

# Al Video Retrieval: A Semantic Search and Timestamp Alignment System



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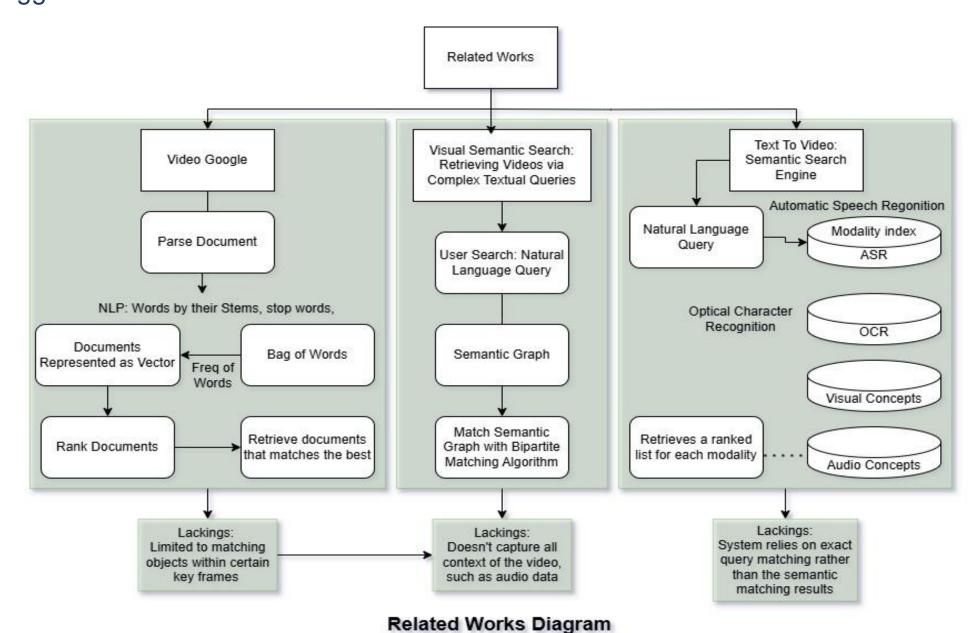
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#### Introduction

Conventional keyword-based searches fail to provide contextual results due to the system's inability to understand the intricate elements within videos. This research focuses on the problem of retrieving video content based on user queries by utilizing large language models (LLMs) and vector embedding database. To create the Al video retrieval system, initially audio is extracted from each video. Next, we generate timestamps and corresponding textual transcriptions for each video and append relevant metadata. An LLM is then used to generate text embeddings, which are stored in a vector database for efficient retrieval. After a query is received from a web interface, the system searches the vector embedding database to retrieve semantically matched results, displaying three relevant videos for each query. This method allows users to perform semantic searches within a collection of videos, returning results that are contextually similar with the user's query.

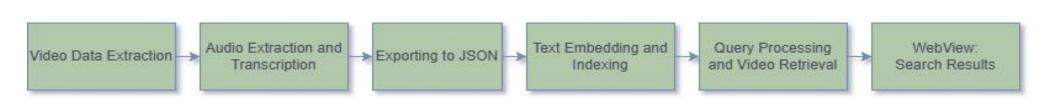
#### **Related Works**

Traditional video search engines heavily rely on metadata, keywords, and manual tagging, which are often limited and imprecise. Several studies have been suggested to address this issue.



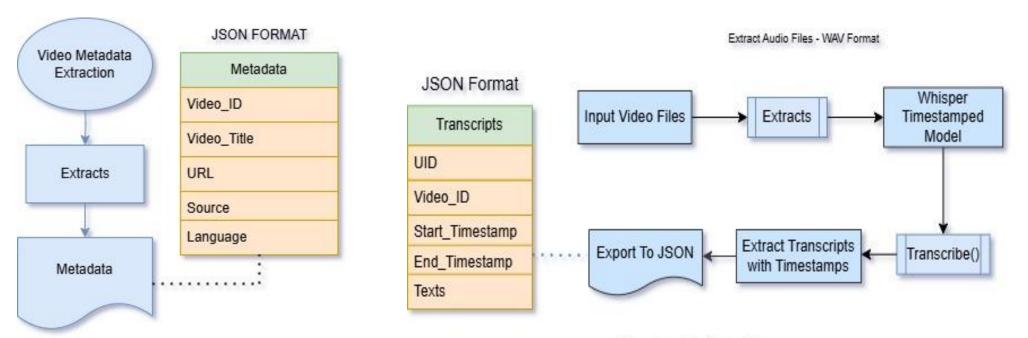
#### Methodology

This section describes the methodology employed to develop the Al Video Retrieval System. The system is comprised of six components, video data ingestion and metadata extraction, audio extraction and transcription, exporting to JSON format, text embedding and indexing, query processing and retrieval, and returning search results.



#### **Video Metadata Extraction:**

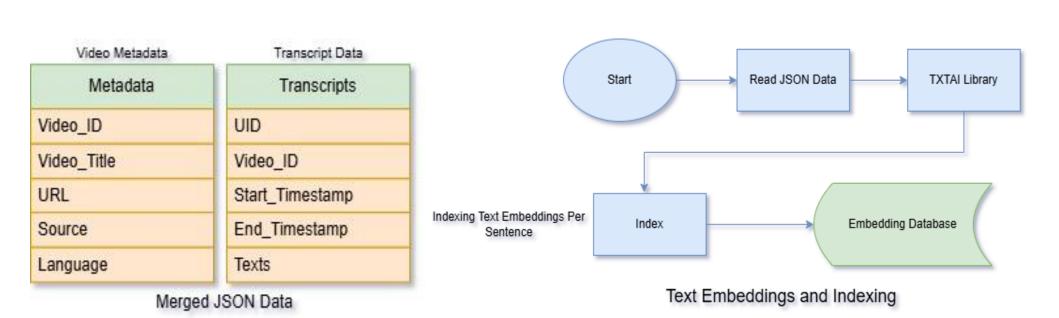
#### **Audio Extraction & Transcription:**



Video Data Extraction

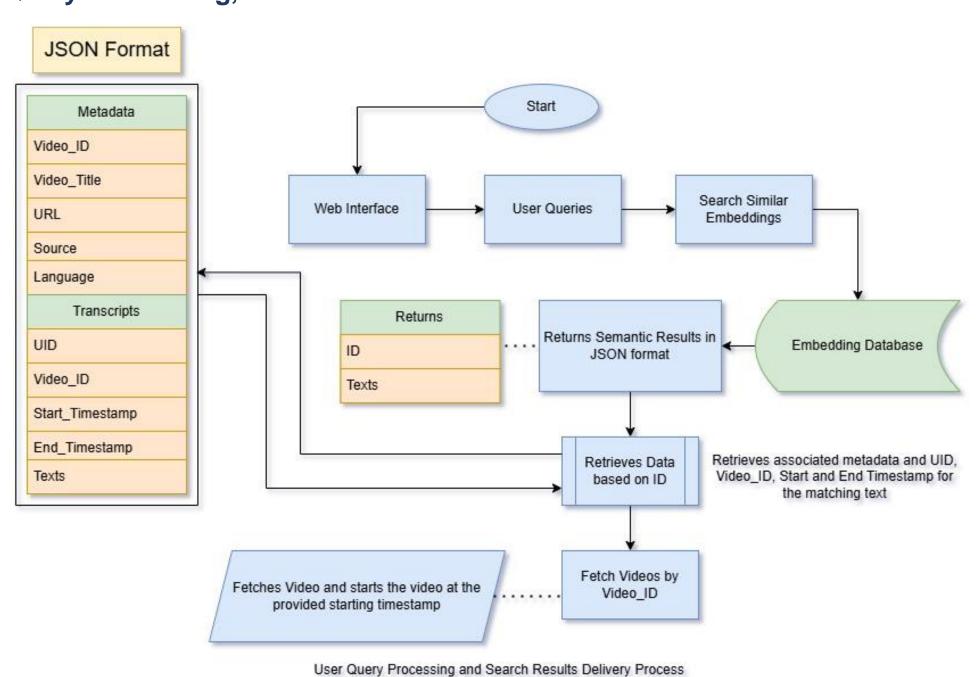
#### **Exporting to JSON format: Text Embeddings and Indexing:**

Audio Extraction

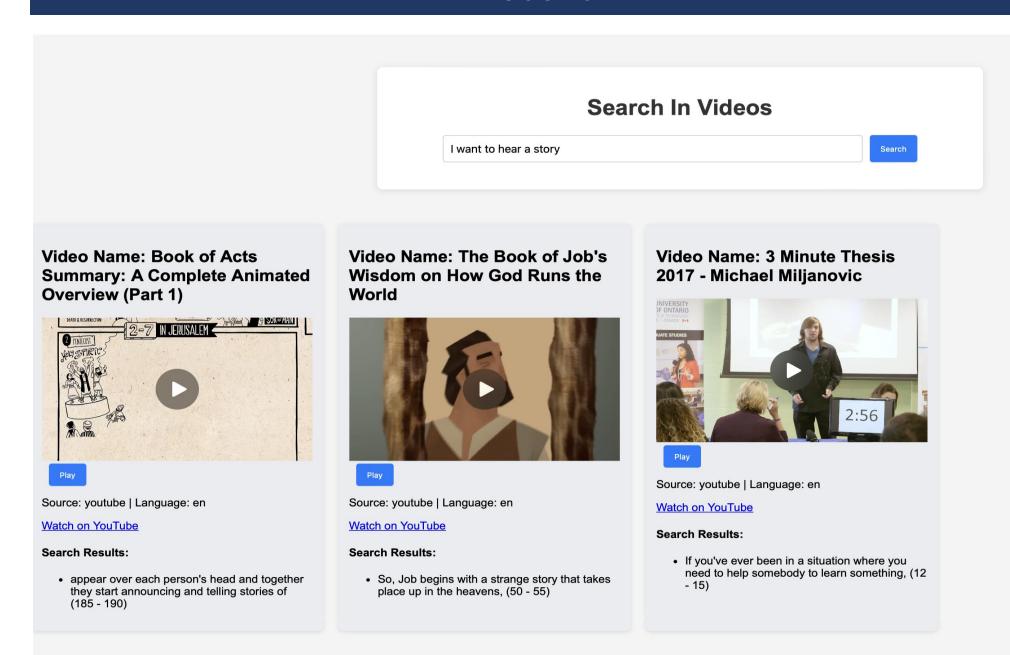


Text Embedding and Indexing: The JSON file is sent into a LLM (large language model) model to generate text embeddings using TXTAI library. TXTAI transforms each sentence into a vector representation. Later, the system compares the similarity between user's query and the database to retrieve semantic results that match.

#### **Query Processing, Retrieval & Search Results:**



#### Results



After performing the methodology, the following result is achieved: On the user's Natural Language query, the system converts the query into a vector embedding, then searches similar embeddings within the embedding database and returns semantically matched results and shows the user a set of videos started at the desired time.

### Conclusion

The project demonstrates the successful retrieval of semantic results based on the user's natural language queries. The system utilizes large language models (LLMs) and an embedding database to store the transcripts in a vector format, which are later used to retrieve results that match the user's query. However, the system currently doesn't capture all the semantic nuances of the video, as it is limited to audio data only. Future improvements to this project include implementing real-time video indexing to return semantically matched results as new content is added. Another enhancement would be to implement image captioning on randomly selected frames of the video to capture additional contextual data. Additionally, storing action or object detection data in the embedding database could further improve the accuracy and relevance of the semantic results.

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