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Qwen-Image

The Insider's Guide

Open-weights image model for text rendering and image editing



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among AI image and video generators, read from Qwen-Image's own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from Qwen-Image's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on Qwen-Image's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 63 of the 168 other AI image and video generators we grade

Qwen-Image is a family of image generation and editing models from the Qwen team. The weights are published under the Apache-2.0 license so they can be run on your own hardware, and the same models are offered in the Qwen Chat web app under its image generation and editing options.

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> **The hosted option's limits were not readable.**
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> From our report card of Qwen-Image

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about Qwen-Image**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

1 **Best for open-weights image model for text and editing**

Qwen-Image is an open-weights image model known for putting text into pictures, with editing too.

2 **It is free**

Qwen-Image has no paid plan at all. The model weights are free to download and run under the Apache-2.0 license; you supply the hardware.

3 **It runs on Web**

Web.

4 **Text rendering**

The project describes strong rendering of text inside images, especially Chinese, and newer releases add typography for posters and infographics.

5 **Image editing**

Separate Qwen-Image-Edit releases cover editing, with multi-image input in the 2511 version.

6 **Open weights**

Weights for Qwen-Image, Qwen-Image-2512 and the edit models are released on Hugging Face and ModelScope.

7 **A 2.2 GPA, above 63 of 168**

That is against the other AI image and video generators we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

Qwen-Image is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

Qwen-Image at a glance

PRICING Free	FREE PLAN Yes
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web
MADE BY Qwen (QwenLM)	CATEGORY AI Image & Video Generators
OUR GRADE 2.2 GPA, fair	

The report card

Best for open-weights image model for text and editing

Qwen-Image is an open-weights image model known for putting text into pictures, with editing too. The weights are free under Apache-2.0, but you need a capable GPU and a Python setup. The hosted option's limits were not readable.

TOOLGPA REPORT CARD **Qwen-Image** Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	The weights are free, but you supply the hardware. Self-hosting needs a capable GPU, so it is not free in the way a download-and-run program is.
Free plan and trial	B	The weights are free to download under Apache-2.0 with no cap. The cost is your own GPU, and hosted limits were not readable.
Features	C	Text rendering, image editing and tool support, with 2K output in 2.0. The 2.0 weights are not confirmed as open in the README.
Ease of use	D	No store rating on record. The quick start uses Diffusers and PyTorch, which means Python and a GPU.
Platforms and integrations	B	A model rather than an app, with ComfyUI, Hugging Face, ModelScope, Diffusers, vLLM-Omni and SGLang listed.
Grade point average		Fair, out of 4.0 **2.2**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who Qwen-Image is for

- ✓ Fits if you have a GPU and want to run an image model yourself
- ✓ Works for developers who want text drawn inside pictures

Who it is not for

- ✗ Not for you if you have no GPU, since local use needs a capable one
- ✗ Skip it if you do not code, as the quick start is Python with Diffusers and PyTorch
- ✗ Watch out: the README says the official demo is heavily used and points to third-party hosts
- ✗ Watch out: the 2.0 model is announced there but its weights are not confirmed as open

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Developers who want to run an image model on their own GPUs
- ✓ Designs that need legible text in the picture, including Chinese
- ✓ Researchers and tinkerers who want to fine-tune with LoRAs

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Running the model locally needs a capable GPU and a Python setup; the quick start uses Diffusers and PyTorch.
- ⓘ Hosted use goes through Qwen Chat; its limits and any paid tiers were not readable, so they are not recorded here.
- ⓘ The README says demand on the official demo is heavy and points to third-party hosts such as DashScope, WaveSpeed and LibLib.
- ⓘ The newest 2.0 model is announced in the README; its weights are not confirmed there as open.

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

Free

No paid plan at all

Qwen-Image is free to use.

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> **The weights are free, but you supply the hardware.**
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> From our grade for value for money

OPEN WEIGHTS

$0

Download the weights from Hugging Face or ModelScope and run them yourself; hardware costs are yours.

The free plan

The model weights are free to download and run under the Apache-2.0 license; you supply the hardware.

Read from github.com on Nov 13, 2026.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Place it runs: Web

Open-weights image model for text rendering and image editing. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: open source, self-hostable, image generation.

> **A model rather than an app, with ComfyUI, Hugging Face, ModelScope, Diffusers, vLLM-Omni and SGLang listed.**
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> From our grade for platforms and integrations

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Image editing

Separate Qwen-Image-Edit releases cover editing, with multi-image input in the 2511 version.

Open weights

Weights for Qwen-Image, Qwen-Image-2512 and the edit models are released on Hugging Face and ModelScope.

Native 2K output in 2.0

Qwen-Image-2.0, announced in February 2026, is described as supporting native 2K resolution and 1,000-token instructions.

Tool support

The README lists support in ComfyUI, Diffusers, vLLM-Omni, SGLang-Diffusion and LoRA fine-tunes.

Where it runs

Web

What it works with

ComfyUI
Hugging Face
ModelScope
Diffusers
vLLM-Omni
SGLang

Qwen-Image is made by Qwen (QwenLM).

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Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

63/168

Other AI image and video generators it is graded above

Qwen-Image's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 63 of the 168 other AI image and video generators we grade, and level with 42.

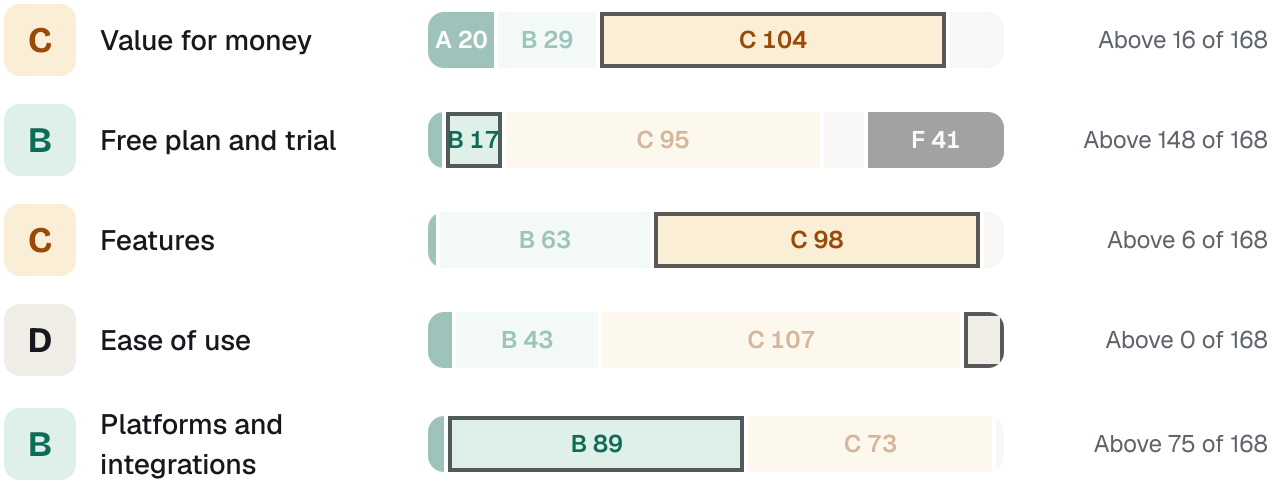
It stands best on free plan and trial (B, above 148 of 168) and worst on ease of use (D, above 0).

Qwen-Image has no paid plan.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.0 out of 4, and no tool on the category's chart scores higher without costing more.

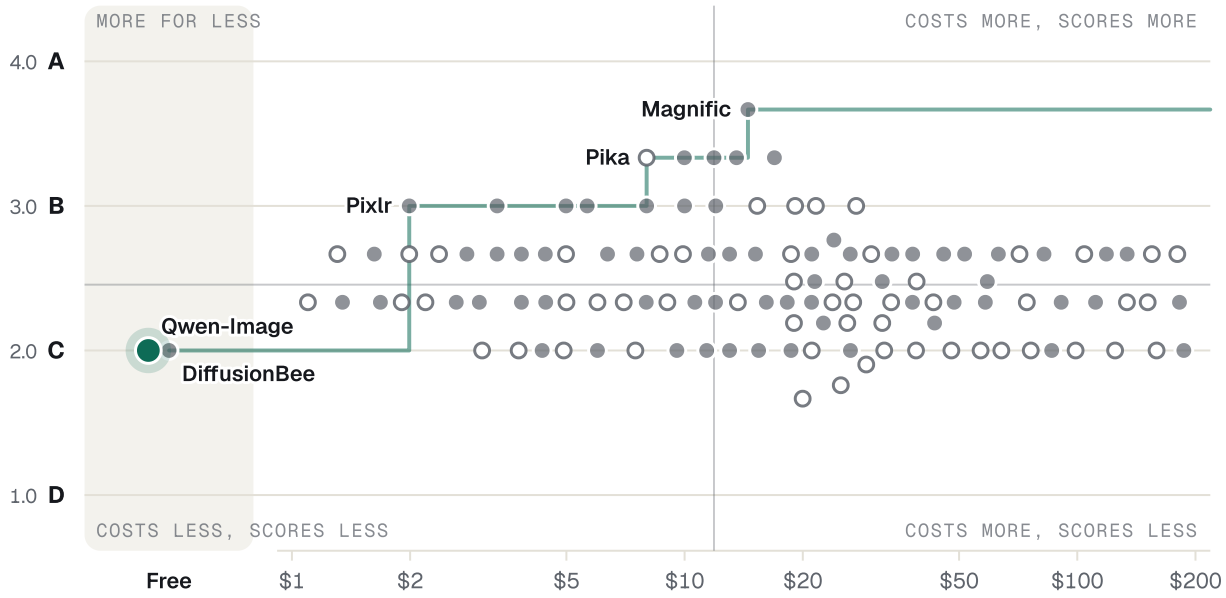
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 169 AI image and video generators we grade, cut by the letter each got. Qwen-Image's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 123 AI image and video generators. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. Qwen-Image is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

Qwen-Image is free, so making your own would save you nothing.

And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

What you could not

- ✕ An image model, which you can rent by the picture but not make.
- ✕ It plugs into other products, ComfyUI, Hugging Face and ModelScope among them.

What this rests on. Qwen-Image's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



FLUX by Black Forest Labs, Stability AI, Seedream, Hunyuan and ComfyUI

The 5 tools Qwen-Image is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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FLUX by Black Forest Labs

Free plan

FLUX image and video models, paid per use via API and playground.

- Qwen-Image is open source, according to its own site.
- FLUX by Black Forest Labs also covers video generation.

Qwen-Image and FLUX by Black Forest Labs compared in full

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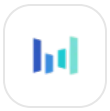
Stability AI

Free plan

Stable Diffusion image models to self-host or call through an API.

- Qwen-Image is open source, according to its own site.
- Stability AI also covers video generation.

Qwen-Image and Stability AI compared in full



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Seedream

From $13.99

ByteDance's image generation and editing model, sold by the image.

- Qwen-Image has a free plan. Seedream does not.
- Qwen-Image is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.

Qwen-Image and Seedream compared in full



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Hunyuan

Paid

Tencent's model family, with an image model in preview.

- Qwen-Image has a free plan. Hunyuan does not.
- Qwen-Image is open source and self-hostable, according to its own site.
- Hunyuan also covers transcription and chat assistant.

Qwen-Image and Hunyuan compared in full



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ComfyUI

Free plan · from $16/mo

Open-source node editor for image and video AI workflows, plus a cloud.

- Only ComfyUI lists Windows, macOS and Linux apps.
- Qwen-Image is self-hostable, according to its own site.
- ComfyUI also covers AI agents and video generation.

Qwen-Image and ComfyUI compared in full

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is Qwen-Image free?

Yes. Qwen-Image is free to use.

How much does Qwen-Image cost?

Qwen-Image lists one plan. Open weights: $0.

What platforms does Qwen-Image work on?

Qwen-Image is available on Web.

Does Qwen-Image have an Android app?

No Android app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Qwen-Image is listed for Web.

Does Qwen-Image have an iPhone app?

No iPhone app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. Qwen-Image is listed for Web.

Is Qwen-Image open source?

Yes. Qwen-Image is open source, according to its own site.

What does Qwen-Image integrate with?

Qwen-Image's listing names ComfyUI, Hugging Face, ModelScope, Diffusers, vLLM-Omni and SGLang.

Who makes Qwen-Image?

Qwen-Image is made by Qwen (QwenLM).

What are the alternatives to Qwen-Image?

The closest alternatives to Qwen-Image in our directory are FLUX by Black Forest Labs, Stability AI, Seedream, Hunyuan and ComfyUI.

How does Qwen-Image compare with other AI image and video generators?

Qwen-Image's GPA of 2.2 is higher than 63 of the 168 other AI image and video generators we grade, and level with 42.

Is Qwen-Image good value for money?

ToolGPA grades Qwen-Image C for value for money. Qwen-Image has no paid plan.

Could I make my own version of Qwen-Image?

Qwen-Image is free, so making your own would save you nothing. And it is not the kind of software a weekend replaces.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from Qwen-Image's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from Qwen (QwenLM)'s own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by Qwen (QwenLM). Prices change, so check qwen.ai before you buy.

github.com/QwenLM/Qwen-Image qwen.ai

PART 07 · ABOUT

About ToolGPA

Who made this guide, what else is on the site, and how to cite it

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

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tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

Qwen-Image, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/qwen-image

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Browser photo editors with AI image, video and audio tools

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Adobe Firefly Insider's Guide

Adobe's image, video and audio generator, with partner models

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ComfyUI Insider's Guide

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