

SQL database in Microsoft Fabric

Series Scenario – Conference session application

You need:

- to store and serve data for the conference webpage.
- to be able to run analysis over the data.
- an application that allows attendees to easily search for and find sessions of interest to them.
- to follow modern best practices for application lifecycle.
- to be able to monitor and troubleshoot database and query performance.

Course Overview and agenda



Episode 1: Introduction and Overview; Getting started



Episode 2: Dataflows, Notebooks, Reports



Episode 3: GenAI and vector databases



Episode 4: GraphQL and application development



Episode 5: Application lifecycle management



Episode 6: Performance Dashboard, Recap

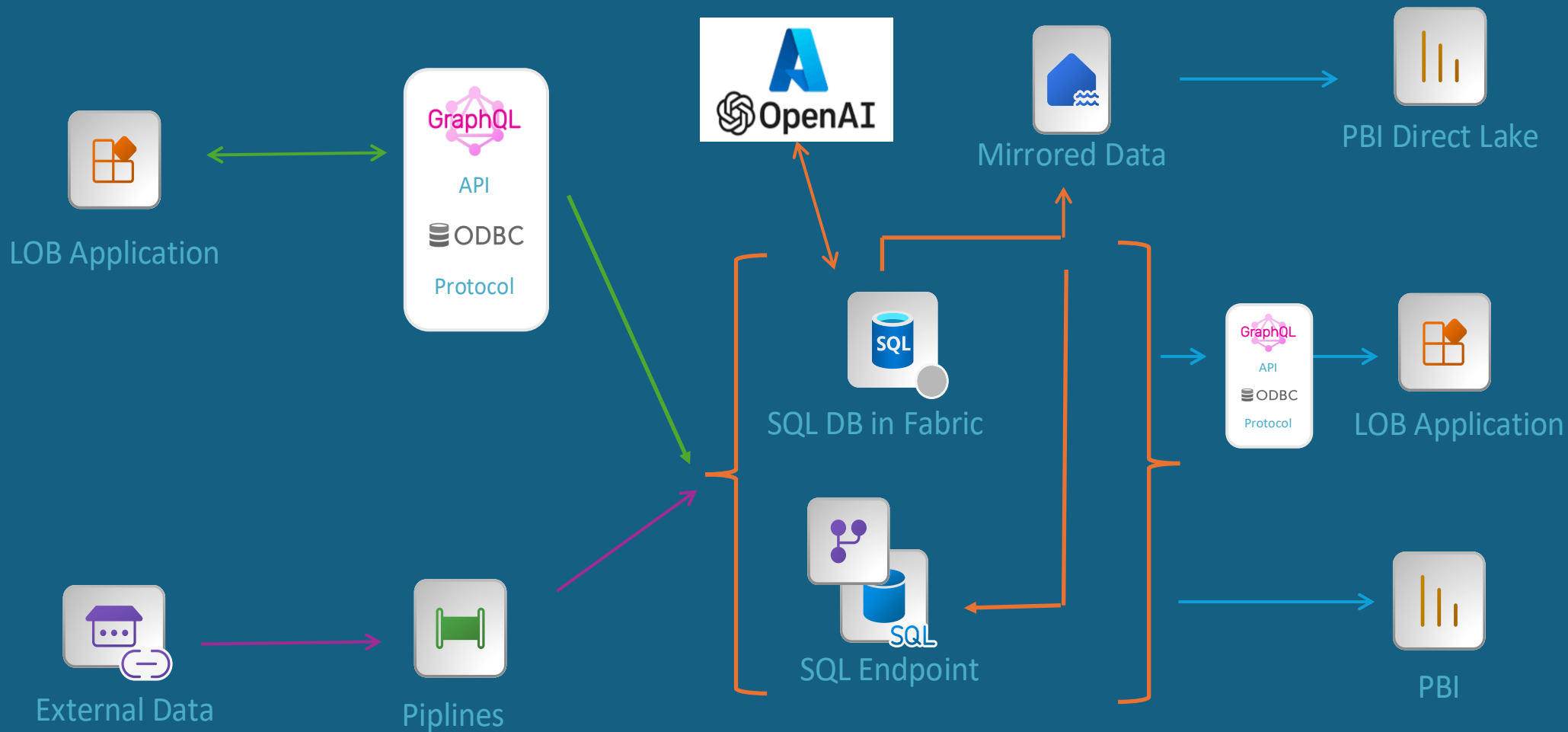
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EXPOSE



Episode 3: AI-Integration

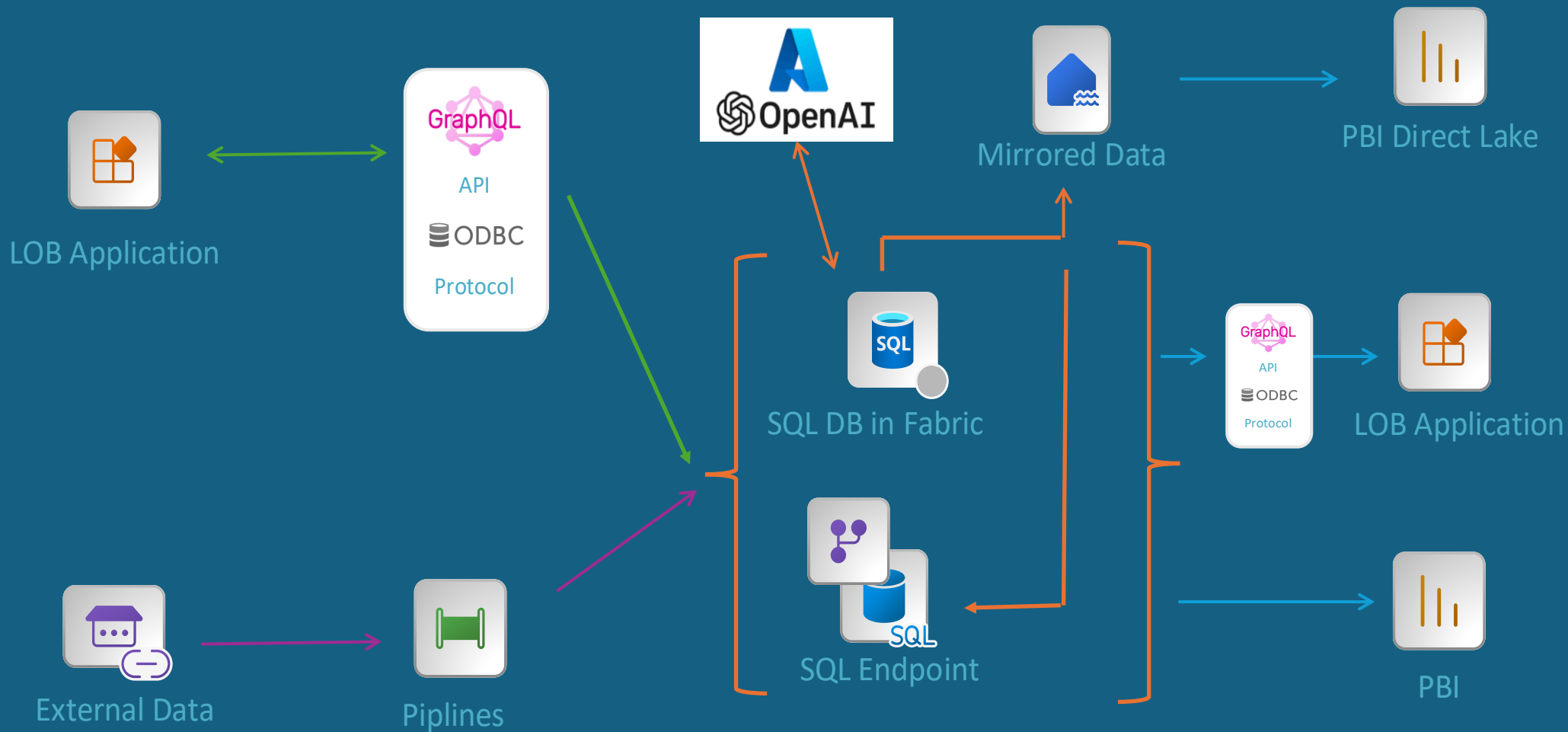
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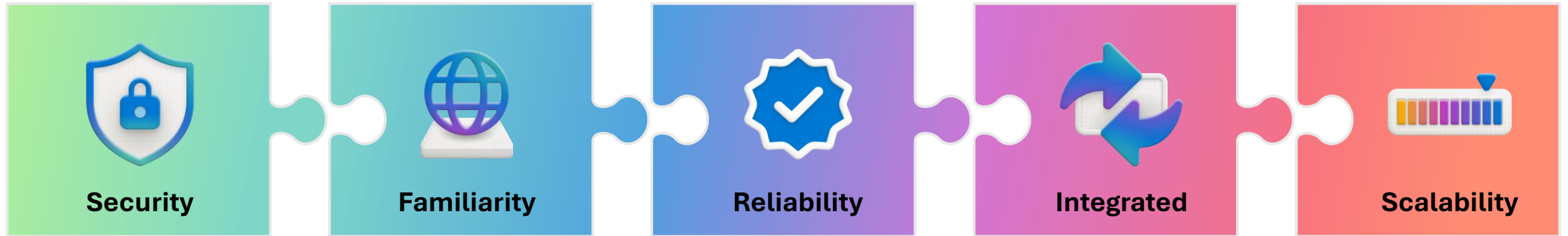
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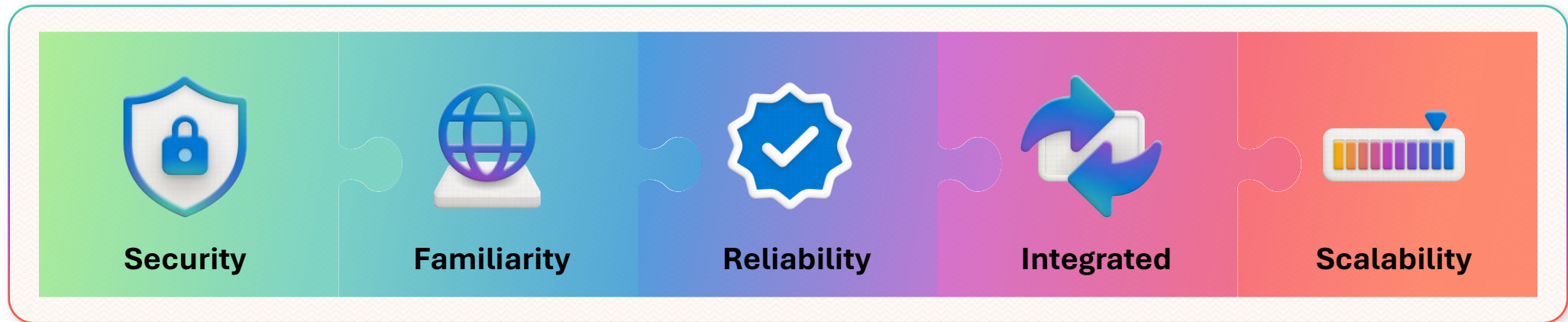


Why AI Integration?

Why SQL for AI apps?

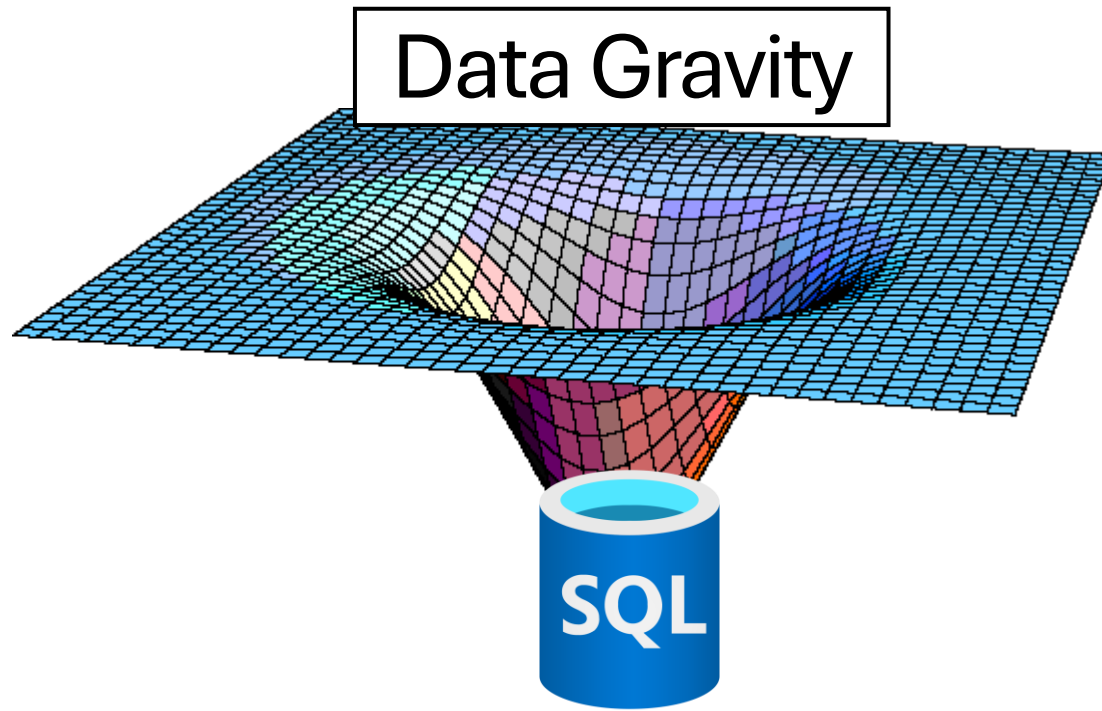
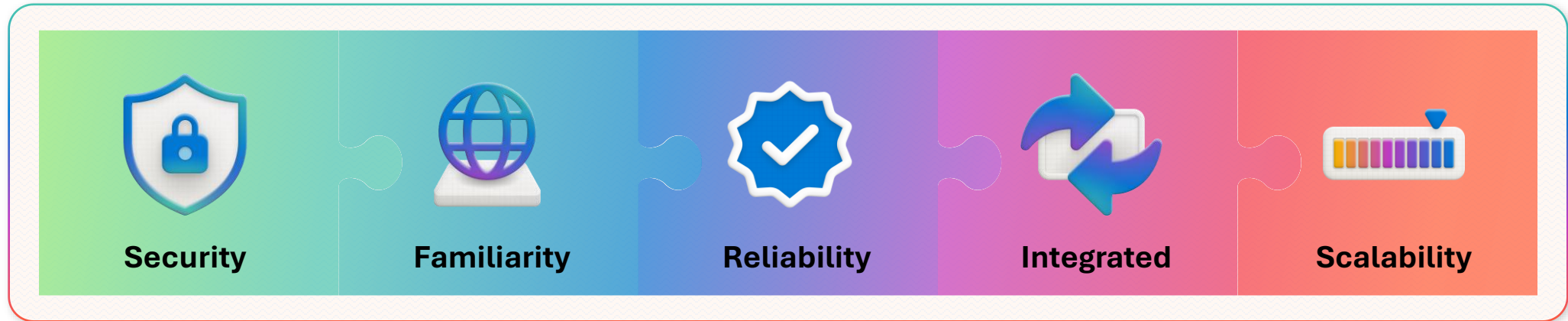


Why SQL for AI apps?



SQL already contains all valuable (present and future) company's data: make sense to move AI to data instead of the other way round!

Why SQL for AI apps?





Building scalable AI applications

Vector search

Store vectors and data together for consistency

RAG Pattern

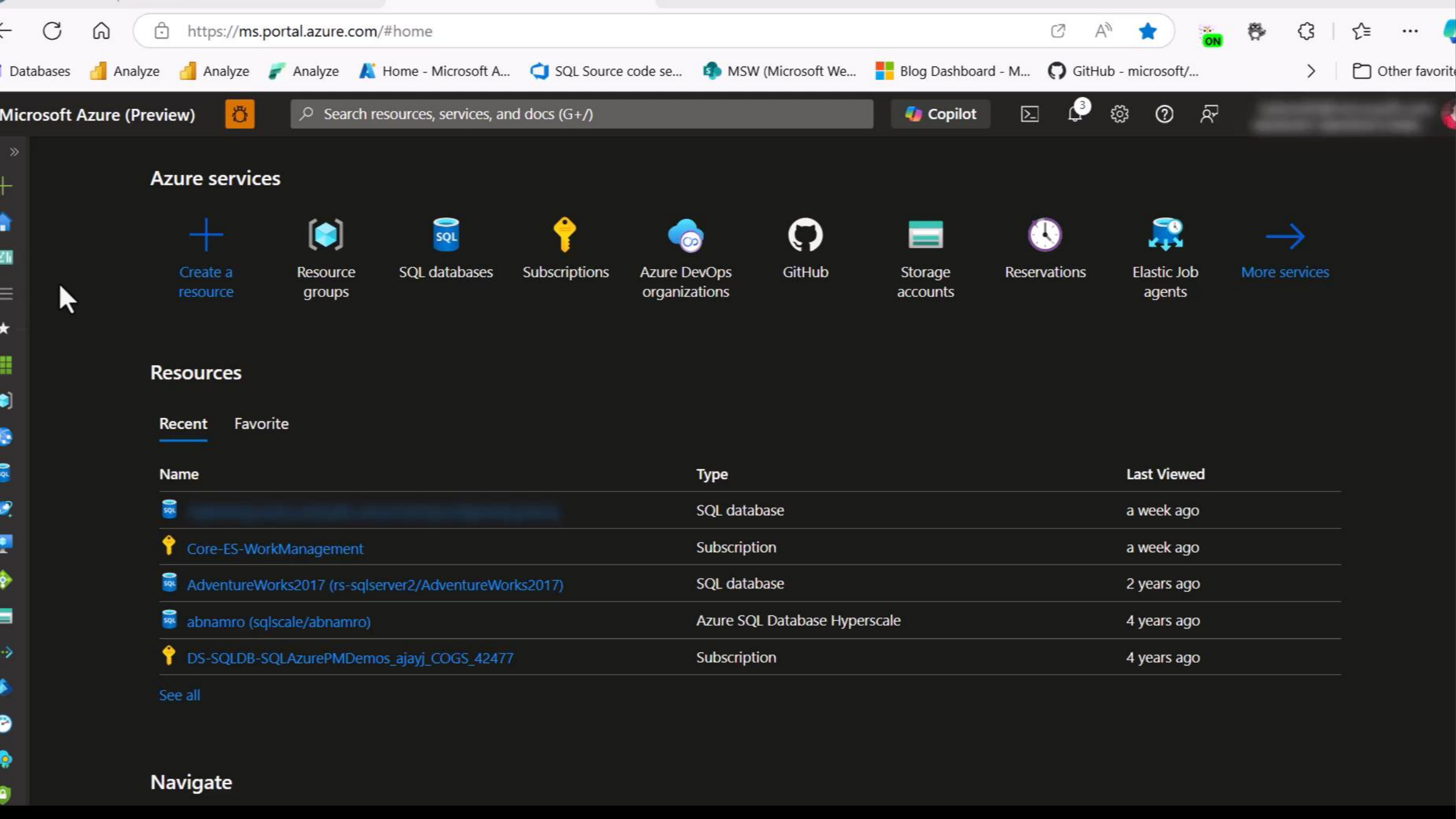
Retrieve the most semantically relevant data from your database and use it to ground LLMs for specific scenarios.

Structured Queries

Allow LLMs to query structured data and take advantage of rich metadata and query optimization

Deploy Azure
OpenAI





Azure services



Create a resource



Resource groups



SQL databases



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Azure DevOps organizations



GitHub



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Elastic Job agents


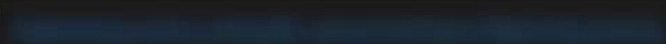






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About Vector Databases

Vectors and Embeddings

Feature Vector

Ordered array of numbers typically created by a human to train a model
[Height, Weight, Age, Fur Length, Energy Level]

Embedding

Vector generated by a model that has semantic meaning

dog: [0.9, 0.3, 0.2, ...]

Image of a dog: [0.9, 0.3, 0.2, ...]

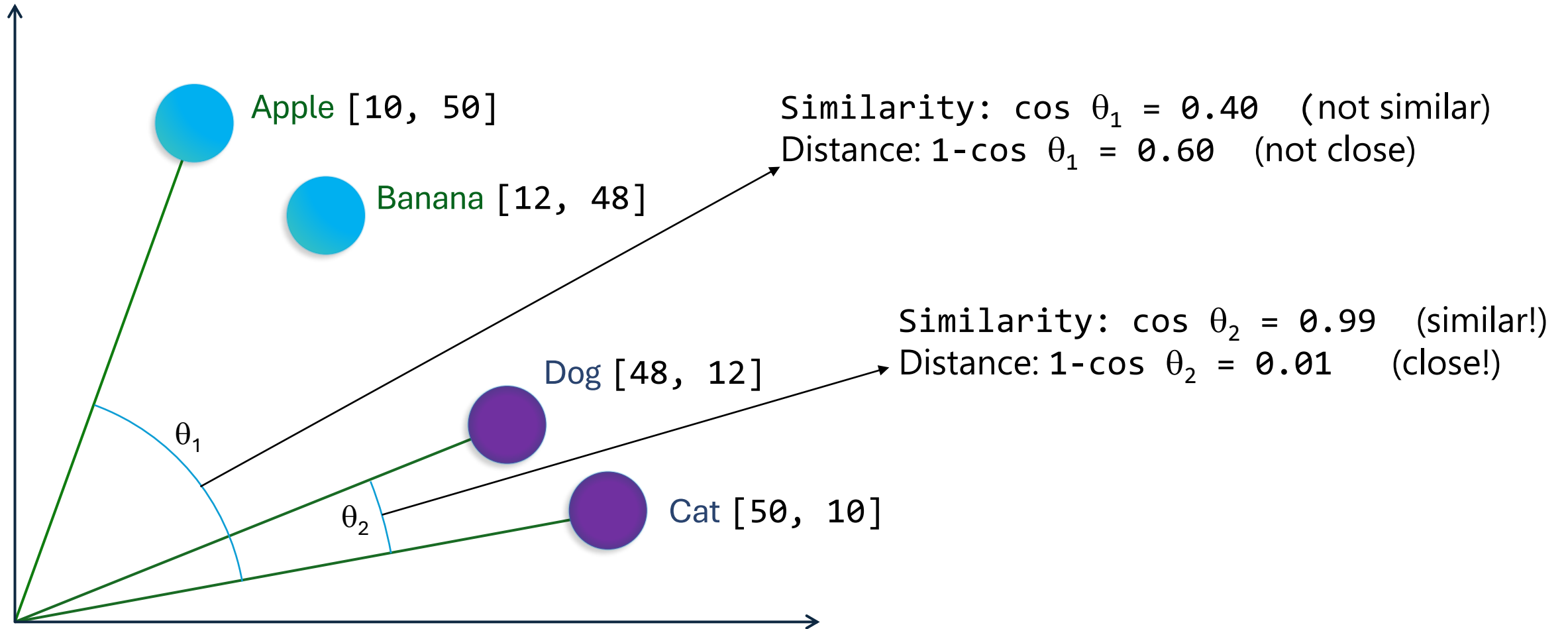
puppy: [0.88, 0.33, 0.21, ...]

"I took the dog for a walk": [1.5, -0.8, 2.1, ...]

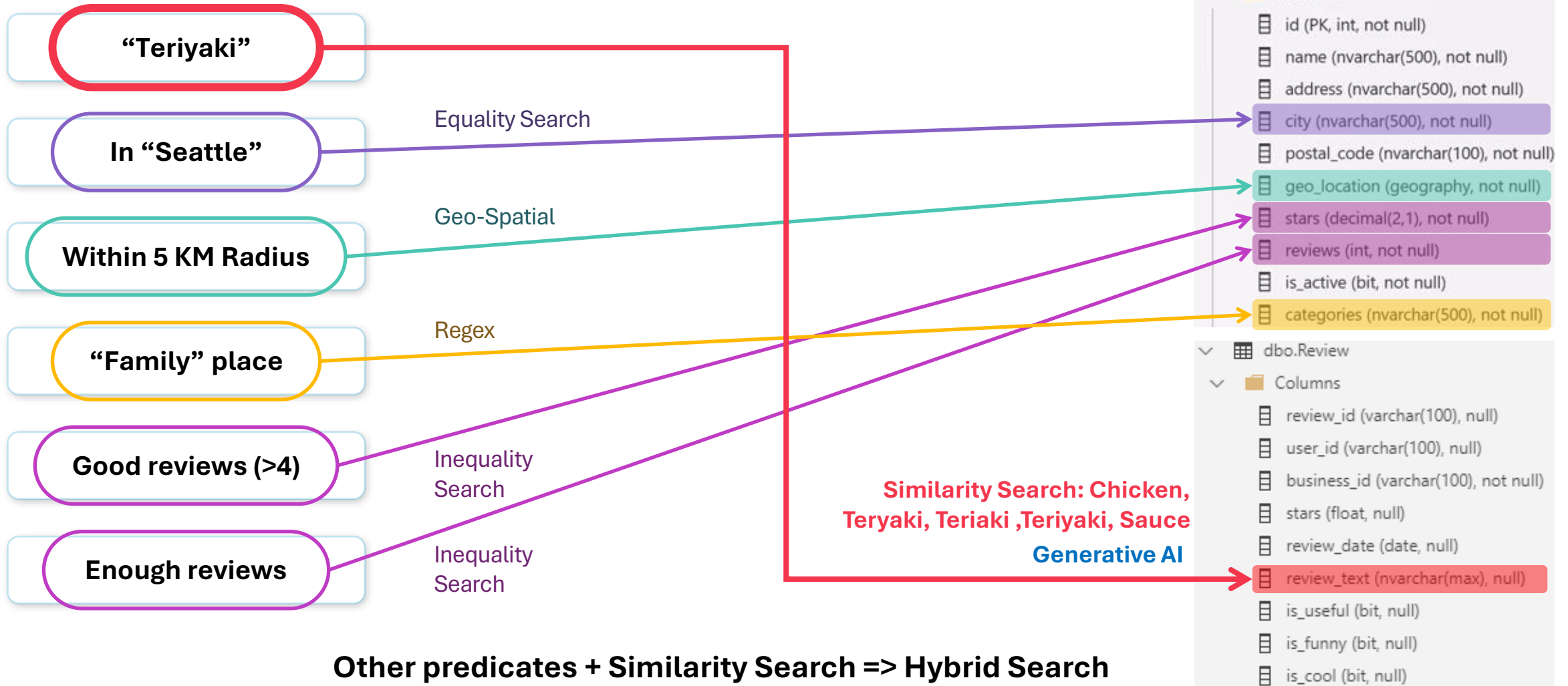
“dog”



Similarity Searching using Cosine



Why vectors in a modern relational database?



Vector support in Fabric SQL

```
create procedure [web].[find_similar_sessions] @topic nvarchar(max)
as
```

```
declare @e vector(1536)
exec [web].[get_embedding] @topic, @e output;
```

```
with similar_details as
(
    select top(10)
        e.session_id,
        vector_distance('cosine', @e, details_vector_text3) as distance
    from
        [web].[sessions_details_embeddings] e
    order by
        distance
),
```

Vector support in Fabric SQL database

| Item | About |
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| New VECTOR(n) data type | Creates an object of the Vector type with the given dimension. |
| CAST('[1,2,3]' AS VECTOR(3)) | Casts a string that represents an array to a vector of the given dimension. |
| CAST(@v AS VARCHAR(MAX)) | Casts a vector to a string equivalent |
| VECTOR_NORM | Measures the length/magnitude of a vector* |
| VECTOR_NORMALIZE | Scales the vector to have a length of 1* |
| VECTOR_DISTANCE | Measures the cosine distance between two vectors |

*For a given '*norm type*'

Use Cases

Hybrid search: vector (semantic) search + full-text search + filters

- E.g.: “Find all the documents from Acme customer written by John Doe that are related to the new security policies”

Chatbot

- Memories and chat history

Retrieval Augmented Generation

- Today’s project!

NL2SQL

- Copilot

Connecting to
OpenAI to obtain
embeddings



Working with vector features



End Episode 3

Introduction to OpenAI

Deploy your own Azure OpenAI instance and model

Overview of Vector databases

Integrate OpenAI and Vector support