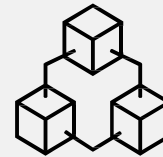


Modern Data Architectures

Vector Databases

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Hype or the next big thing?



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Hype?:

- “New kind of database for the AI era”
- For/by/focused on how AI models work
- Data → VectorDB → LLM



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\$235m has been invested into Vector Databases in the past year:

- @qdrant_engine - \$7.5m Seed

- @tryChroma - \$18M Seed

- @weaviate_io - \$50m Series A

- @milvusio - \$60m Series B

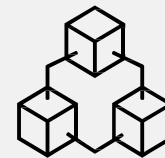
- @Pinecone - \$100m Series B

For reference, MongoDB raised \$300m from start to \$1.2b IPO.

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The Theory



The Theory

Put "simply": "store embedded data computed/retrieved using an *AI* model"

- Video:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dN0IsF2cvm4>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySus5ZS0b94>
- Analogy in text: <https://www.thdpth.com/p/the-vector-database-hype-explained>

The Theory

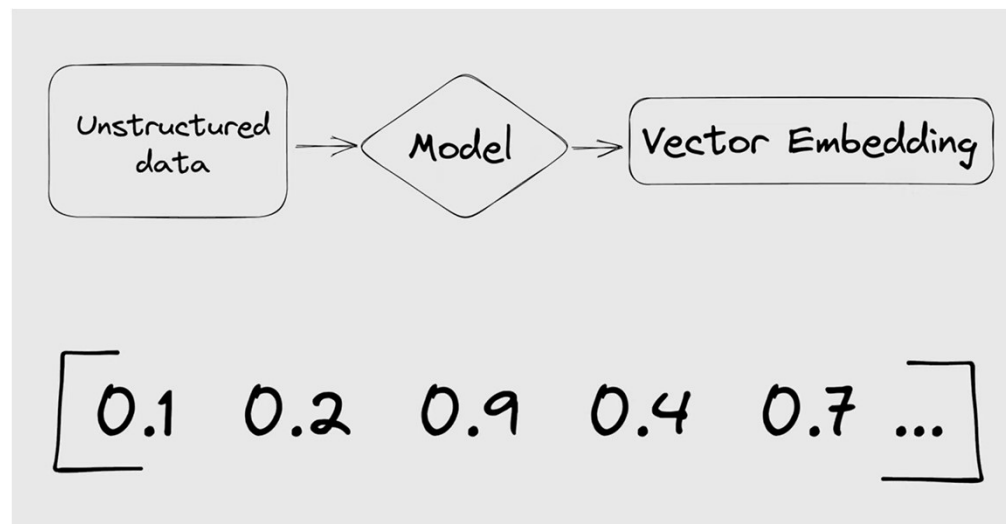
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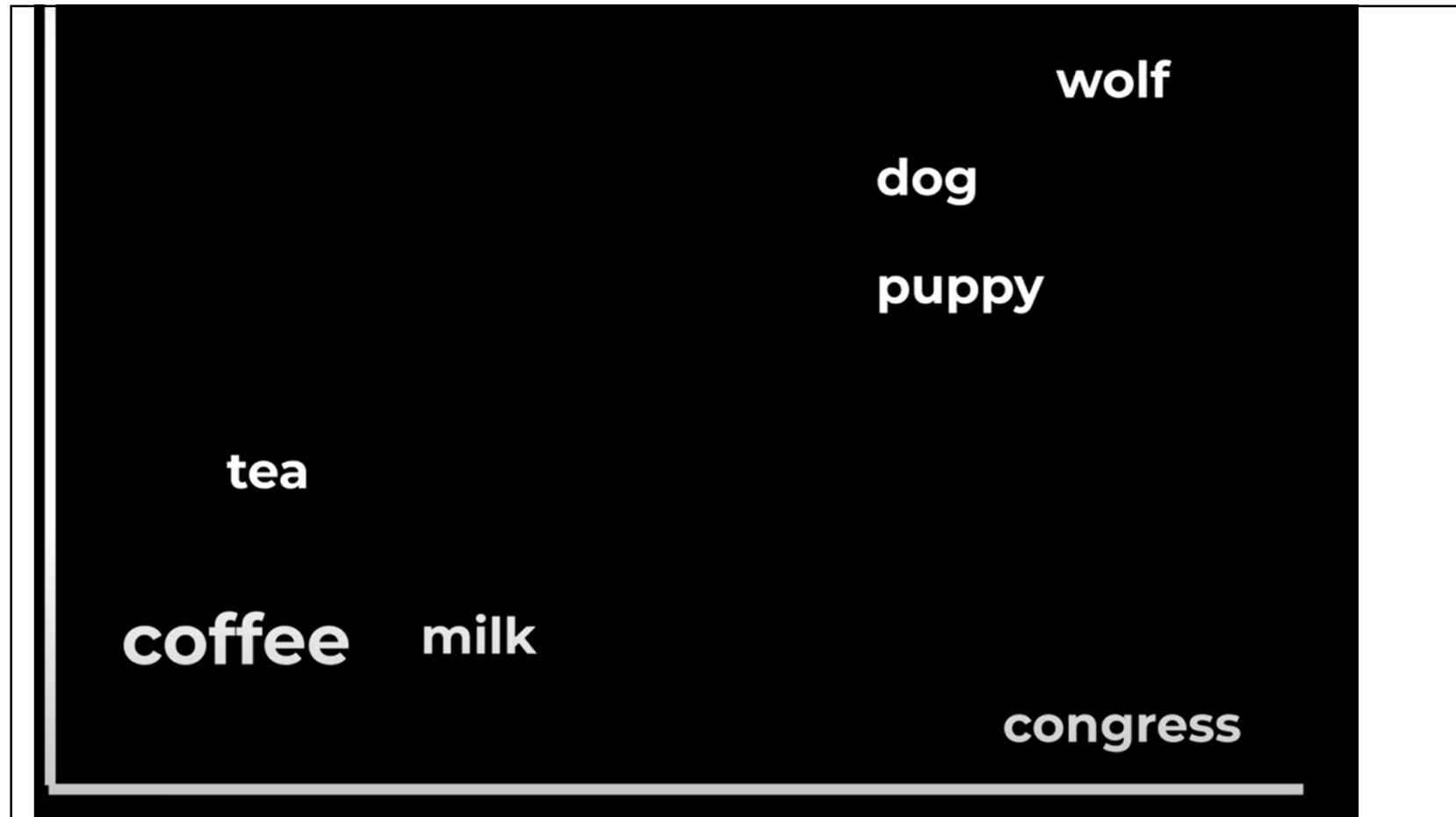
- Most data these days is unstructured and not easily “fittable”(= a good match) in a relational database:
 - Movies/video
 - Audio
 - Images
 - Social media data (= posts, tweets, ...)
- For example:
 - The classic hello world example of AI: “Compare multiple pictures of a dog or a cat”.
 - In a relational database → “color”, “tags”, “animal”
 - In non-relational → pixel values (?) or something else ...

Vector embeddings ~ Vector databases

Definition:

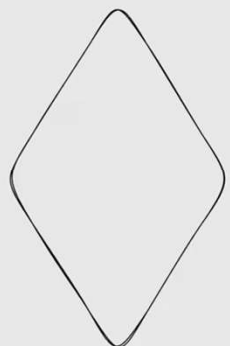
“A vector database **indexes** and stores **vector embeddings** for **fast retrieval** and **similarity search**”



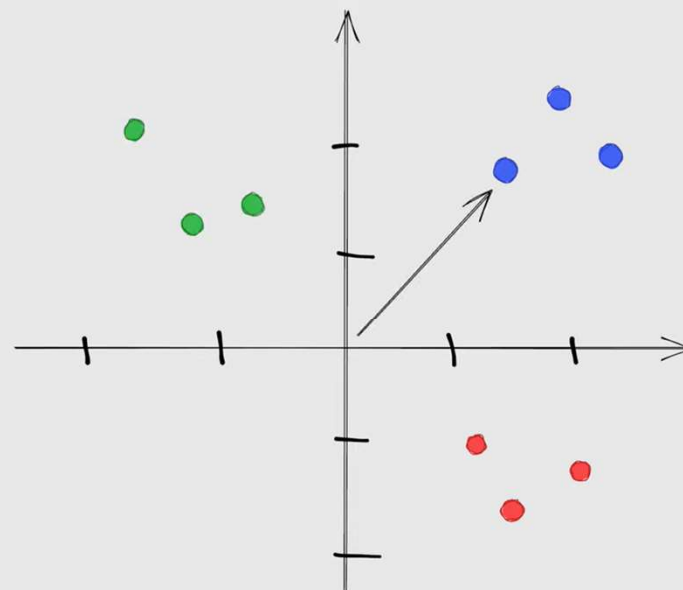


vector embeddings (2D example)

king
man
woman
apple
banana
orange
football
golf
tennis

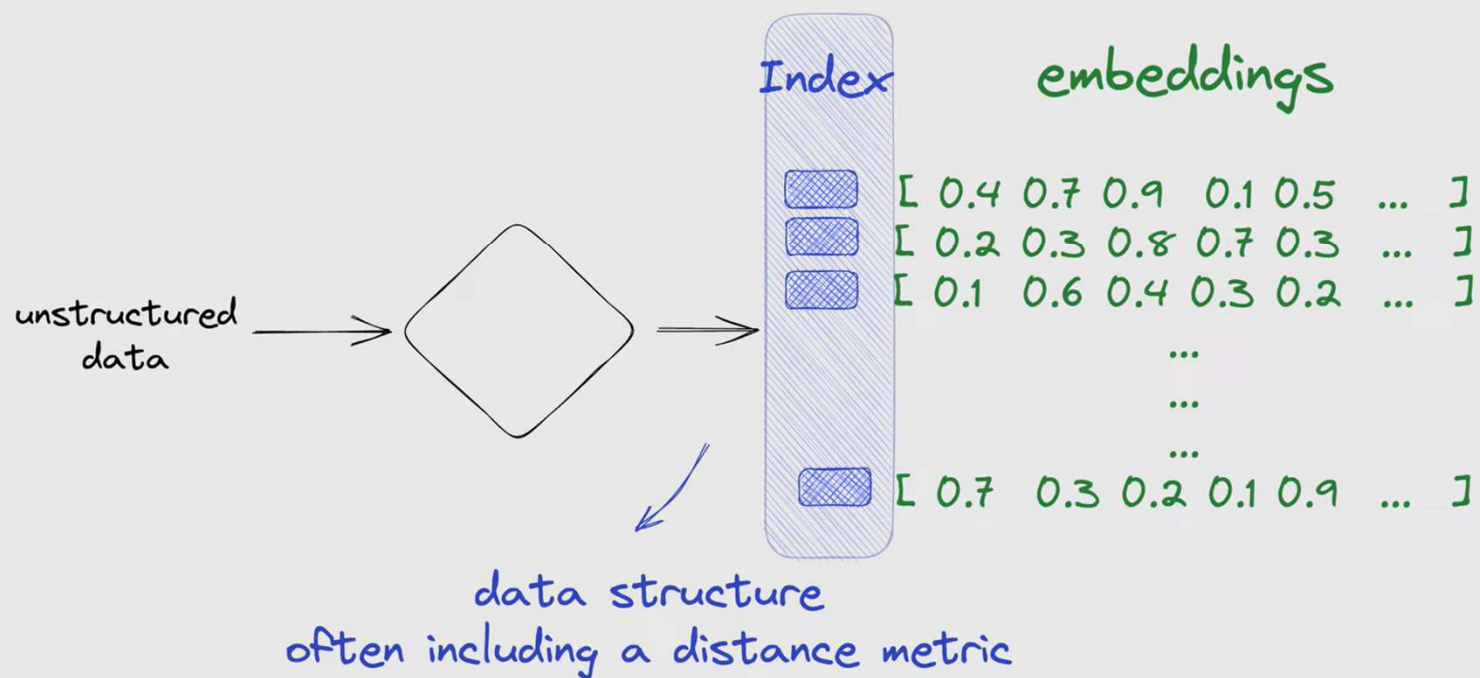


[4 5]
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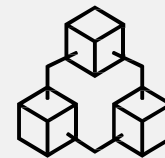


$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

vector indexing



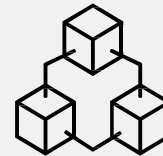
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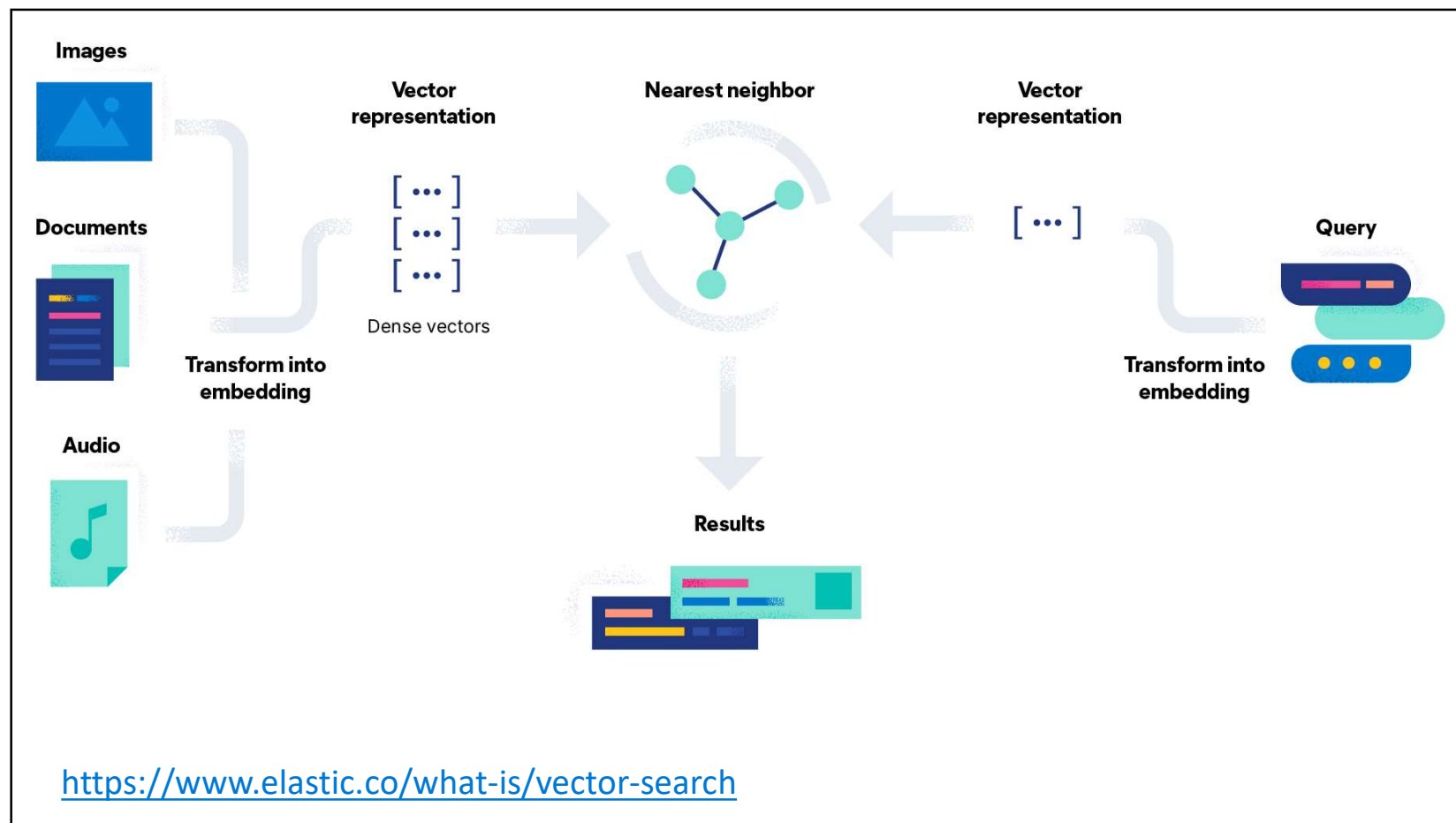
- **Semantic search:** search based on the meaning or context of words and not the literal meaning or partial subset of words.
- Long term memory for LLMs.
- Similarity search for text, images, audio, video...
- Anomaly detection in datasets
- Recommendation systems

Different vector databases

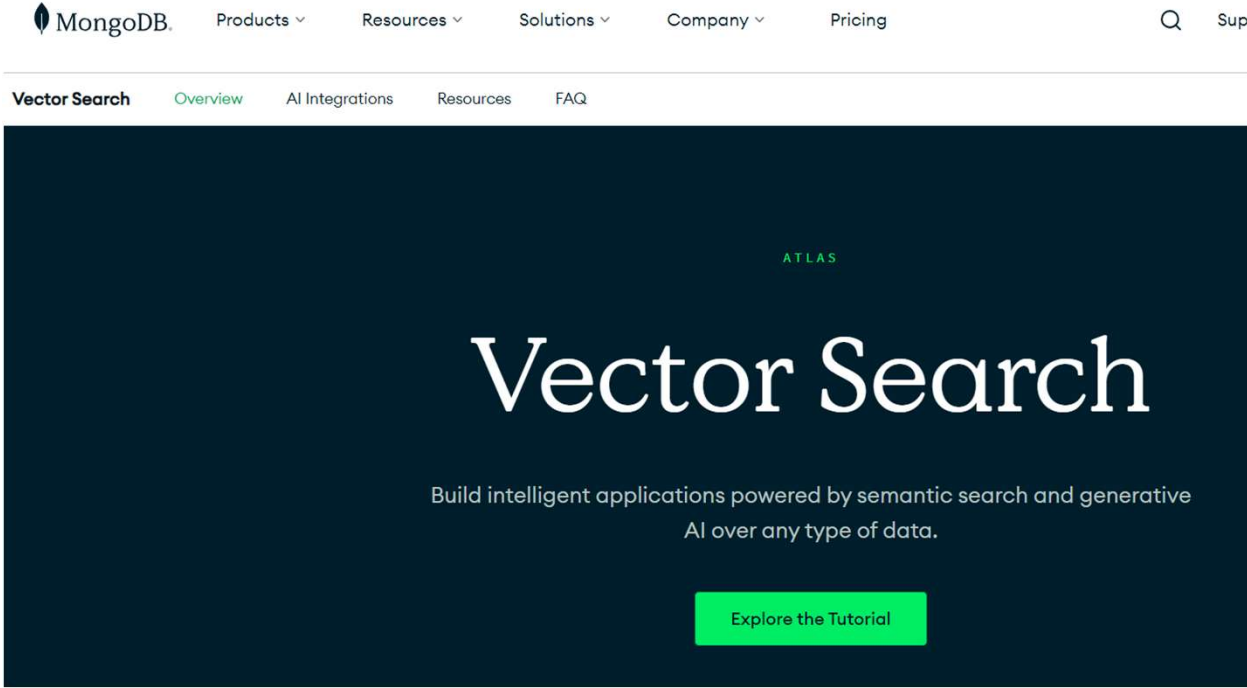


Vector Databases

- Pinecone
- Chroma
- Weaviate
- Qdrant
- Milvus
- Vespa
- SingleStore
- Redis
- Elastic Stack
- Mongo
- ...
- (Every database that can store an n-array of numbers (?))



Vector Databases



The screenshot shows the MongoDB Atlas Vector Search landing page. At the top, the MongoDB logo is followed by navigation links: Products, Resources, Solutions, Company, and Pricing. A search icon and 'Sup' are on the right. Below the navigation bar, a sub-header for 'Vector Search' includes links for Overview, AI Integrations, Resources, and FAQ. The main content area has a dark blue background with the word 'ATLAS' in small green letters. Below it, 'Vector Search' is written in large white text. A subtitle reads: 'Build intelligent applications powered by semantic search and generative AI over any type of data.' A green button labeled 'Explore the Tutorial' is centered at the bottom of the main content area.

<https://www.mongodb.com/products/platform/atlas-vector-search>

Vector Databases

<https://redis.io/docs/interact/search-and-query/query/vector-search/>

Vector search

Query for data based on vector embeddings

This article gives you a good overview of how to perform vector search queries with Redis Stack. See the [Redis as a vector database quick start guide](#) for more information about Redis as a vector database. You can also find more detailed information about all the parameters in the [vector reference documentation](#).

A vector search query on a vector field allows you to find all vectors in a vector space that are close to a given vector. You can query for the k-nearest neighbors or vectors within a given radius.

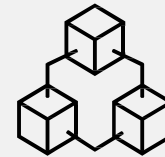
The examples in this article use a schema with the following fields:

JSON field	Field alias	Field type	Description
\$.description	description	TEXT	The description of a bicycle as unstructured text
\$.description_embeddings	vector	VECTOR	The vector that a machine learning model derived from the description text

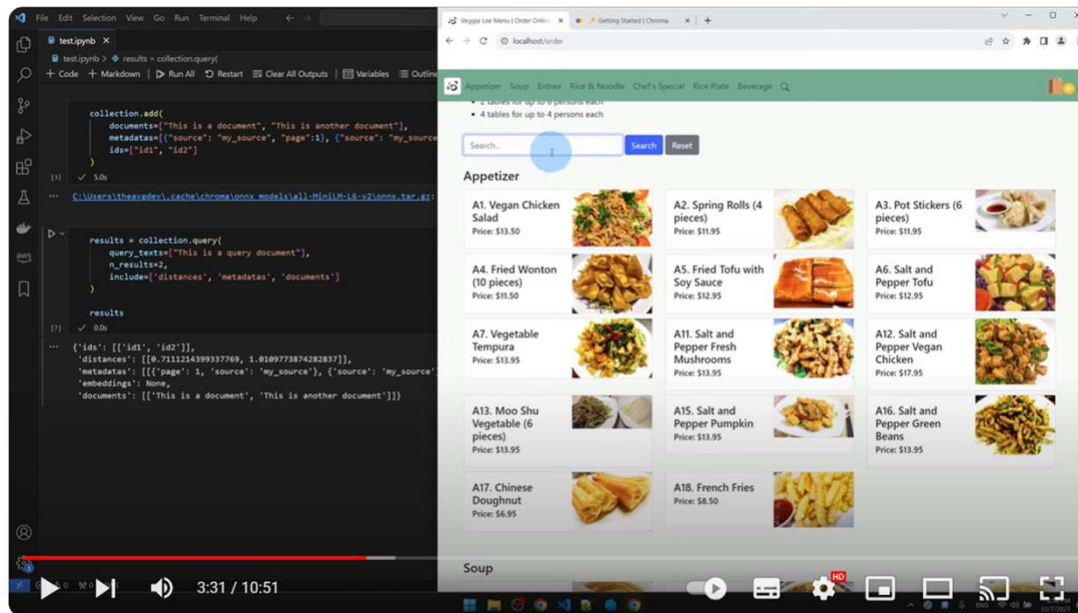
K-nearest neighbours (KNN)

The Redis command [FT.SEARCH](#) takes the index name, the query string, and additional query parameters as arguments. You need to pass the number of nearest neighbors, the vector field name,

Demo use case



Demo: Use case



Getting Started with ChromaDB - Lowest Learning Curve Vector Database & Semantic Search

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSW2L8dkaZk>