

Agentic RAG Chatbot for Multi-Format Document QA

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Architecture: A Coordinated Multi-Agent System

This project is built on a robust, agent-based architecture designed for clarity and scalability. A central CoordinatorAgent orchestrates the workflow, directing tasks to specialized agents.



CoordinatorAgent

The "brain" of the system. It receives user requests and manages the end-to-end RAG pipeline by activating the appropriate agent for each sub-task.



IngestionAgent

Responsible for parsing and extracting text from a wide variety of document formats, including PDF, DOCX, PPTX, CSV, and TXT.



RetrievalAgent

Handles the core "Retrieval" logic. It chunks the extracted text, generates vector embeddings using a Hugging Face model, and manages the FAISS vector store for semantic search.

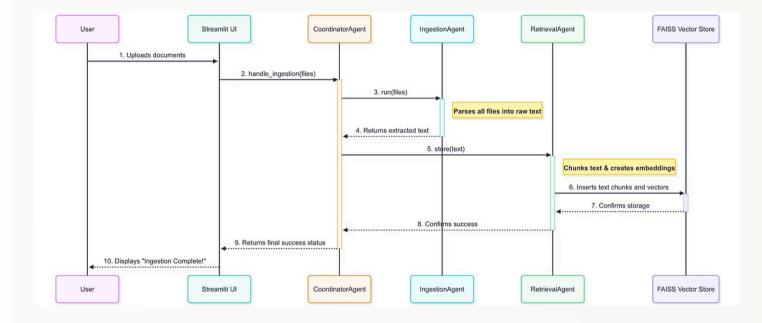


LLMResponseAgent

The final link in the chain. It constructs a precise, context-aware prompt and interfaces with the Groq LLM to generate the final answer.

Model Context Protocol (MCP): All communication between agents is standardized using a structured, JSON-based protocol. This ensures that every message is clear, traceable, and contains a well-defined payload, making the system easy to debug and extend.

System Flow: Ingestion and Querying



Tech Stack & User Interface

The application leverages a modern, efficient stack to deliver a seamless user experience.

Backend & Orchestration:

• Language: Python 3.12

• Core Framework: LangChain

Retrieval-Augmented Generation:

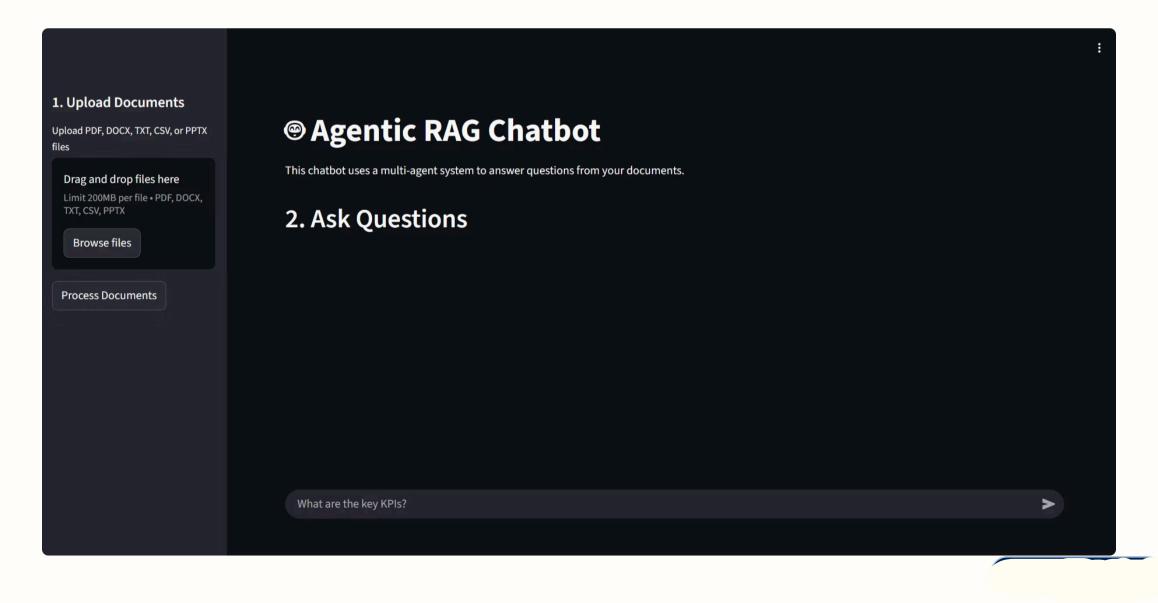
- **Embeddings**: all-MiniLM-L6-v2 (via Sentence Transformers)
- Vector Store: FAISS (Facebook AI Similarity Search)
- LLM: Llama 3 (via Groq API for high-speed inference)

Frontend:

UI Framework: Streamlit

Document Parsing:

• pypdf, python-docx, python-pptx, pandas



Challenges Faced & Future Improvements

Challenges Encountered:

Dependency Management

The langchain library recently modularized into subpackages (langchain-community, etc.). Navigating this change required careful dependency management to resolve ModuleNotFound errors and ensure a stable environment.

Prompt Engineering

Crafting a robust prompt for the LLMResponseAgent was an iterative process. It was critical to instruct the LLM to answer *only* from the provided context, thereby preventing hallucinations and ensuring the verifiability of answers.

Potential Future Scope:

• Asynchronous Ingestion

Implement asyncio to process large documents in the background, preventing the UI from blocking and creating a smoother user experience.

Persistent Vector Store

Replace the in-memory FAISS store with a persistent database like ChromaDB to retain the knowledge base across application sessions.

Formal Unit Testing

Integrate pytest to create unit tests for each agent, enhancing the long-term robustness and maintainability of the codebase.

Thank You

I welcome any questions you may have.

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