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Graph RAG: Bring the Power of Graphs to Generative Al

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As of tomorrow, scripts and data can be found here: github.com/karinpatenge/events/tree/main/2025/06_AOUG



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A Brief Intro to Graphs



What is a graph?



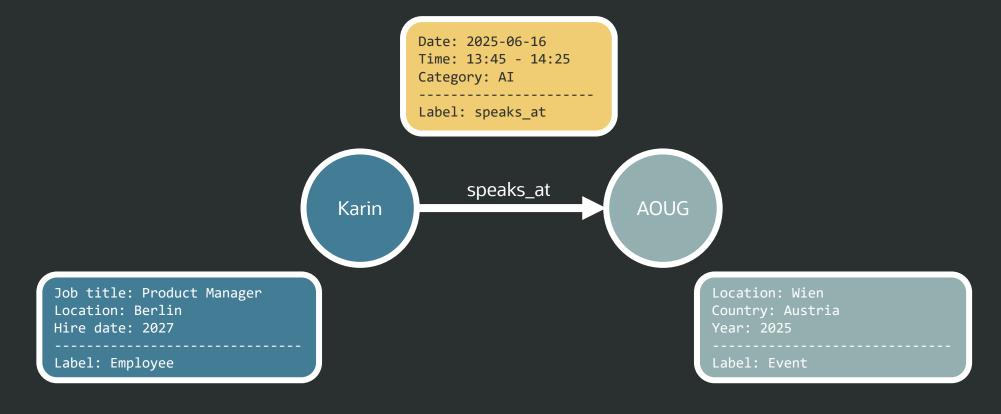
Nodes are also known as vertices.

Edges are also known as relationships or connections.

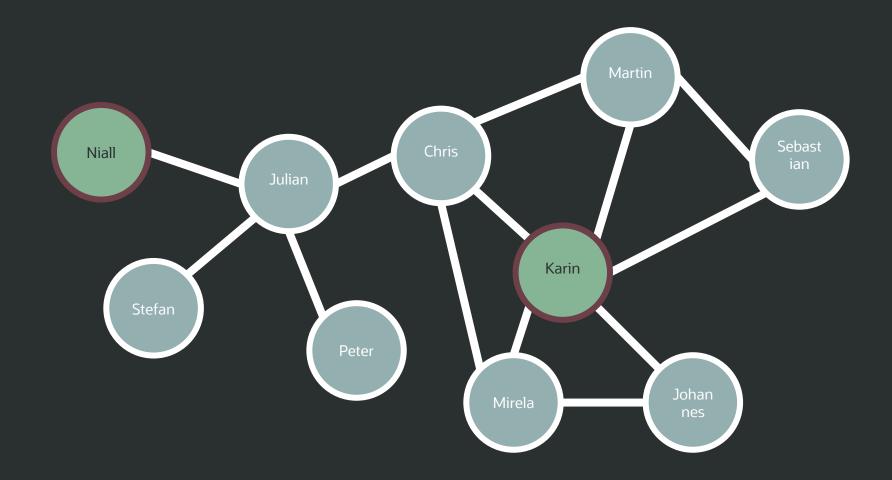


A Representation of Connections between Entities

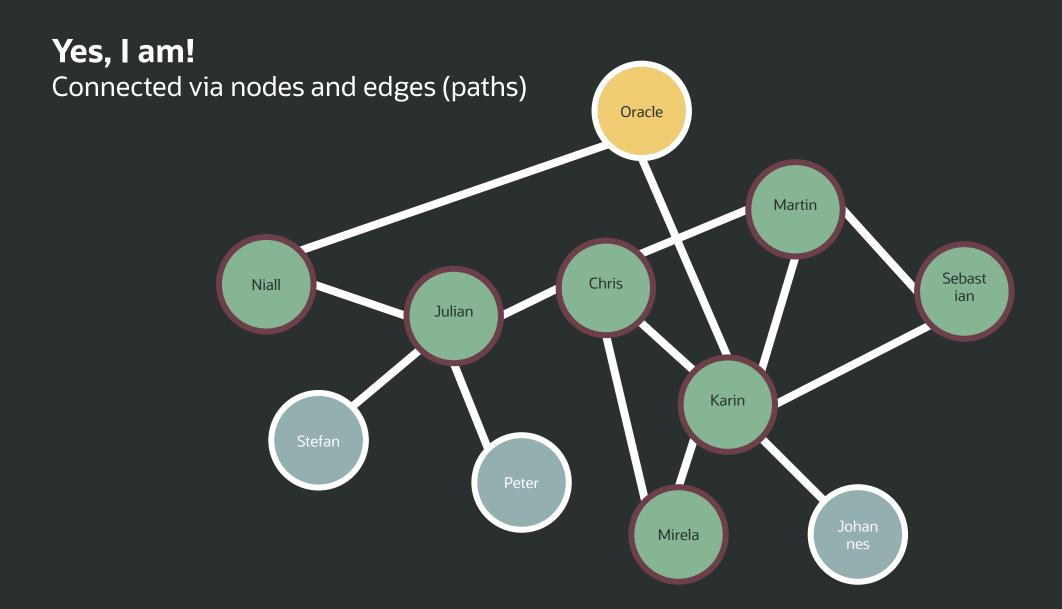
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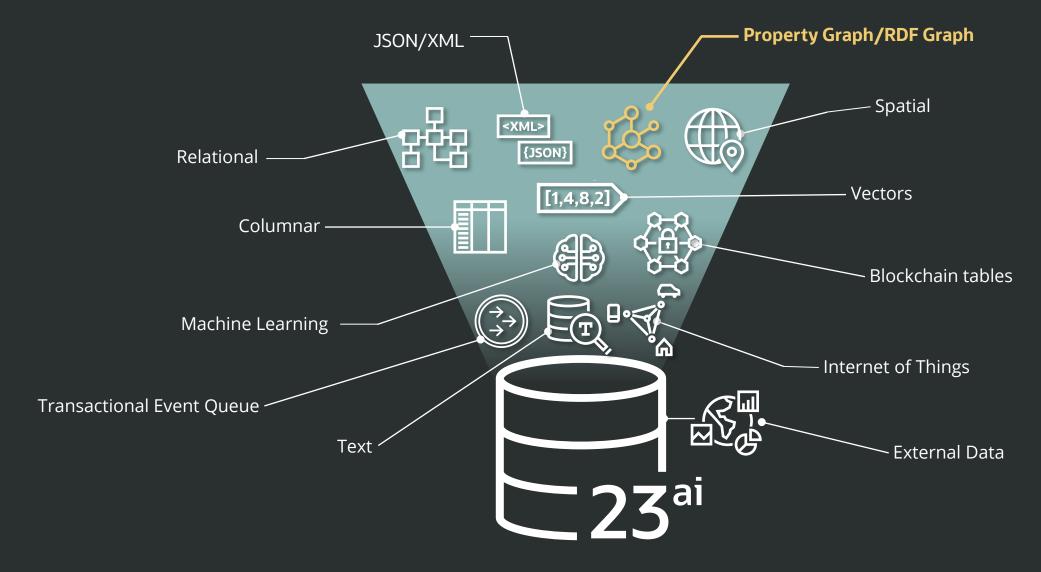
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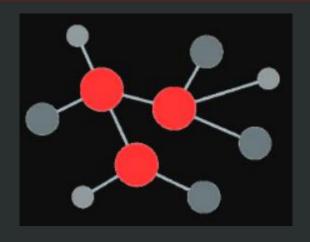




How are Graphs connected to the Oracle Database?

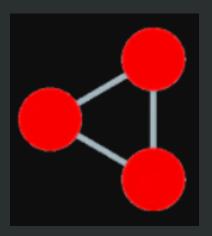


The Oracle Database as Graph Database



(Labeled) Property Graphs

- Generic graph model
- Since Oracle Database version 11.2
- Keywords: Graph Pattern-Matching, Graph Algorithms, Graph Machine Learning
- Query Languages:
 - Native: PGQL (pgql-lang.org)
 - ISO Standard: SQL/PGQ implemented in 23ai

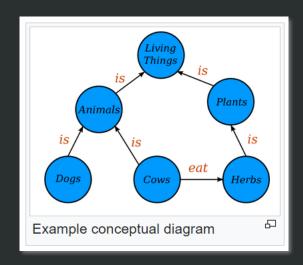


RDF Graphs

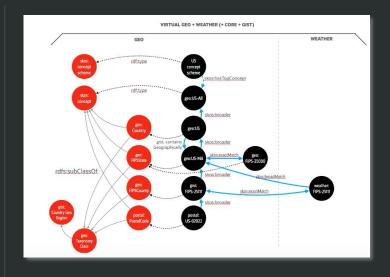
- Specialized, W3C Standards-based graph model
- Since Oracle Database version 10.2
- Keywords: Semantic Webs, Triples (Quads), Linked (Open) Data, RDF, RDFS, OWL, Ontologies, Vocabularies, Inferencing/Reasoning
- Query Language:
 - W3C Standard: SPARQL (www.w3.org/TR/sparql12-query/)
 - Native: SEM_MATCH embedding SPARQL

Knowledge Graphs

"In knowledge representation and reasoning, a knowledge **graph** is a knowledge base that uses a graph-structured data *model* or topology to represent and operate on data. Knowledge graphs are often used to store interlinked descriptions of entities – objects, events, situations or abstract concepts – while also encoding the free-form semantics or relationships underlying these entities."



Source (text and image on the right side): en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knowledge_graph



www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlyHAuvx93M

Both Graph Models are in use for Knowledge Graphs!



Generative Al

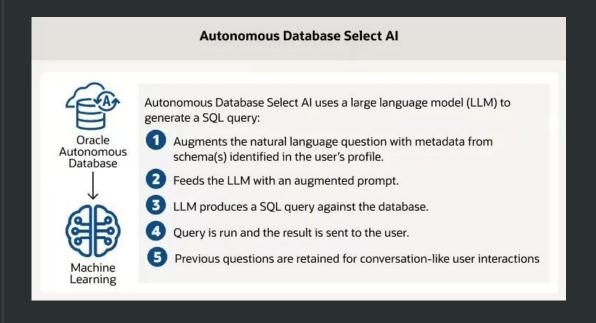
Chatting with your Oracle Database 23ai



Use Natural Language to Query Data (NL2SQL)

Get Responses using Generative Al

SELECT AI Actions	
runsql	Return the SQL result set
showsql	Return the generated SQL
explainsql	Explain the generated SQL
showprompt	Display the generated prompt
narrate	Return a conversational result
chat	General AI chat – passthrough to the LLM

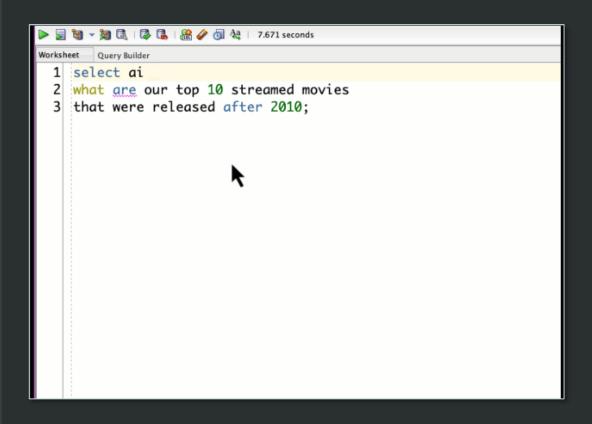


SQL Generation with SELECT AI

- Use natural language to query data with the help of LLMs
- Increase application developer productivity
- Enable non-technical users to query information from their database
- Invoke from SQL command line and PL/SQL function
- Inherit security and authentication of the database

Try it out!





Oracle LiveLabs: Chat with Your Data in Autonomous Database Using Select Al

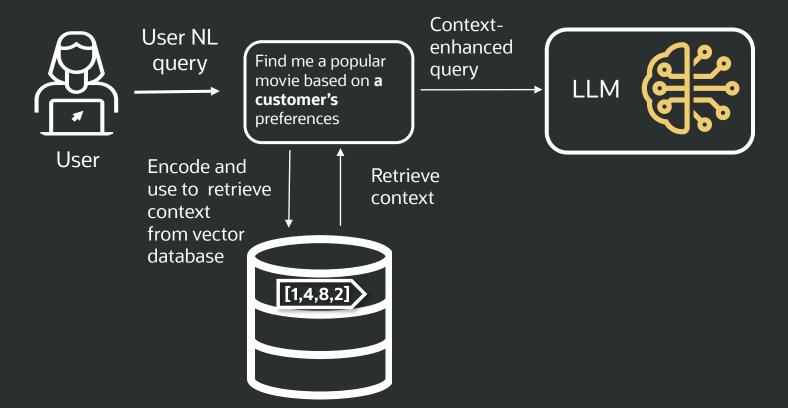


Retrieval Augmented Generation (aka RAG)

A brief overview



Enhance Queries with Data in the Database



- Use latest and private data from a database to provide context to LLM
- Typically use vector search to find matching data in a database to provide as context to an LLM
 - Create embeddings for data and store as vectors in a vector database
 - Vectorize user's natural language query and match with stored vectors
 - Augment user query with top matches from the database

Try it out: livelabs.oracle.com/pls/apex/r/dbpm/livelabs/view-workshop?wid=4114



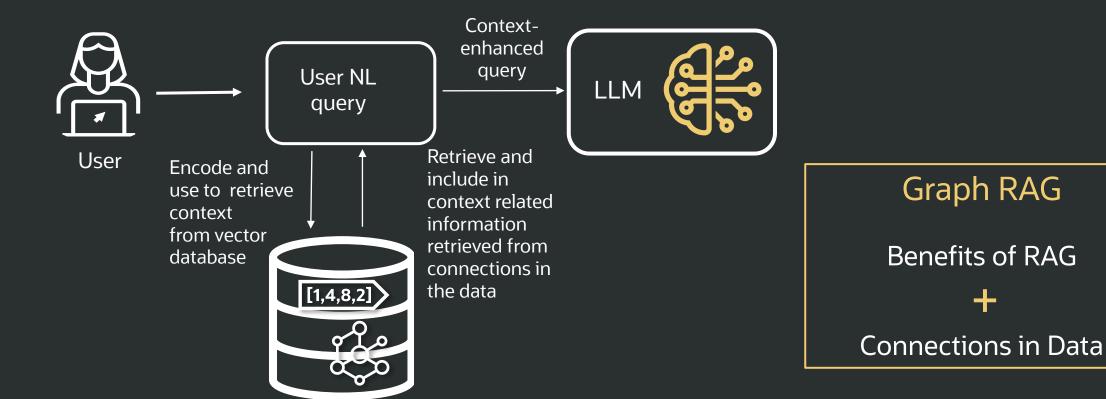
Graph RAG

Going a step further



Enhance Queries with Connections in Data

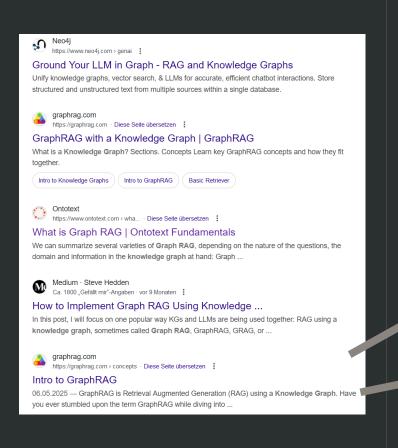
Vectors & Graphs are even better together



blogs.oracle.com/database/post/graph-rag-bring-the-power-of-graphs-to-generative-ai



References to Graph RAG and Knowledge Graphs



A Domain Graph contains Business Domain Knowledge. It contains real-world entities and the relationships between them. Frequently used example Domain Graphs are the Movie Graph or the Northwind Graph.

Since Domain Graphs will look different based on the underlying domain, it isn't possible to provide a blueprint of how one would look. Just keep in mind that they contain structured data adhering to a schema.

Providing the information contained in a Domain Graph within a question-answer application where natural language queries lead to (deterministic) structured retrieval of data can be executed in several ways.

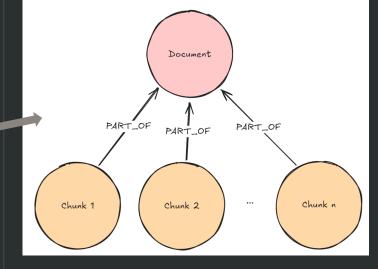
| Domain Graph with Embeddings | Director | Domain Graph with Embeddings | Director | Directo

Lexical Graph

Context

It is useful to chunk large documents into smaller pieces for creating embeddings. An embedding is a text's semantic representation capturing the meaning of what the text is about. If the given text is long and contains too many diverse subjects, the informative value of its embedding deteriorates.

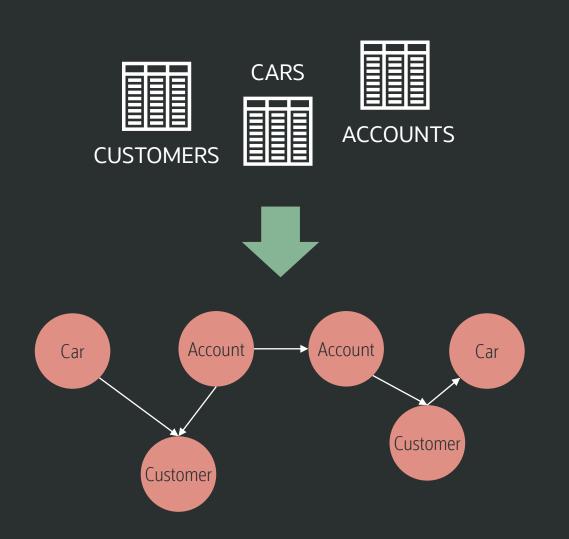
Graph Pattern

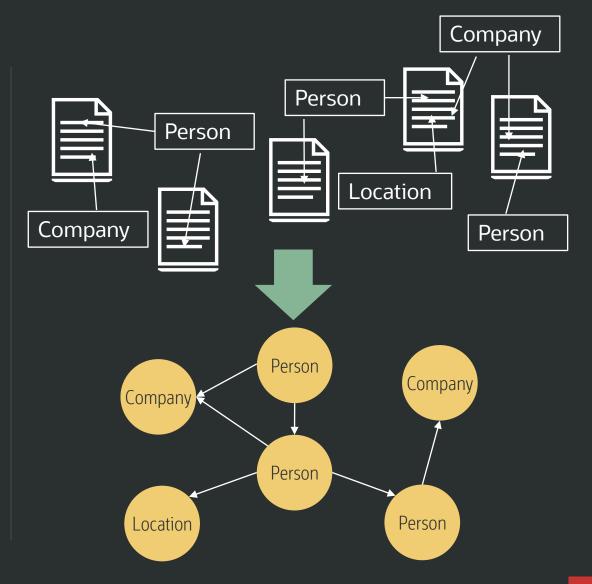


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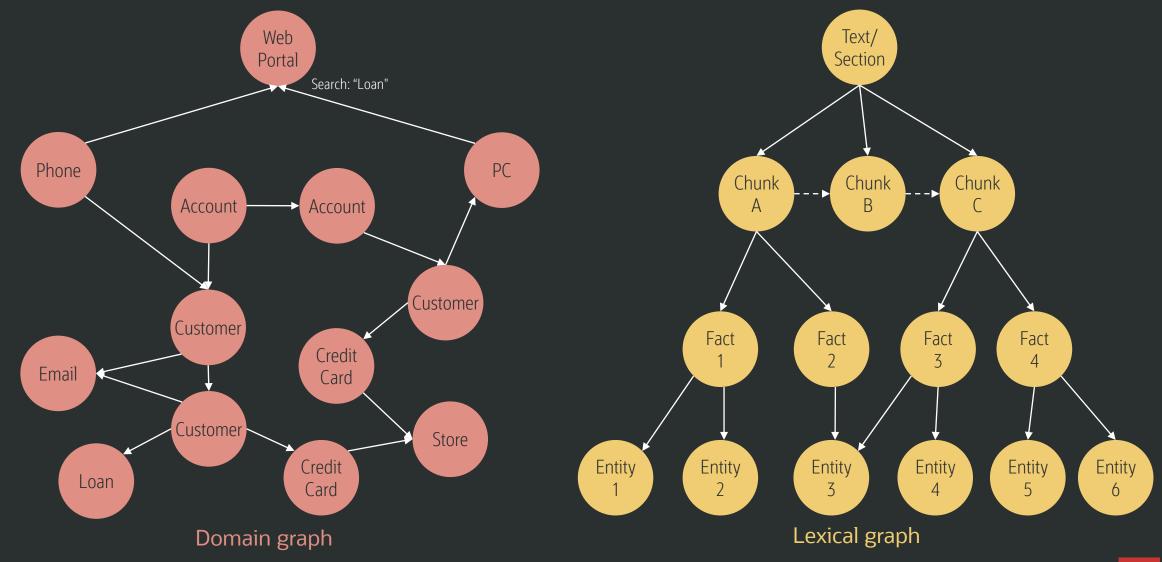
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Where do Graphs come from?





Graphs extracted from tables or documents



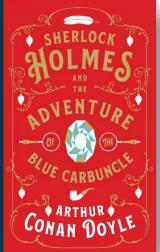
Demo 1

Build a **Lexical Graph** from text and use it to enrich the context used by the LLM for even better responses

Model used: Tiny BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers)

Source:

apexapps.oracle.com/pls/apex/r/dbpm/livelabs/view-workshop?wid=4174 Kudos to Eduard Cuba



THE ADVENTURE OF THE BLUE CAR

Arthur Conan Doy

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"You are engaged," said I; "perhaps I interrupt you.

Not at all. I am glad to have a friend with whom I can discuss my results. The matter is a perfectly trivial one"--he jerked his thumb in the direction of the old hat--"but there are points in connection with it which are not entirely devoid of interest and even of instruction."

I seated myself in his armchair and warmed my hands before his creatiling fire, for a sharp frost had set in, and the windows were thick with the ice crystals. "I suppose," I remarked, "that, homely as it looks, this thing has some deadly story linked on to it—that it is the clue which will quide you in the solution of some mystery and the punishment of some crime."

"No, no. No crime," said Sherlock Holmes, laughing. "Only one of those whimsical little incidents which will happen when you have fou million human beings all jostling each other within the space of a few square miles. Amid the action and reaction of so dense a swarm of

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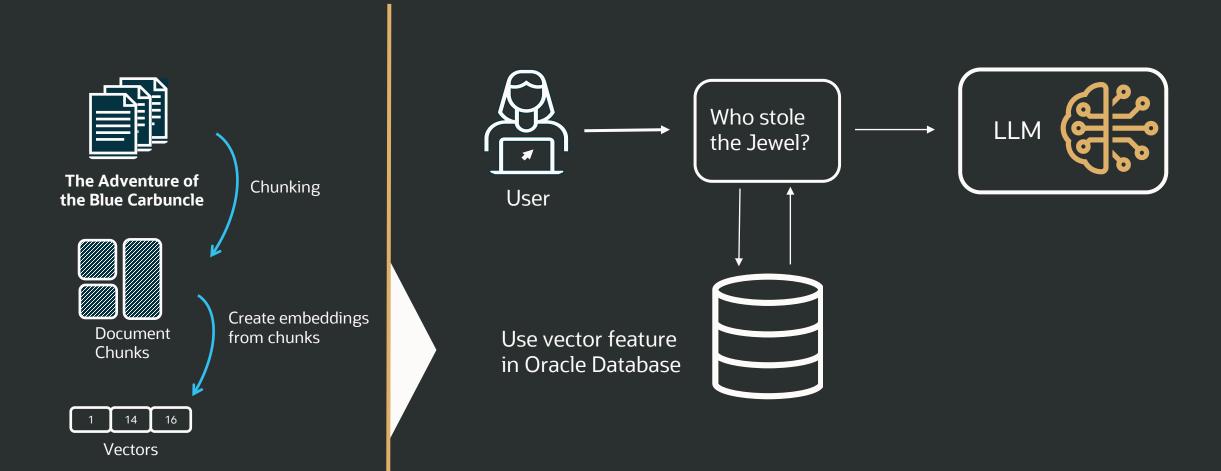
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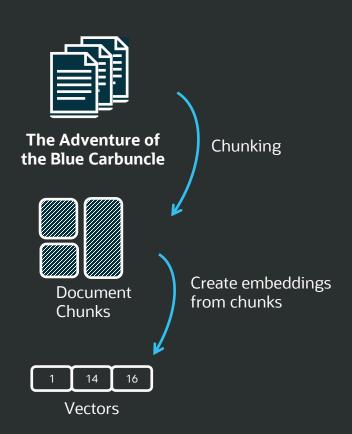


Create Text Chunks and Vector Embeddings for RAG





Query Text Chunks using Vector Search



lady's jewel-case. The evidence against him was so strong that the case has been referred to the Assizes.

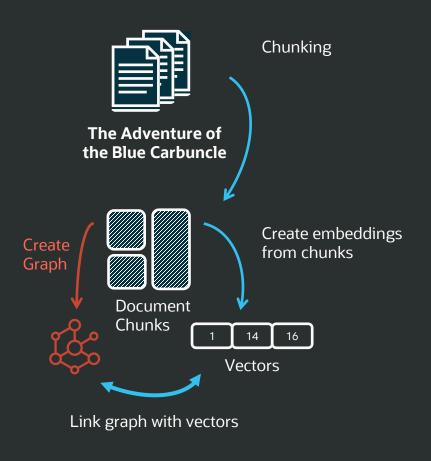
John Horner, 26, plumber, was brought up upon the charge of having upon the 22d inst., abstracted from the jewel-case of the Countess of Morcar the valuable gem known as the blue carbuncle.

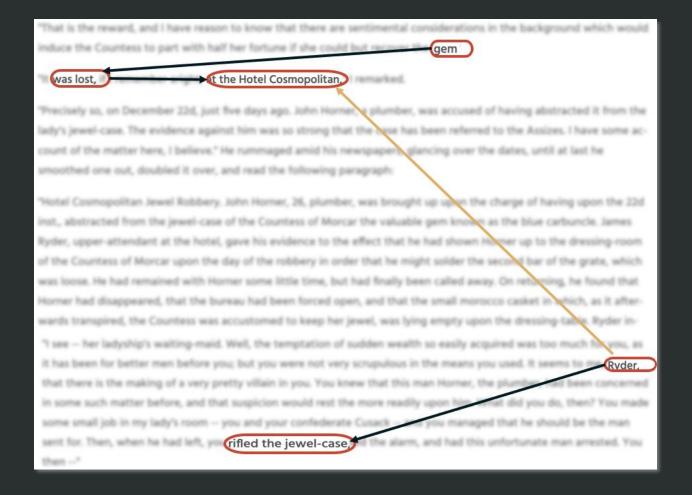
Question: Who stole the Jewel?

Answer: The jewel was stolen by John Horner, a plumber, who was accused of

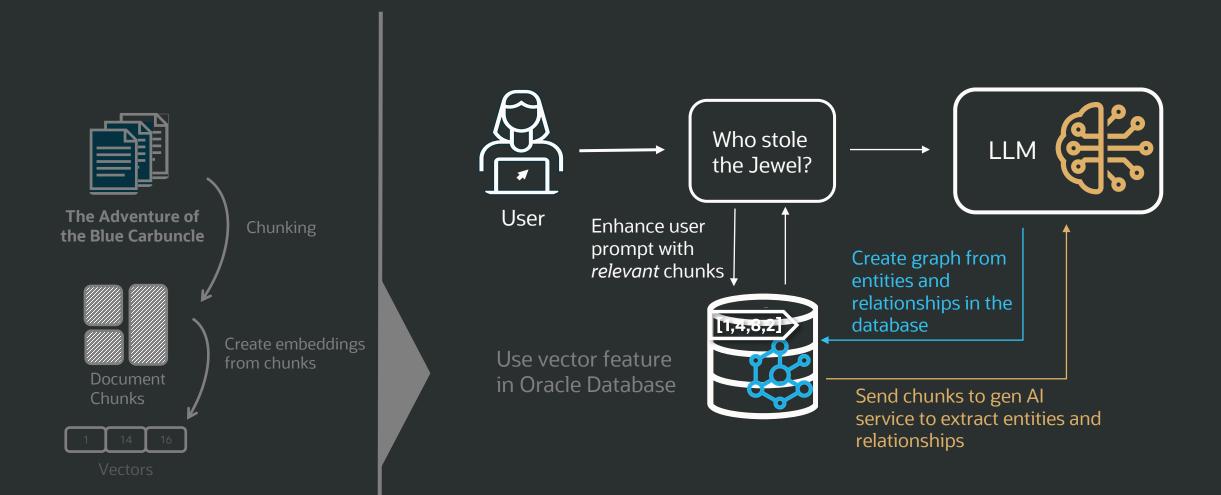
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Extract a Graph and Link with Text Chunks





Extract Entities and Relationships for each Text Chunk



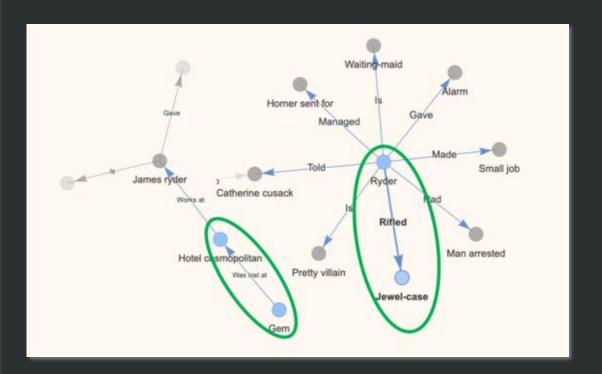


Graphs Connect Entities Across Text Chunks

Graph RAG

- Find entities related to "Who Stole the Jewel"?
- Retrieve text chunks associated with those entities
 The jewel robbery -> LOCATION_OF -> Hotel Cosmopolitan
 Ryder -> EMPLOYED_BY -> Hotel Cosmopolitan
 Ryder -> RIFLED -> The jewel case

Answer: James Ryder, the hotel attendant, is implicated in the theft of the jewel.





Demo 2

GraphRAG using Langchain and Oracle Graph on Oracle Database 23ai

Source:

medium.com/oracledevs/graphrag-using-langchain-and-oracle-graph-on-oracle-database-23ai-part-1-dc76b48a4ca1

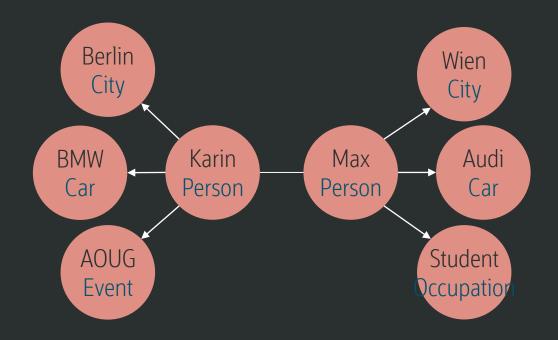
Kudos to Rahul Tasker

Benefits of Graph RAG

- Graphs contain explicit representations of connections in data
- They take the semantics into account
- Searching data is based on graph traversal

Compared to vectors:

- Opaque data structure
- Different distance metrics
- Search based on proximity



Karin: [0.273, 0.165, 0.268, 0.183,...]

Max: [0.734, 0.707, 0.413, 0.229,...]



Summary

GraphRAG produces more accurate, explainable results than baseline RAG

Using Oracle 23ai and Oracle Graph simplifies development of GraphRAG workflows

GraphRAG as a technique offers huge potential and is evolving rapidly



Vielen Dank!

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