

Ask the Camp: RAG Demo (Streamlit + FAISS + Open LLM)

Welcome to the **CodeBreakers RAG Demo**, a student-friendly starter project that teaches how to build an AI assistant using Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG). This project reflects the values in the <u>CodeBreakers Manifesto</u>—open, ethical, user-first technology.

What Is This?

This is a **question-answering assistant** built with: - **Streamlit** – Easy UI for chatting with the assistant - Q **FAISS** – Fast similarity search engine to retrieve relevant text chunks - **Hugging Face LLM** – Open-source language model for generating answers

Folder Structure

How to Run (Local)

1. Clone the repo

```
git clone https://github.com/YOUR-ORG/rag-demo.git
cd rag-demo
```

2. Install dependencies (recommended: use a virtualenv)

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

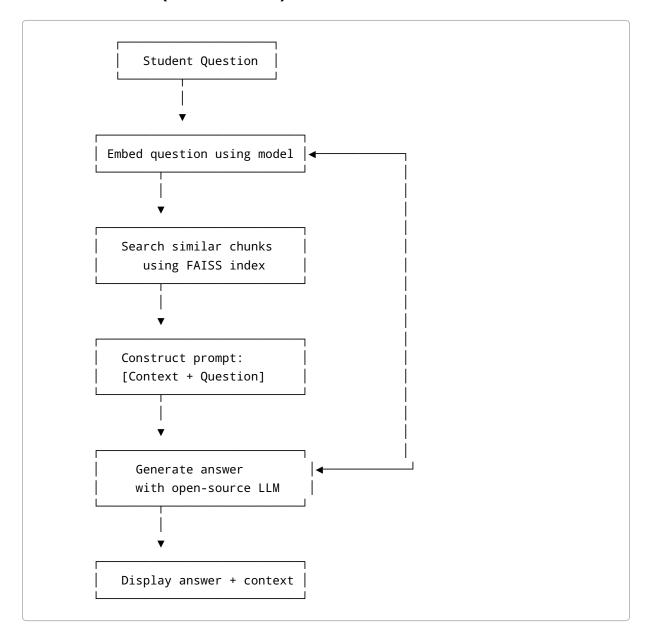
3. Add documents Drop .txt or .md files into the docs/ folder (e.g., camp schedule, tutorials).

4. Launch the app

```
streamlit run app.py
```

5. Ask it anything! Example: "What are students doing on Day 2?"

How It Works (Architecture)



Student Challenges

• Add a new document (e.g., team instructions)

- Improve chunking logic (e.g., by section headings)
- Replace model with local LLM (e.g., using Ollama)
- Add a feedback button ("Was this answer helpful?")

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