

InstanceAssemble: Layout-Aware Image Generation via Instance Assembling Attention

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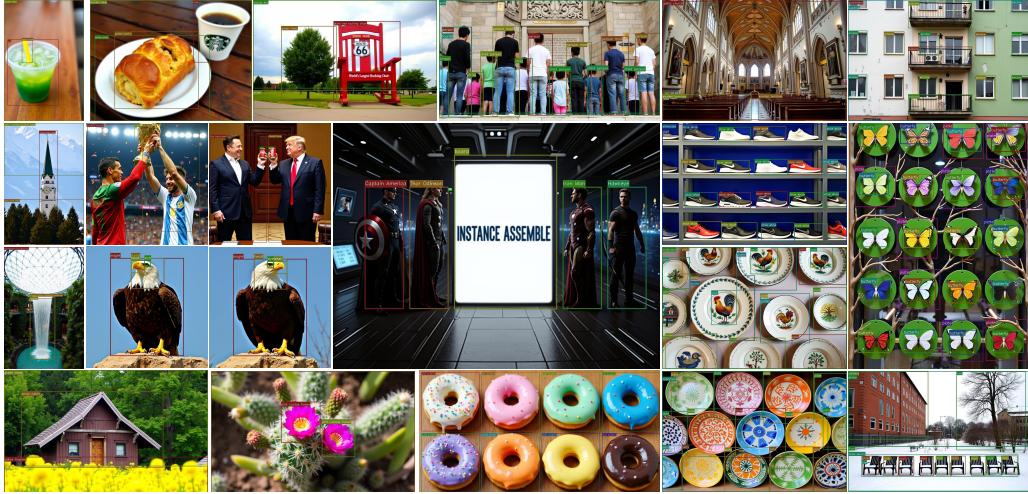


Figure 1: **Layout-aware image generation result by InstanceAssemble.** We show image generation result under precise layout control, ranging from simple to intricate, sparse to dense layouts.

Abstract

Diffusion models have demonstrated remarkable capabilities in generating high-quality images. Recent advancements in Layout-to-Image (L2I) generation have leveraged positional conditions and textual descriptions to facilitate precise and controllable image synthesis. Despite overall progress, current L2I methods still exhibit suboptimal performance. Therefore, we propose InstanceAssemble, a novel architecture that incorporates layout conditions via instance-assembling attention, enabling position control with bounding boxes (bbox) and multimodal content control including texts and additional visual content. Our method achieves flexible adaption to existing DiT-based T2I models through light-weighted LoRA modules. Additionally, we propose a Layout-to-Image benchmark, Denselayout, a comprehensive benchmark for layout-to-image generation, containing 5k images with 90k instances in total. We further introduce Layout Grounding Score (LGS), an interpretable evaluation metric to more precisely assess the accuracy of L2I generation. Experiments demonstrate that our InstanceAssemble method achieves state-of-the-art performance under complex layout conditions, while exhibiting strong compatibility with diverse style LoRA modules. The code and pretrained models are publicly available at <https://github.com/FireRedTeam/InstanceAssemble>.

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1 Introduction

Diffusion models [22] have revolutionized image generation task, with architectures like Diffusion Transformer (DiT) [40] offering superior quality over traditional UNet-based frameworks. Recent implementations such as Stable Diffusion 3/3.5 [15, 49] and Flux.1 [4] further enhance text-to-image alignment, paving the way for advancements in layout-controlled generation. Layout-to-Image (L2I) generation is a task that focuses on creating images under layout conditions, allowing users to define spatial positions and semantic content of each instance explicitly. This task faces several significant challenges: (i) ensuring precise layout alignment while maintaining high image quality, (ii) preserving object positions and semantic attributes accurately during the iterative denoising process of diffusion models, and (iii) supporting various types of reference conditions, such as texts, images and structure information. These challenges highlight the complexity of achieving robust and flexible layout-controlled image generation.

Existing L2I methods can be broadly categorized into training-free and training-based approaches, both possessing distinct advantages and limitations. Training-free methods [55, 7, 13, 8, 5, 27] rely on heuristic techniques without modifying the base model. However, these methods often exhibit degraded performance in complex layouts, demonstrate high sensitivity to hyperparameter tuning, and suffer from slow inference speed, which make them less practical for real-world applications. In contrast, training-based methods [63, 53, 64, 29, 61] involve training specific layout modules to improve layout alignment, which introduces a significant amount of extra parameters and increases training complexity and resource requirements. Additionally, existing L2I evaluation metrics exhibit inaccuracies, such as false acceptance and localization errors. These identified shortcomings necessitate algorithm innovation for effective and efficient layout-controlled image generation.

Therefore, we propose **InstanceAssemble**, a novel framework that systematically tackles these issues through innovative design and efficient implementation. Our approach introduces a cascaded InstanceAssemble structure, which employs a multimodal interaction paradigm to process global prompts and instance-wise layout conditions sequentially. By leveraging the Assemble-MMDiT architecture, we apply an independent attention mechanism to the semantic content of each instance, thus enabling effective handling of dense and complex layouts. Furthermore, we adopt LoRA [23] for lightweight adaptation, adding only 71M parameters to SD3-Medium (2B) and 102M to Flux.1 (11.8B). Our method enables position control with bounding boxes and multimodal content control including texts and additional visual content. This lightweight design preserves the capabilities of the base model while enhancing flexibility and efficiency. We also introduce a novel metric called **Layout Grounding Score (LGS)** to ensure accurate evaluation for L2I generation, alongside a test dataset **DenseLayout**. This metric provides a consistent benchmark for assessing layout alignment.

Our method achieves state-of-the-art performance across benchmarks and demonstrates robust layout alignment under a wide variety of scenarios, ranging from simple to intricate, sparse to dense layouts. Notably, despite being trained on sparse layouts (≤ 10 instances), our approach maintains robust generalization capability on dense layouts (≥ 10 instances), confirming the effectiveness of our proposed InstanceAssemble. The main contributions are listed below.

1. We propose a cascaded InstanceAssemble structure that processes global text prompts and layout conditions sequentially, enabling robust handling of complex layouts through an independent attention mechanism.
2. By leveraging LoRA [23], we achieve efficient adaptation with minimal extra parameters (3.46% on SD3-Medium and 0.84% on Flux.1), supporting position control with multimodal content control while preserving capabilities of base model.
3. We propose a new test dataset DenseLayout and a novel metric Layout Grounding Score (LGS) for Layout-to-Image evaluation. Experimental results demonstrate that our approach achieves state-of-the-art performance and robust capability under complex and dense layout conditions.

2 Related Work

Text-to-Image Generation Text-to-image synthesis [47, 45, 42, 40, 30, 17, 6, 1, 44, 3] has witnessed rapid progress with the development of diffusion models. Initial works [44, 3, 47, 45] utilize UNet [46] as the denoising architecture, leveraging cross-attention mechanisms to inject text-conditioning

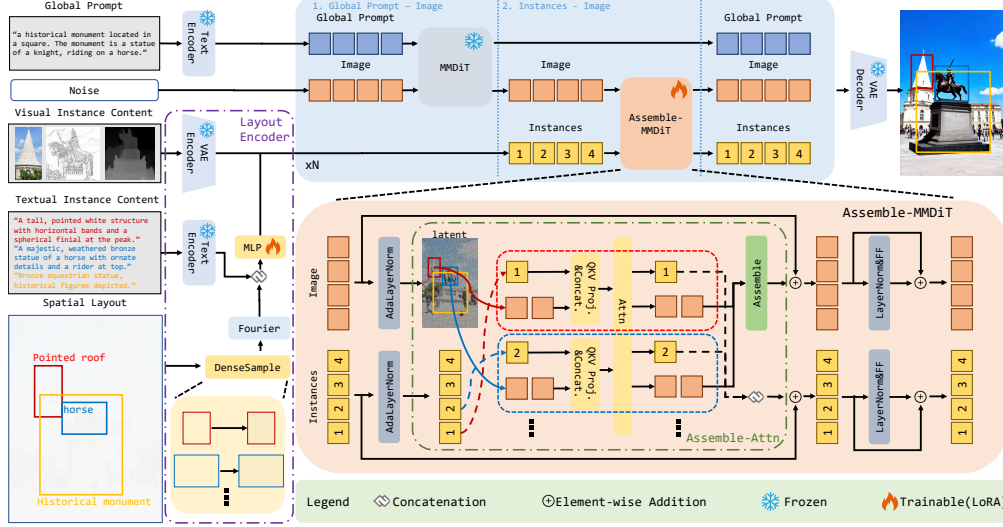


Figure 2: **The proposed InstanceAssemble pipeline.** Various layout conditions are processed by the Layout Encoder to obtain instance tokens, which guide the image generation via Assemble-MMDiT. In Assemble-MMDiT, the instance tokens interact with image tokens through the Assembling-Attn.

signals. Recently, researches [6, 15, 49, 4, 34] have used the Multimodal Diffusion Transformer (MMDiT) architecture, marking a significant improvement.

Layout-to-Image Generation Layout-to-Image generation enables image generation under layout conditions, which is defined as spatial positions with textual descriptions. Existing approaches can be broadly categorized into training-free and training-based paradigms.

Training-free methods leverage pretrained text-to-image diffusion models without additional training. A common strategy involves gradient-based guidance during denoising to align with layout conditions [55, 12, 41, 13, 18, 50]. Also, there are methods that directly manipulate latents through well-defined replacing or merging operations [8, 48, 2] or enforce layout alignment via spatially constrained attention masks [5, 20]. GrounDiT [27] exploits semantic sharing in DiT: a cropped noisy patch and the full image become semantic clones when denoised together, enabling layout-to-image generation by jointly denoising instance regions with their corresponding image context. Other approaches generate each instance separately and employ inpainting techniques to compose the final image [37]. However, these methods demonstrate decent performance primarily on simple and sparse layouts, while their accuracy decreases in more complex layouts. Some methods require hyperparameter tuning specific to different layout conditions, reducing their adaptability. Furthermore, additional gradient computations or latent manipulations result in slow inference speed, thus limiting their applicability in real-world scenarios.

Training-based methods explicitly incorporate layout conditioning through architectural modifications. Most approaches inject spatial constraints via cross-attention [63, 57, 36, 25, 59, 16, 54] or self-attention [10, 53, 28]. Some works propose dedicated layout encoding modules [9, 64, 65, 58, 62] or adopt a two-stage pipeline that generates images after predicting a depth map with layout conditions [14, 66]. Other works leverage autoregressive image generation models [19]. These methods suffer high computational costs due to excessive parameters.

3 Method

Preliminaries Recent state-of-the-art text-to-image models such as SD3 [15] and Flux [4] adopt the Multimodal Diffusion Transformer (MMDiT) as the backbone for generation. Unlike traditional UNet-based cross-attention approaches, MMDiTs treat image and text modalities in a symmetric manner, which leads to stronger prompt alignment and controllability. These models are trained under the flow matching framework [33], which formulates generation as learning a continuous velocity field that transports noise to data. Given a clean latent $\mathbf{x}$ and Gaussian noise $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$, an

interpolated latent is defined as

$$\mathbf{z}_t = (1 - t)\mathbf{x} + t\epsilon, \quad t \in [0, 1]. \quad (1)$$

The training objective minimizes the squared error between the predicted velocity and the target velocity ($\epsilon - \mathbf{x}$):

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{FM}} = \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}), \mathbf{x}, t} \left[\|v_\theta(\mathbf{z}_t, t, \mathbf{y}) - (\epsilon - \mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \right], \quad (2)$$

where v_θ is implemented with an MMDiT backbone.

Problem Definition Layout-to-Image generation aims to synthesize images with precise control through a global prompt $\mathbf{p}$ and instance-wise layout conditions $\mathbf{L}$. The layout conditions comprise N instances $\{l_i\}_{i=1}^N$, where each instance l_i is defined by its spatial position b_i and content c_i :

$$\mathbf{L} = \{l_1, \dots, l_N\}, \quad \text{where } l_i = (c_i, b_i). \quad (3)$$

In our framework, spatial positions are represented as bounding boxes, while instance content can be specified through multiple modalities: textual instance content and additional visual instance content, including reference images, depth maps and edge maps.

We propose InstanceAssemble, a framework with a **Layout Encoder** to encode the layout conditions and **Assemble-MMDiT** to effectively integrate the encoded layout conditions with image features.

3.1 Layout Encoder

We use a Layout Encoder (Fig. 2 left-bottom panel) to encode each instance l_i , and the tokens are denoted as $\mathbf{h}^L = [h^{l_1}, \dots, h^{l_N}]$ which represents the layout information of each instance. Given the spatial position of the instance (bounding box), we first enhance the spatial representation through **DenseSample**. Given a bounding box $b_i = (x_1, y_1, w, h) \in [0, 1]^4$ with top-left coordinates (x_1, y_1) and size (w, h) , we generate K^2 uniformly spaced points:

$$\mathcal{P}_i = \left\{ \left(x_1 + k_x \cdot \frac{w}{K}, y_1 + k_y \cdot \frac{h}{K} \right) \mid k_x, k_y \in \{0, \dots, K-1\} \right\} \quad (4)$$

Then, following GLIGEN[28], we compute the textual instance tokens as:

$$h_l^i = \text{MLP}([\tau(c_i), \text{Fourier}(\mathcal{P}_i)]), \quad (5)$$

where τ represents the text encoder, $\text{Fourier}(\cdot)$ denotes Fourier embedding [51], $[\cdot, \cdot]$ denotes concatenation along the feature dimension, and MLP is a multi-layer perception.

Additionally, we can use additional visual instance content to better improve performance. Given the visual instance content, we first extract features using the VAE encoder of the base model, then project them to the unified instance token space through a MLP:

$$h_l^i = \text{MLP}(\text{VAE}(c_i)). \quad (6)$$

3.2 Assemble-MMDiT

We observe that applying attention between all image tokens and instance tokens results in suboptimal performance under complex layout conditions (e.g., overlapping, tiny objects). To address this, we introduce **Assemble-MMDiT** (Fig. 2, right-bottom panel), which enhances the location of each instance while maintaining compositional coherence with other instances. Our method processes each instance independently through attention modules with its associated image tokens, followed by weighted feature assembling.

Formally, given image tokens $\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times W \times H}$ (where C denotes the latent channel size and $[W, H]$ the latent size) and instance tokens $\mathbf{h}^l \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times N}$, we apply AdaLayerNorm [56], followed by our proposed **Assembling-Attn**, as shown in Fig. 2 (right-bottom panel). We crop the image tokens $\mathbf{h}^z$ by the bbox $\mathbf{b}_i$ of each instance and get $\mathbf{h}_{l_i}^z = \mathbf{h}^z[\mathbf{b}_i] \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times w \times h}$. Then, we project the cropped image tokens $\mathbf{h}_{l_i}^z$ and their corresponding instance tokens l_i into queries $(Q^{z_{l_i}}, Q^{l_i})$, keys $(K^{z_{l_i}}, K^{l_i})$, and values $(V^{z_{l_i}}, V^{l_i})$, and then apply attention:

$$\mathbf{h}_{l_i}^{z'}, \mathbf{h}_{l_i}^{l'} = \text{Attention}([Q^{z_{l_i}}, Q^{l_i}], [K^{z_{l_i}}, K^{l_i}], [V^{z_{l_i}}, V^{l_i}]). \quad (7)$$

where $[\cdot, \cdot]$ denotes concatenation along the token dimension. The updated tokens are assembled across instances. Let $M \in \mathbb{N}^{W \times H}$ represent the instance density map, calculating the counts of instances. The assembled image tokens $\mathbf{h}^{z'}$ and instance tokens $\mathbf{h}^{l'}$ are computed as:

$$\mathbf{h}^{z'} : \mathbf{h}^{z'}[:, i, j] = \frac{1}{M[i, j]} \sum_{k=1}^N \mathbf{h}_{i_k}^{z'}[:, i, j], \text{ where } i \in [0, W - 1], j \in [0, H - 1] \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{h}^{l'} : \mathbf{h}^{l'}[:, k] = \mathbf{h}^{l'_k}.$$

As illustrated in Fig. 3, the top row demonstrates that our assembling mechanism ensures instance tokens attend only to relevant image regions, where unrelated regions are left in black. The middle row reveals that the mechanism effectively guides global prompt tokens to focus on their correct spatial positions. In contrast, generation without explicit layout control (bottom row) results in localization errors ("British Shorthair" in wrong location) or semantic inconsistencies ("dog" missing).

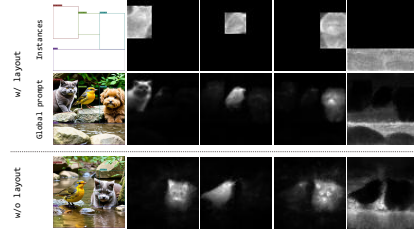


Figure 3: (Top) instance-image attention map w/ layout. (Middle) global prompt-image attention map w/ layout. (Bottom) global prompt-image attention map w/o layout.

Furthermore, to preserve the generation capability of the original model and mitigate conditional conflicts between global prompt and layout conditions, we employ a cascaded mechanism as shown in Fig. 2 (right-above panel). In our design, the global text prompt and image latents are passed through original MMDiT first, then the image tokens along with instance tokens are processed by our Assemble-MMDiT module. The first step captures global context and ensures generation quality, while the second step ensures instance layout alignment. Besides, we train Assemble-MMDiT with LoRA, significantly reducing both the training cost and inference costs.

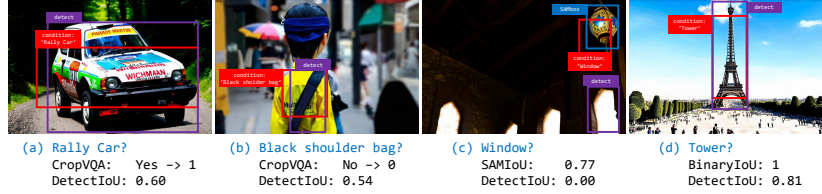


Figure 4: **Failure cases of other metrics.** (a) false acceptance in CropVQA, (b) false rejection in CropVQA, (c) localization error in SAMIoU, and (d) discontinuous in BinaryIoU.

3.3 Benchmark: DenseLayout and Layout Grounding Score

The Layout-to-Image task aims to generate images that align precisely with provided layouts, evaluating both spatial accuracy and semantic consistency (e.g., color, texture, and shape, if provided). The existing metrics (AP/AR) for object detection [10, 28, 55, 53] are suboptimal. They assume a fixed category set and rely on inappropriate precision/recall for binary layout outcomes. VLM-based cropped VQA methods [61] suffer false acceptance (Fig. 4 (a)) and false rejection (Fig. 4 (b)). While spatial-only metrics like SAMIoU [11] ignore appearance consistency (Fig. 4 (c)), GroundingDINO-based [35] binary IoU thresholds [64, 54] fail to capture continuous layout precision (Fig. 4 (d)). Thus, we propose **Layout Grounding Score (LGS)**, which integrates both spatial accuracy and semantic accuracy:

1. **Spatial Accuracy (DetectIoU):** we detect all instances via an off-the-shelf detector [35], compute the IoU against condition bbox, and report the global mean IoU across all instances for equal weighting.

2. **Semantic Accuracy:** for instances with $\text{IoU} > 0.5$, we crop the predicted region and assess the semantic accuracy by its attribute consistency (color, texture, shape) via VLM-based VQA [60].

LGS supports open-set evaluation, uses DetectIoU to evaluate spatial accuracy and decouples the spatial and semantic check to avoid CropVQA [61] failures (shown in Fig. 4). Furthermore, we

Table 1: **Quantitative comparison between our SD3-based InstanceAssemble and other L2I methods on LayoutSAM-Eval.** * The CropVQA score is proposed in CreatiLayout [61] and the score of InstanceDiff, MIGC and CreatiLayout is borrowed from CreatiLayout [61].

LayoutSAM-Eval	CropVQA*				Layout Grounding Score				Global Quality		
	spatial↑	color↑	texture↑	shape↑	mIoU↑	color↑	texture↑	shape↑	VQA↑	Pick↑	CLIP↑
Real Images(Upper Bound)	98.95	98.45	98.90	98.80	88.85	88.07	88.71	88.62			
InstanceDiff (SD1.5)	87.99	69.16	72.78	71.08	78.16	63.14	66.82	65.86	86.42	21.16	11.73
MIGC (SD1.4)	85.66	66.97	71.24	69.06	62.87	50.70	52.99	51.77	88.97	20.69	12.56
HICO (realisticVisionV51)	90.92	69.82	73.25	71.69	70.68	53.16	55.71	54.61	86.53	<u>21.77</u>	9.47
CreatiLayout (SD3-M)	92.67	<u>74.45</u>	<u>77.21</u>	<u>75.93</u>	45.82	38.44	39.68	39.24	<u>92.74</u>	21.71	13.82
InstanceAssemble(ours) (SD3-M)	94.97	77.53	80.72	80.11	78.88	63.89	<u>66.27</u>	65.86	93.12	21.79	<u>12.76</u>

Table 2: **Quantitative comparison between our InstanceAssemble and other L2I methods on DenseLayout.**

DenseLayout	Layout Grounding Score				Global Quality		
	mIoU↑	color↑	texture↑	shape↑	VQA↑	Pick↑	CLIP↑
Real Images(Upper Bound)	92.35	76.52	80.78	79.78			
InstanceDiff (SD1.5)	47.31	29.48	33.36	32.43	88.79	20.87	11.73
MIGC (SD1.4)	34.39	22.10	23.99	23.45	91.18	20.74	<u>12.81</u>
HICO (realisticVisionV51)	22.42	10.52	11.69	11.46	74.42	20.51	8.16
CreatiLayout (SD3-Medium)	15.54	11.69	12.34	12.17	<u>93.42</u>	21.88	12.89
InstanceAssemble(ours) (SD3-Medium)	52.07	33.77	36.21	35.81	93.54	<u>21.68</u>	12.58
Regional-Flux (Flux.1-Dev)	14.06	11.34	11.91	11.84	92.94	22.67	10.66
RAG (Flux.1-Dev)	17.23	14.22	14.62	14.55	92.16	<u>22.28</u>	11.01
InstanceAssemble(ours) (Flux.1-Dev)	43.42	27.60	29.50	29.14	93.36	21.98	11.38
InstanceAssemble(ours) (Flux.1-Schnell)	45.33	27.73	30.06	29.62	93.52	21.72	<u>10.78</u>

introduce DenseLayout, a dense evaluation dataset for L2I, which consists of 5k images with 90k instances (18.1 per image). The images in DenseLayout are generated by Flux.1-Dev, tagged by RAM++ [24], detected by GroundingDINO [35], recaptioned by Qwen2.5-VL [43], and filtered to retain those with ≥ 15 instances, thus providing dense layout conditions.

3.4 Training and Inference

During training, we freeze the parameters of the base model and only update the proposed Layout Encoder and Assemble-MMDiT module. We denote the adding parameters by θ' . The training objective is given by

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I}), \mathbf{x}, t, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{L}} \left[\|v_{\{\theta, \theta'\}}(\mathbf{z}_t, t, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{L}) - (\epsilon - \mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \right], \quad (9)$$

where $\mathbf{z}_t = (1 - t)\mathbf{x} + t\epsilon$. During inference, layout-conditioned denoising is applied during the first 30% of diffusion steps, as the layout primarily forms in early stages [28, 64].

4 Experiments

4.1 Experimental Setup

Implementation Details The textual-only InstanceAssemble is trained on SD3-Medium [15] and Flux.1-Dev [4] and the version with additional visual instance content is only trained on SD3-Medium. We freeze the pretrained MMDiT backbone and only adapt the Layout Encoder and LoRA modules of Assemble-MMDiT. Assemble-MMDiT is initialized from pretrained weights, and LoRA with rank=4 is applied. In the SD3-based model all Assemble-MMDiT blocks are adapted, while in the Flux-based model we adapt eight blocks (seven double-blocks and one single block) due to resource constraints. During inference, the LoRA-based Assemble-MMDiT is activated for the first 30% of denoising steps, while the global prompt-image phase uses the frozen backbone. This design yields 71M (SD3-M) and 102M (Flux.1-Dev) additional parameters for the textual-only setting; the variant with additional visual instance content (SD3-M) introduces 85M parameters. All models are trained on LayoutSAM [61] at 1024×1024 with Prodigy, for 380K iterations (batch size 2) on SD3-M and

Table 4: **Parameter addition and time efficiency under sparse and dense layout conditions.** We evaluated on 10% of the LayoutSAM-Eval and DenseLayout datasets at 1024×1024 resolution. * are optimized for 512×512 resolution, so their results are reported at this scale.

	Parameter Addition (relative parameter addition(%))	Time Efficiency(s) (relative runtime increase(%))	
		Sparse Layout	Dense Layout
InstanceDiff* (SD1.5)	369M (43%)	14.37 (+771%)	44.81 (+2754%)
MIGC(SD1.4)	57M (6.64%)	14.41 (+25.4%)	21.58 (+87.5%)
HICO* (realisticVisionV51)	361M(33.9%)	4.11 (+92.9%)	9.93 (+320%)
CreatiLayout(SD3-M)	1.2B (64.0%)	4.37 (+14.4%)	4.42 (+14.8%)
Regional-Flux(Flux.1-Dev)	-	15.29 (+113%)	37.47 (+418%)
RAG(Flux.1-Dev)	-	15.69 (+119%)	21.14 (+192%)
InstanceAssemble(ours)(SD3-M)	71M (3.46%)	7.19 (+88.2%)	13.38 (+248%)
InstanceAssemble(ours)(Flux.1-Dev)	102M (0.84%)	8.21 (+14.3%)	10.28 (+41.9%)
InstanceAssemble(ours)(Flux.1-Schnell)	102M (0.84%)	1.41 (+8.46%)	1.70 (+28.8%)

300K iterations (batch size 1) on Flux.1-Dev, using 8×H800 GPUs (7 days for SD3-M; 5 days for Flux.1-Dev).

Evaluation Dataset We use LayoutSAM-Eval [61] to evaluate performance on fine-grained open-set sparse L2I dataset, containing 5k images and 19k instances in total (3.8 instances per image). To assess performance on fine-grained open-set dense L2I evaluation dataset, we use the proposed *DenseLayout*, which consists of 5k images and 90k instances in total (18.1 instances per image). Following conventional practice, we also evaluate on coarse-grained close-set L2I evaluation dataset COCO [31]. We combine COCO-Stuff and COCO-Instance annotations to create our COCO-Layout evaluation dataset, containing 5k images and 57k instances in total (11.5 instances per image).

Evaluation Metric We evaluate the accuracy of L2I generation using our proposed LGS metric along with CropVQA proposed by CreatiLayout [61], measuring spatial and semantic accuracy. We also employ multiple established metrics to measure overall image quality and global prompt alignment, including VQA Score [32], PickScore [26] and CLIPScore [21].

4.2 Evaluation on L2I with Textual-Only Content

Fine-Grained Open-Set Sparse L2I Generation Tab. 1 presents the quantitative results of InstanceAssemble on LayoutSAM-Eval [61], reporting results using our proposed LGS, CropVQA [61] and global quality metrics. Our proposed InstanceAssemble not only achieves SOTA in spatial and semantic accuracy of each instance, but also demonstrates superior global quality.

Fine-Grained Open-Set Dense L2I Generation

Tab. 2 presents results on DenseLayout. With the same SD3-Medium backbone, InstanceAssemble significantly outperforms CreatiLayout (mIoU: 52.07 vs. 15.54) while maintaining comparable global quality. On Flux.1, it also yields large gains over Regional-Flux and RAG (e.g., mIoU: 43.42 vs. 17.23 for RAG), showing that our cascaded Assemble-Attn design generalizes well across backbones. Compared to earlier UNet-based approaches such as InstanceDiff and MIGC, our method achieves higher spatial and semantic accuracy (mIoU: 52.07 vs. 47.31) without sacrificing realism. Overall, InstanceAssemble establishes consistent improvements in layout alignment while ensuring high image quality under challenging dense layouts.

Table 3: **Comparison between our SD3-based InstanceAssemble and other L2I methods on COCO-Layout.** Since COCO don't have detailed description for each instance, we cannot evaluate the attribute accuracy and only report the spatial accuracy - mIoU.

COCO-Layout	LGS mIoU↑	Global Quality		
		VQA↑	Pick↑	CLIP↑
Real Images(Upper Bound)	49.14			
InstanceDiff (SD1.5)	30.39	75.77	20.75	24.41
MIGC (SD1.4)	27.36	70.32	20.20	23.58
HICO (realisticVisionV51)	18.88	50.61	20.38	20.72
CreatiLayout (SD3-M)	7.12	87.79	21.22	25.59
InstanceAssemble(ours) (SD3-M)	<u>27.85</u>	89.06	21.58	25.68

Coarse-Grained Closed-Set L2I Generation Tab. 3 presents the quantitative result of InstanceAssemble on COCO-Layout. Our proposed InstanceAssemble surpasses previous methods in overall image quality but lags slightly behind InstanceDiff [53] in layout precision. We attribute this gap to:

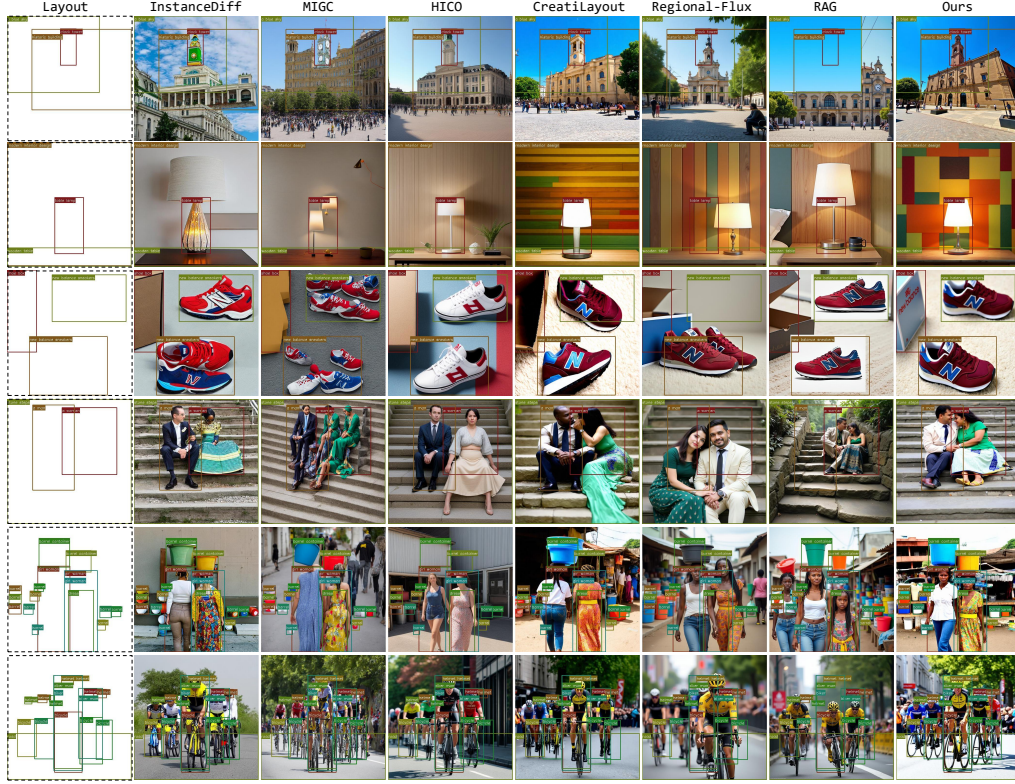


Figure 5: **Qualitative comparison of InstanceAssemble with other methods.**

(i) InstanceDiff’s fine-grained COCO training data with per-entity attribute annotations, and (ii) its entity-wise generation strategy, which improves precision at significant computational cost (Tab. 4).

Qualitative Comparison The comparative results in Fig. 5 demonstrate that our proposed InstanceAssemble method achieves superior spatial precision and instance-caption alignment compared to baseline methods. For example, in the third row, both InstanceDiff [53] and MIGC [64] generate more than one shoes; HICO [9] fails to generate the specified NewBalance shoe; Regional-Flux [5] does not adhere to the layout conditions; and the shoe generated by RAG [8] is not properly fused with the background. In contrast, our method generates the correct instance, accurately placed and seamlessly integrated with the scene.

Time Efficiency and Parameter Addition We compare time efficiency and parameter addition with other L2I methods, as shown in Tab. 4. Our method achieves SOTA performance on layout alignment with acceptable time efficiency and minimal parameter addition.

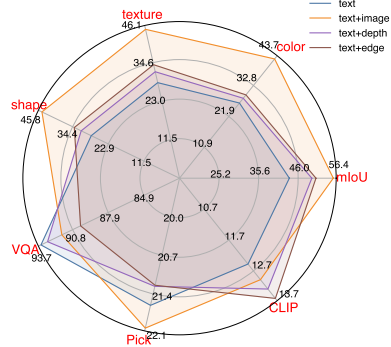


Figure 6: **Quantitative results of InstanceAssemble with additional visual instance content.**

4.3 Evaluation on L2I with Additional Visual Content

We evaluate three additional visual instance content: image, depth, and edge (see Fig. 6). Unsurprisingly, using image as additional instance content yields the best performance, as it provides rich visual information. Although depth and edge capture texture and shape features, their performance remains inferior compared to image instance content. Nevertheless, visual modalities outperform textual-only instance

Table 5: **Ablation study on our proposed components on DenseLayout.** "Assemble" refers to the presence of the Assemble-Attn module (architectural design). "Cascaded" indicates the interaction order: (✓) means global prompt–image interaction followed by instance–image interaction (cascaded structure), while (✗) means both are applied in parallel. "LoRA" specifies the training strategy for the Assemble-MMDiT module: (✓) indicates training with LoRA, while (✗) indicates full fine-tuning. "DenseSample" denotes whether the DenseSample spatial encoding is used.

Assemble	Cascaded	LoRA	DenseSample	Layout Grounding Score				
				mIoU↑	color↑	texture↑	shape↑	VQA↑
✗	✗	✗	✗	11.69	9.16	9.68	9.56	93.75
✓	✗	✗	✗	43.98	24.19	26.95	26.75	84.57
✓	✓	✗	✗	45.96	29.61	31.50	31.09	92.71
✓	✓	✓	✗	51.28	32.68	34.94	34.58	93.33
✓	✓	✓	✓	52.07	33.77	36.21	35.81	93.54

content. Qualitative comparisons (Fig. 7) further demonstrate that visual instance content leads to superior texture and shape alignment compared to text.

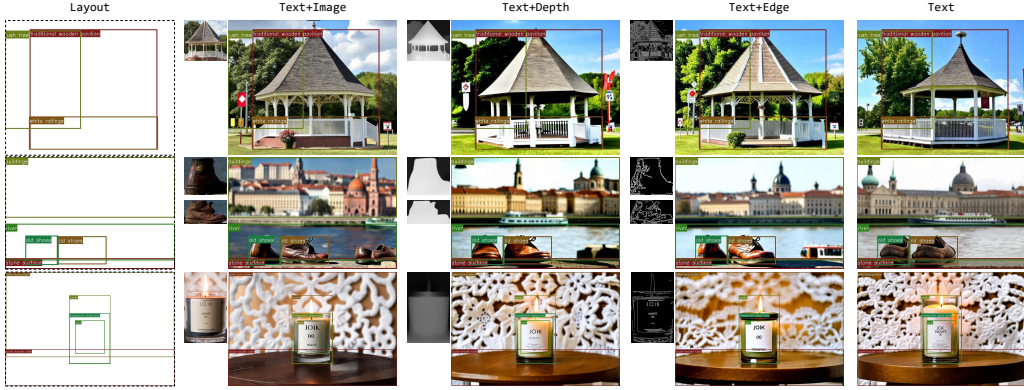


Figure 7: **Qualitative results of InstanceAssemble with additional visual instance content.**

4.4 Ablation Study

We evaluated the contribution of each proposed component on SD3-M based InstanceAssemble in Tab. 5. The **base model** (SD3-Medium without additional modules) yields a very low Layout Grounding Score, indicating poor layout and content control when instance information is not explicitly modeled. The introduction of Assemble-Attn module elevates spatial accuracy (mIoU to 43.98) and boosts semantic metrics (color/texture/shape to 24.19/26.95/26.75). The cascaded design (✓: prompt–image followed by instance–image; ✗: parallel) resolves global quality degradation while maintaining layout alignment. Using **LoRA** to train Assemble-MMDiT improves performance for two reasons: (1) it retains the base model’s capabilities compared to the fully fine-tuned version, and (2) it enables effective layout control with far fewer trainable parameters by introducing only lightweight low-rank matrices on attention projections. Finally, **DenseSample** further enhances spatial accuracy, instance semantic accuracy and image quality. Together, these refinements progressively collectively optimize layout to image modeling without compromising generation ability.

4.5 Applications

We demonstrate that InstanceAssemble is versatile and applicable to various tasks. It seamlessly integrates with domain-specific LoRA modules for multi-domain style transfer while maintaining layout consistency, as shown in Fig. 8. Our proposed InstanceAssemble can cooperate with distilled models such as Flux.1-Schnell [4], as illustrated in Tab. 2, achieving geometric layout control and detailed synthesis. Our approach demonstrates both style adaptability and computational efficiency, making it well-suited for controllable generative design applications.



Figure 8: **The adaption of Cute3D [52]/ Oil Painting [39]/ Ghibli [38] LoRA with our methods.** The proposed InstanceAssemble successfully adapts diverse style lora and maintaining superior layout alignment.

5 Conclusion

We present InstanceAssemble, a novel approach for Layout-to-Image generation. Our method achieves state-of-the-art layout alignment while maintaining high-quality generation capabilities of DiT-based architectures. We validate InstanceAssemble across textual instance content and additional visual instance content, demonstrating its versatility and robustness. Our layout control scheme also successfully adapts diverse style LoRAs while maintaining superior layout alignment, demonstrating cross-domain generalization capability. Furthermore, we introduce Layout Grounding Score metric and a DenseLayout evaluation dataset to validate performance under complex layout conditions.

Limitations and Future Work While our work advances controllable generation by unifying precise layout control with the expressive power of diffusion models, several limitations remain. First, our design currently requires sequential Assemble-MMDiT calls, which may incur inefficiency; exploring parallelization strategies is an important direction. Second, although our approach is effective under a wide range of layouts, image fidelity can degrade in extremely dense or highly complex cases.

Broader Impacts InstanceAssemble expands the frontier of structured visual synthesis by providing fine-grained layout control and high-quality multimodal generation. However, its powerful generative capabilities may also introduce risks. In particular, malicious use could enable the creation of misleading or deceptive layouts, exacerbating the spread of disinformation. The model may also raise privacy concerns if applied to sensitive data, and like many generative systems, it inherits and may amplify societal biases present in training corpora. We encourage responsible deployment and continued investigation into safeguards that mitigate these risks while enabling beneficial applications in design, education, and accessibility.

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Supplementary Material

A Early-Stage Layout Control in Assemble-MMDiT

We apply the Assemble-MMDiT layout control module exclusively during the initial 30% of the denoising trajectory and deactivate it for the remaining 70%. This two-stage strategy provides robust low-frequency structural guidance in the early stages to facilitate layout alignment, while allowing subsequent unconstrained refinement of high-frequency details during later denoising phases.

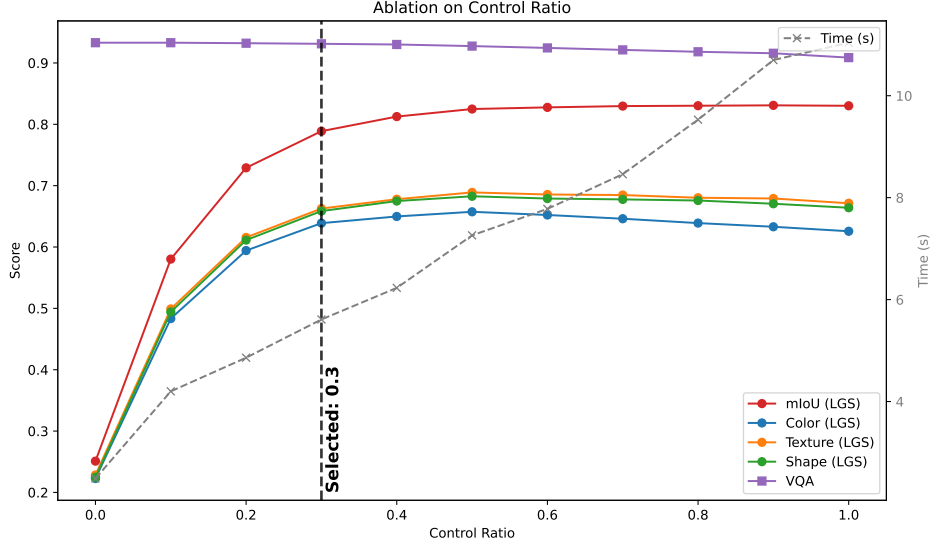


Figure 9: Impact of the proportion of diffusion steps incorporating layout conditioning on generation quality.

As illustrated in Figure 9, restricting layout control to less than 30% of the diffusion process results in insufficient layout alignment with the target bounding boxes. In contrast, extending control beyond this optimal threshold leads to a decline in output quality. Furthermore, increasing the proportion of layout-guided steps results in significant additional computational cost.

B Additional Ablation Studies

B.1 Effect of Bbox Encoding and DenseSample

To clarify the role of bounding box encoding and DenseSample, we further ablated the SD3-M based InstanceAssemble model on DenseLayout. Bounding box embeddings guide correct object placement, while DenseSample provides additional improvements in spatial accuracy and instance-level semantics. The results in Table 6 demonstrate that both components contribute to the overall performance.

Table 6: Ablation on bounding box encoding and DenseSample.

Setting	mIoU↑	color↑	texture↑	shape↑	VQA↑
w/o bbox encoding, w/o DenseSample	51.22	32.15	34.04	33.53	93.30
w/ bbox encoding, w/o DenseSample	51.28	32.68	34.94	34.58	93.33
w/ bbox encoding, w/ DenseSample	52.07	33.77	36.21	35.81	93.54

B.2 Comparison with Attention Mask-based Region Injection

We also compare our Assemble-Attn design with attention mask-based region injection. While both can be viewed as region-wise attention mechanisms, attention masks operate globally and may cause

semantic leakage in overlapping regions. Our method instead applies instance-wise self-attention on cropped latent regions and then fuses the updated features via the Assemble step, which is more effective in dense layouts. As shown in Table 7, our design achieves superior instance attribute consistency and a higher VQA score compared to the attention mask baseline.

Table 7: Comparison between attention mask-based injection and our Assemble-Attn.

Method	spatial↑	color↑	texture↑	shape↑	VQA↑
SD3-Medium (base model)	77.49	60.28	62.55	60.38	93.30
Attention mask (SD3-M)	94.11	74.28	77.58	76.54	91.53
InstanceAssemble (ours, SD3-M)	94.97	77.53	80.72	80.11	93.12

C Underlying data for radar-chart visualizations

In Sections 4.3, we utilized a radar chart to depict each quantitative variable along equi-angular axes, providing an intuitive comparison. This visualization highlights the multifaceted superiority of our method. Here, we present the corresponding raw evaluation results in tabular form. Specifically, Tab. 8 corresponds to Fig. 6, thus ensuring a clear mapping between each radar-chart subfigure and its underlying data.

Table 8: Quantitative results of additional visual content on DenseLayout.

DenseLayout	Layout Grounding Score				Global Quality		
	mIoU↑	color↑	texture↑	shape↑	VQA↑	Pick↑	CLIP↑
Real Images(Upper Bound)	92.35	76.52	80.78	79.78			
text	43.72	26.57	28.56	28.39	93.37	21.63	12.45
text+image	55.29	42.15	44.50	44.24	91.66	22.05	12.95
text+depth	49.64	28.25	31.82	31.62	92.83	21.28	13.25
text+edge	50.73	29.45	33.92	33.84	90.13	21.26	13.55

D More Details on DenseLayout Evaluation Dataset

D.1 Construction Pipeline of DenseLayout Dataset

The DenseLayout dataset is constructed through a multi-stage pipeline designed to extract high-density and semantically-rich layout information from synthetic images. The pipeline includes following steps:

1. **Image Generation using Flux.1-Dev [4]**

A diverse set of synthetic images is generated using Flux.1-Dev, a text-to-image model. The input prompts are generic textual descriptions, sampled from the LayoutSAM dataset, which is based on SA-1B. The images are resized to maintain the same aspect ratio as the original SA-1B images, with the longer edge set to 1024 pixels. This step provides a visually complex base for extracting layout structures.

2. **Multi-label Tagging using RAM++ [24]**

The generated images are tagged using RAM++, the next-generation model of RAM, which supports open-set recognition. These tags offer high-level semantic guidance for subsequent grounding.

3. **Object Detection via GroundingDINO [35]**

Using the image and its predicted tags as input, GroundingDINO performs open-set object detection. It outputs bounding boxes and class labels for all detected entities. The detection is configured with a `box_threshold` of 0.35 and a `text_threshold` of 0.25. Each detected bounding box is treated as an **instance bounding box**, and the corresponding predicted label is recorded as the **instance description**.

4. **Detailed Captioning with Qwen2.5-VL [43]**

Each bounding box region is cropped from the original image and fed into Qwen2.5-VL

to generate a fine-grained caption. These region-level captions are stored as the **detailed description** for each instance, enriching the semantic information beyond category labels.

5. Density Filtering

To ensure high layout complexity, only images with 15 or more detected instances (as output by GroundingDINO) are retained. This results in a dense layout distribution suitable for layout-conditioned generation tasks. The distribution of instance count is shown in Fig. 10.

Finally, the DenseLayout dataset contains **5,000 images** and **90,339 instances**, with an average of **18.1 instances per image**.

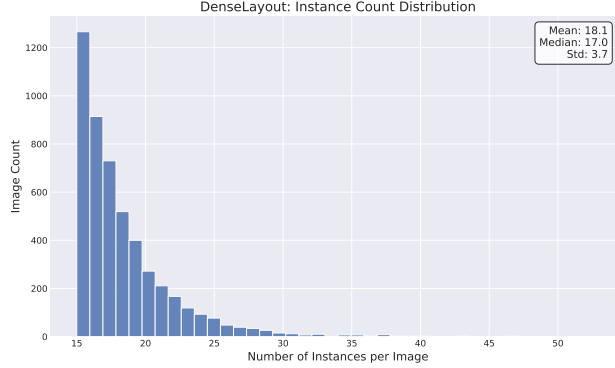


Figure 10: Instance count distribution per image in DenseLayout.

Annotation Format. The annotation for each image consists of:

- **global_caption**: the original prompt used for image generation.
- **image_info**: metadata of the image, including height and width.
- **instance_info**: a list of instances, each with:
 - **bbox**: the bounding box of the instance, formatting as $[x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2]$.
 - **description**: the category label predicted by GroundingDINO.
 - **detail_description**: a fine-grained caption generated by Qwen2.5-VL for the cropped region.

D.2 Samples of DenseLayout Dataset



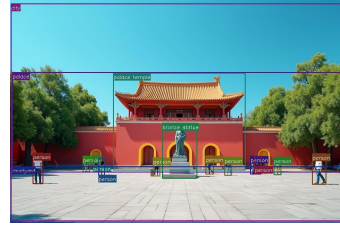
Figure 11: A sample of DenseLayout and its annotation.



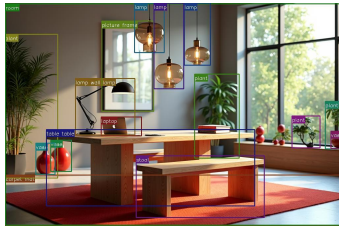
This is a photo showcasing a traditional Chinese-style pavilion and boats on the river. The pavilion is located on the right side of the picture, with a beautifully decorated roof and a golden plaque hanging in the middle. In front of the pavilion is a row of wooden boats, each with a red flag hanging on it, and people are gathered on the boat dock. The river is calm, and the sky is clear, with a few clouds leisurely drifting by.



This is a photo depicting a traditional Asian floating market scene. In the picture, two women are sitting in their respective boats, each wearing a traditional conical hat, and dressed in brightly colored traditional clothing. The woman on the left is wearing a blue top and a dark skirt, while the woman on the right is wearing a yellow top and a light-colored skirt. Their boats are filled with a variety of goods, including fresh flowers, fruits, and other food items. The boats are adorned with bright colored cloths, adding a festive atmosphere to the scene. The entire scene is captured under natural light, presenting a tranquil and vibrant market atmosphere.



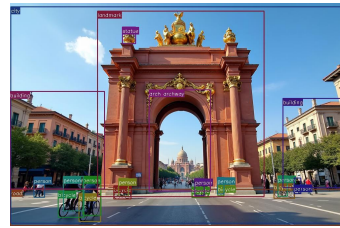
This is a photo showcasing a Chinese-style building and a statue. The building is brightly colored, with a red roof and a yellow door, and the statue is located in front of the building, standing on a pedestal. The surrounding environment is a spacious square, with several pedestrians walking around the building. The background is a clear blue sky and lush trees.



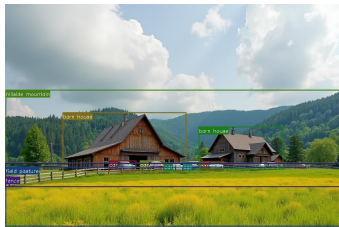
This is a photo showcasing a modern interior design style, with the focus on a spacious and bright room. The room is furnished with wooden furniture, including a long wooden table and a matching wooden bench. On the table, there are some books and a laptop, while on the bench, there is a black desk lamp. The room's lighting comes from several minimalist chandeliers and a large window, through which you can see the green plants outside. The floor is covered with a red carpet, and there are several decorations on the floor, including a red vase and a decorative sculpture. The entire scene is illuminated by natural light, creating a warm and comfortable atmosphere.



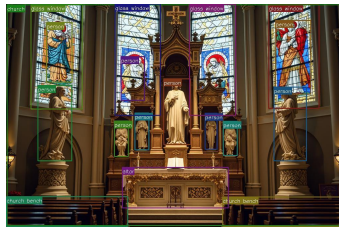
This is a realistic-style photograph depicting a city street scene after a flood. In the photo, vehicles and pedestrians are struggling to navigate through the flooded streets. A yellow tricycle is parked in the middle of the street, surrounded by vehicles covered with blue waterproof cloth. Pedestrians are using umbrellas to shield themselves from the rain, some are pushing bicycles, while others are walking. The buildings on both sides of the street are also submerged in water, and the wires and poles above the street are also submerged, adding to the severity of the flooding. The entire scene is shrouded in a gloomy atmosphere, with no sunlight piercing through the clouds.



This is a photograph showcasing a famous archway in a city. The archway is a reddish-brown structure, adorned with golden decorations and sculptures, and its design is very intricate. The archway is located on a wide street, with pedestrians and cyclists weaving through the road. The sky is clear, with a few clouds scattered in the blue sky. The buildings in the background have a Mediterranean style, with the domes of some buildings visible in the distance.



This is a photo showcasing a rural landscape, with a grassland in the foreground, its surface presenting a vivid green and yellow color. On the grassland, there are several wooden buildings, including a larger barn and a smaller house, both with traditional wooden structures and roofs. In front of the buildings, there is a row of wooden fences, with a few cars parked in front of the fence. In the background, the hills are covered with dense trees, and the sky is filled with white clouds, presenting a tranquil and peaceful rural atmosphere.



This is a photo showcasing the interior of a church, with the focus on a magnificent sculpture located in the center of the altar. The sculpture depicts a figure in a long robe, holding a cross, with a solemn expression. The sculpture is surrounded by exquisite statues and decorative elements, including a statue of a figure holding a cross and a figure in a helmet. The altar is decorated with complex geometric patterns and floral designs, and the walls are adorned with colorful stained glass windows, through which the light from outside shines in, adding a warm and sacred atmosphere to the interior.



This is a photo showcasing a modern urban square. The square is spacious, with a modern-style building in the center, its exterior composed of glass and metal structures. The square is paved with grey slabs, with several sets of stairs and benches for people to rest. The square is surrounded by several buildings of different architectural styles, including red brick buildings and modern glass curtain walls. There are a few pedestrians on the square, some are walking, some are sitting on benches, enjoying the sunshine. The sky is clear, with a few white clouds scattered in the blue sky.

Figure 12: Representative samples from DenseLayout dataset demonstrating: (a) High-density scene with ≥ 15 instances, (b) Complex instance relationships with precise attribute specifications.

E More results with textual-only content

E.1 InstanceAssemble based on SD3-Medium

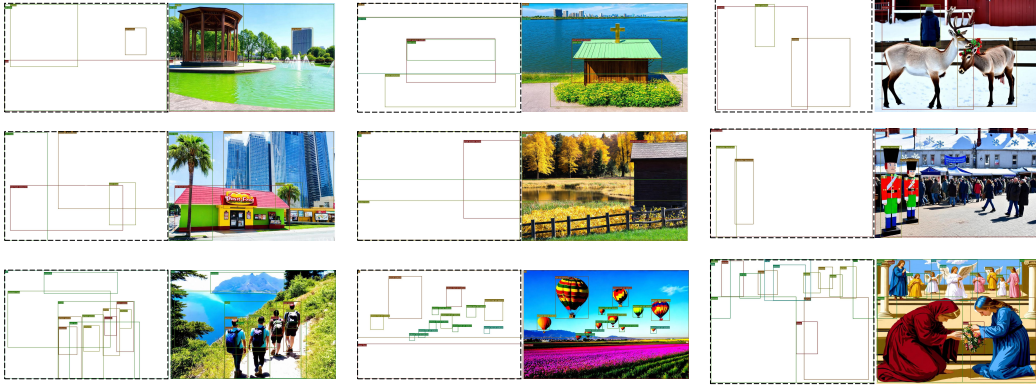


Figure 13: More results of InstanceAssemble based on SD3-Medium with textual-only content.

E.2 InstanceAssemble based on Flux.1-Dev

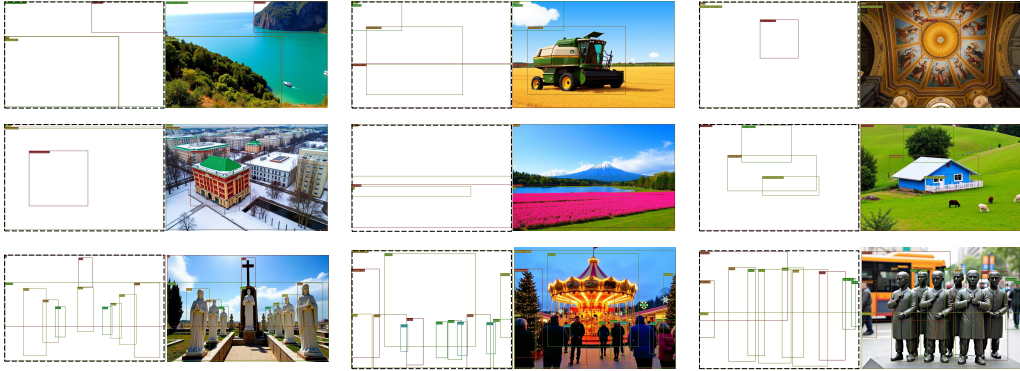


Figure 14: More results of InstanceAssemble based on Flux.1-Dev with textual-only content.

E.3 InstanceAssemble based on Flux.1-Schnell

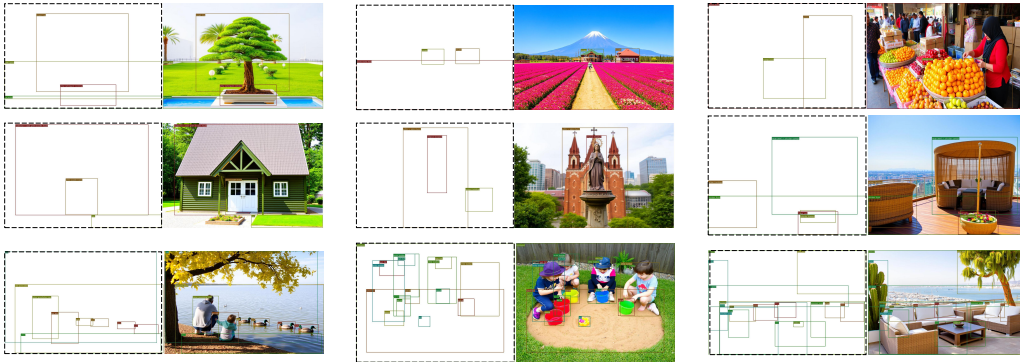


Figure 15: More results of InstanceAssemble based on Flux.1-Schnell with textual-only content.

F More results with additional visual content

F.1 Additional Image

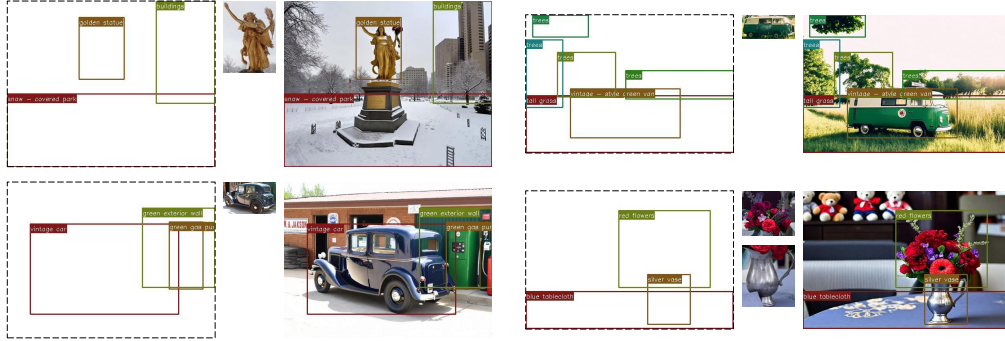


Figure 16: More results with additional image.

F.2 Additional Depth

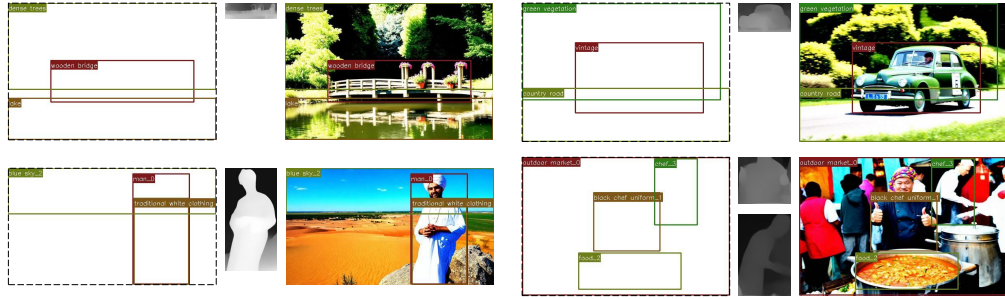


Figure 17: More results with additional depth.

F.3 Additional Edge

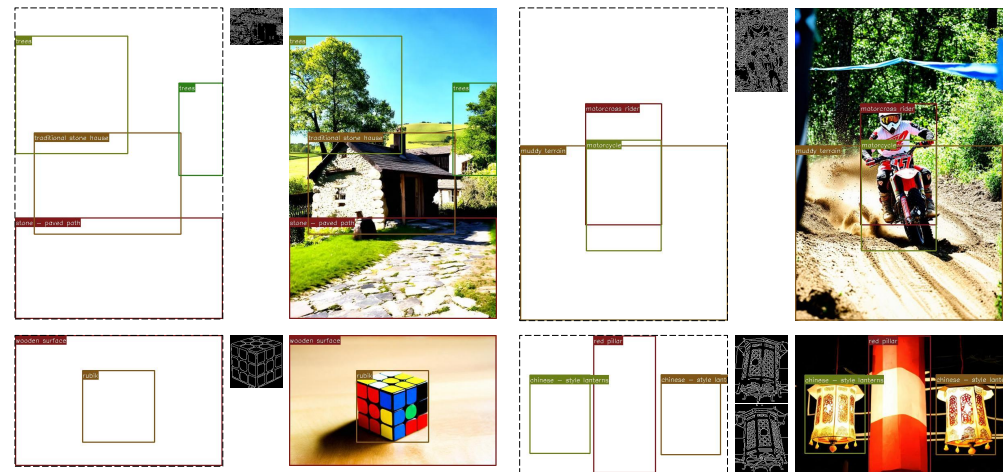


Figure 18: More results with additional edge.