

X gives Grok a new photorealistic AI image generator

X has given Grok a new AI image generator model called “Aurora” that seems to create far more photorealistic imagery than Grok’s other image generator, with similarly few apparent restrictions on what it will produce, *TechCrunch* reports. Like Grok, anyone can use Aurora. It lives in a new “Grok 2 + Aurora beta” option in the Grok model selector, though you’ll only get a few queries before you hit the X Premium subscription paywall and have to wait.

TechCrunch found that the model, which X employee Chris Park posted is available this morning, was willing to create copyrighted characters and public figures, including Mickey Mouse and “a bloodied Donald Trump,” but that it “stopped short of nudes.” Its lack of restrictions isn’t surprising, given our experience with Grok’s other model.

In another example highlighted by *TechCrunch*, an X user showed off AI-generated images of Ray Romano and Adam Sandler in the X post below – both realistic, but with some very obvious weirdness when it comes to human anatomy and continuity.

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