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1. Project Overview

Goal: Build a secure, agentic, RAG-based financial advisory system using the RAMAS architecture (Retrieval-Augmented Multi-Agent System) with Chain-of-Tables reasoning. **Core Technologies:** FastAPI, Python, Groq API, SQLite, ChromaDB, Jinja2, HTML/CSS/JS. **Architecture:** Multi-Agent (Planner -> Worker -> Auditor) with RAG Fusion and Chain-of-Tables.

2. Phase-by-Phase Plan

Phase 1: Project Initialization & Environment Setup

Objective: Establish the project foundation, directory structure, and environment.

Deliverables:

- Validated directory structure.
- Virtual environment with all dependencies installed.
- Configuration files (`.env`, `config.py`). **Detailed Steps:**
 1. **Directory Setup:** Verify and create the exact directory tree provided in requirements.
 2. **Environment:** Create `.venv`, activate, and install `requirements.txt`.
 3. **Configuration:** Setup `.env` for API keys (Groq, Secret Key) and database paths.
 4. **Sanity Check:** Create a minimal `app.py` to verify FastAPI runs. **Validation:** `uvicorn app:app --reload` starts without errors.

Phase 2: Database Design & Implementation

Objective: Set up SQLite databases for structured financial data and user management, and initialize ChromaDB. **Deliverables:**

- `users_accounts_data.db` with schema.
- `financial_data.db` (verified connection).
- `chroma.sqlite3` (initialized). **Detailed Steps:**
 1. **User DB Schema:** Design `users` table in `users_accounts_data.db`:
 - `id` (PK), `username`, `password_hash`, `role` (Manager/Admin), `created_at`, `last_login`.
 2. **Financial DB:** Connect to existing `financial_data.db` using SQLAlchemy/SQLite. Verify table structures.
 3. **Vector Store:** Initialize ChromaDB client pointing to `data/vector_store`. **Files:** `api/models.py`, `backend/ingestion/sql_loader.py`. **Validation:** Scripts to insert a dummy user and query a financial record.

Phase 3: Authentication & Authorization System

Objective: Secure the application with Role-Based Access Control (RBAC).

Deliverables:

- Login/Logout endpoints.
- JWT token generation and validation.
- Role-based route protection (Admin vs Manager). **Detailed Steps:**
 1. **Auth Logic:** Implement `api/auth.py` using `python-jose` and `passlib`.
 2. **Endpoints:** Create `/login` (returns Token) and `/me` (returns User Profile).
 3. **Middleware/Dependency:** Create `get_current_user` dependency for FastAPI routes.
 4. **Frontend Auth:** Implement login page (`login.html`) and session management in `main.js`. **Files:** `api/auth.py`, `api/main.py`, `frontend/html/login.html`.
Validation: Test login with valid/invalid credentials; verify access control to protected routes.

Phase 4: RAG Engine Development

Objective: Implement the Retrieval-Augmented Generation pipeline. **Deliverables:**

- Text indexing and vectorization.
- RAG Fusion and HyDE implementation.
- Retrieval logic. **Detailed Steps:**
 1. **Ingestion:** Implement `backend/ingestion/` to load text/PDF data, chunk it, and store in ChromaDB.
 2. **Retrieval:** Implement `backend/rag.py` for semantic search.
 3. **Advanced RAG:** Implement RAG Fusion (query expansion) and HyDE (Hypothetical Document Embeddings) in `backend/rag_fusion/`. **Files:** `backend/rag.py`, `backend/rag_fusion/__init__.py`, `backend/tools/vector_tools.py`. **Validation:** Query the system and verify relevant chunks are retrieved.

Phase 5: Chain-of-Tables Reasoning Engine

Objective: Enable the system to reason over tabular financial data. **Deliverables:**

- Chain-of-Tables logic implementation.
- SQL query generation and execution tools. **Detailed Steps:**
 1. **Table Logic:** Implement `backend/tools/sql_tools.py` to execute safe SQL queries on `financial_data.db`.
 2. **Reasoning Chain:** Implement the "Chain-of-Tables" prompt strategy in `backend/llm.py` to guide the LLM in multi-step tabular reasoning (e.g., "Find revenue -> Calculate growth -> Compare with industry").
 3. **Integration:** Connect this engine to the Worker agent. **Files:** `backend/tools/sql_tools.py`, `backend/llm.py`. **Validation:** Ask complex numerical questions (e.g., "What was the revenue growth from 2020 to 2021?") and verify correct SQL generation and answer.

Phase 6: Multi-Agent Pipeline (RAMAS)

Objective: Implement the Planner-Worker-Auditor architecture. **Deliverables:**

- Functional Agents: Planner, Worker, Auditor.
- Inter-agent communication flow. **Detailed Steps:**
 1. **Planner Agent** (`backend/agents/planner.py`): Decomposes user queries into sub-tasks.
 2. **Worker Agent** (`backend/agents/worker.py`): Executes tasks using RAG or SQL tools.
 3. **Auditor Agent** (`backend/agents/auditor.py`): Verifies Worker outputs against facts and logic to prevent hallucinations.
 4. **Orchestration:** Implement `backend/routing.py` to manage the flow: User -> Planner -> Worker -> Auditor -> User. **Files:** `backend/agents/*.py`, `backend/routing.py`. **Validation:** Trace a query through the pipeline logs to ensure all agents activate and perform their roles.

Phase 7: Chatbot & API Integration

Objective: Expose the backend logic via API and connect to the frontend.

Deliverables:

- Chat API endpoint (`/api/chat`).

- Streaming response support (optional, but "pretty text" required). **Detailed Steps:**

1. **API Route:** Create `POST /chat` in `api/main.py`.
2. **Integration:** Connect the route to `backend.routing.run_pipeline`.
3. **Formatting:** Ensure the final output is formatted as clean Markdown/Text. **Files:** `api/main.py`. **Validation:** Send a request via Swagger UI and receive a verified answer.

Phase 8: Dashboard Generation (Dynamic Plotly)

Objective: Create the visual analytics dashboard. **Deliverables:**

- Dashboard HTML template.
 - Dynamic Plotly graph generation. **Detailed Steps:**
1. **Backend Analytics:** Implement `backend/analytics/metrics.py` to fetch key financial metrics.
 2. **Plotting:** Use Plotly in Python to generate JSON graphs.
 3. **Frontend:** Create `dashboard.html` and use Jinja2/JS to render the Plotly graphs. **Files:** `backend/analytics/metrics.py`, `frontend/html/dashboard.html`. **Validation:** Verify graphs render correctly and update based on data.

Phase 9: Manager & Admin Panel UI

Objective: Build role-specific interfaces. **Deliverables:**

- Admin Panel (User management).
 - Manager Panel (Financial overview, reports). **Detailed Steps:**
1. **Admin UI:** `admin.html` with table of users (Add/Edit/Delete).
 2. **Manager UI:** `manager.html` with access to Chatbot and Dashboard.
 3. **Navigation:** Update `base.html` to show links based on role. **Files:** `frontend/html/admin.html`, `frontend/html/manager.html`. **Validation:** Log in as Admin and Manager to verify distinct views.

Phase 10: Security, Logging & Optimization

Objective: Harden the system and ensure observability. **Deliverables:**

- Audit logs.
- Secure headers.
- Performance tuning. **Detailed Steps:**
 1. **Logging:** Implement `backend/ingestion/logger.py` to track all agent actions and queries.
 2. **Security:** Ensure SQL injection protection (using ORM/params) and XSS protection.
 3. **Optimization:** Cache frequent queries. **Files:** `backend/ingestion/logger.py`.
Validation: Check logs after usage; verify security headers.

Phase 11: Testing & Validation

Objective: Verify the entire system. **Deliverables:**

- Unit tests.
- Integration tests.
- LLM Evaluation report. **Detailed Steps:**
 1. **Unit Tests:** Test individual tools (SQL, Vector).
 2. **Integration Tests:** Test API endpoints.
 3. **LLM Eval:** Run a set of "Golden Questions" and manually grade the answers for accuracy and hallucination (Auditor check). **Files:** `tests/`. **Validation:** All tests pass.

Phase 12: Packaging & Deployment

Objective: Prepare for delivery. **Deliverables:**

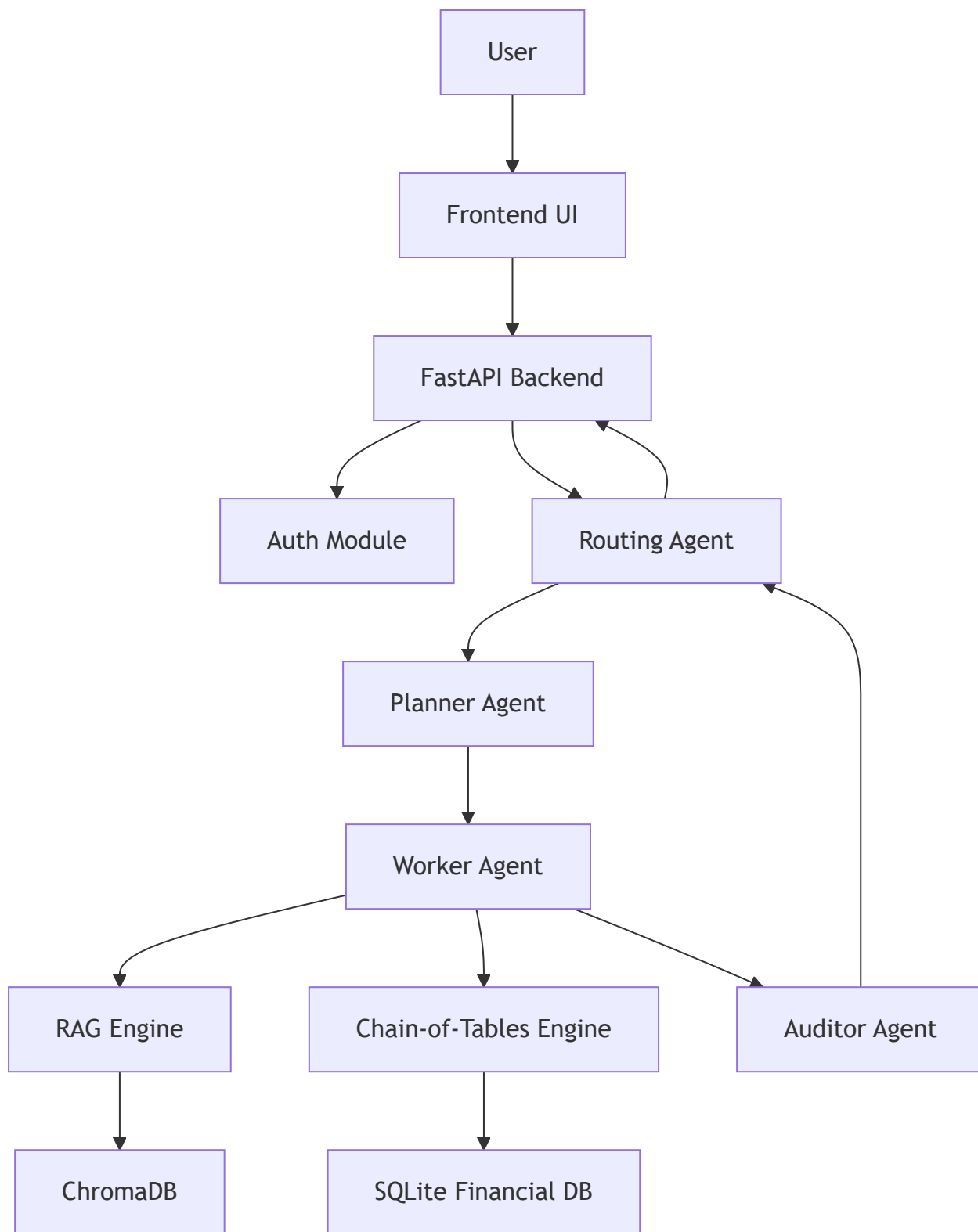
- Final code cleanup.
 - `readme.md` instructions. **Detailed Steps:**
 1. **Cleanup:** Remove unused files.
 2. **Documentation:** Write deployment guide. **Files:** `README.md`.
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3. Timeline & Dependencies

Gantt Chart (Text Representation)

- **Week 1:** Phase 1, 2, 3 (Setup, DB, Auth)
- **Week 2:** Phase 4, 5 (RAG, Chain-of-Tables)
- **Week 3:** Phase 6 (Agents - RAMAS)
- **Week 4:** Phase 7, 8 (Chatbot, Dashboard)
- **Week 5:** Phase 9, 10 (UI, Security)
- **Week 6:** Phase 11, 12 (Testing, Deployment)

Module Dependency Diagram (Mermaid)



RAG Pipeline Diagram (Mermaid)



4. Testing Framework

- **Unit Testing:** `pytest` for backend functions.
- **Integration Testing:** `TestClient` (FastAPI) for API routes.
- **LLM Evaluation:** "Golden Dataset" of 50 financial questions with known answers.
- **Security Testing:** SQL injection probes, unauthorized access attempts.

5. API Route Map

- `POST /api/auth/token`: Login
- `GET /api/auth/me`: Current User
- `POST /api/chat`: Send message to RAMAS
- `GET /api/dashboard/metrics`: Get dashboard data
- `GET /api/admin/users`: List users (Admin only)
- `POST /api/admin/users`: Create user (Admin only)