

Outline

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- OpenAI function calling in LangChain
- Tagging and extraction using OpenAI function calling
- Tools and Routing
- Conversational Agent

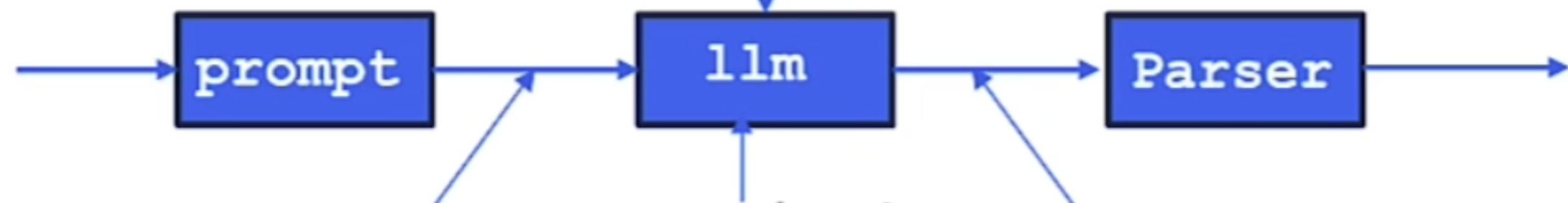
LangChain Expression Language (LCEL)

LangChain composes chains of components

LCEL and the runnable protocol define:

Means of modifying
parameters at
runtime

bind, ...



An allowed set of
input types

Required
methods:
invoke
stream
batch
...

And output
types

Composition can now use the Linux pipe syntax:

```
Chain = prompt | llm | OutputParser
```

Interface

- Components implement “**Runnable**” protocol
- Common methods include:
 - invoke [ainvoke]
 - stream [astream]
 - batch [abatch]
- Common properties
 - input_schema, output_schema
- Common I/O

Component	Input Type	Output Type
Prompt	Dictionary	Prompt Value
Retriever	Single String	List of Documents
LLM	String, list of messages or Prompt Value	String
ChatModel	String, list of messages or Prompt Value	ChatMessage
Tool	String/Dictionary	Tool dependent
Output Parser	Output of LLM or ChatModel	Parser dependent

LangChain Expression Language (LCEL)

- Runnables support:
 - Async, Batch and Streaming Support
 - Fallbacks
 - Parallelism
 - LLM calls can be time consuming!
 - Any components that can be run in parallel are!
 - Logging is built in

Pydantic

Pydantic is a 'data validation library' for python.

- Works with python type annotations. But rather than static type checking, they are actively used at runtime for data validation and conversion.
- Provides built-in methods to serialize/deserialize models to/from JSON, dictionaries, etc.
- LangChain leverages Pydantic to create JSON Scheme describing function.

Pydantic

In normal python you would create a class like this:

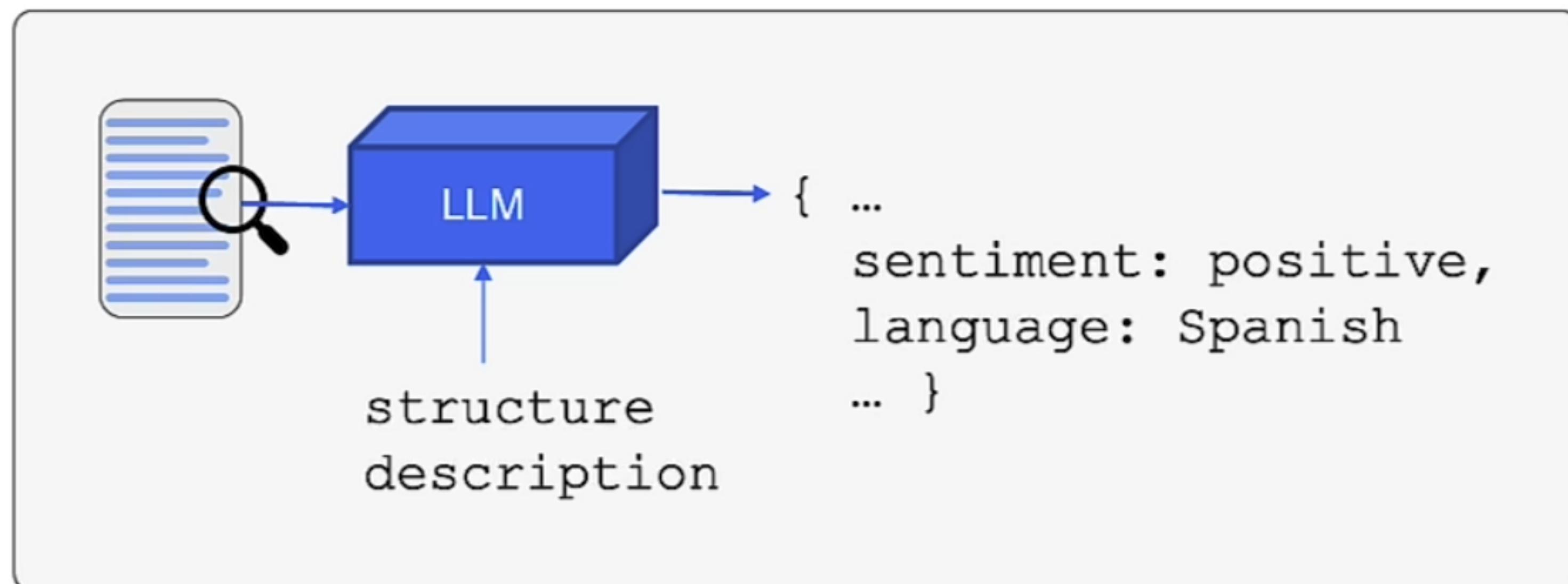
```
class User:  
    def __init__(self, name: str, age: int, email: str):  
        self.name = name  
        self.age = age  
        self.email = email
```

Using Pydantic, this is:

```
from pydantic import BaseModel,  
  
class User(BaseModel):  
    name: str  
    age: int  
    email: EmailStr
```

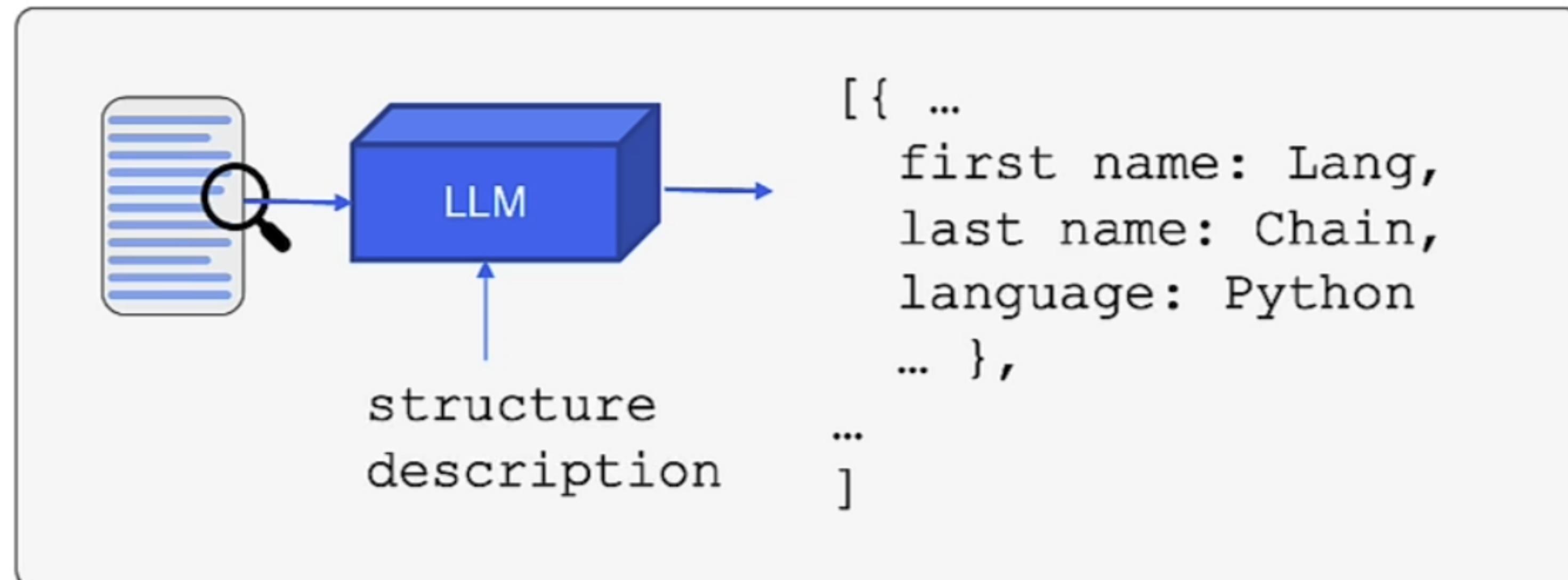
Tagging

- We have seen the LLM, given a function description, select arguments from the input text generate a structured output forming a function call
- More generally, the LLM can evaluate the input text and generate structured output.



Extraction

- When given an input JSON schema, the LLM has been fine tuned to find and fill in the parameters of that schema.
- The capability is not limited to function schema.
- This can be used for general purpose extraction.



Tools and routing

- Functions and services an LLM can utilize to extend its capabilities are named “tools” in LangChain
- LangChain has many tools available
 - Search tools
 - Math tools
 - SQL tools
 - ...



In this lab you will:

- Create your own tools
- Build a tool based on an OpenAPI spec
 - Predating LLMs, the OpenAPI specification is routinely used by service providers to describe their APIs
- Select from multiple possible tools – called ‘routing’

Agent Basics

- Agents
 - are a combination of LLMs and code
 - LLMs reason about what steps to take and call for actions.
- Agent loop
 - Choose a tool to use
 - Observe the output of the tool
 - Repeat until a stopping condition is met
- Stopping conditions can be:
 - LLM determined
 - Hardcoded rules



In this lab you will

- Build some tools
- Write your own agent loop using LCEL
- Utilize `agent_executor` which:
 - Implements the agent loop
 - Adds error handling, early stopping, tracing, etc