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Overview

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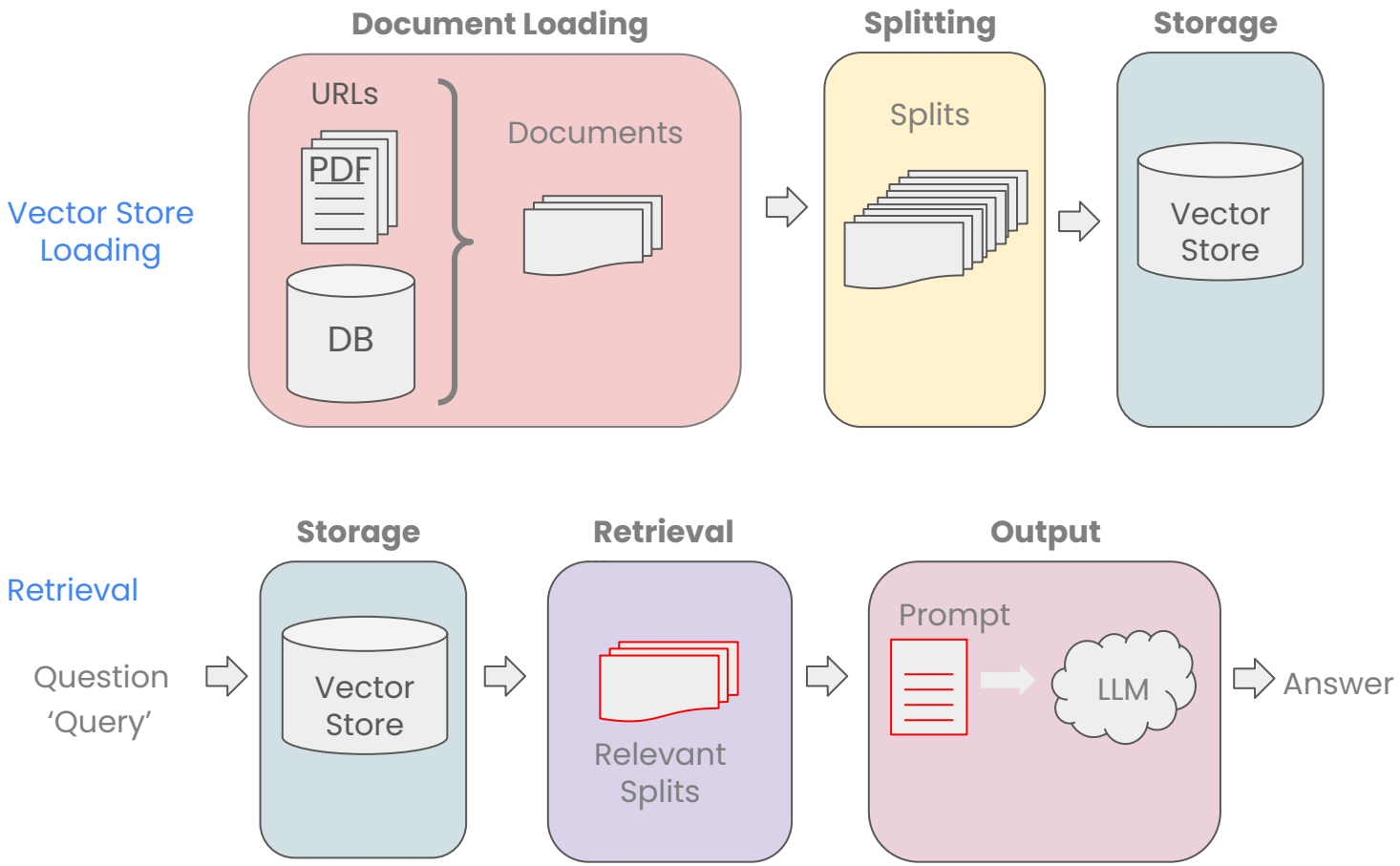
Retrieval Augmented Generation

Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) is a very popular paradigm.

- Retrieve relevant documents and load into “working memory” / context window.



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Document Loading

Loaders

- Loaders deal with the specifics of accessing and converting data
  - Accessing
    - Web Sites
    - Data Bases
    - YouTube
    - arXiv
    - …
  - Data Types
    - PDF
    - HTML
    - JSON
    - Word, PowerPoint…
- Returns a list of `Document` objects:

```
[
Document(page_content='MachineLearning-Lecture01 \nInstructor (Andrew Ng): Okay. Good morning. Welcome to CS229….',
metadata={'source': 'docs/cs229_lectures/MachineLearning-Lecture01.pdf', 'page': 0})
…
 Document(page_content='[End of Audio]  \nDuration: 69 minutes  `,
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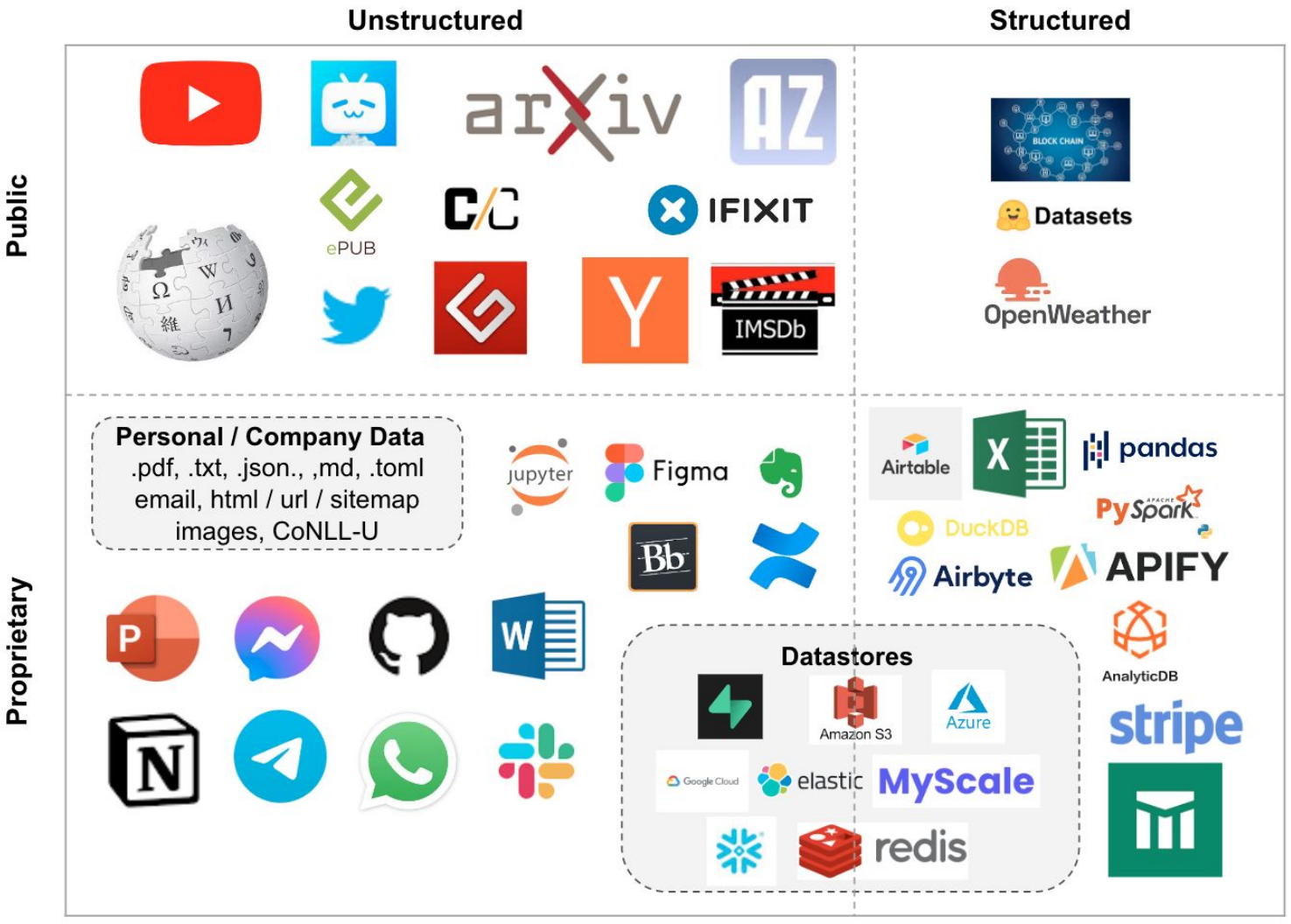

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Document Splitting

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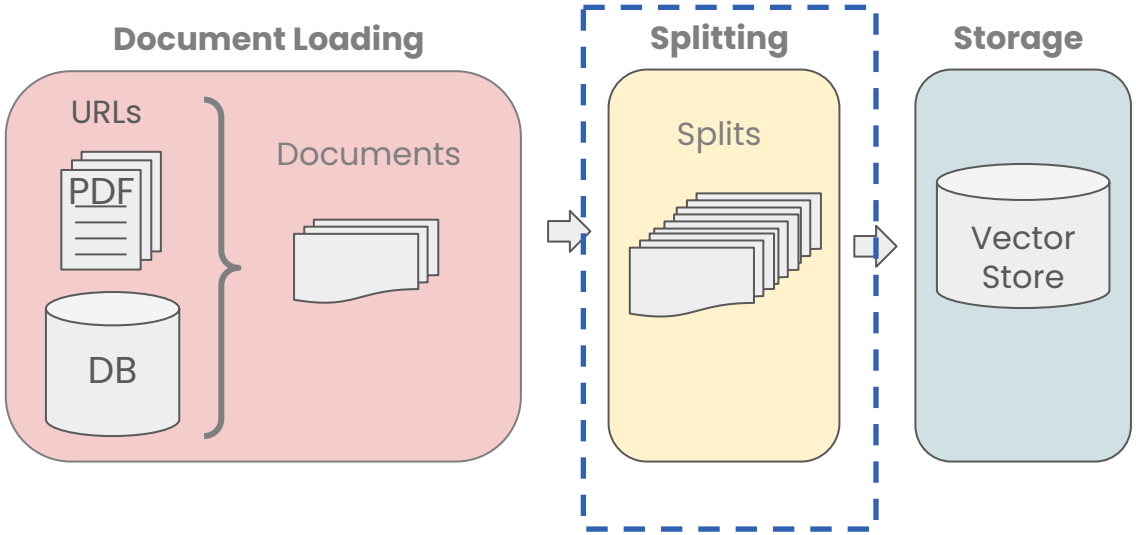
Document Splitting

- Splitting Documents into smaller chunks
  - Retaining meaningful relationships!



...
on this model. The Toyota Camry has a head-snapping
80 HP and an eight-speed automatic transmission that will
...

Chunk 1: on this model. The Toyota Camry has a head-snapping

Chunk 2: 80 HP and an eight-speed automatic transmission that will

Question: What are the specifications on the Camry?

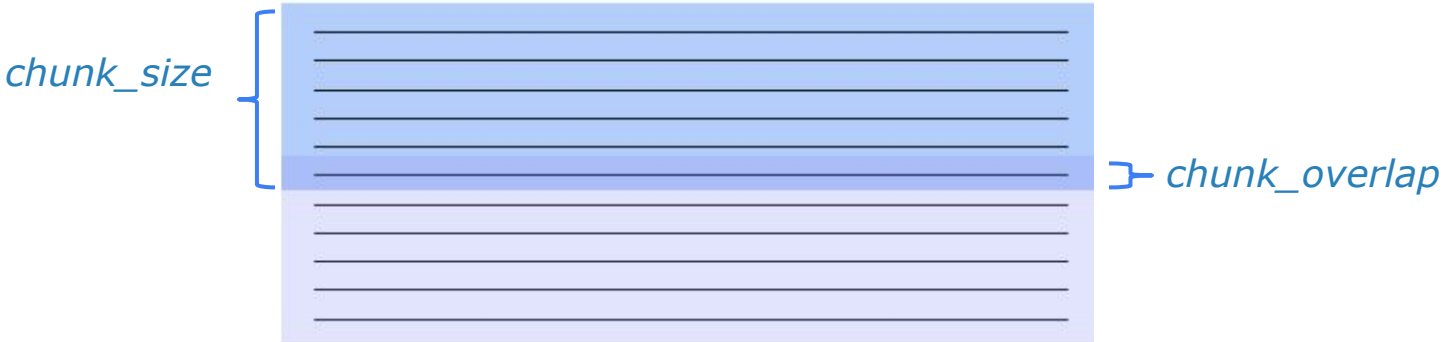
Example Splitter

langchain.text_splitter.CharacterTextSplitter(
    separator: str = "\n\n"
    chunk_size=4000,
    chunk_overlap=200,
    length_function=<builtin function len>,
)

Methods:

create_documents() - Create documents from a list of texts.

split_documents() - Split documents.



Types of splitters

langchain.text_splitter.

- **CharacterTextSplitter()**- Implementation of splitting text that looks at characters.
- **MarkdownHeaderTextSplitter**() - Implementation of splitting markdown files based on specified headers.
- **TokenTextSplitter**() - Implementation of splitting text that looks at tokens.
- **SentenceTransformersTokenTextSplitter**() - Implementation of splitting text that looks at tokens.
- ***RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter()*** - Implementation of splitting text that looks at characters. Recursively tries to split by different characters to find one that works.
- **Language() –** for CPP, Python, Ruby, Markdown etc
- **NLTKTextSplitter**() - Implementation of splitting text that looks at sentences using NLTK (Natural Language Tool Kit)
- **SpacyTextSplitter() -** Implementation of splitting text that looks at sentences using Spacy

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Vector Stores and Embeddings

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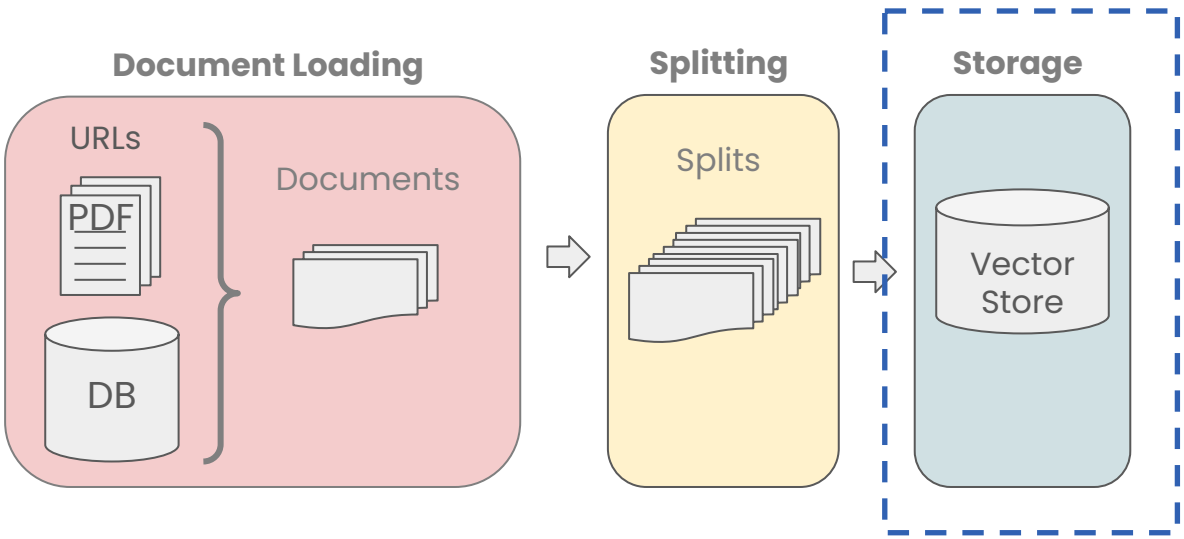
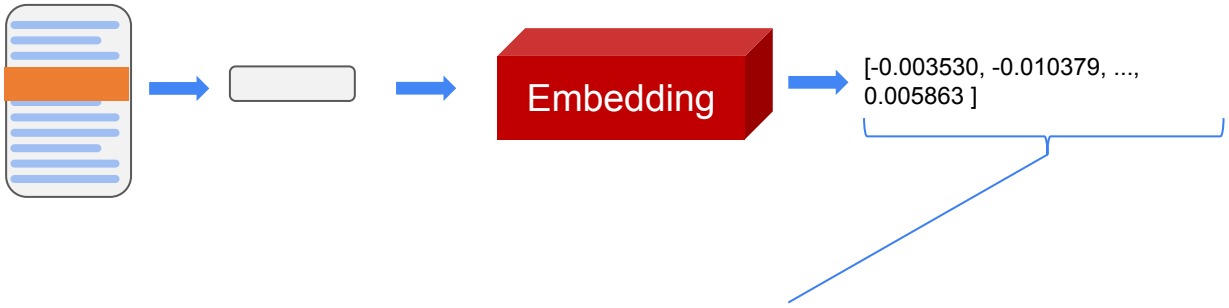
Vector Stores

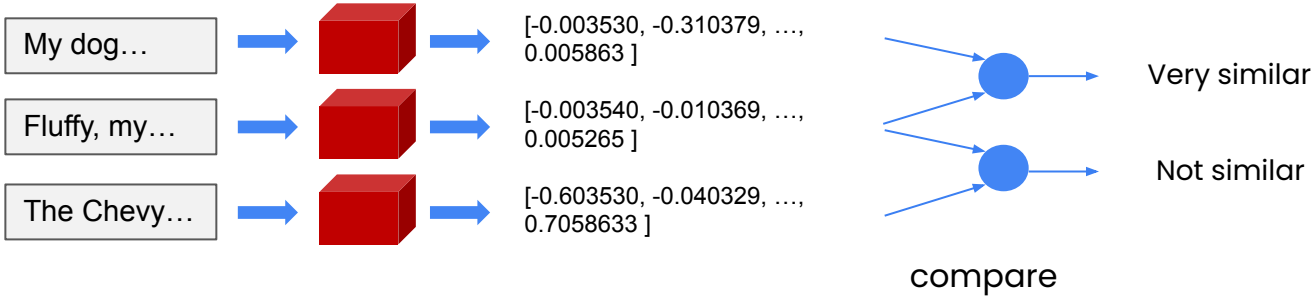


Embeddings

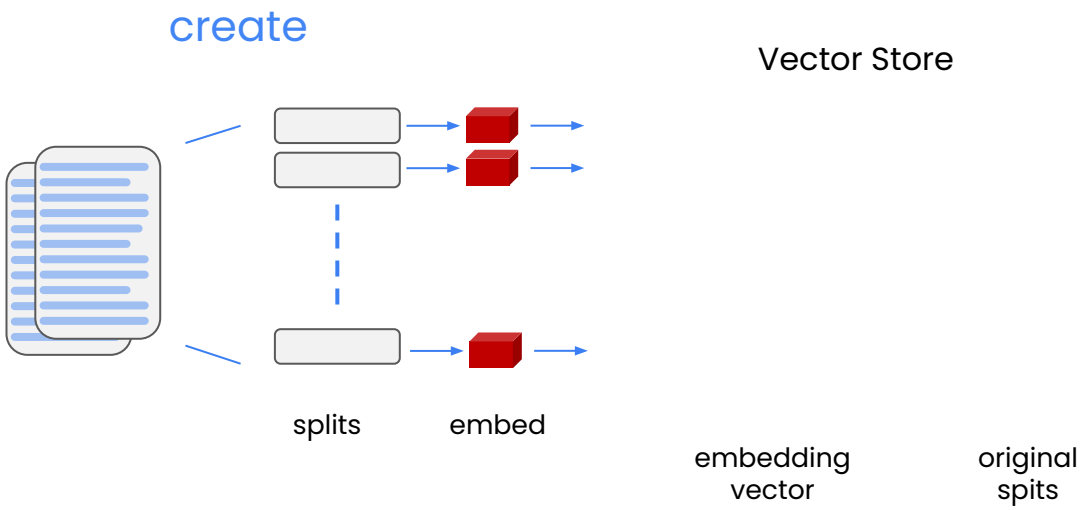


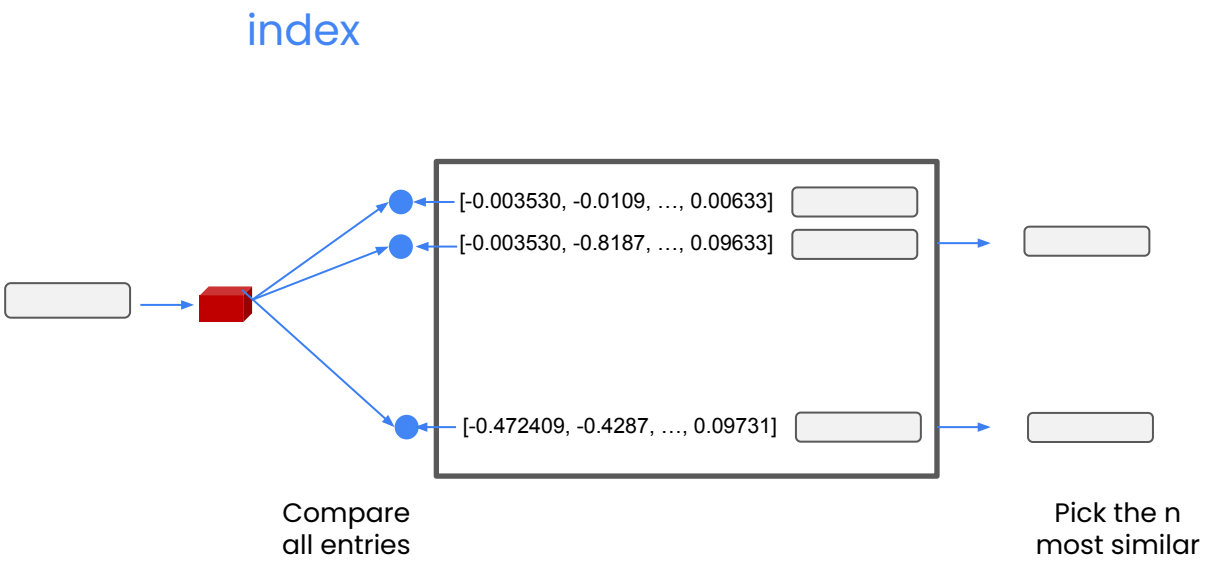
- Embedding vector captures content/meaning
- Text with similar content will have similar vectors

1) My dog Rover likes to chase squirrels.
2) Fluffy, my cat, refuses to eat from a can.
3) The Chevy Bolt accelerates to 60 mph in 6.7 seconds.



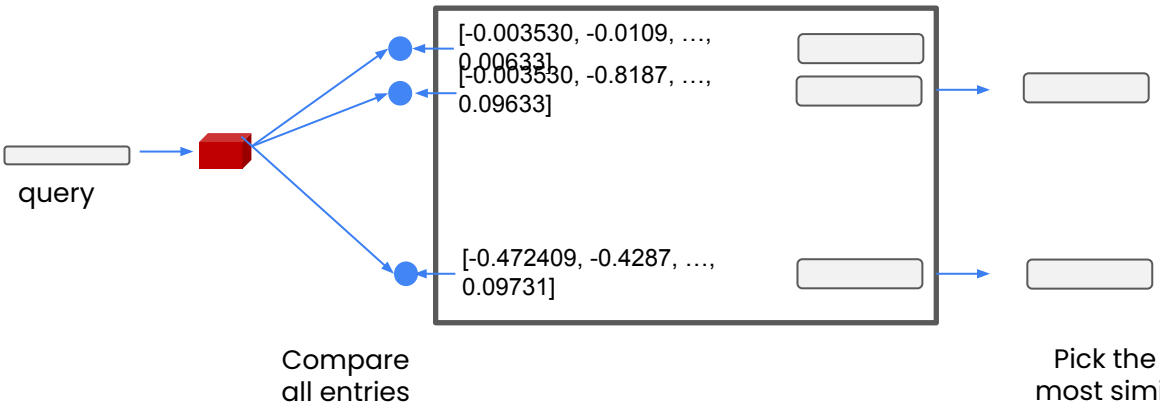
Vector Store





Vector Store/Database

index



Process with llm

The returned values can now fit in the LLM context

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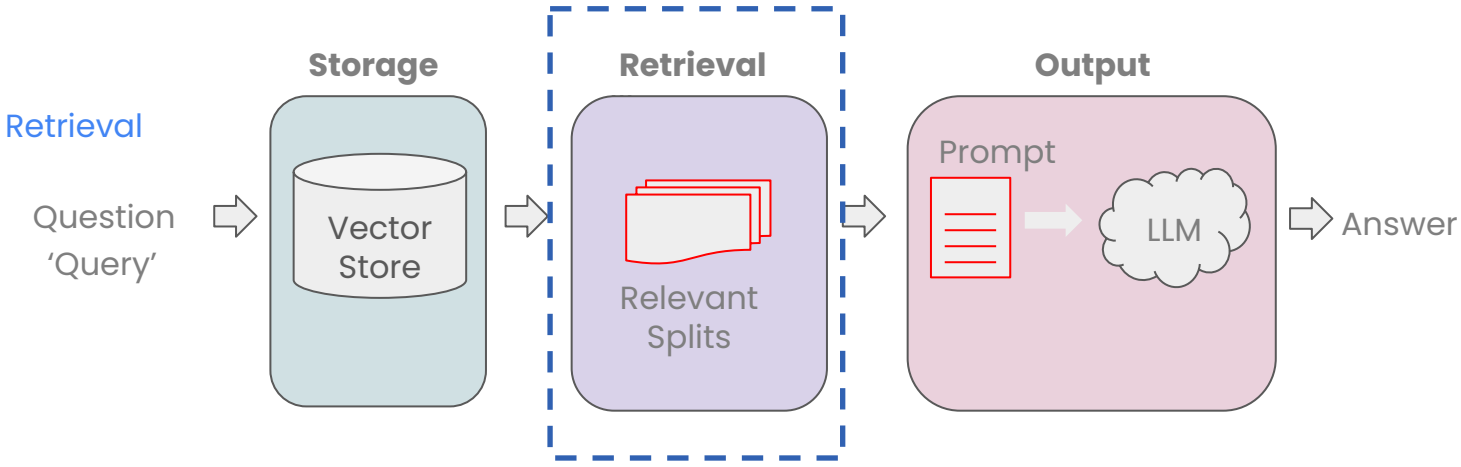


- Accessing/indexing the data in the vector store
  - Basic semantic similarity
  - Maximum marginal relevance
  - Including Metadata
- LLM Aided Retrieval

Maximum marginal relevance(MMR)

- You may not always want to choose the most similar responses

Tell me about all-white mushrooms with large fruiting bodies

The Amanita phalloides has a large and imposing epigeous (aboveground) fruiting body (basidiocarp).

A mushroom with a large fruiting body is the Amanita phalloides. Some varieties are all-white.

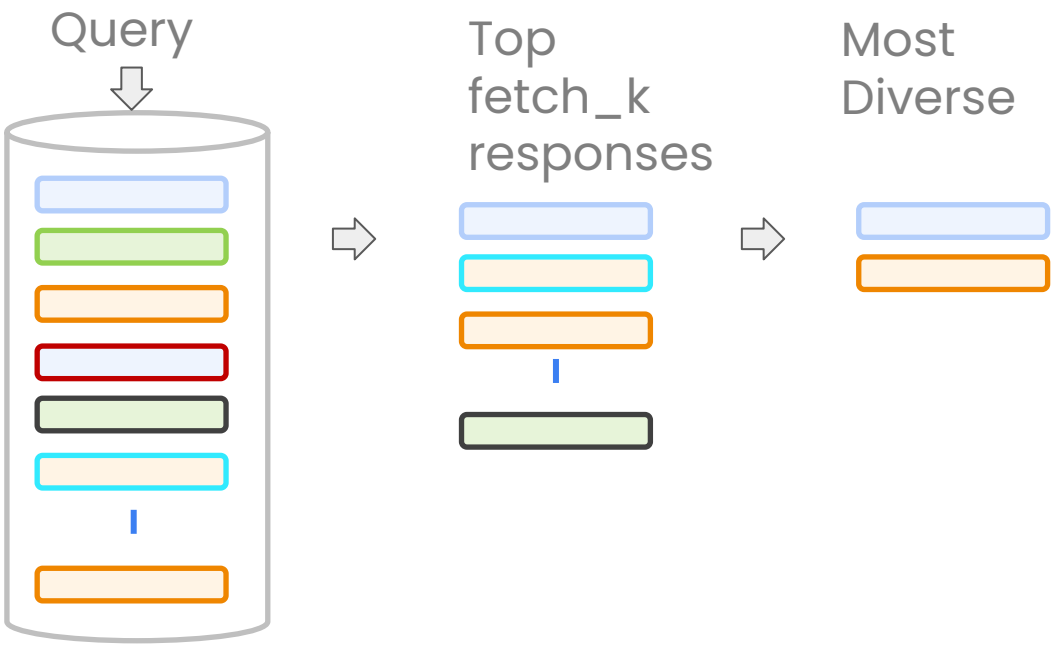
AA. phalloides, a.k.a Death Cap, is one of the most poisonous of all known mushrooms.

Most Similar

MMR

MMR algorithm

- Query the Vector Store
- Choose the `fetch_k` most similar responses
- Within those responses choose the `k` most diverse



LLM Aided Retrieval

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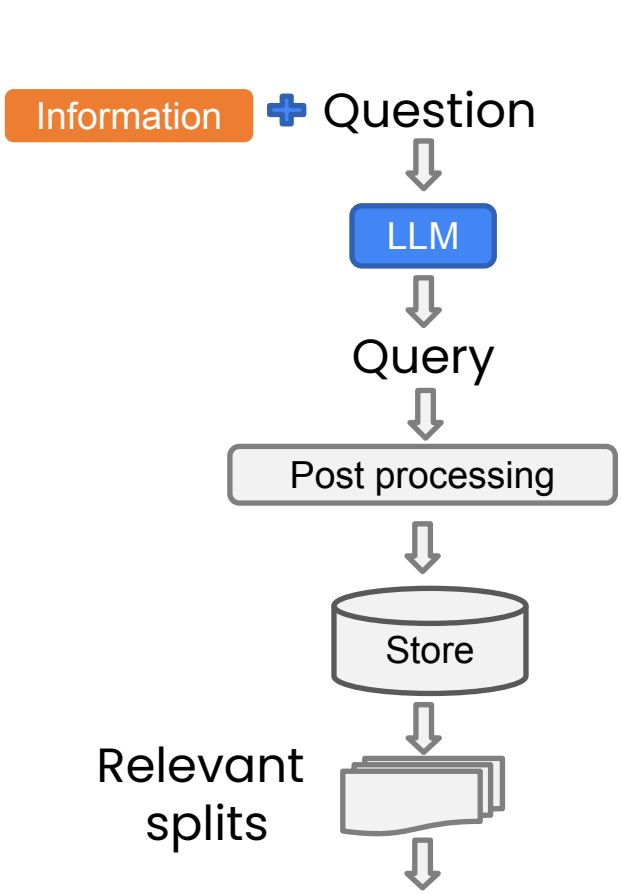

Self-query

Information: Query format

Query: Question
Filter: eq["section", "testing"]

Query parser

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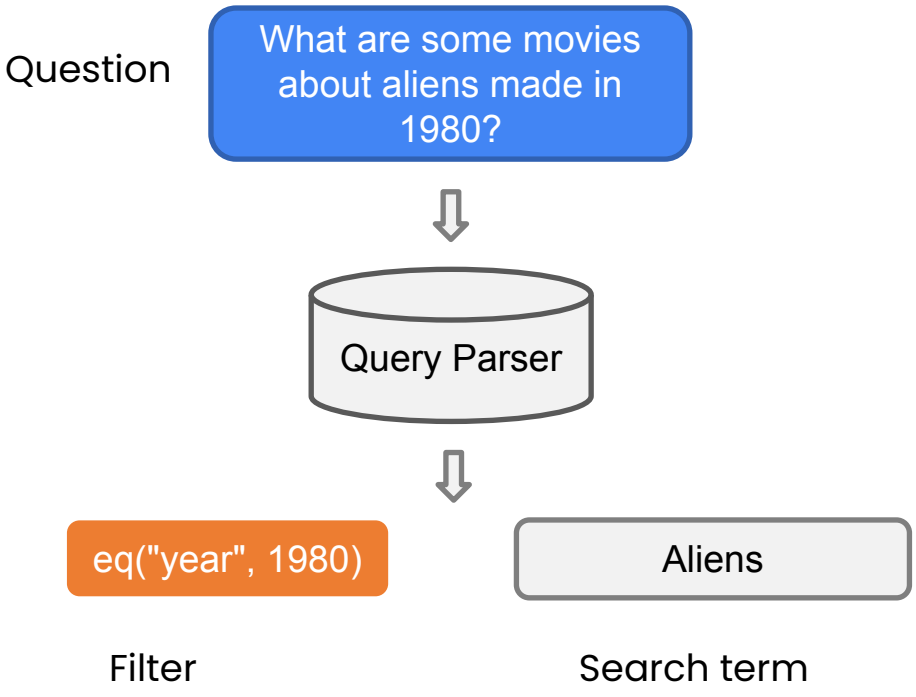
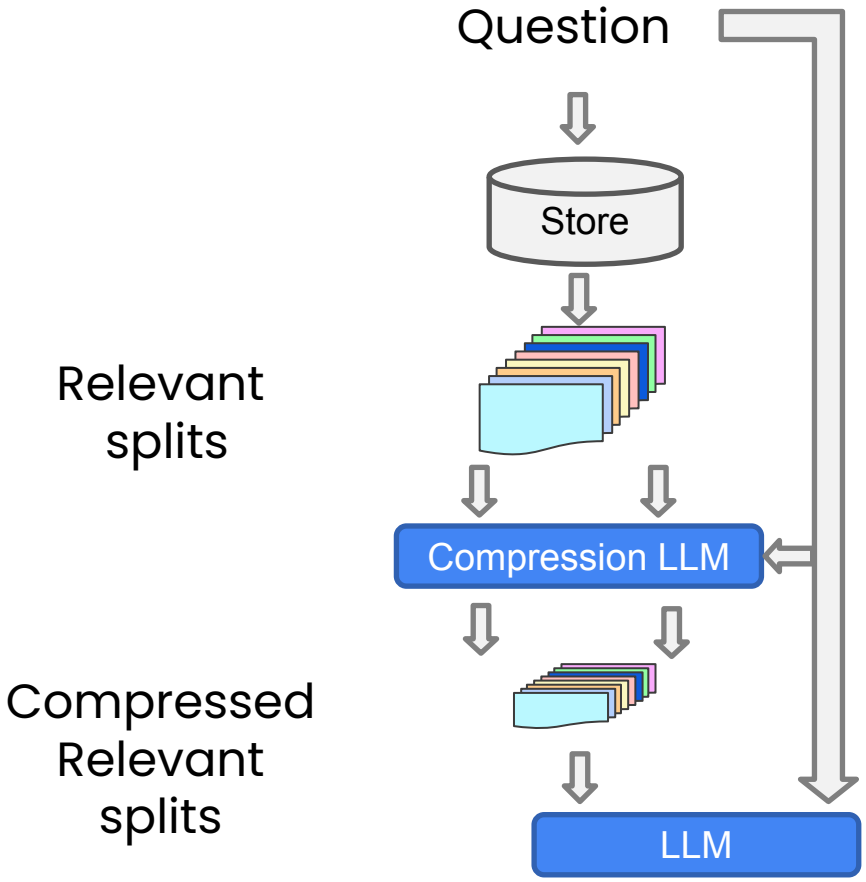
- One is SelfQuery, where we use an LLM to convert the user question into a query



Compression

- Increase the number of results you can put in the context by shrinking the responses to only the relevant information.



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Question Answering

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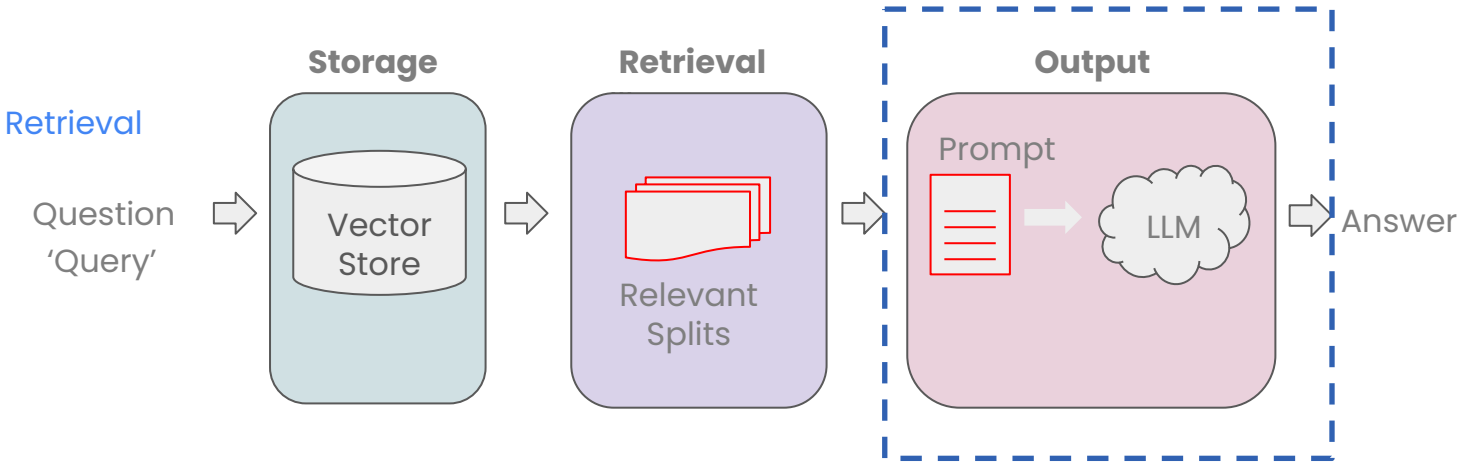
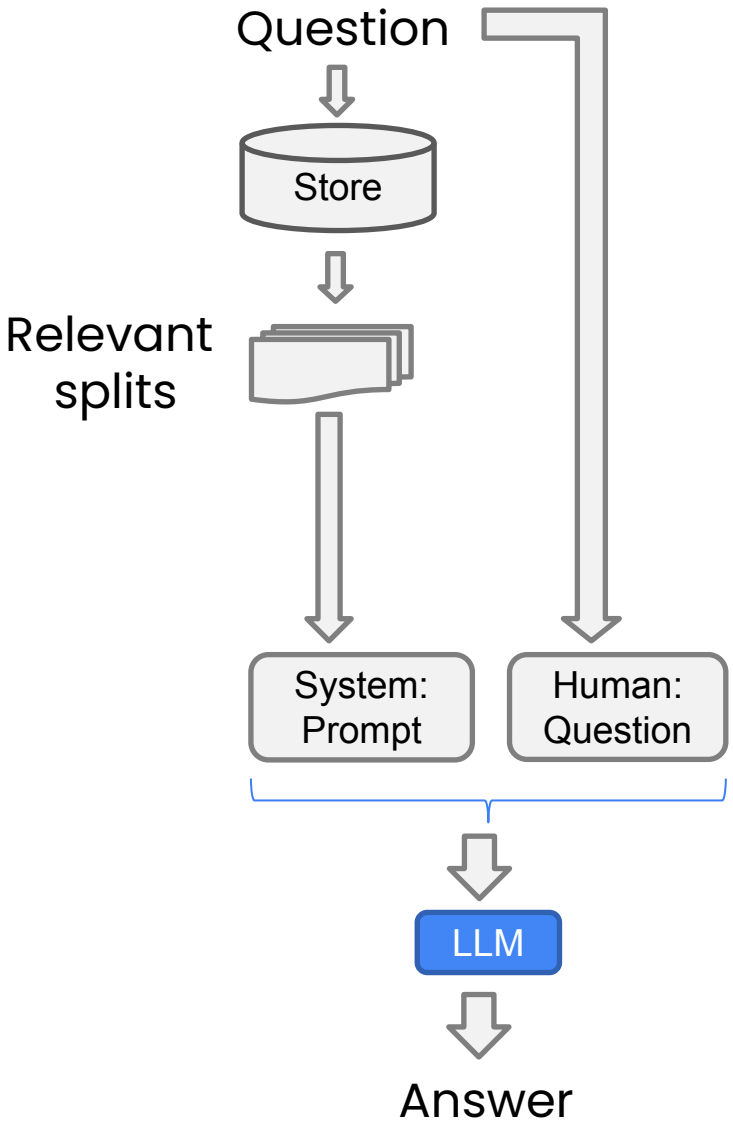


- Multiple relevant documents have been retrieved from the vector store
- Potentially compress the relevant splits to fit into the LLM context
- Send the information along with our question to an LLM to select and format an answer

RetrievalQA chain

```
RetrievalQA.from_chain_type(, chain_type="stuff",...)
```



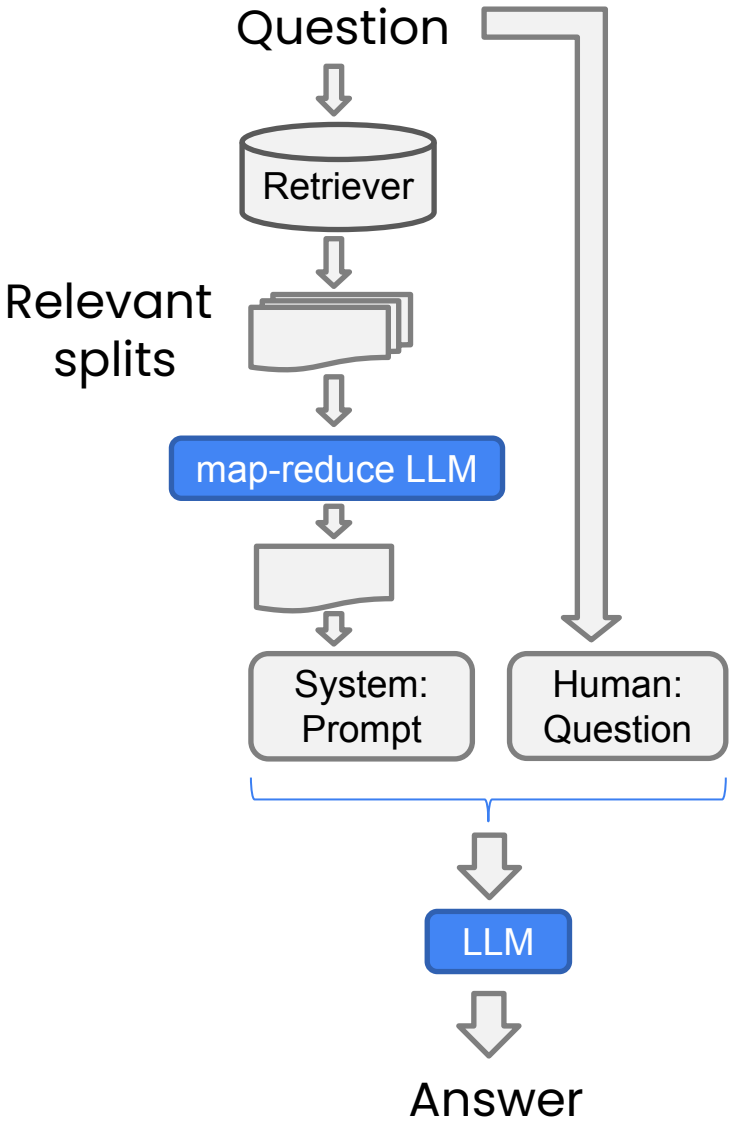
Question is applied to the Vector Store as a query

Vector store provides k relevant documents

Docs and original question are sent to an LLM

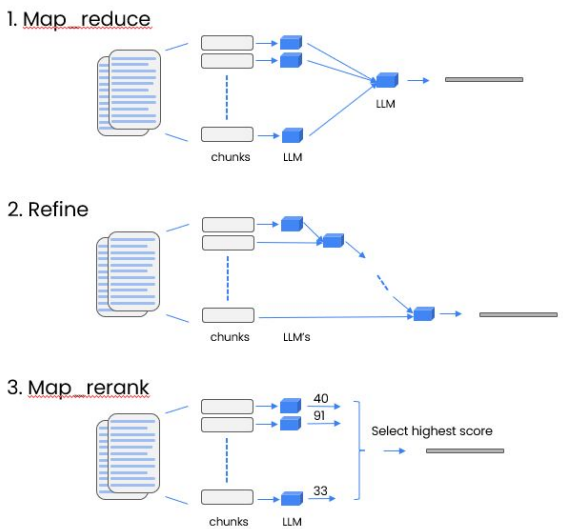
Retrieval Chain with LLM selection

RetrievalQA.from_chain_type(, chain_type="map_reduce",...)



You many have too many docs to fit into an LLM context. The solution is to use an LLM to select the 'most relevant' information

3 additional methods



3 additional methods

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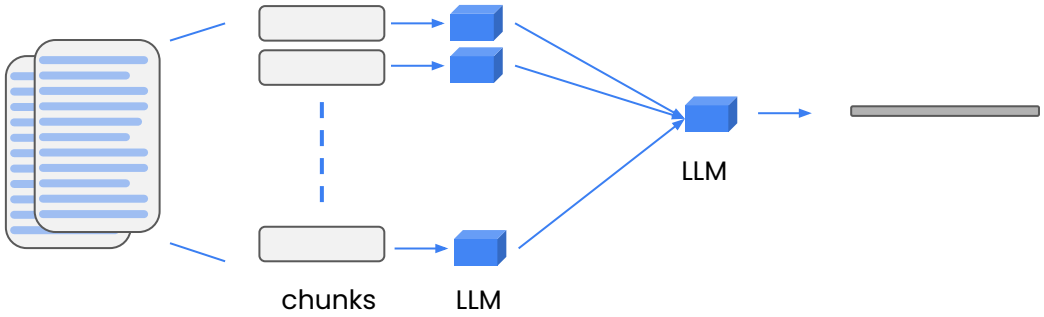
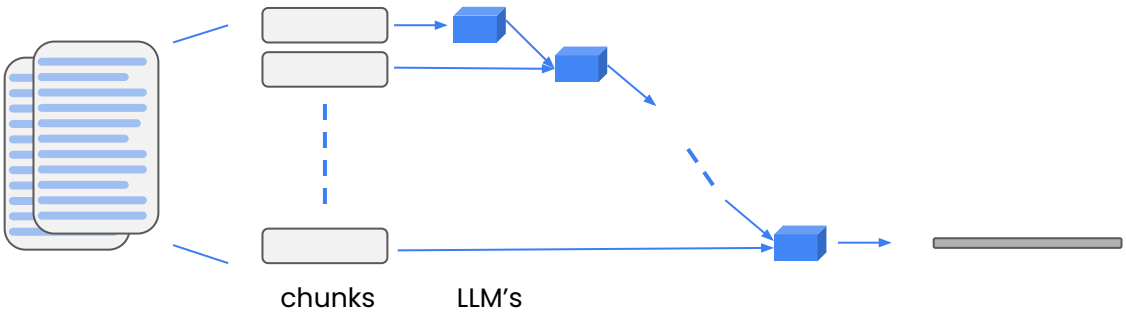
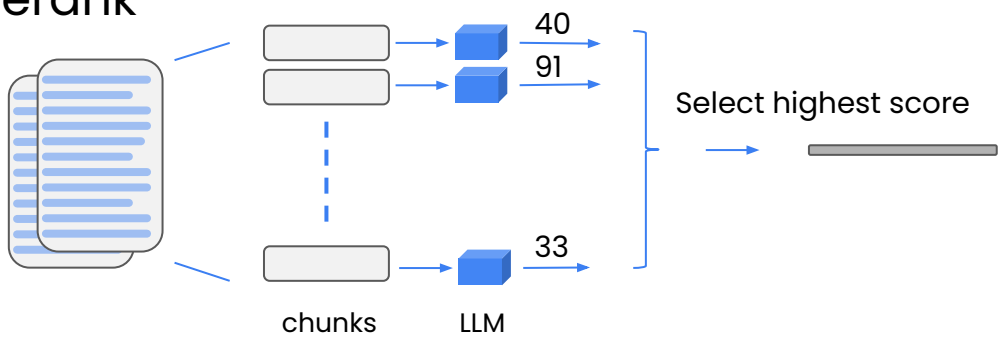


2. Refine



3. Map_rerank



LangChain for LLM Application Development

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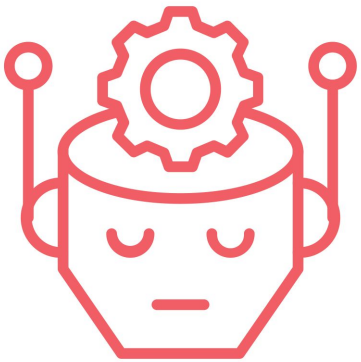

Agent refers to the idea of using large language models as reasoning engine to determine which actions to take and in what order.

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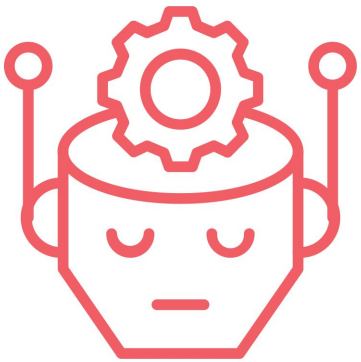

Agents use an LLM to determine which actions to take and in what order.

An action can be using a tool and observing its output and deciding what to return to the user.

```
from langchain.agents import
initialize_agent, AgentType

agent = initialize_agent(tools, llm,
        agent=AgentType.ZERO_SHOT_REACT_DESCRI
PTION,        verbose=True)
```

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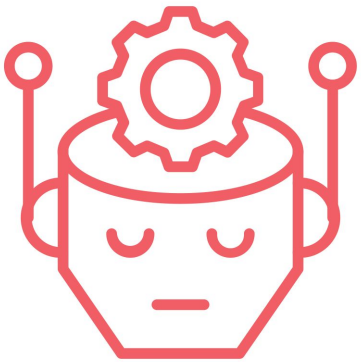

To construct an agent, you need:

- PromptTemplate: this is responsible for taking the user input and previous steps and constructing a prompt to send to the language model
- Language Model: this takes the prompt constructed by the PromptTemplate and returns some output
- Output Parser: this takes the output of the Language Model and parses it into an AgentAction or AgentFinish object.

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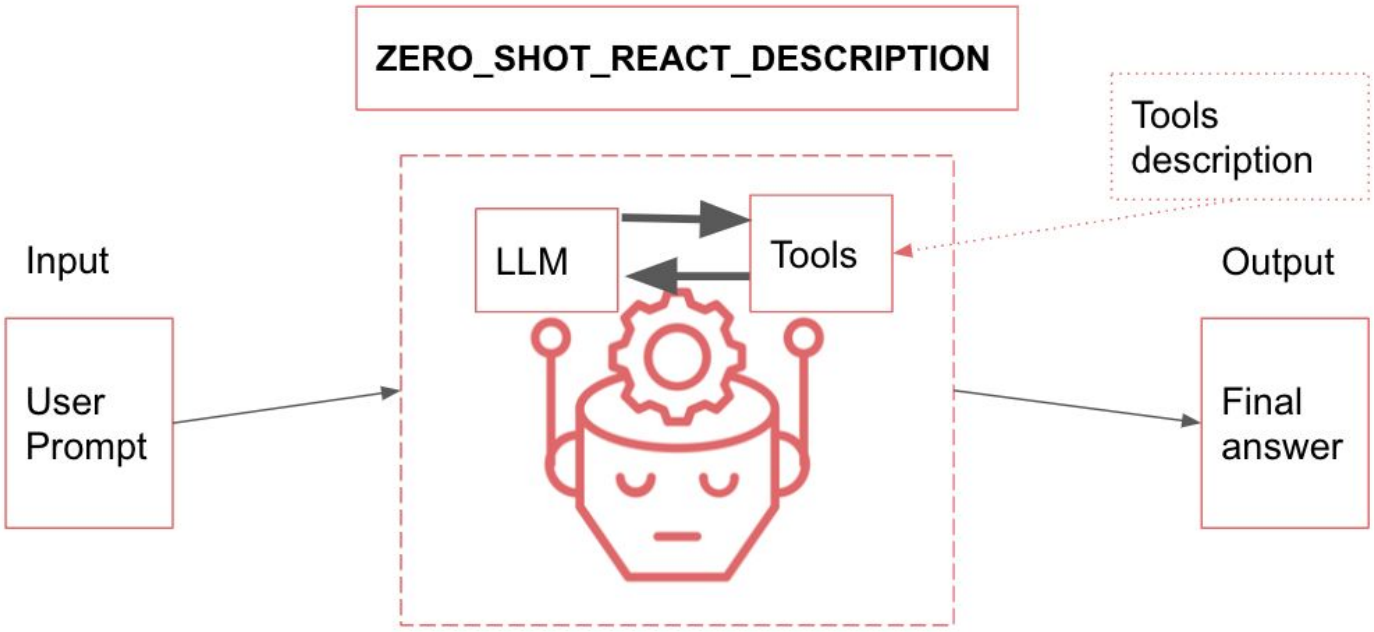
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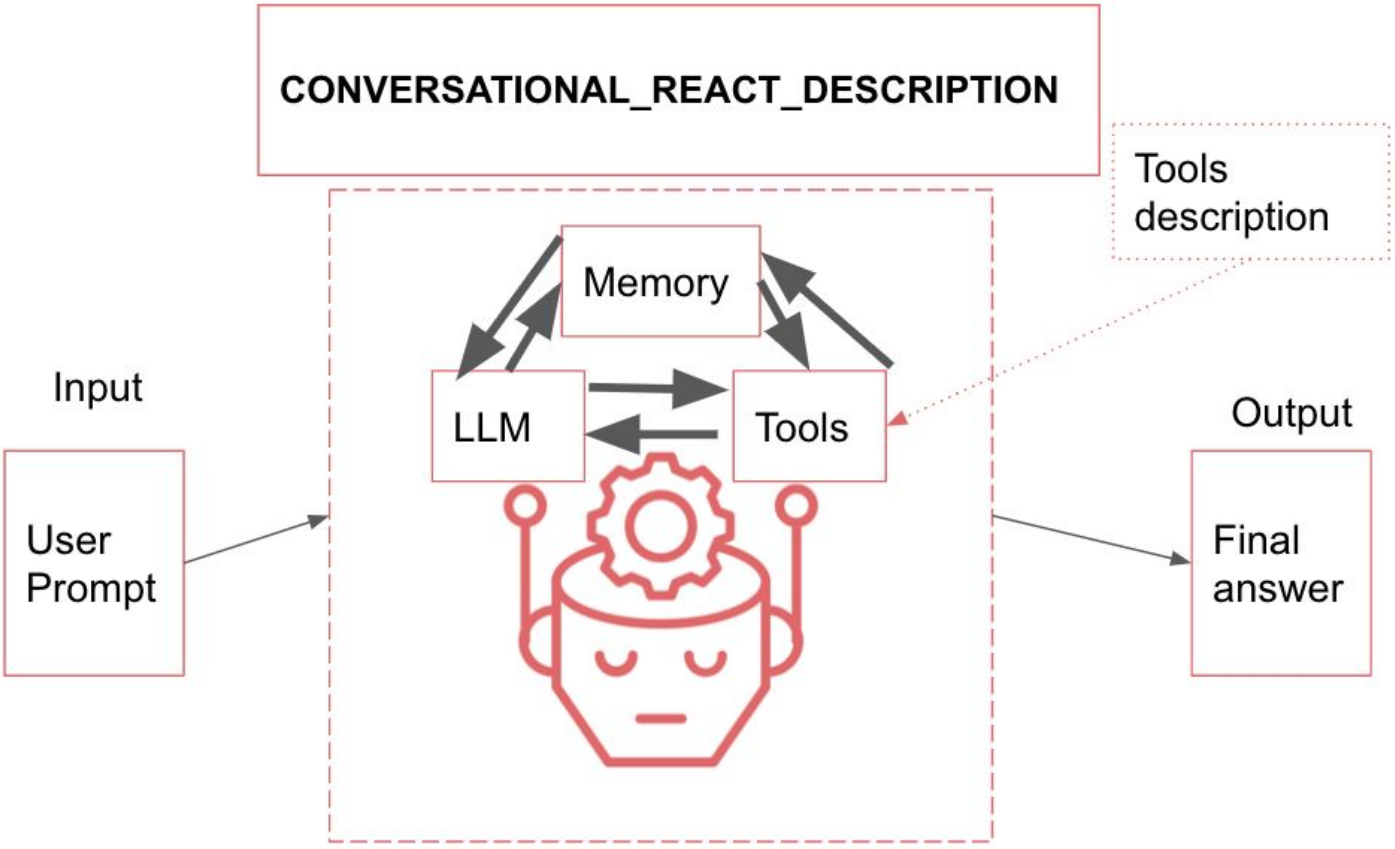
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