

Multimodal RAG systems

See beyond words



Learning Outcomes

You will:

- Understand what is a RAG, when it's used and its core components (embeddings, vector stores, ...)
- Understand multimodality
- Know a few methods to build a multimodal RAG (focus on image and text)

What we won't cover:

- Transformers 🥹
- Maths behind components

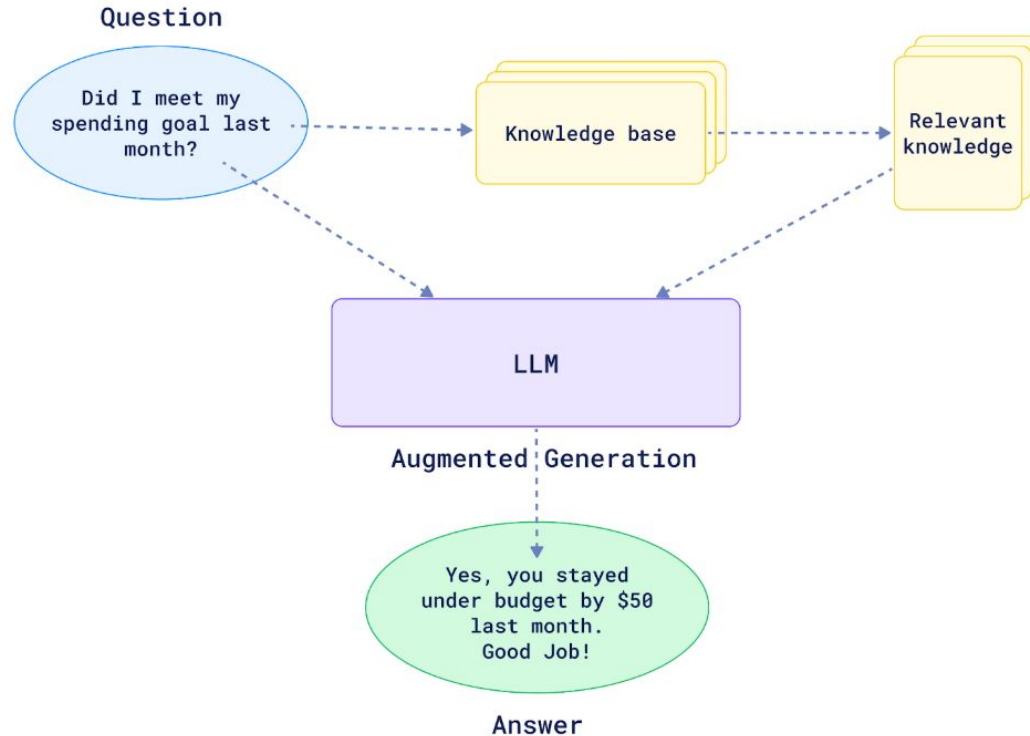
Agenda

- Why use RAG?
- Architecture and core components
- What is multimodality?
- Multimodal RAG design approaches

Retrieval **A**ugmented **G**eneration

- Why and When do we need it?

Why use RAG ?



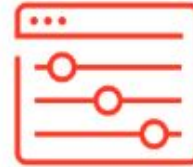
Why use RAG ?



Prompt
engineering



Retrieval
augmented
generation
(RAG)



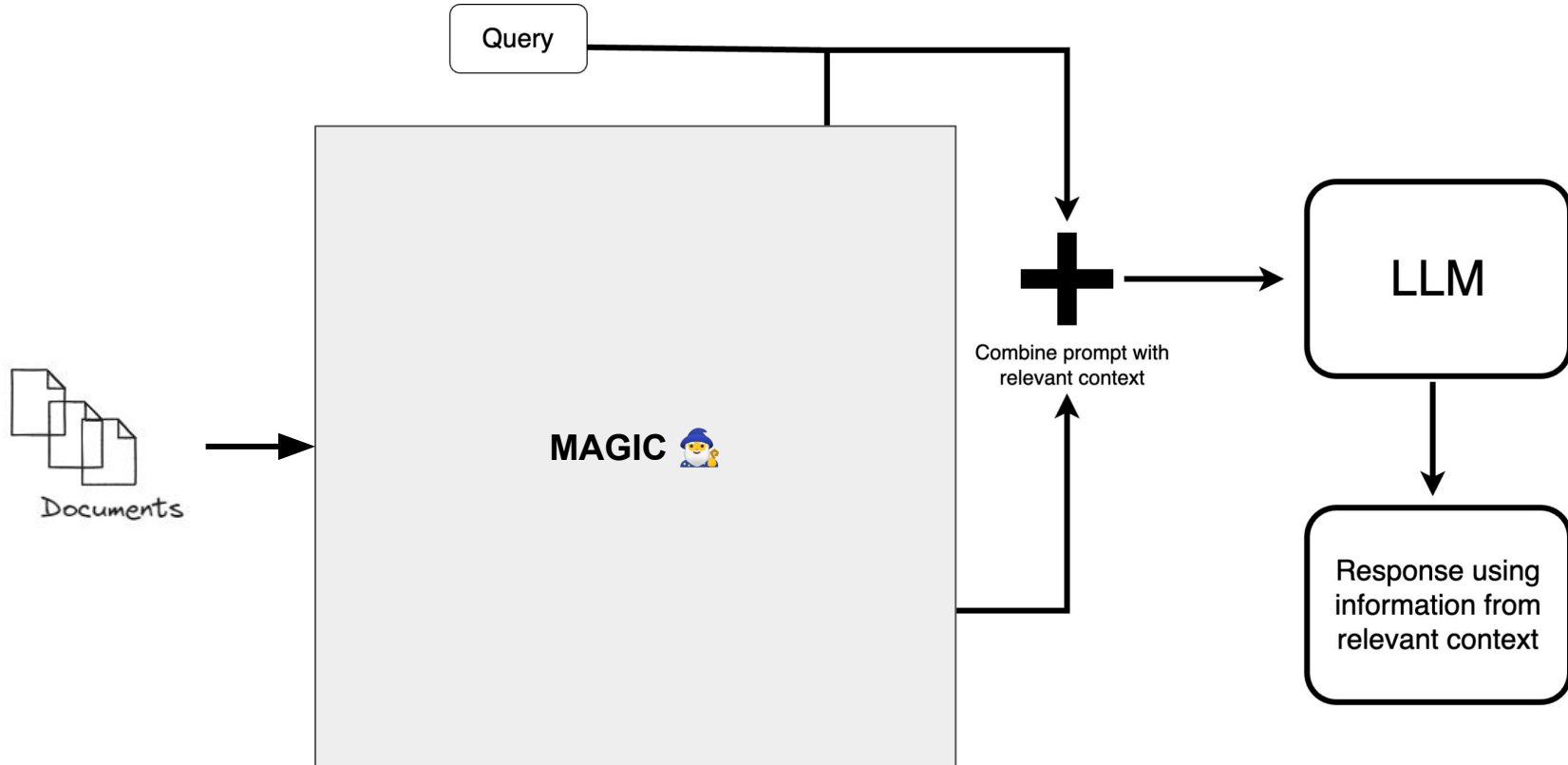
Fine-tuning



Pre-train
from scratch

Complexity/Compute-intensiveness

RAG in a nutshell



RAG components

Embeddings

Information from documents is stored as vector embeddings. This format supports efficient similarity searches to retrieve relevant data for your query.

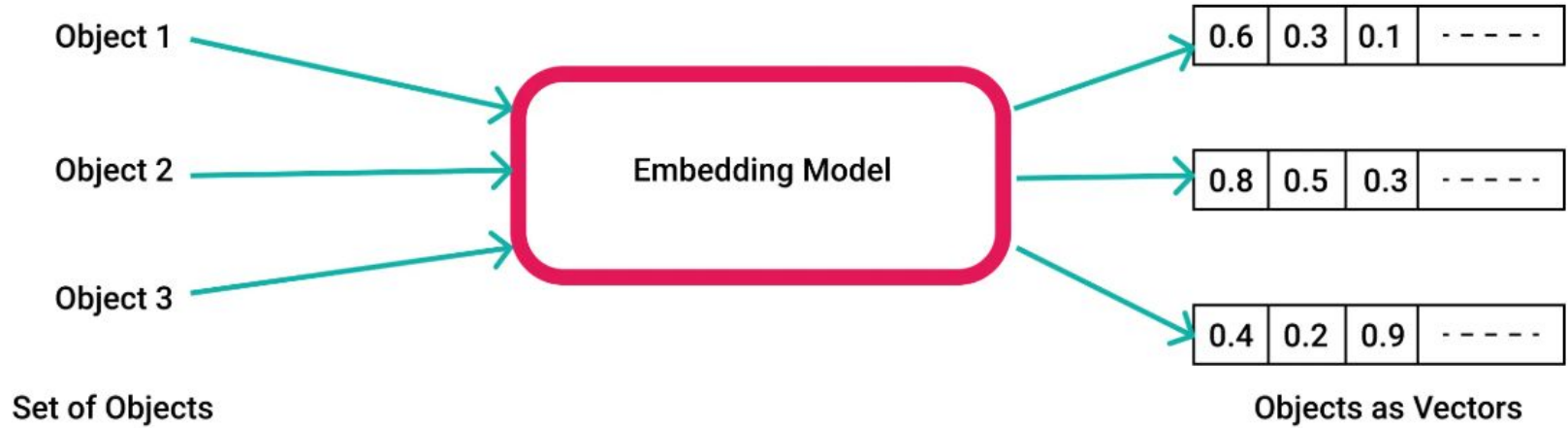
Vector Search

Similarity search is applied on the vector database to retrieve the most relevant documents to the query

LLM

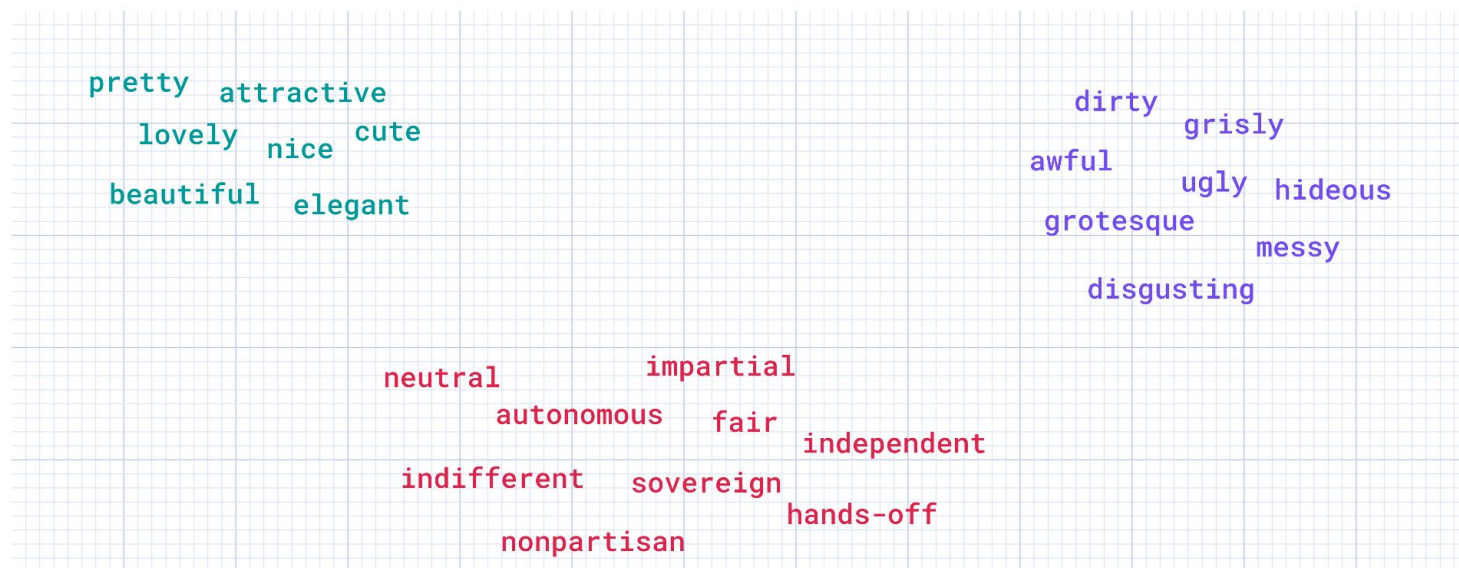
Takes the query augmented by the relevant context and generates the final answer

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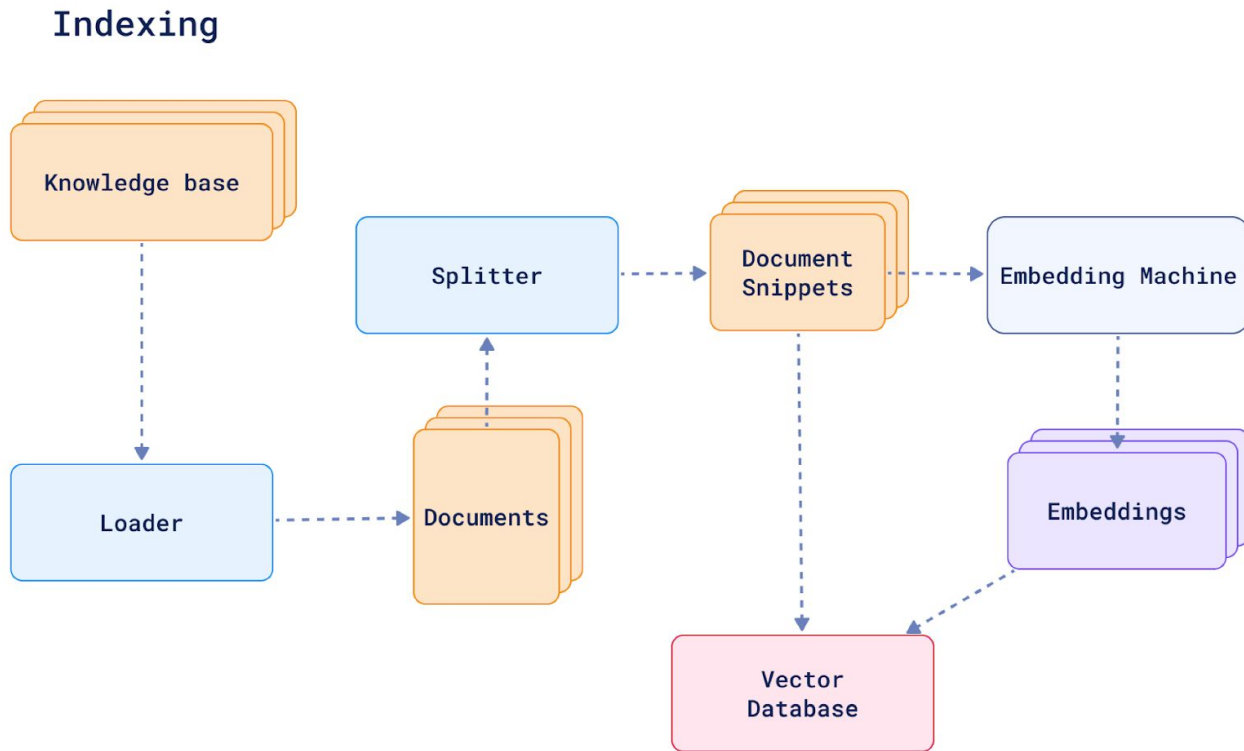


Embeddings

Similar objects are nearby while different objects are distant from each other in the vector space.

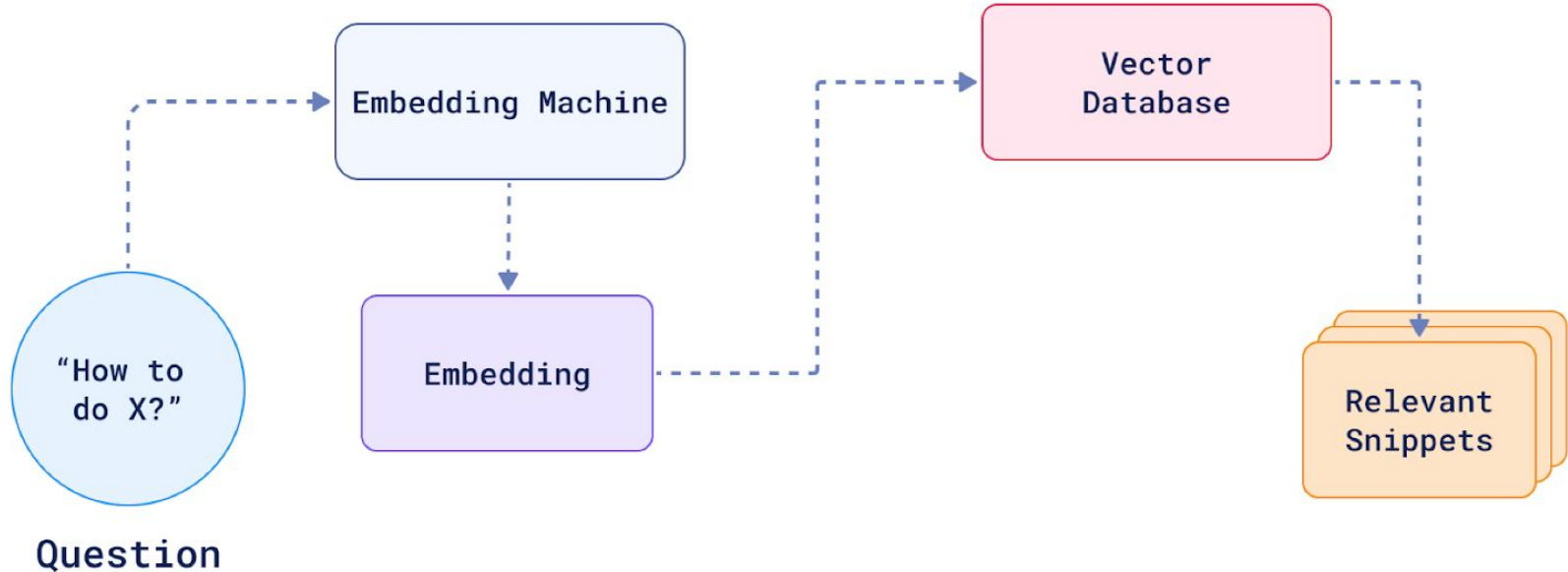


RAG in a nutshell: Indexing



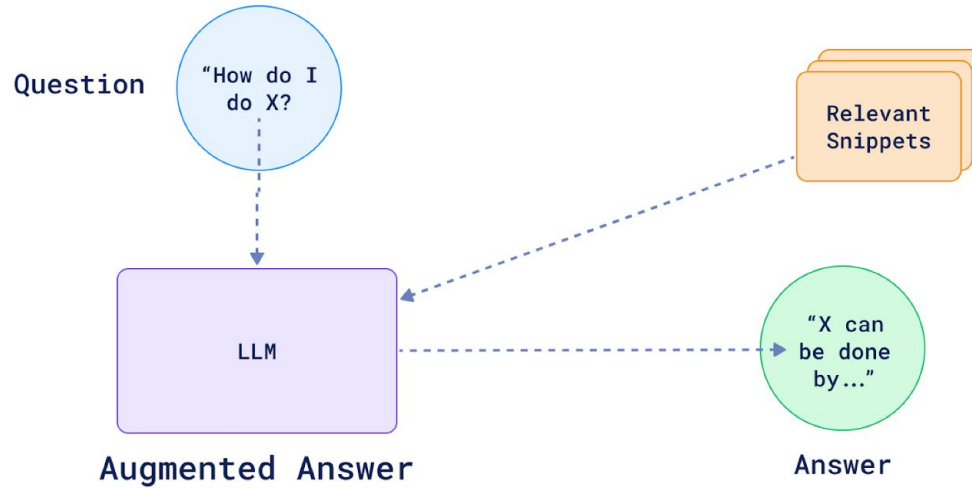
RAG in a nutshell: Retrieval

Retrieval

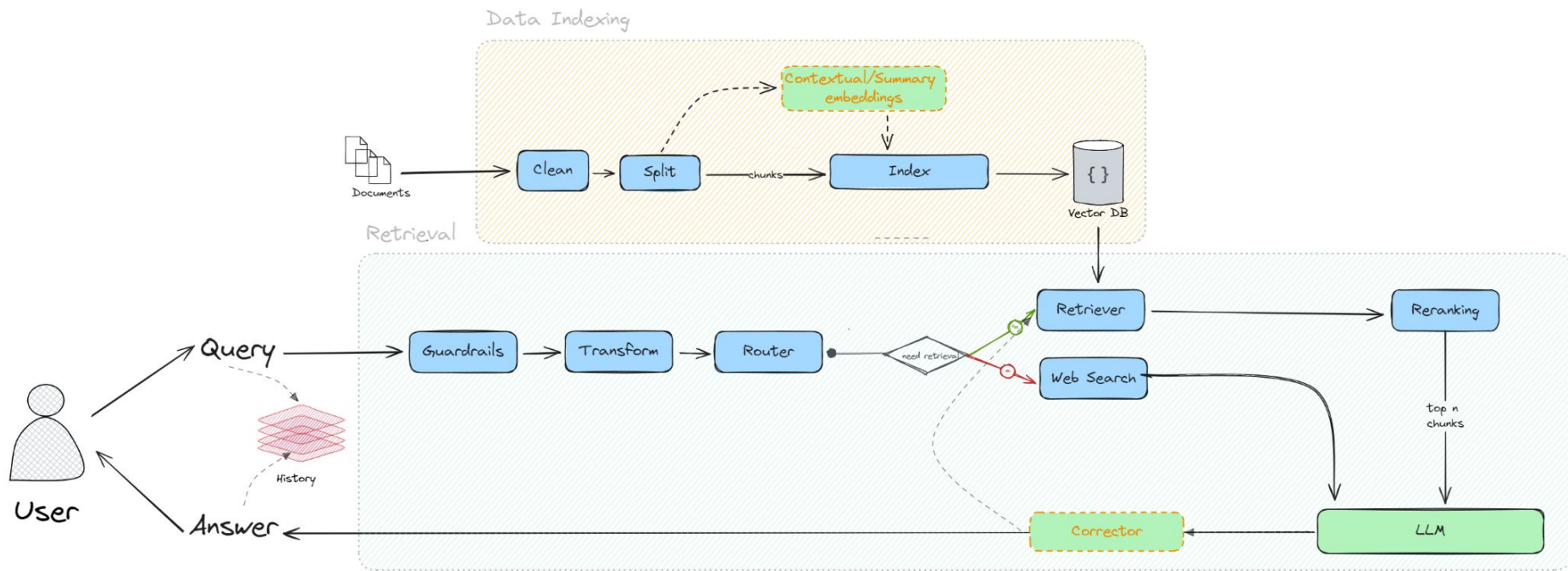


RAG in a nutshell: Generation

Generator



RAG architecture (in real-world applications)



Summary (Part I)

- **RAG:** A system that combines retrieval of relevant information from external sources with generation using an LLM to create contextually enriched outputs.
- **Workflow:**
 - Index external documents (textual content) in the vector store
 - Embed the user's query
 - Search for the most similar documents
 - Concatenate the relevant documents to the query and generate an answer

How to handle documents with more than text?

One Page Procedure Fact Sheet Example

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Employee Responsible

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Time Information

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Procedure Flow

Analysis and Discovery

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Cleanse

Validate

Load

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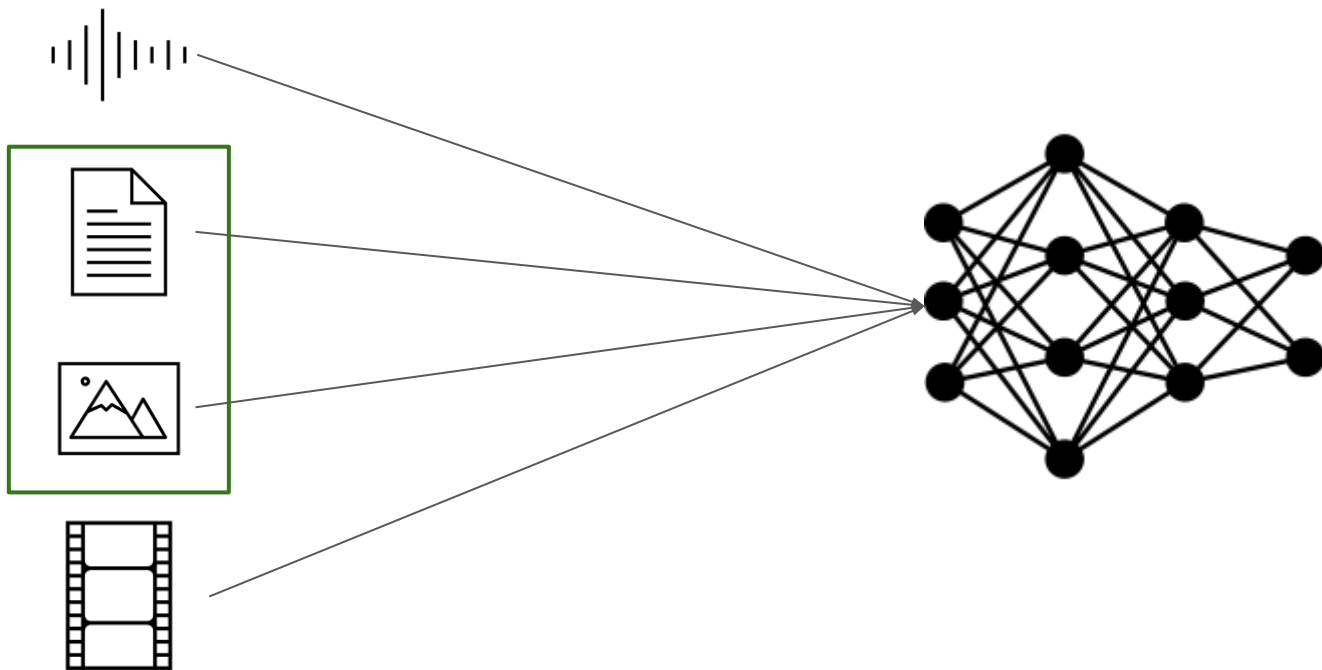

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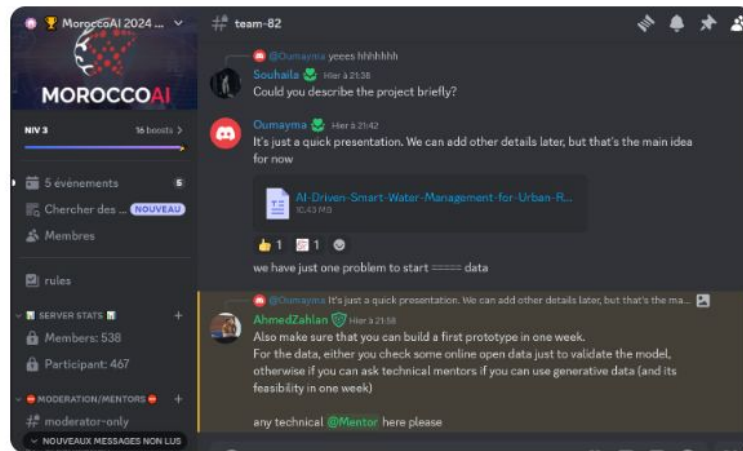

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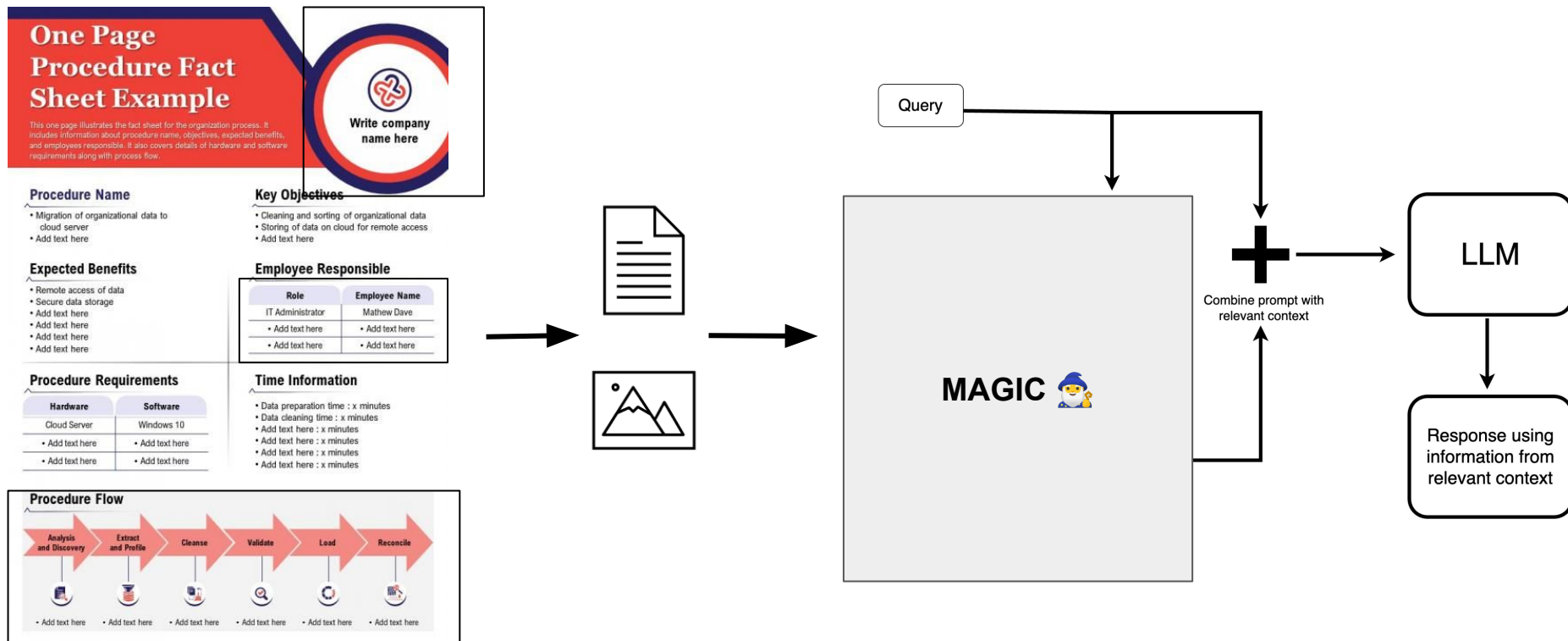


What do you think this discord server is about:



Based on the screenshot, the Discord server appears to be focused on **MoroccoAI 2024**, likely a competition, hackathon, or community initiative related to artificial intelligence (AI). The context of the messages suggests a project-based collaboration, where team members are working on AI-

How to build a RAG that handles images and text?



1st approach: Ground all modalities into one primary modality

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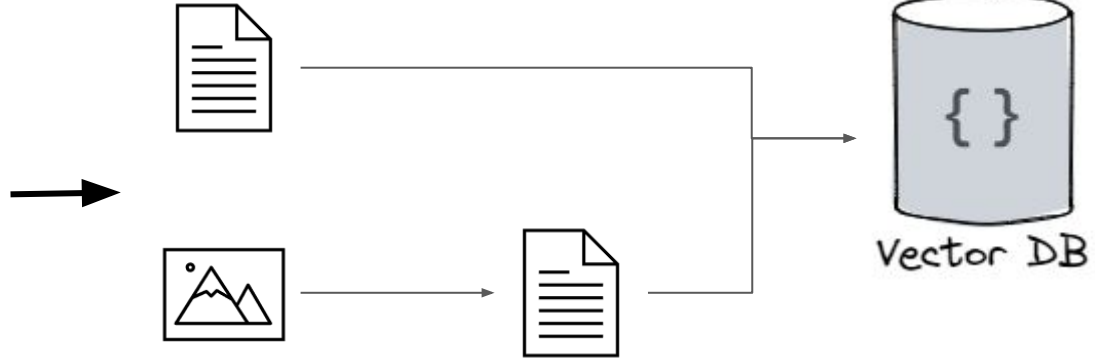
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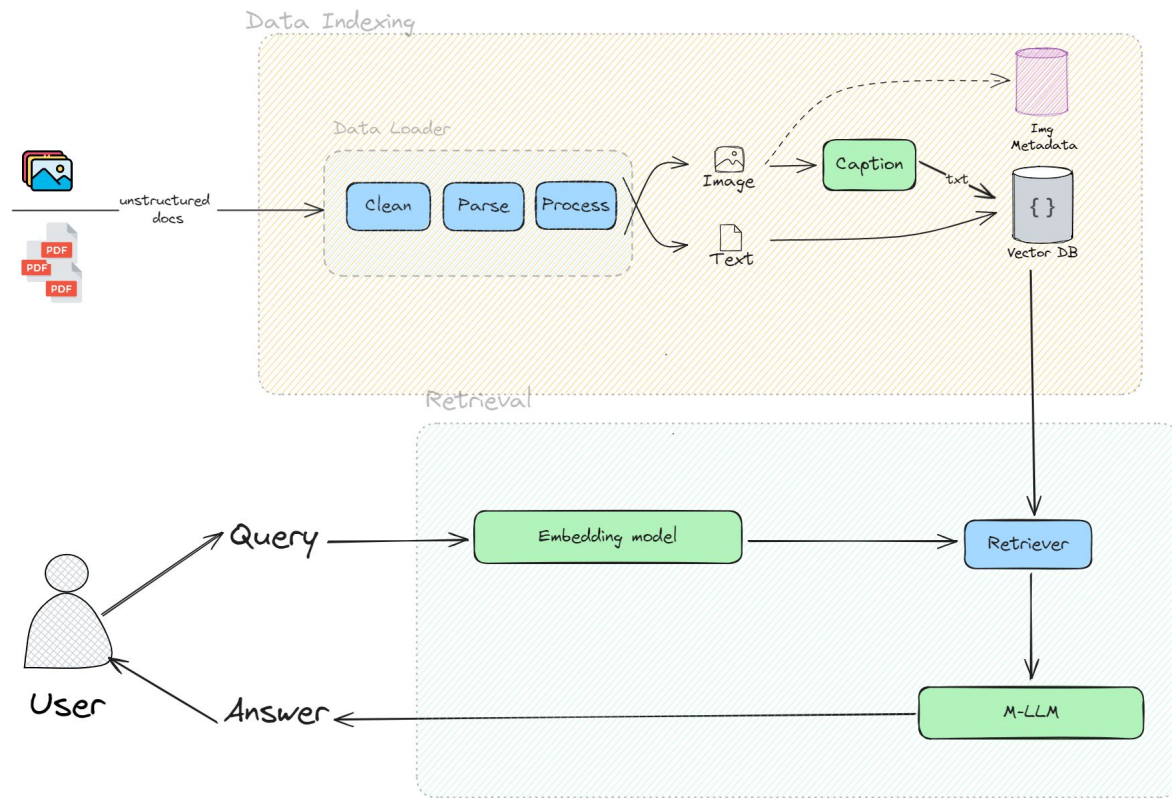
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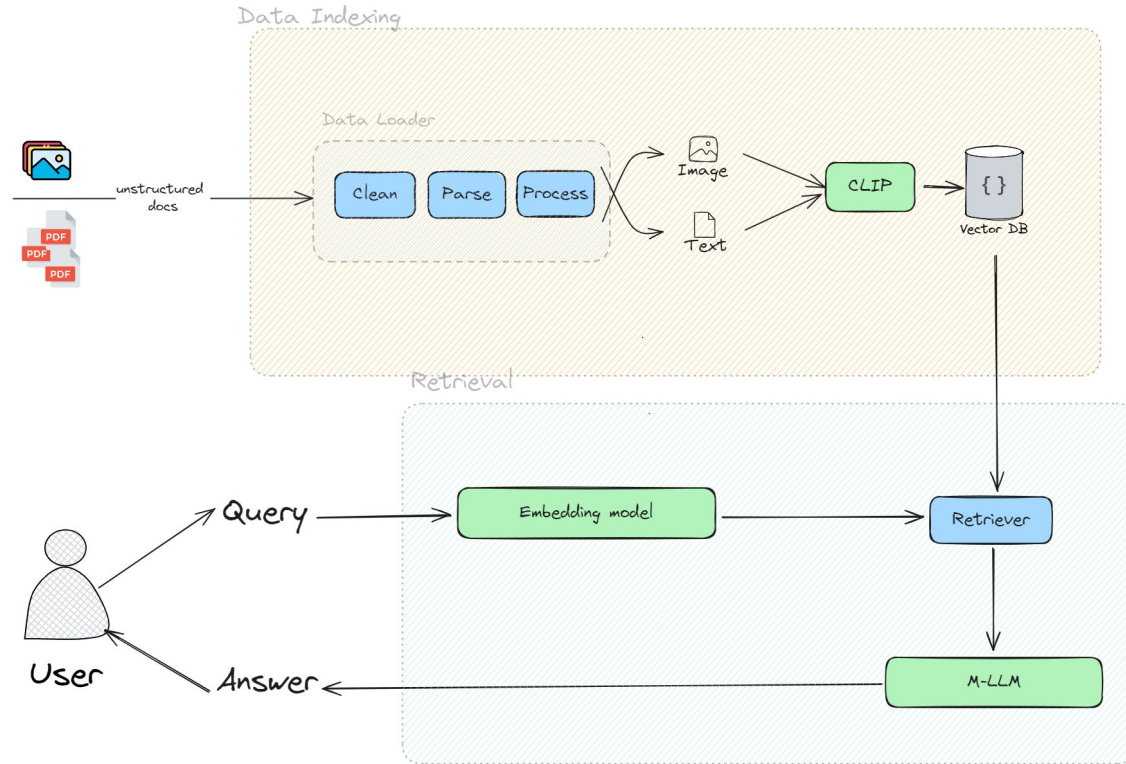
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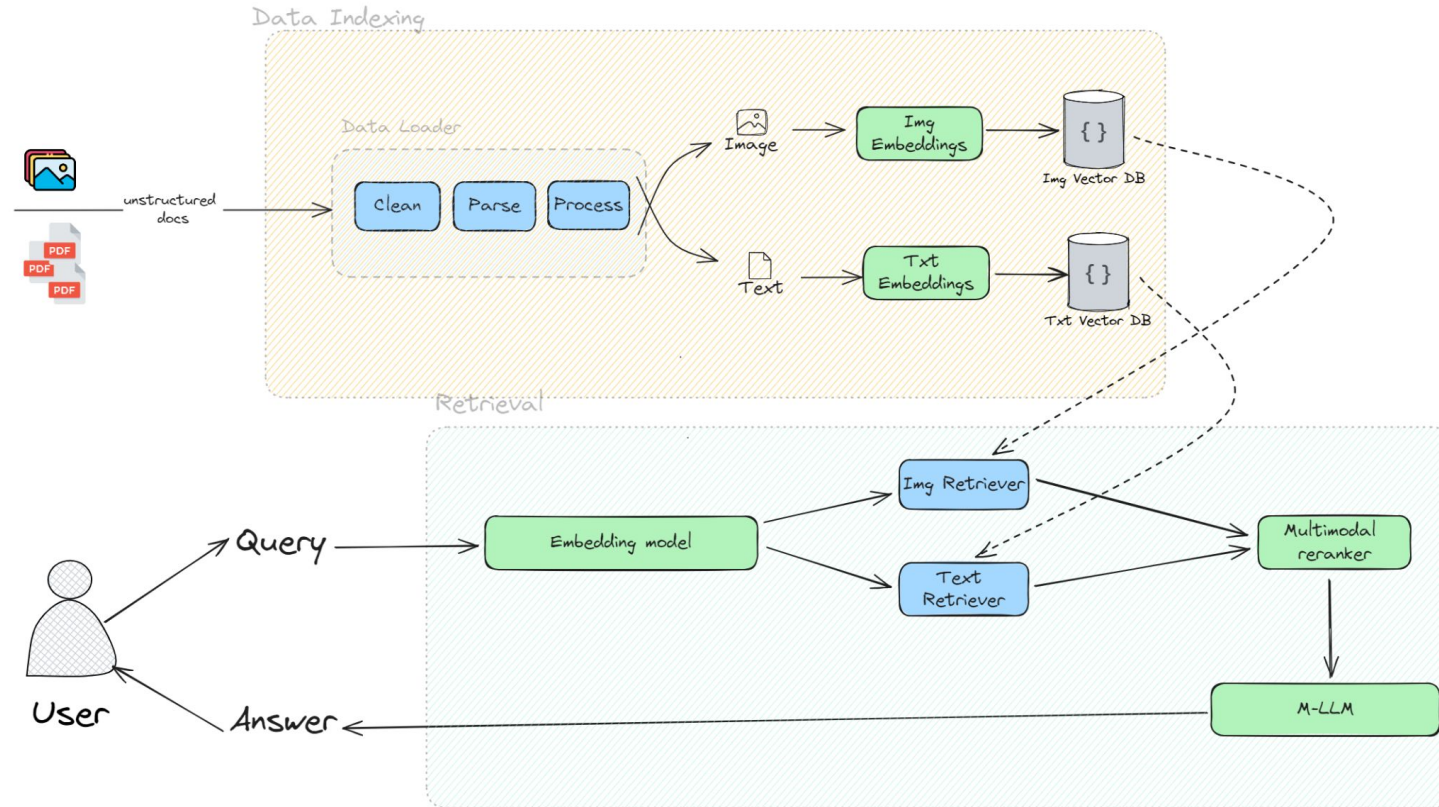
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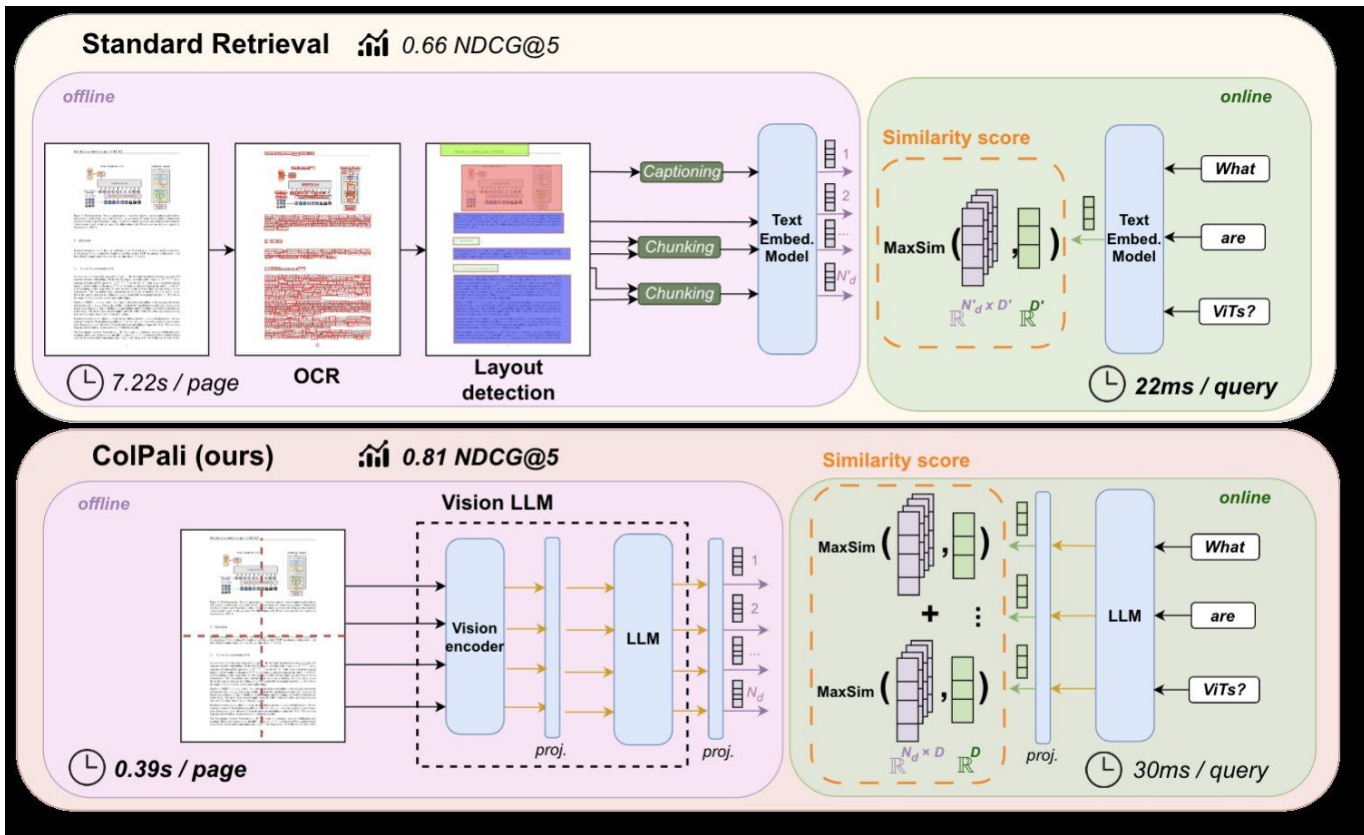
2nd approach: Embed all modalities into one vector space



3rd approach: Have separate stores per modality



4th approach: ColPali



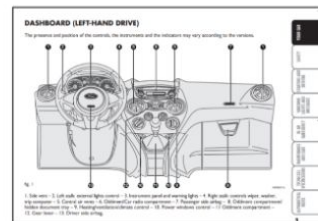
Summary

- No one-size fits all method:
 - The choice depends on the use case, type of documents, system constraints etc
 - For eg. CLIP models typically offer only generic insights into objects and shapes without providing detailed explanations and do not allow more than 80 words.

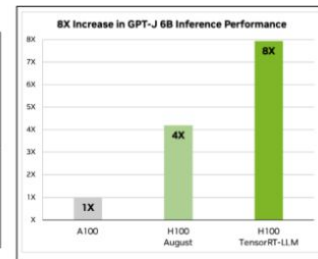
- Challenges:
 - Document parsing
 - Factuality and hallucinations
 - Splitting
 - Latency
 - ...



- Hard to capture all information in text
- Very few "key points" of attention. More Focus on "General Imagery"



- Some details can be captured in Text
- Has both "key points" of attention and "General Imagery"



- Details can be perfectly captured in text.
- "Has key points of attention"