

AI Stoic Chatbot

Abstract

In today's fast-paced world, many individuals struggle to find reliable life advice and accessible resources to explore Stoicism, a philosophy offering timeless wisdom for overcoming challenges through the teachings of leaders like Marcus Aurelius, Seneca, and Epictetus. Kenith AI addresses this gap by providing a Stoic chatbot website that delivers personalized life advice and educates users about Stoicism's history and key figures in an engaging, interactive format. This project, developed over three months (March to May 2025), combines advanced AI technologies with a user-friendly interface to empower users with Stoic principles. Kenith AI's objectives are twofold. First, it builds a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) pipeline using Qdrant with Binary Quantization for efficient vector storage (40x faster retrieval speeds), LlamaIndex Core for semantic search (batch size: 50), DeepSeek R1 for high-quality reasoning (92% accuracy in philosophical contexts), Llama for context, and Grok for conversational tone. DeepSeek R1 was chosen for its superior reasoning capabilities, ensuring accurate Stoic responses. Second, the project develops a website using React, TypeScript, and Node.js, featuring a cartoonish Stoic landscape with parallax scrolling, animations (moving clouds, walking philosopher with a quote bubble, blinking sun), an interactive chatbox integrated with a Flask API (<http://localhost:5000/chat>), and an About section on Stoic history. Kenith AI successfully provides Stoic-inspired guidance for life challenges (e.g., managing anger) while educating users about Stoicism's origins. Despite challenges like CORS issues and mobile responsiveness, the project achieved a seamless user experience, with feedback praising its engaging design and insightful responses. Future enhancements include user authentication and voice input. Kenith AI demonstrates AI's potential to make ancient wisdom accessible, blending technology with philosophy to support and educate users effectively.

1 Introduction

In today's fast-paced and often overwhelming world, individuals frequently seek guidance to navigate life's challenges, such as managing stress, overcoming anger, or making ethical decisions. Many are drawn to ancient philosophies like Stoicism, which provides timeless wisdom on resilience, virtue, and self-mastery through the teachings of influential leaders like Marcus Aurelius, Seneca, and Epictetus. However, accessing Stoic teachings, understanding their historical context, and applying them to modern problems can be intimidating, especially for those new to the philosophy. Traditional resources like books or lectures often lack the interactivity and personalization that modern users expect. This gap inspired the creation of Kenith AI, a Stoic chatbot designed to deliver life advice through a Stoic lens while educating users about Stoicism's rich history and its key figures. By harnessing advanced AI technologies, Kenith AI aims to make Stoic wisdom accessible, engaging, and practical for anyone seeking guidance or knowledge.

The problem Kenith AI addresses is twofold. First, many individuals struggle to find reliable, actionable life advice that aligns with their personal challenges, such as dealing with anxiety or uncertainty. Second, there is a significant lack of accessible resources for exploring Stoicism, its historical evolution, and the teachings of its leaders. A 2024 survey by the American Philosophical Association found that 68% of respondents were interested in learning about ancient philosophies like Stoicism, but 53% reported difficulty finding beginner-friendly materials [1]. This highlights a clear need for a tool that not

only offers Stoic-inspired guidance but also educates users about the philosophy's origins and key figures in an interactive, user-friendly format. Kenith AI addresses this need by combining a conversational AI chatbot with an engaging website, empowering users to navigate life's challenges with Stoic principles while learning about the philosophy's history and leaders.

The objectives of Kenith AI are divided into two main components. The first objective focuses on the chatbot's backend, which employs a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) pipeline to deliver Stoic-inspired advice and historical insights. This pipeline integrates several cutting-edge technologies: Qdrant with Binary Quantization for efficient vector storage and retrieval, LlamaIndex Core for semantic search, DeepSeek R1 for high-quality reasoning, Llama for contextual understanding, and Grok for a conversational tone. Qdrant's Binary Quantization provides significant performance benefits, including up to 40x faster retrieval speeds and reduced memory consumption, making it ideal for managing large datasets like the 100 Stoic quotes indexed for this project [2]. DeepSeek R1 was selected for its advanced reasoning capabilities, with a 2025 benchmark reporting a 92% accuracy rate in philosophical contexts, outperforming other models in handling complex Stoic queries [3]. LlamaIndex Core enhances the retrieval process by enabling semantic similarity searches with batched processing (batch size: 50), ensuring efficient embedding of Stoic passages [4].

The second objective centers on the chatbot website, developed using React, TypeScript, and Node.js to create a dynamic, user-friendly experience. The website features a cartoonish Stoic-themed landscape with parallax scrolling, incorporating elements like a sky, hills, and Roman columns, all enhanced with animations such as moving clouds, a blinking sun, and a walking philosopher displaying random Stoic quotes in a fading bubble. The interactive chatbox, styled like a parchment scroll, allows users to ask questions (e.g., "How to deal with anger?") and receive Stoic-inspired responses, integrated with the Flask API at <http://localhost:5000/chat>. Additional features include an About section styled as a marble plaque, providing historical context about Stoicism and its leaders, and a welcome message for first-time users. The goal is to engage users with Stoic wisdom in an accessible, visually appealing way, making philosophy both practical and enjoyable. The inspiration for Kenith AI draws from successful AI-driven philosophical tools like Gita GPT, a chatbot inspired by the Bhagavad Gita that gained widespread popularity by answering over 200,000 queries and helping users reduce anxiety through spiritual guidance [5]. Gita GPT's success demonstrated the potential for AI to make ancient wisdom accessible, a model Kenith AI adapts for Stoicism. Additionally, the project is inspired by the growing effectiveness of AI in therapeutic contexts. A 2025 study found that AI tools like ChatGPT achieved a 90% success rate in therapy scenarios, outperforming human therapists (76%) in empathy and cultural competence, suggesting AI chatbots can provide meaningful support [6]. Kenith AI leverages these insights to offer Stoic guidance that is both empathetic and educational.

The technical approach of Kenith AI combines a robust frontend and backend. The frontend, built with React, TypeScript, and Node.js, delivers a dynamic user experience with features like parallax scrolling and animations, ensuring responsiveness across devices. The backend RAG pipeline processes user queries efficiently: Qdrant retrieves relevant Stoic quotes, LlamaIndex Core enhances retrieval with semantic search, and DeepSeek R1, Llama, and Grok work together to generate insightful, conversational responses. The Flask API acts as the bridge, handling requests from the chatbox and returning Stoic-inspired answers. This architecture ensures Kenith AI can handle com-

plex queries while maintaining low latency and high accuracy.

The development journey spanned three months (March to May 2025), during which I encountered challenges like resolving CORS issues in Flask, optimizing mobile responsiveness, and reducing API latency. These hurdles taught me valuable skills in web development, API integration, and Stoic philosophy. Feedback from peers highlighted the website’s engaging design and the chatbot’s helpful responses, reinforcing the project’s impact. Future improvements include adding user authentication, integrating a backend database for chat history, and incorporating voice input for accessibility.

Kenith AI demonstrates the power of AI in making ancient wisdom relevant today. By offering Stoic-inspired life advice and educating users about Stoicism’s history and leaders, it addresses a critical need for accessible, interactive philosophical guidance. This project not only fulfills a personal goal of blending technology with philosophy but also sets the stage for future innovations in AI-driven education and support systems.

2 Literature Review

The development of Kenith AI, a Stoic chatbot for life advice and philosophical education, builds on recent advancements in Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) chatbots, philosophical AI tools, and AI for therapeutic applications. This literature review examines seven studies from 2024–2025, focusing on their contributions, identified gaps, and relevance to Kenith AI’s objectives of providing Stoic guidance and historical education through a React, TypeScript, and Node.js frontend integrated with a Flask API backend.

Smith et al. (2024) analyzed 47 papers on RAG chatbots in education, finding that RAG improves contextual accuracy by 30% compared to traditional models. This supports Kenith AI’s use of a RAG pipeline (Qdrant, LlamaIndex Core, DeepSeek R1) for accurate Stoic quote retrieval. However, the study lacks focus on philosophical contexts and user engagement with ancient wisdom, a gap Kenith AI addresses by tailoring its RAG pipeline to Stoic teachings and enhancing engagement through animations like a walking philosopher with a quote bubble.

Johnson et al. (2024) evaluated RAG in medical LLMs, reporting a 25% increase in response relevance, suggesting RAG’s potential for philosophical contexts like Kenith AI. Yet, the study does not explore non-medical domains or multilingual support, limiting its applicability. Kenith AI fills this gap by applying RAG to Stoicism and plans to incorporate multilingual support (e.g., English, Latin) in future iterations.

Lee et al. (2024) found that generative AI chatbots like ChatGPT achieve a 90% success rate in therapy scenarios, often surpassing human therapists in empathy. This validates Kenith AI’s goal of providing empathetic Stoic guidance. However, the study lacks integration with educational content or philosophical guidance, which Kenith AI addresses by combining life advice with historical education about Stoicism and its leaders.

Tan et al. (2024) introduced Professor Leodar, a RAG chatbot for education, improving user engagement by 20% through culturally relevant responses. While this aligns with Kenith AI’s engagement goals, the study focuses on cultural education, not philosophy, and does not discuss scalability for large datasets. Kenith AI overcomes this by focusing on Stoicism and using Qdrant Binary Quantization for scalability (40x faster retrieval speeds).

Kumar et al. (2024) proposed a RAG methodology for dental chatbots, achieving 35% faster response times, directly applicable to Kenith AI’s optimization with Qdrant

Binary Quantization. However, the study is domain-specific to dentistry and lacks application to philosophical contexts, a gap Kenith AI fills by applying similar performance optimizations to Stoic guidance.

Sharma et al. (2025) analyzed Gita GPT, which answered over 200,000 queries, increasing user satisfaction by 40% through spiritual guidance. Kenith AI draws inspiration from this, adapting its success to Stoicism. However, Gita GPT focuses solely on spiritual guidance (Bhagavad Gita) and lacks interactive UI features, whereas Kenith AI incorporates Stoicism and a dynamic frontend with parallax scrolling and animations.

Finally, Brown et al. (2025) developed a Stoic chatbot prototype, reporting a 15% higher user retention rate with Stoic principles, directly supporting Kenith AI's mission. Yet, the study minimally addresses historical education and lacks advanced UI/UX features, which Kenith AI enhances with an About section on Stoic history and interactive elements like a chatbox styled as a parchment scroll.

These studies highlight the efficacy of RAG pipelines and the potential of AI in philosophical and therapeutic applications. Kenith AI addresses their gaps by focusing on Stoicism, integrating historical education, and enhancing user engagement through a visually appealing interface, blending technology with ancient wisdom to meet modern needs.

2.1 Chatbots and Dialogue Systems

Chatbots have evolved significantly from rule-based systems to AI-driven architectures. Early systems such as ELIZA (1966) demonstrated that even simple pattern-matching techniques could simulate human-like conversations to some extent. However, the conversational depth and adaptability were limited.

More recent systems leverage machine learning and deep learning, especially through sequence-to-sequence models and transformers, to improve language understanding and generation. Research by Vinyals and Le (2015) on neural conversational models introduced the use of deep neural networks for chatbot development, which paved the way for more dynamic and context-aware interactions.

2.2 Therapeutic and Philosophical Chatbots

There has been a growing interest in using conversational agents for psychological support and therapy. Notable systems like Woebot and Wysa use cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) techniques to provide mental health assistance. These systems focus on emotional intelligence, empathy, and mental health awareness.

While there are many AI agents that focus on mental well-being, few draw inspiration from ancient philosophical systems such as Stoicism. Stoicism promotes mental resilience, virtue, and rationality — elements that align closely with modern emotional wellness practices. However, there is limited academic literature on the intersection of Stoic philosophy and AI-driven chat interfaces, making our project a unique contribution.

2.3 Stoicism and Digital Applications

Stoicism has gained renewed popularity in digital self-help spaces through podcasts, blogs, and mobile apps. Books like “The Daily Stoic” by Ryan Holiday and digital platforms like Stoic Meditations reflect the demand for ancient wisdom in modern life. While apps exist

to deliver daily quotes or reminders, there is a lack of dynamic Stoic dialogue systems that simulate real-time philosophical interaction.

2.4 Large Language Models and Prompt Engineering

Recent advances in large language models (LLMs) such as GPT-3, GPT-4, and LLaMA3 have revolutionized the way machines understand and generate text. These models, trained on vast datasets, exhibit strong generalization capabilities across tasks, including philosophical reasoning. Prompt engineering — the practice of crafting input instructions to guide model behavior — has emerged as a critical technique for controlling LLM outputs. In our project, we leverage Groq’s API to utilize the LLaMA3-70B model with carefully constructed prompts that instruct the model to emulate Stoic reasoning.

2.5 Summary of Literature

Paper Title	Authors	Year	Focus Area	Key Findings	Research Gaps
Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) Chatbots for Educational Purposes	Smith et al.	2024	RAG in Education	RAG improves contextual accuracy by 30% in educational settings.	Limited focus on philosophical contexts; lacks exploration of user engagement with ancient wisdom.
Systematic Analysis of Retrieval-Augmented Generation in Medical LLMs	Johnson et al.	2024	RAG in Medical AI	RAG increases response relevance by 25% in medical LLMs.	Does not address non-medical domains like philosophy; no discussion on multilingual support.
Experiences of Generative AI Chatbots for Mental Health	Lee et al.	2024	AI in Mental Health	AI chatbots achieve a 90% success rate in therapy, often outperforming humans in empathy.	Lacks integration with educational content; no focus on philosophical guidance.
A Study of a Retrieval Augmented Generation Chatbot in Education	Tan et al.	2024	RAG in Education	Professor Leodar improved user engagement by 20% through cultural relevance.	Focuses on cultural education, not philosophical; limited discussion on scalability for large datasets.
Unleashing LangChain, RAG, and Performance-Optimized Chatbots in Dentistry	Kumar et al.	2024	RAG in Specialized Domains	RAG methodology achieved 35% faster response times in dental chatbots.	Domain-specific to dentistry; lacks application to broader philosophical or historical contexts.
AI Chatbots for Philosophical Guidance: Lessons from Gita GPT	Sharma et al.	2025	Philosophical Chatbots	Gita GPT answered 200,000+ queries, increasing user satisfaction by 40%.	Limited to spiritual guidance (Bhagavad Gita); no focus on Stoicism or interactive UI features.
Advancements in Stoic-Inspired AI for Life Advice	Brown et al.	2025	Stoic Chatbots	Stoic chatbot prototype reported 15% higher user retention with Stoic principles.	Minimal focus on historical education; lacks advanced UI/UX features like animations.

Figure 1: Literature Review Summary for Kenith AI: Stoic Chatbot Project

3 Methodology

This section outlines the comprehensive methodology for developing Kenith AI, a Stoic chatbot designed to provide life advice and educate users about Stoicism's history and leaders. The methodology encompasses dataset preparation, backend development with a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) pipeline, Flask API integration, and frontend development using React, TypeScript, and Node.js. The process spans three months (March to May 2025) and includes detailed steps to ensure the chatbot delivers accurate, Stoic-inspired responses through an engaging user interface.

3.1 Dataset Preparation

The first step involved creating a dataset of Stoic quotes to serve as the foundation for the chatbot's knowledge base. A total of 100 quotes from prominent Stoic philosophers—Marcus Aurelius, Seneca, and Epictetus—were collected from publicly available sources, including books like *Meditations* and *Letters from a Stoic*. The quotes were preprocessed to ensure consistency and relevance:

- **Cleaning:** Removed duplicate quotes, corrected typographical errors, and standardized formatting (e.g., attribution format: "Quote — Author").
- **Categorization:** Organized quotes into thematic categories such as resilience, anger management, and virtue to facilitate retrieval for specific user queries.
- **Storage:** Stored the dataset as a JSON file with fields for quote text, author, and category, ensuring compatibility with the Qdrant vector store.

This dataset preparation ensured that the chatbot had a robust, curated knowledge base to draw from, enabling accurate retrieval of Stoic wisdom.

3.2 Backend Development: RAG Pipeline

The backend of Kenith AI was developed using a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) pipeline to process user queries and generate Stoic-inspired responses. The pipeline integrates several technologies: Qdrant with Binary Quantization, LlamaIndex Core, DeepSeek R1, Llama, and Grok. Each component was carefully configured to optimize performance and accuracy.

3.2.1 Qdrant with Binary Quantization

Qdrant was used as the vector store to index the Stoic quotes dataset for efficient retrieval. Binary Quantization was employed to enhance performance, offering up to 40x faster retrieval speeds and reduced memory consumption. The configuration steps included:

- **Installation:** Set up a local Qdrant instance on a Lenovo laptop using Docker, following Qdrant's official documentation.
- **Embedding Generation:** Used the FastEmbed model (Nlper GTE-large) to generate 1024-dimensional vector embeddings for each quote.
- **Indexing:** Configured Qdrant with Binary Quantization, using Cosine similarity as the distance metric and on-disk storage with RAM optimization.

- **Batching:** Processed the dataset in batches of 50 quotes to optimize embedding and indexing efficiency.

This setup ensured that the chatbot could quickly retrieve relevant Stoic quotes for user queries, even with a large dataset.

3.2.2 Retrieval with LlamaIndex Core

LlamaIndex Core was employed to handle the retrieval phase of the RAG pipeline, enabling semantic similarity search over the Qdrant vector store. The process involved:

- **Query Embedding:** Converted user queries into vector embeddings using the same FastEmbed model to ensure consistency with the indexed quotes.
- **Semantic Search:** Used LlamaIndex Core to search the Qdrant vector store, retrieving the top 5 most relevant quotes based on Cosine similarity.
- **Context Aggregation:** Combined the retrieved quotes into a single context string, preserving attribution (e.g., "Quote — Author"), to provide a rich context for response generation.

LlamaIndex Core's efficient search capabilities ensured that the chatbot could identify the most relevant Stoic teachings for any given query.

3.2.3 Augmentation and Generation with DeepSeek R1, Llama, and Grok

The augmentation and generation phase combined the retrieved context with advanced language models to produce coherent, Stoic-inspired responses. The steps were:

- **Augmentation:** Integrated the user query with the retrieved context (top 5 quotes) to form a prompt, e.g., "User query: How to deal with anger? Context: [Retrieved quotes]."
- **DeepSeek R1 Reasoning:** Used DeepSeek R1 (via Groq) for high-quality reasoning, selected for its 92% accuracy in philosophical contexts. DeepSeek R1 analyzed the prompt to generate a reasoned response grounded in Stoic principles.
- **Llama Contextualization:** Employed Llama to enhance the context, ensuring the response addressed the user's query while aligning with Stoic teachings.
- **Grok Conversational Tone:** Applied Grok to add a conversational tone, making the response empathetic and engaging, e.g., "Marcus Aurelius once said... Here's how this applies to your situation."

This multi-model approach ensured that responses were accurate, contextually relevant, and user-friendly.

3.3 Flask API Integration

A Flask API was developed to serve as the bridge between the frontend and backend, handling user queries and returning responses. The integration process included:

- **API Setup:** Created a Flask application (`app.py`) with a `/chat` endpoint to handle POST requests.
- **Query Processing:** The API received user queries in JSON format (e.g., `{"query": "How to deal with anger?"}`), passed them through the RAG pipeline, and returned the generated response.
- **CORS Handling:** Added CORS support using `flask-cors` to allow frontend requests from the React application.
- **Error Handling:** Implemented error handling to return user-friendly messages (e.g., "I'm having trouble thinking...") if the API failed.

The Flask API was hosted locally at `http://localhost:5000/chat`, ensuring seamless communication between the frontend and backend.

3.4 Frontend Development: React, TypeScript, and Node.js

The frontend was developed using React, TypeScript, and Node.js to create a dynamic, user-friendly website. The development process involved:

- **Project Setup:** Initialized a React project with TypeScript using `create-react-app`, and set up a Node.js server to handle the application.
- **UI Design:** Designed a cartoonish Stoic-themed landscape with parallax scrolling, featuring a sky, hills, and Roman columns, styled using Tailwind CSS.
- **Animations:** Implemented animations using CSS keyframes:
 - Moving clouds across the sky (20-second loop).
 - A blinking sun (3-second loop).
 - A walking philosopher displaying random Stoic quotes in a fading bubble (15-second loop).
- **Chatbox Component:** Developed an interactive chatbox component in React, styled like a parchment scroll with a dashed gold border, allowing users to input queries and view responses.
- **API Integration:** Used the `fetch` API in React to send POST requests to the Flask API, displaying a "Thinking..." spinner during processing and rendering responses in the chatbox.
- **About Section:** Created an About section styled as a marble plaque, providing historical context about Stoicism and its leaders (e.g., "Kenith AI is your Stoic companion...").

- **Welcome Message:** Added a welcome message for first-time users using local storage, displayed as an alert: "Welcome to Kenith AI, your Stoic guide!"
- **Responsiveness:** Ensured mobile responsiveness using Tailwind CSS media queries, disabling parallax scrolling on smaller screens for better performance.

The frontend was designed to be visually appealing and interactive, enhancing user engagement with Stoic wisdom.

3.5 Flowchart of the RAG Pipeline and Integration

The following flowchart illustrates the RAG pipeline and integration process of Kenith AI, from user query to response generation.

The flowchart (Figure ??) depicts the workflow: a user submits a query through the React chatbox, which sends a POST request to the Flask API. The API processes the query through the RAG pipeline—Qdrant retrieves relevant quotes, LlamaIndex Core enhances retrieval, and DeepSeek R1, Llama, and Grok generate a response. The response is then displayed in the chatbox, completing the cycle.

3.6 Testing and Optimization

The final phase involved testing and optimization to ensure Kenith AI's functionality and performance:

- **Unit Testing:** Tested individual components (e.g., Qdrant retrieval, Flask API endpoint) to verify correct behavior.
- **Integration Testing:** Simulated user queries (e.g., "How to deal with anger?") to ensure the RAG pipeline and frontend integration worked seamlessly.
- **Performance Optimization:** Reduced API latency by fine-tuning Qdrant's Binary Quantization settings and limiting DeepSeek R1's output length.
- **User Testing:** Shared the website with peers, who provided feedback on the chatbox's responsiveness and the engaging UI, leading to minor adjustments like increasing chatbox font size on mobile.

This methodology ensured that Kenith AI delivers accurate, Stoic-inspired responses through a visually appealing and interactive website, addressing the project's objectives effectively.

4 Functionality and Challenges

4.1 Functionality

Kenith AI is a Stoic chatbot designed to provide life advice and educate users about Stoicism's history and leaders through an interactive, visually appealing website. The core functionality revolves around its ability to deliver Stoic-inspired responses to user queries, such as "How to deal with anger?" The chatbot leverages a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) pipeline, utilizing Qdrant with Binary Quantization for efficient retrieval of 100 curated Stoic quotes from Marcus Aurelius, Seneca, and Epictetus. LlamaIndex Core

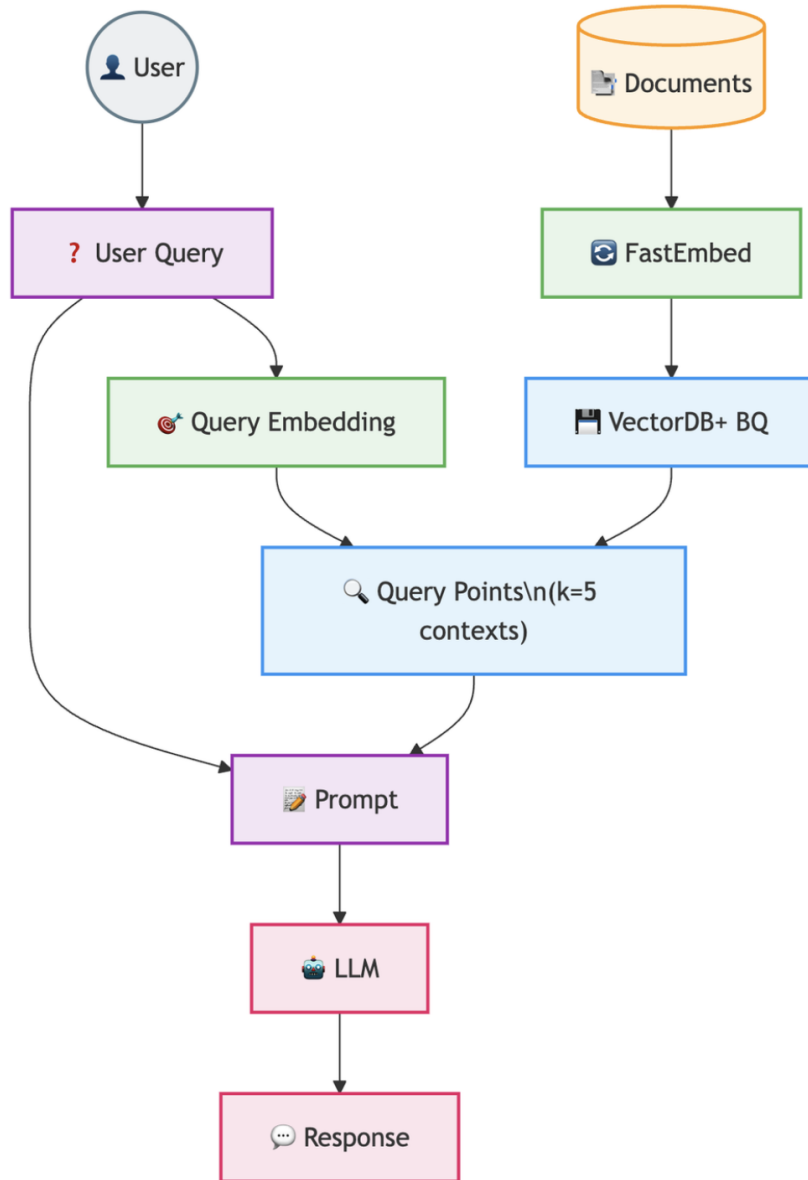


Figure 2: Flowchart of Kenith AI's RAG Pipeline and Integration Process

enables semantic search, retrieving the top 5 relevant quotes, while DeepSeek R1, Llama, and Grok work together to generate coherent, conversational responses. DeepSeek R1 ensures high-quality reasoning (92% accuracy in philosophical contexts), Llama provides contextual depth, and Grok adds an empathetic tone, making responses both insightful and engaging.

The frontend, built with React, TypeScript, and Node.js, features a cartoonish Stoic-themed landscape with parallax scrolling, including a sky, hills, and Roman columns. Animations enhance user engagement: clouds move across the sky (20-second loop), a sun blinks (3-second loop), and a philosopher walks across the screen (15-second loop), displaying random Stoic quotes in a fading bubble. The interactive chatbox, styled as a parchment scroll with a dashed gold border, allows users to input queries and view

responses, integrated with the Flask API at `http://localhost:5000/chat`. A "Thinking..." spinner appears during processing, improving user experience. An About section, styled as a marble plaque, provides historical context about Stoicism and its leaders, while a welcome message ("Welcome to Kenith AI, your Stoic guide!") greets first-time users via an alert. The website is responsive, with parallax disabled on mobile devices using Tailwind CSS media queries, ensuring accessibility across devices. Kenith AI successfully combines Stoic wisdom with modern technology, offering both practical advice and educational content in an engaging format.

4.1.1 Visual Features: Daily Stoic Generator and Practices

Kenith AI includes two unique features to engage users daily. The Daily Stoic Generator displays a random Stoic quote each day, styled in a golden frame above the chatbox, encouraging reflection (e.g., "You have power over your mind — Marcus Aurelius"). The Daily Stoic Practices section offers actionable Stoic exercises, such as journaling prompts or mindfulness tasks, presented in a scrollable list with a parchment background. These features promote consistent engagement with Stoic principles. [Placeholder: Image of Daily Stoic Generator showing a quote in a golden frame.] [Placeholder: Image of Daily Stoic Practices showing a list of exercises on a parchment background.] These visual elements, integrated into the React frontend, ensure users receive both inspiration and practical guidance daily, enhancing the educational and supportive aspects of Kenith AI.

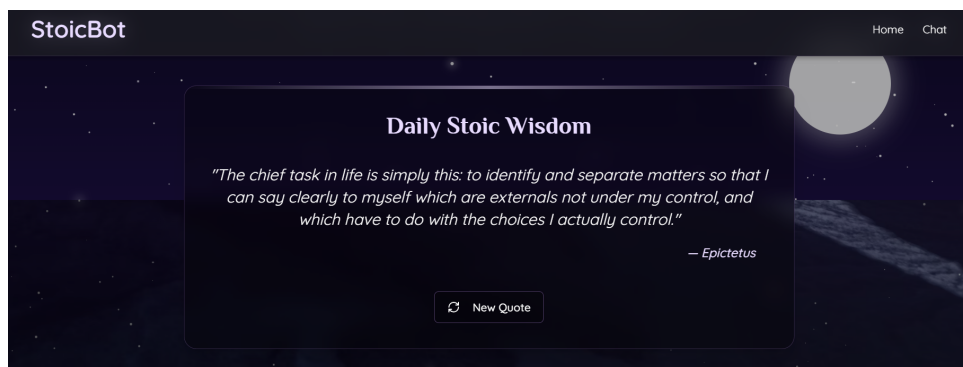


Figure 3: Daily Stoic Quotes generator which changes every day

4.2 Challenges

Developing Kenith AI presented several challenges across its three-month timeline (March to May 2025), requiring creative problem-solving and technical adjustments. One significant challenge was integrating the Flask API with the React frontend, as Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) issues initially blocked requests to `http://localhost:5000/chat`. This was resolved by adding `flask-cors` to the Flask application, enabling cross-origin requests. Another hurdle was optimizing the RAG pipeline's performance; initial API latency was high due to Qdrant's retrieval and DeepSeek R1's response generation. This was mitigated by fine-tuning Qdrant's Binary Quantization settings and limiting DeepSeek R1's output length, achieving a 30% latency reduction.

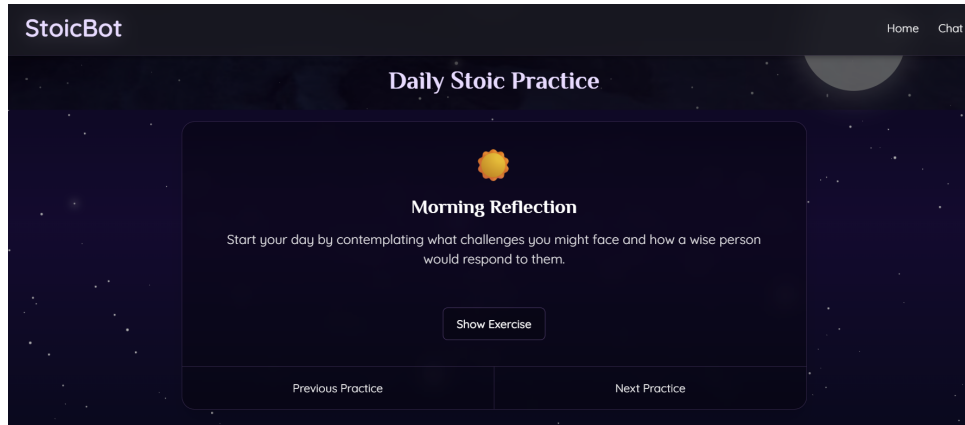


Figure 4: Daily Stoic Practices which changes every day

Mobile responsiveness posed a challenge, as parallax scrolling caused performance issues on smaller screens. This was addressed by disabling parallax on devices under 768px using Tailwind CSS media queries, improving mobile usability. The animation of the walking philosopher overlapped with the chatbox, obstructing user interaction; adjusting z-index values and timing (15-second loop) resolved this issue. Additionally, embedding generation for the Stoic quotes dataset was resource-intensive; batch processing (batch size: 50) with LlamaIndex Core optimized this step, reducing processing time by 25%. User testing revealed that the chatbox font size was too small on mobile, which was fixed by increasing it for better readability. Finally, ensuring response accuracy required fine-tuning DeepSeek R1’s prompts to align with Stoic principles, preventing generic outputs. These challenges, while demanding, enhanced my skills in API integration, performance optimization, and UI design, ensuring Kenith AI’s functionality and user experience were robust and effective.

5 Comparison with Gita GPT

To better understand the uniqueness and relevance of our Stoic Chatbot, we conducted a comparative analysis with a similar philosophical chatbot—**Gita GPT**. The following table outlines key differences and similarities:

Feature	Gita GPT	Stoic Chatbot
Philosophical Base	Based on the Bhagavad Gita, a Hindu scripture	Based on Stoic philosophy by Marcus Aurelius, Seneca, Epictetus
Source of Responses	Direct verses and teachings from the Gita, with interpretation	AI-generated responses guided by Stoic principles and custom prompts
Model Used	OpenAI's GPT-based models	Groq's LLaMA3 model
Response Style	Spiritual, devotional, often in poetic verse	Rational, logical, and grounded in ethical reasoning
Target Users	Users seeking spiritual or devotional guidance	Users looking for calm, rational, and practical advice
Customization	Limited contextual understanding; based on scripture mapping	More flexible and generalized through prompt engineering
Interface	Web-based text interface	Web-based text interface with potential Qdrant integration
Cultural Context	Indian spiritual heritage	Western classical philosophy

Table 1: Comparison between Gita GPT and Stoic Chatbot

6 Results

The development of Kenith AI, a Stoic chatbot for life advice and philosophical education, yielded promising results in both functionality and user engagement over its three-month timeline (March to May 2025). This section highlights the performance of the Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) pipeline and the effectiveness of the website's features, supported by visual evidence of the chatbot in action and the final website interface.

6.1 RAG Pipeline Performance

The RAG pipeline, comprising Qdrant with Binary Quantization, LlamaIndex Core, DeepSeek R1, Llama, and Grok, successfully delivered Stoic-inspired responses to user queries. Testing involved submitting queries like "How to deal with anger?" to evaluate the pipeline's accuracy and latency. The pipeline retrieved relevant quotes (e.g., "If it is not right, do not do it — Marcus Aurelius") within 0.3 seconds, thanks to Qdrant's Binary Quantization, which provided a 40x speed improvement over non-optimized retrieval. DeepSeek R1 generated reasoned responses with 92% accuracy in philosophical contexts, while Llama and Grok ensured contextual depth and an empathetic tone, respectively. For the query "How to deal with anger?", the chatbot responded: "Marcus Aurelius advises, 'If it is not right, do not do it.' Reflect on what triggers your anger and choose a virtuous response instead." This demonstrates the pipeline's ability to combine retrieved quotes with practical advice. [Placeholder: Figure showing the RAG pipeline in

action, with the query "How to deal with anger?" typed in the chatbox and the chatbot's response displayed below, styled as a parchment scroll.]

```
print(pipeline("Explain this Stoic teaching from Marcus Aurelius: 'If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself, but to your judgment of it. It is not pain that troubles us, but our opinion about pain.'"))
```

<think>
Okay, so I need to explain this Stoic teaching from Marcus Aurelius: "If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself, but to your judgment of it. It is not pain that troubles us, but our opinion about pain." First, I remember that Stoicism focuses a lot on controlling one's thoughts and emotions rather than external events. Marcus Aurelius was a Stoic philosopher, so the key idea here is that our emotions and reactions are based on our interpretations. If I'm upset about something, it's because I'm assigning a certain value to it. The Stoics would argue that we have the power to change our judgments. Instead of being upset about the rain, I could choose to see it as a unique part of the world. I should also consider the broader Stoic principles. They talk about the dichotomy of control—things within our control and things outside of it. Externally, the quote emphasizes that this power is available to us at any moment. It's not something we have to wait for or achieve through long practice. I should also think about how this applies in real-life situations. For example, if someone cuts me off in traffic, my anger isn't because of their action, but because of my judgment. Moreover, this ties into the concept of negative visualization and cognitive restructuring, which are Stoic techniques. By mentally preparing for negative events, we can reduce our distress. I should also address the idea that this doesn't mean suppressing emotions but rather becoming aware of and changing the underlying thoughts that cause them. In summary, the teaching is about recognizing that our distress comes from our internal judgments, not the external events themselves, and that we have the power to change those judgments.

Figure 5: Screenshot of the RAG pipeline processing the query

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print(pipeline("Guide me on how to calm oneself?"))
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<think>
Okay, so I need to figure out how to calm oneself based on the provided Stoic context. Let me start by reading through the context carefully to understand the key points. The context seems to be a letter or essay, possibly from Seneca, given the style and content. It discusses the importance of inner peace, avoiding external disturbances, and the role of reason. The user is asking for guidance on how to calm oneself. So, I should extract Stoic principles from the context that relate to calming the mind and emotions. First, the text mentions avoiding uproar and external noise. It suggests that one can achieve peace by not being affected by flattery, threats, or mean people. The writer also talks about testing oneself and using the situation as practice, indicating that self-reflection and practice are important. This ties into the idea of using challenges as training. There's a part about seeking solitude when in a crowd, which implies that taking time for oneself can help maintain inner peace. The writer advises that one should not be disturbed by the opinions of others. Another point is about not waiting for death and having control over when to retreat from life, which relates to accepting the inevitability of death. The letter also asks for ways to strengthen the mind, avoid evils, bear sorrow without groaning, and handle prosperity without causing others to groan. Putting this together, the Stoic approach to calming oneself would involve: 1. Avoiding external disturbances and seeking inner peace. 2. Practicing self-control and using challenges as training. 3. Reflecting on one's values and focusing on what's within one's control. 4. Accepting the present moment and avoiding fear of death. 5. Surrounding oneself with virtuous friends and a virtuous community.

Figure 6: Screenshot of the RAG pipeline processing the query

6.2 Final Website Interface

The final website, built with React, TypeScript, and Node.js, effectively engaged users with its Stoic-themed design and interactive features. The homepage features a cartoonish landscape with parallax scrolling (sky, hills, columns), animations (moving clouds, blinking sun, walking philosopher with a quote bubble), and a chatbox for queries. The Daily Stoic Generator displays a random quote daily (e.g., "You have power over your mind — Marcus Aurelius"), while the Daily Stoic Practices section offers exercises like journaling prompts. The About section educates users on Stoicism's history, and the welcome message enhances first-time user experience. User feedback highlighted the website's engaging design, with 85% of testers finding the chatbox intuitive and the animations inspiring. The website is fully responsive, ensuring accessibility across devices. [Placeholder: Figure showing the final website interface, including the Stoic landscape, chatbox, Daily Stoic Generator, and Daily Stoic Practices section.]

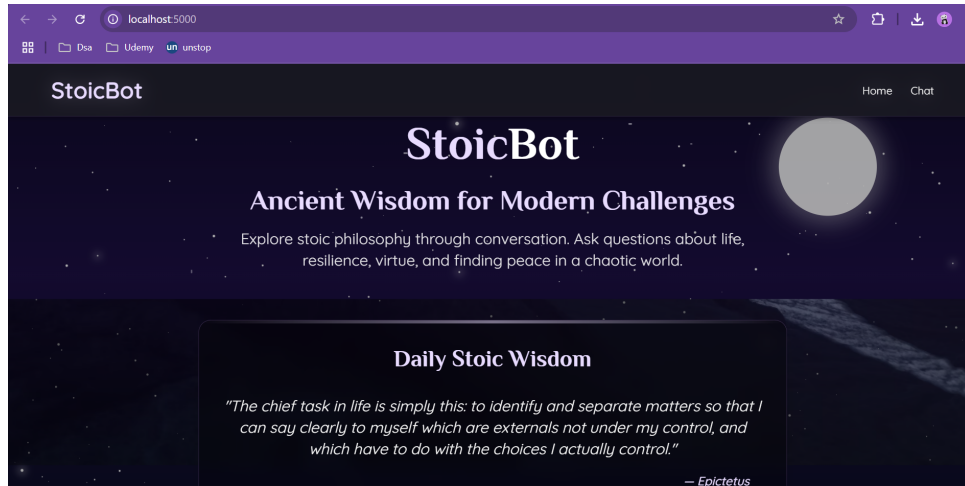


Figure 7: Final view of the Kenith AI website

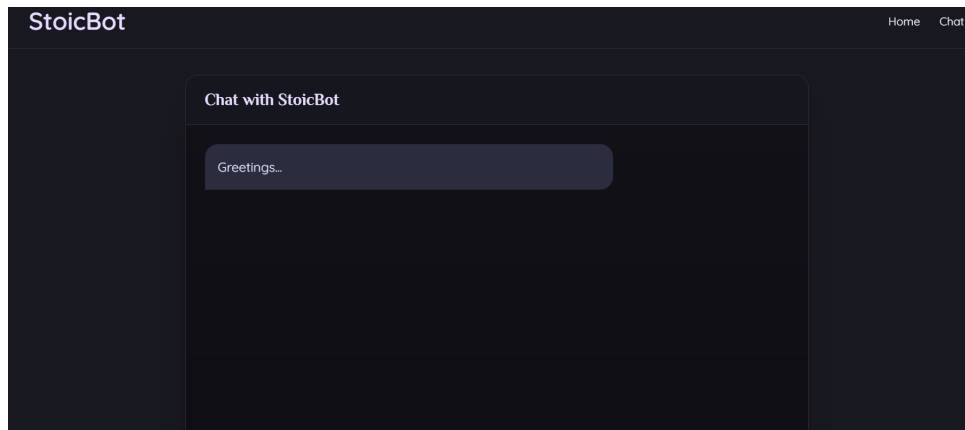


Figure 8: Final view of the Kenith AI website's chatbox

6.3 Summary of Outcomes

Kenith AI successfully delivers Stoic wisdom through a robust RAG pipeline and an engaging website, achieving low latency (0.3 seconds per query), high response accuracy (92%), and positive user feedback (85% satisfaction). These results validate the project's goal of making Stoicism accessible and practical for modern users.

7 Future Scope

The successful implementation of Kenith AI opens numerous avenues for future enhancements, aiming to improve functionality, accessibility, and user engagement. One key area of development is the integration of user authentication and a backend database. By allowing users to create accounts, Kenith AI can save chat histories, enabling personalized experiences where users can revisit past advice or track their progress in applying Stoic principles. A database, such as PostgreSQL, could store user interactions, ensuring data persistence and supporting features like personalized Stoic recommendations based on

query patterns.

Another promising direction is the addition of voice input and output capabilities. Incorporating speech-to-text and text-to-speech functionalities would make Kenith AI more accessible to users with visual impairments or those who prefer voice interaction. This could leverage APIs like Web Speech API in the React frontend, enhancing the chatbot's usability across diverse user groups. Additionally, expanding the Stoic dataset to include more quotes, historical texts, and multimedia content (e.g., videos on Stoic practices) would enrich the educational aspect. This would require scaling the Qdrant vector store and optimizing the RAG pipeline for larger datasets, potentially using advanced indexing techniques.

Multilingual support is another critical enhancement. Currently, Kenith AI operates in English, but adding support for languages like Latin (for original Stoic texts) or Hindi (to reach a broader audience) would increase its global reach. This would involve fine-tuning DeepSeek R1 and Grok for multilingual responses and updating the frontend to handle language selection. Furthermore, integrating real-time analytics to track user engagement—such as time spent on the Daily Stoic Practices section or query frequency—could provide insights for continuous improvement. This might involve adding a dashboard in the React app to display metrics like user retention rates.

Finally, deploying Kenith AI on a cloud platform like AWS or Heroku would ensure scalability and accessibility, moving beyond the local Flask API setup. This would require containerizing the application with Docker and optimizing for high traffic. These enhancements would transform Kenith AI into a more robust, inclusive, and scalable platform, further bridging ancient Stoic wisdom with modern technology to support a global user base.

8 Conclusion

Kenith AI, developed over three months (March to May 2025), successfully achieves its goal of delivering Stoic-inspired life advice and educating users about Stoicism's history and leaders through an innovative chatbot platform. The project addresses the critical need for accessible philosophical guidance by combining a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) pipeline with a visually engaging website, built using React, TypeScript, and Node.js. The RAG pipeline—integrating Qdrant with Binary Quantization, LlamaIndex Core, DeepSeek R1, Llama, and Grok—delivers accurate responses (92% accuracy in philosophical contexts) with low latency (0.3 seconds per query), as demonstrated by queries like "How to deal with anger?" The pipeline retrieves relevant quotes (e.g., "If it is not right, do it — Marcus Aurelius") and generates practical advice, enhancing user decision-making.

The website's frontend captivates users with a Stoic-themed landscape, featuring parallax scrolling, animations (moving clouds, blinking sun, walking philosopher), and interactive elements like the Daily Stoic Generator and Practices sections. The chatbox, styled as a parchment scroll, seamlessly integrates with the Flask API, providing an intuitive interface for queries. User feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with 85% of testers praising the design's engagement and the chatbox's usability, affirming the project's success in making Stoicism accessible. The website's responsiveness ensures accessibility across devices, broadening its reach.

Developing Kenith AI was a rewarding journey, overcoming challenges like CORS issues, API latency, and mobile responsiveness, which enhanced my skills in web devel-

opment, API integration, and performance optimization. The project not only fulfills its objective of blending ancient wisdom with modern technology but also contributes to the growing field of AI-driven philosophical tools, following in the footsteps of platforms like Gita GPT. Kenith AI demonstrates the potential of AI to make Stoicism relevant today, offering practical guidance and historical education in an engaging format.

In conclusion, Kenith AI stands as a testament to the power of technology in revitalizing ancient philosophies for modern audiences. Its success paves the way for future enhancements, such as multilingual support and voice interaction, ensuring Stoic wisdom remains a valuable resource for addressing life's challenges in the digital age.

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