



# Understanding vector databases



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AI Searching for "What does ICLC stand for?"

AI Grounding answer based on 3 document sources

AI responded at 15:29

890 / 16,385 tokens sent

Summary

ICLC stands for the International Conference on Live Coding. It is an event dedicated to exploring and implementing the use of computer code as a live performance element. The conference has been held in various countries and aims to provide insights into live creative practices from technical, philosophical, educational, and governance perspectives [2].

Citations

ID

b3f2eaec-dbe4-44fd-91f8-0d28631e1883

Snippet >

JG

You asked at 15:30

Thank you!

AI Searching for "What is the main focus of the International Conference on Live Coding (ICLC)?"

Model settings

Manage

Model

OpenAI GPT-3.5 Turbo

PYLADIES

Instructions

You are an assistant for question-answering tasks.

Include citations

Context

Learn more

Number of documents sent to LLM

3

Context fields

vr\_tour\_data

text



# X-wing starfighter squadron



**What ships and crews  
do I need to destroy an  
almost finished death  
star?**

**Or is there a secret  
weakness?**





What's the well-known sentence of this scene in Star Wars?



66

These are not the droids  
you are looking for.

```
GET /_analyze
```

```
{
```

```
  "char_filter": [ "html_strip" ],
```

```
  "tokenizer": "standard",
```

```
  "filter": [ "lowercase", "stop", "snowball" ],
```

```
  "text": "These are <em>not</em> the droids  
          you are looking for."
```

```
}
```



```
"char_filter": "html_strip"
```

These are **<em>**not**</em>** the droids you are looking for.



These are not the droids you are looking for.

```
"tokenizer": "standard"
```

These are not the droids you are looking for.



These  
are  
not  
the  
droids  
you  
are  
looking  
for



"filter": "**lowercase**"

<b>T</b> hese		<b>t</b> hese
are		are
not		not
the		the
droids	→	droids
you		you
are		are
looking		looking
for		for

"filter": "**stop**"

**These**

**are**

**not**

**the**

droids

you

**are**

looking

**for**



droids

you

looking



"filter": "snowball"

droids  
you  
looking



droid  
you  
look

These are `<em>not</em>` the **droids you** are **looking** for.

```
{ "tokens": [{  
  "token": "droid",  
  "start_offset": 27, "end_offset": 33,  
  "type": "<ALPHANUM>", "position": 4  
}, {  
  "token": "you",  
  "start_offset": 34, "end_offset": 37,  
  "type": "<ALPHANUM>", "position": 5  
}, {  
  "token": "look",  
  "start_offset": 42, "end_offset": 49,  
  "type": "<ALPHANUM>", "position": 7  
}] }
```



## PROS

- Fast and cheap
- Scalable
- Easy to understand

## CONS

- Synonyms and homonyms
- Images, videos, audio
- User intent

# Why use a vector database?

Vector databases provide the foundation for implementing semantic search for text or similarity search for images, videos, or audio.



# What's a vector?

A vector database allows you to find similar data quickly.



## What are embeddings?

Embeddings leverage a machine learning model to translate documents into numbers, allowing you to perform vector searches.



→ Use a machine learning model to add vector embeddings

Vector representation

Vector representation

Approximate  
Nearest  
Neighbors  
search

Result

**Ready to dive in further**

<https://github.com/JessicaGarson/Understanding-Vector-Databases>



**Thank you!**