

Document Question-Answering Chatbot using Agentic RAG

Overview: Agent-Based Architecture with MCP

Our chatbot leverages a modular, agent-based architecture, seamlessly integrated with the Model Context Protocol (MCP) for robust communication.



Ingestion Agent

Parses diverse document formats (PDF, PPTX, DOCX, CSV, TXT, MD) ensuring comprehensive data extraction.



Retrieval Agent

Indexes and retrieves the most relevant text chunks using advanced vector search capabilities.



LLM Response Agent

Generates natural language answers by leveraging the provided context and user queries.



MCP Integration

Facilitates seamless, structured communication between all agents using a defined message protocol.

System Flow Diagram: Message Passing with MCP

The system orchestrates a precise flow of information, with each agent communicating via the Model Context Protocol (MCP) for efficient data exchange.



User Uploads Files

Initiates the process by uploading documents in various formats.



Ingestion Agent Extracts Text

Parses documents and returns the full content to the next stage.



Retrieval Agent Indexes

Indexes the extracted text and identifies top N relevant chunks.



LLM Response Agent Generates

Receives query and chunks (via MCP) to formulate natural language responses.



Response to User

Delivers the generated answer to the user via the Streamlit interface.

Core Technologies and Protocol Layer

Our solution leverages a robust tech stack, with a custom Model Context Protocol (MCP) as the backbone for inter-agent communication.

Frontend (Streamlit)

- Interactive user interface for seamless interaction.
- Intuitive design for document uploads and chatbot responses.

Protocol Layer (Custom MCP)

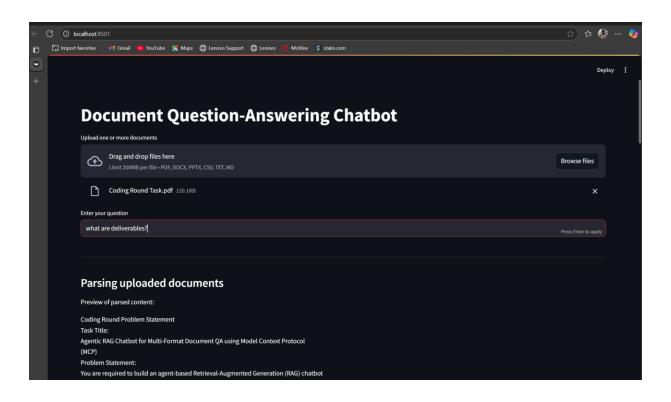
- Ensures standardised and traceable agent communication.
- Enables modularity and scalability across the system.

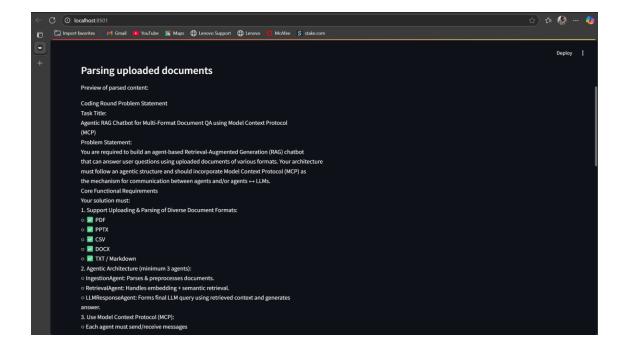
Backend Agents (Python Ecosystem)

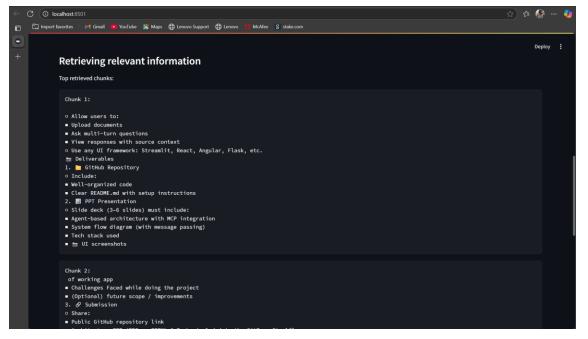
- Python: Core development language.
- **FAISS:** Efficient vector similarity search.
- **Hugging Face Transformers:** For embeddings and LLM operations.
- Tempfile & uuid: For secure file handling and traceable messages.

User Interface Screenshots

Experience the intuitive design of our chatbot, from seamless document uploads to precise content previews and retrieved chunk displays.







Key Challenges and Solutions

We addressed several technical hurdles to ensure the chatbot's performance and reliability, from complex parsing to UI optimisation.

Cross-Format Parsing

Custom logic developed for precise extraction from PPTX, DOCX, CSV, and other varied file types.

Agent Communication

Designed a generic and reusable Model Context Protocol (MCP) for clean message passing.

Chunking Logic Optimisation

Fine-tuned chunk sizes for optimal context relevance and efficient LLM token management.

Streamlit UX Limitations

Implemented strategies to manage large text volumes, preventing UI lag and crashes.

LLM Hallucination Mitigation

Addressed occasional irrelevant answers by refining chunking logic and context provision.

Key Takeaways and Next Steps

The Agentic RAG Chatbot powered by MCP offers a robust solution for document Q&A, with a clear roadmap for continued innovation.

1 Modular Design

Agent-based architecture ensures scalability and maintainability for future growth.

2 Seamless
Communication

MCP guarantees reliable and structured data exchange between all components.

Enhanced Accuracy

Refined chunking and context management minimise hallucinations for precise answers.