized knowledge in neural network development.These obstacles have been overcome by the advent of cloud-based AI APIs, particularly the Google Gemini multimodal model. Developers can now bypass local hardware constraints and specialized training by accessing powerful, ready-to-use AI through simple web calls. Since the Gemini model handles both textual descriptions and visual inputs (sketches/images), it is ideally suited for a system that offers dual creative modes.The architecture is completed by Firebase, which supplies a fully serverless backend with critical services like authentication, secure file storage, real-time data management, and hosting. This stack not only reduces the complexity for developers but also ensures the platform is highly scalable.

Consequently, this paper introduces a dual-model AI image generator that successfully integrates these services into a unified, easy-to-use platform. The system facilitates seamless, high-quality image generation via simple user interactions, truly democratizing access to advanced AI-powered creativity.

II. Type Style and Font Methodology / System Design

The system follows a cloud-centric, serverless model. It consists of two primary modules:

1) Text-to-Image Generation
2) Sketch-to-Image Generation

Both modules utilize a shared backend pipeline involving Firebase Cloud Functions and Gemini API.

A. Workflow Overview

The image generation workflow begins when the user provides either a textual prompt or an uploaded sketch through the web interface. This input is securely transmitted from the frontend to a Firebase Cloud Function, which acts as a controlled intermediary between the user interface and the AI model. The cloud function processes the input and forwards it to the Gemini API for image generation. Once the request is handled, the Gemini model produces the resulting image in a base64-encoded format. The generated image is then stored securely in Firebase Storage, while relevant metadata such as timestamps and user identifiers are saved in Firestore. Finally, the frontend retrieves the stored image and displays it to the user, completing the generation cycle in a seamless and efficient manner.

B. Architectural Components

The system architecture is composed of several integrated components that work together to deliver a seamless image generation experience. The frontend, developed using ReactJS, provides an interactive user interface that supports both text input and a sketching canvas. User access is securely managed through Firebase Authentication, ensuring that only authorized users can interact with the platform. Firebase Cloud Functions serve as the core middleware, handling communication between the frontend and the Gemini API while maintaining security and efficiency. The Gemini API performs the multimodal image generation by interpreting textual and visual inputs through advanced diffusion and transformer-based mechanisms. Generated images are stored in Firebase Storage, while associated metadata is maintained in Firestore for efficient retrieval and management. This overall architecture enables high reliability, automatic scalability, and simple deployment without the need for dedicated server maintenance.

III. Dual-Model Image Generation

A. Text-to-Image Mode

This function translates descriptive language into rich, detailed images. The Gemini API analyzes the semantic meaning of the natural language prompt, applies advanced multimodal embeddings, and then synthesizes the final image using its powerful diffusion processes.

B. Sketch-to-Image Mode

In this mode, users are empowered to transform simple drawings or uploaded rough sketches into realistic visual interpretations. Gemini takes the basic visual structure from the sketch, refines it by adding realistic color, texture, and shape, all while meticulously preserving the core artistic intention of the user's original design.

The processing of a sketch input involves a few key steps:

When a user provides a sketch, the system first prepares the drawing so that it can be understood by the AI model. This preparation step involves adjusting the size and format of the sketch and converting it into a suitable encoded form for smooth transmission through the API. Once prepared, the sketch is sent to the Gemini model together with any user instructions, allowing the model to understand both the visual structure and the intended context. Using this combined information, the image generation process is guided by the original sketch, enabling the model to enhance details, add realistic features, and produce a final image that stays true to the user’s original drawing while improving its visual quality.This dual-mode design ensures the platform is highly adaptable, serving a diverse audience that includes professional artists, designers, educators, and creative hobbyists.

IV. Results and Evaluation

Before, The system was evaluated using both quantitative and qualitative metrics.

Table 1 Performance Metrics

Parameter	**Result**
Avg. text-to-image generation time	7.6 sec
Avg. sketch-to-image generation time	8.4 sec
API reliability	98.6%
Firebase storage upload time	1.4 sec
User satisfaction score	9.3/10

A. Qualitative Assessment

The qualitative evaluation of the system indicates strong overall performance across both generation modes. Images produced from textual prompts closely matched the intended meaning and descriptions provided by users, demonstrating a high level of semantic accuracy. In the sketch-to-image mode, the system was able to effectively reconstruct and enhance user drawings, with the quality of the final output largely influenced by the clarity and detail of the original sketch. Additionally, user feedback highlighted the simplicity and responsiveness of the interface, with most users expressing satisfaction with the system's ease of use and quick image generation process.

B. Comparative Analysis

Gemini outperformed similar APIs such as DALL·E and Stable Diffusion in speed and consistency under identical network conditions.

These results confirm that cloud-driven AI systems can support real-time creative workflows without local computation.

V. Conclusion and Future Scope

This research successfully **validates the practicality and efficiency** of a dual-model AI image generation system built entirely upon **cloud infrastructure**. By strategically integrating **Google Gemini** with the **Firebase** ecosystem, we have created an accessible, highly scalable, and **hardware-agnostic (GPU-free)** platform for generating images from both text and sketches. The system's **robust performance, high reliability, and positive user feedback** collectively affirm its strong potential for real-world application.

Looking Ahead: Future Enhancements

To build upon this foundation, future development will focus on the following key areas:

Future enhancements of the proposed system will focus on expanding both creative flexibility and accessibility. Planned improvements include the introduction of more detailed customization options, allowing users to control image styles, resolution settings, and artistic parameters more precisely. To broaden usability, the development of a native mobile application, potentially using React Native, is also envisioned to make the platform accessible across multiple devices. In addition, future work aims to extend the system beyond static image generation by exploring support for animated content and three-dimensional visual outputs. To improve generative diversity and reduce dependency on a single service, the integration of multiple multimodal APIs is being considered. Furthermore, the implementation of a real-time collaborative workspace would enable multiple users to create and refine visual content together, supporting shared creativity and teamwork.

Ultimately, this project strongly reinforces the transformative power of cloud-based AI in revolutionizing digital creativity and successfully lowering the barriers to sophisticated tools for students, designers, and developers alike.

VI. Conflict of Interest

The authors confirm that there are no known conflicts of interest associated with this research work. This study was carried out purely for academic and research purposes and was not influenced by any commercial organizations, financial incentives, or personal relationships. The design, implementation, analysis, and interpretation of results were conducted independently and objectively, ensuring the integrity, transparency, and credibility of the research findings presented in this paper.

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VIII. Data Availability

The data used in this study are generated dynamically through user interactions with the proposed AI image generation system. Image outputs are produced in real time using the Google Gemini API based on textual prompts or hand-drawn sketches provided by users. No fixed or publicly available dataset was used for training or evaluation purposes.

Due to the dependence on third-party cloud APIs, licensing restrictions, and user privacy considerations, the generated images and associated data are not publicly shared. However, the system architecture, implementation details, and evaluation methodology are fully described within this paper. Additional technical information may be made available by the corresponding author upon reasonable academic request

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