


# AI-Agents

...under the hood



## What's an LLM?

 Pretend you're a medieval scribe accidentally given a modern tech support ticket.

*Adjusts medieval spectacles and unfurls modern support ticket on parchment*

Dearest troubled soul,

I, Brother Bartholomew of the Sacred Help Desk, have received thy electronic plea via messenger pigeon (or what thou callest "email"). Thou speaketh of an accursed "blue screen" that plagues thy computing device?

Verily, I shall guide thee through the sacred rituals of troubleshooting:

1. First, thou must perform the ancient rite of "turning it off and on again"
2. If the demons persist, we shall need to check thy "device manager" - though I confess, I know not if this requires eye of newt

Prithee respond with haste if these holy incantations do not banish thy technical woes.

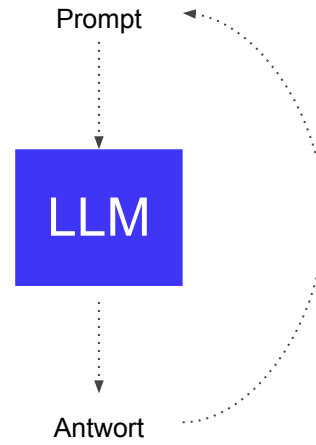
May thy bandwidth be plentiful,

Brother Bartholomew

Tech Support Monastery, Third Cubicle from the Left

*Adds illuminated border of frustrated users and tangled cables to ticket*

 Copy  Retry 



*LLM (e.g. ChatGPT)*

# What if the prompt requires you to...

... create a summary of multiple documents?

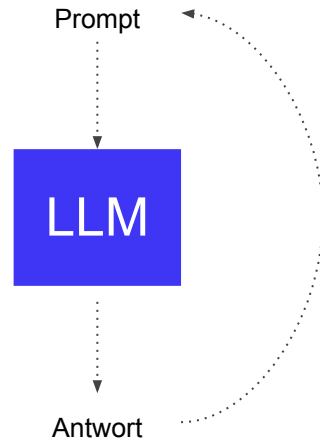
*“Provide a summary of our 2023 earnings”*

... query a database?

*“What were our top selling product categories in Q2?”*

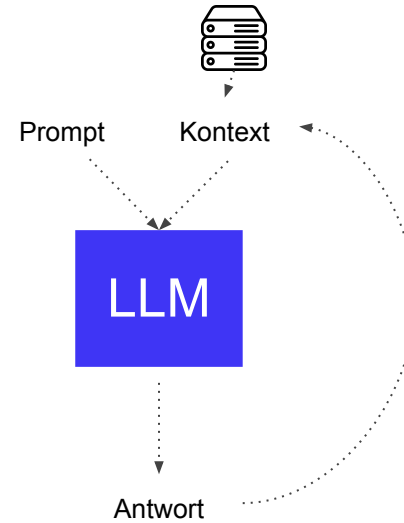
... break down the questions into multiple subquestions?

*“Compare our revenue growth between Q2 2023 and Q2 2024”*



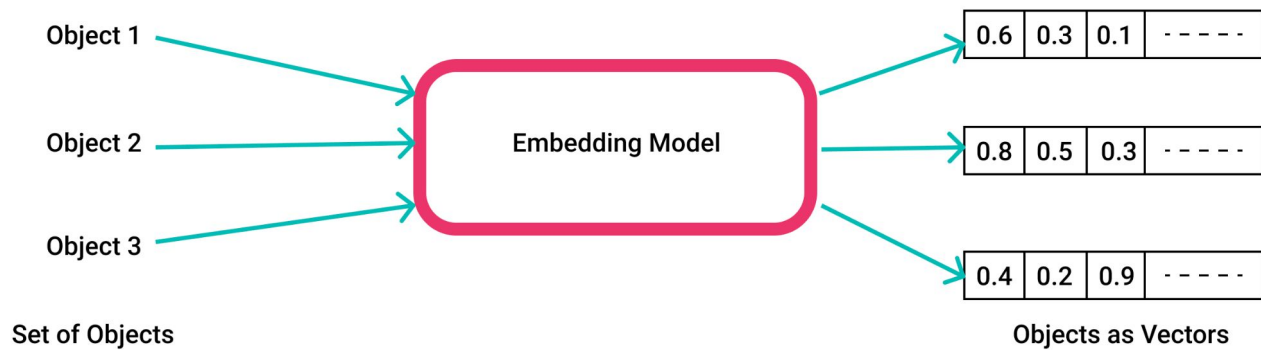
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## RAG



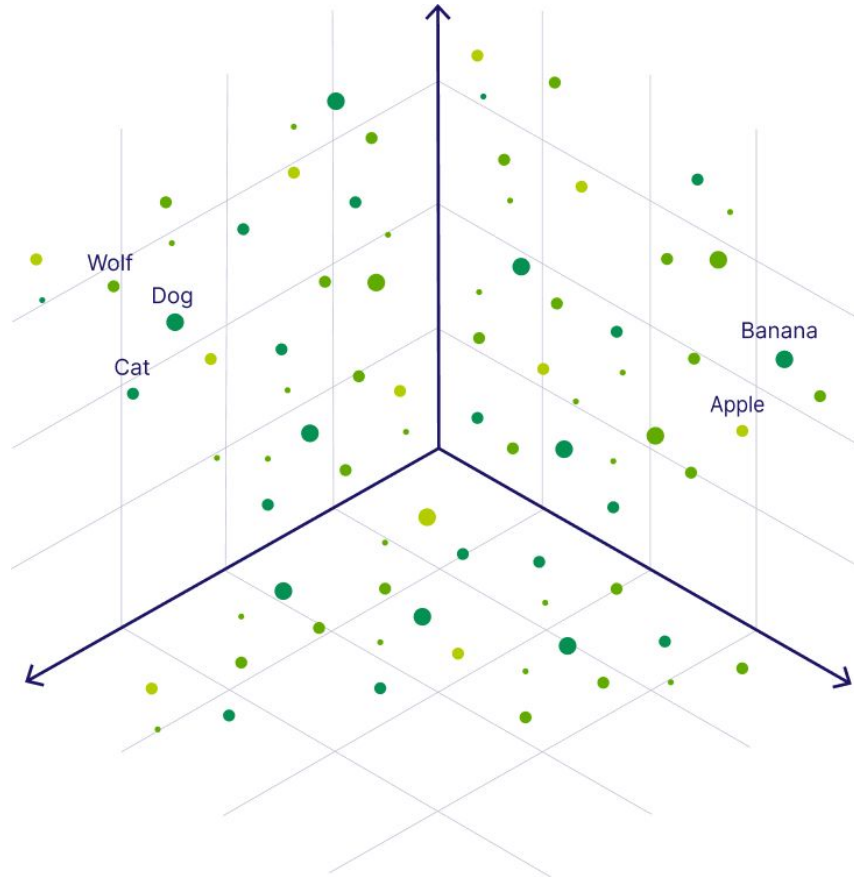
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## Excursion: Embedding Models

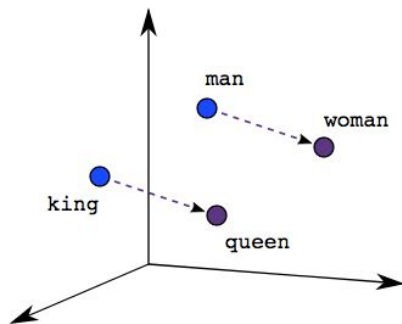


Embedding models translate text into meaning

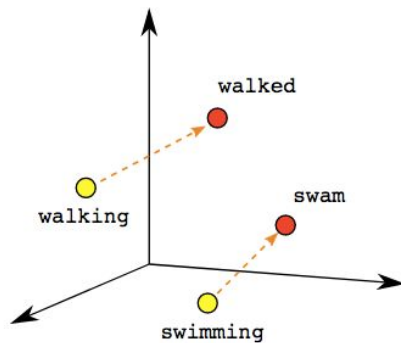
## Vector-space



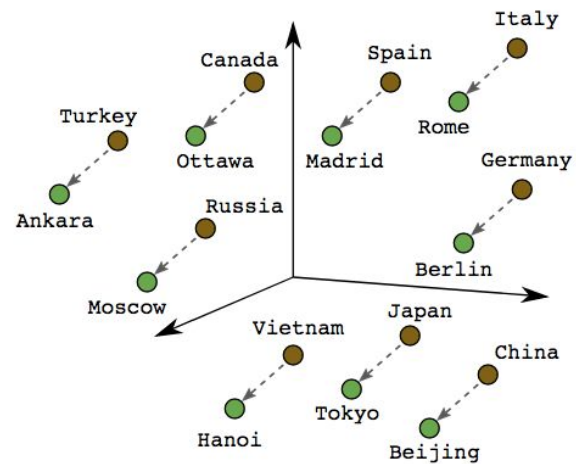
Semantically similar terms are close to each other



Male - Female



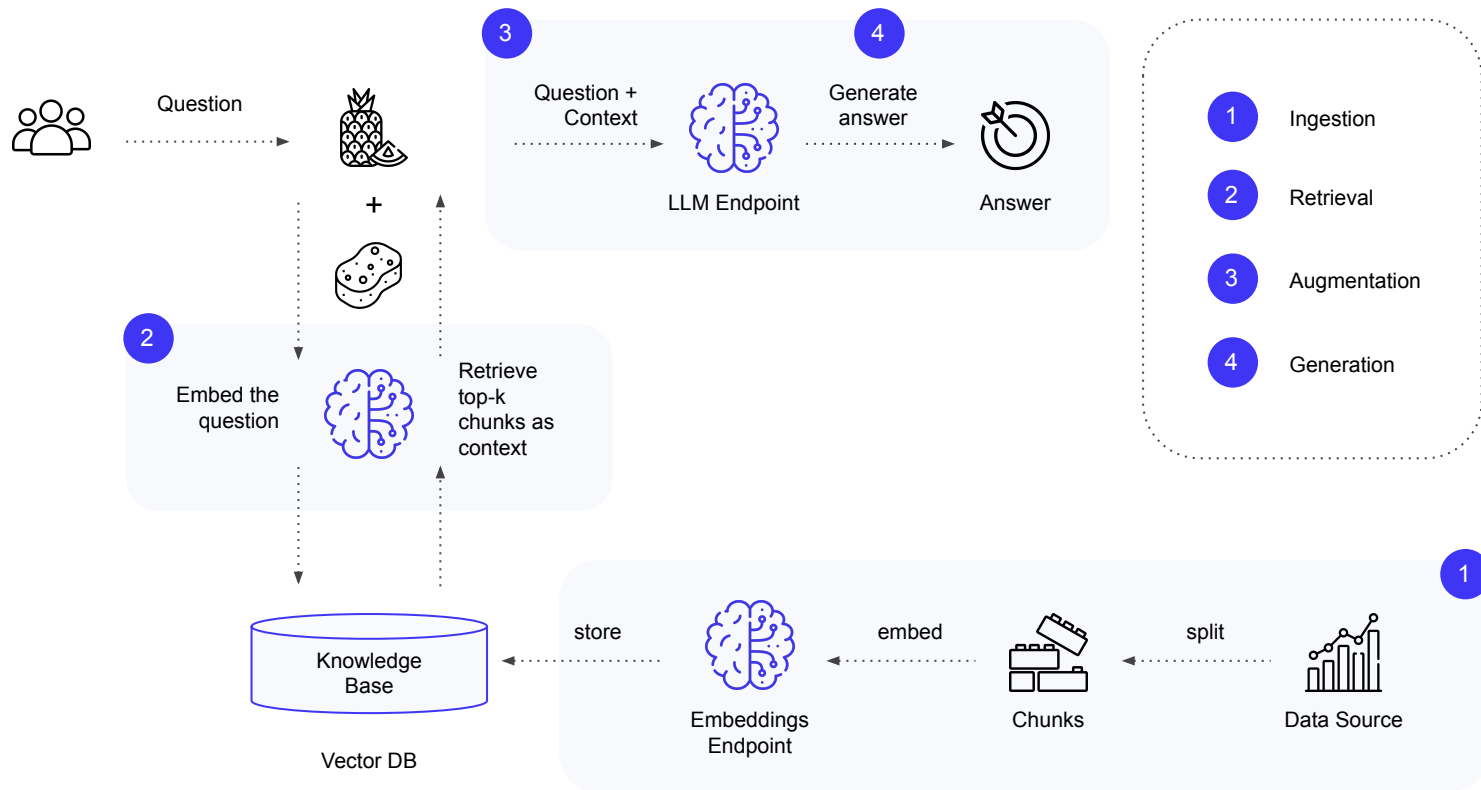
Verb Tense



Country - Capital



# Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) concept



# But what if the prompt requires you to...

... modify external data?

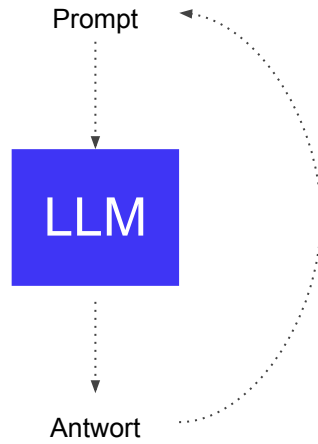
*“Create a JIRA ticket”*

... research the web?

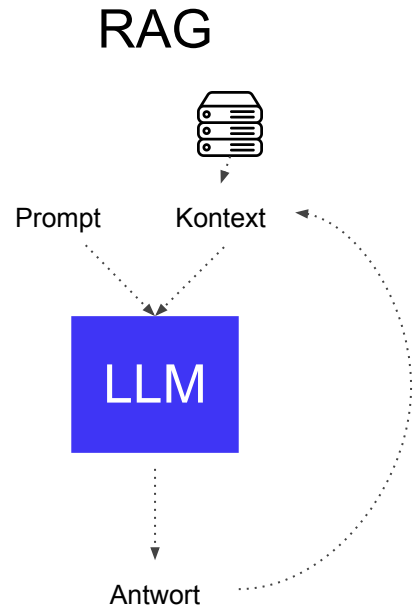
*“How’s the weather in Zagreb?”*

... reason about complex tasks?

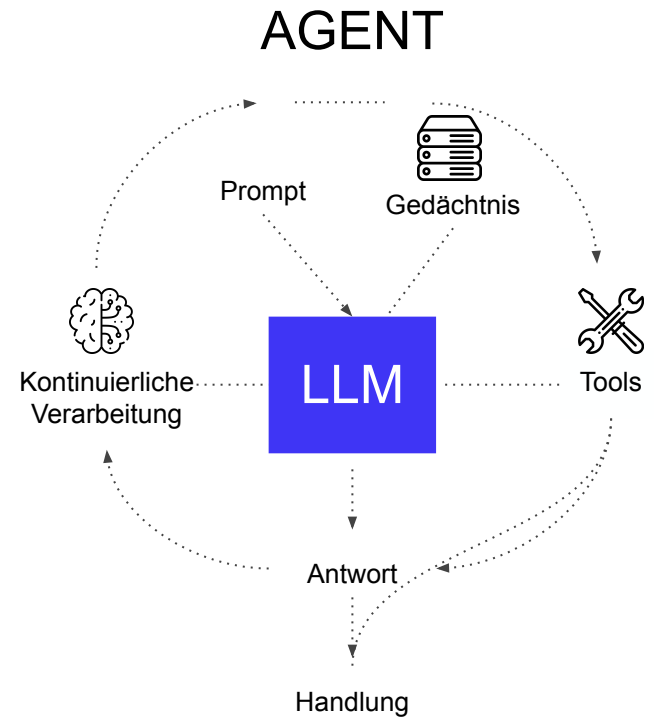
*“Find the best way to implement feature X into our product”*



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*Neue Ära: autonome Systeme*

# Agenticness: A gradual feature



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Environmental Complexity

How dynamic is the environment?

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Adaptability

How well does the system adapt to unforeseen situations?

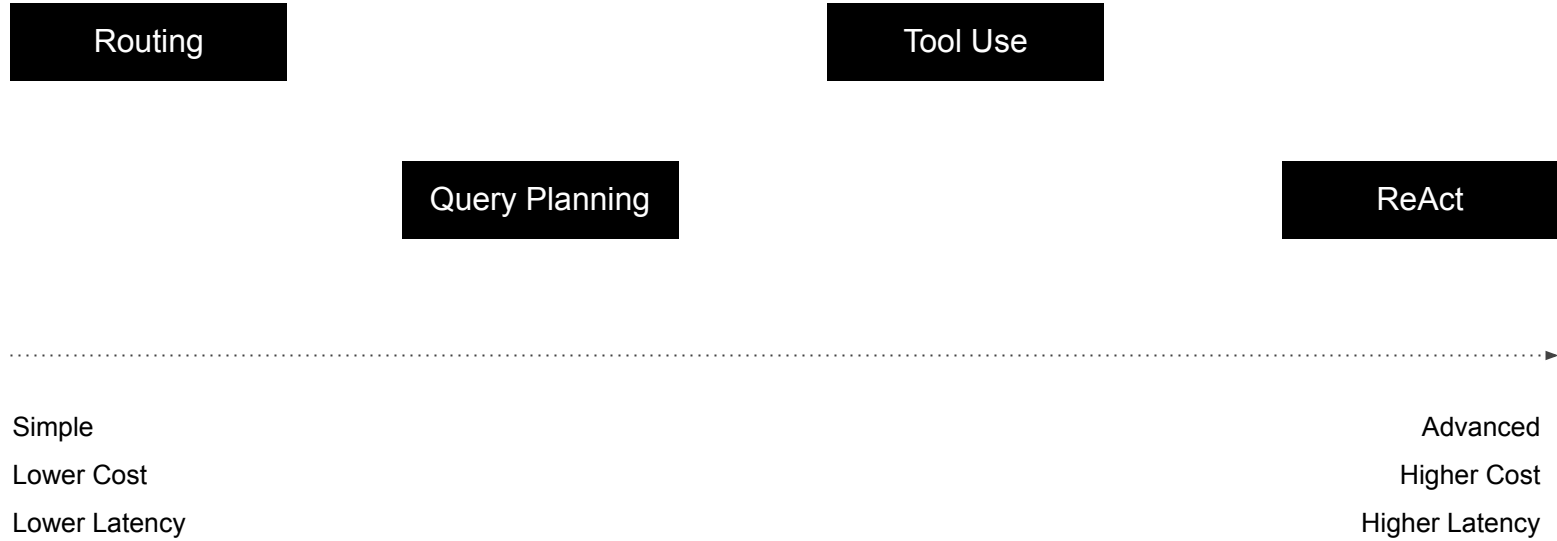
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Autonomy

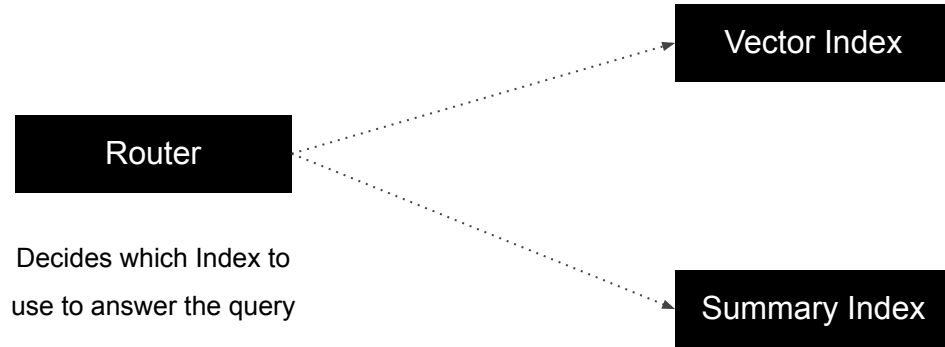
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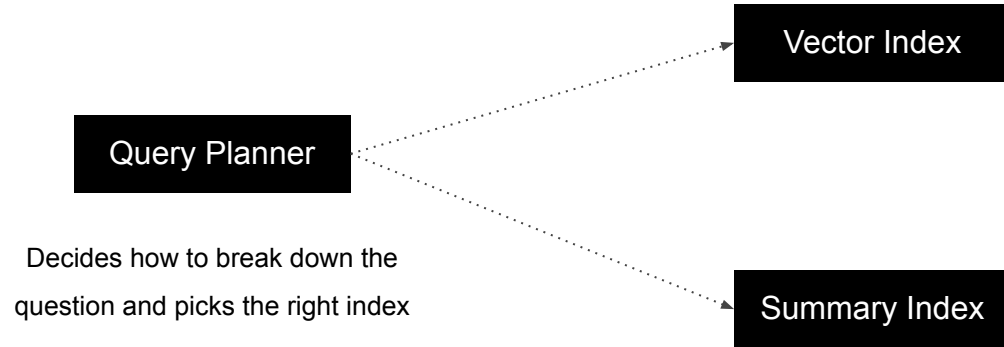
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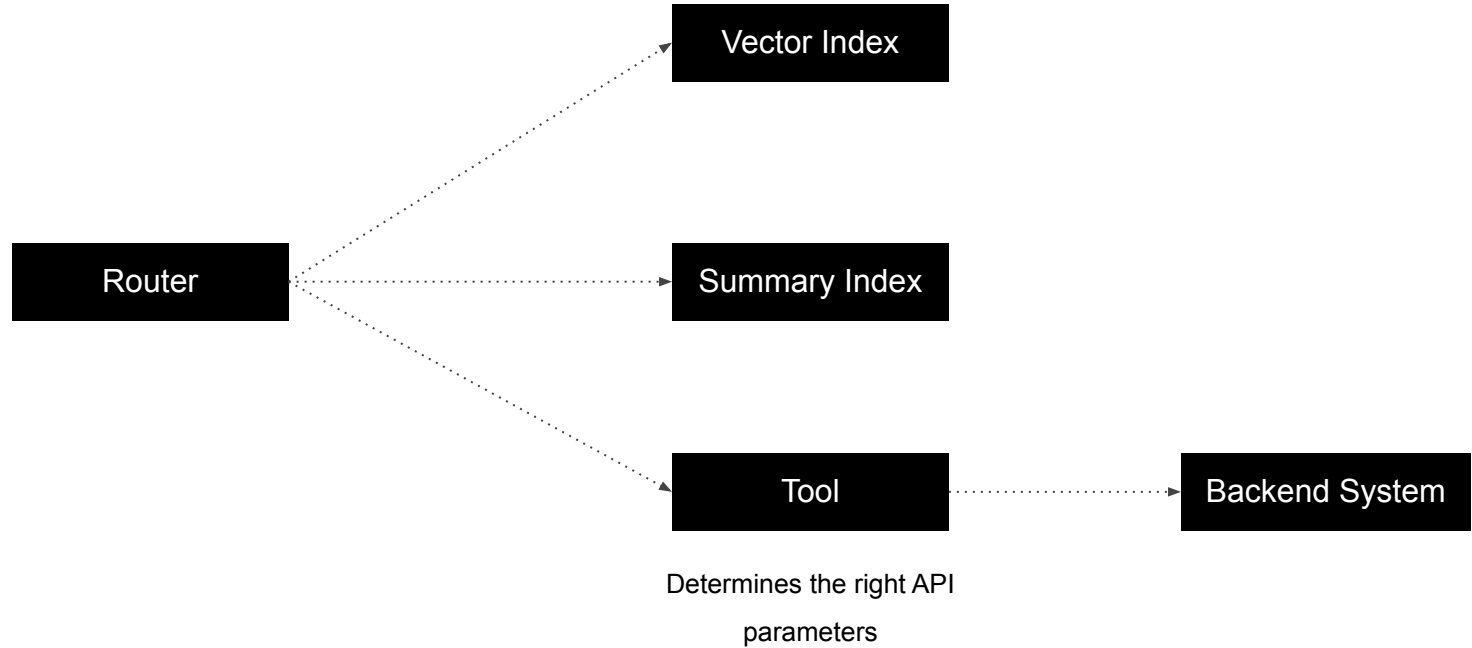
# Stage 1 - Router



## Stage 2 - Query planning

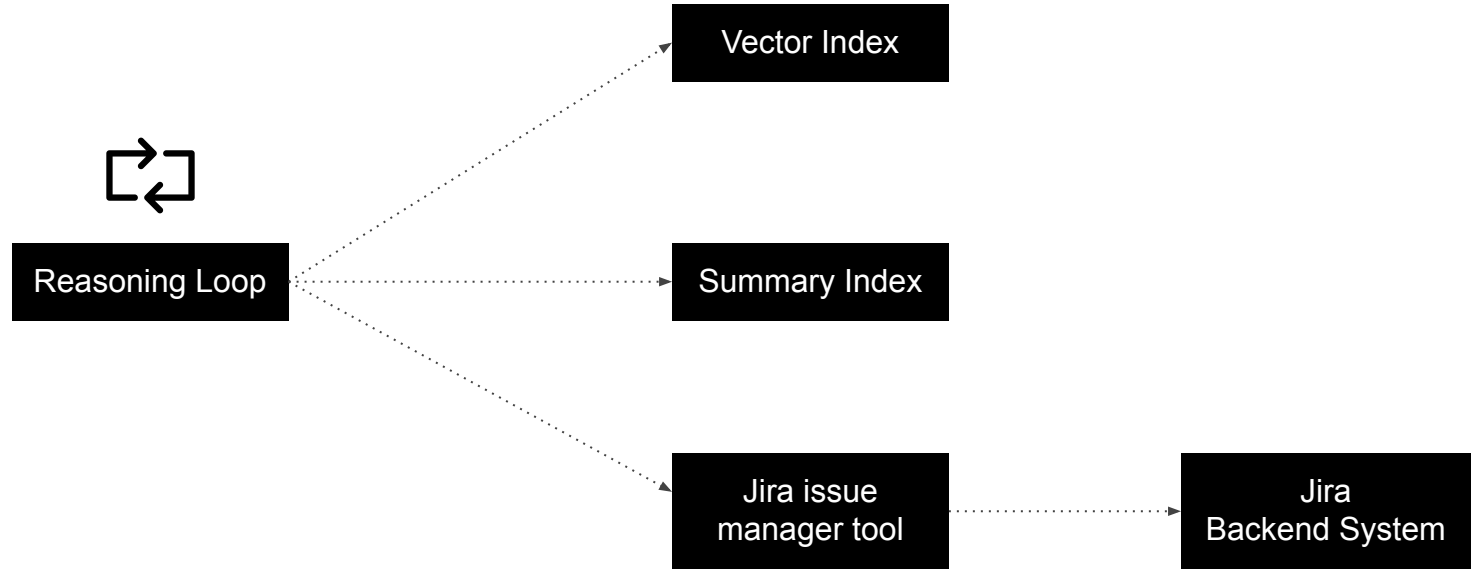


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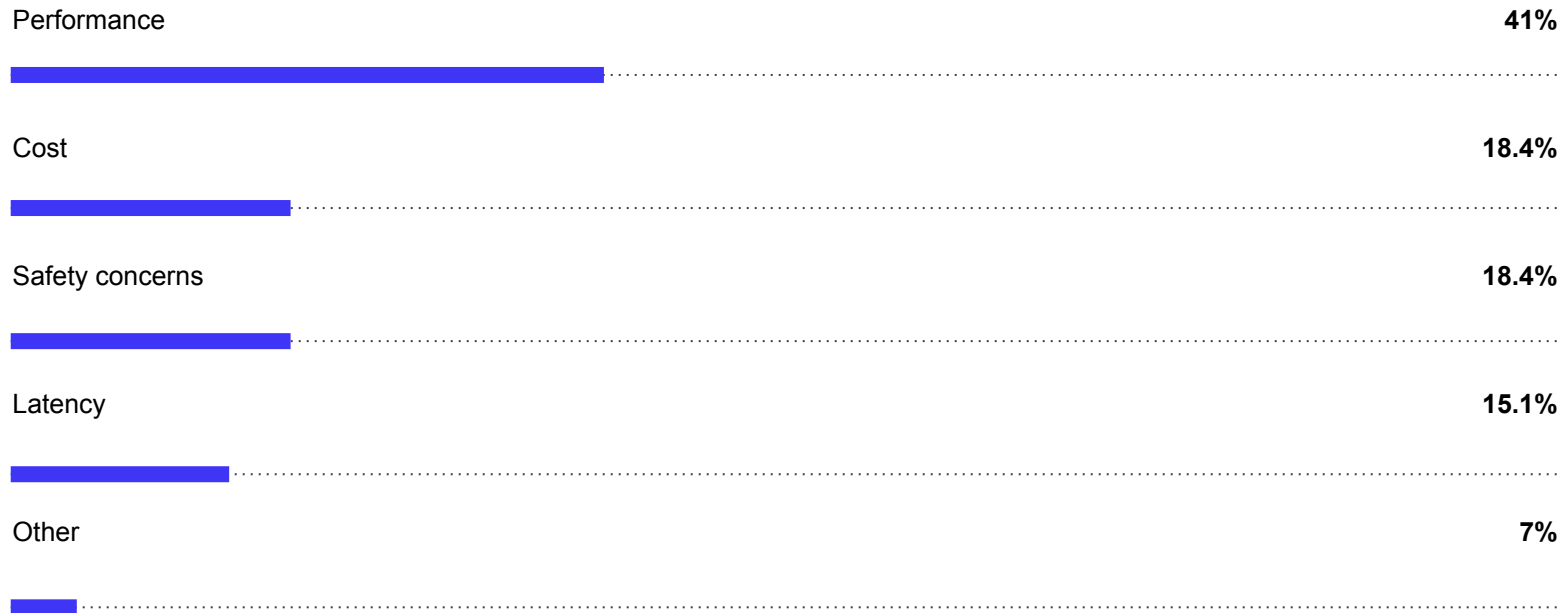




## Stage 3 - Tool Use



“What is your biggest limitation of putting more agents in production?”



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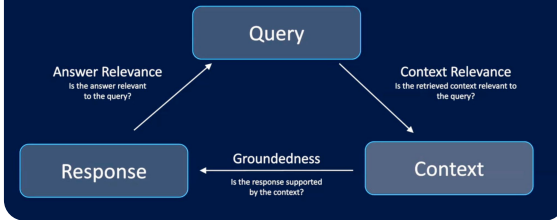
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# Solutions for better reliability

## Evaluating your RAG system



Evaluation tests

## Human in the loop / human evaluation

A screenshot of a human evaluation interface. On the left, an illustration of a person at a computer. On the right, a text-based evaluation task. The task asks if a response is relevant to a query about Barack Obama. The response is a detailed paragraph about his presidency. The interface includes checkboxes for 'Yes' and 'No', and a section for 'Explain your reasoning:'.

Q: Who is Barack Obama?

A: "Barack Obama is the 44th President of the United States, serving from 2009 to 2017."

Is this response relevant for the given prompt?

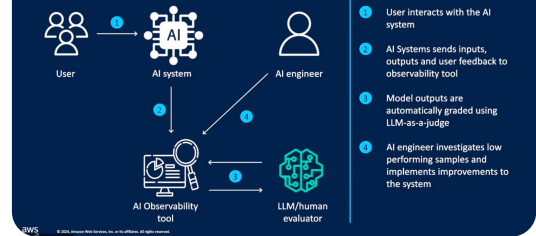
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Explain your reasoning:

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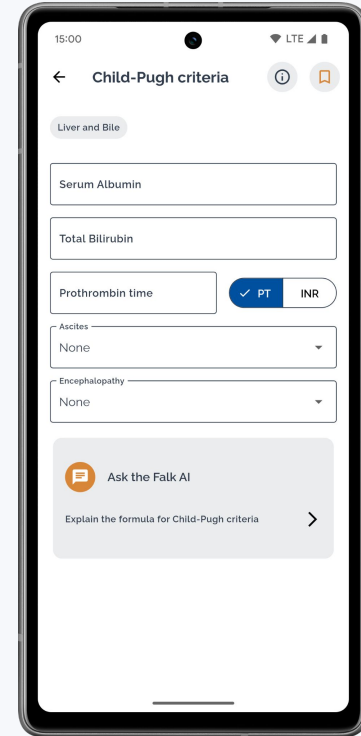
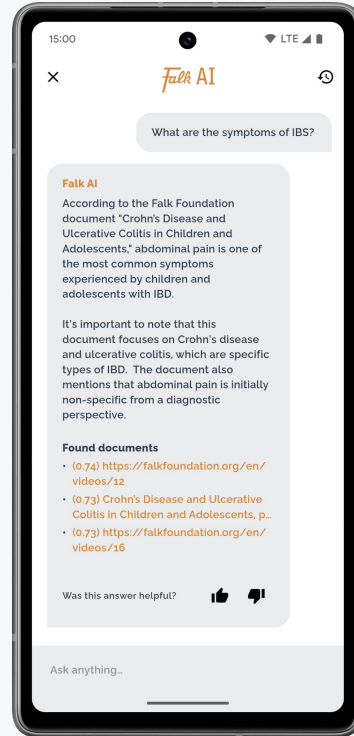
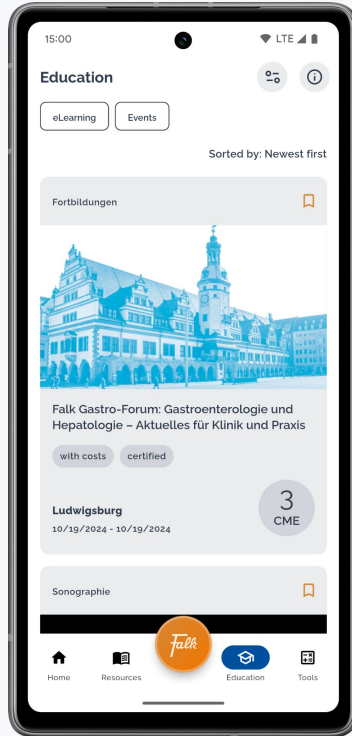
Human in the loop

## Building a feedback loop using AI observability



LLM as a Judge

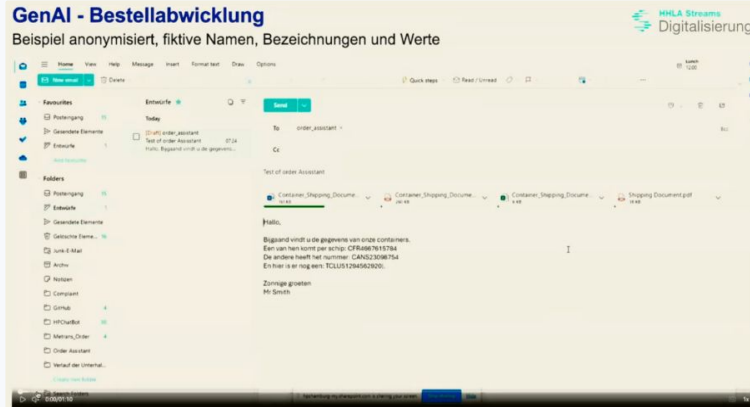
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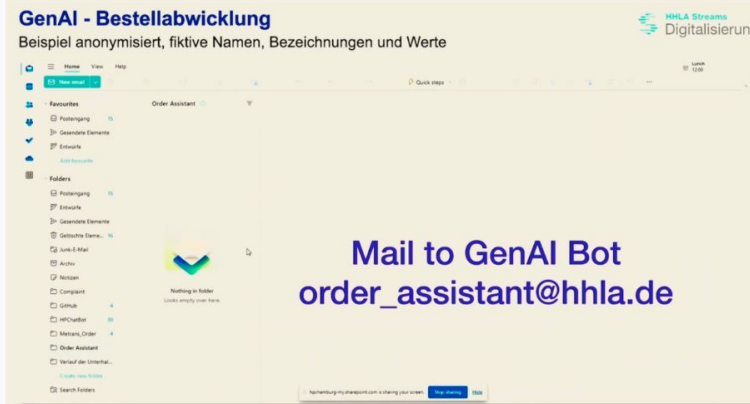
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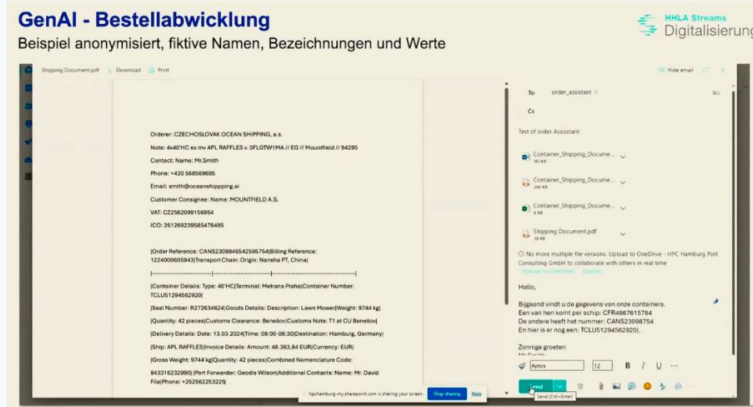
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>> Import to ERP System

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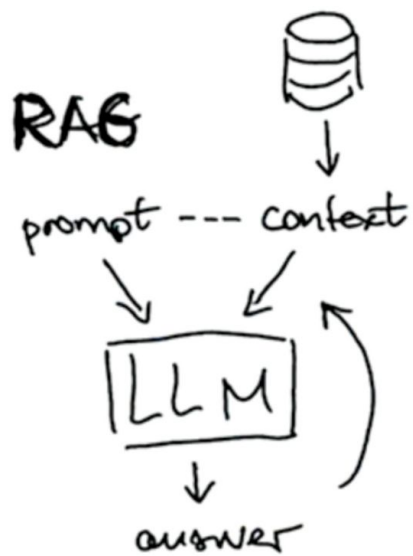
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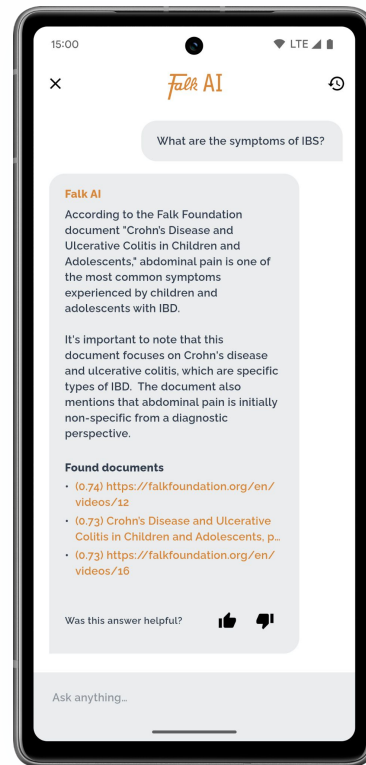
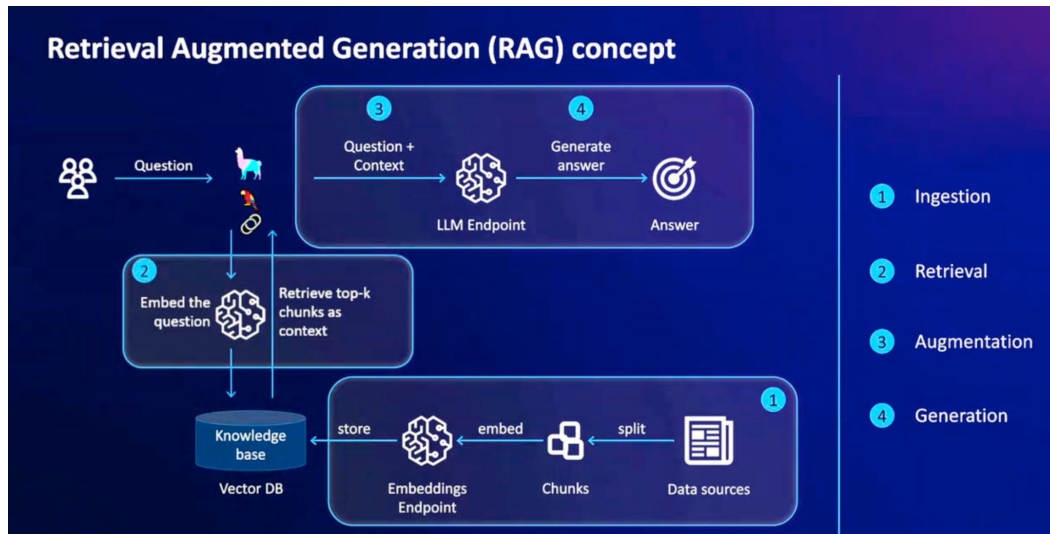
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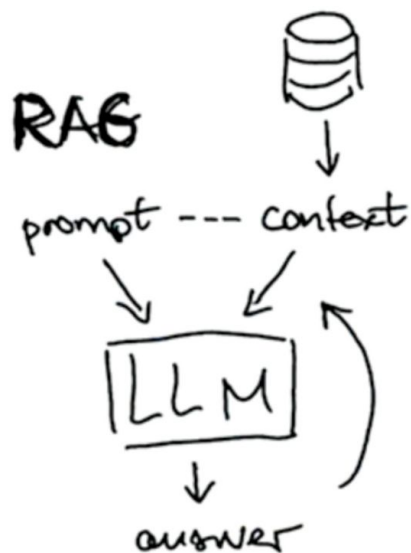




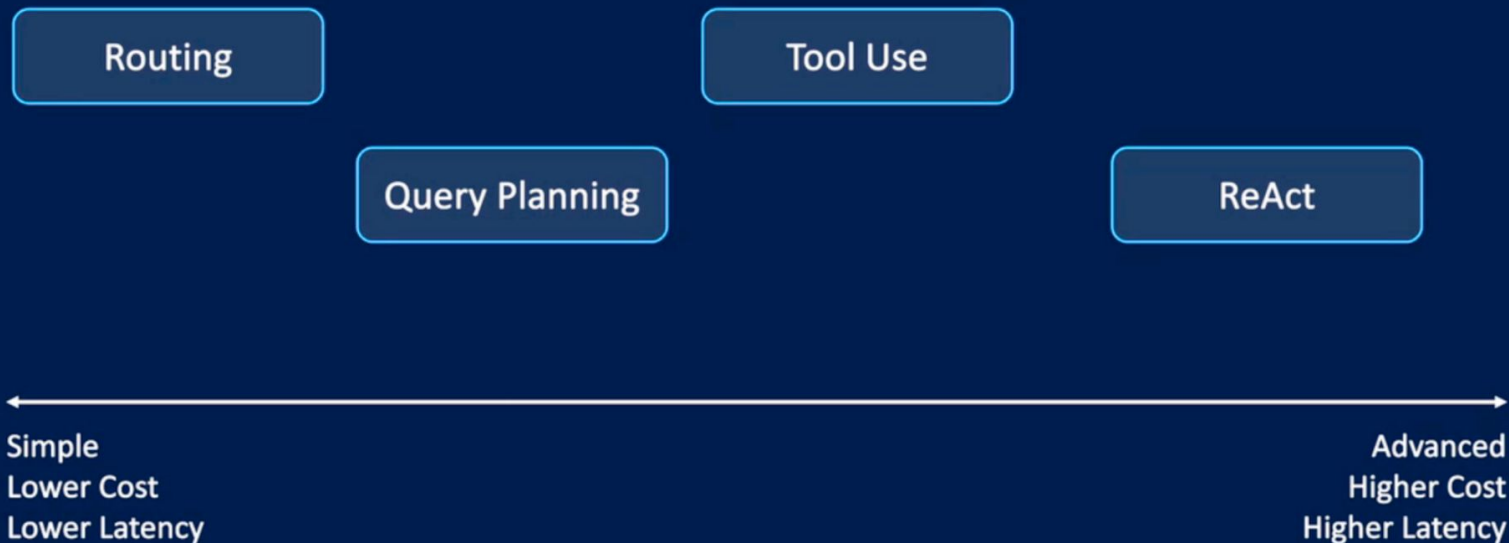


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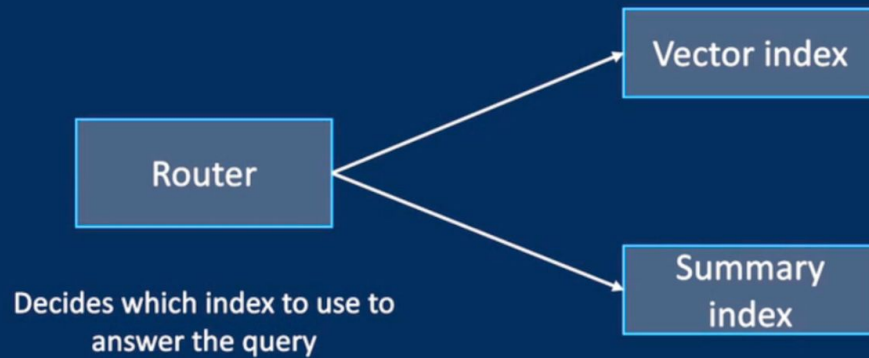




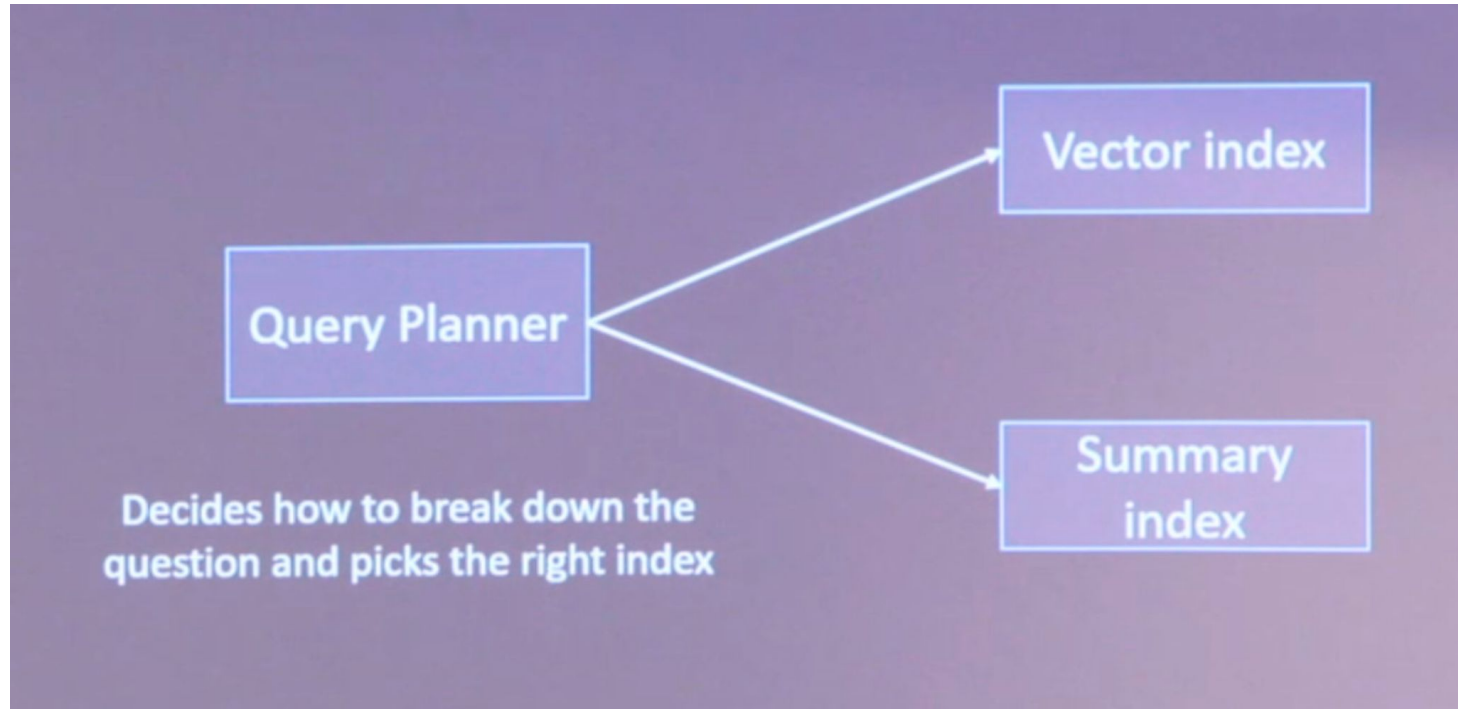
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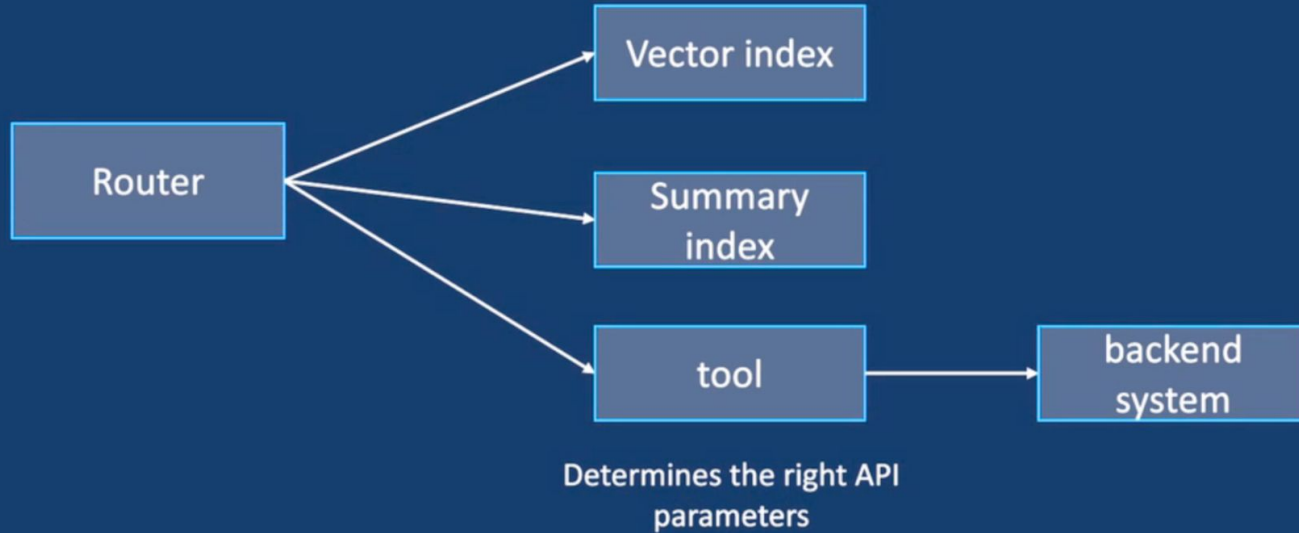
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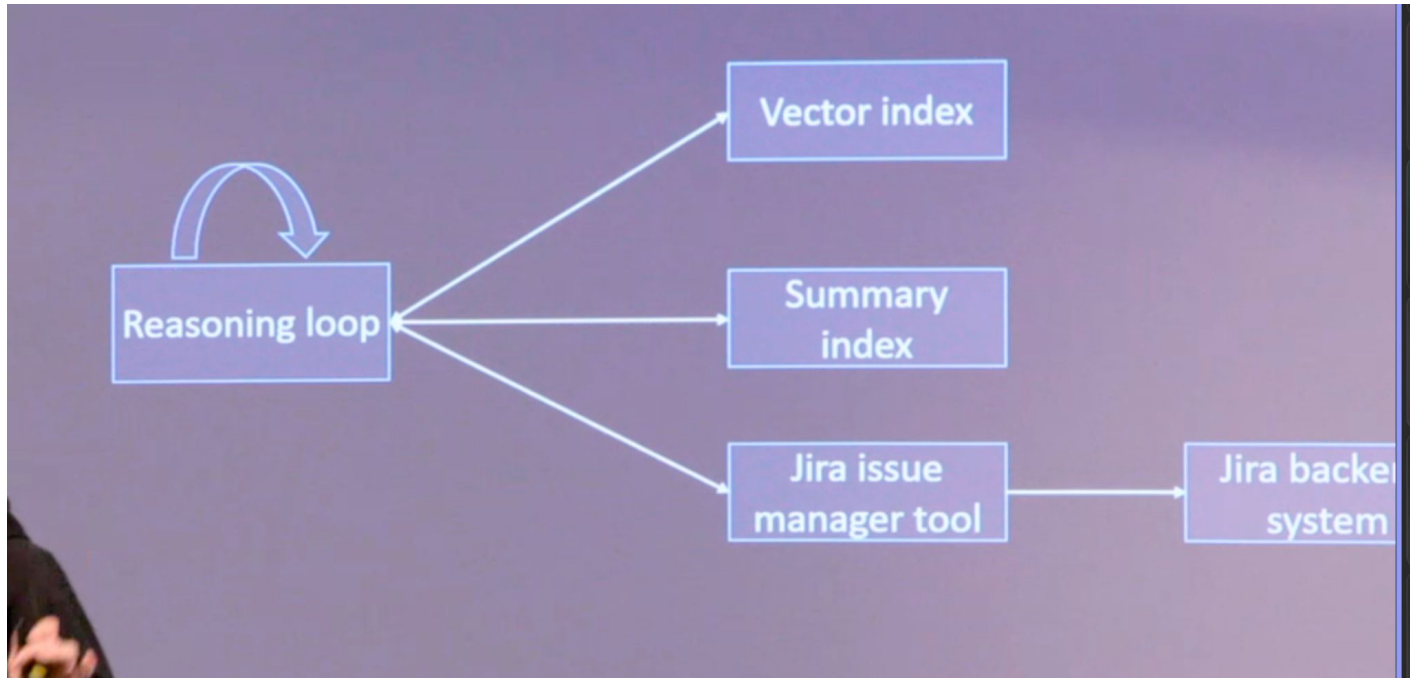


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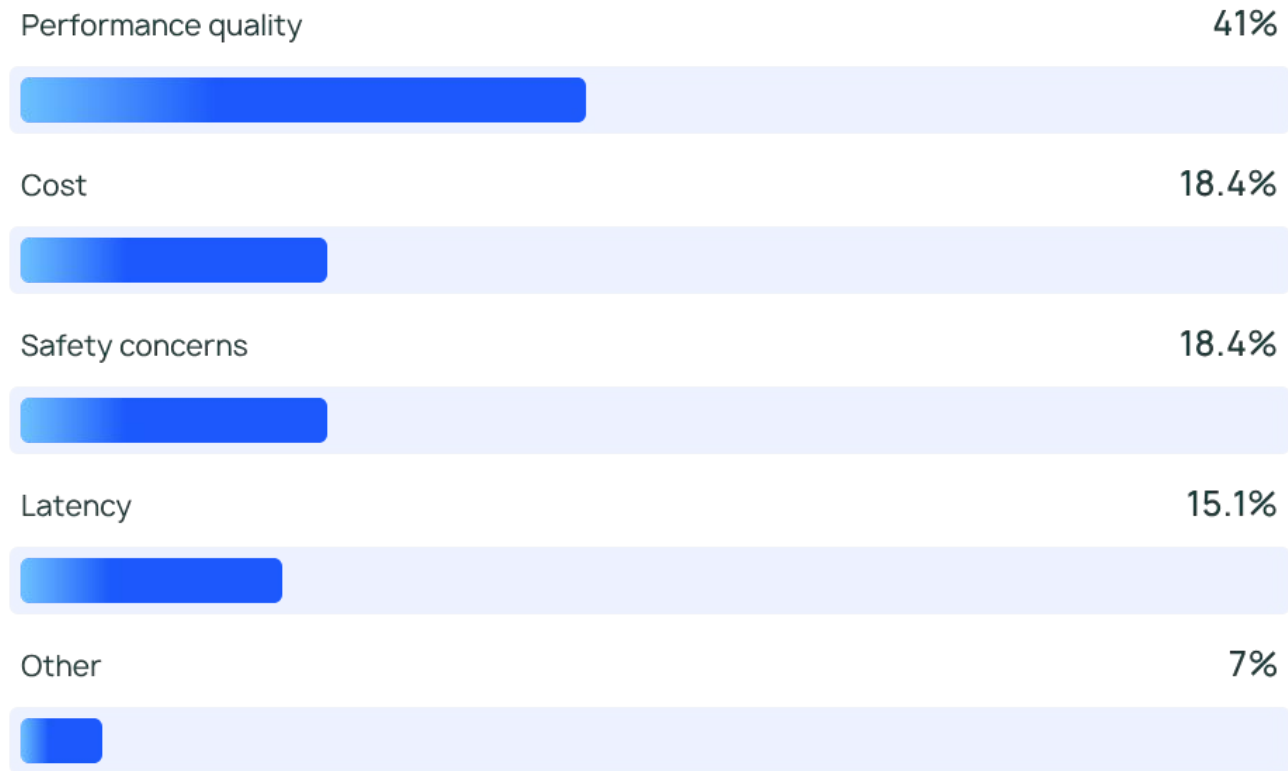




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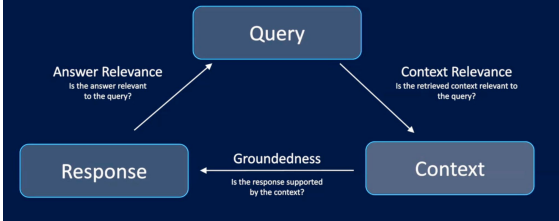


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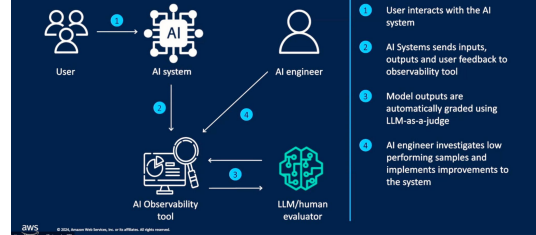
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## Beispiel anonymisiert, fiktive Namen, Bezeichnungen und Werte


The screenshot displays a web application with two main panels. The left panel, titled 'Shipping Document.pdf', shows a document with the following details:

- Order: CZECHOLDVINK OCEAN SHIPPING, s.r.o.
- Note: 64671C1 as m/1, RAFFLES x 10/PLU/STH/1A // ED // Housefield // 84285
- Contact: Name: Mr Smith
- Phone: +420 585858585
- Email: smith@oceanshipping.sk
- Customer Company: Name: MOUNTFIELD A.S.
- VAT: CZ2362089/58854
- IDC: 5612823658478685

Below the document details, there is a section for 'Order Reference: CAMEL200009342365764836Shipping Reference: 123400009342365764836Origin: Name: PT, China'. A dropdown menu is visible below this section, showing 'Container Details: Type: 40'HC(Chassis: Heterana Pasha)Container Number: TCU15129453208'. The right panel shows a chat interface with a message from 'order\_assistant' to 'Mr.' and a response from 'Customer\_Shipping\_Document'.

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# Improving LLMs 🤖



Prompt  
Engineering

RAG

Fine-Tuning

Low

Effort

High

