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Title: Personal Finance Chatbot with RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation)

1. System Architecture Diagram

The architecture involves three main components:

- 1. **Data Ingestion:** Q&A pairs are ingested into Weaviate with embeddings generated using SentenceTransformer.
- 2. **Retrieval:** User queries are encoded into embeddings and matched with stored vectors in Weaviate using semantic similarity.
- 3. **Response Generation**: Top retrieved results are passed to a T5-small language model to generate natural-sounding responses.

Diagram:

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Q&A Pairs → Weaviate ← User Query (Embeddings)

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Top-k Relevant Results

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T5-small Language Model

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Final Chatbot Response
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2. Implementation Details

Technologies Used:

- Weaviate: Vector database for semantic search.
- SentenceTransformer: Model for embedding generation (all-MiniLM-L6-v2).
- **Hugging Face Transformers**: T5-small language model for response generation.
- Streamlit: Chatbot UI for user interaction.

Key Steps:

1. Data Upload:

 Q&A pairs are loaded from a JSON file and stored in Weaviate with custom embeddings.

2. Retrieval:

 User query → Embedding → Weaviate vector search → Top-k matching results.

3. Response Generation:

- Retrieved Q&A pairs are formatted as context.
- o Passed to the T5-small model to generate a dynamic response.

4. Chatbot UI:

o Built using Streamlit for easy user interaction.

3. Performance Metrics

Retrieval Accuracy:

• Evaluated by the relevance of Q&A pairs returned from Weaviate.

Response Coherence:

 Measured subjectively by comparing generated responses to actual answers.

Example Test:

User Query	Retrieved Answer	Generated Response
"How much did I spend on food?"	"You spent \$85 on Snacks."	"You spent \$85 on snacks."
"What was my income last month?"	"Your income was \$1,500."	"You earned \$1,500."

4. Challenges and Solutions

Challenge: Integrating Weaviate for Vector Search.
 Solution: Used REST API endpoints and ensured proper schema setup.

Challenge: Generating coherent responses.
 Solution: Combined retrieval results into a context and passed them to the T5-small model.

3. **Challenge**: Managing edge cases (e.g., ambiguous or invalid queries). **Solution**: Added query validation and fallback responses in the Streamlit UI.

5. Future Improvements

- 1. **Enhanced Language Models**: Use GPT-4 or larger LLMs for more accurate and natural responses.
- 2. **Memory Management**: Add conversation history for context-aware replies.
- 3. **UI Improvements**: Provide response explanations or data visualizations.
- 4. **Real-Time Data Integration**: Pull live financial updates for dynamic responses.