

# Integrating document loaders

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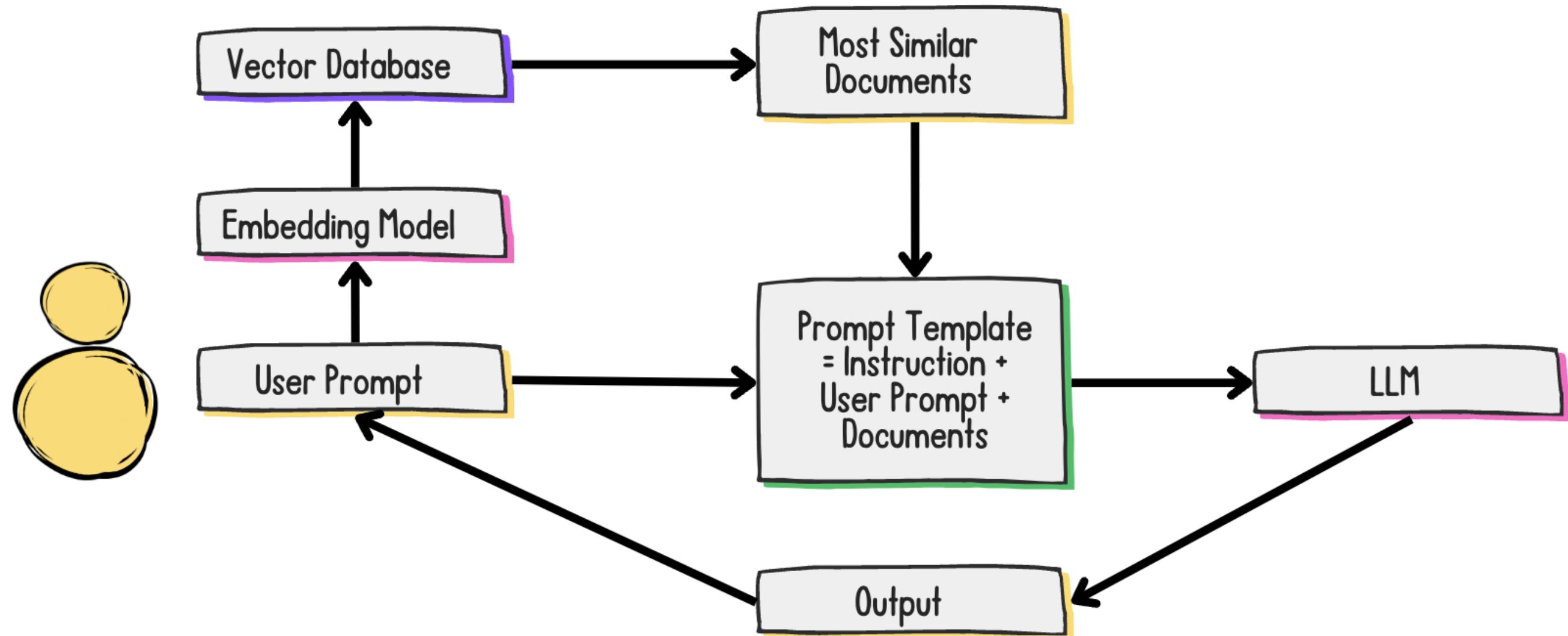


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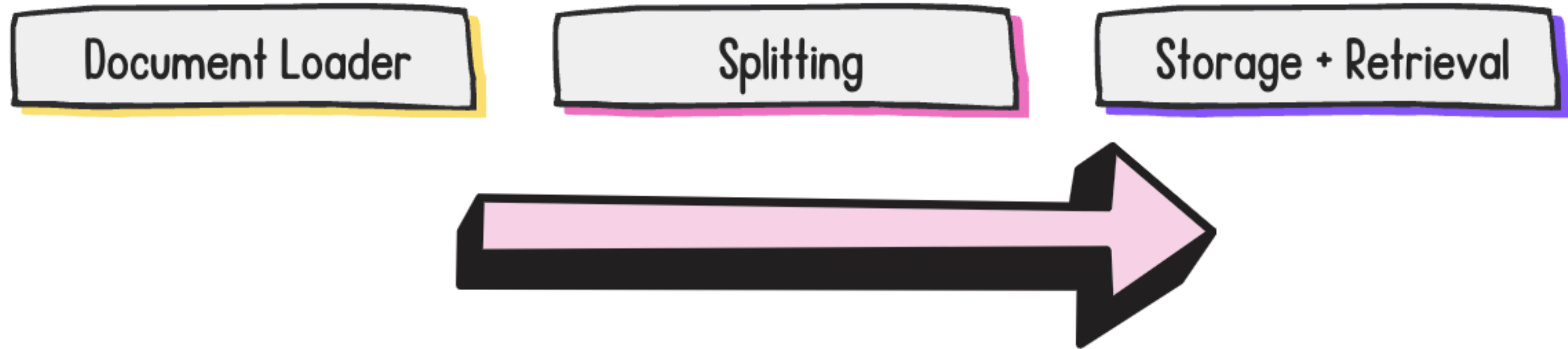
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# Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)

- Use embeddings to *retrieve* relevant information to integrate into the *prompt*



# RAG development steps



# LangChain document loaders

- Classes designed to *load* and *configure* documents for system integration
- Document loaders for common file types:  
`.pdf` , `.csv`
- 3rd party loaders: S3, `.ipynb` , `.wav`



<sup>1</sup> [https://python.langchain.com/docs/integrations/document\\_loaders](https://python.langchain.com/docs/integrations/document_loaders)

# PDF document loader

- Requires installation of the `pypdf` package: `pip install pypdf`

```
from langchain_community.document_loaders import PyPDFLoader
loader = PyPDFLoader("path/to/file/attention_is_all_you_need.pdf")

data = loader.load()
print(data[0])
```

```
Document(page_content='Provided proper attribution is provided, Google hereby grants  
permission to\nreproduce the tables and figures in this paper solely for use in [...]
```

# CSV document loader

```
from langchain_community.document_loaders.csv_loader import CSVLoader

loader = CSVLoader('fifa_countries_audience.csv')

data = loader.load()
print(data[0])
```

```
Document(page_content='country: United States\nconfederation: CONCACAF\npopulation_share: [...]
```

# HTML document loader

- Requires installation of the `unstructured` package: `pip install unstructured`

```
from langchain_community.document_loaders import UnstructuredHTMLLoader

loader = UnstructuredHTMLLoader("white_house_executive_order_nov_2023.html")
data = loader.load()

print(data[0])
print(data[0].metadata)
```

```
page_content="To search this site, enter a search term\n\nSearch\n\nExecutive Order on the Safe, Secure,and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence\n\nHome\n\nBriefing Room\n\nPresidential\nActions\n\nBy the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United\nStates of America, it is hereby ordered as follows: ..."
```

```
{'source': 'white_house_executive_order_nov_2023.html'}
```

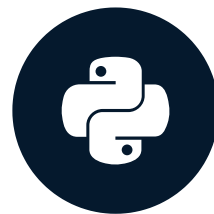
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# Splitting external data for retrieval

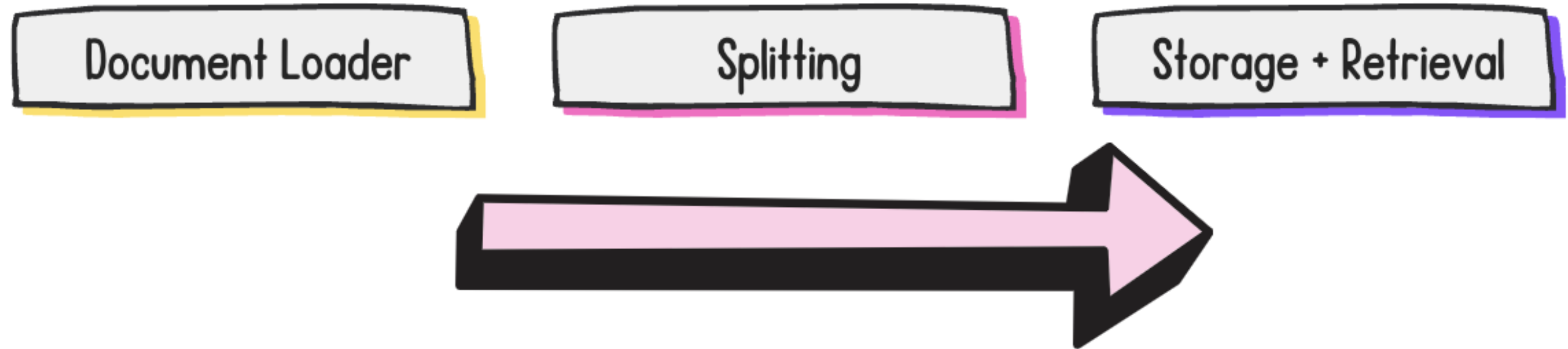
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- **Document splitting:** split document into *chunks*
- Break documents up to fit within an LLM's *context window*

# Thinking about splitting...

## 1 Introduction

Recurrent neural networks, long short-term memory [13] and gated recurrent [7] neural networks in particular, have been firmly established as state of the art approaches in sequence modeling and transduction problems such as language modeling and machine translation [35, 2, 5]. Numerous efforts have since continued to push the boundaries of recurrent language models and encoder-decoder architectures [38, 24, 15].

Line 1:

```
Recurrent neural networks, long short-term memory [13] and gated recurrent [7] neural networks
```

Line 2:

```
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<sup>1</sup> <https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.03762>

# Chunk overlap

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# What is the best document splitting strategy?

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1. `CharacterTextSplitter`
2. `RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter`
3. Many others

<sup>1</sup> Wikipedia Commons

```
quote = '''One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary humans.\nNo machine can do  
the work of one extraordinary human.'''
```

```
len(quote)
```

```
103
```

```
chunk_size = 24  
chunk_overlap = 3
```

<sup>1</sup> Elbert Hubbard

```
from langchain_text_splitters import CharacterTextSplitter

ct_splitter = CharacterTextSplitter(
    separator='.',
    chunk_size=chunk_size,
    chunk_overlap=chunk_overlap)

docs = ct_splitter.split_text(quote)
print(docs)
print([len(doc) for doc in docs])
```

```
['One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary humans',
 'No machine can do the work of one extraordinary human']
[52, 53]
```

- Split on separator so < `chunk_size` , but may not always succeed!

```
from langchain_text_splitters import RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter

rc_splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(
    separators=["\n\n", "\n", " ", ""],
    chunk_size=chunk_size,
    chunk_overlap=chunk_overlap)

docs = rc_splitter.split_text(quote)
print(docs)
```



# RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter

- `separators=["\n\n", "\n", " ", ""]`

```
['One machine can do the',  
 'work of fifty ordinary',  
 'humans.',  
 'No machine can do the',  
 'work of one',  
 'extraordinary human.']
```

1. Try splitting by paragraph: `"\n\n"`
2. Try splitting by sentence: `"\n"`
3. Try splitting by words: `" "`

# RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter with HTML

```
from langchain_community.document_loaders import UnstructuredHTMLLoader
from langchain_text_splitters import RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter

loader = UnstructuredHTMLLoader("white_house_executive_order_nov_2023.html")
data = loader.load()

rc_splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(
    chunk_size=chunk_size,
    chunk_overlap=chunk_overlap,
    separators=['.'])

docs = rc_splitter.split_documents(data)
print(docs[0])
```

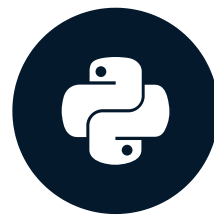
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Document(page_content="To search this site, enter a search term [...]
```

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# RAG storage and retrieval using vector databases

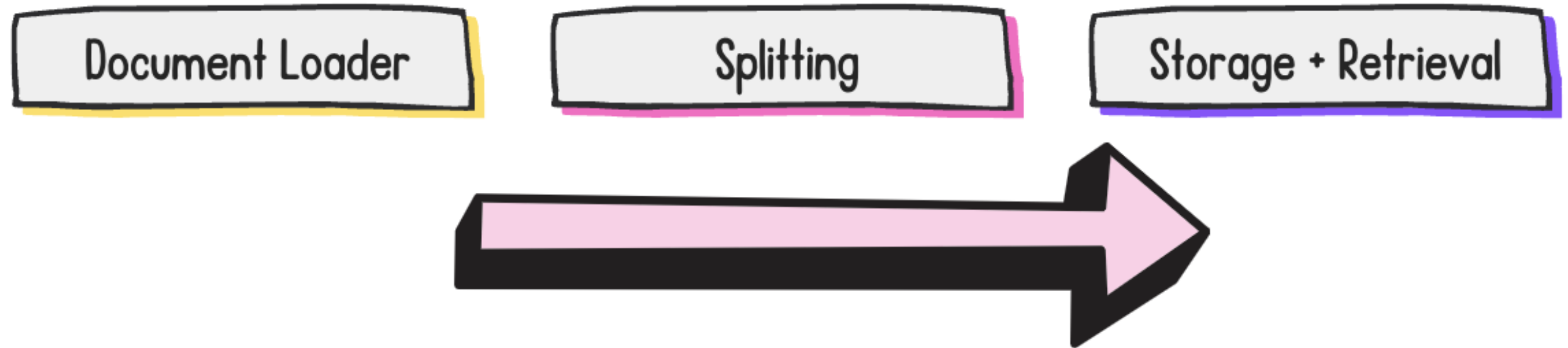
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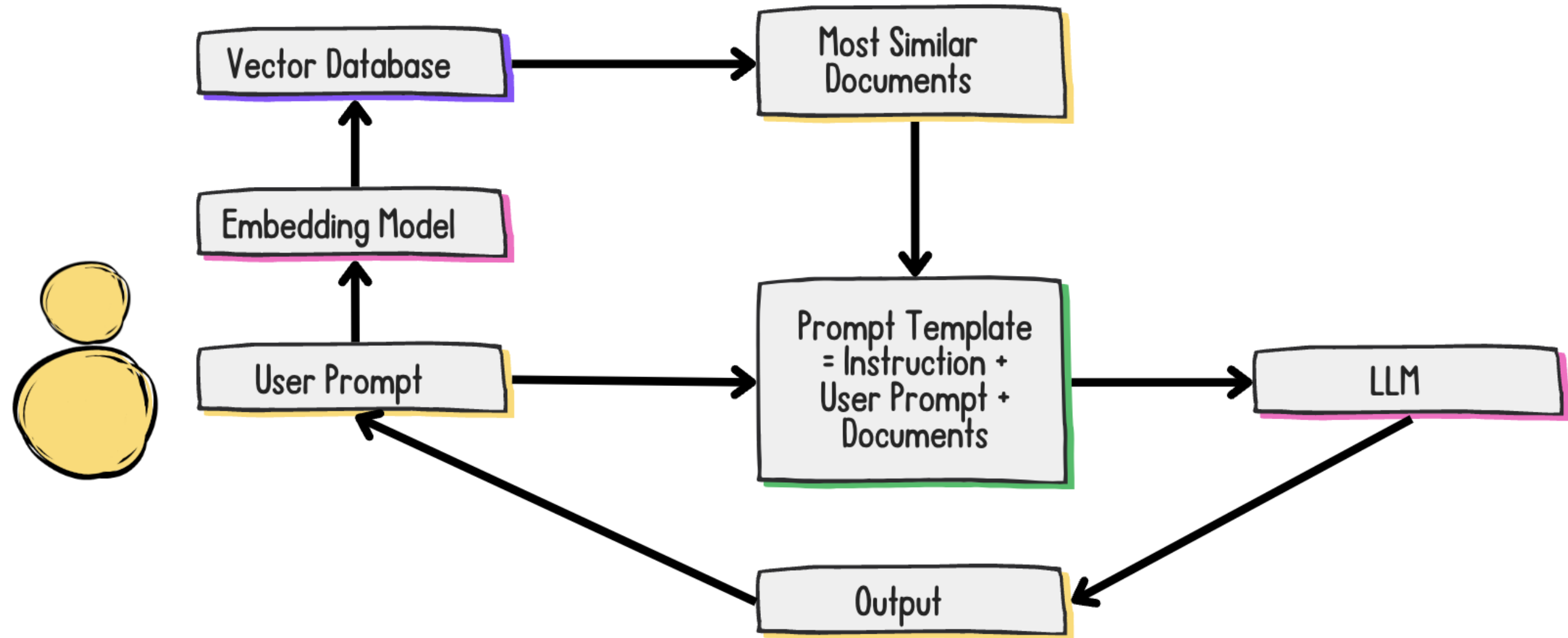
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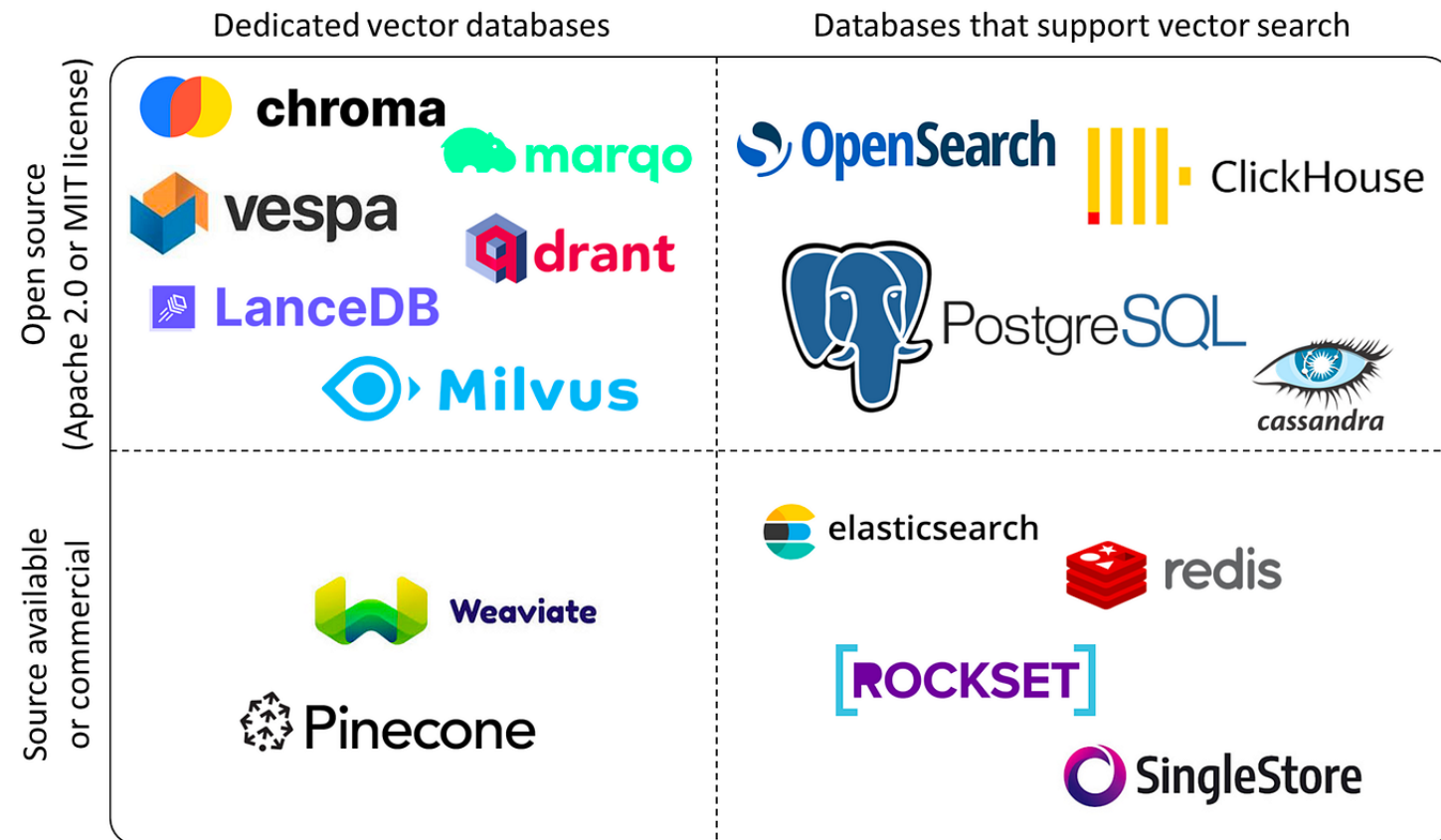


- Focus of this video: *storage and retrieval*

# What is a vector database and why do I need it?



# Which vector database should I use?



Need to consider:

- Open source vs. closed source (license)
- Cloud vs. on-premises
- Lightweight vs. powerful

<sup>1</sup> Image Credit: Yingjun Wu

# Meet the documents...

docs

```
[
  Document(
    page_content="In all marketing copy, TechStack should always be written with the T and S capitalized. Incorrect: techstack, Techstack, etc.",
    metadata={"guideline": "brand-capitalization"}
  ),
  Document(
    page_content="Our users should be referred to as techies in both internal and external communications.",
    metadata={"guideline": "referring-to-users"}
  )
]
```



# Setting up a Chroma vector database

```
from langchain_openai import OpenAIEmbeddings
from langchain_chroma import Chroma

embedding_function = OpenAIEmbeddings(api_key=openai_api_key, model='text-embedding-3-small')

vectorstore = Chroma.from_documents(
    docs,
    embedding=embedding_function,
    persist_directory="path/to/directory"
)

retriever = vectorstore.as_retriever(
    search_type="similarity",
    search_kwargs={"k": 2}
)
```

# Building a prompt template

```
from langchain_core.prompts import ChatPromptTemplate

message = """
Review and fix the following TechStack marketing copy with the following guidelines in consideration:

Guidelines:
{guidelines}

Copy:
{copy}

Fixed Copy:
"""

prompt_template = ChatPromptTemplate.from_messages([("human", message)])
```

# Chaining it all together!

```
from langchain_core.runnables import RunnablePassthrough

rag_chain = ({ "guidelines": retriever, "copy": RunnablePassthrough() }
             | prompt_template
             | llm)

response = rag_chain.invoke("Here at techstack, our users are the best in the world!")
print(response.content)
```

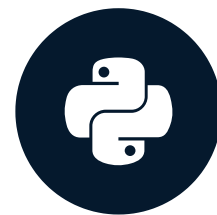
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# Wrap-up!

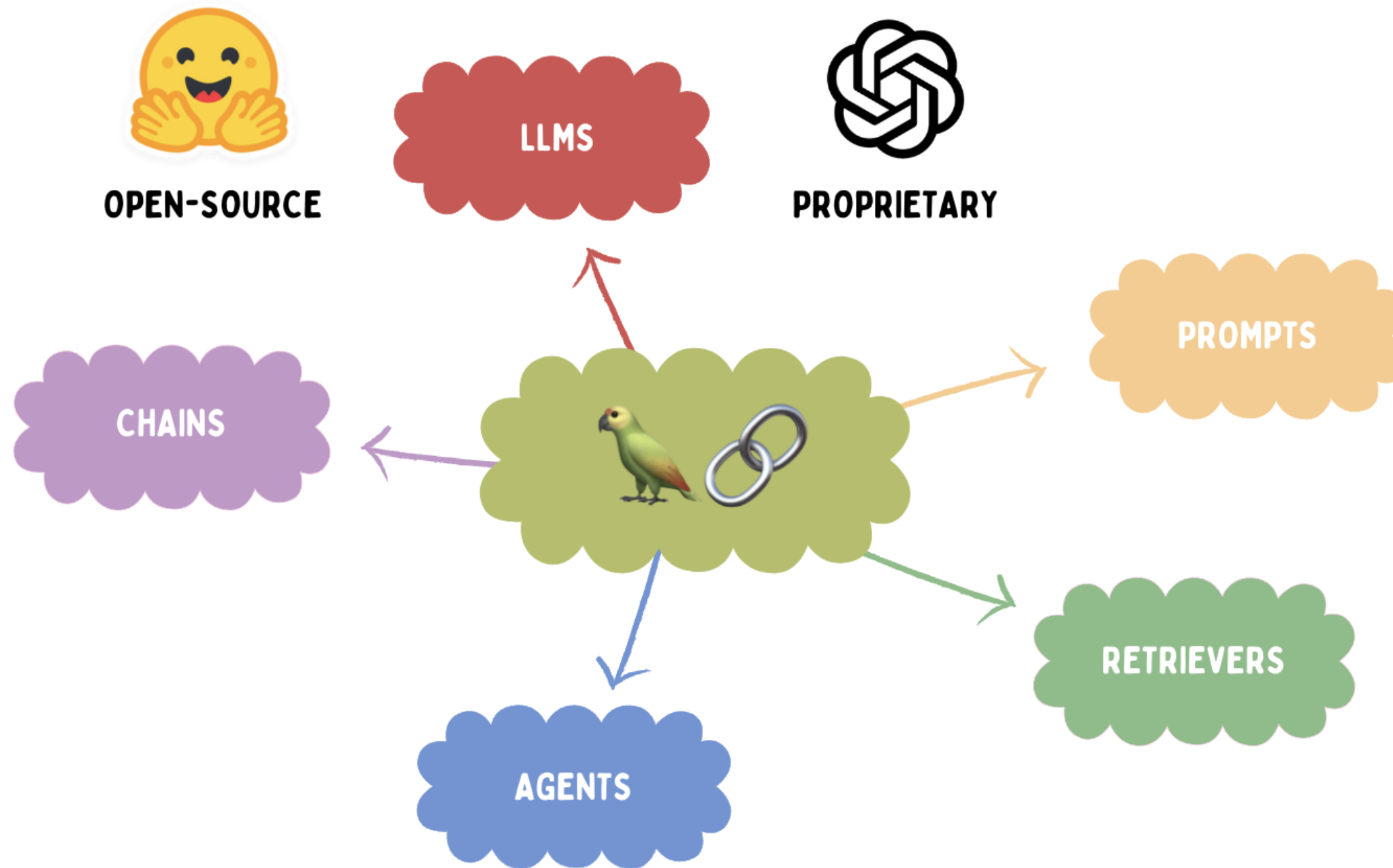
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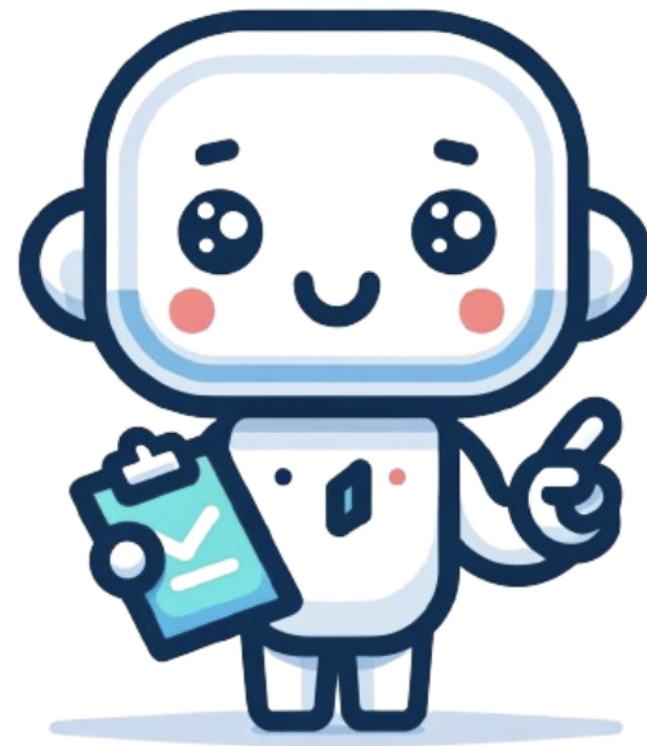
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# LangChain's core components



# Chains and agents

User Input: Why isn't my code working? Here it is...

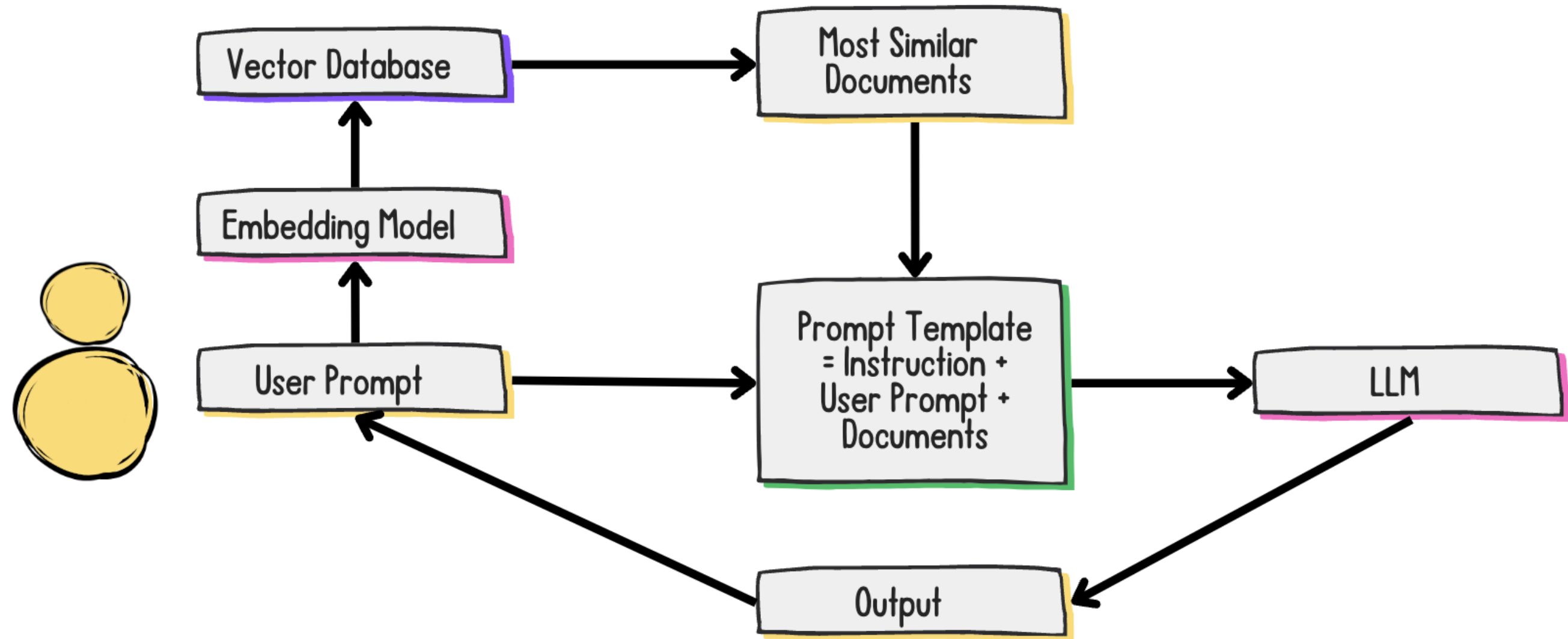


Agent



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# LangChain Hub

The screenshot displays the LangChain Hub interface. On the left is a sidebar with filters for Use Cases, Type, and Language. The main content area features a search bar, sorting options (Top Favorited, Top Viewed, Top Downloaded, Recently Updated), and a list of prompts with details like author, description, and statistics.

**Use Cases**

- ☐ Agent simulations 4
- ☐ Agents 53
- ☐ Autonomous agents 11
- ☐ Chatbots 73
- ☐ Classification 5
- ☐ Code understanding 17
- ☐ Code writing 19
- ☐ Evaluation 21
- ☐ Extraction 38
- ☐ Interacting with APIs 17
- ☐ Multi-modal 3
- ☐ QA over documents 59
- ☐ Self-checking 8
- ☐ SQL 5
- ☐ Summarization 59
- ☐ Tagging 9

**Type**

- ☐ ChatPromptTemp... 240
- ☐ StringPromptTem... 183

**Language**

**Search**

Search for prompts, use cases, models...

**Sorting**

- Top Favorited
- Top Viewed
- Top Downloaded
- Recently Updated

**Prompts**

**homanp/superagent**

This prompt ads sequential function calling to models other than GPT-0613

{x} Prompt • Updated 3 months ago • ❤️ 62 • 👁 29.2k • ⬇ 1.91k • 🔗 11

**hardkothari/prompt-maker**

Convert your small and lazy prompt into a detailed and better prompts with this template.

{x} Prompt • Updated 3 months ago • ❤️ 52 • 👁 14k • ⬇ 1.47k • 🔗 1

**smithing-gold/assumption-checker**

Assert whether assumptions are made in a user's query and provide follow up questions to debunk their claims.

Access the LangChain Hub at: <https://smith.langchain.com/hub>



# LangChain Templates

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Conversational RAG using Pinecone

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Function Calling

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Use OpenAI function calling for tasks like...

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Agent that uses XML syntax to communicat...

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Private RAG using local LLM, embeddings,...

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# The LangChain ecosystem



**LangSmith:** troubleshooting and evaluating applications

**LangServe:** deploying applications

**LangGraph:** multi-agent knowledge graphs

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