Search Engine Design with BM25 and DESM

ECS735P Information Retrieval - Group 18

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Presentation Structure

Overview

- Importance of identification of the most relevant and accurate news information
  - Incapability to do so results to
    - Inaccurate or incomplete news information
    - Negative consequences such as misinformation and misinterpretation

- An IR system is capable to:
  - Accurate
  - Reliable
  - Timely

- Project scope:
  - Investigate and evaluate the design of news article search engine with 2 different models
  - Overview of the future design implementation of the system.

(Saracevic, 2010)

Problem statement

Dataset

- BBC News articles, scraped using Python.
- Contains all the recent news articles within the 20-day window, from the day it was scraped.
- Total data used for this project is **8,333**

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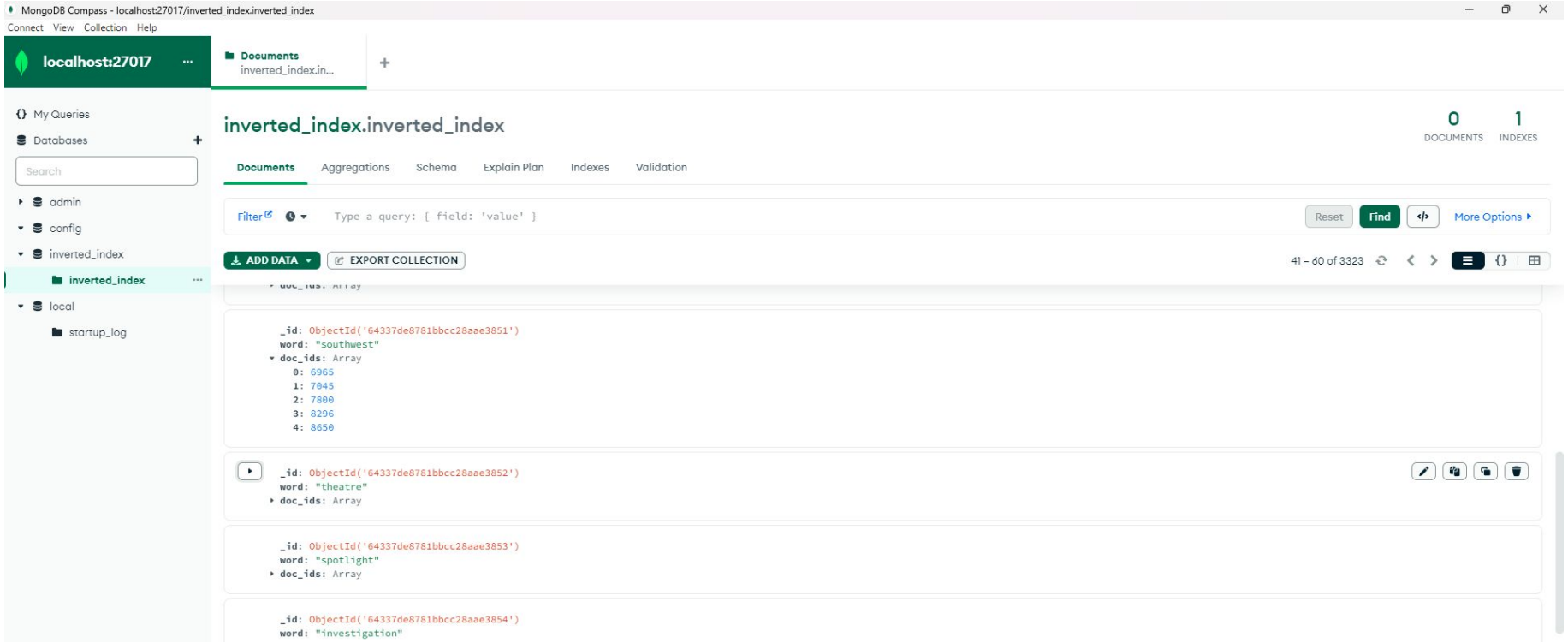

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Evaluation

- Limitations with dataset chosen:
  - Unlabelled data
- Manual scoring
  - Query and result relevance based on:
    - News category
    - News article content

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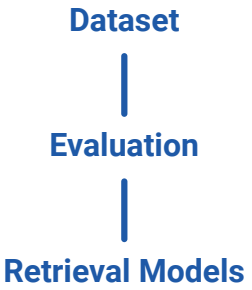

Retrieval Models

- BM25
- Dual Embedding Space Model (DESM)

Retrieval Models

- **BM25**
  - It ranks the relevance of the document by weighing the similarity of the query terms in the document
    - Counting repetition of query terms in the document
  - Assumption:
    - Query terms are more useful for document ranking
  - Uses only original query terms and any additional query will be linked to the original query via relevance

- **DESM**
  - Two embeddings
    - Query words, Q,
    - Document words, D.
  - Ranking function is simply the mean cosine similarity of Q and D bar
  - Takes into account distributional semantics, which incorporates the relationship between words

$$DESM(Q, D) = \frac{1}{|Q|} \sum_{q_i \in Q} \frac{\mathbf{q}_i^T \overline{\mathbf{D}}}{\|\mathbf{q}_i\| \|\overline{\mathbf{D}}\|}$$

Where:

$$\overline{\mathbf{D}} = \frac{1}{|D|} \sum_{\mathbf{d}_j \in D} \frac{\mathbf{d}_j}{\|\mathbf{d}_j\|}$$

(Nalisnick *et al.*, 2016)

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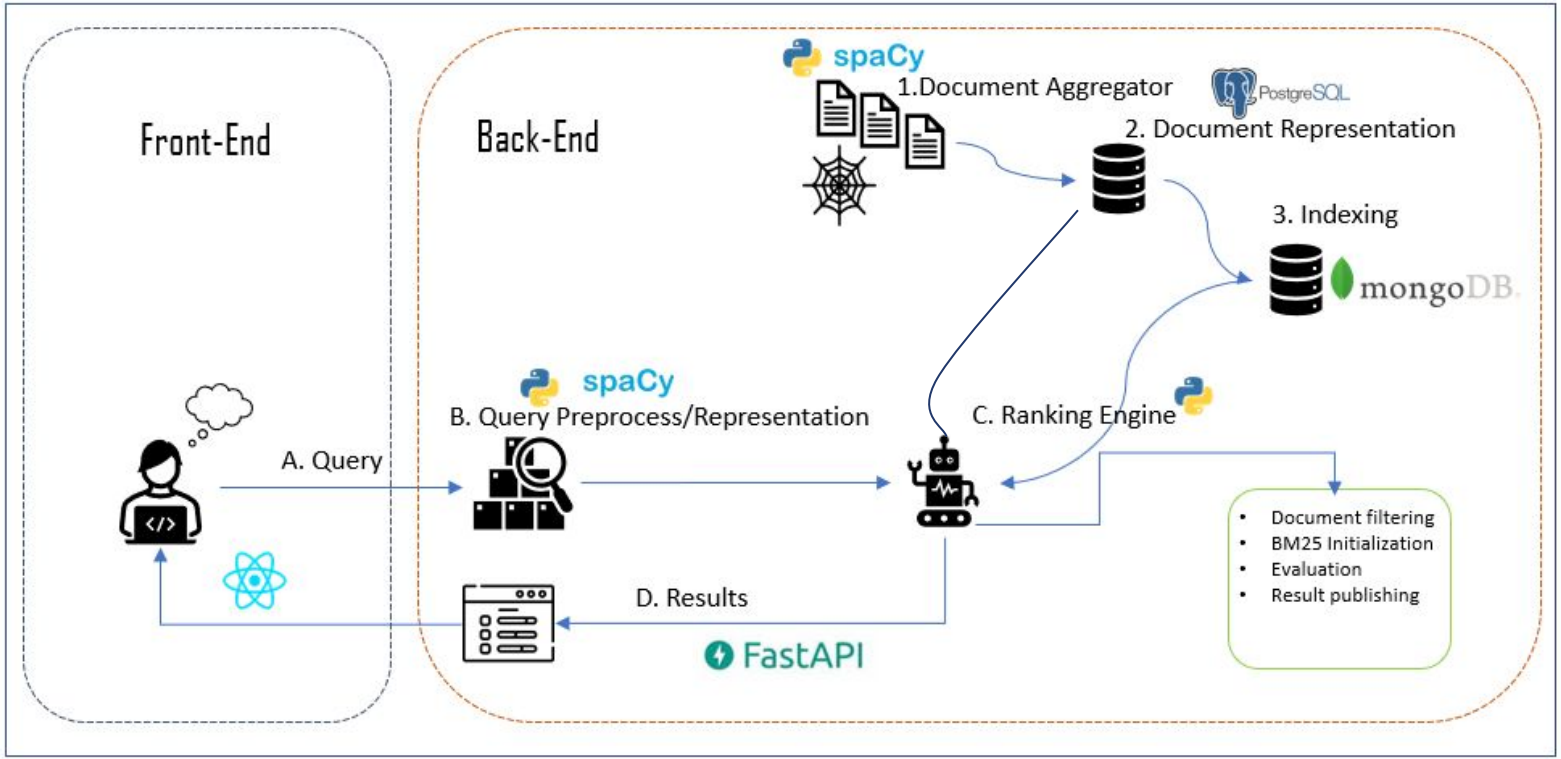

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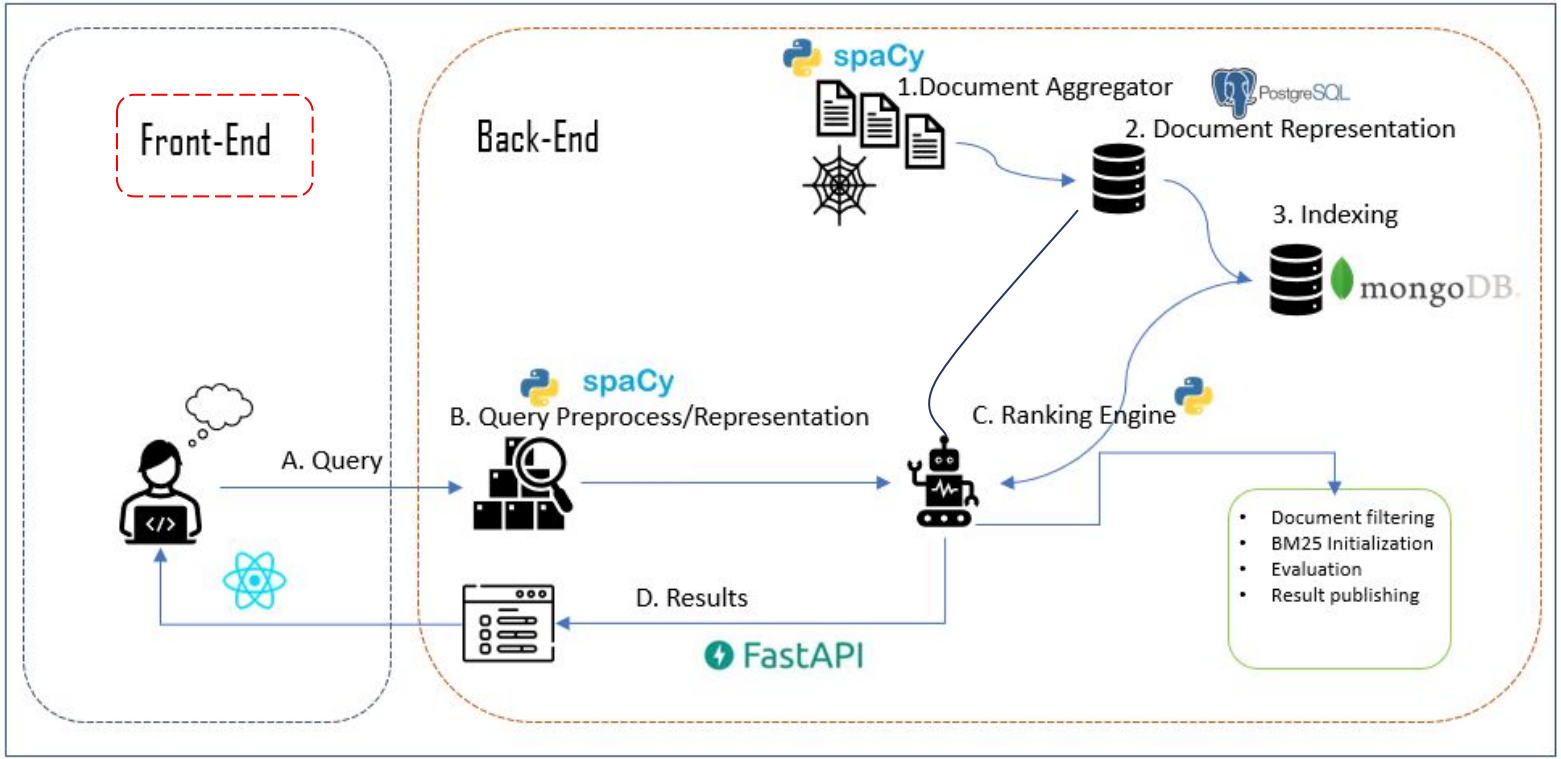

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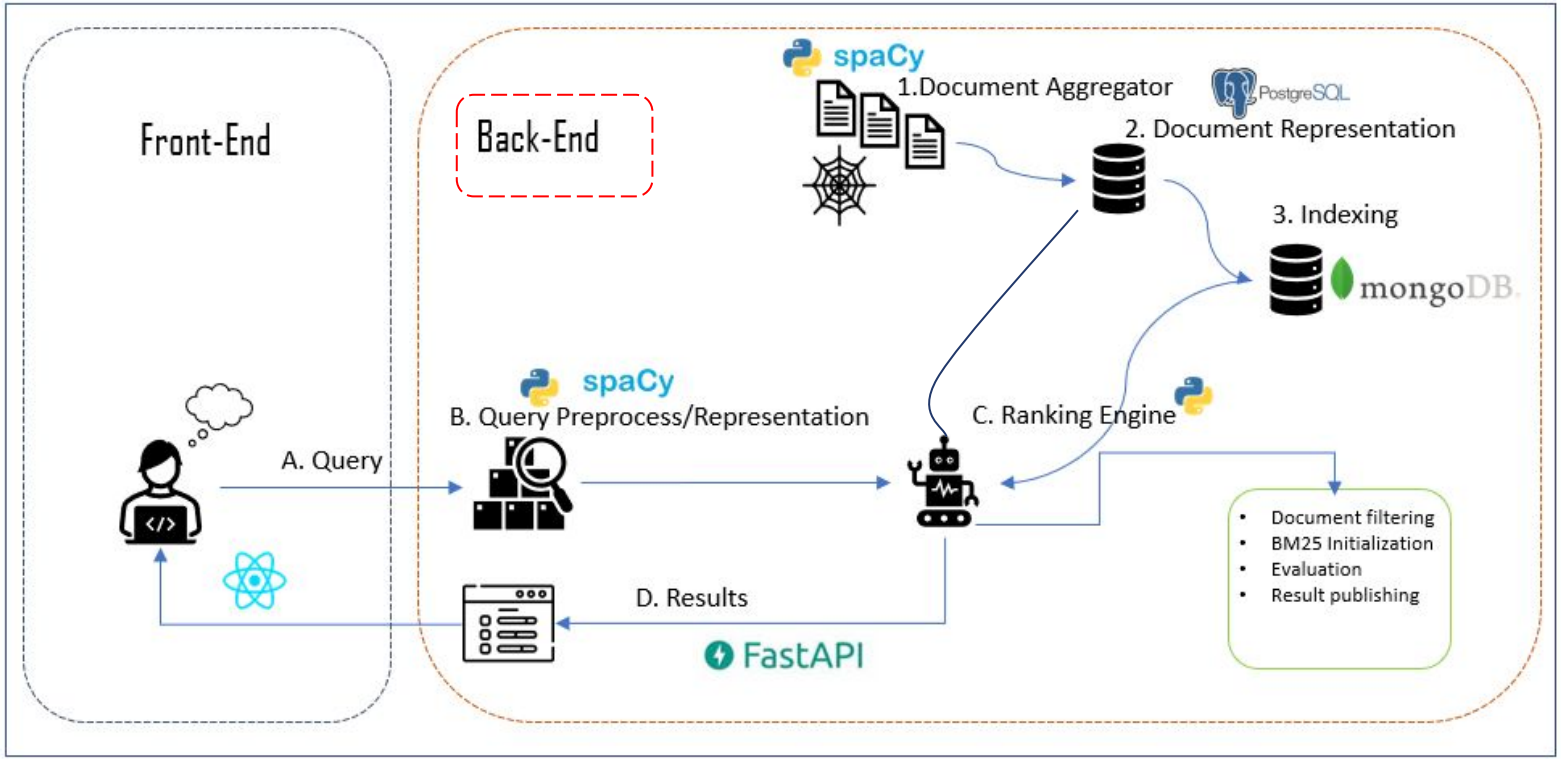

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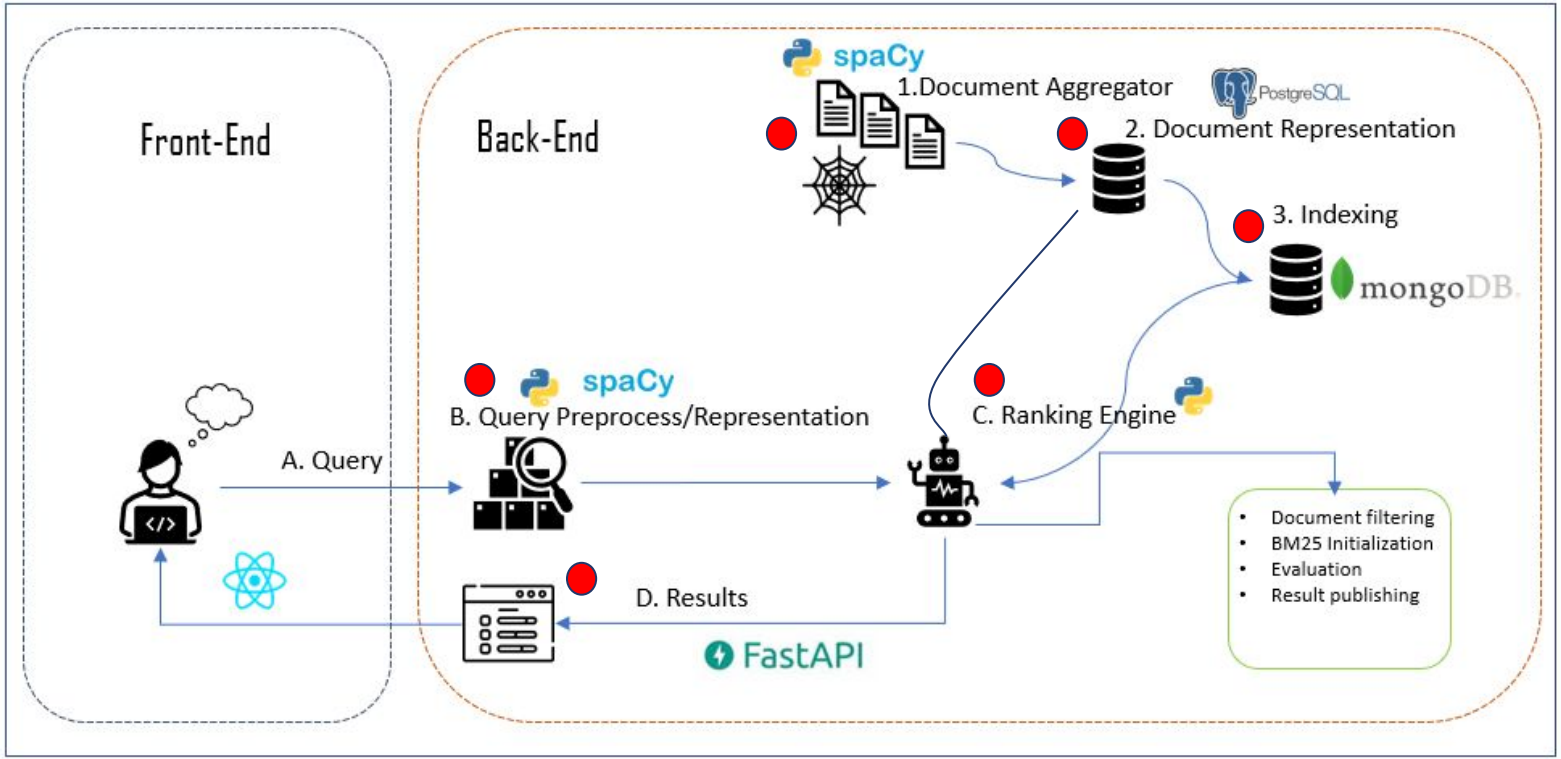

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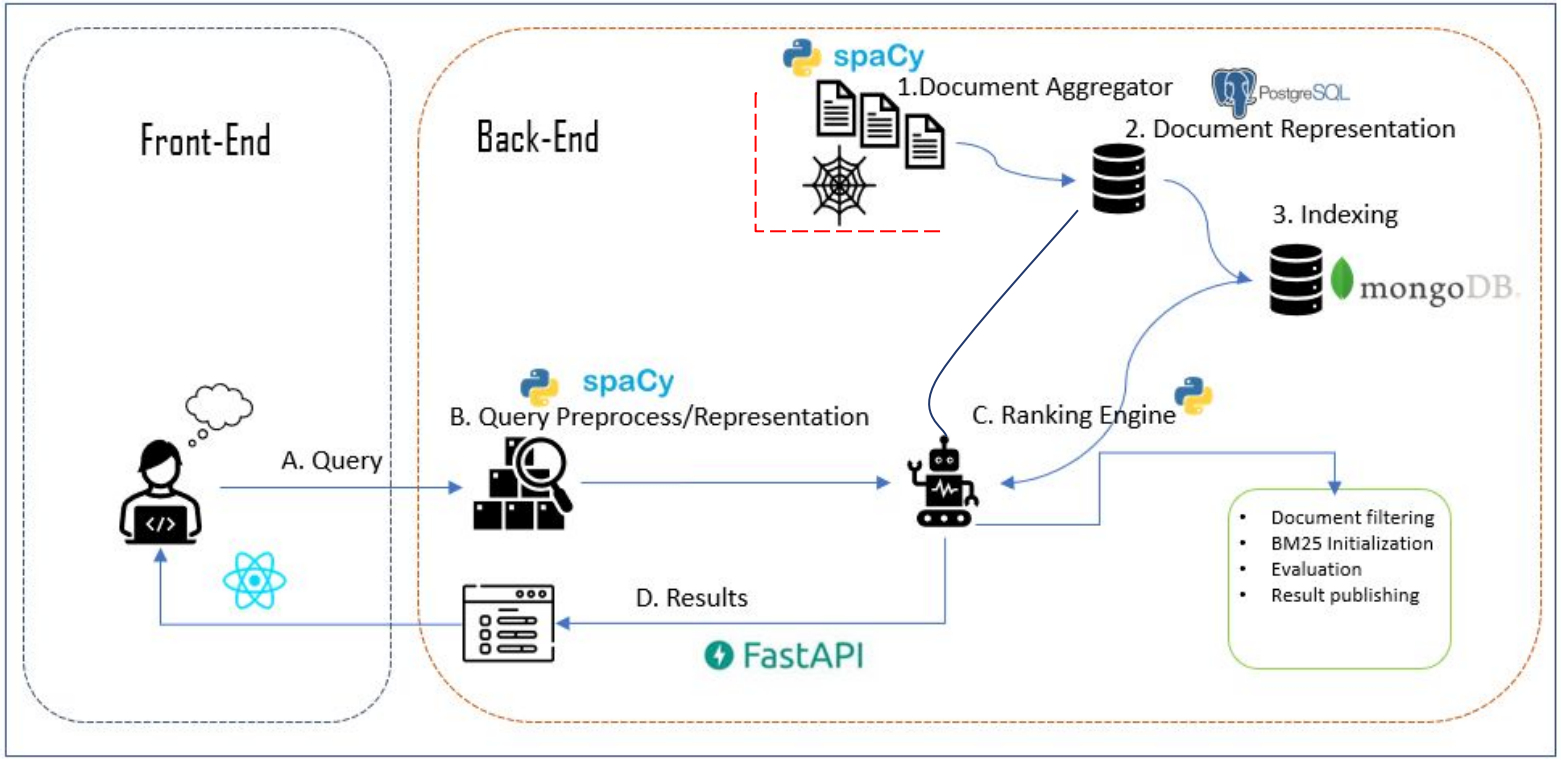

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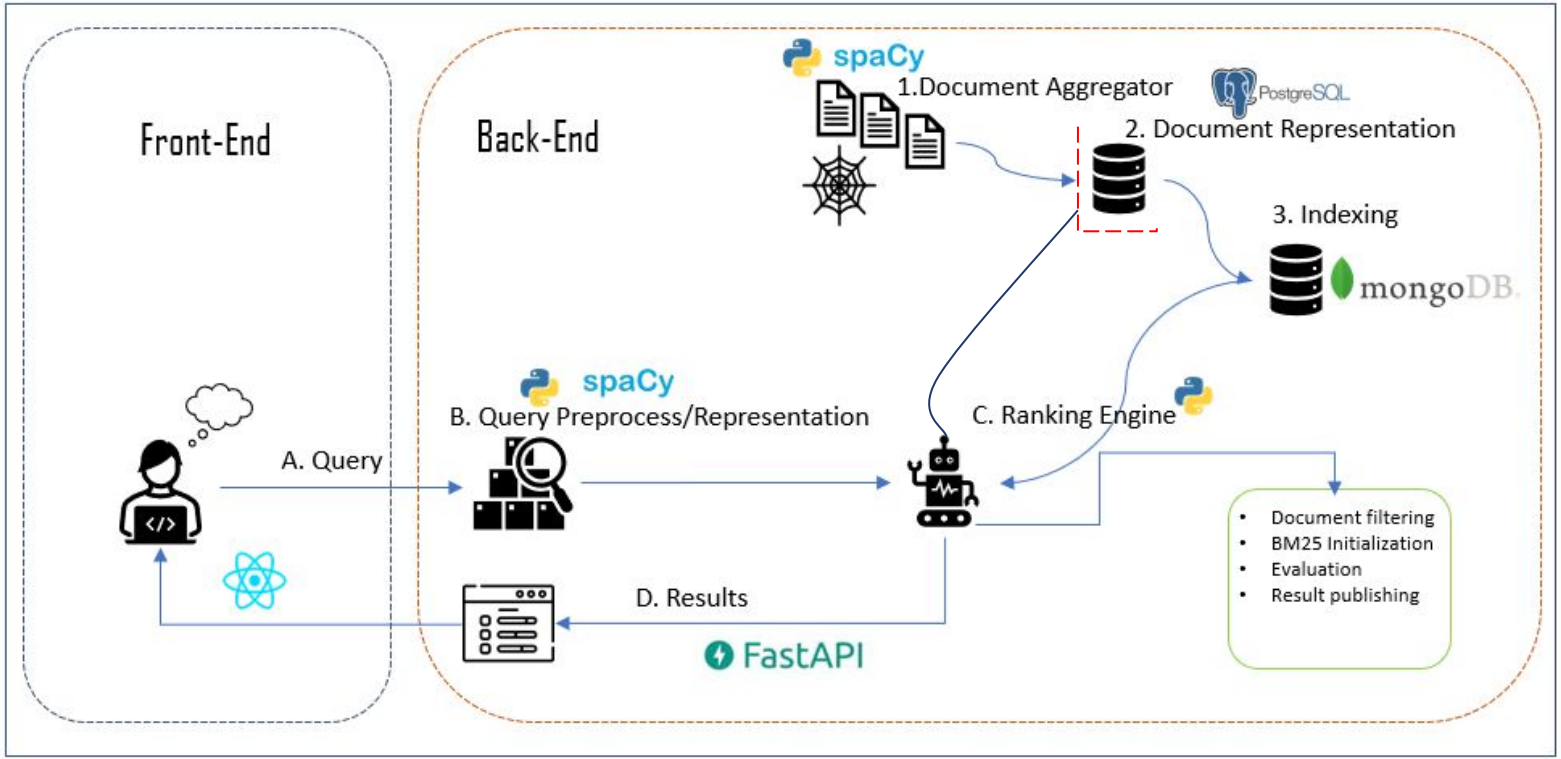

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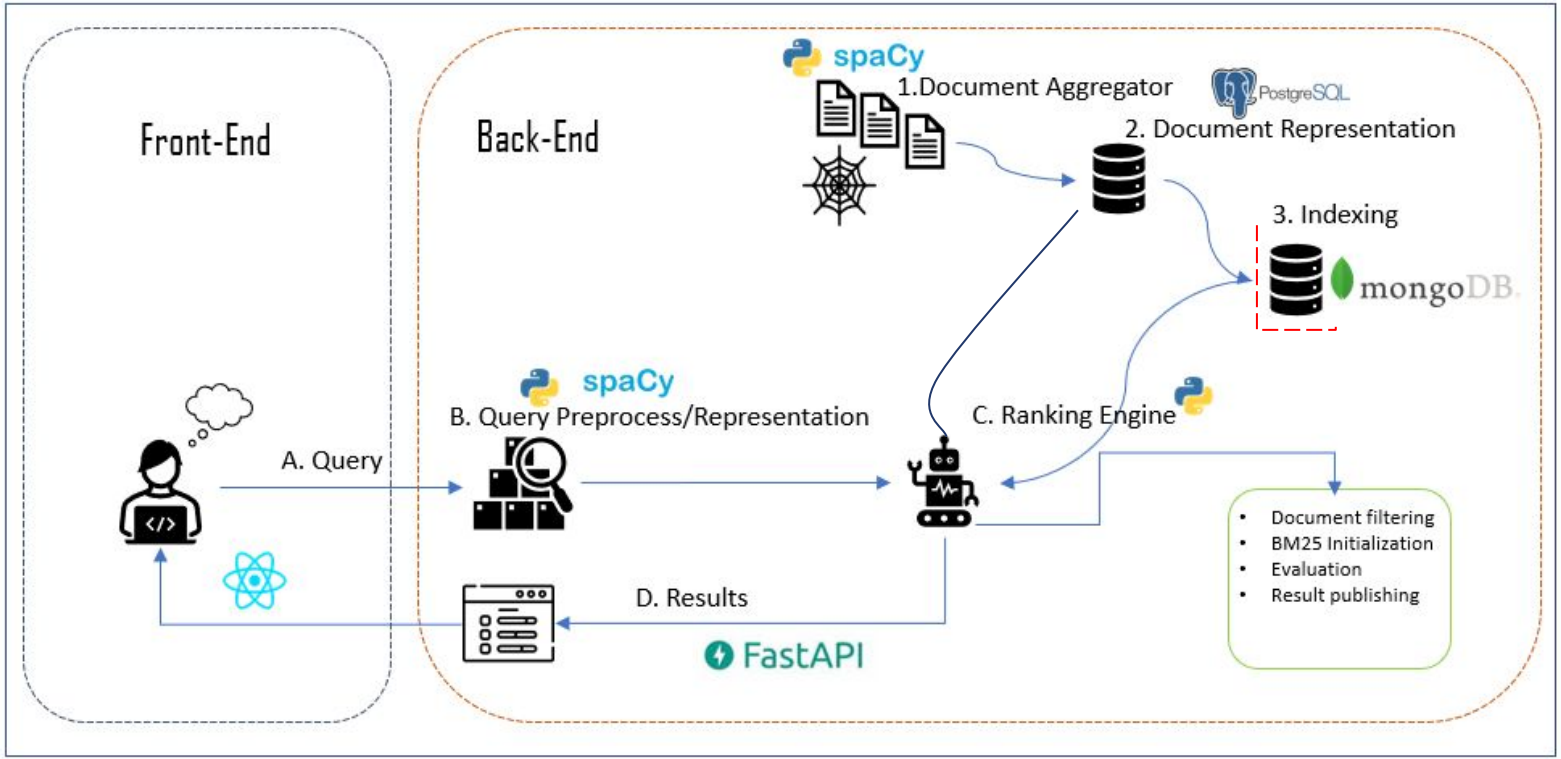

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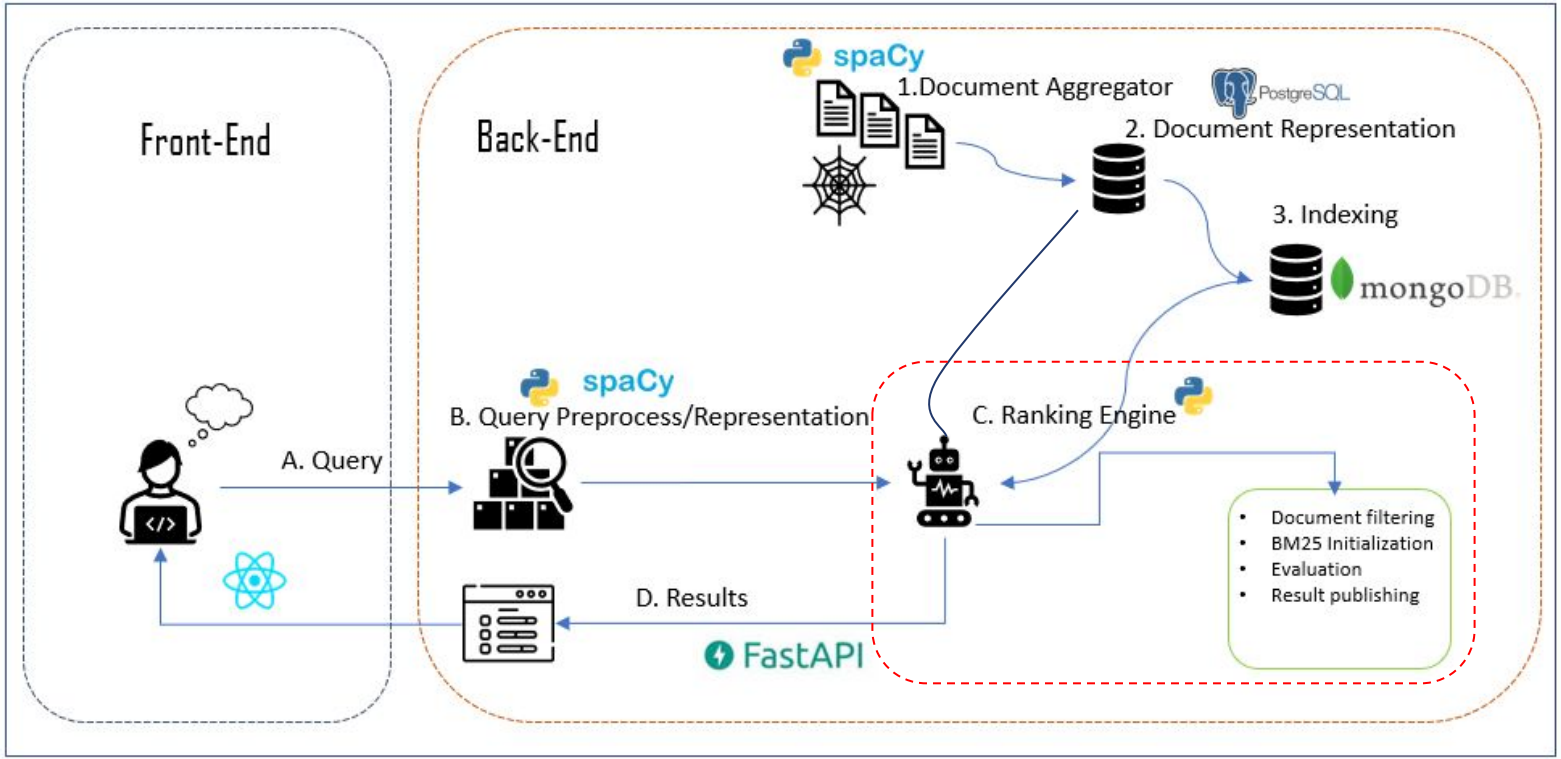

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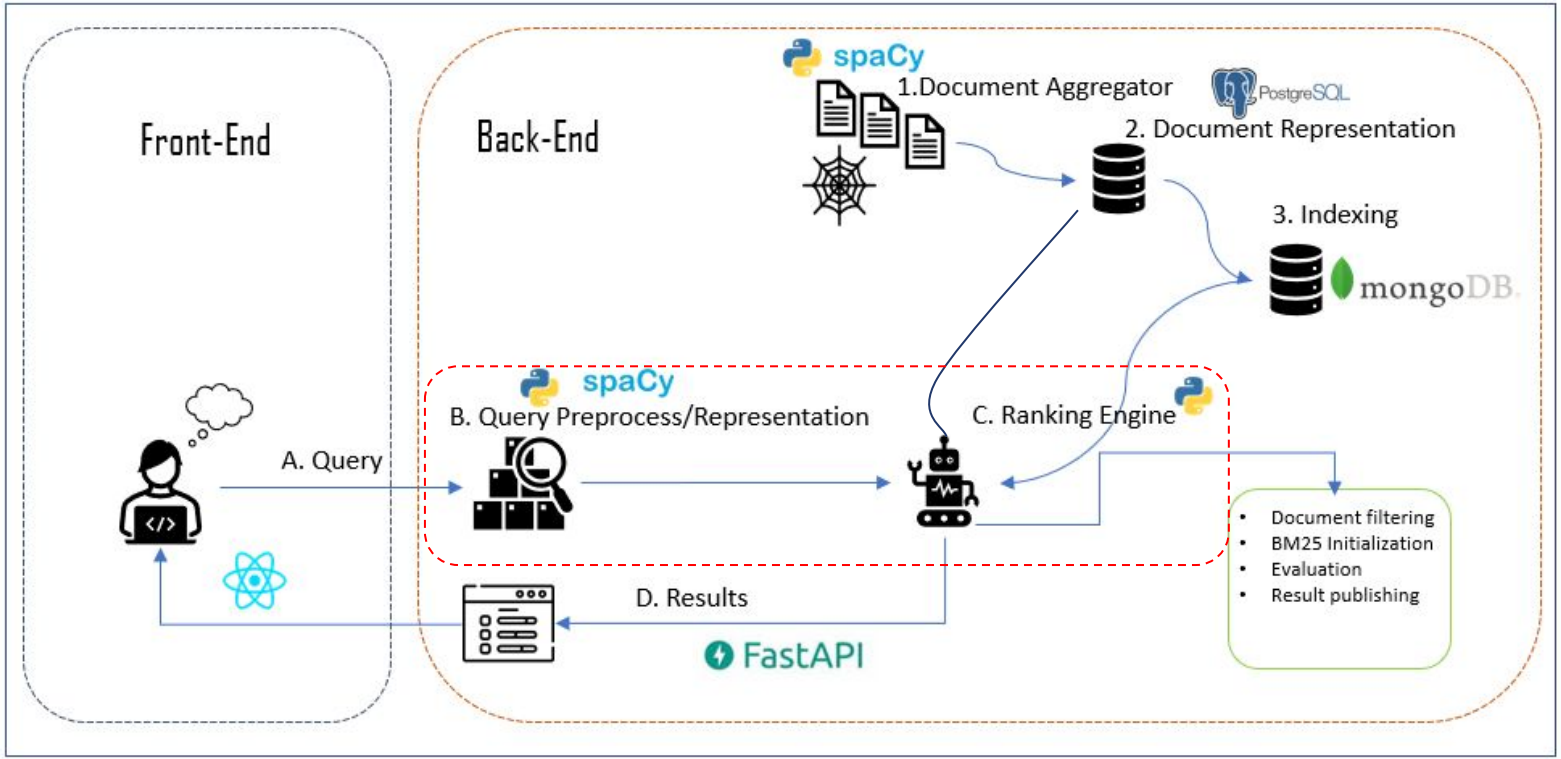

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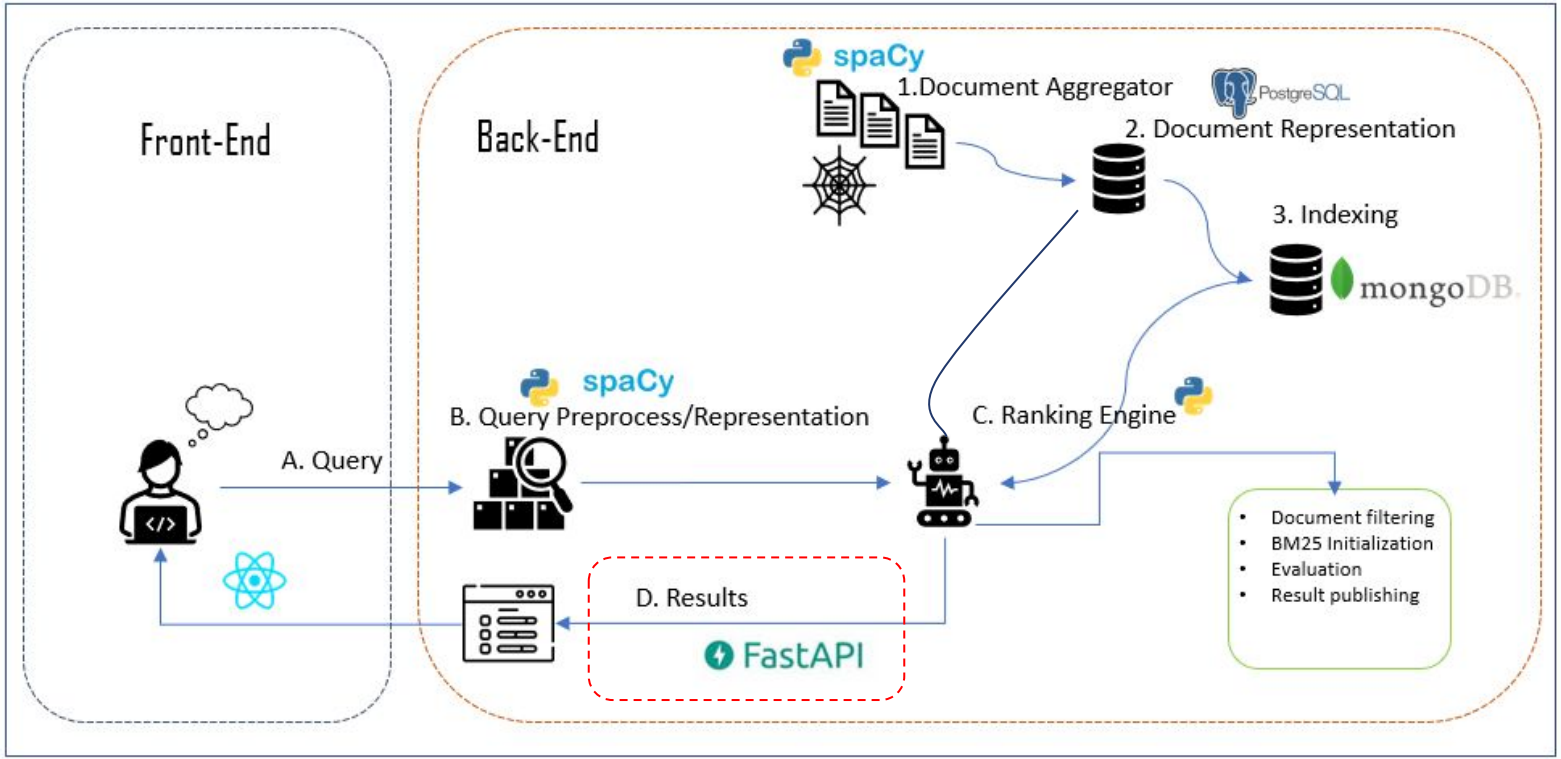

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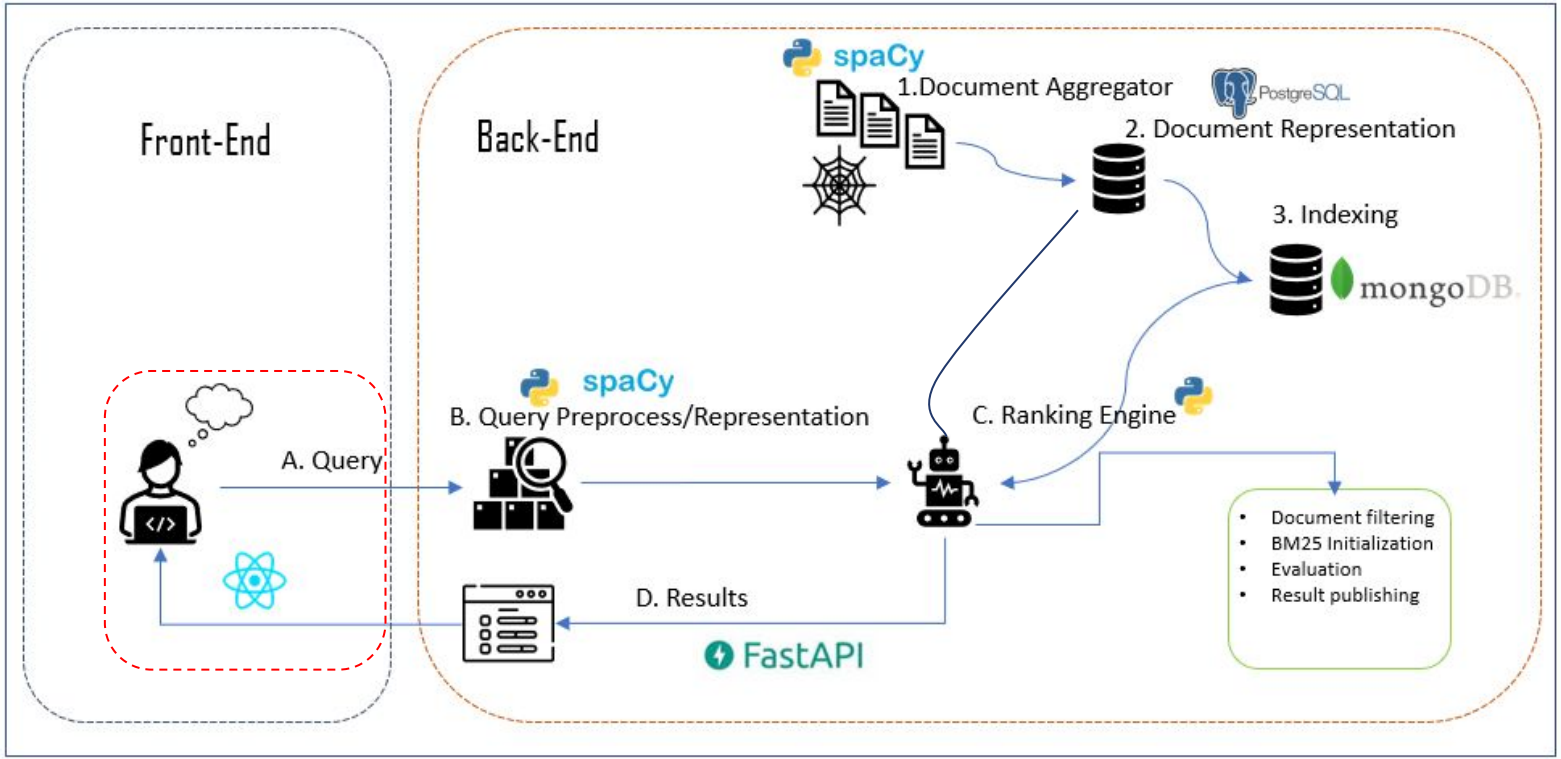

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Frontend

"Is Rishi Sunak Prime Minister?"

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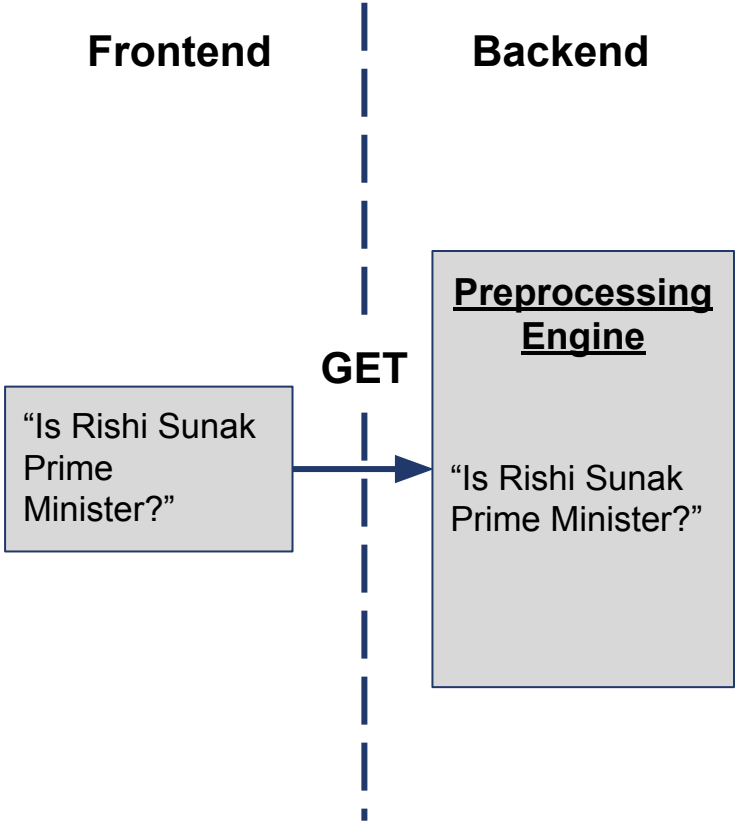

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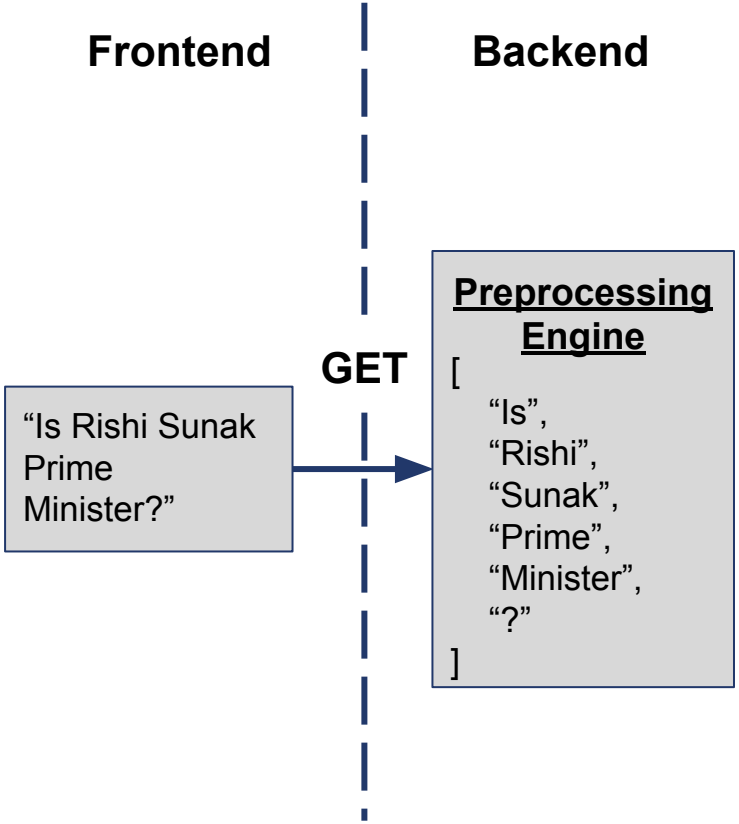

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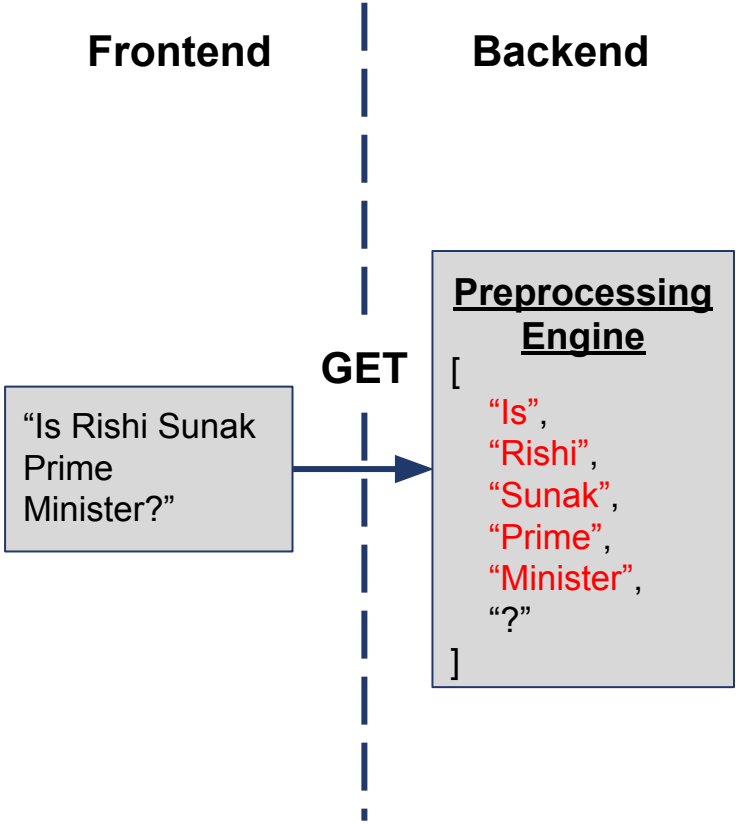

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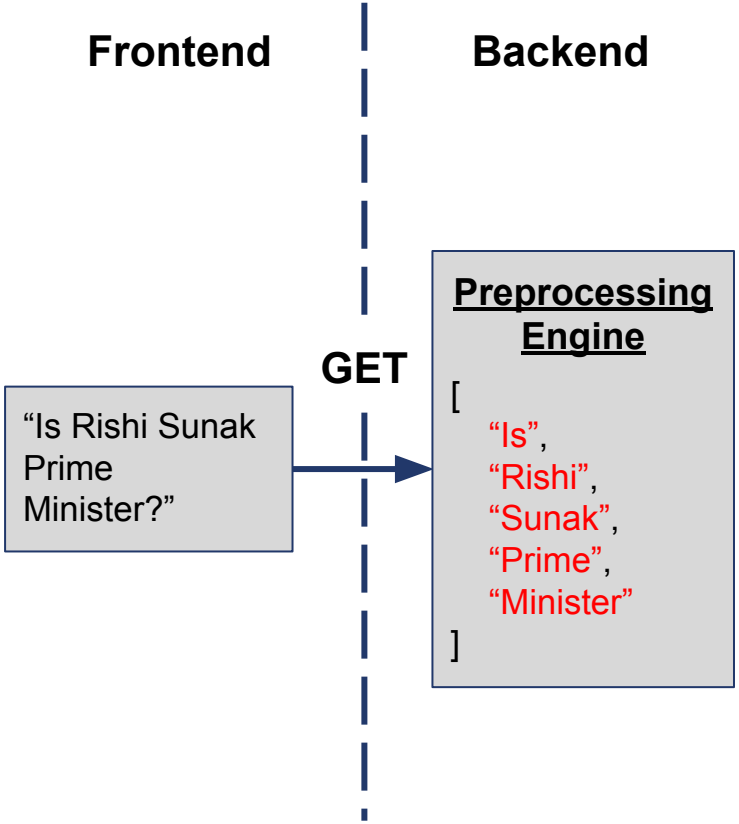

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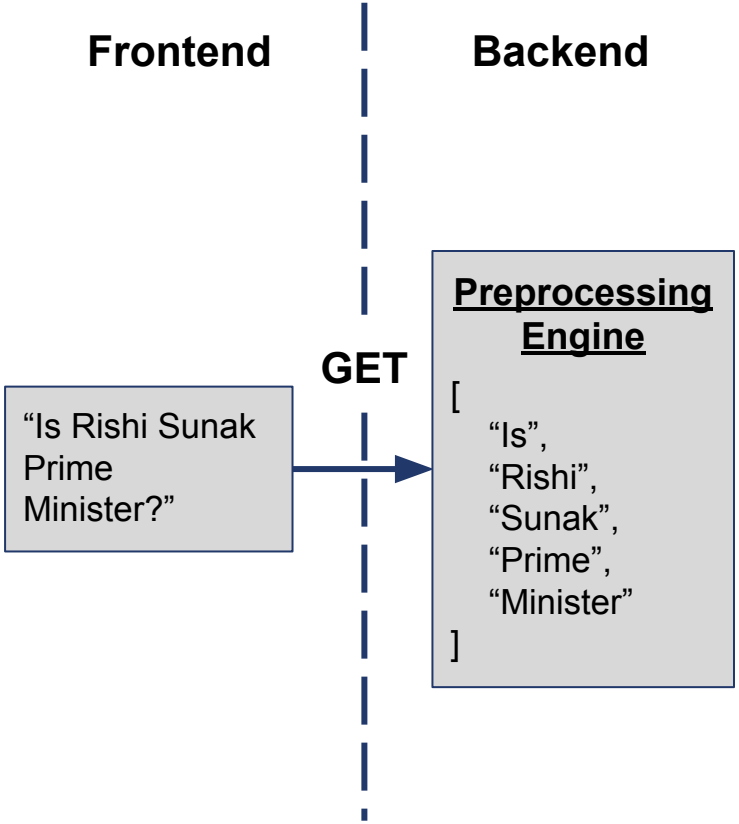

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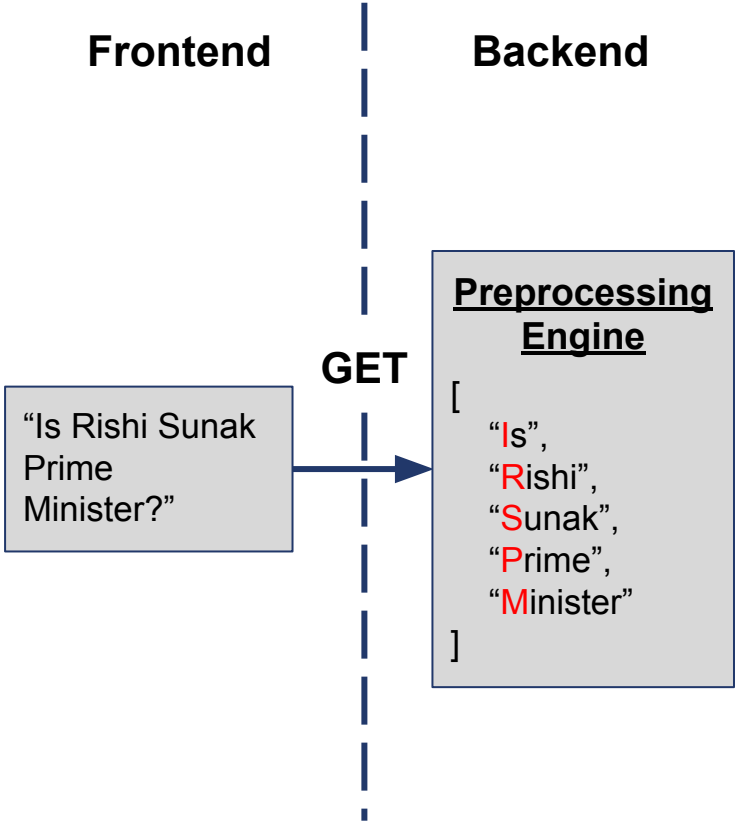

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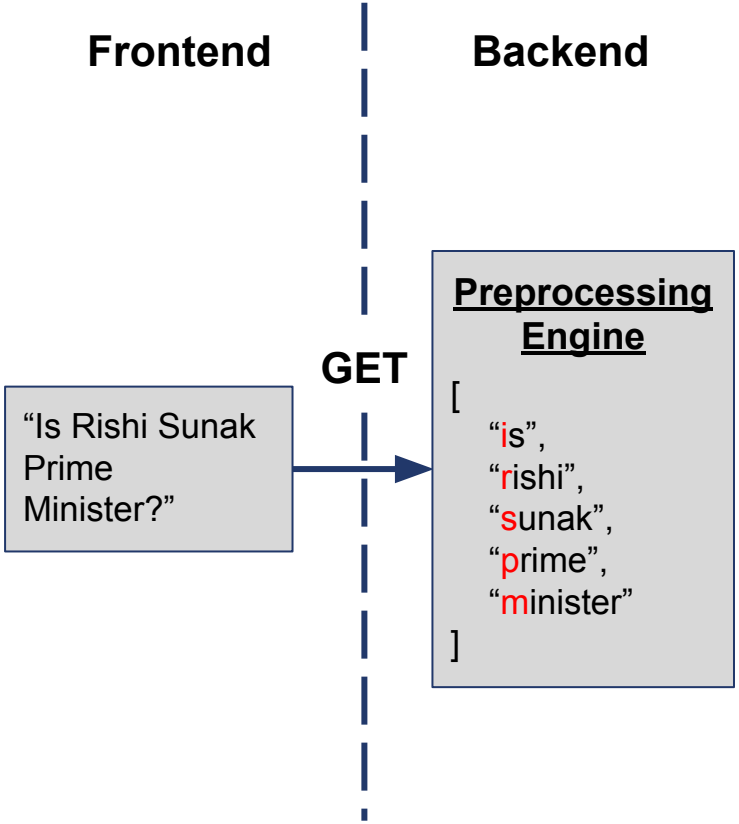

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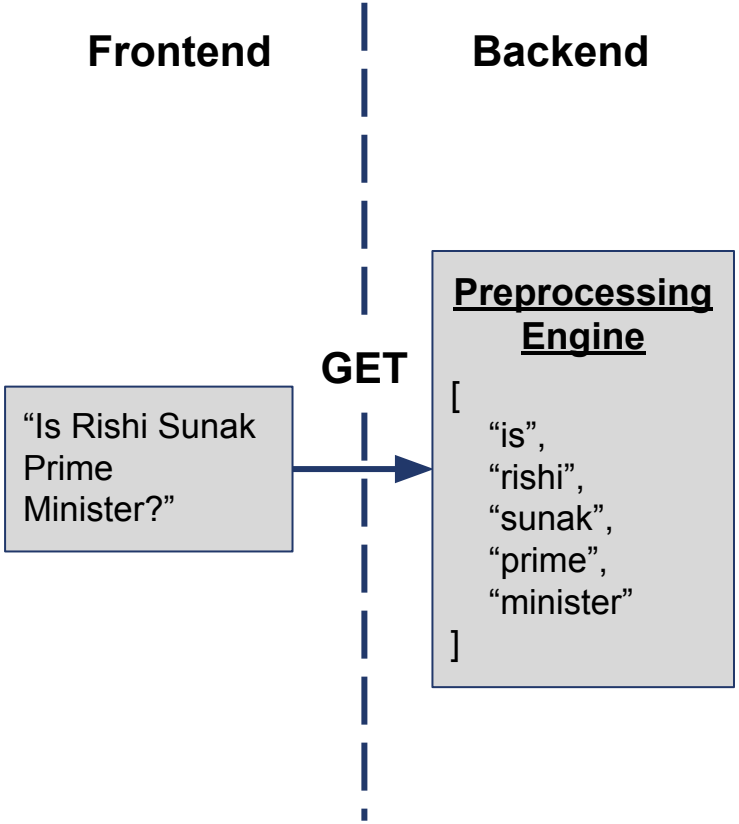

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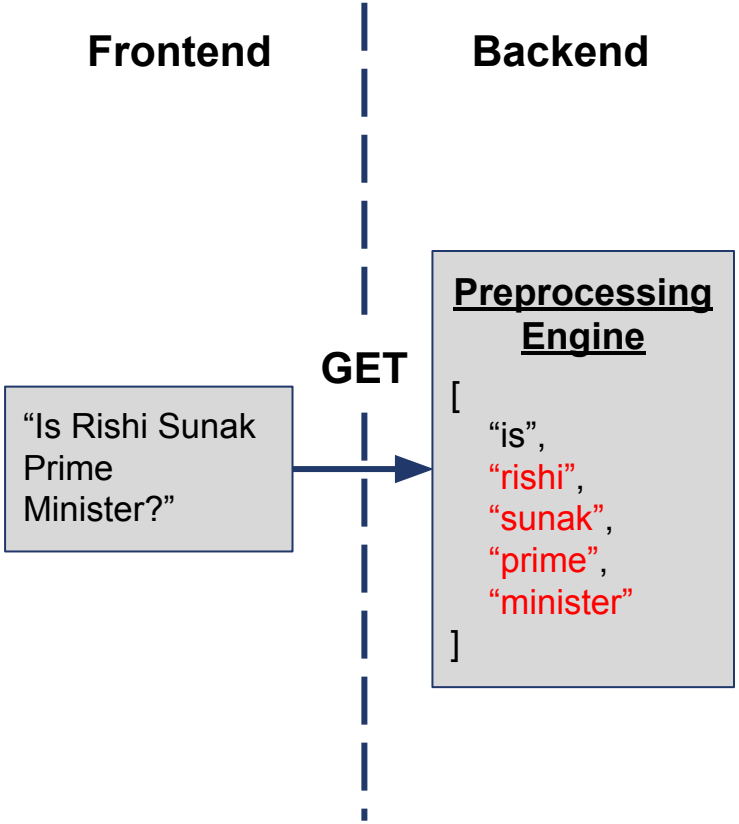

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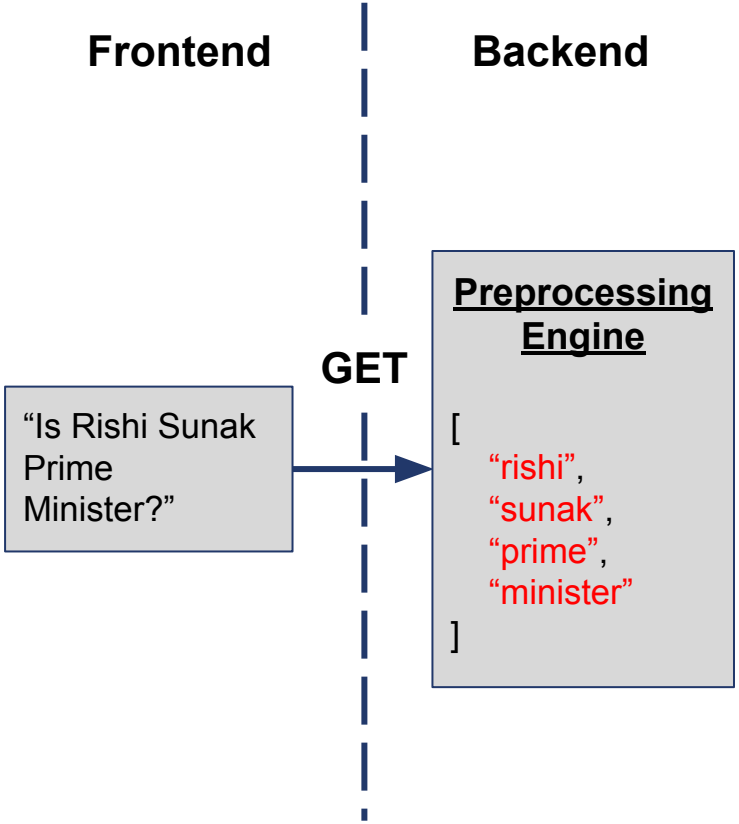

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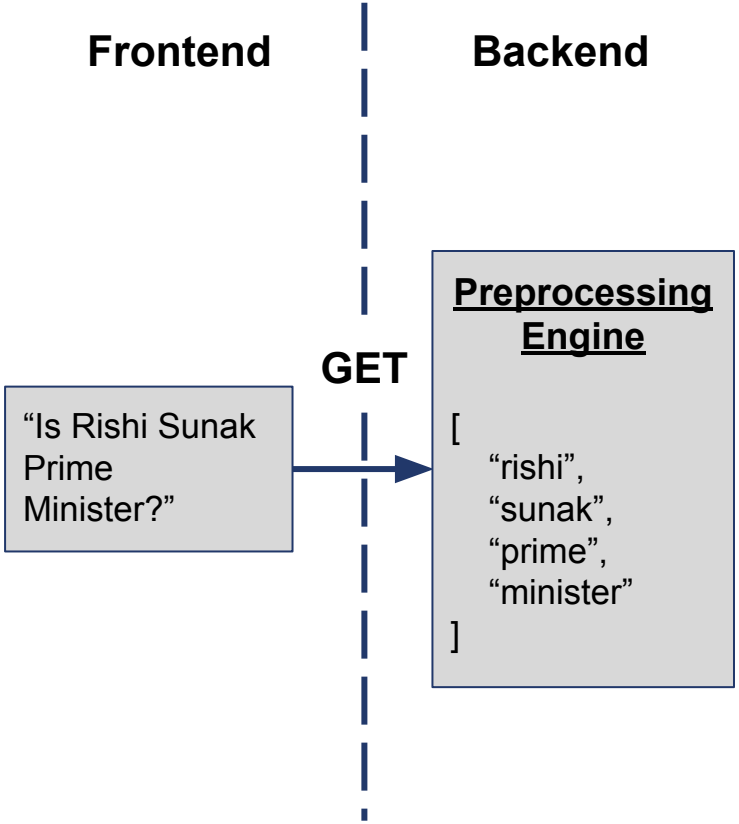

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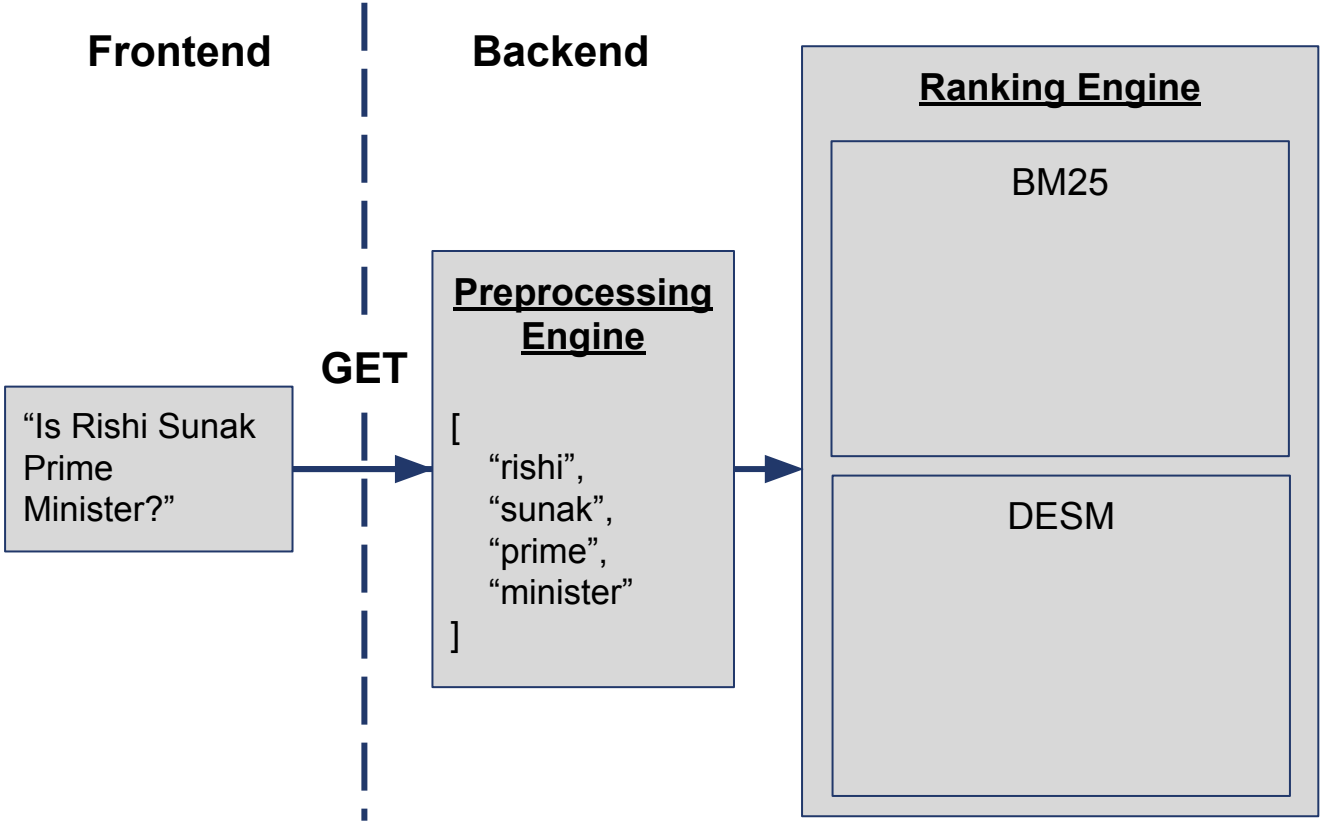

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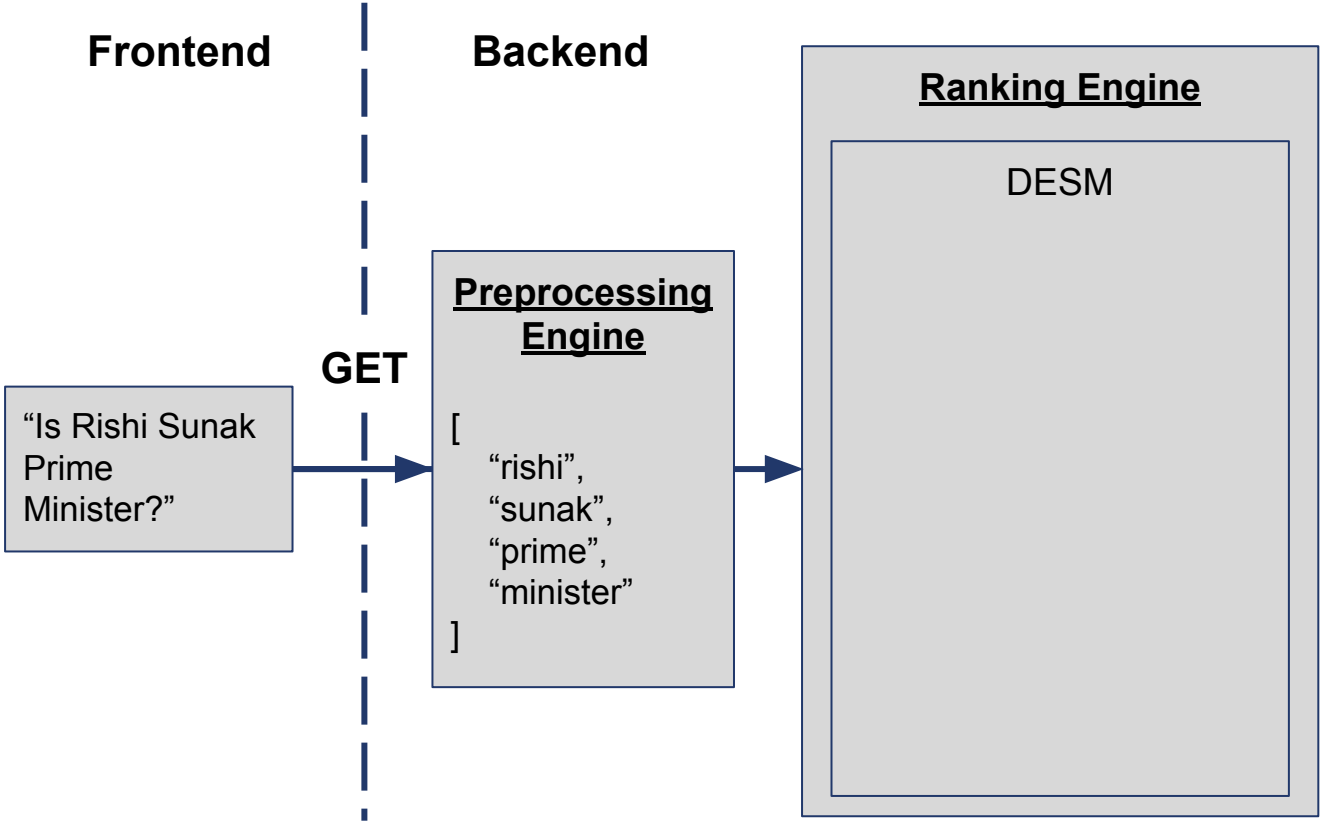

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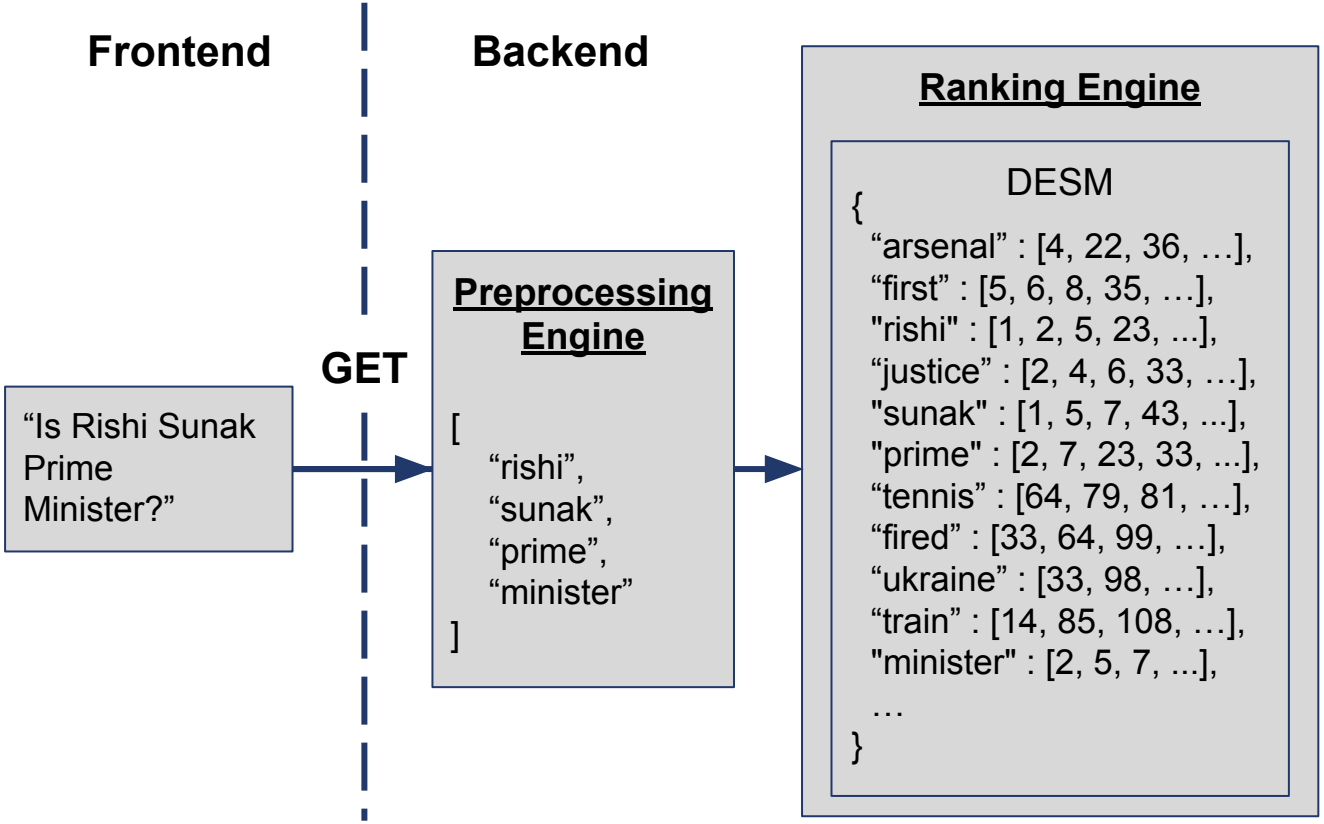

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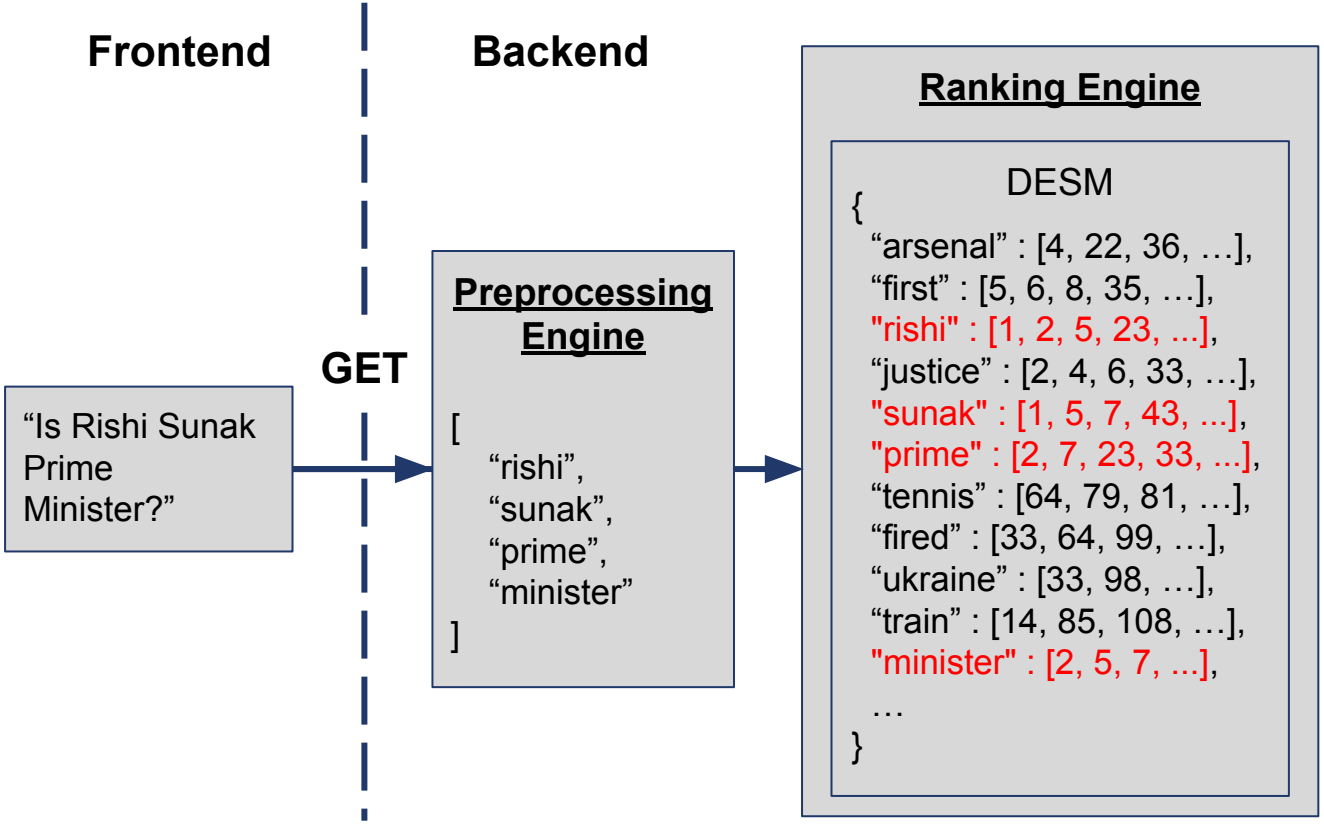

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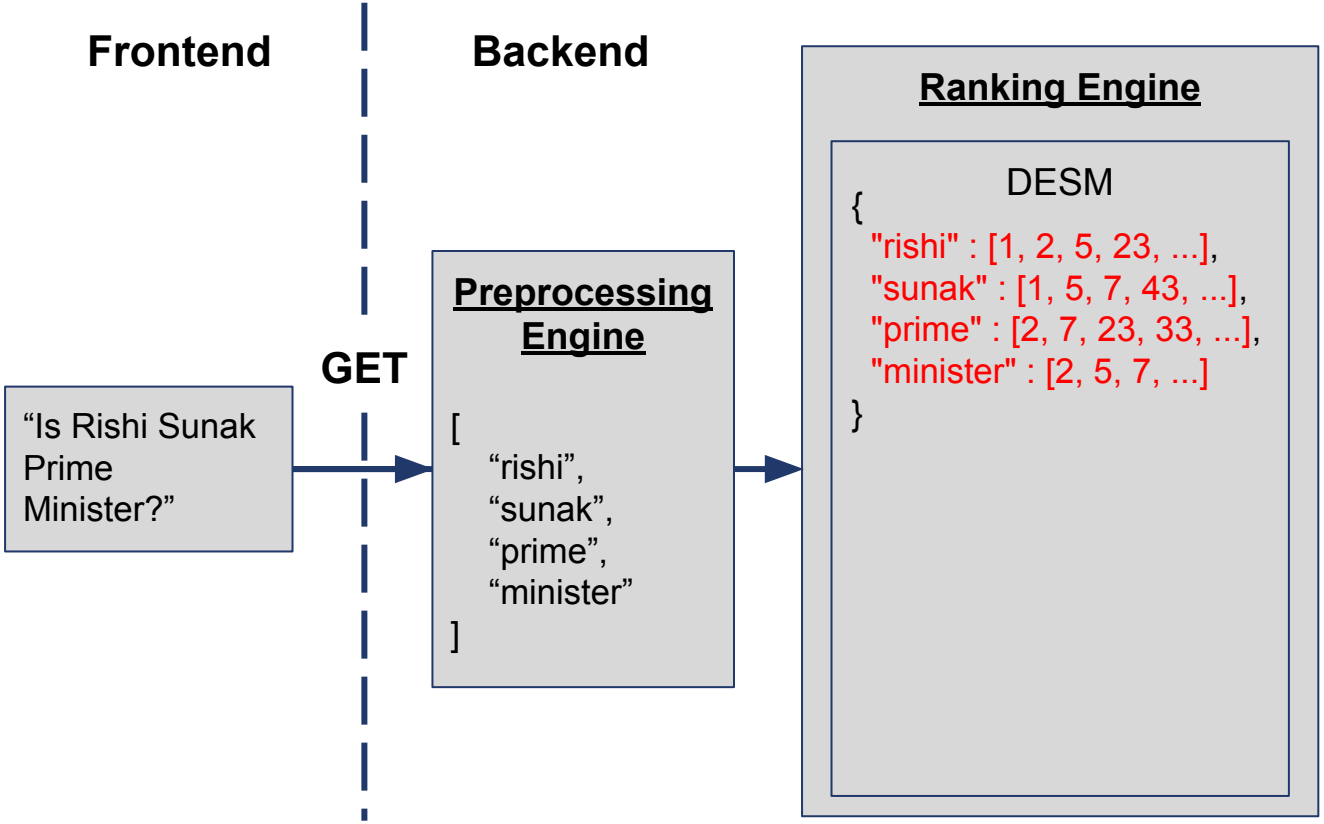

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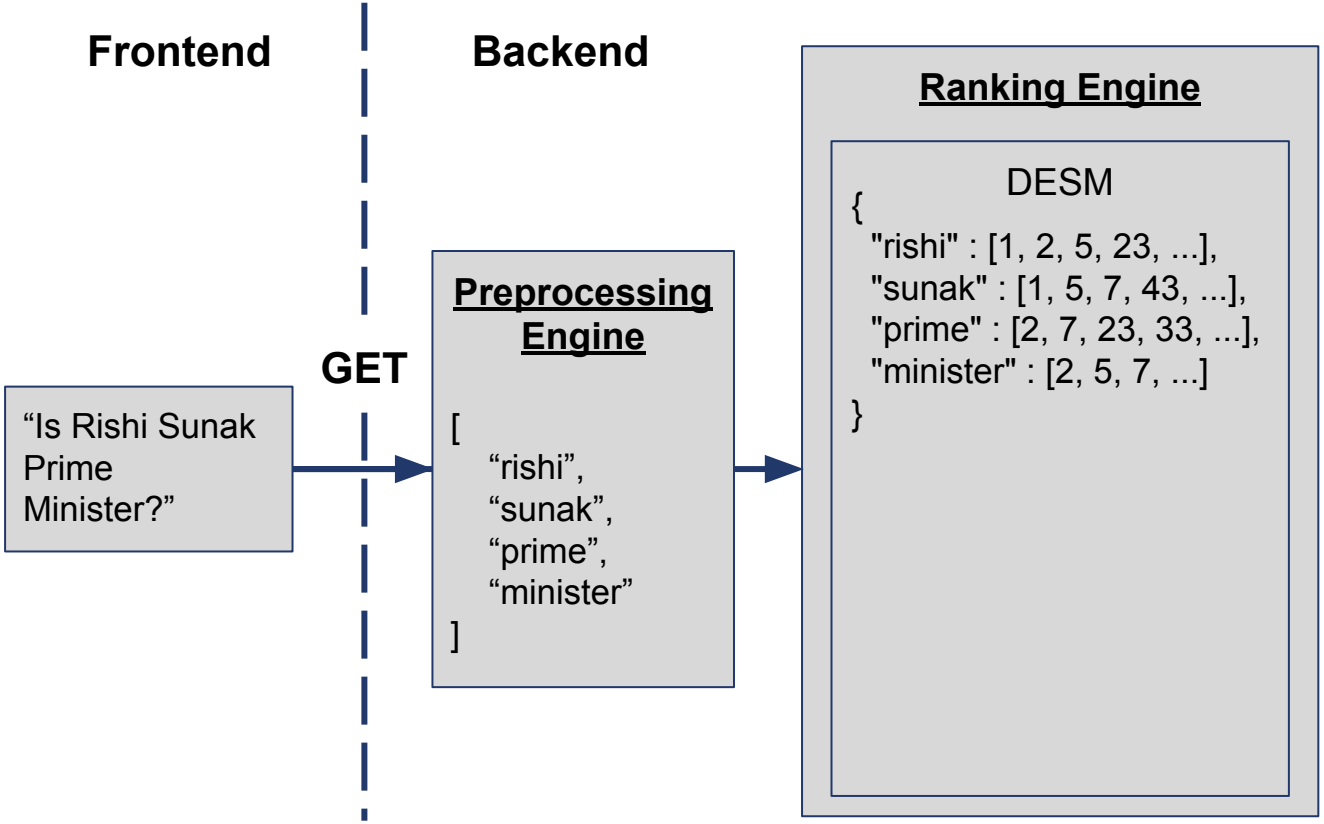

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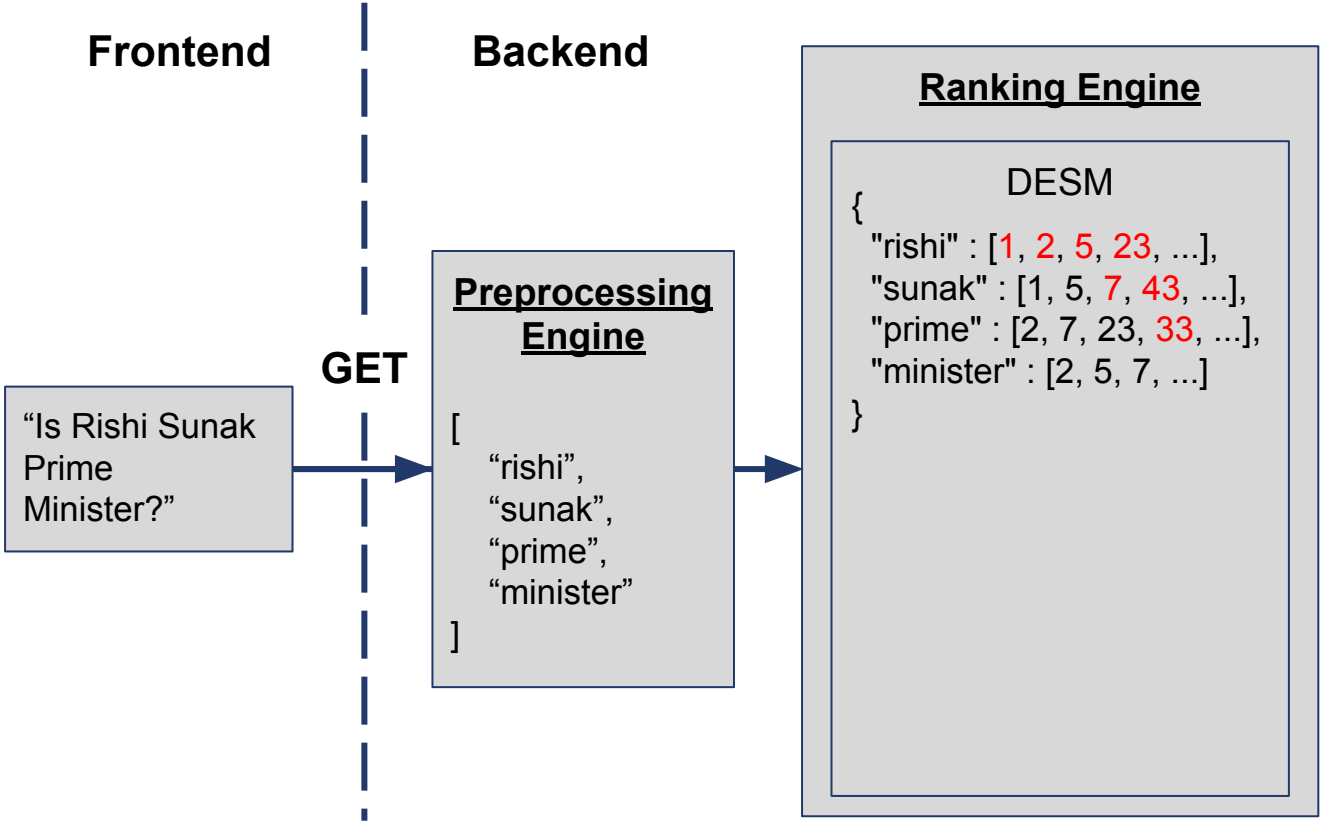

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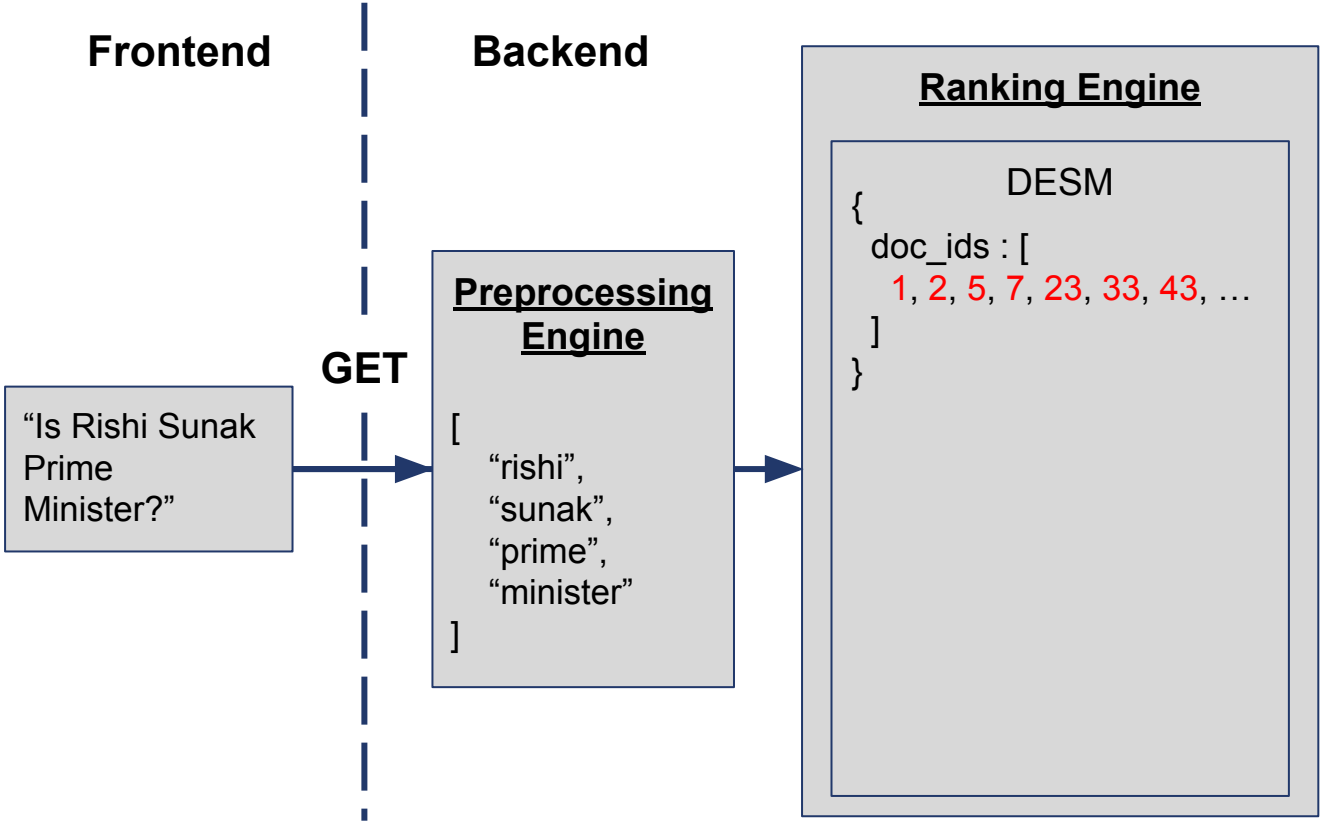

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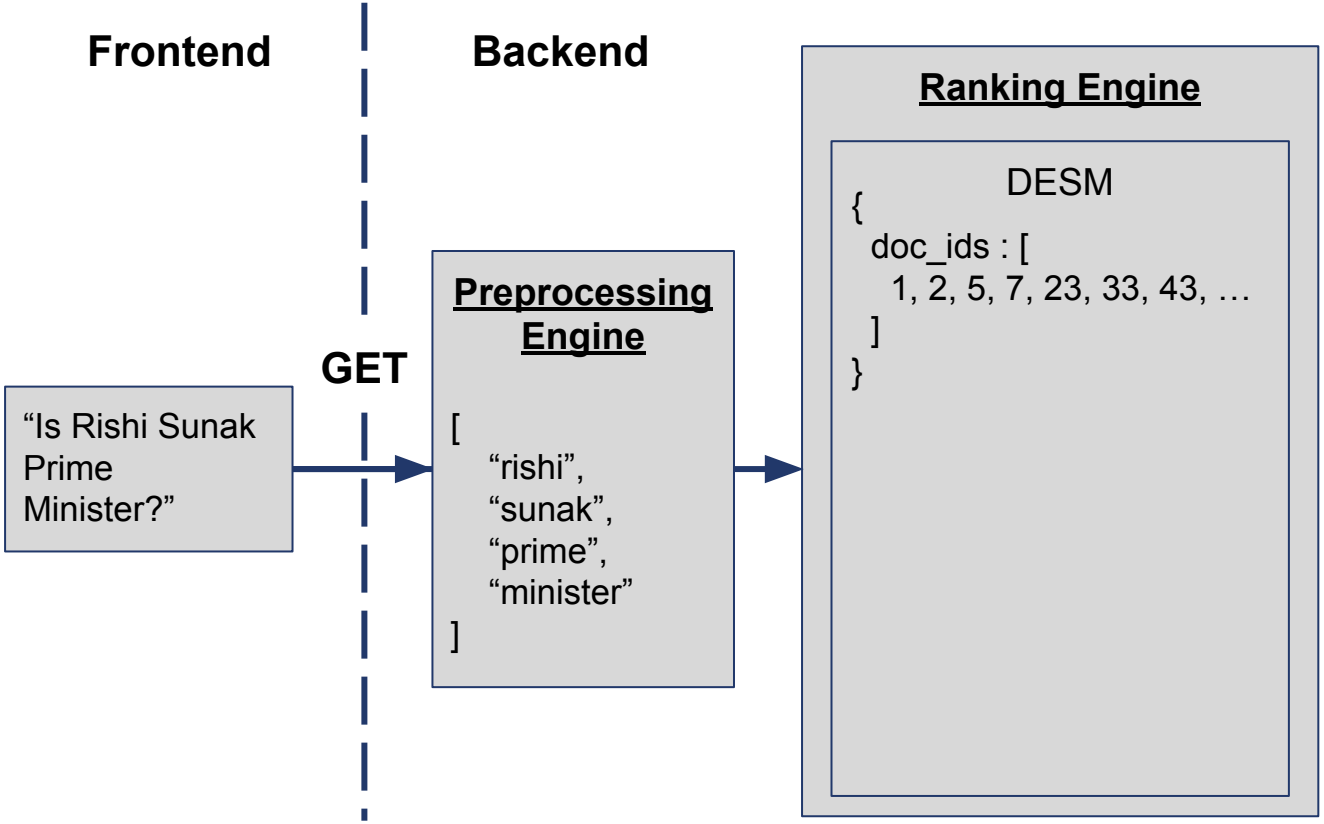

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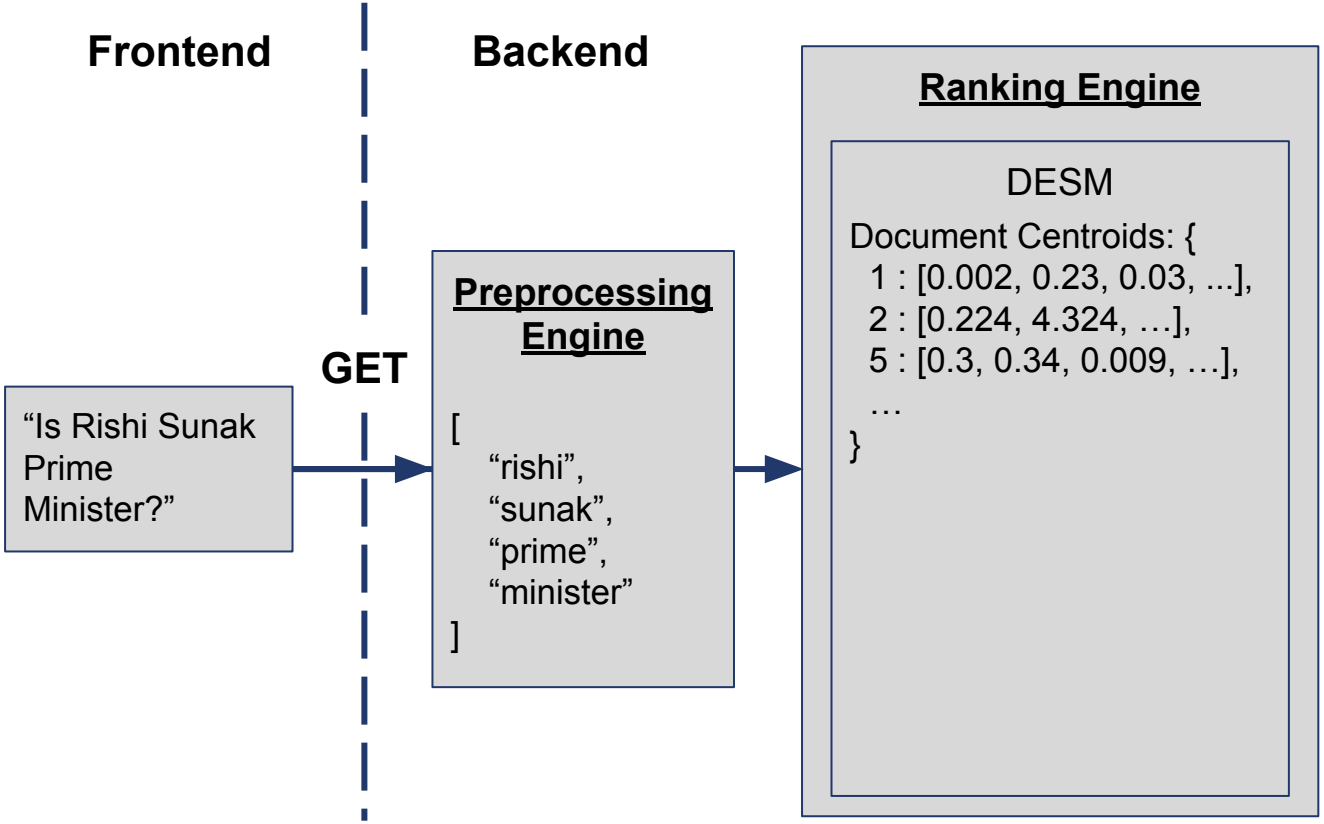

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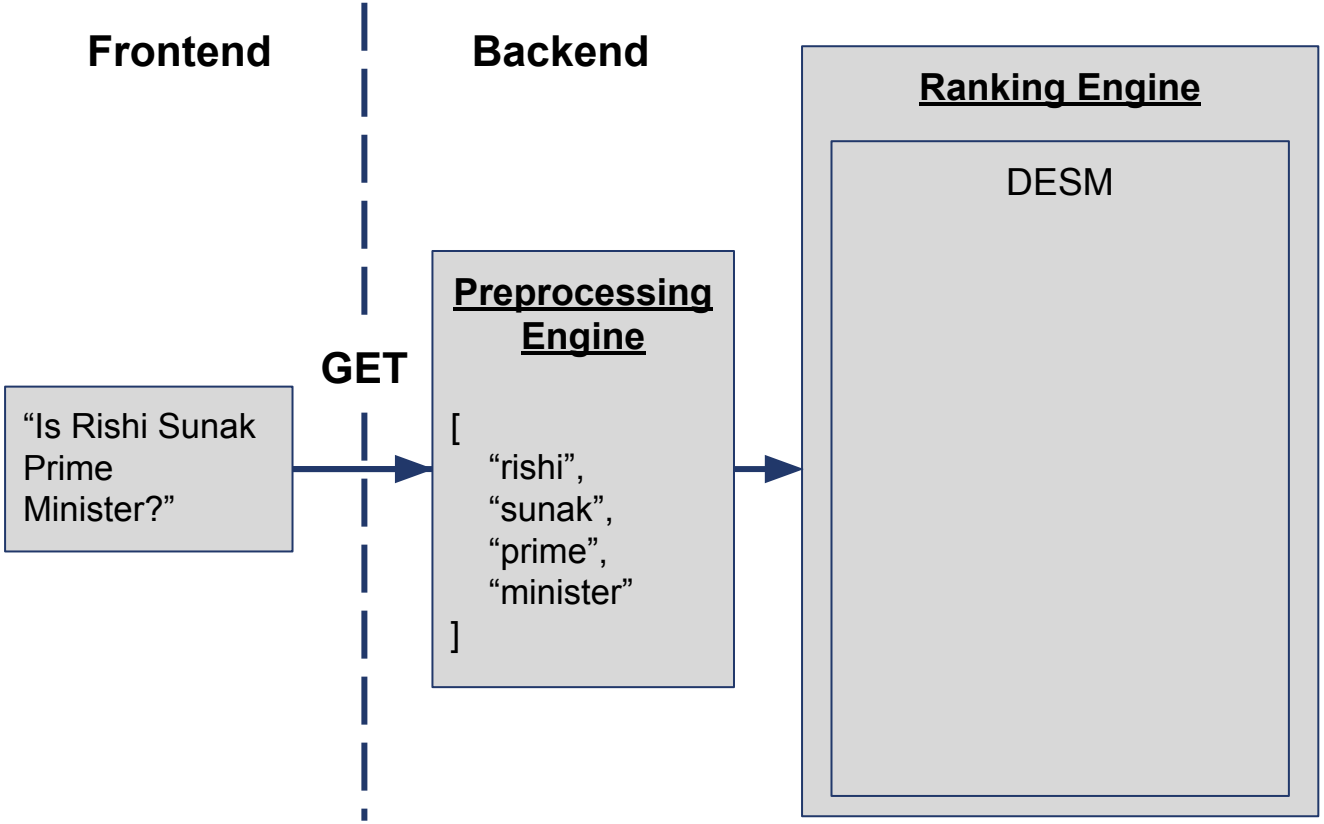

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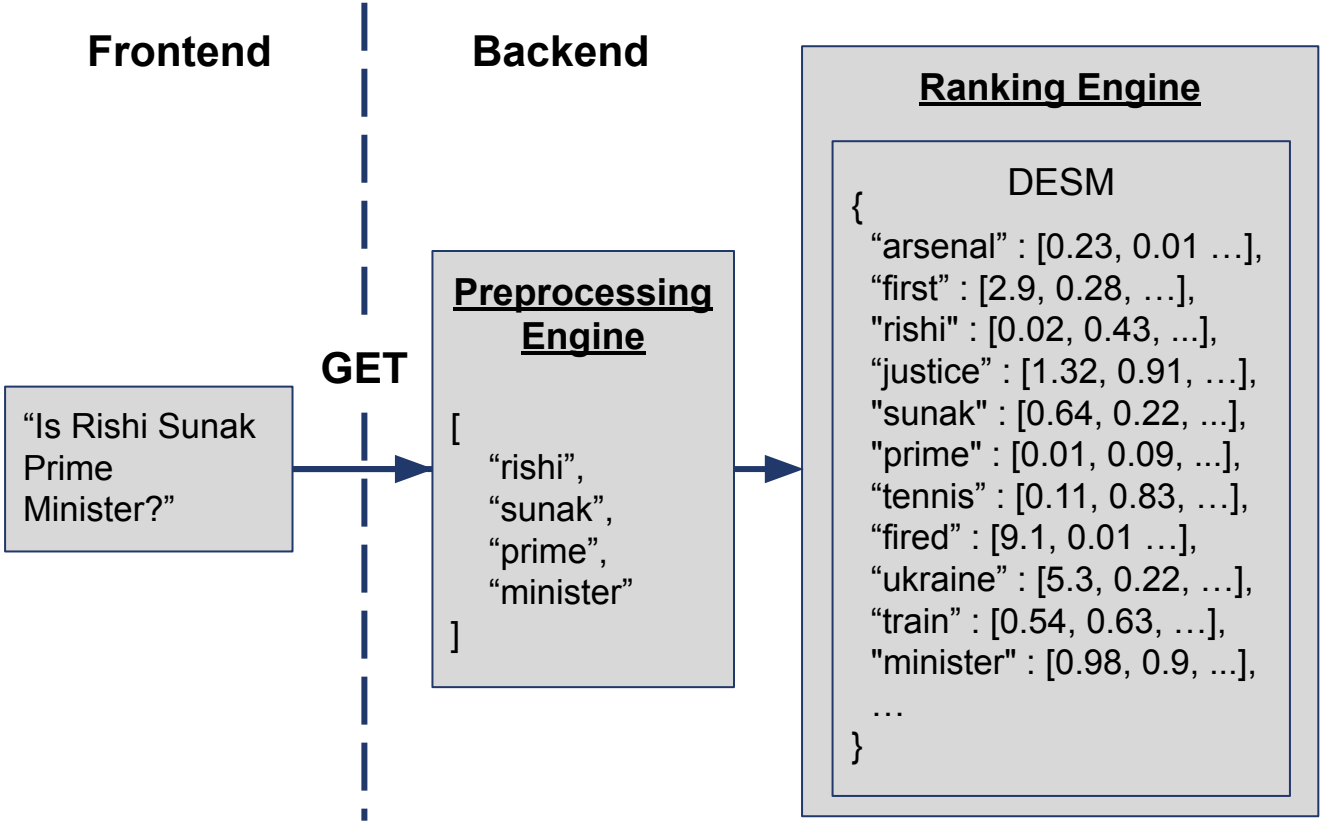

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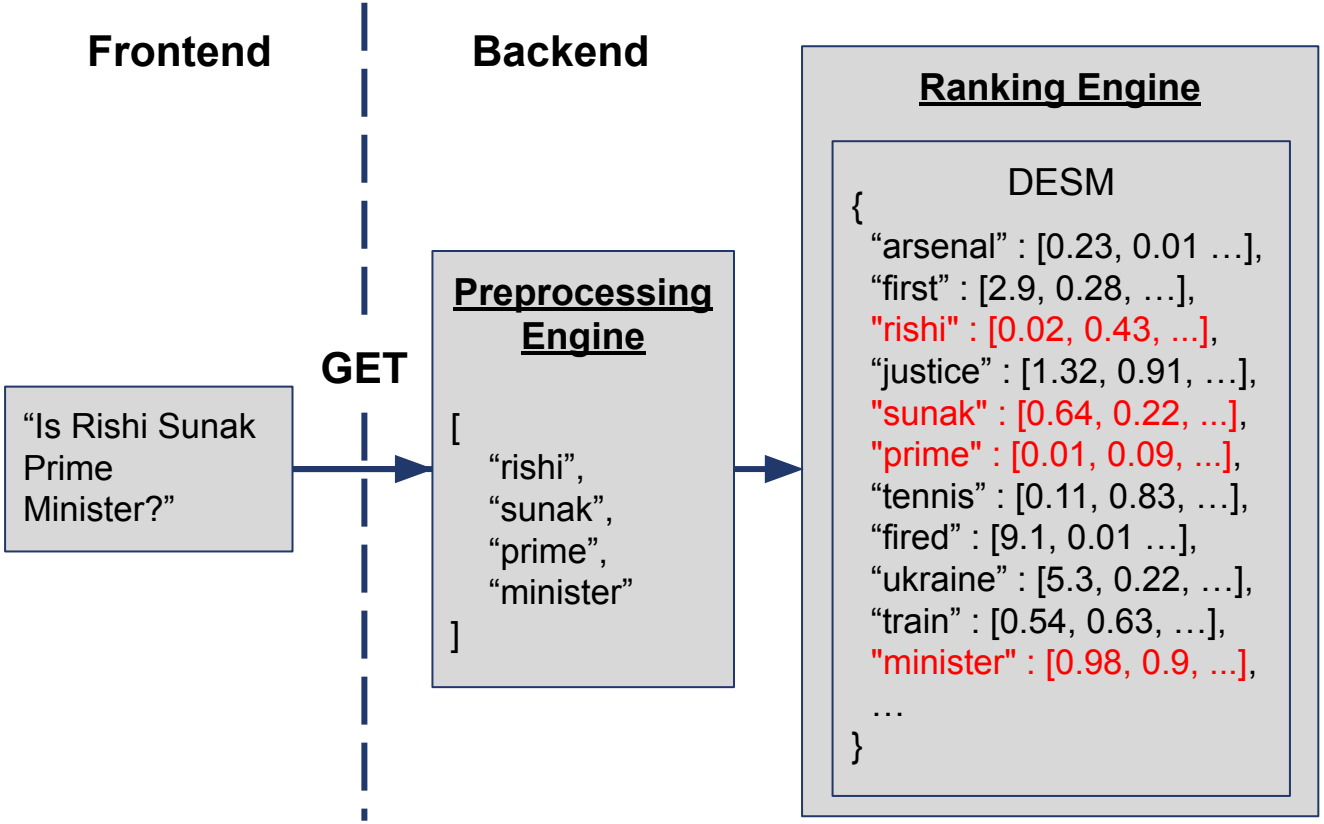

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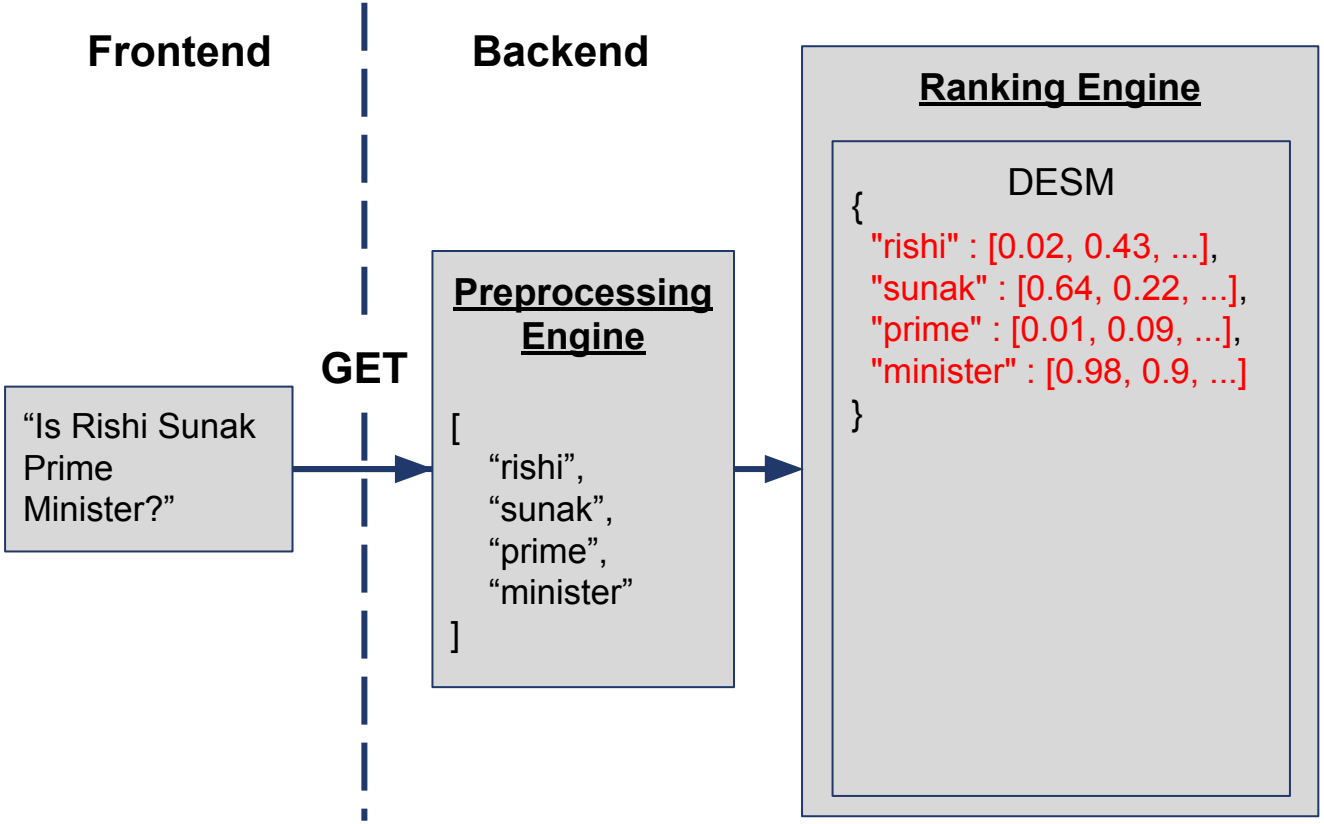

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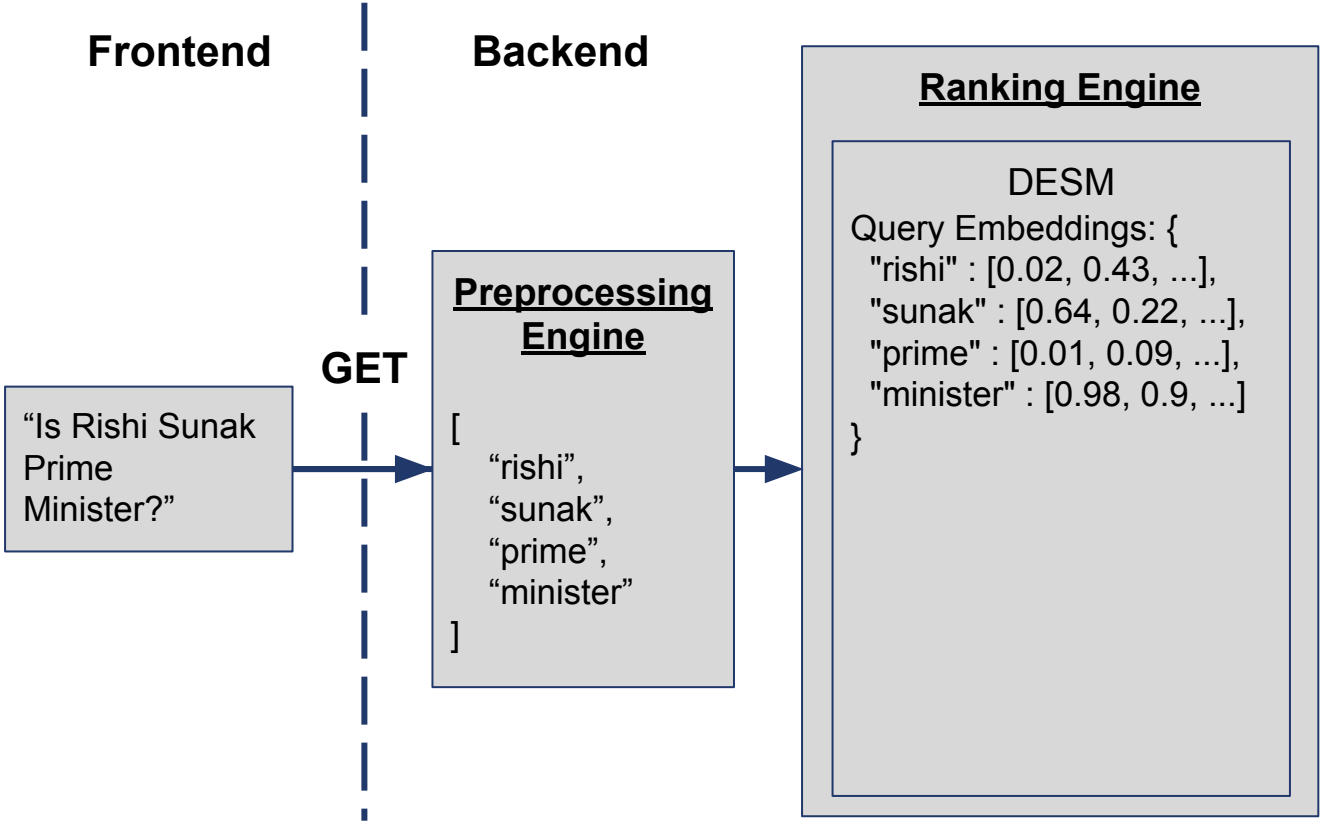

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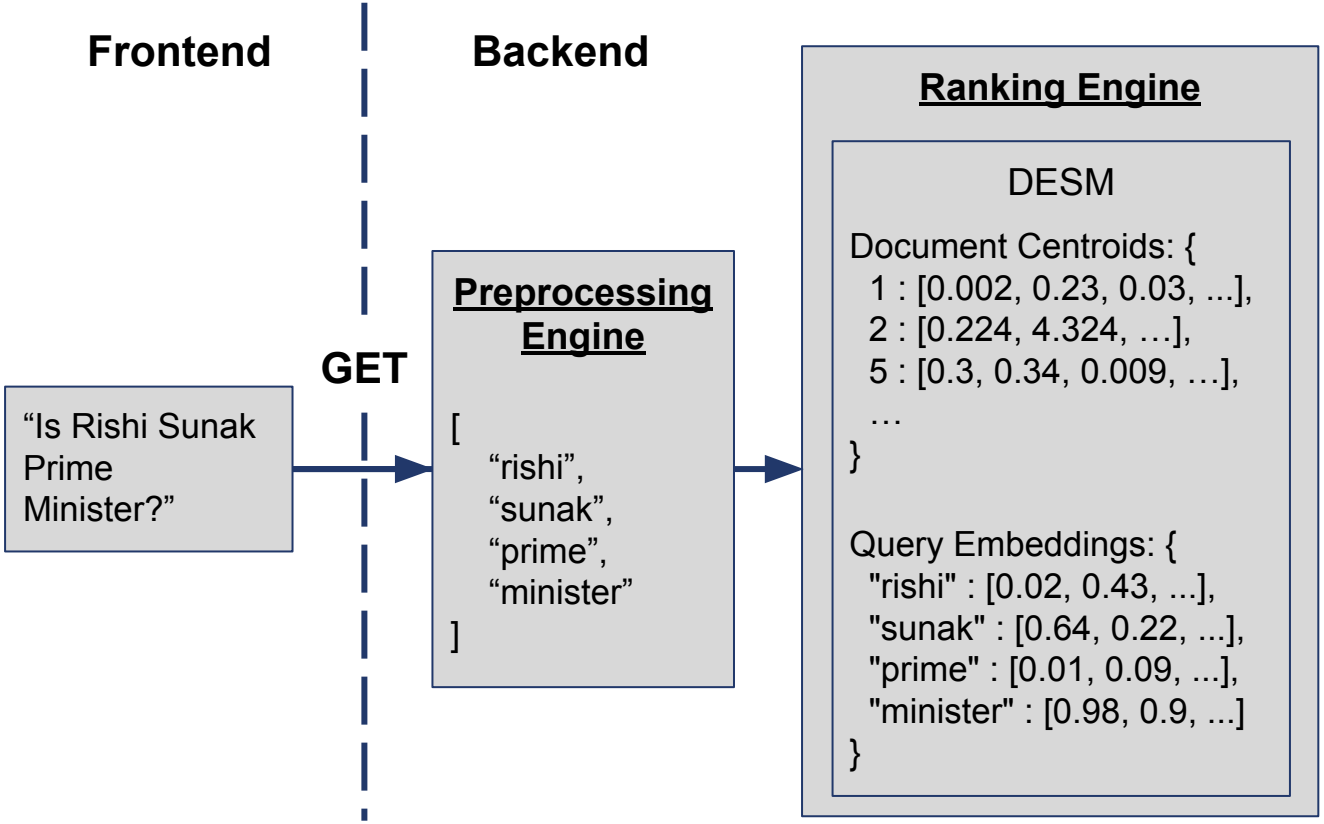

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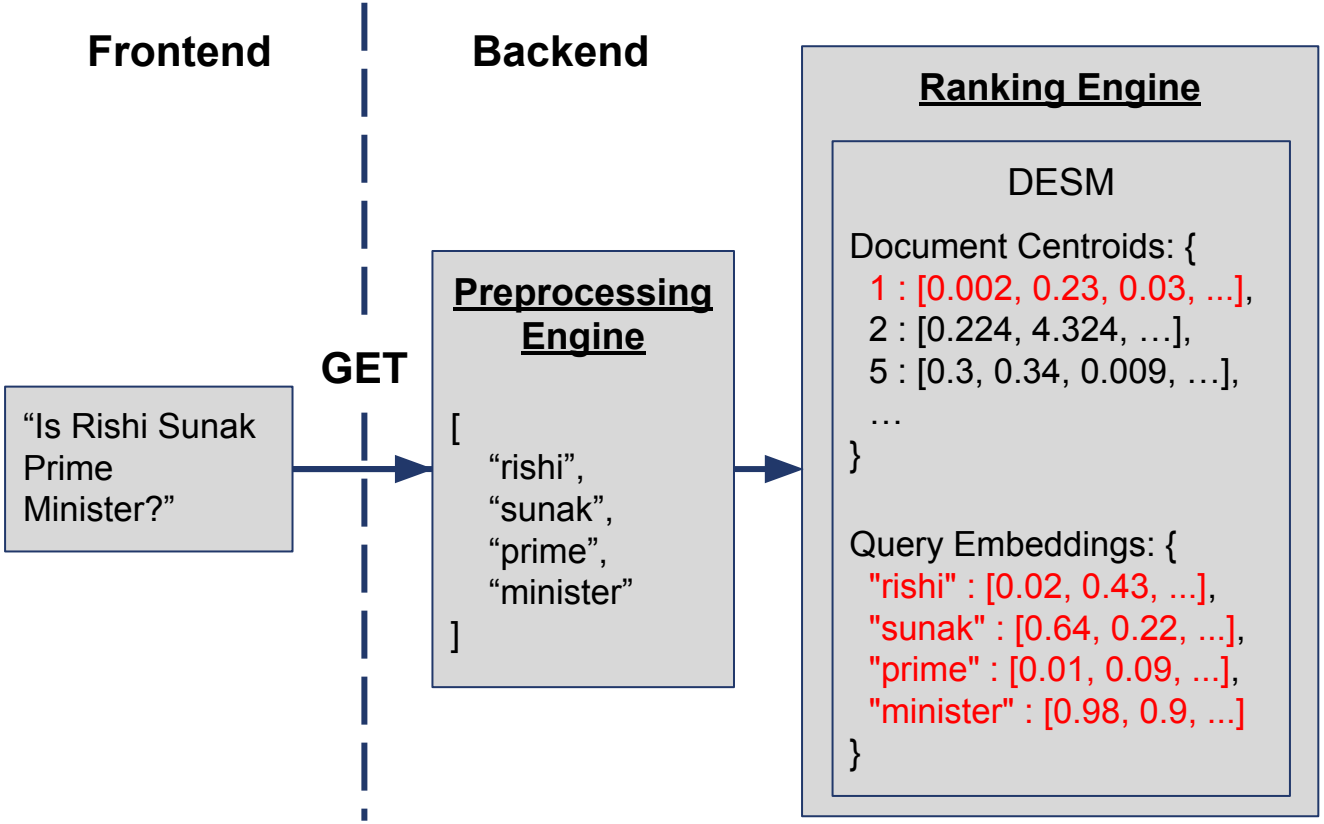

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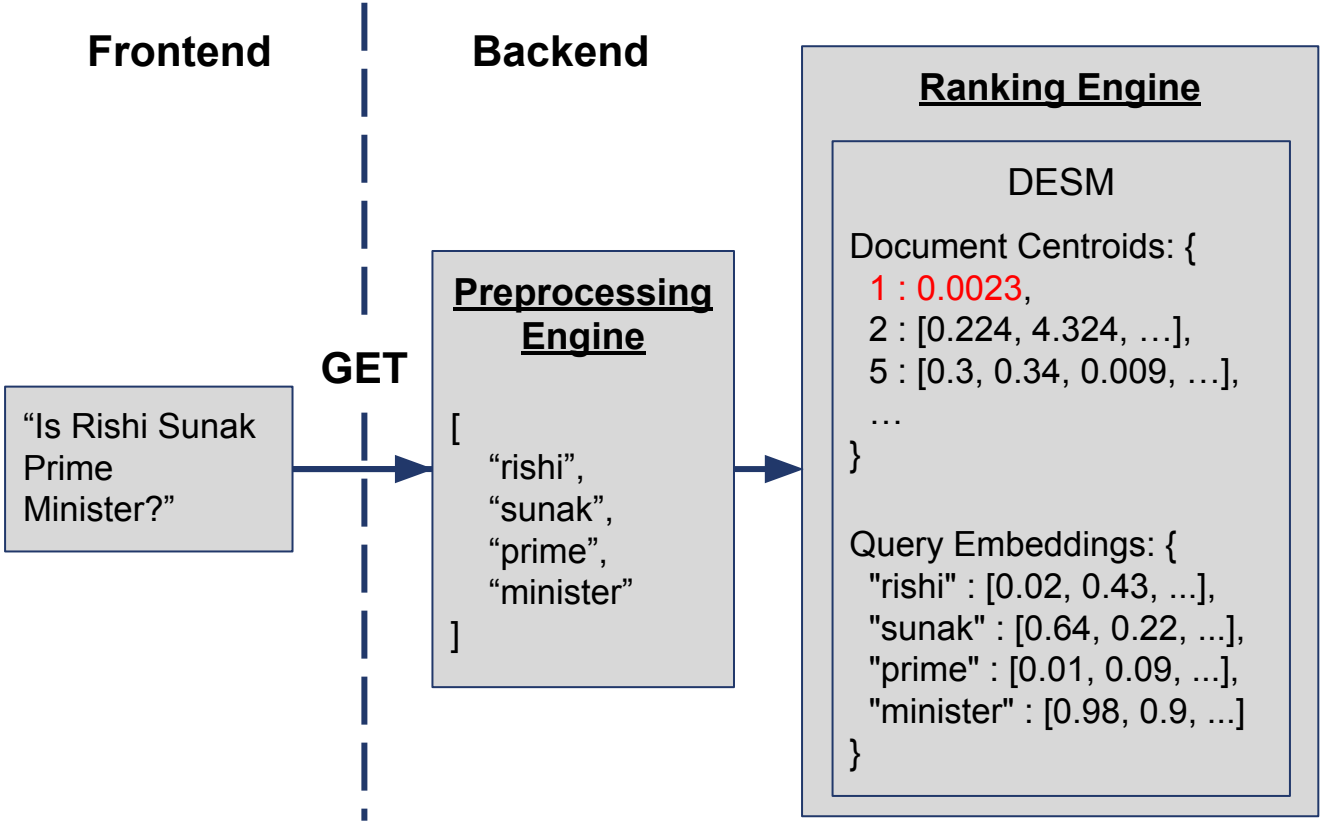

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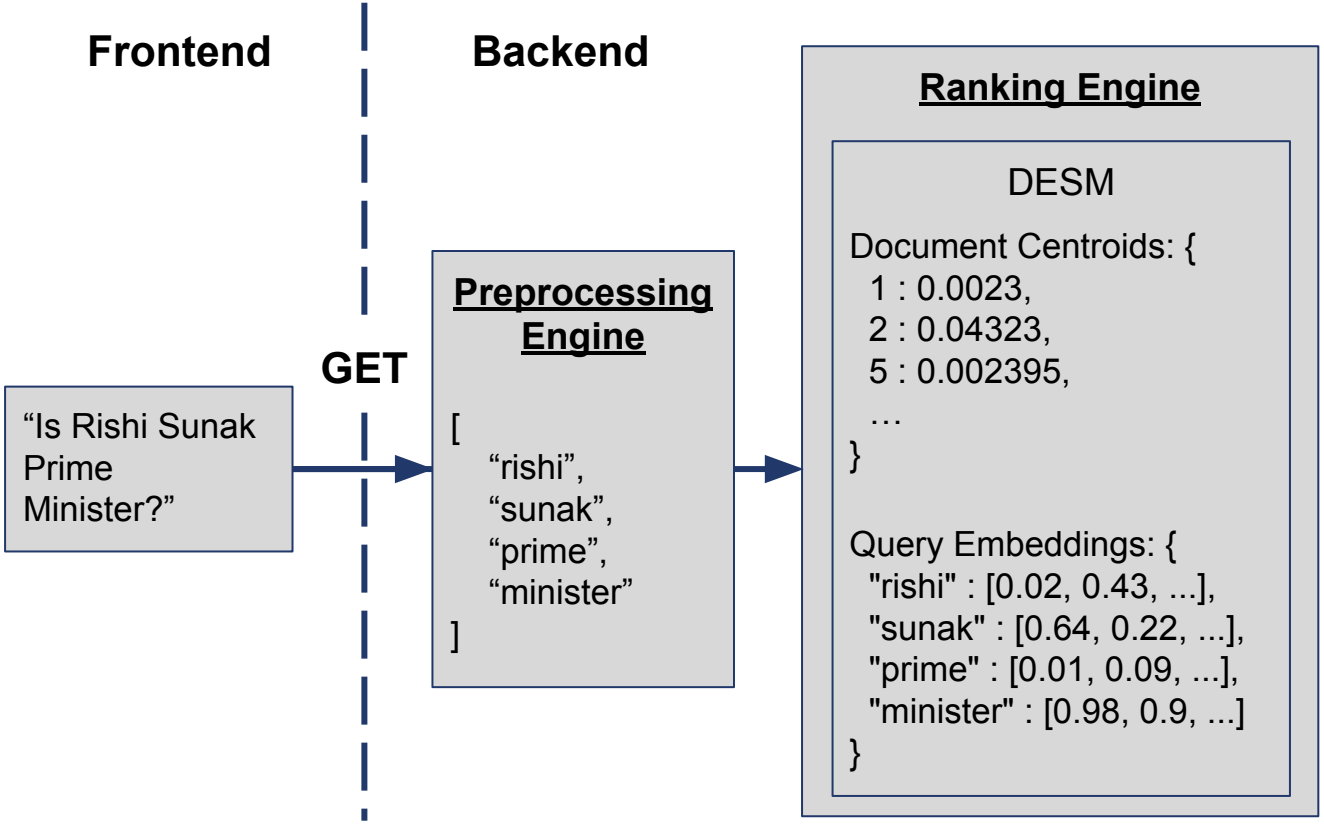

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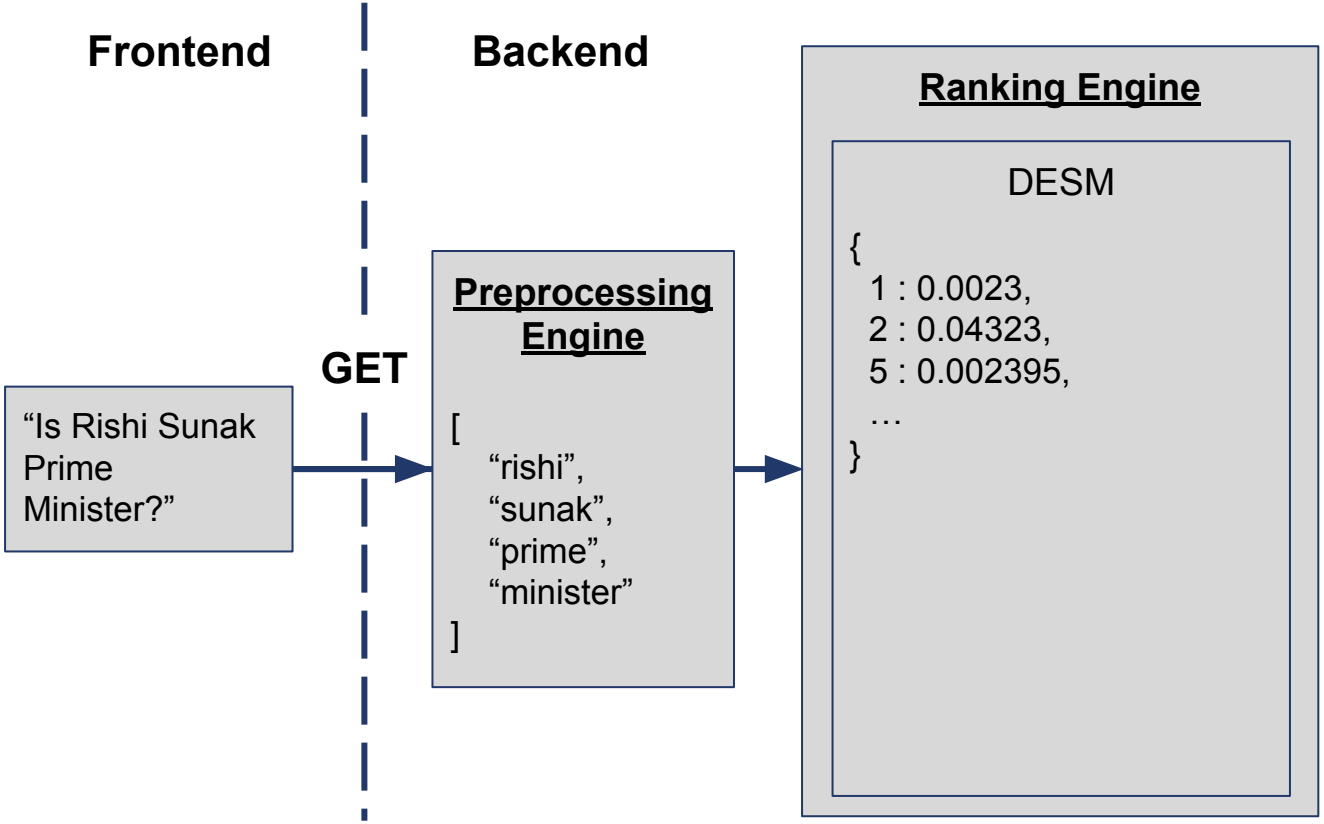

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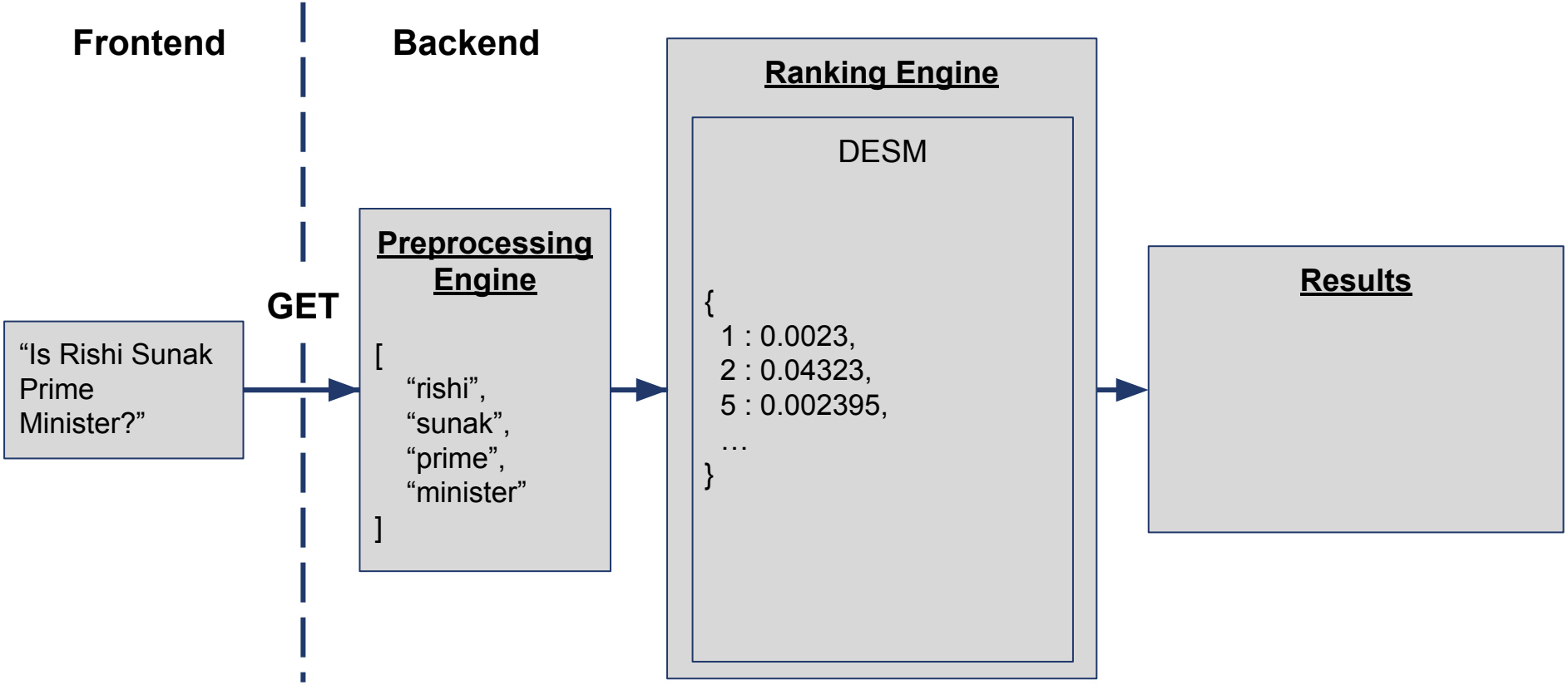

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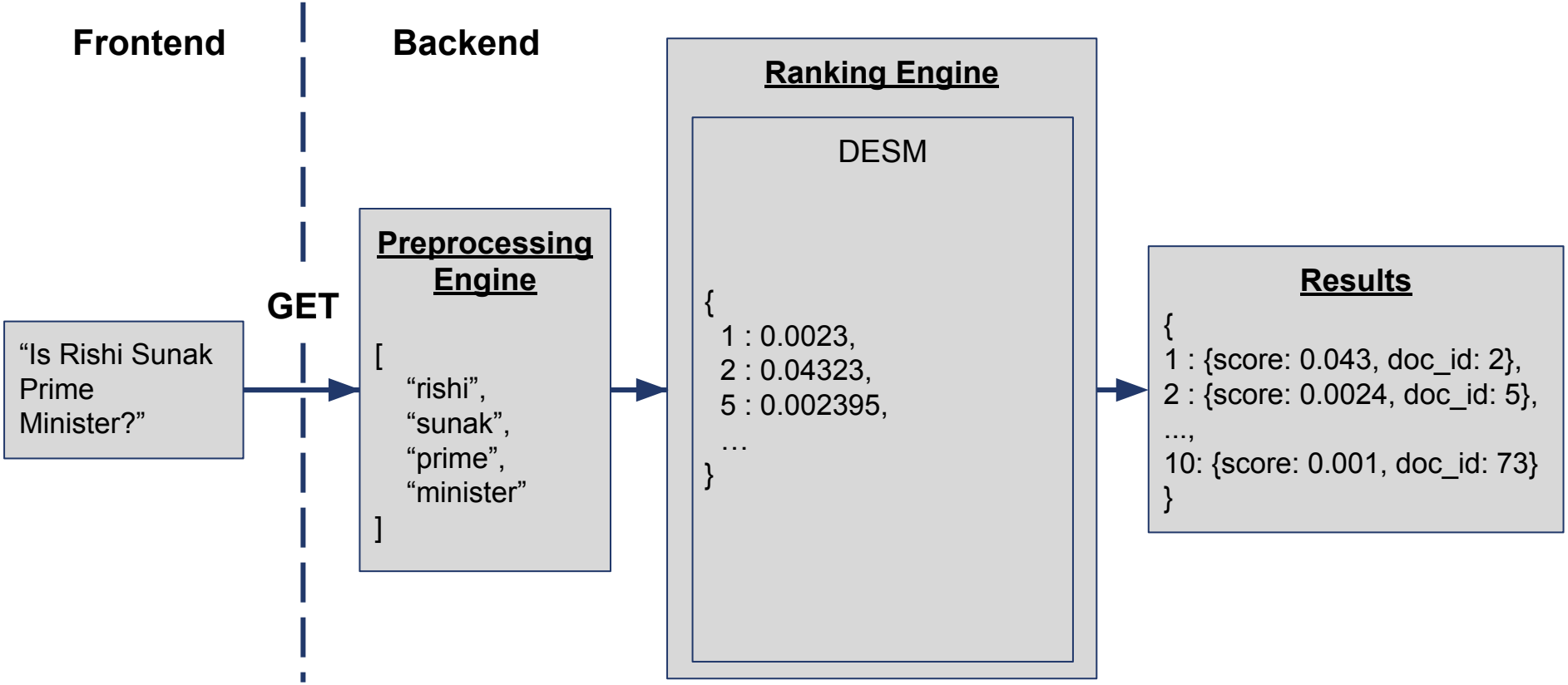

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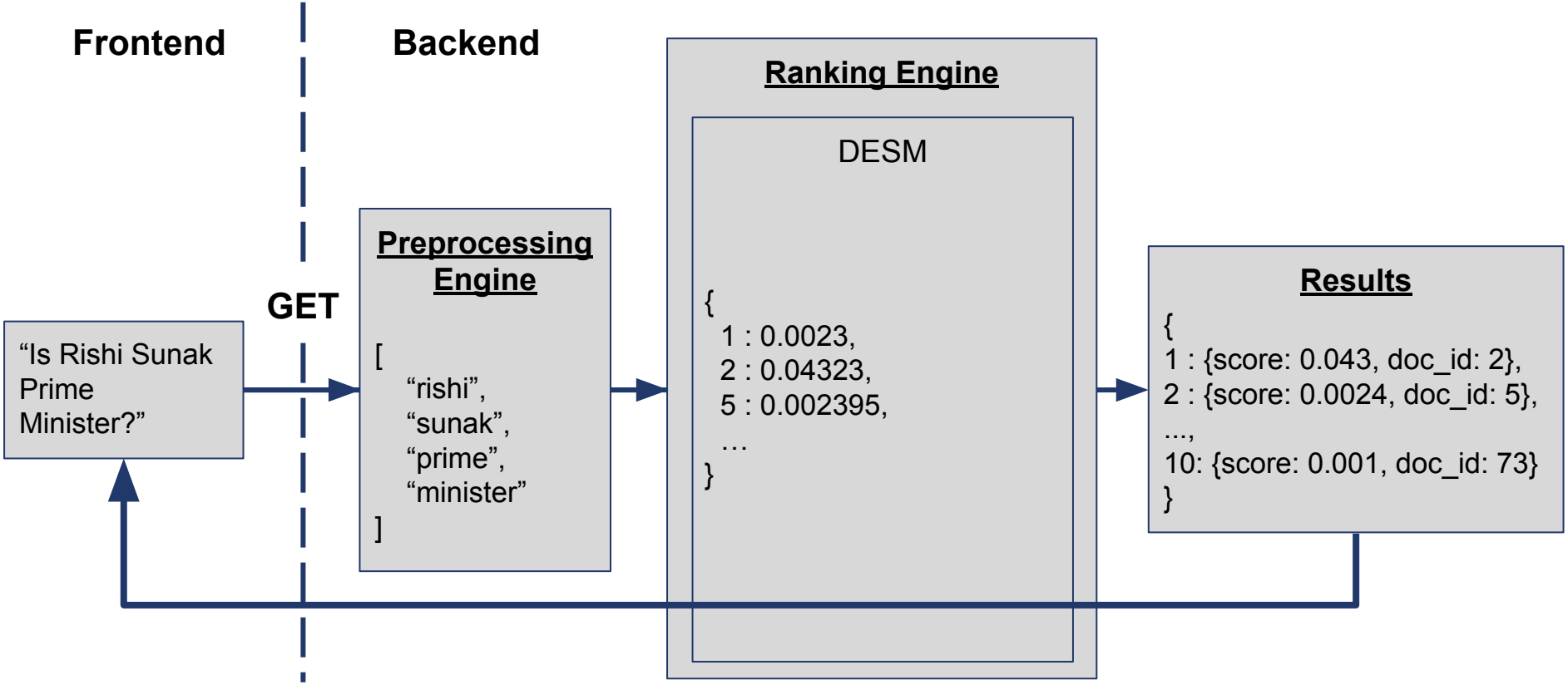

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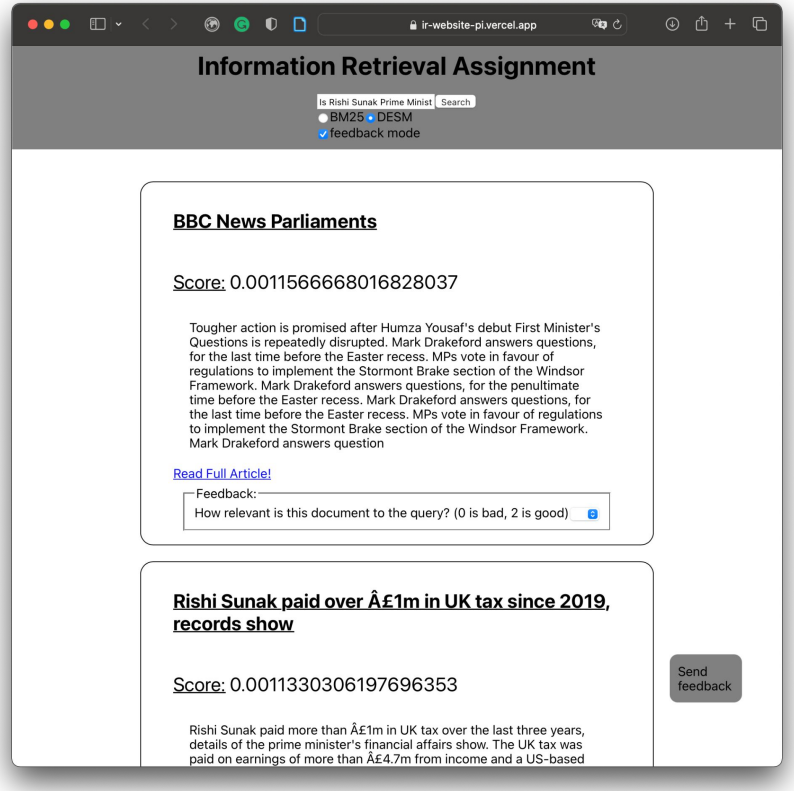
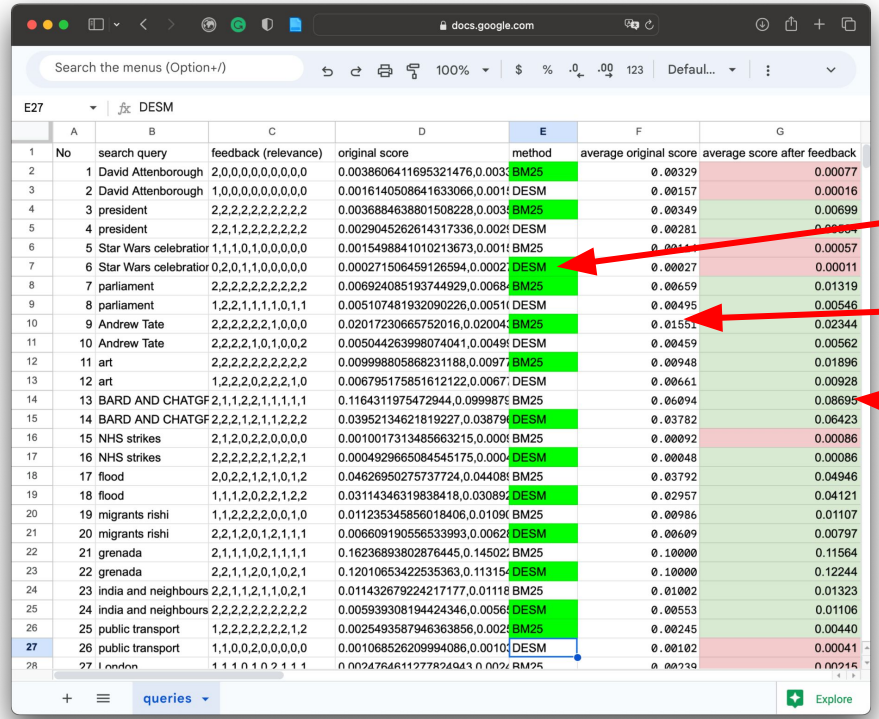


Presentation Structure

Results



No	search query	feedback (relevance)	original score	method	average original score	average score after feedback
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2	David Attenborough	1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0	0.0016140508641633066,0.0015	DESM	0.00157	0.00016
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4	president	2,2,1,2,2,2,2,2,2,2	0.0029045262614317336,0.0025	DESM	0.00281	0.00084
5	Star Wars celebration	1,1,1,0,1,0,0,0,0,0	0.0015498841010213673,0.0015	BM25	0.00141	0.00057
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7	parliament	2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2,2	0.006924085193744929,0.0068	BM25	0.00659	0.01319
8	parliament	1,2,2,1,1,1,1,0,1,1	0.005107481932090226,0.0051	DESM	0.00495	0.00546
9	Andrew Tate	2,2,2,2,2,2,1,0,0,0	0.020172306657520 16,0.0200	BM25	0.01551	0.02344
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12	art	1,2,2,2,0,2,2,2,1,0	0.006795175851612122,0.0067	DESM	0.00661	0.00928
13	BARD AND CHATGF	2,1,1,2,2,1,1,1,1,1	0.1164311975472944,0.099987	BM25	0.06094	0.08695
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19	migrants rishi	1,1,2,2,2,2,0,0,1,0	0.011235345856018406,0.0109	BM25	0.00986	0.01107
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22	grenada	2,2,1,1,2,0,1,0,2,1	0.120106534225353 63,0.1131	DESM	0.10000	0.12244
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26	public transport	1,1,0,0,2,0,0,0,0,0	0.001068526209994086,0.0010	DESM	0.00102	0.00041
27	London	1,1,1,0,1,0,2,1,1,1	0.002476461127782 4943,0.002	BM25	0.00239	0.00215

Legend:

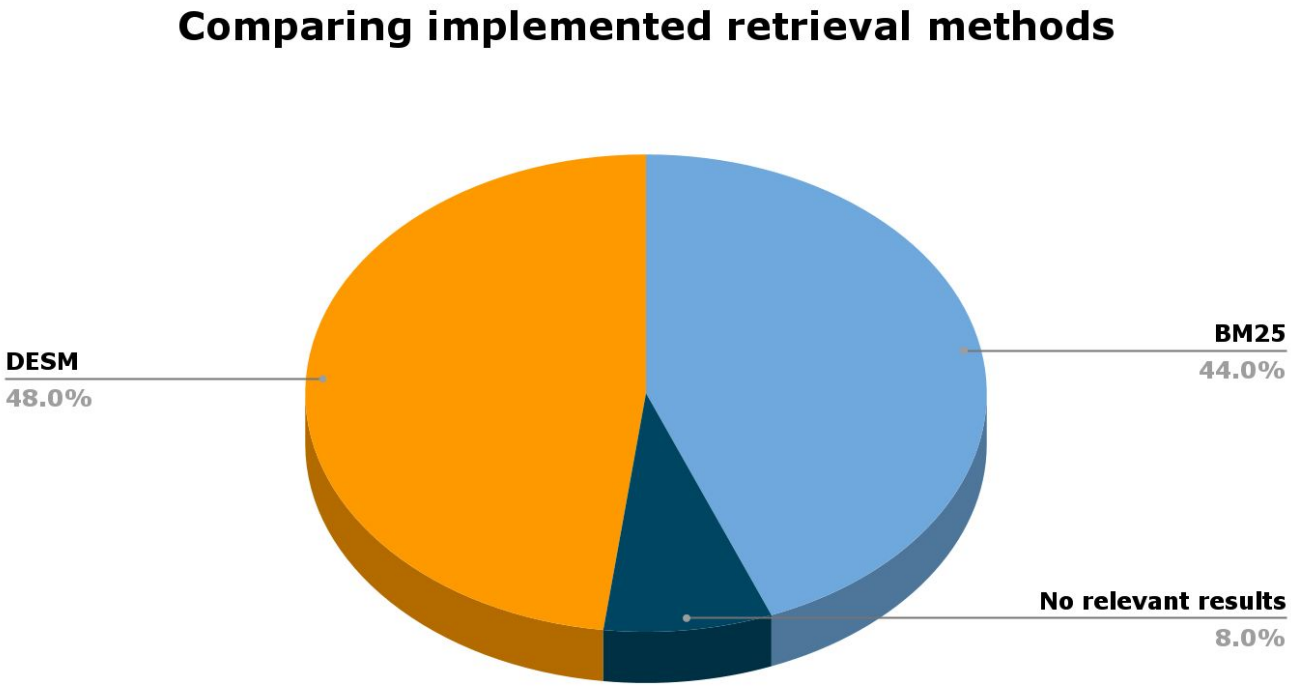
Retrieval method with the best search results for the particular query

Average score of the 10 shown articles

Average score of the 10 shown articles after the relevance feedback has been submitted (Evaluation of the performance)

Green: Improvement of the average score
Red: Decrease of the average score

Results


Comparing implemented retrieval methods
DESM
48.0%
BM25
44.0%
No relevant results
8.0%

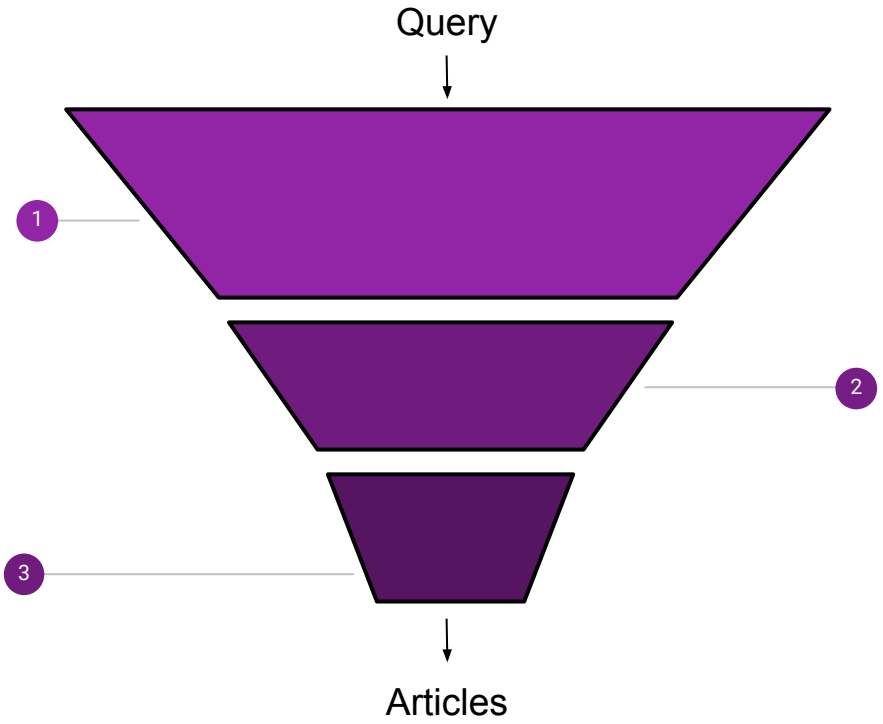
Results

Preprocessing

Stopwords, punctuation and numbers are removed.

Limited number of articles

Choose the 10 most relevant articles and show the results



Inverted Index

Only get documents that contain at least one of the preprocessed and tokenised words of the query

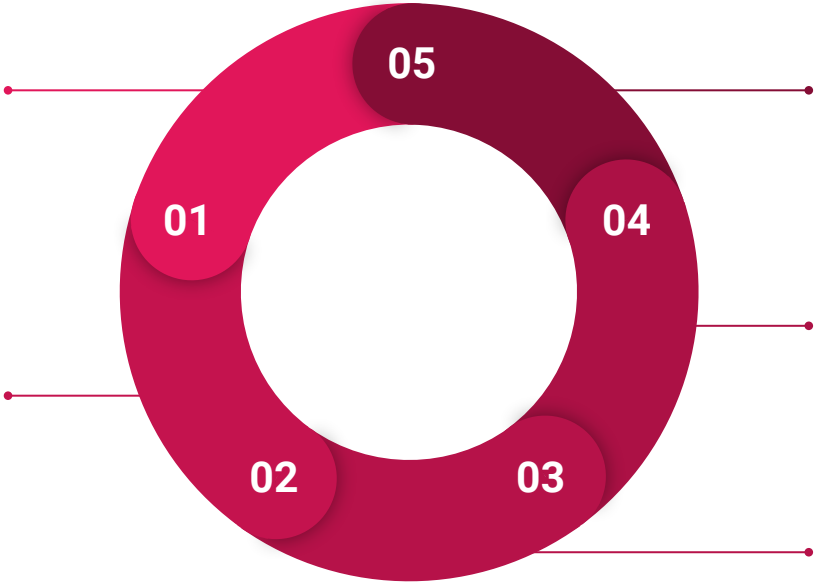
Limitations

Indexing

Search engines cannot index all web pages due to lack of access or the great amount of data available

Accuracy

Search results cannot be fully accurate all the time, due to certain factors such as spam, clickbait, or ads



Language

Some language might not be as well represented as others, i.e. English, French, etc.The search engine might also prioritise results from specific regions

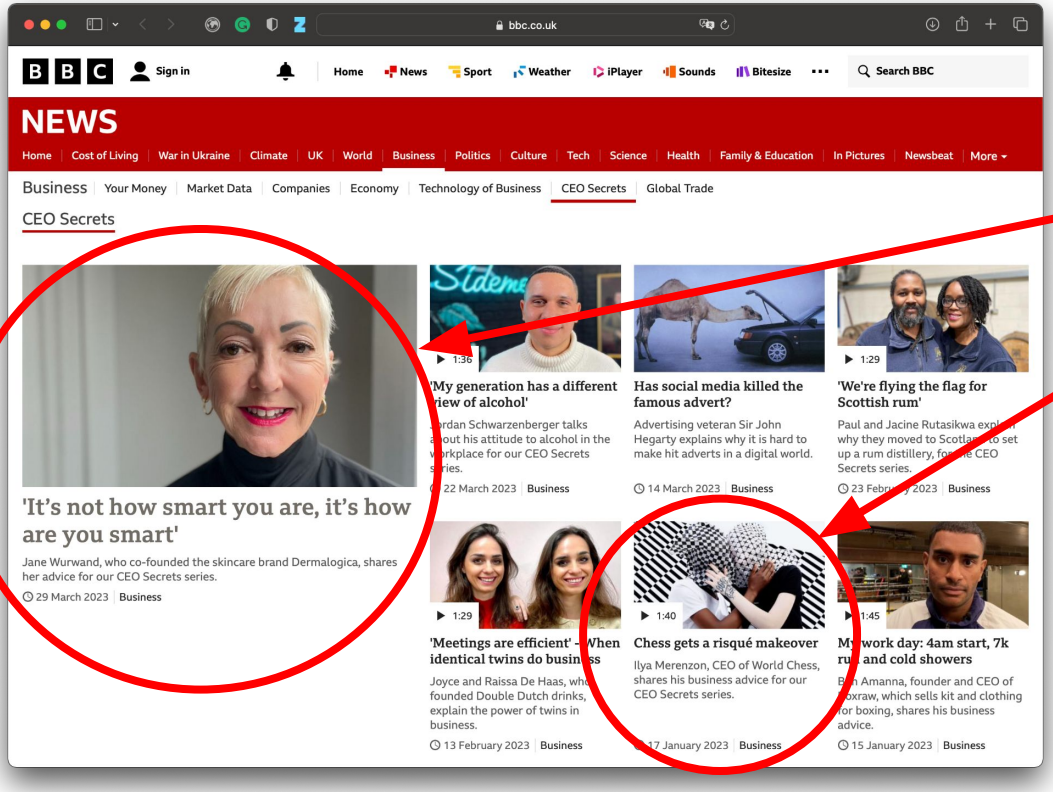
Bias

Search results can be influenced by personalisation, user data tracking or ads

Context

Search engines might not always understand the context of the query, i.e. apple as a fruit or the company

Limitations

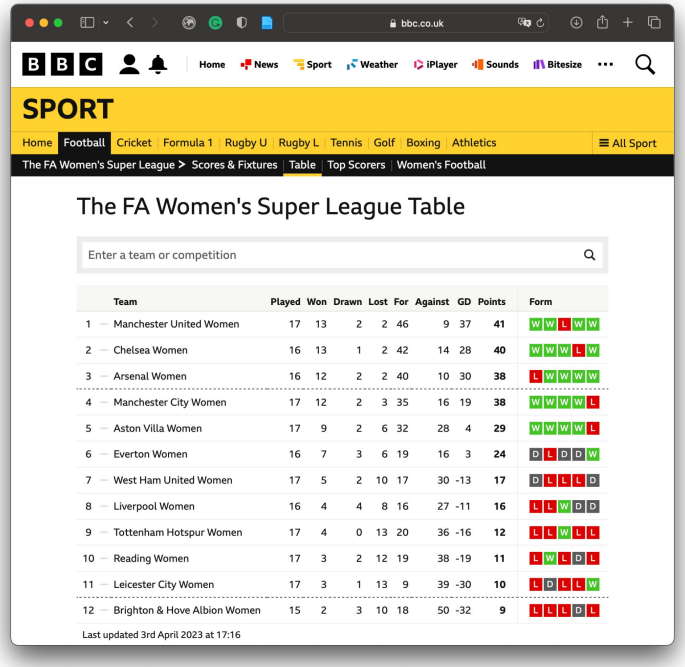


Query: Chess

Article with first index: BBC News CEO Secrets

Intended article: Chess gets a risqué makeover

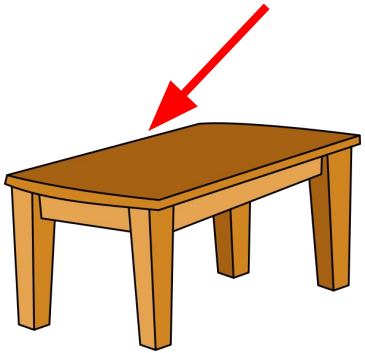
Limitations



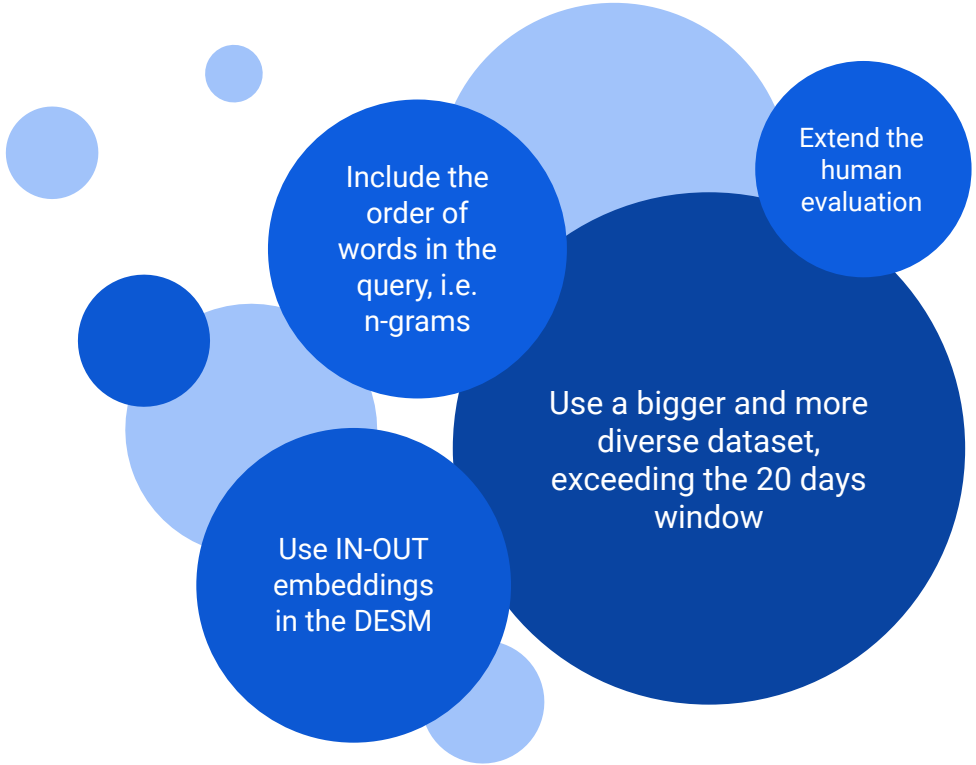
Query: Table

Results: BBC Sport News

Intended article: Something about tables (furniture)



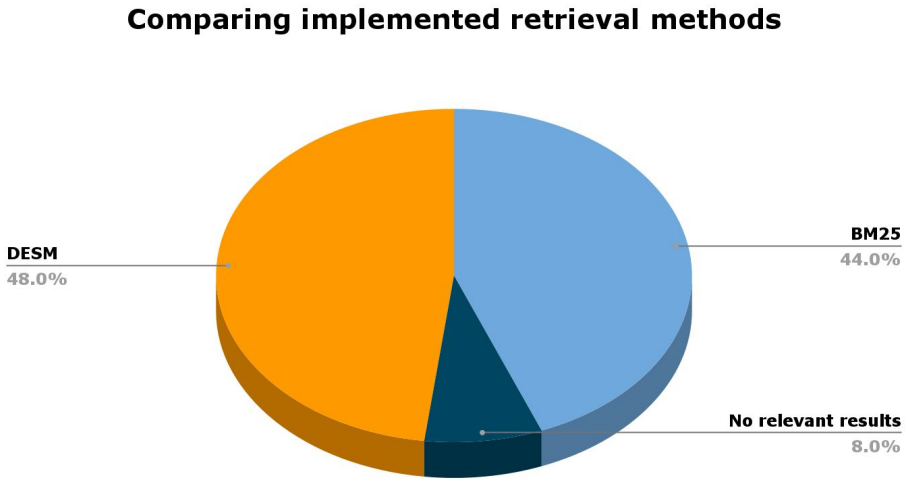
Outlook


Include the order of words in the query, i.e. n-grams
Extend the human evaluation
Use a bigger and more diverse dataset, exceeding the 20 days window
Use IN-OUT embeddings in the DESM

Conclusion

DESM performs better than BM25

- DESM is more capable of showcasing relevant news according to the given query.



DESM > BM25

Appendix

Presentation's Journal Paper:

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