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Research Paper Summarization

Using RAG MODEL



INTRODUCTION

Problem Statement:

- Reading and understanding lengthy research papers is time-consuming. Students and researchers often need quick summaries and answers to specific questions.

End User Requirement:

- Quick, accurate, and easy-to-read summaries of lengthy and technical research papers.
- User must be able to choose whether he/she needs short, medium or lengthy summaries based on their time span.
- User must be able to search for the meaning of the word that he finds difficult.
- He must get accurate answers for the questions he poses.

Abstract :

This project focuses on developing an AI-based web application that generates a detailed summary of PDF documents using Large Language Model (LLM) and RAG Model. The main objective is to help users quickly understand lengthy documents without reading them completely. The project uses Python (FastAPI) for backend, Machine Learning models like Google Gemini Pro for text summarization, and ReactJS for frontend. The solution enhances user productivity, especially for students and researchers handling large amounts of content.

Objectives:

- Reduce time spent on initial research review.
- Enhance understanding of complex topics through concise summaries.
- Offer tailored summarization options (short, medium, long).
- Simplify exploration of unknown terms via integrated tools.

Technology Stack:

- Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
 - FIASS as Vector Database
 - Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)
 - Large Language Models (LLMs) – Google Gemini Pro



REQUIREMENT

Outcome:

A web-based, intelligent summarization tool for academic content that simplifies and accelerates the research process.

Key Features:

- Automated summarization of uploaded research papers (PDF, DOC):**

Enables users to upload various document formats and receive instant, AI-generated summaries.

- Adjustable summary length (short / medium / detailed):**

Allows users to choose the depth of the summary based on their needs—quick scan or deep understanding.

- Dark and light mode themes:**

Enhances user comfort and accessibility through customizable display preferences.

- Built-in academic dictionary :**

Offers clear definitions of technical terms to aid comprehension, especially for interdisciplinary readers.

- User feedback submission for improvement:**

Collects input from users to refine summaries and enhance future platform updates.

- Summarization history :**

History of the summaries is also stored..

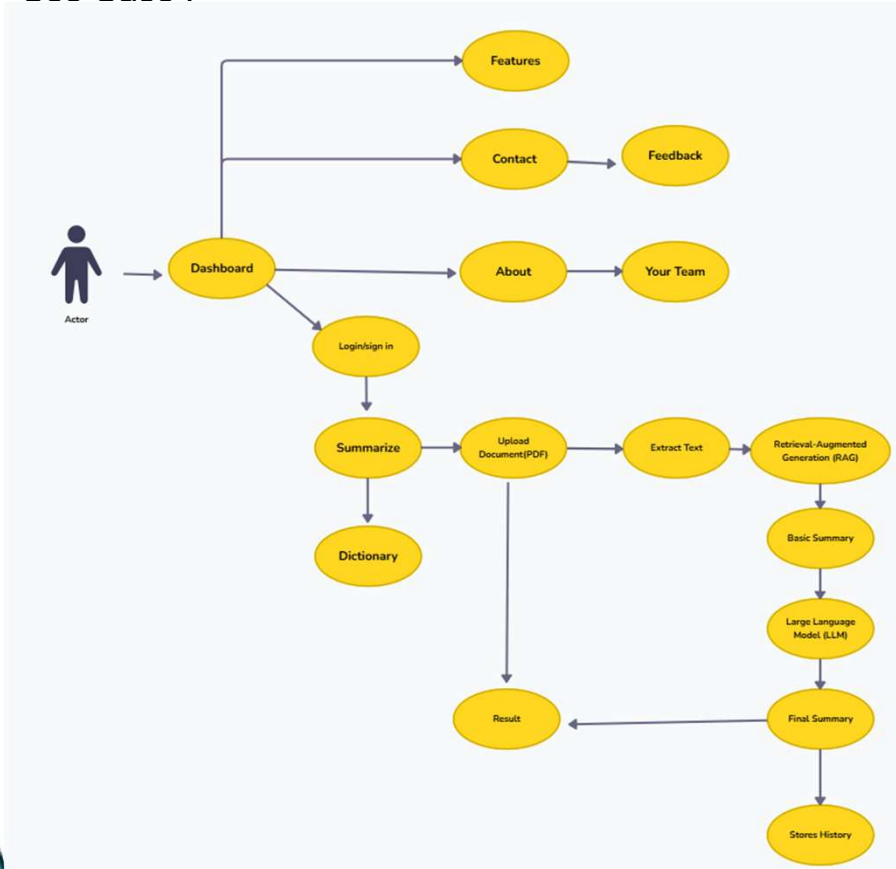
- AI-powered chatbot for Q&A based on uploaded content:**

Provides interactive assistance and answers user queries derived directly from the research paper content.

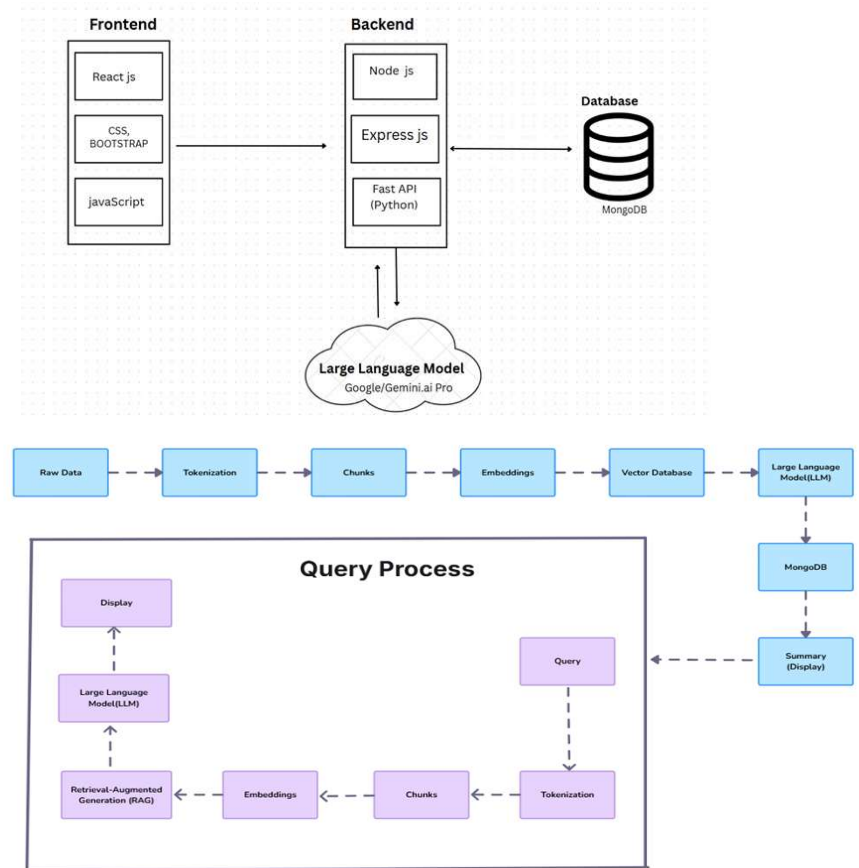
- Text to Speech :**

The generated summary is converted to speech.

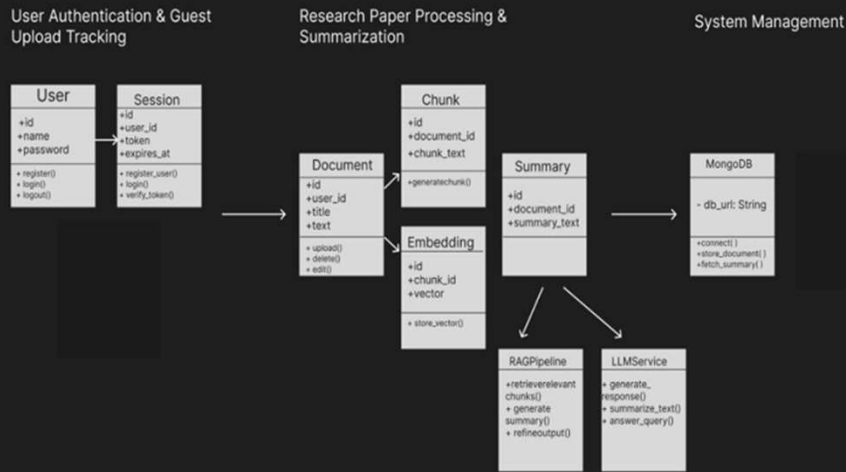
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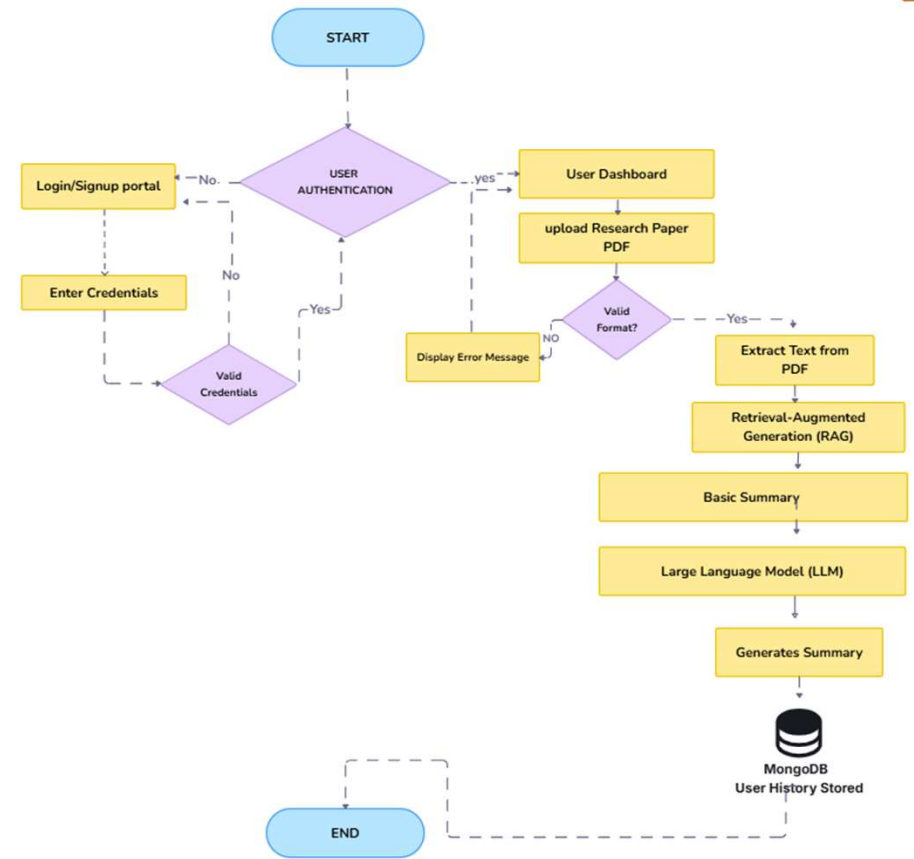
Architecture :



CLASS DIAGRAM :



FlowChart:



DataBase Design:





DEVELOPMENT

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Simply upload your research paper in PDF format or provide a DOI

2 AI Processing

Our advanced algorithms analyze the content and extract key information

3 Get Your Summary

Receive a concise summary with main points, methods, and findings

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Common Research Paper Questions

What is a research paper?

Why are research papers important?

What does a research paper include?

Who writes research papers?

How is a research paper different from an essay?

Where can you find research papers?

Product

Features

Pricing

API

Examples

Resources

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History

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Research Summarizer

Hide History

Upload your paper and get a concise summary with key advantages and limitations, or select a previous upload from history to view its summary.

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Select summary length:

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Summary

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This study examines the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on college students' experiences and expectations using survey data from approximately 1,500 undergraduates at a large US public university. The survey design allowed researchers to compare students' current reality with their anticipated circumstances had the pandemic not occurred, thereby isolating the pandemic's causal effects. Key findings reveal widespread negative impacts, including 11% of students delaying graduation, 40% experiencing job or internship losses, and 29% anticipating lower earnings at age 35. Academically, while roughly half the students reported decreased study time and performance, significant heterogeneity existed, with some increasing study time considerably...

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Q&A: Ask Questions

A: The Impact of COVID-19 on Student Experiences and Expectations: Evidence from a Survey.

[Title of the research paper](#)

A: Something went wrong

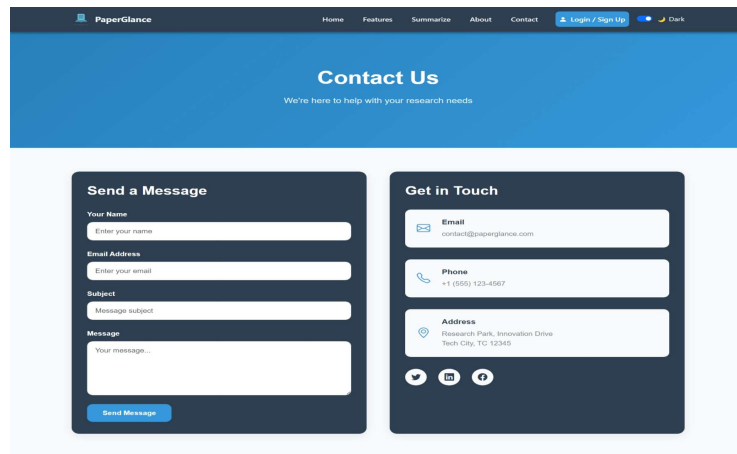
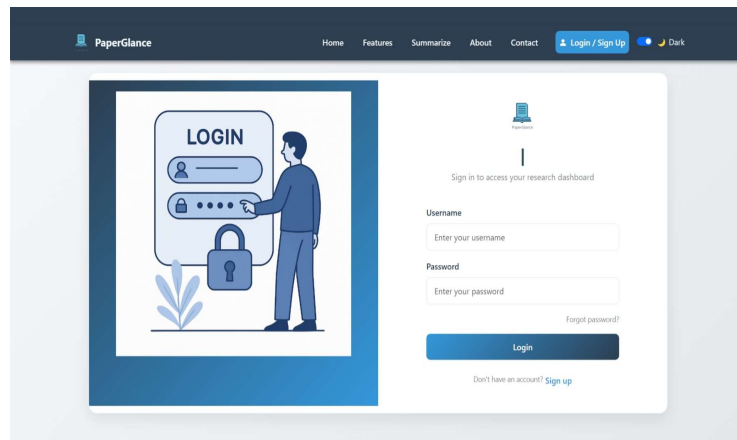
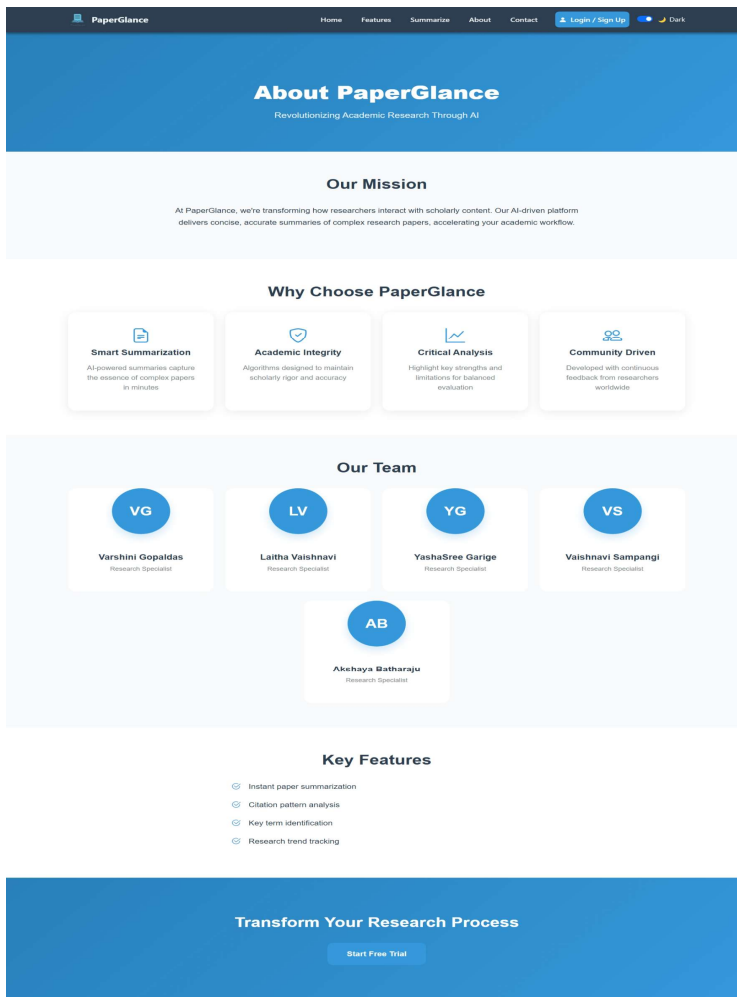
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A: Data & Methodology: - Uses survey data to examine COVID-19 impact on student experiences. - Employs rigorous econometric analysis. Key Findings: - Identifies heterogeneous impacts across student subgroups. - Suggests policy focus on mitigating economic/health burdens on prevent widening achievement gaps. Contribution: - Provides timely insights into the effects of the pandemic on higher education. - Offers policy recommendations for addressing these challenges.

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Ask a Question

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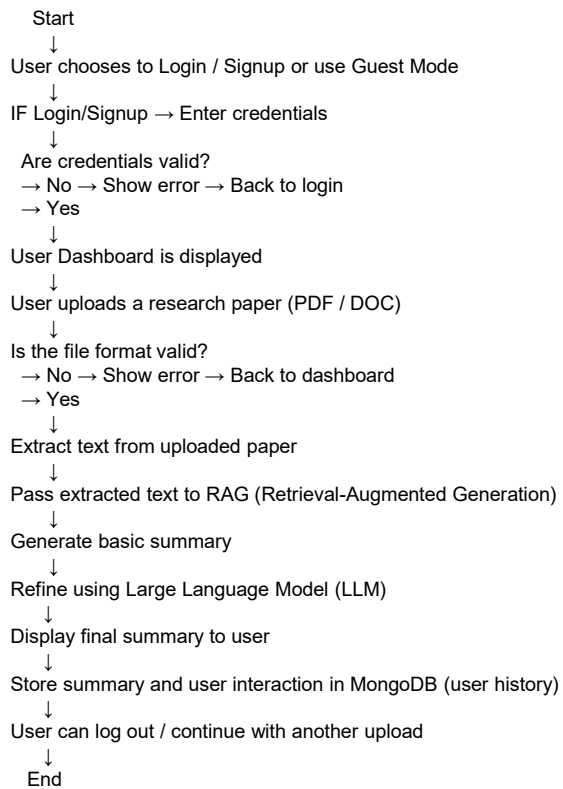




Tools and Frameworks Used:

- NLP & ML:** Google/Gemini pro 1.5
- Frontend:** React, Bootstrap, CSS Modules
- Backend:** FastAPI
- Database:** MongoDB
- Others:** Git, Postman, Google Colab, Figma (for UI prototypes)

Workflow:





Frontend Pseudo code

SummarizePage.js

api.js

```
SET API_URL = "http://localhost:8000"
```

```
FUNCTION uploadFile(file):  
  CREATE formData with file  
  TRY:  
    POST to API_URL + "/upload" with formData  
    RETURN response.data  
  CATCH:  
    LOG error  
    THROW "File upload failed"
```

```
FUNCTION getSummary(query):  
  TRY:  
    POST to API_URL + "/summarize" with query  
    RETURN response.data  
  CATCH:  
    LOG error  
    THROW "Summary generation failed"
```

```
INITIALIZE state:  
  isDragging, fileName, file, showHistory, loading,  
  summaryResult, error,  
  summaryLength = "medium", fileUploaded, historyItems,  
  copiedText, selectedHistoryItem
```

```
ON MOUNT:  
  FETCH history from "/summaries/"
```

```
FUNCTION fetchHistory():  
  GET "/summaries/"  
  MAP response to historyItems with id, name, date,  
  summary, advantages, disadvantages, insights
```

```
FUNCTION handleHistoryItemClick(item):  
  SET selectedHistoryItem = item  
  SET summaryResult = item data  
  CLEAR error, file, fileName, fileUploaded
```

```
FUNCTION handleDownloadSummary():  
  POST summaryResult.summary to "/download-summary/"  
  CREATE and TRIGGER PDF download
```

```
FUNCTION handleDeleteHistoryItem(id):  
  DELETE "/delete-summary/" + id  
  REMOVE id from historyItems  
  IF selected, CLEAR selectedHistoryItem, summaryResult
```

```
FUNCTION handleDragOver():  
  SET isDragging = true
```

```
FUNCTION handleDragLeave():  
  SET isDragging = false
```

```
FUNCTION handleDrop(event):  
  SET file, fileName from dropped file  
  CLEAR summaryResult, error, selectedHistoryItem  
  SET fileUploaded = true  
  CALL handleUpload(file)
```

```
FUNCTION handleFileChange(event):  
  IF file type valid (PDF, DOC, DOCX):  
    SET file, fileName  
    CLEAR summaryResult, error,  
    selectedHistoryItem  
    SET fileUploaded = true  
    CALL handleUpload(file)  
  ELSE:  
    SET error = "Unsupported file type"
```

```
FUNCTION handleUpload(file):  
  POST file to "/upload/"  
  ADD new item to historyItems
```

```
FUNCTION handleSummarize():  
  IF no file, RETURN  
  SET loading = true  
  POST file, summaryLength to "/summarize"  
  IF success:  
    SET summaryResult with response data  
    CLEAR selectedHistoryItem  
  ELSE:  
    SET error  
    SET loading = false
```

```
FUNCTION handleSummaryLengthChange(length):  
  SET summaryLength = length
```

```
FUNCTION handleCopyText(text):  
  COPY text to clipboard  
  SET copiedText = true, RESET after 2s
```

```
RENDER:  
  SHOW sidebar (if showHistory) with historyItems  
  SHOW main content:  
    File upload (if no selectedHistoryItem)  
    Summary length buttons (if fileUploaded)  
    Summarize button (if no selectedHistoryItem)  
    Error message (if error)  
    Summary output (if summaryResult) with  
    download, copy, TextToVoice  
    ChatBox (if summaryResult.summary)  
    DictionaryWidget
```



Backend Pseudo code

llm_utils.py

```
SET MODEL = "gemini-1.5-pro"

FUNCTION get_valid_headers():
  FOR each api_key in API_KEYS:
    TRY:
      POST test request to Gemini API with api_key
      IF status == 200:
        RETURN api_key
    CATCH:
      LOG error
  THROW "All API keys failed"

FUNCTION clean_summary(summary):
  REMOVE markdown headers, bold, italic
  NORMALIZE bullet points to "- "
  REMOVE HTML tags, chatty phrases
  NORMALIZE whitespace
  RETURN cleaned summary

FUNCTION summarize_with_llm(chunks,
  summary_length="medium"):
  SET prompt based on summary_length:
    short: 1-2 sentences, use first 5 chunks
    medium: 2-3 paragraphs, use first 10 chunks
    long: 6-8 paragraphs with headings, use all chunks
    default: medium
  CREATE payload with prompt
  GET valid api_key
  TRY:
    POST to Gemini API with payload
    EXTRACT raw_summary
    RETURN
  format_summary(clean_summary(raw_summary),
  summary_length)
  CATCH:
    LOG error
    THROW "Error summarizing"
```

```
FUNCTION ask_question(question, top_chunks):
  SET prompt:
    IF question contains "title", "author", etc.:
      Brief answer (max 50 words)
    ELSE:
      Concise bullet points with headings (max 100 words)
  CREATE payload with prompt
  GET valid api_key
  TRY:
    POST to Gemini API with payload
    RETURN format_summary(clean_summary(raw_answer))
  CATCH:
    LOG error
    THROW "Error answering"

FUNCTION format_summary(summary, summary_length="medium"):
  IF summary_length == "short":
    TRUNCATE to 100 words
  SPLIT into sections
  FORMAT sections with headings and normalized bullet points
  RETURN formatted summary
```

rag_utils.py

```
SET CHUNK_SIZE = 150
SET CHUNK_OVERLAP = 25
INITIALIZE embedder = SentenceTransformer('all-MiniLM-L6-v2')

FUNCTION chunk_text(text):
  SPLIT text into words
  RETURN chunks of CHUNK_SIZE with CHUNK_OVERLAP

FUNCTION process_pdf(pdf_path):
  OPEN PDF with fitz
  EXTRACT text from all pages
  CREATE chunks using chunk_text
  GENERATE embeddings with embedder
  CREATE FAISS index with embeddings
  RETURN chunks, index

FUNCTION get_top_chunks(query, chunks, index, top_k=5):
  ENCODE query with embedder
  SEARCH index for top_k closest chunks
  RETURN corresponding chunks
```



main.py

```
INITIALIZE FastAPI app
CONFIGURE CORS, logging, wkhtmltopdf
SET UPLOAD_DIR = "uploads"
CONNECT to MongoDB with collections: papers, summaries
```

```
ROUTE POST /upload:
    SAVE uploaded file to UPLOAD_DIR
    PROCESS PDF to get chunks, index
    GENERATE summary with summarize_with_llm
    SAVE index to pickle file
    INSERT paper document to papers_collection
    INSERT summary document to summaries_collection
    RETURN paper_id, filename, summary, date
```

```
ROUTE POST /summarize:
    SAVE uploaded file
    PROCESS PDF to get chunks, index
    GENERATE summary with summarize_with_llm(summary_length)
    SAVE index to pickle file
    INSERT paper and summary documents
    RETURN paper_id, summary, empty advantages/disadvantages/insights
```

```
ROUTE GET /summaries:
    FETCH up to limit summaries, sorted by created_at
    FOR each summary:
        ADD paper details (filename, upload_date)
        CONVERT IDs to strings
    RETURN summaries
```

```
ROUTE POST /chat:
    VALIDATE question, paper_id
    IF no paper_id, USE most recent paper
    FETCH paper by paper_id
    IF no chunks/index, PROCESS PDF
    GET top 3 chunks for question
    GENERATE answer with ask_question
    RETURN answer
```

```
ROUTE POST /download-summary:
    RECEIVE summary_text
    CREATE HTML with summary_text
    CONVERT to PDF using pdfkit
    RETURN PDF file
```

```
ROUTE DELETE /delete-summary/{summary_id}:
    DELETE summary by summary_id
    IF not found, THROW 404
    RETURN success message
```

```
ROUTE POST /api/define:
    CORRECT word spelling
    FETCH definition from dictionary API
    IF found:
        RETURN word, suggested correction, definitions
    ELSE:
        RETURN 404 error
```



PROJECT OUTCOME

Achievements

• **Developed** :Delivered a working version of the application that demonstrates core features, user flow.

• **Successfully handled summarization of research Paper across domains**

Achieved reliable and context-aware summarization for a wide range of topics including computer science, engineering, and social sciences.

• **Integrated helpful utilities .**

- ❖ Helps researchers, students, and professionals quickly understand key insights, saving time and boosting efficiency.
- ❖ Personalized User Experience : history tracking, saved summaries, and customization options like summary length and voice mode.
- ❖ Enhanced Accessibility : Voice input and text-to-speech features improve usability for differently-abled users and those preferring audio output.
- ❖ Multilingual Document Summarization : Allows uploading papers in any language (e.g., Telugu) and generates summaries in English, enabling cross-language understanding of academic content.
- ❖ Interactive Learning Environment : AI Chat Board supports conversation-based queries, deeper insights, definitions, and explanation of paper content.
- ❖ User Feedback Integration :Feedback system helps gather user input to improve system quality and user satisfaction over time.

Key Challenges

• **Preserving technical accuracy**

Summarizing complex academic language without losing key details, especially in research or formula-based papers.

• **Speed optimization for large PDFs and documents**

Ensuring quick responses and fast loading, even with documents that have a lot of pages.

• **Designing an intuitive yet powerful UI**

Designing a simple, easy-to-use interface while including advanced features like voice-to-text from AI chat bot, and History saving for all users.



CONCLUSION

A fully functional, web-based application has been developed to summarize research papers efficiently. The platform leverages **Large Language Models (LLMs)** and **Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)** techniques in the backend to generate high-quality, context-aware summaries. The frontend is built using **React**, providing a clean, responsive, and user-friendly interface. The system supports various features like adjustable summary length, dark/light mode, an integrated dictionary, chatbot assistance, and user history tracking — making it a powerful tool for students, researchers, and professionals alike.

It efficiently summarizes research papers and provides a user-friendly interface with rich academic support features.

New Skills Learned:

- Implementation of LLMs and Retrieval-Augmented Generation.
- UX design tailored for research-heavy tools.
- Working with frontend-backend integration and secure authentication.
- Managing user data securely with database systems.

Thank you!