



# Self-querying with MyScale

**MyScale** is an integrated vector database. You can access your database in SQL and also from here, LangChain. MyScale can make a use of **various data types and functions for filters**. It will boost up your LLM app no matter if you are scaling up your data or expand your system to broader application.

In the notebook we'll demo the `SelfQueryRetriever` wrapped around a MyScale vector store with some extra piece we contributed to LangChain. In short, it can be concluded into 4 points:

1. Add `contain` comparator to match list of any if there is more than one element matched
2. Add `timestamp` data type for datetime match (ISO-format, or YYYY-MM-DD)
3. Add `like` comparator for string pattern search
4. Add arbitrary function capability

## Creating a MyScale vectorstore

MyScale has already been integrated to LangChain for a while. So you can follow [this notebook](#) to create your own vectorstore for a self-query retriever.

NOTE: All self-query retrievers requires you to have `lark` installed (`pip install lark`). We use `lark` for grammar definition. Before you proceed to the next step, we also want to remind you that `clickhouse-connect` is also needed to interact with your MyScale backend.

```
pip install lark clickhouse-connect
```

In this tutorial we follow other example's setting and use `OpenAIEmbeddings`. Remember to get a OpenAI API Key for valid accesss to LLMs.

```
import os
import getpass

os.environ["OPENAI_API_KEY"] = getpass.getpass("OpenAI API Key:")
os.environ["MYSCALE_HOST"] = getpass.getpass("MyScale URL:")
```

```
os.environ["MYSCALE_PORT"] = getpass.getpass("MyScale Port:")
os.environ["MYSCALE_USERNAME"] = getpass.getpass("MyScale Username:")
os.environ["MYSCALE_PASSWORD"] = getpass.getpass("MyScale Password:")
```

```
from langchain.schema import Document
from langchain.embeddings.openai import OpenAIEmbeddings
from langchain.vectorstores import MyScale

embeddings = OpenAIEmbeddings()
```

#### API Reference:

- `Document` from `langchain.schema`
- `OpenAIEmbeddings` from `langchain.embeddings.openai`
- `MyScale` from `langchain.vectorstores`

## Create some sample data

As you can see, the data we created has some difference to other self-query retrievers. We replaced keyword `year` to `date` which gives you a finer control on timestamps. We also altered the type of keyword `gerne` to list of strings, where LLM can use a new `contain` comparator to construct filters. We also provides comparator `like` and arbitrary function support to filters, which will be introduced in next few cells.

Now let's look at the data first.

```
docs = [
    Document(
        page_content="A bunch of scientists bring back dinosaurs and mayhem breaks loose",
        metadata={"date": "1993-07-02", "rating": 7.7, "genre": ["science fiction"]},
    ),
    Document(
        page_content="Leo DiCaprio gets lost in a dream within a dream within a dream within a ...",
        metadata={"date": "2010-12-30", "director": "Christopher Nolan", "rating": 8.2},
    ),
    Document(
        page_content="A psychologist / detective gets lost in a series
```

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of dreams within dreams within dreams and Inception reused the idea",
    metadata={"date": "2006-04-23", "director": "Satoshi Kon",
"rating": 8.6},
    ),
    Document(
        page_content="A bunch of normal-sized women are supremely
wholesome and some men pine after them",
        metadata={"date": "2019-08-22", "director": "Greta Gerwig",
"rating": 8.3},
    ),
    Document(
        page_content="Toys come alive and have a blast doing so",
        metadata={"date": "1995-02-11", "genre": ["animated"]},
    ),
    Document(
        page_content="Three men walk into the Zone, three men walk out
of the Zone",
        metadata={
            "date": "1979-09-10",
            "rating": 9.9,
            "director": "Andrei Tarkovsky",
            "genre": ["science fiction", "adventure"],
            "rating": 9.9,
        },
    ),
]
vectorstore = MyScale.from_documents(
    docs,
    embeddings,
)

```

## Creating our self-querying retriever

Just like other retrievers... Simple and nice.

```

from langchain.llms import OpenAI
from langchain.retrievers.self_query.base import SelfQueryRetriever
from langchain.chains.query_constructor.base import AttributeInfo

metadata_field_info = [
    AttributeInfo(
        name="genre",
        description="The genres of the movie",
        type="list[string]",
    )
]

```

```

    ),
    # If you want to include length of a list, just define it as a new
    column
    # This will teach the LLM to use it as a column when constructing
    filter.
    AttributeInfo(
        name="length(genre)",
        description="The length of genres of the movie",
        type="integer",
    ),
    # Now you can define a column as timestamp. By simply set the type
    to timestamp.
    AttributeInfo(
        name="date",
        description="The date the movie was released",
        type="timestamp",
    ),
    AttributeInfo(
        name="director",
        description="The name of the movie director",
        type="string",
    ),
    AttributeInfo(
        name="rating", description="A 1-10 rating for the movie",
type="float"
    ),
]
document_content_description = "Brief summary of a movie"
llm = OpenAI(temperature=0)
retriever = SelfQueryRetriever.from_llm(
    llm, vectorstore, document_content_description,
    metadata_field_info, verbose=True
)

```

#### API Reference:

- `OpenAI` from `langchain.llms`
- `SelfQueryRetriever` from `langchain.retrievers.self_query.base`
- `AttributeInfo` from `langchain.chains.query_constructor.base`

## Testing it out with self-query retriever's existing functionalities

And now we can try actually using our retriever!

```
# This example only specifies a relevant query
retriever.get_relevant_documents("What are some movies about dinosaurs")
```

```
# This example only specifies a filter
retriever.get_relevant_documents("I want to watch a movie rated higher than 8.5")
```

```
# This example specifies a query and a filter
retriever.get_relevant_documents("Has Greta Gerwig directed any movies about women")
```

```
# This example specifies a composite filter
retriever.get_relevant_documents(
    "What's a highly rated (above 8.5) science fiction film?"
)
```

```
# This example specifies a query and composite filter
retriever.get_relevant_documents(
    "What's a movie after 1990 but before 2005 that's all about toys, and preferably is animated"
)
```

## Wait a second... What else?

Self-query retriever with MyScale can do more! Let's find out.

```
# You can use length(genres) to do anything you want
retriever.get_relevant_documents("What's a movie that have more than 1 genres?")
```

```
# Fine-grained datetime? You got it already.
retriever.get_relevant_documents("What's a movie that release after feb 1995?")
```

```
# Don't know what your exact filter should be? Use string pattern
match!
retriever.get_relevant_documents("What's a movie whose name is like
Andrei?")
```

```
# Contain works for lists: so you can match a list with contain
comparator!
retriever.get_relevant_documents(
    "What's a movie who has genres science fiction and adventure?"
)
```

## Filter k

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We can also use the self query retriever to specify `k`: the number of documents to fetch.

We can do this by passing `enable_limit=True` to the constructor.

```
retriever = SelfQueryRetriever.from_llm(
    llm,
    vectorstore,
    document_content_description,
    metadata_field_info,
    enable_limit=True,
    verbose=True,
)
```

```
# This example only specifies a relevant query
retriever.get_relevant_documents("what are two movies about dinosaurs")
```