

## 1. Problem Description

General-purpose AI models often struggle with the strict referencing required in religious contexts. They may invent verses, misattribute Hadiths, or fail to distinguish between authentic (*Sahih*) and weak (*Da'if*) narrations. This solution mitigates these risks by decoupling knowledge retrieval (Database/Search) from answer synthesis (LLM).

## 2. System Architecture

The system follows a modular microservices approach suitable for rapid hackathon development:

1. **User Interface:** A lightweight frontend to accept natural language queries.
2. **Orchestration Layer:** A middleware that processes text, manages state, and routes queries between the database and the web.
3. **Knowledge Base (Vector Database):** A specialized SQL database storing texts and their high-dimensional vector representations for semantic similarity search.
4. **External Search Module:** An API integration to fetch real-time information for questions not covered by the static corpus (e.g., modern ethical issues).
5. **Generative Engine:** A constrained LLM environment that synthesizes the final answer using *only* retrieved contexts.

## 3. Database Schema Design

The database is designed to be **normalized** to ensure data integrity, with separate concerns for metadata, textual content, and vector embeddings.

### 3.1. Quranic Corpus Tables

**These tables are based on the general schema, it would be changed as per the data provided from external apis.**

These tables store the structure and text of the Holy Quran.

- **Surahs (Metadata)**
  - Stores metadata about the 114 chapters.
  - *Schema:* (id, surah\_number, name\_arabic, name\_english, revelation\_place, total\_verses)
- **Quran\_Verses (Content)**

- Stores the actual text in Arabic and English translations.
- *Schema*: (id, surah\_id\_FK, verse\_number, text\_uthmani, text\_translation\_eng)
- **Quran\_Vectors (Embeddings)**
  - Stores the vector representations of the English translation for semantic search.
  - *Schema*: (id, verse\_id\_FK, embedding\_vector)

### 3.2. Hadith Corpus Tables

These tables handle the complexity of various books, narrators, and authenticity grades.

- **Hadith\_Collections (Metadata)**
  - Stores information about the source books (e.g., Sahih Bukhari, Sahih Muslim).
  - *Schema*: (id, collection\_name, author\_name, total\_hadiths)
- **Hadith\_Chapters (Structure)**
  - Organizes Hadiths into thematic chapters (e.g., Book of Prayer, Book of Zakat).
  - *Schema*: (id, collection\_id\_FK, chapter\_title\_eng, chapter\_title\_ara)
- **Hadith\_Narrations (Content)**
  - Stores the narration text and its specific metadata.
  - *Schema*: (id, chapter\_id\_FK, hadith\_number, text\_arabic, text\_english, grade, narrator\_chain)
- **Hadith\_Vectors (Embeddings)**
  - Stores the vector representations of the Hadith text.
  - *Schema*: (id, narration\_id\_FK, embedding\_vector)

### 4. Functional Workflow

The application logic follows a strict step-by-step flow to ensure validity:

1. **Query Analysis:** The user's input is cleaned and converted into a vector embedding.
2. **Primary Retrieval (Database):**
  - The system queries Quran\_Vectors and Hadith\_Vectors simultaneously.
  - It retrieves the top 'N' matches based on cosine similarity.

- **Validation:** If the similarity score is below a defined threshold (e.g., 75%), the system marks the database search as "insufficient."

### 3. Secondary Retrieval (Web Fallback):

- If the database yields low confidence, the system triggers the Search API (Serper) to find verified articles from a whitelist of domains.
4. **Context Assembly:** The relevant database rows (Verse/Hadith text) or web snippets are compiled into a text block.
5. **Response Generation:** The LLM receives the user question and the assembled context with a strict instruction set to cite the specific Surah:Verse or Book:Hadith Number provided in the context.

## 5. Technology Stack

- **Backend Framework:** FastAPI (Python) – Chosen for high-performance asynchronous processing.
- **Database:** Supabase (PostgreSQL) – chosen for its native pgvector extension support.
- **Orchestration:** LangChain – For managing the prompt templates and retrieval chains.
- **AI Model:** Google Gemini 1.5 Flash – Selected for its large context window and cost-efficiency (Free Tier/Low Cost).
- **Web Search:** Serper Dev – A Google Search wrapper optimized for AI data ingestion.
- **Frontend:** Streamlit – For rapid prototyping of the chat interface.

## 6. Limitations & Future Scope

- **Current Limitation:** The system relies on English translations for semantic search. Nuances in the original Arabic might be missed during the retrieval phase.
- **Future Scope:**
  - Implementation of multilingual embeddings.
  - Integration of *Tafseer* (Exegesis) tables to provide deeper explanations for Quranic verses.
  - Voice-to-Text input for accessibility.

## 7. External API

- Hadiths <https://github.com/fawazahmed0/hadith-api?tab=readme-ov-file>

- Hadiths <https://hadithapi.com/docs/chapters>
- Quran [The Noble Quran - Quran.com](https://www.quran.com/)
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Supabase Vector: [Supabase Docs](https://supabase.com/docs/guides/vector)