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Property Witch Developer Manual v3.0

AI-Powered Portuguese Real Estate Assistant

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1. Overview

Property Witch is an AI-powered real estate search assistant focused on Portuguese properties. It uses natural language processing to understand user queries, fetches listings from OLX Portugal, and provides intelligent analysis of each property.

Key Capabilities

Feature	Description
Natural Language Search	“Find me a 2-bedroom apartment in Lisbon under 200k”
AI Intent Detection	Understands context, follow-ups, and refinements
Smart Analysis	Detailed property analysis for <=10 results, brief for >10
Scheduled Indexing	Auto-indexes 8,000+ listings every 4 hours
Portugal Expertise	Understands “urbano” vs “rustico” land classifications

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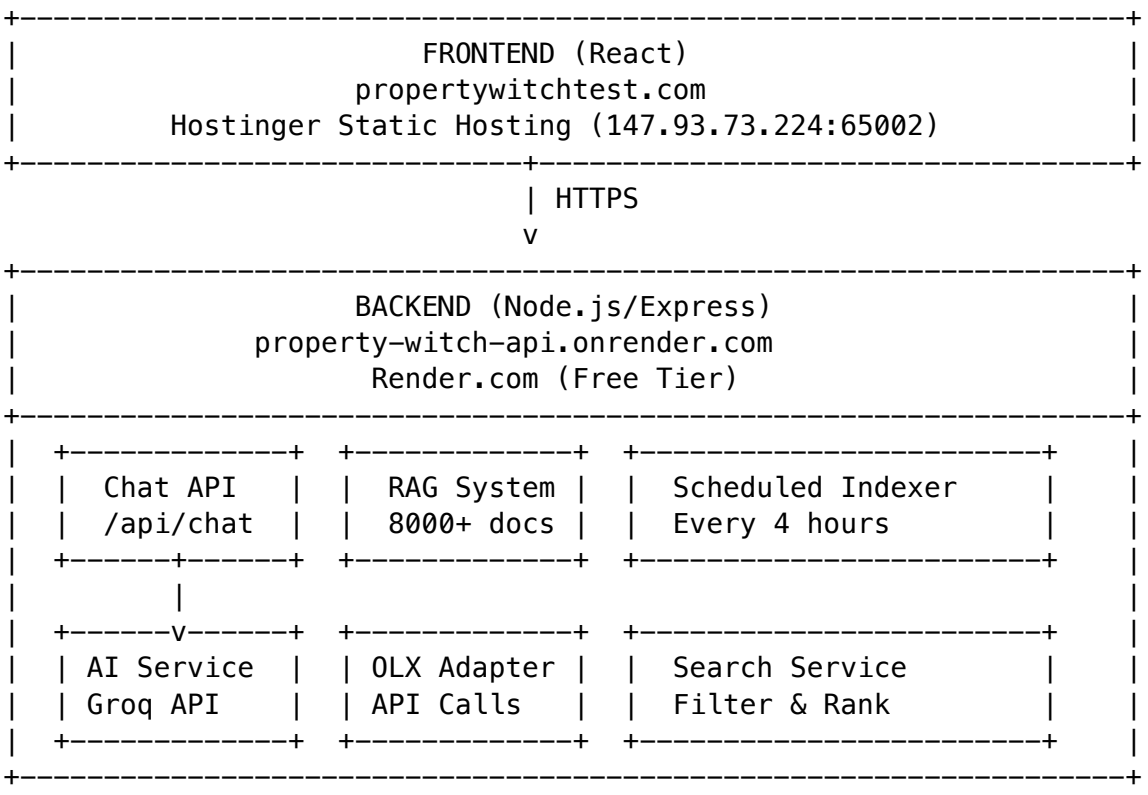
2. Architecture



Tech Stack

Layer	Technology
Frontend	React 18 + TypeScript + Vite
Backend	Node.js + Express + TypeScript
AI Provider	Groq API (llama-3.3-70b-versatile)
Data Source	OLX Portugal API
Hosting (Frontend)	Hostinger
Hosting (Backend)	Render.com

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3. Features

3.1 AI-Powered Intent Detection

The system uses AI to understand user intent, not hardcoded regex patterns:

```
// User says: "narrow down within 60m2 range"
// AI detects:
{
  intent: "pick_from_results",
  extractedFilters: { area: 60 },
  selectionCriteria: "filter by area closest to 60m2"
}
```

Supported Intents:

- `search` - New property search
- `refine_search` - Modify previous search
- `pick_from_results` - Select from current results
- `conversation` - General chat/questions
- `follow_up` - Questions about shown listings

3.2 Adaptive Analysis Depth

Results Count	Analysis Type	Description
<= 10 listings	**Detailed**	4-6 sentences covering price, location, features, pros/cons
> 10 listings	**Brief**	2-3 sentences with key match info

3.3 Portuguese Land Classification

Critical for construction queries:

- **Urbano** (Urban) - Can build
- **Rustico** (Rural) - Cannot build (agricultural only)

The AI automatically detects and warns about land types.

3.4 Auto-Expanding Input

The chat textarea automatically grows as you type, with a max height of 200px.

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4. Setup & Installation

Prerequisites

- Node.js 18+
- npm or yarn
- Groq API key (free at console.groq.com)

Local Development

```
# Clone the repository
git clone https://github.com/eduartgeorgia/propertywitch.git
cd propertywitch

# Setup backend
cd server
cp .env.example .env
# Edit .env and add your GROQ_API_KEY
npm install
npm run dev

# In another terminal — setup frontend
cd web
npm install
npm run dev
```

Open http://localhost:5173

Environment Variables

```
# server/.env
PORT=3001
GROQ_API_KEY=gsk_xxxxxxxxxxxxx
NODE_ENV=development

# Optional: Ollama fallback
OLLAMA_URL=http://localhost:11434
```

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5. Deployment

Backend (Render.com)

1. Connect GitHub repo to Render
2. Create new Web Service
3. Settings:
    - Build Command: `cd server && npm install && npm run build`
    - Start Command: `cd server && node dist/server.js`
    - Add env var: `GROQ_API_KEY`

Frontend (Hostinger)

```
# Build frontend
cd web
npm run build

# Deploy to Hostinger
sshpass -p 'YOUR_PASSWORD' scp -P 65002 -r dist/* \
  u805002786@147.93.73.224:~/domains/propertywitchtest.com/public_html/
```

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6. API Reference

POST /api/chat

Main chat endpoint for all interactions.

Request:

```
{
  "message": "apartments in lisbon under 300k",
  "mode": "auto",
  "threadId": "uuid-thread-id",
  "userLocation": {
    "lat": 38.7223,
    "lng": -9.1393,
    "city": "Lisbon",
    "currency": "EUR"
  }
}
```

Response:

```
{
  "type": "search",
  "intentDetected": "search",
  "message": "I found 35 apartments in Lisbon...",
  "searchResult": {
    "listings": [...],
    "matchType": "exact",
    "appliedPriceRange": { "min": 0, "max": 300000 }
  },
  "threadId": "uuid-thread-id"
}
```

GET /api/chat/ai/health

Check AI backend status.

GET /api/rag/status

Get RAG system statistics (indexed listings count).

POST /api/rag/initialize

Manually trigger RAG reindexing.

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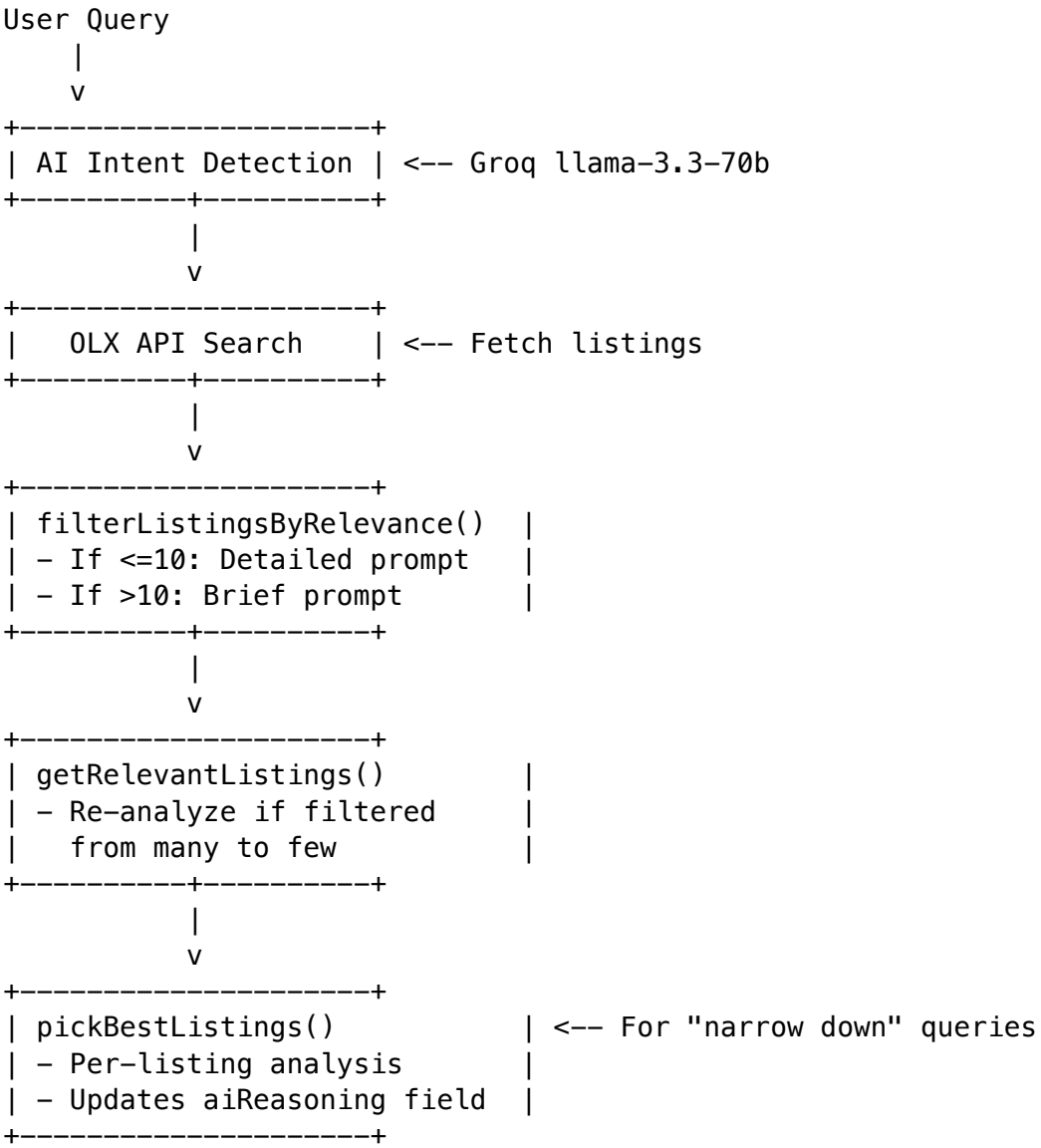
7. AI Analysis System

Analysis Flow



Key Functions

Function	Purpose
`detectIntent()`	AI-powered intent classification
`filterListingsByRelevance()`	Analyze listings with AI
`buildAnalysisPrompt()`	Create detailed or brief prompts
`analyzeListingsLocally()`	Fallback when AI unavailable
`pickBestListings()`	Handle “narrow down” / “choose X”
`getRelevantListings()`	Re-analyze when results shrink

Analysis Config

```
const AI_ANALYSIS_CONFIG = {
  maxListingsForAI: 20,        // Skip AI if more than this
  analysisTimeoutMs: 60000,    // 60 second timeout
  enableAIAnalysis: true,
  detailedAnalysisThreshold: 10 // Detailed if <= this
};
```

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8. Scheduled Indexer

Automatically indexes listings every 4 hours.

Coverage

Cities (10): - Lisbon, Porto, Faro, Braga, Coimbra - Setubal, Aveiro, Leiria, Evora, Funchal

Query Types (9): - Apartments, Houses, Land, Rooms - Commercial, Farms, Garages, Offices, Warehouses

Filters

- **Max Age:** 3 months (filters out old listings)
- **Deduplication:** By listing ID

Stats

Current index: **~8,500 listings**

Manual Trigger

```
curl -X POST https://property-witch-api.onrender.com/api/rag/initialize
```

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9. Configuration

Frontend Config (web/src/App.tsx)

```
const API_URL = "https://property-witch-api.onrender.com";
```

CORS Config (server/src/index.ts)

```
const corsOptions = {
  origin: [
    "http://localhost:5173",
    "https://propertywitchtest.com",
    "https://www.propertywitchtest.com"
  ]
};
```

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10. Troubleshooting

"Waking up server..."

Cause: Render free tier sleeps after 15 min inactivity.

Solution: The frontend has retry logic with exponential backoff.

AI Analysis Too Short

Check: 1. Is the listing count <= 10? (triggers detailed mode) 2. Is `pickBestListings()` being used? (for "narrow down" queries) 3. Check server logs: `[AI Analysis] Mode: DETAILED/BRIEF`

"fetch failed" Errors

Cause: OLX API rate limiting or network issues.

Solution: Built-in retry with exponential backoff (up to 3 retries).

Input Not Clearing

Fixed in v3.0: Input clears immediately on submit, not in `finally` block.

m2 vs EUR Confusion

Fixed in v3.0: AI distinguishes area (m2) from price (EUR) contextually.

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11. Project Structure

```
aipa/
|-- server/
|   |-- src/
|   |   |-- index.ts           # Express app entry
|   |   |-- routes/
|   |   |   |-- chat.ts        # Main chat endpoint
|   |   |   +-- rag.ts         # RAG management
|   |   |-- services/
|   |   |   |-- aiService.ts   # AI analysis (MAIN LOGIC)
|   |   |   |-- searchService.ts
|   |   |   |-- scheduledIndexer.ts
|   |   |   +-- rag/           # RAG system
|   |   +-- adapters/
|   |       +-- olxAdapter.ts  # OLX API integration
|   +-- data/
|       +-- rag/               # Indexed listings JSON
|-- web/
|   |-- src/
|   |   |-- App.tsx            # Main React component
|   |   |-- styles.css         # Tailwind + custom styles
|   |   +-- types.ts
|   +-- index.html
+-- README.md
```

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12. Version History

Version	Date	Changes
3.0	Feb 2025	AI intent detection, adaptive analysis, pickBestListings fix
2.0	Jan 2025	Scheduled indexer, RAG system, Groq integration
1.0	Dec 2024	Initial release, OLX adapter, basic search

Contributing

1. Fork the repository
2. Create a feature branch
3. Make changes
4. Test locally
5. Submit a pull request

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