## **Step 1 - Download Stability Matrix**

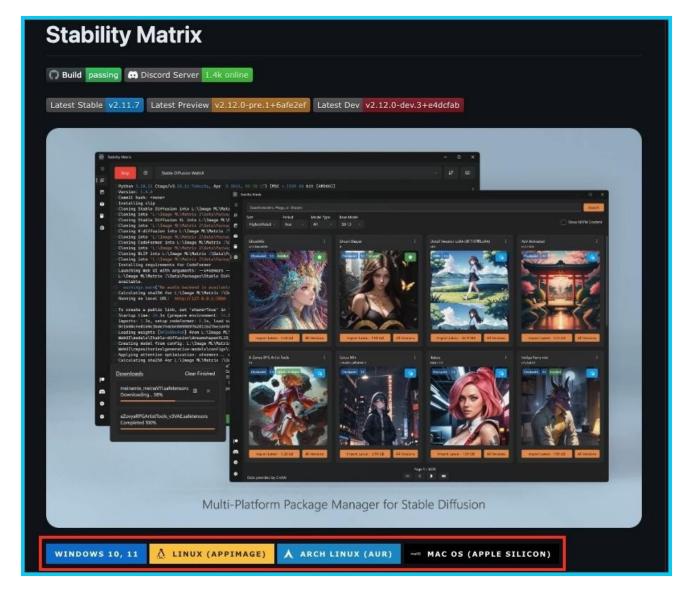
This is where all of the magic happens.

This one tool bypasses all the command line and code and python nightmares.

You can click one button and get started.

Go here: https://github.com/LykosAI/StabilityMatrix

Scroll down until you see the "Platform Options" and click on the type of computer you have.

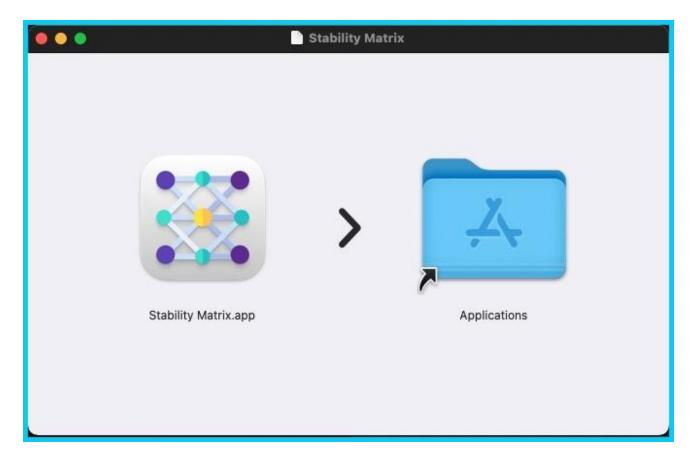


You will download a compressed file.

Uncompress that file and you're off to the races.

That is your Stability Matrix program.

Put it in your applications or program folder so that you can easily find it next time.

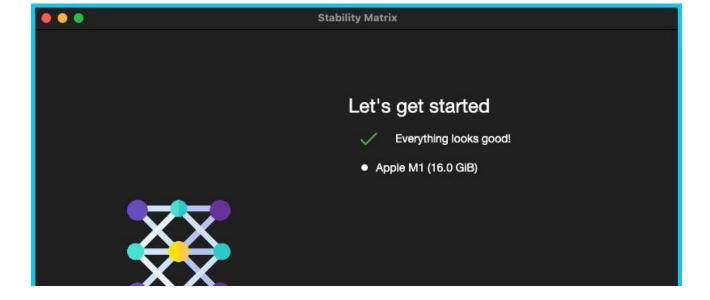


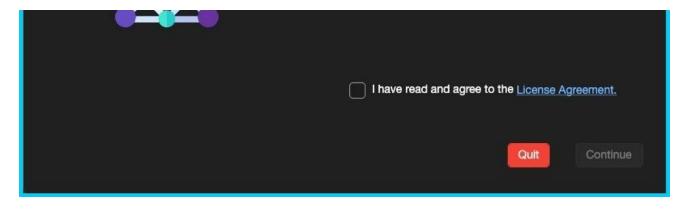
# **Step 2 - Activate Stability Matrix**

Double click your new program to run it.

It will check your computer to see that you have a compatible setup.

(It worked for both my custom PC and my M1 Mac Mini no problem).



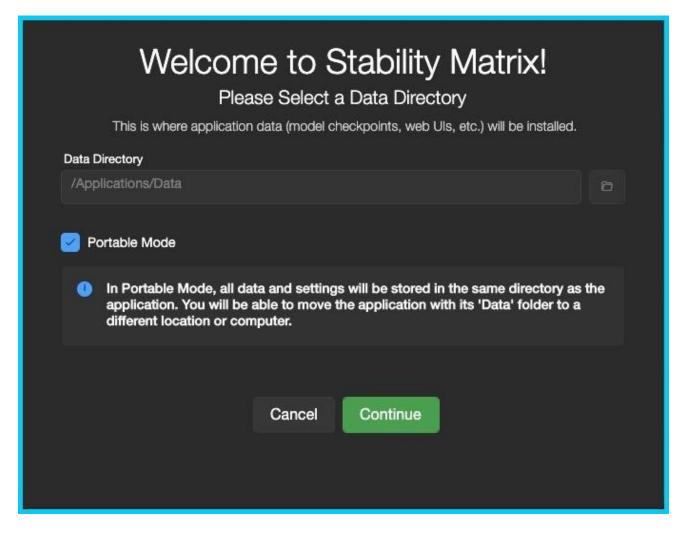


This next step is VERY important so don't skip past it.

Choose where you want to store the data from your Al image tools.

These files are all very big, so if you have multiple hard drives like I do for my PC, you want to put this on your slower data hard drive.

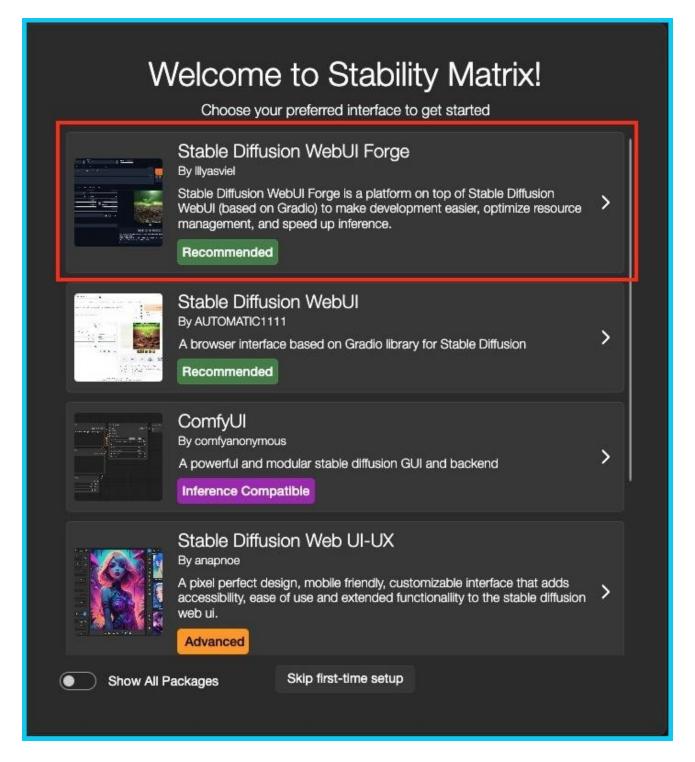
I don't want to fill up my program SSD with these files, so I created a folder on my storage drive on my PC.



My mac only has one hard drive, so I selected Portable Mode. (This will make life a LOT easier for the rest of this process.)

This will put the Data folder inside your Applications folder so its easy to find.

### Step 3 - Install Stable Diffusion WebUI Forge



Click on the very first box that appears on the next page.

This will start installing your new Al Image generator software.

This process takes from 5-10 minutes depending on your computer.

Just let all the code run until the process is complete.

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Installing Stable Diffusion WebUI Forge...

More Details

Attempting uninstalled wheel-0.43.0

Attempting uninstalled pip 24.1

Uninstalling pip-24.1

Successfully uninstalled pip-24.2

Looking in indexes: https://pypl.org/simple, https://download.pytorch.org/whl/cpu

Collecting setuptools=69.5.1

Downloading setuptools=69.5.1-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (6.2 kB)

Collecting torch==2.3.1

Close dialog when finished

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If you get an error during this process and see a bunch of red text.

Just run the installation a second time.

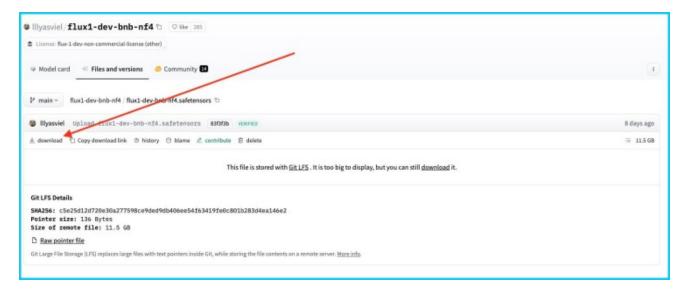
That always fixes the problem for me.

## Step 4 - Download the Two Flux Files

We are going to download two files that will give us the latest and fastest version of Flux.

Go to the link below and download the file called "flux1-dev-bnb-nf4.safetensors"

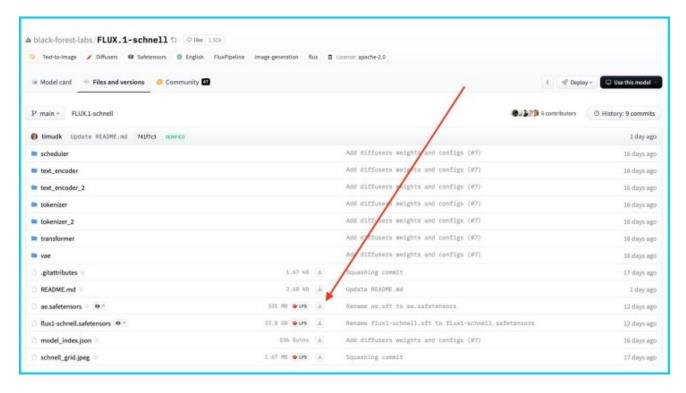
https://huggingface.co/lllyasviel/flux1-dev-bnb-nf4/blob/main/flux1-dev-bnb-nf4.safetensors



Just click where the red arrow is pointing.

Then go to the link below and download "ae.safetensors"

### https://huggingface.co/black-forest-labs/FLUX.1-schnell/tree/main



These are the only two files you have to move around manually.

## Step 5 - Install the Two Flux Files

# Recommended by LinkedIn

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Version 1.8.2

http://www.titania.co.uk
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Testing SSL server fsf.org on port 443

Supported Server Cipher(s):
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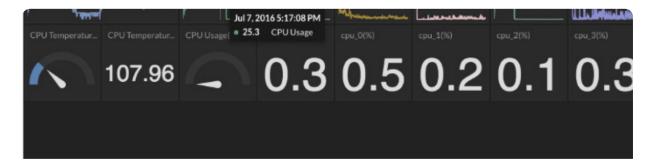
### ssh keyscanner

Dhamotharan P · 8 years ago



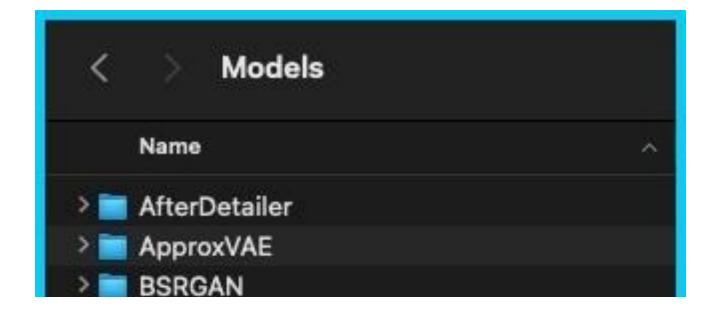
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>	PromptExpansion
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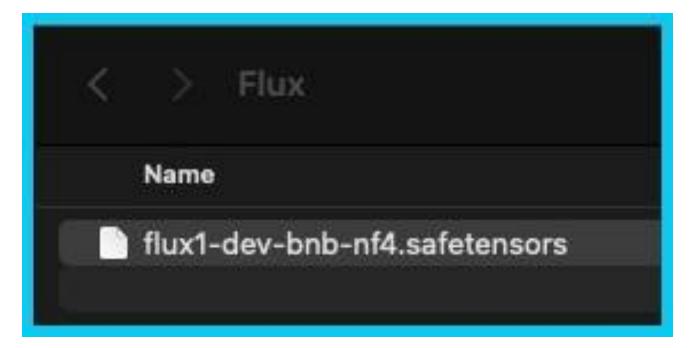


We are going to move each of these files into a folder where we setup the data in Step 2.

In the folder Data/Models/Stable-diffusion, create a new folder called "Flux."



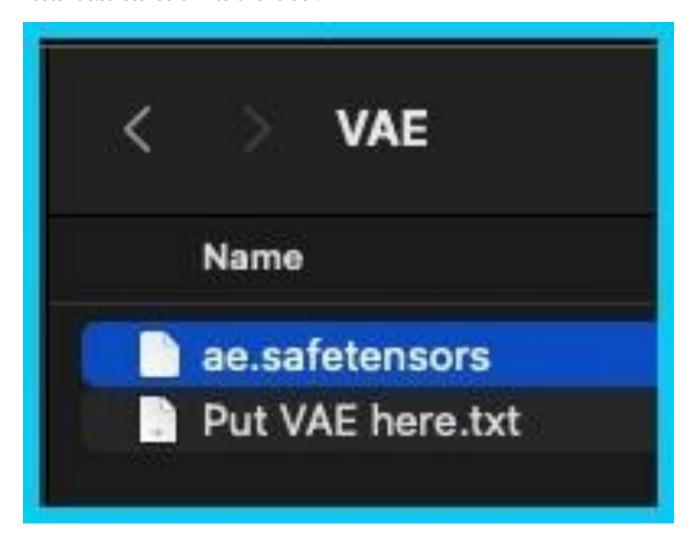
Move the really big file "flux1-dev-bnb-nf4.safetensors" into this folder



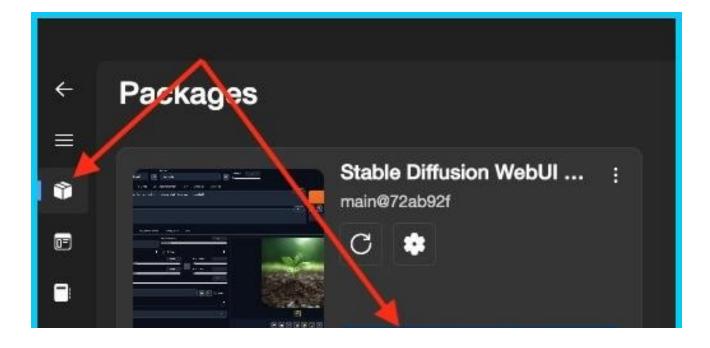
Go back two folder levels and then open the VAE folder.

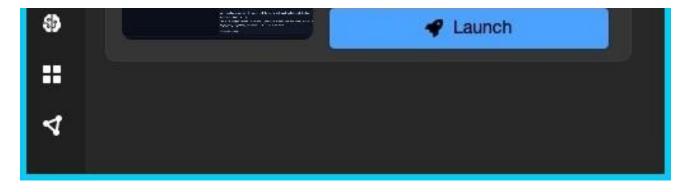
You can find it at Data/Models/VAE.

Paste "ae.safetensors" into this folder.



Step 6 - Run Stable Diffusion WebUI Forge





Click on packages on the left menu.

Then click the blue "launch" button on Stable Diffusion WebUi Forge.

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Packages > Stable Diffusion WebUI Forge
                                ↓F Auto-Scroll to End
 Python 3.10.11 (main, May 7 2023, 17:32:05) [Clang 16.0.3 ]
 Commit hash: 72ab92f83e5a9e193726313c6d88ab435a61fb59
 Installing clip
 Cloning assets into /Applications/Data/Packages/Stable Diffusion WebUI Forge/repositories/stable-diffusion-webui-assets...
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 deprecated as an API. See <a href="https://setuptools.pypa.io/en/latest/pkg">https://setuptools.pypa.io/en/latest/pkg</a> resources.
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 Installing sd-forge-controlnet requirement: fvcore
 Installing sd-forge-controlnet requirement: mediapipe
 Installing sd-forge-controlnet requirement: onnxruntime
 Installing sd-forge-controlnet requirement: svglib
 /Applications/Data/Packages/Stable Diffusion WebUI Forge/extensions-builtin/forge_legacy_preprocessors/install.py:2: DeprecationWarning: pkg_resources is
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 Legacy Preprocessor init warning: Unable to install insightface automatically. Please try run `pip install insightface` manually.
 Installing forge_legacy_preprocessor requirement: handrefinerportable Installing forge_legacy_preprocessor requirement: depth_anything
 Launching Web UI with arguments: --skip-torch-cuda-test --no-half-vae --gradio-allowed-path /Applications/Data/Images Total VRAM 16384 MB, total RAM 16384 MB
 pytorch version: 2.3.
 Set vram state to: SHARED
 Device: mps
 VAE dtype preferences: [torch.float32] -> torch.float32
 CUDA Using Stream: False WARNING:matplotlib is building the font cache; this may take a
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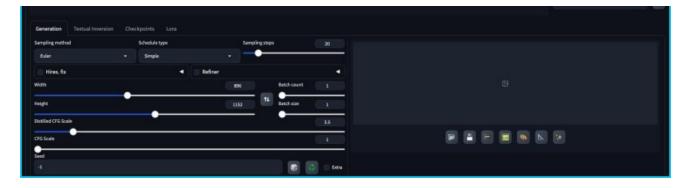
Since this is the first time running the program, it will have to download and install some more files.

This can take another ten minutes, so it is the perfect time for a break.

All the code will run on its own and then a web browser will open automatically.

## Step 7 - Setup Flux for the First Time





There are three settings that you want to make sure match mine so that you are using Flux and not another image model.

First choose Flux from the UI options.

Second, select the Flux checkpoint from the dropdown.

Third, VAE should say either "automatic" or you can select the "ae.safetensors" that we downloaded.

## **Step 8 - Start Creating Images with Flux**

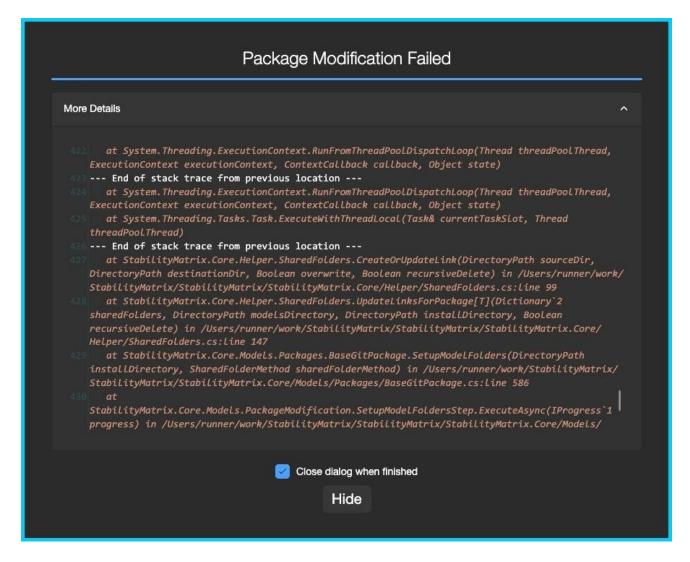
Now that everything is setup, you can start playing with the other settings and creating images using your computer.

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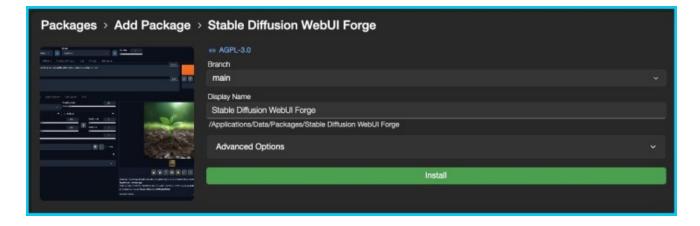
## **Troubleshooting And Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Problem - Installation Failed**



You see all this red code when you install something inside of Stability Matrix and it can be really scary.

Fortunately, the fix is quite easy.



Go to the packages page.

Click "Add Package" at the bottom of the page to see a list of all the programs.

Select the program and click Install.

#### What is Flux AI?

The FLUX AI Image Generator is an advanced tool developed by Black Forest Labs that specializes in creating high-quality images from text prompts. It represents a significant advancement in the field of AI-driven image synthesis, competing with established models like Midjourney and DALL-E.

#### Is Flux AI Free to Use?

It's free to use when you install it on your local computer. There are some websites that host the model that charge a fee to use their servers.

### Is the Flux AI Image Generator Censored?

The FLUX AI Image Generator incorporates various ethical considerations and safeguards to address potential misuse of its technology. While the tool itself is open-source and accessible, Black Forest Labs, the developer, has implemented guidelines to promote responsible use of the generator. This includes measures to prevent the creation of harmful or inappropriate content.