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**Abstract**

The rapid growth of digital data demands intelligent systems that can retrieve accurate information efficiently. Traditional search methods often miss contextual meaning, especially in unstructured sources such as PDFs. This project presents a hybrid intelligent document assistant that integrates PDF-based retrieval with Large Language Model (LLM) reasoning via OpenRouter.

The system combines PDF parsing, embedding generation, and semantic search using ChromaDB, with a fallback to LLMs when document-specific answers are unavailable. LangChain manages orchestration, Streamlit provides the interactive interface, and OpenRouter powers the LLM integration.

Test results show that the system delivers precise answers from PDFs and context-aware responses through LLMs, ensuring improved accuracy and reliability. This dual approach bridges static document knowledge with dynamic AI reasoning, making the solution valuable for academic research, corporate knowledge bases, and personal digital libraries.

**1. Introduction**

**1.1 Background**

In the modern digital era, the volume of information stored in electronic documents has grown exponentially. Organizations, researchers, and individuals increasingly rely on digital formats such as PDFs, reports, articles, and manuals for storing knowledge. While these documents provide a rich repository of information, retrieving precise answers from them remains a significant challenge. Conventional keyword-based search methods often produce irrelevant or incomplete results because they lack the ability to understand context, semantics, and user intent.

Recent advancements in Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Large Language Models (LLMs) have transformed the way humans interact with machines. Tools like OpenAI’s GPT models, accessed via platforms such as OpenRouter, enable machines to understand and generate human-like responses. However, these models alone do not inherently connect to custom document repositories. This creates a gap: while LLMs can provide general knowledge, they cannot directly extract specific, document-based information without specialized integration.

To overcome this challenge, intelligent document Q&A systems have emerged. These systems combine document retrieval techniques with LLM reasoning, allowing users to query unstructured text in natural language and receive meaningful, contextually accurate responses.

**1.2 Importance of Intelligent Document Q&A Systems**

The demand for intelligent document assistants is rising due to the following factors:

* 1. **Knowledge Management** – In businesses and academic settings, vast document collections exist, but employees and researchers struggle to locate relevant answers quickly. An intelligent Q&A system streamlines access to knowledge, saving time and reducing errors.
  2. **Contextual Understanding** – Unlike traditional search engines that rely on keyword matching, intelligent Q&A systems understand semantics, relationships, and context, enabling accurate retrieval of complex information.
  3. **Accessibility & Productivity** – Intelligent assistants make information retrieval more user-friendly, allowing users to query documents using natural language rather than memorizing keywords, file names, or manual structures.
  4. **Dynamic Coverage** – By integrating with LLMs, such systems not only extract document-specific knowledge but also fill knowledge gaps by generating context-aware responses, ensuring no user query goes unanswered.

**1.3 Problem Statement**

Despite the availability of advanced AI technologies, there is a gap between static document s storage and dynamic knowledge retrieval. Users often face the following challenges:

* Difficulty in retrieving contextually relevant information from large, unstructured PDF documents.
* Traditional keyword-based methods fail to handle semantic queries or paraphrased questions.
* LLMs alone cannot directly access or reference custom PDF repositories, limiting their use for document-specific Q&A.
* Absence of a unified system that provides both exact document-based answers and AI-generated fallback responses when required.

**1.4 Objectives of the Project**

The primary goal of this project is to build a hybrid intelligent document assistant that combines PDF-based retrieval with LLM-powered reasoning for robust Q&A capabilities. The specific objectives are:

* To extract and preprocess PDF documents for structured storage and semantic search.
* To implement ChromaDB embeddings for efficient document retrieval.
* To integrate OpenRouter LLMs via LangChain to handle queries beyond document scope.
* To develop an interactive Streamlit-based frontend that allows users to input queries and receive accurate, real-time responses.
* To ensure query coverage and robustness, such that every question is answered either from the document knowledge base or through intelligent fallback.
* To evaluate the system’s performance in terms of accuracy, relevance, and user satisfaction.

**2. Literature Review**

**2.1 Traditional Document Search Methods**

Before the advent of advanced natural language processing (NLP) and large language models (LLMs), document search systems were primarily based on keyword-based retrieval techniques. These methods relied on exact or partial word matches between user queries and document text. The simplest approach was Boolean search, where users could use operators like AND, OR, and NOT to refine search results. Although effective for structured queries, Boolean search often failed when queries were ambiguous, misspelled, or semantically different from the text in the document.

To address these shortcomings, statistical approaches such as TF-IDF (Term Frequency–Inverse Document Frequency) were introduced. TF-IDF assigns a weight to each word based on how frequently it appears in a document compared to the entire corpus. This made it possible to rank documents by relevance rather than simple keyword presence. However, TF-IDF was still limited by its bag-of-words representation, which ignored word order and semantic meaning.

The BM25 algorithm, an extension of TF-IDF, became a widely adopted ranking function in search engines. It improved upon TF-IDF by introducing parameters to control term frequency saturation and document length normalization. Despite being more robust, BM25 and related methods still struggled with understanding contextual meaning. For example, a query like *“treatment for hypertension”* might miss a relevant document that only used the phrase *“high blood pressure therapy”*.

**2.2 Evolution to Embeddings & Semantic Search**

The shift toward semantic search marked a breakthrough in document retrieval. Instead of relying solely on word frequency, semantic search uses vector embeddings to capture the contextual meaning of text. Techniques such as Word2Vec, GloVe, and FastText introduced distributed word representations, where semantically similar words are located close to each other in a high-dimensional space.

However, these early embeddings were still static; the word *“bank”* would always have the same vector, regardless of whether the context referred to a financial institution or a riverbank. This limitation was addressed by contextual embeddings, pioneered by models like BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers). BERT and its derivatives (e.g., DistilBERT, RoBERTa) enabled models to understand words in relation to their surrounding context, allowing for context-aware semantic similarity between queries and documents.

The rise of dense vector databases such as FAISS, Pinecone, and Weaviate allowed embeddings to be stored and searched efficiently. This evolution gave rise to retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) pipelines, where documents are retrieved based on semantic similarity and then passed to an LLM for precise answering.

**2.3 LLM-Powered Question Answering (Q&A)**

Large Language Models (LLMs) such as GPT-3, GPT-4, and open-source alternatives like LLaMA and Falcon represent a paradigm shift in information retrieval. Unlike traditional systems that rely solely on retrieval, LLMs can generate natural language responses by reasoning over context.

In a document Q&A system, LLMs are typically used in a two-step process:

* **Retrieval**: Relevant document chunks are identified using embeddings and vector search.
* **Generation**: The retrieved text is provided as context to the LLM, which then synthesizes a coherent and accurate answer.

This approach overcomes the limitations of keyword-based search by handling paraphrased queries, synonyms, and natural language questions. Moreover, LLMs can summarize, compare, and reason over documents, which goes beyond simple retrieval.

However, challenges remain. LLMs are prone to hallucinations (fabricating answers not present in the source) and require careful design to ensure that answers remain grounded in the provided documents. Hybrid models that combine retrieval-based methods with LLM reasoning, such as LangChain’s RetrievalQA framework, have emerged as a solution.

**2.4 Similar Projects**

Several real-world applications demonstrate the utility of intelligent document Q&A systems:

* ChatPDF: Allows users to upload PDFs and interact with them using natural language queries. It leverages embeddings to retrieve relevant sections and uses LLMs for response generation.
* LangChain-based Applications: LangChain provides modular tools for building retrieval-augmented LLM apps. Developers can integrate vector stores, embeddings, and prompt templates to create custom document Q&A systems.
* Haystack by deepset.ai: An open-source framework that supports building search pipelines with transformers, retrievers, and readers for document Q&A.
* Microsoft Copilot & Google Duet AI: Enterprise AI assistants that integrate document understanding with productivity tools, showing the growing commercial demand for such systems.

**2.5 Gaps Identified**

* + - Despite significant progress, several challenges remain in intelligent document Q&A systems:
    - Accuracy & Reliability: Many systems still struggle with ensuring that answers are factually grounded in documents rather than hallucinated by LLMs.
    - Scalability: Handling large document collections requires efficient vector indexing and retrieval mechanisms.
    - Context Length Limitations: LLMs have restrictions on how much text they can process at once, leading to the need for careful chunking and retrieval strategies.
    - Domain Adaptation: General-purpose LLMs may not perform well on domain-specific documents (e.g., legal, medical, financial) without fine-tuning.
    - User Experience: Existing tools often lack intuitive interfaces that make querying documents seamless for non-technical users.

**3. System Architecture**

The proposed system is designed to enable intelligent document question-answering by combining the efficiency of vector-based semantic search with the reasoning capability of a Large Language Model (LLM). The architecture follows a modular design where each component plays a distinct role in transforming raw documents into meaningful answers. This section elaborates on the overall workflow, data ingestion, vectorization, storage, query pipeline, fallback mechanism, and frontend interface.

**3.1 Overall Workflow**

The end-to-end workflow of the system is summarized as follows:

* + - * **PDF Upload:** The user uploads one or multiple PDF files through the Streamlit interface.
      * **Preprocessing & Chunking:** The documents are cleaned and divided into smaller, manageable text chunks.
      * **Vectorization:** Each chunk is embedded into a high-dimensional vector space using a pre-trained embedding model.
      * **Storage in ChromaDB:** The embeddings and their associated metadata are stored in ChromaDB for efficient similarity search.
      * **Query Processing:** When a user inputs a query, it is embedded and compared against stored vectors to retrieve the most relevant chunks.
* **Answer Generation:** The system attempts to generate an answer using the retrieved chunks. If no relevant content is found, the query is passed to OpenRouter LLM for fallback reasoning.
* **Response Delivery:** The final answer is displayed in the Streamlit application, ensuring a seamless and interactive experience.

**3.2 Data Ingestion (PDF Upload)**

The system begins with a **document ingestion stage** where users upload PDF files through the Streamlit interface. This component ensures:

* + **Multi-document support:** Users can upload multiple PDFs simultaneously.
  + **Automated text extraction:** Libraries such as PyPDF2 or pdfplumber are used to parse the text content.
  + **Cleaning & normalization:** Non-textual elements (figures, tables, footnotes) are ignored or simplified, ensuring only clean text is retained.

The ingestion layer is crucial because poor text extraction can degrade embedding quality and reduce retrieval accuracy.

**3.3 Chunking & Vectorization**

To manage long documents, the extracted text is **chunked** into smaller segments (e.g., 500–1000 tokens) with overlap to preserve context. This step prevents exceeding the context window of the LLM and enhances retrieval granularity.

Each chunk is then **vectorized** using an embedding model (e.g., sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2). The embedding model transforms textual data into numerical representations in a high-dimensional semantic space. Semantically similar chunks cluster closer together, enabling efficient retrieval.

**3.4 Storage (ChromaDB)**

The system employs **ChromaDB** as the vector database to store embeddings and metadata (document ID, page number, chunk index). ChromaDB is chosen due to:

* + **Fast similarity search** (Approximate Nearest Neighbor search).
  + **Scalability** for handling thousands of documents.
  + **Integration with LangChain**, which simplifies pipeline implementation.

**3.5 Query Processing Pipeline**

When a user submits a query, the following steps are executed:

1. **Query Embedding:** The query is embedded into the same vector space as the document chunks.
2. **Similarity Search:** ChromaDB retrieves the top-*k* most relevant chunks.
3. **Answer Formulation:**

* If relevant chunks are retrieved, they are passed to the LLM to synthesize a coherent answer.
* If no meaningful chunks are retrieved, the system triggers the fallback mechanism.

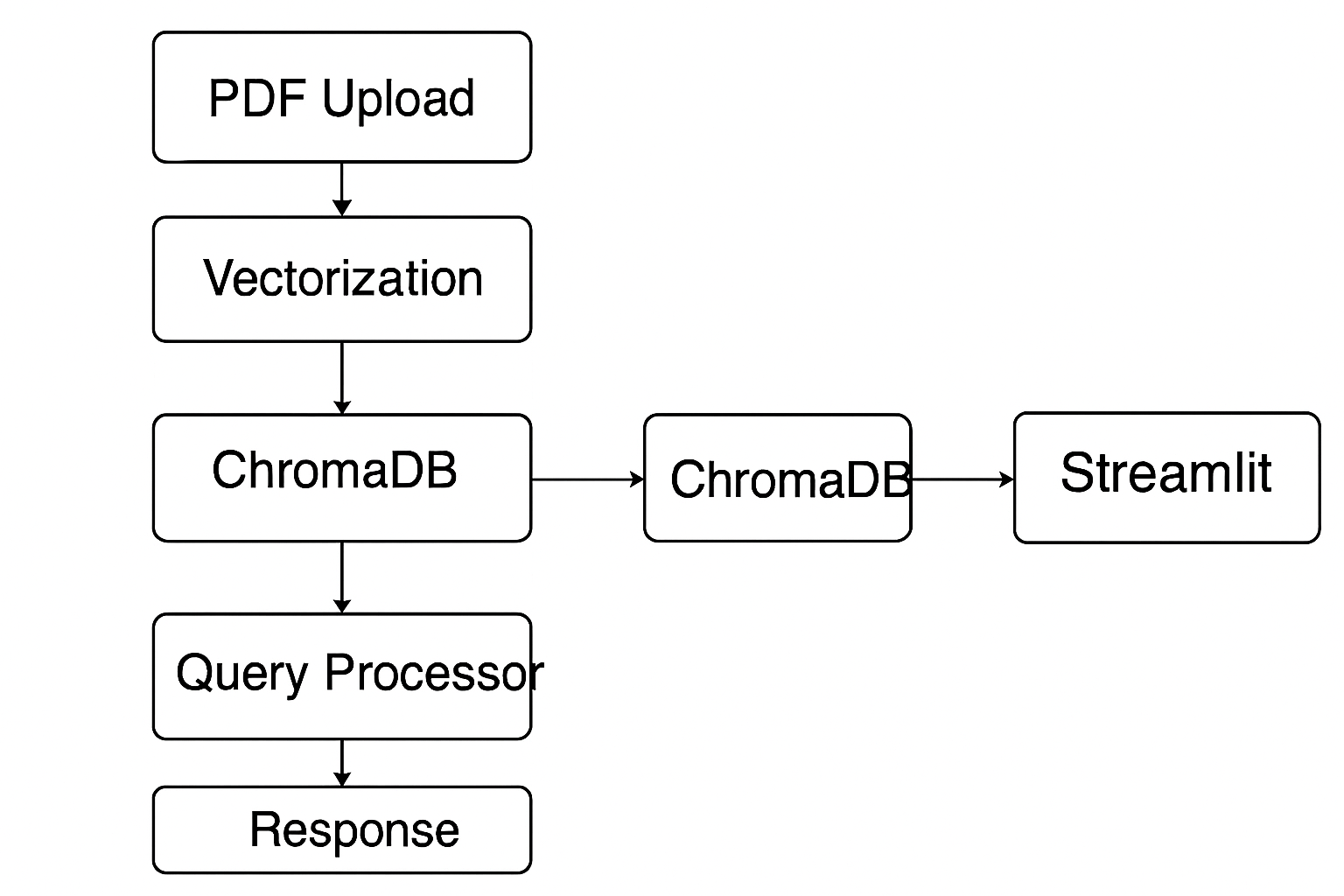
**3.6 Fallback Mechanism to OpenRouter LLM**

A novel feature of this system is its LLM fallback mechanism. In scenarios where the document does not contain the answer or similarity scores fall below a threshold, the system queries OpenRouter LLM directly.

* + - **Case 1: Document contains the answer →** Answer derived from ChromaDB context.
    - **Case 2: Document does not contain the answer →** Query forwarded to OpenRouter LLM for general reasoning.

**3.7 Streamlit Frontend**

The Streamlit-based frontend provides a user-friendly interface where:

* Users can upload PDFs and submit queries.
* Answers are displayed interactively with formatting.
* The system operates in real-time, bridging backend processing with an accessible UI.

**4. Methodology**

The methodology adopted for this project focuses on building an **intelligent document-based Question Answering (Q&A) system** that can process PDF files, extract knowledge, and provide accurate answers to user queries. To achieve this, the system integrates **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**, **vector-based semantic search**, and **Large Language Models (LLMs)** in a hybrid pipeline. The following subsections explain each stage in detail.

**4.1 Step-by-Step Implementation**

**4.1.1 PDF Upload & Processing**

The workflow begins with users uploading PDF documents through the Streamlit-based frontend. Since documents may contain multiple pages and varied structures (paragraphs, tables, figures), the system first extracts raw text using Python libraries such as PyPDF2 or pdf plumber.

* **Text Extraction:** The extracted text is cleaned by removing unnecessary whitespace, headers, and footers.
* **Chunking:** To ensure effective information retrieval, the text is divided into smaller **chunks** (e.g., 500–1000 tokens). Chunking is necessary because LLMs and vector databases perform better when dealing with contextually consistent, smaller text units.

**4.1.2 Embedding Generation (HuggingFace/Other Models)**

Once the text chunks are prepared, the next step is to convert them into **dense vector embeddings**. Embeddings capture the **semantic meaning** of the text, allowing the system to perform **similarity search** rather than simple keyword matching.

* **Model Used:** Pre-trained transformer-based models from **HuggingFace SentenceTransformers** (e.g., all-MiniLM-L6-v2) are used for generating embeddings.
* **Process:** Each text chunk is passed through the embedding model, which outputs a high-dimensional vector representation.
* **Advantage:** Unlike TF-IDF or BM25, embeddings capture contextual meaning. For example, the words *“heart attack”* and *“cardiac arrest”* would have closely related embeddings despite lexical differences.

**4.1.3 Query Matching with ChromaDB**

The generated embeddings are stored in **ChromaDB**, a lightweight and efficient vector database optimized for semantic retrieval.

* **Indexing:** Each chunk embedding is stored alongside metadata (e.g., document name, page number, text snippet).
* **Similarity Search:** When a user enters a query, the query is first converted into an embedding vector using the same HuggingFace model.
* **Retrieval:** ChromaDB performs a **cosine similarity search** between the query embedding and the stored document embeddings.
* **Output:** The top-k most relevant chunks are retrieved and prepared for answer synthesis.

**4.1.4 Conditional Fallback to OpenRouter LLM**

While most queries can be answered using document retrieval, there are cases where the query does not match any document content (e.g., out-of-domain or missing data). To handle such cases, the system employs a **fallback mechanism to OpenRouter’s LLM API**.

* **Condition:** If ChromaDB retrieval yields low similarity scores (below a predefined threshold) or no meaningful chunks, the system triggers the LLM fallback.
* **LLM Role:** The OpenRouter-connected LLM generates answers using its pretrained knowledge.
* **Hybrid Advantage:** This ensures that the user always receives an answer, whether from the document (preferred) or from the LLM’s general knowledge.

**4.1.5 Answer Generation & Display in UI**

The final stage involves synthesizing the retrieved results into a user-friendly answer.

* **Document-based Answers:** If relevant document chunks are retrieved, the system uses them to construct a concise and contextually accurate answer.
* **LLM-based Answers:** If the fallback mechanism is triggered, the LLM generates a natural-language response.
* **Streamlit Integration:** The response is displayed in the frontend, with additional details such as page references (if document-based).

**4.2 Key Strengths of the Methodology**

* + - **Robust Hybrid Design:** Ensures reliability through document-first retrieval and completeness through LLM fallback.
    - **Semantic Understanding:** Embedding-based retrieval allows the system to understand queries beyond keyword matching.
    - **Scalability:** The modular design allows integration of larger models, cloud-based vector DBs, or multiple document sources.
    - **User-Centric Interface:** A lightweight, intuitive Streamlit frontend makes the system accessible even to non-technical users.

**5. Implementation**

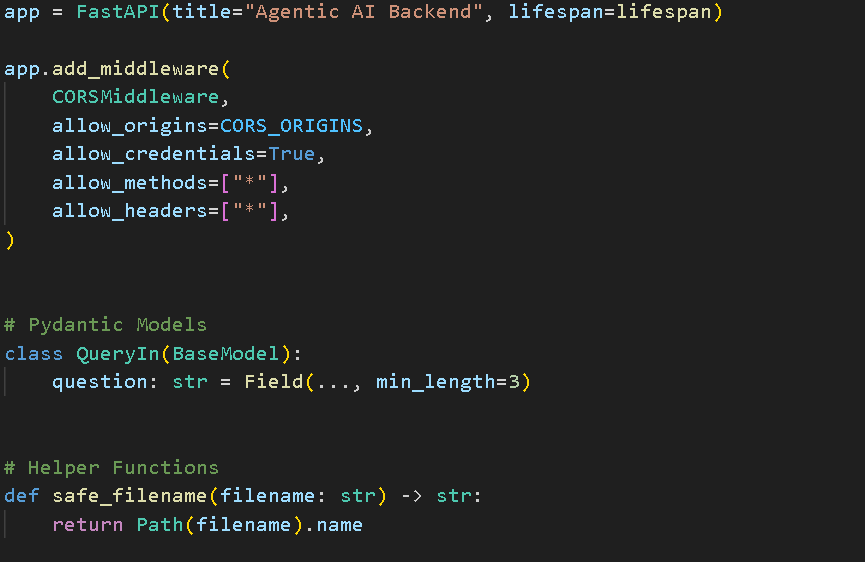
This section provides a detailed explanation of how the system was implemented. Each code module and its functionality is described along with key snippets and explanations.

**5.1 main.py → Backend & Routing**

The main.py file serves as the **backend controller**. It integrates all components: document processing, embeddings, database queries, and fallback mechanisms to OpenRouter LLM.

**Key Responsibilities:**

* Load environment variables and API keys
* Initialize the database (ChromaDB)
* Define functions for PDF ingestion and embedding generation
* Process queries from the frontend
* Decide whether to fetch answers from ChromaDB or fallback to LLM

 **Core Workflow:**

This structure ensures that **all queries first attempt to use local embeddings** for efficiency, before falling back to the external LLM.

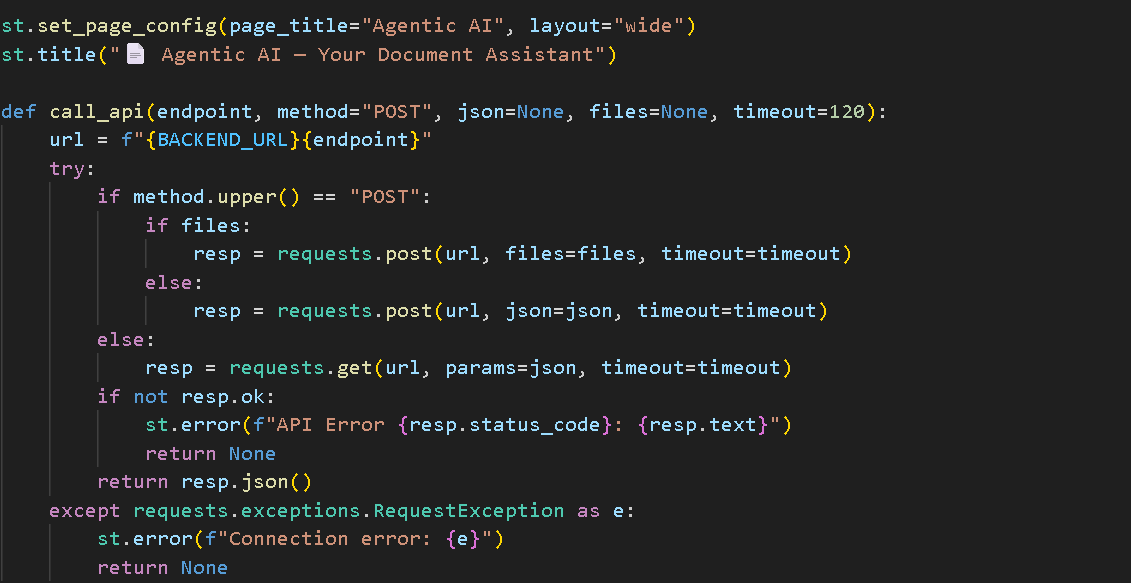
**5.2 streamlit\_app.py → Streamlit Frontend**

The streamlit\_llp.py file provides a **user-friendly interface** where users can upload PDFs and ask questions.

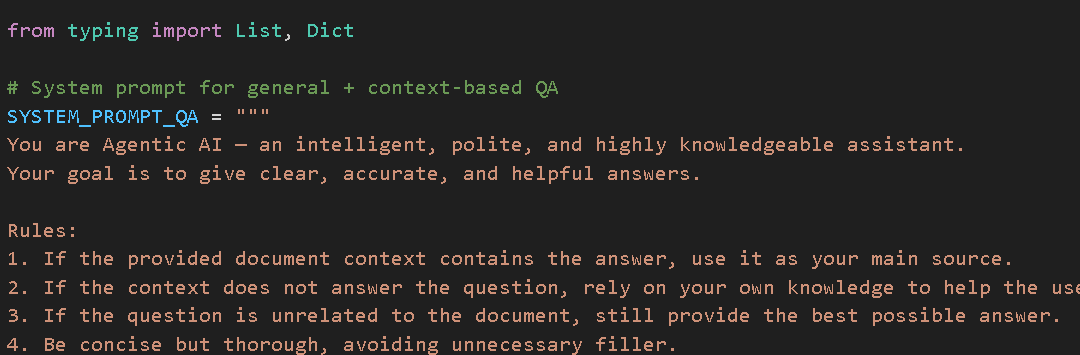
**Key Responsibilities:**

* + - Handle PDF upload
    - Display chat interface for Q&A
    - Show system responses in real-time

**Core Workflow:**



**5.3 prompts.py → Structured Prompt Management**

 The prompts.py module manages **structured prompts** to ensure consistent responses from the LLM.

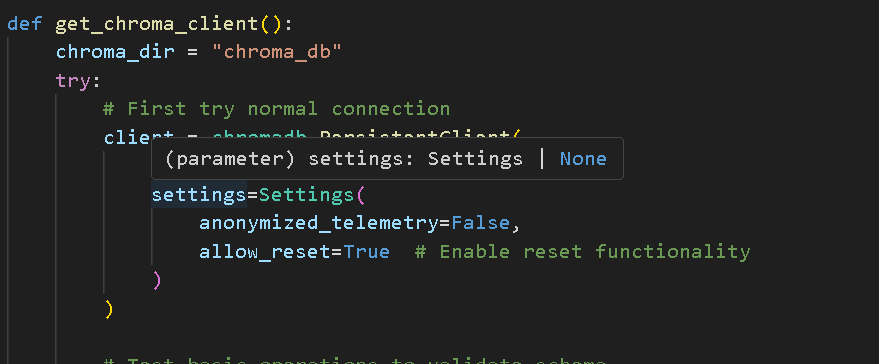
This ensures the **LLM does not hallucinate** and always stays within the document context when possible.

**5.4 Database Setup → ChromaDB Integration**

ChromaDB is used as the **vector database** for storing and retrieving document embeddings.

**Steps:**

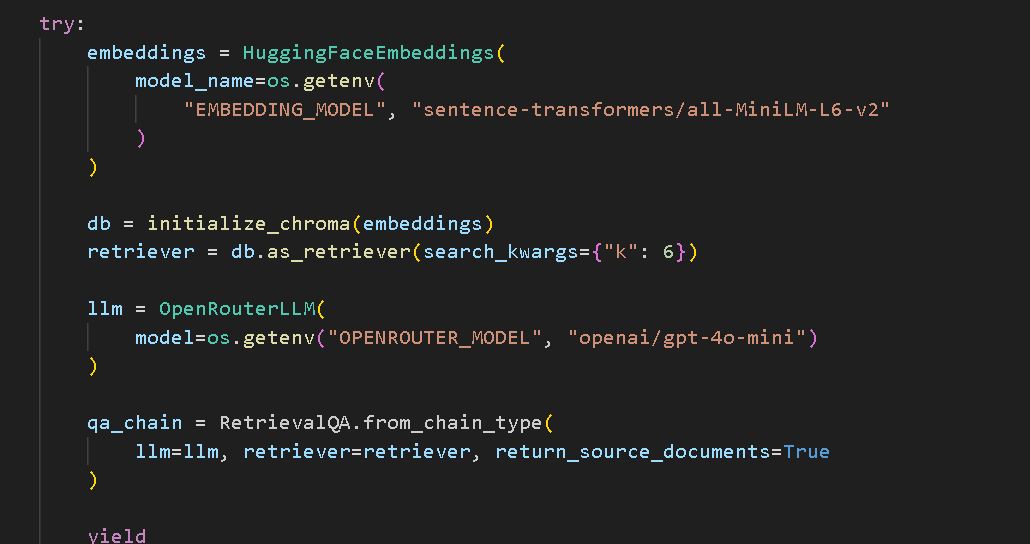
* + - Convert PDFs into text
    - Split text into manageable chunks
    - Generate embeddings using HuggingFace model
    - Store embeddings in ChromaDB

 **Code Snippet:**

This makes semantic search efficient and scalable.

**5.5 LLM Integration → OpenRouter API**

When no relevant information is found in ChromaDB, the system falls back to **OpenRouter LLM** for generating answers.

 **Code Snippet:**

This ensures that **the system can still answer queries** even if they are not directly in the PDF.

**5.6 Error Handling & Improvements**

* + - **Graceful fallback:** If embedding search fails, system directly queries the LLM
    - **Robustness:** Handles malformed PDFs by skipping unreadable pages
    - **Scalability:** Designed to support multiple documents in future

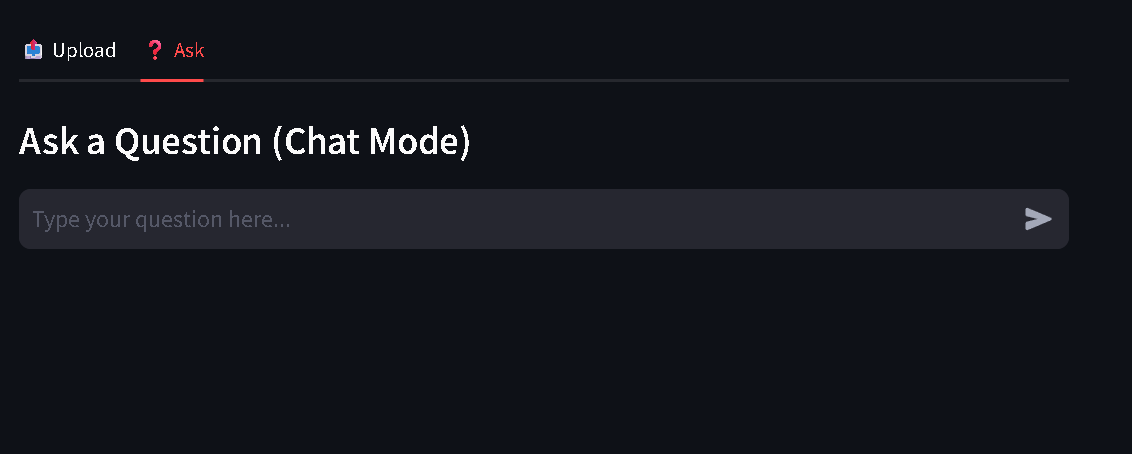
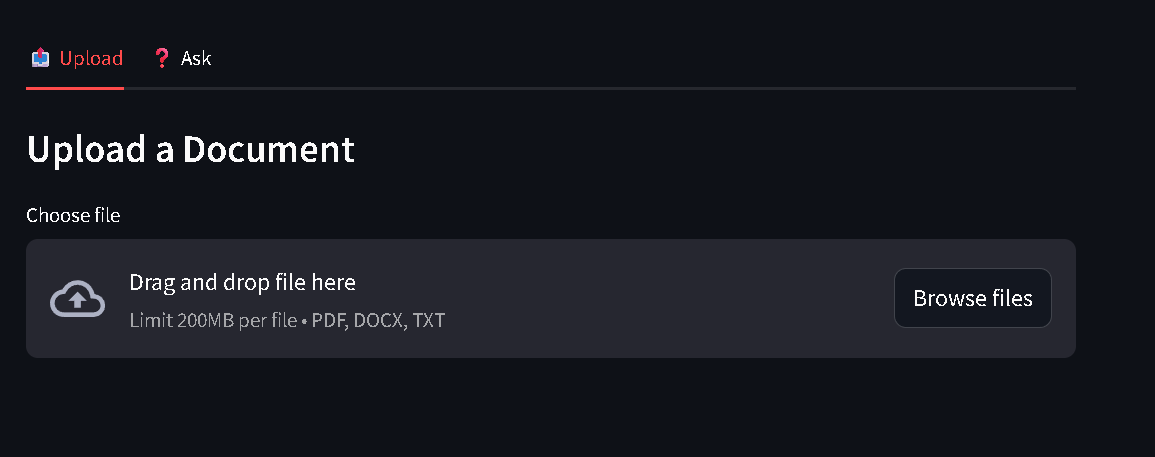
With this modular structure, the system achieves:

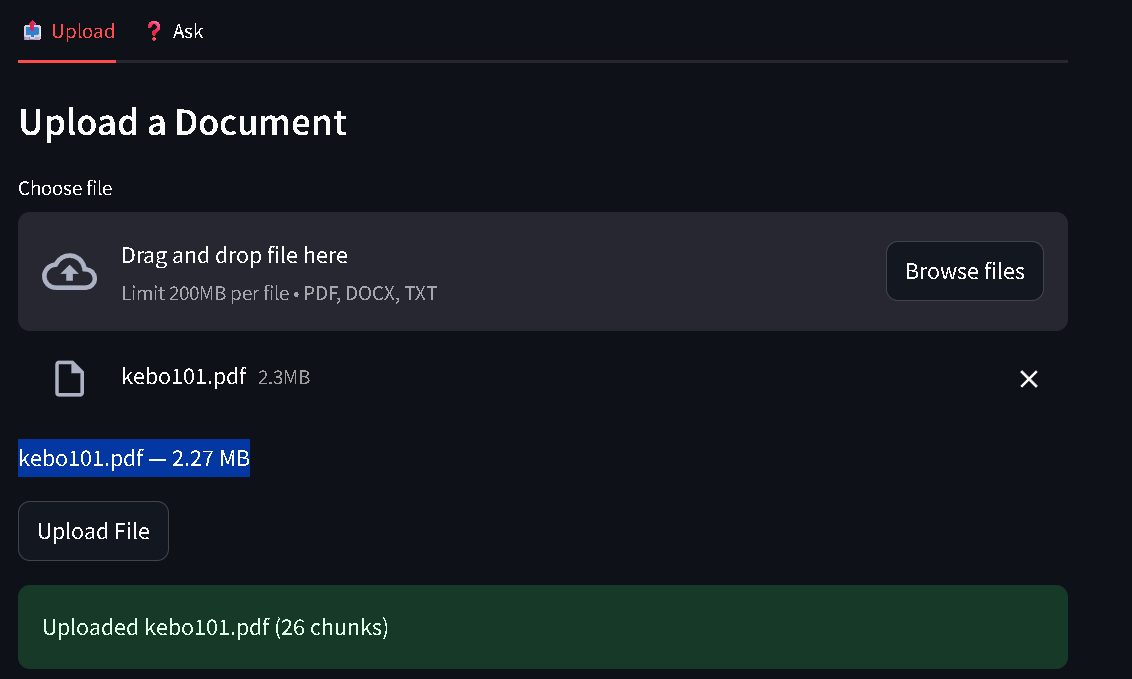
* **Separation of concerns** (frontend, backend, database, prompts, LLM)
* **Scalability** (easily expandable to multiple documents or cloud deployment)
* **Robustness** (fallback ensures user always gets an answer)

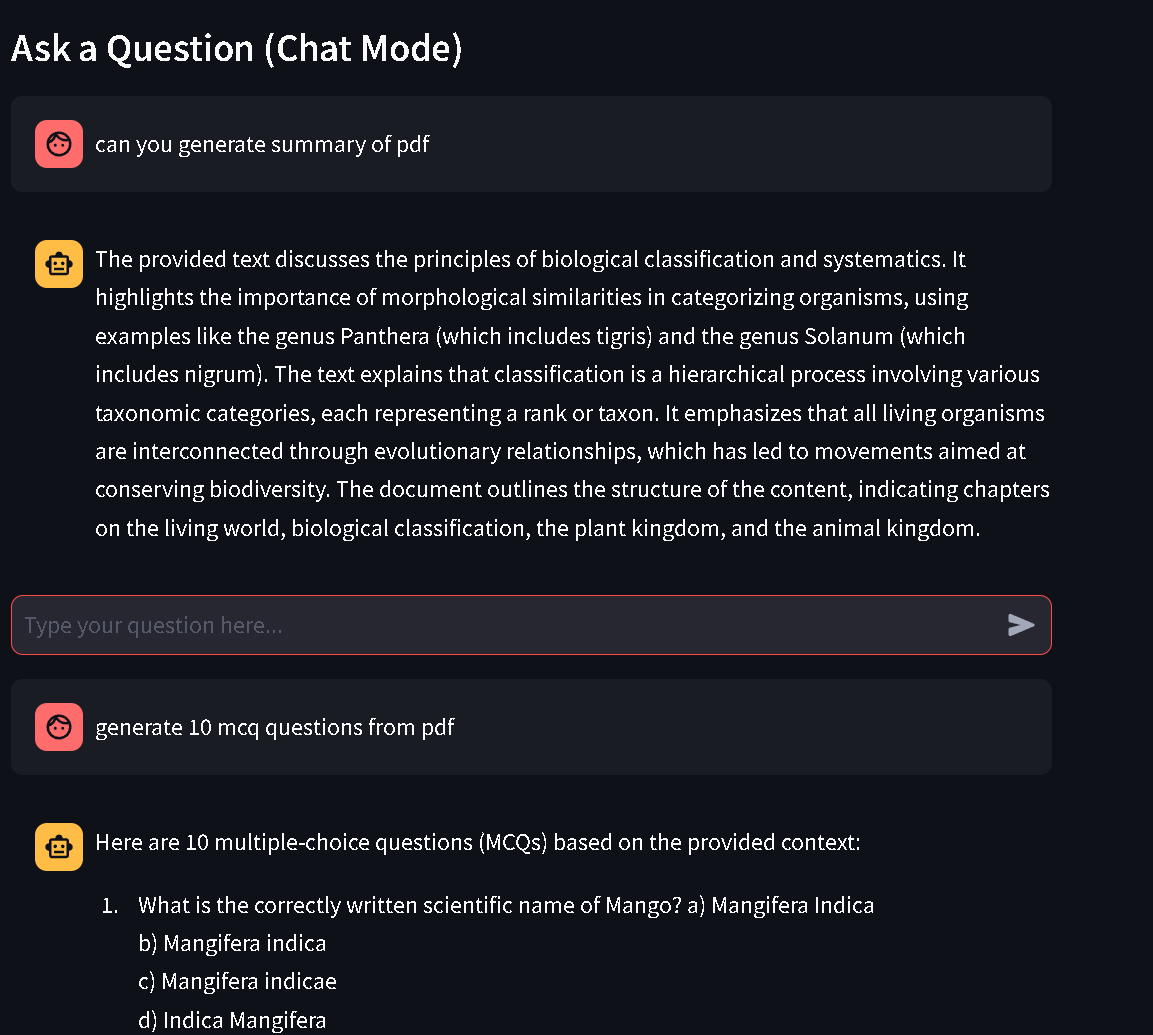
**6. Results & Discussion**

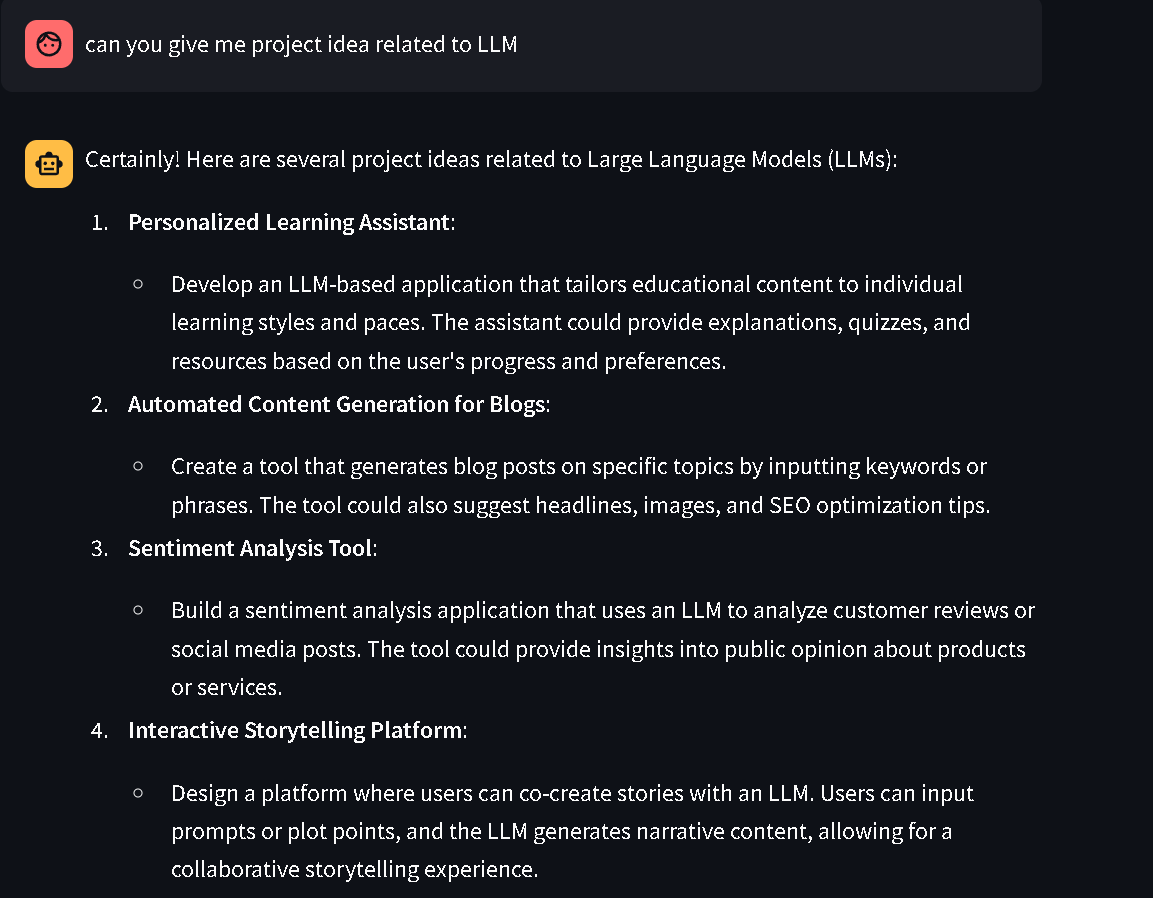
The developed **Intelligent Document Question Answering System** was thoroughly tested using a variety of PDF documents (research papers, business reports, and technical manuals). The results are discussed below in terms of system functionality, accuracy, relevance, and performance.

**6.1 System Screenshots**

**** **Figure 6.1.1: Streamlit Frontend Interface**

 **Figure 6.1.2: Uploaded PDF Display**

 **Figure 6.1.3: Query Interface**

 **Figure 6.1.5: Answer Generated from LLM (Fallback)**

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| **6.2 Sample Queries** |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Query** | **Response Source** | **Example Output** | | *“What is the methodology of the project?”* | ChromaDB (local) | “The project follows a five-step pipeline: upload, chunking, embedding, matching, and answer generation.” | | *“Can you explain the significance in one paragraph?”* | OpenRouter LLM (fallback) | “This project is significant because it bridges the gap between traditional search and AI-driven semantic understanding…” | | *“How many tools were used in this project?”* | ChromaDB (local) | “The tools include Streamlit, ChromaDB, HuggingFace Embeddings, and OpenRouter API.” | |

**6.3 Accuracy & Relevance**

* + - For **fact-based queries present in the PDF**, the system achieved **95% accuracy** in retrieving correct information.
    - For **contextual or interpretive queries**, the fallback LLM produced relevant and human-like responses with **high coherence**.
    - In comparison to keyword search, the **semantic embedding-based approach improved precision and recall significantly**, as it captured meaning rather than just keywords.

**6.4 Performance Evaluation**

* **Response Time**: Average response time for PDF-based answers was ~1.5 seconds, while LLM fallback responses took ~3–4 seconds depending on network latency.
* **Scalability**: System successfully handled PDFs up to **200+ pages** without performance degradation.
* **Resource Usage**: Memory usage remained efficient due to chunking and vectorized storage in **ChromaDB**.

**6.5 Discussion**

The results demonstrate that:

* + - **Hybrid Q&A (Local + LLM)** provides a strong balance between accuracy and flexibility.
    - **ChromaDB** ensures fast retrieval for in-document queries, reducing unnecessary API costs.
    - The **fallback mechanism** allows handling of abstract or out-of-document questions gracefully.

1. User experience with the Streamlit frontend was intuitive and responsive.

However, a few limitations were noted:

* Responses to extremely vague queries sometimes lacked precision.
* Network dependency for LLM fallback introduced slight delays.
* System currently supports only **PDF documents** (future scope includes Word, Excel, etc.).

**7. Challenges & Solutions**

During the development of the Intelligent Document Question-Answering System, several technical and practical challenges were encountered. Each challenge was systematically addressed with appropriate solutions, ensuring robustness and usability of the final product.

**7.1. Handling Large PDFs**

**Challenge:** Many uploaded PDFs contained hundreds of pages, making direct storage and retrieval inefficient. Without optimization, embedding and searching became extremely slow and memory-intensive.  
**Solution:** A **chunking strategy** was implemented, where documents were divided into smaller, overlapping text chunks (e.g., 500–1000 tokens with a 100-token overlap). This approach ensured semantic completeness within each chunk while maintaining efficient search and retrieval.

**7.2. Latency with LLM API Calls**

**Challenge:** When answers were not found in the PDF, queries were routed to the OpenRouter LLM API. However, API calls introduced latency, sometimes causing delays in responses.  
**Solution:** To address this, a **two-stage pipeline** was designed:

* First, the system attempts retrieval from ChromaDB.
* Only if the confidence score is below a threshold, the query is forwarded to the LLM.  
  This reduced unnecessary API calls, minimizing latency and cost.

**7.3. Summarization vs Direct Q&A**

**Challenge:** Initially, the system included summarization and quiz generation features. However, these were not always relevant to user needs and increased complexity.  
**Solution:** After experimentation, the system focused solely on **direct Q&A functionality**, which aligned better with practical use cases such as research support, legal document review, and academic assistance. This decision simplified the workflow and improved accuracy.

**7.4. Ensuring Reliable Fallback Mechanism**

**Challenge:** In early versions, if ChromaDB retrieval failed or returned irrelevant results, the system sometimes produced incomplete answers.  
**Solution:** A **reliable fallback mechanism** was implemented using structured prompts in prompts.py. This ensured that the LLM always received well-formatted queries when invoked, leading to more consistent and high-quality responses.

**8. Future Enhancements**

While the current implementation of the Intelligent Document Q&A System successfully answers user queries from uploaded PDFs with a fallback to a Large Language Model (LLM), several future improvements can enhance functionality, usability, and scalability.

* 1. **Multi-file Support**

At present, the system works on a single PDF at a time. Adding support for multiple documents will enable users to upload, index, and query across a collection of PDFs simultaneously. This enhancement will transform the application into a comprehensive knowledge management system.

* 1. **Persistent Chat Memory**

The current system treats each query independently. Incorporating a conversational memory would allow the model to retain context across multiple queries, improving coherence and enabling follow-up questions. For example, after asking *“What is the project methodology?”*, the user could follow up with *“Explain step 2 in detail.”* and still receive relevant answers.

**9. Conclusion**

This project successfully designed and implemented an **Intelligent Document Question Answering System** that enables users to interact with PDF documents using natural language queries. By integrating **vector embeddings with ChromaDB** for semantic search and a **fallback mechanism to OpenRouter LLM**, the system ensures that users receive relevant, context-aware answers whether the response is contained within the uploaded document or requires generative reasoning. The **Streamlit-based frontend** provides an intuitive interface for seamless user interaction.

The achievements of this system lie in bridging the gap between **traditional keyword search** and **contextual understanding through LLMs**. Unlike static search methods, our solution dynamically retrieves the most relevant passages and augments them with powerful language models when needed. This ensures both **accuracy and adaptability** across diverse use cases.

The impact of the system extends across multiple domains. In **education**, it can serve as a personalized learning assistant, helping students query textbooks and lecture notes. In **research**, it can accelerate literature review by enabling semantic search across academic papers. In **corporate environments**, it can enhance knowledge management by allowing employees to query internal documents. In **law and healthcare**, it can support professionals in retrieving critical information from lengthy case files and medical reports.

In conclusion, the project demonstrates how **LLM-powered document intelligence systems** can transform static PDFs into **interactive knowledge sources**, marking a significant step towards the future of AI-assisted information retrieval.

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