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Improving Retrieval System in RAG Architecture to
Expand LLM Context |
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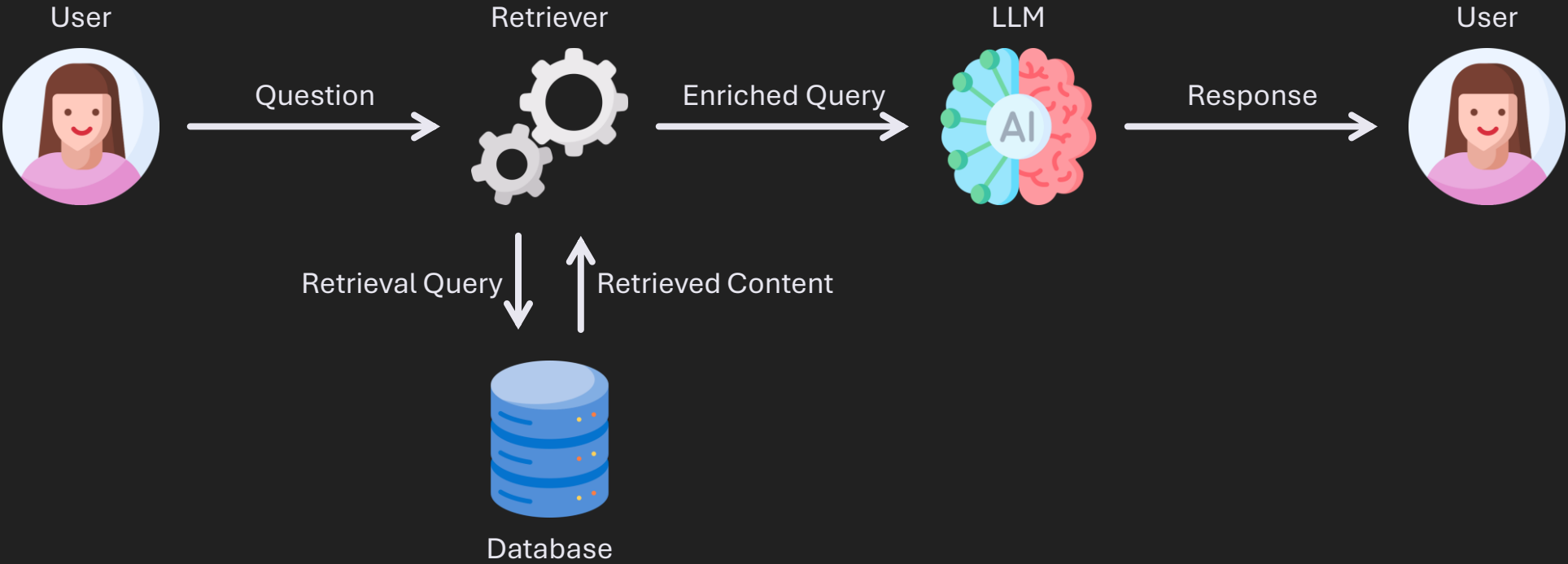
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Well, for that question, as mentioned in the provided PDF file, we can use RAGs!

RAG, or Retrieval-Augmented Generation, is a system that combines retrieving relevant information from a database with generating responses using an LLM to provide accurate, context-rich answers.



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Let's dive into optimizing information quality in a RAG system, with a spotlight on retrieval and response generation.

When it comes down to it, the quality of information is everything.

Based on insights from the PDF, here's a breakdown of the main objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Enhance the Retrieval Process Using LLMs
- **Objective 2:** Elevate the Quality of Context for the Response Generator

And here's a potential **research question** to dig deeper:

“How optimizing the retrieval stage in a RAG system ensures high-quality and contextually accurate responses?”

Also, for this project, the **value proposition** could be:

“Boosting Accuracy through Advanced Retrieval”

This approach keeps the focus sharp - enhancing accurate retrieval and delivering relevant.



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How can our project contribute to a sustainable and equitable future??



Based on the provided reference and the alignment with the united nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the project could relate to the following:

- **SDG 4: Quality Education:** The project improves information access, supporting quality education through enhanced knowledge retrieval.
- **SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure:** By advancing retrieval technology, the project promotes innovation and strengthens information infrastructure.

These connections underscore how improved knowledge retrieval can facilitate educational access and technological progress, aligning with the goals of equitable knowledge distribution and enhanced data infrastructure.

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Who are we designing this experience for?



Below, I will suggest several persona ideas based on common use cases for RAG systems:

- **Emma Carter**, data analyst, 28 years old, works at a research institute in the EU.
 - Behaviors and Habits: Uses search engines and databases for literature reviews and trend analyses.
 - Needs and Goals: Needs reliable summaries and relevant insights to compile reports efficiently.
- **Michael Foster**, AI software manager, 38 years old, works at a startup in San Francisco.
 - Behaviors and Habits: Keeps up with the latest AI research to drive innovation.
 - Needs and Goals: Needs efficient, scalable, and reliable AI systems to be integrated into his existing software development projects.



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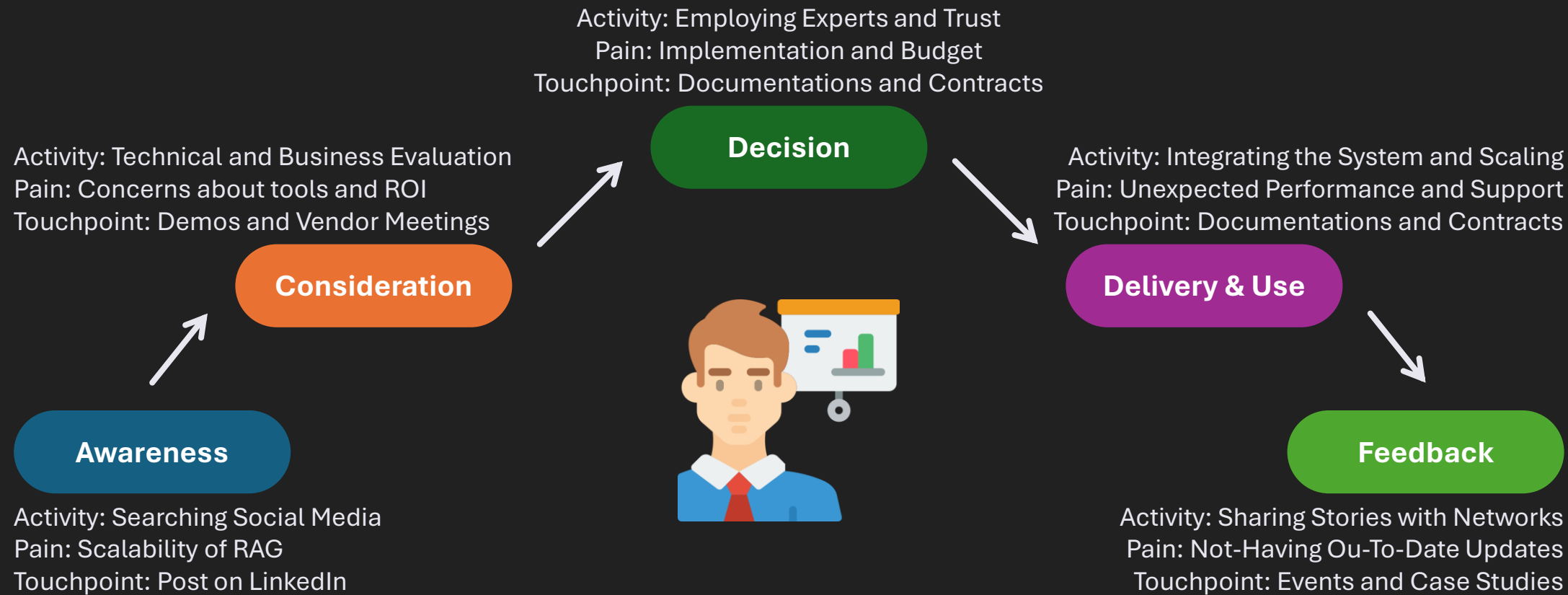


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Let's focus on Michael Foster. Here's his journey:



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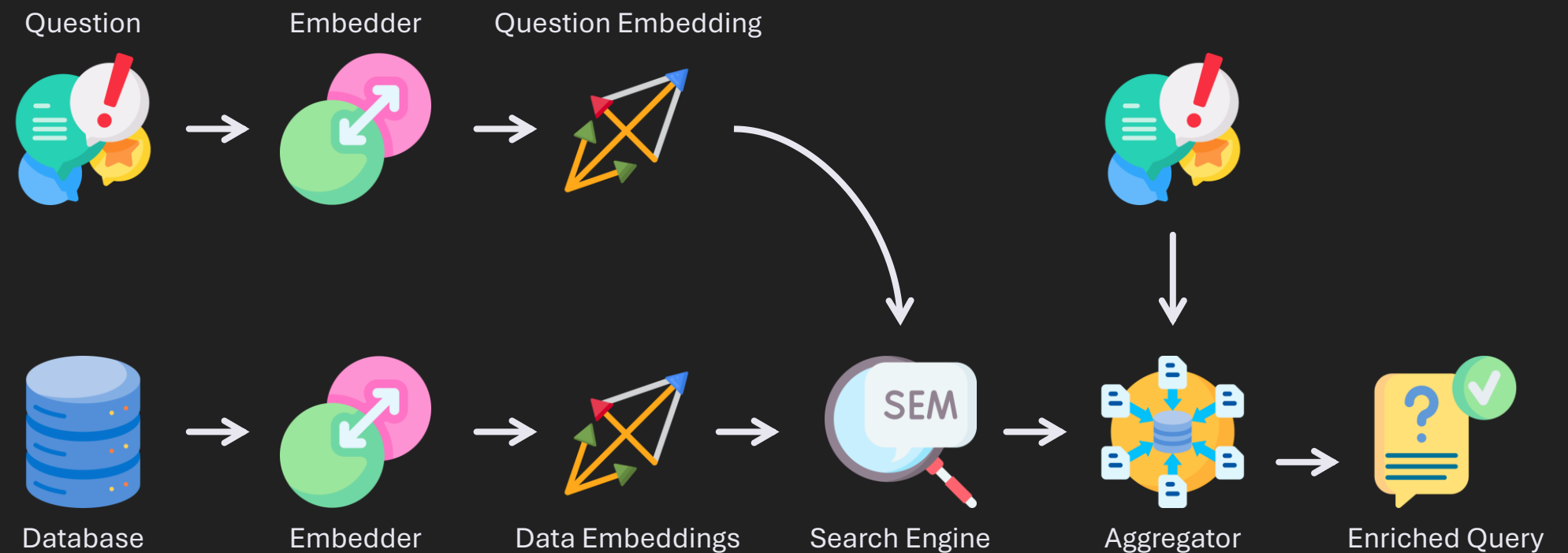
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How do all the pieces of our system work together?



In a RAG system, the query and retrieved context work together: relevant info is pulled from the database, combined with the query, and then transformed by the LLM into a precise, context-rich answer!

This project incorporates the following **functional diagram**:



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How can we break down this project into clear, manageable stages and tasks?



By breaking the project into focused stages and clear tasks!

For instance, we can tackle each piece step-by-step, making complex goals achievable and keeping progress on track!

The following table describes the **WBS** considered for this project:

WP No.	WP Title	Lead Name	PW	Start Week	End Week
1	Phase 1 - Design and Manage	Arash	2	1	3
2	Phase 2 - Develop	Hossein	3	3	6
3	Phase 3 - Dry Run	Homayoun	6	6	11
4	Phase 4 - Final Presentation and Exam	Arash	3	11	14
Total	-	-	14	-	-



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Based on the file you provided, you could use a **Gantt chart**!

This tool can break down our ambitious vision into manageable, action-oriented steps, helping to align your team, set milestones, and track progress dynamically.

By laying out each phase of your project, from ideation and resource allocation to development and launch, you can visualize the entire journey from inception to completion. Here's an overview of a **Gantt chart** suitable for this project:

WP Title	October	November	December	January
Phase 1 - Design and Manage	28	14		
Phase 2 - Develop		15	5	
Phase 3 - Dry Run			6	9
Phase 4 - Final Presentation and Exam				10



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For Phase 1 (Design and Manage), tasks are as follows:

Task Name (Phase 1 - Design and Manage)	October	November	December	January
Project Understanding	28	3		
Design	30	7		
Manage	4	14		
Initializing Presentation #1	4	6		
Meeting with Mentor		7		
Developing Presentation #1		6	14	
Checkpoint #1		14	14	



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For Phase 2 (Develop), tasks are as follows:

Task Name (Phase 2 - Develop)	October	November	December	January
Reading Related Resources		15 21		
Hypothesis and Research Question		16 21		
Meeting with the Mentor		21 21		
Building a Baseline		22 27		
Brainstorming New Ideas		21 22		
Developing Presentation #2		2 5		
Checkpoint #2		5 5		



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For Phase 3 (Dry Run), tasks are as follows:

Task Name (Phase 3 - Dry Run)	October	November	December	January
Literature Review and Strategy Development			6 11	
Database Restructuring			13 16	
Experimenting New Ideas			17 23	
Meeting with Mentor			19 19	
MVP Production			19	8
Developing Presentation #3			4	8
Checkpoint #3				9 9



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For Phase 4 (Final Presentation and Exam), you could bring all your hard work to fruition by preparing a compelling final presentation that highlights the journey and impact of your project. This is your chance to showcase the results, share insights, and demonstrate the full scope of what you've accomplished. With each detail polished and every achievement highlighted, this phase will set the stage for a successful presentation. So, the tasks are as follows:

Task Name (Phase 4 - Final Presentation and Exam)	October	November	December	January
Applications and Use Cases				10  17
Writing Report				13  19
Developing the Final Presentation				20  26
Developing the Final Product				10  31
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- **Significantly enhances retrieval quality** by incorporating advanced processing techniques (e.g., summarization, NER, and topic extraction) and optimized scoring mechanisms.
- **Fulfills LINKS' objective of advancing RAG capabilities for real-world applications** through providing more contextually accurate and relevant responses from the RAG system.

To achieve these outcomes, we will

- Execute the tasks outlined in our **WBS** and timeline, as represented in the **Gantt chart**.
- Proceed in phases, beginning with focused **development** efforts to build the system's core functionalities.
- Conduct a thorough **dry run** to assess performance and make iterative improvements.
- Produce an **MVP** that embodies the core capabilities of the enhanced RAG system, positioning us to meet both project objectives and LINKS' real-world application goals.



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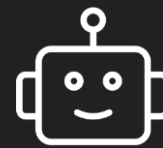
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