

ParliaGPT

An FAQ Bot for Parliamentary Minutes

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Introduction

- ParliaGPT is an FAQ Bot for **general members of the public** that have a keen interest in parliamentary debates
- Objective Statement: How can the process of finding information from parliamentary debate documents be streamlined, so that users can quickly obtain a response, and more information for future deep dive?

Project Background

- Current approach of obtaining information from parliamentary debates are:
 - Watching the recorded parliamentary debate meeting video
 - Reading the parliamentary meeting minutes
- For either approach, the process to obtain a snippet of information from the entire process is **tedious** and **time-consuming**

- Existing Competitors
 - ChatGPT–
 - Strengths: Allow users to make **natural language queries**, and provide **natural language responses** back to its' users
 - Weakness: Unable to provide information on events/data it has not been trained on
 - Search Engines (Google, Duckduckgo, Bing, etc)–
 - Strengths: Allow users to **search and obtain extensive results** from the public domain
 - Weakness: Users have to deep dive into search results for more information, and information may come alternative sources (ie: news articles) instead from the root source (ie: parliamentary debate documents)

Project Scope

- ParliaGPT shall be built on two main features:
 - A **Retriever** that retrieves relevant parliamentary debate documents and pages
 - A **Text Generator** that provides a summarized response from the relevant parliamentary debate pages retrieved
- ParliaGPT will be deployed as a frontend user web-interface without the need for account setup or creation

Data Collection and Preparation

Data Sources:

- Official Report on parliamentary debates can be obtained from <https://www.parliament.gov.sg/>

System Overview

Deployment



Backend

Retriever



Chroma



SBERT.net



Hugging Face



DuckDB

Text Generator



**MISTRAL
AI_**

Data Processing



UNSTRUCTURED.IO

spaCy



User

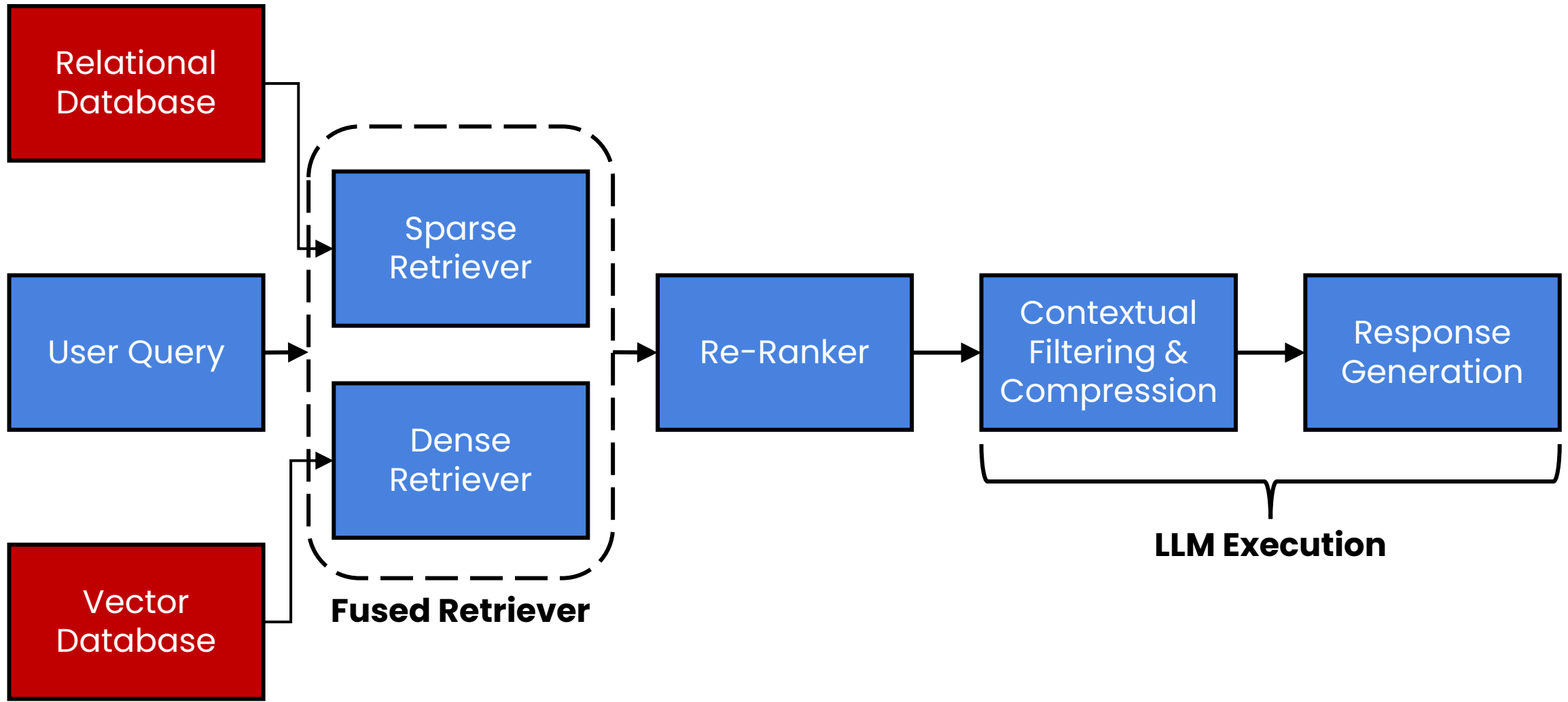
Interface

Frontend

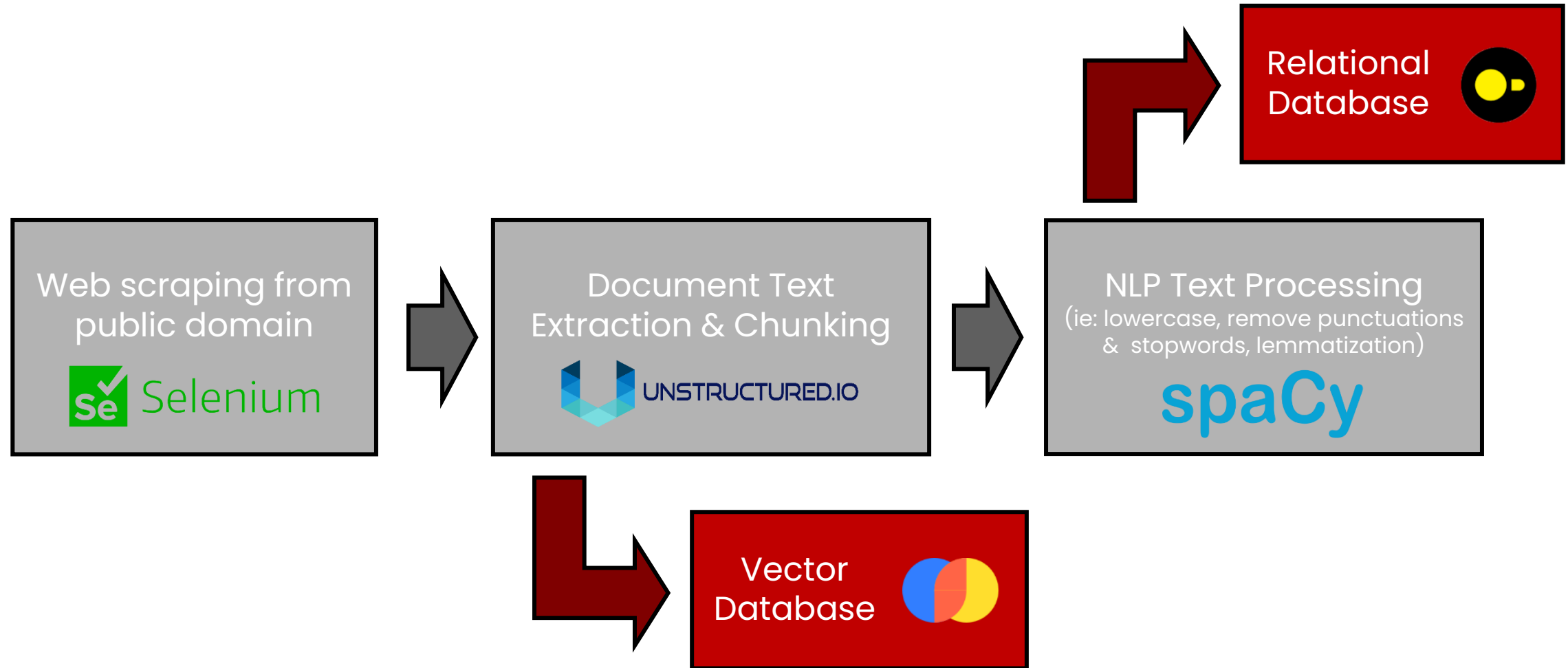


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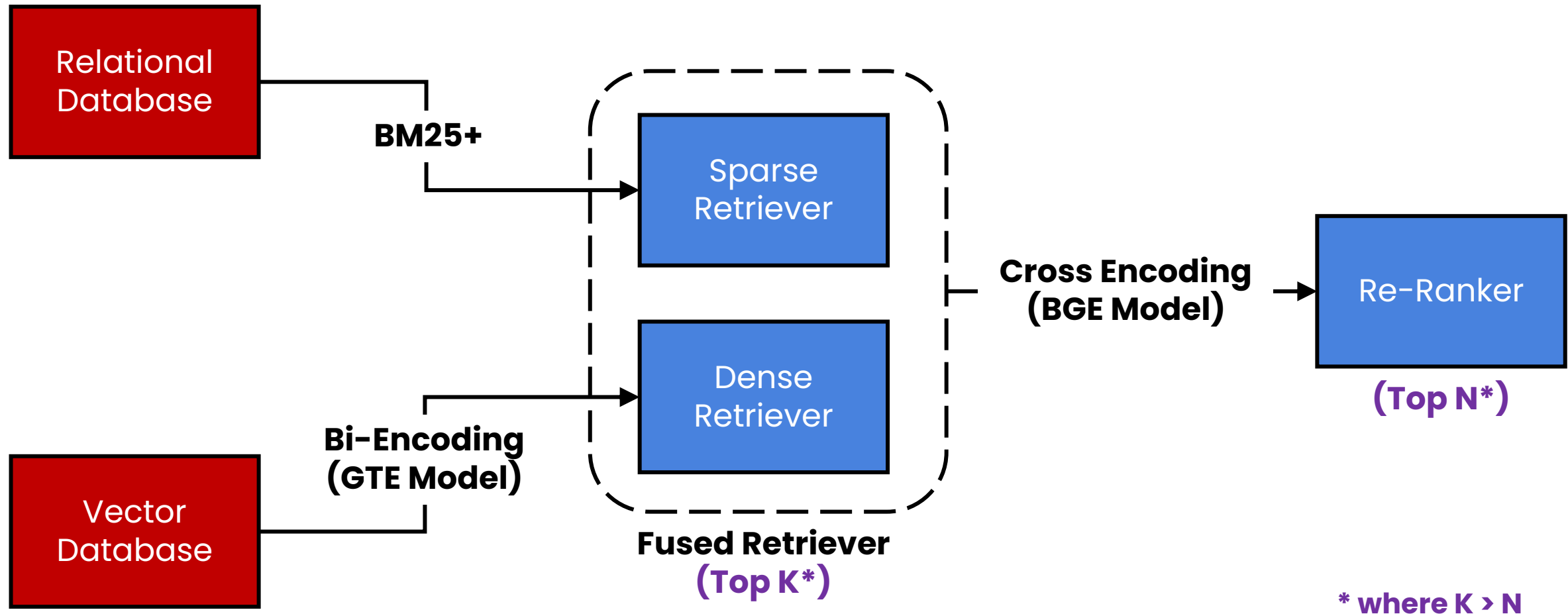
System Design – RAG Architecture



Implementation – Retrieval Databases

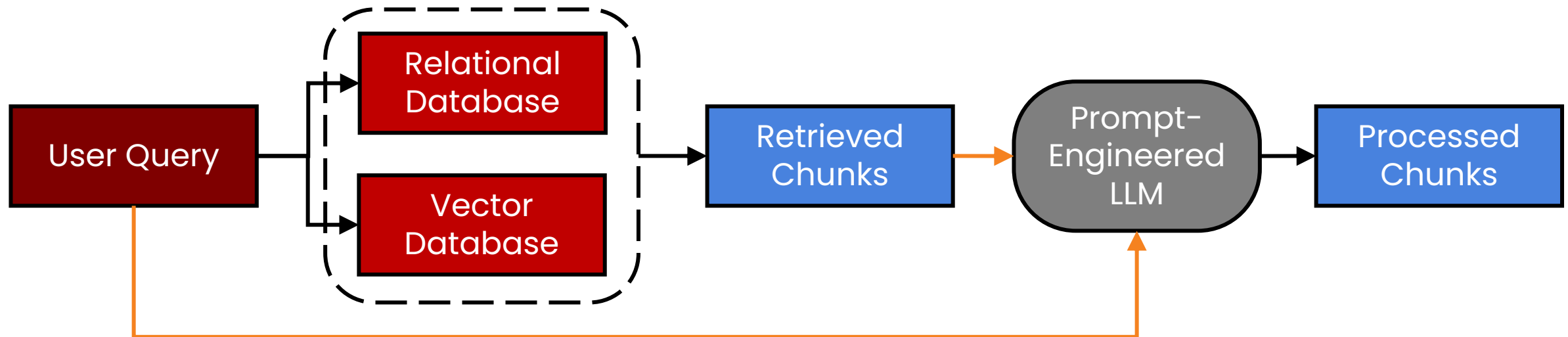


Implementation – Fused Retriever + Re-Ranker



Implementation – Contextual Filtering & Compression

- Retrieved chunks may contain information spanning multiple topics, including sub-chunks that are **not relevant** to users' query
- Retrieved chunks are processed by extracting sub-chunks relevant to the query through **prompt engineering**, before feeding into LLM for response generation



Future Work

- Improve text generator output by incorporating a **sub-query engine** that splits complex queries into simpler queries for processing
- Incorporate a **voting mechanism** that allows users to provide that feedback on the quality of responses provided by the FAQ Bot
- Create a more polished **user interface** with additional features (ie: Accept voice inputs, Provide top N queries made)

Conclusion

- In summary, ParliaGPT is an FAQ Bot that **transforms** the way that the general public, students and academics can gain access to parliamentary debate documents

The End

Thank You! :)