



Beaver: An enterprise benchmark for Text-to-SQL

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Enterprise Text-to-SQL is significantly more challenging than public datasets because of its greater query and schema complexity, yet addressing it is essential for enabling real-world enterprise adoption.

Challenges of enterprise text-to-SQL

1 High query complexity due to nesting and joins

User intent: A librarian wants to report statistics about the library.

User task: For each department, list the name of the department, ..., the total number of materials available in the library for the department, the total number of instructors per library book for the department, and the total number of available materials across all departments.

WITH TIPMaterials AS (SELECT tm.TITLE AS TIP Title, tm.ISBN AS TIP ISBN, tm.AUTHOR AS TIP AUTHOR, tso.OFFER DEPT NAME AS TIP Department FROM TIP MATERIAL tm JOIN TIP DETAIL td ON tm.TIP MATERIAL KEY = td.TIP MATERIAL KEY JOIN TIP SUBJECT OFFERED tso ON td.TIP_SUBJECT OFFERED KEY = tso.TIP SUBJECT OFFERED KEY) DepartmentMaterials JOIN ...

InstructorCounts AS (...)

DepartmentMaterials AS (...)

SELECT (...) FROM TIPMaterials JOIN InstructorCounts JOIN

2 High schema complexity due to domain-specific knowledge

User question: What is the building street address for Building 32?

| ID | Number | Name | Purpose |
|-------|--------|------------|---------|
| B1 | 68 | Heroic St. | Street |
| B1 | 32 | Hope St. | Mail |
| B2 | 54 | Bank St. | Package |
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Building_Address

Buildings

| ID | Name |
|-------|-------------------------|
| B1 | Student Center |
| B2 | Education Center |
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Predicted SQL statement using GPT-40

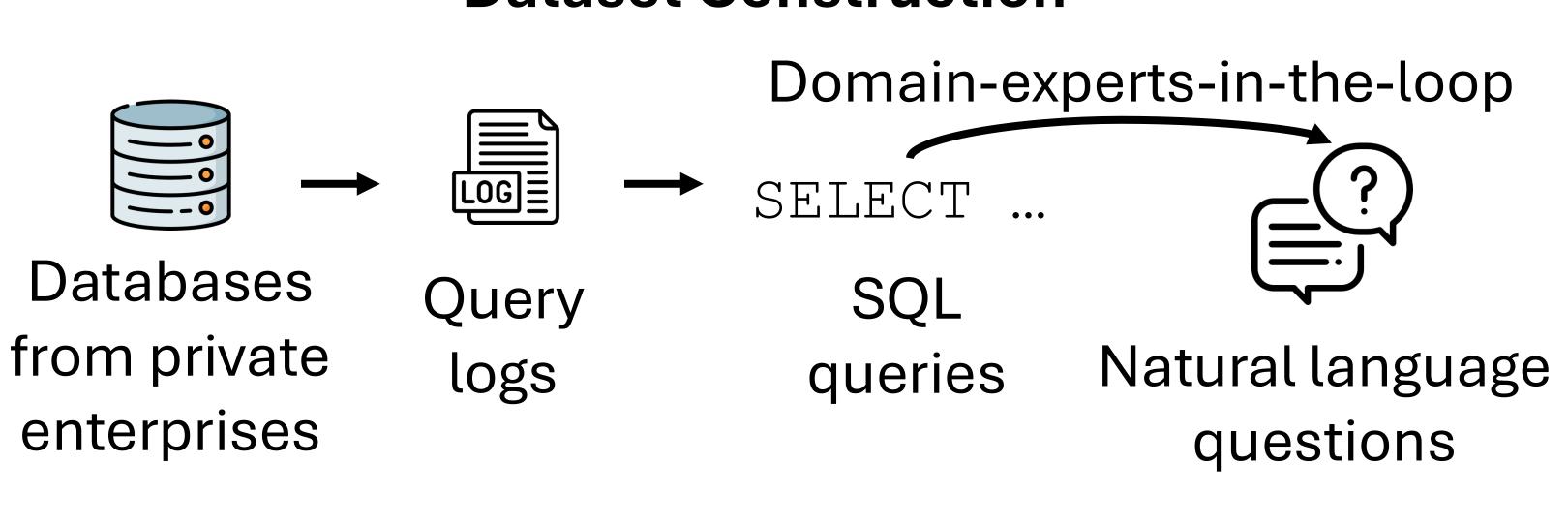
SELECT ba. Number ba.Name FROM Buildings Address ba JOIN Buildings b ON ba.ID = b.ID WHEREb.Name = 32

Gold SQL statement

SELECT ba. Number ba.Name FROM Buildings Address ba JOIN Buildings b ON ba.ID = b.ID WHERE ba.Purpose = 'Street' and b.Name = 'Stata Center'

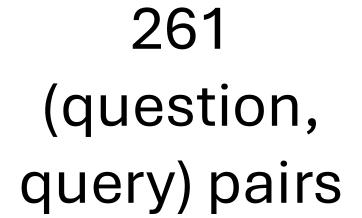
- Incorrect column mapping: GPT-40 is not aware that the same building can have multiple addresses for different purposes and thus failed to link street address to column *Purpose* and Instance 'Street'
- Incorrect instance mapping: GPT-40 cannot link Building 32 to Stata Center

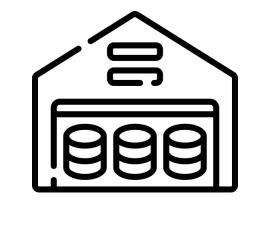
Dataset Construction



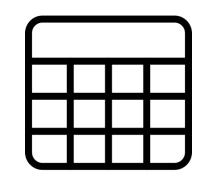
Dataset Statistics







3 data warehouses (covering 19 domains)



816 tables

Results

| Spider | Bird | BEAVER |
|--------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 69.5 | 30.9 | 3.83 |
| 69.9 | 28.6 | 4.21 |
| 71.7 | 27.7 | 1.92 |
| 60.3 | 25.8 | 1.15 |
| 51.1 | 13.8 | 0 |
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| | GPT | Qwen2.5-It | | Llama3.1-It | |
|---------------------|------|------------|-----------|-------------|------|
| | 4o | 72B | Coder-32B | 70B | 8B |
| Base | 3.83 | 4.21 | 1.92 | 1.15 | 0.0 |
| Base + GT | 7.28 | 6.13 | 4.21 | 5.36 | 0.77 |
| Base $+ GT + M$ | 8.43 | 6.90 | 8.05 | 2.30 | 2.68 |
| Base $+ GT + M + J$ | 10.3 | 8.05 | 7.66 | 5.75 | 4.21 |