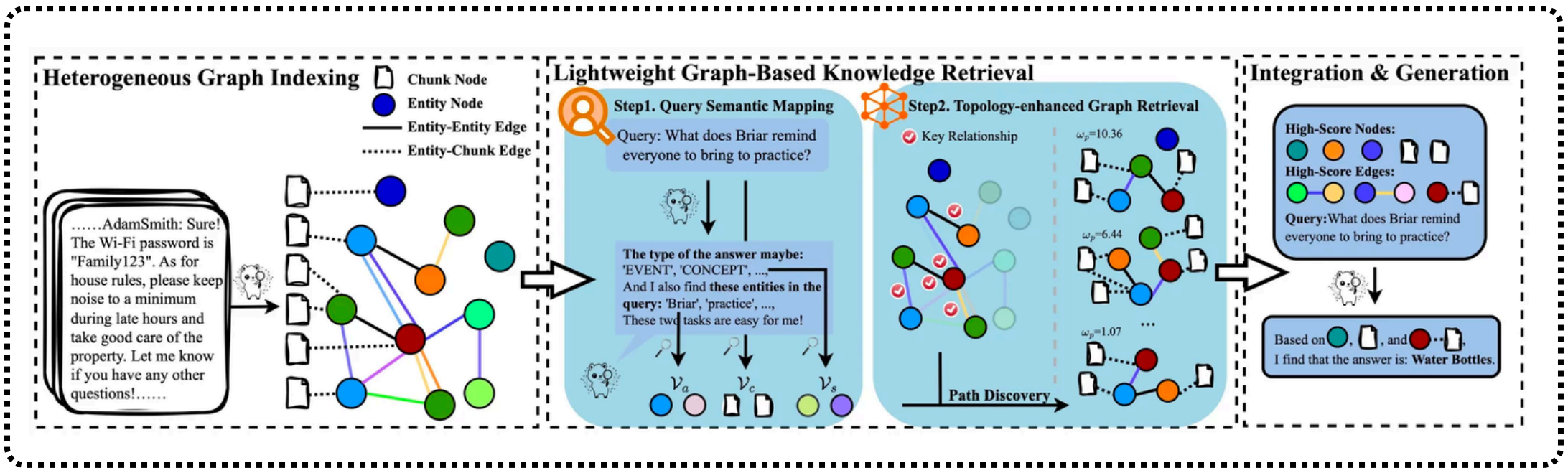
# MiniRAG: RAG for SLMs

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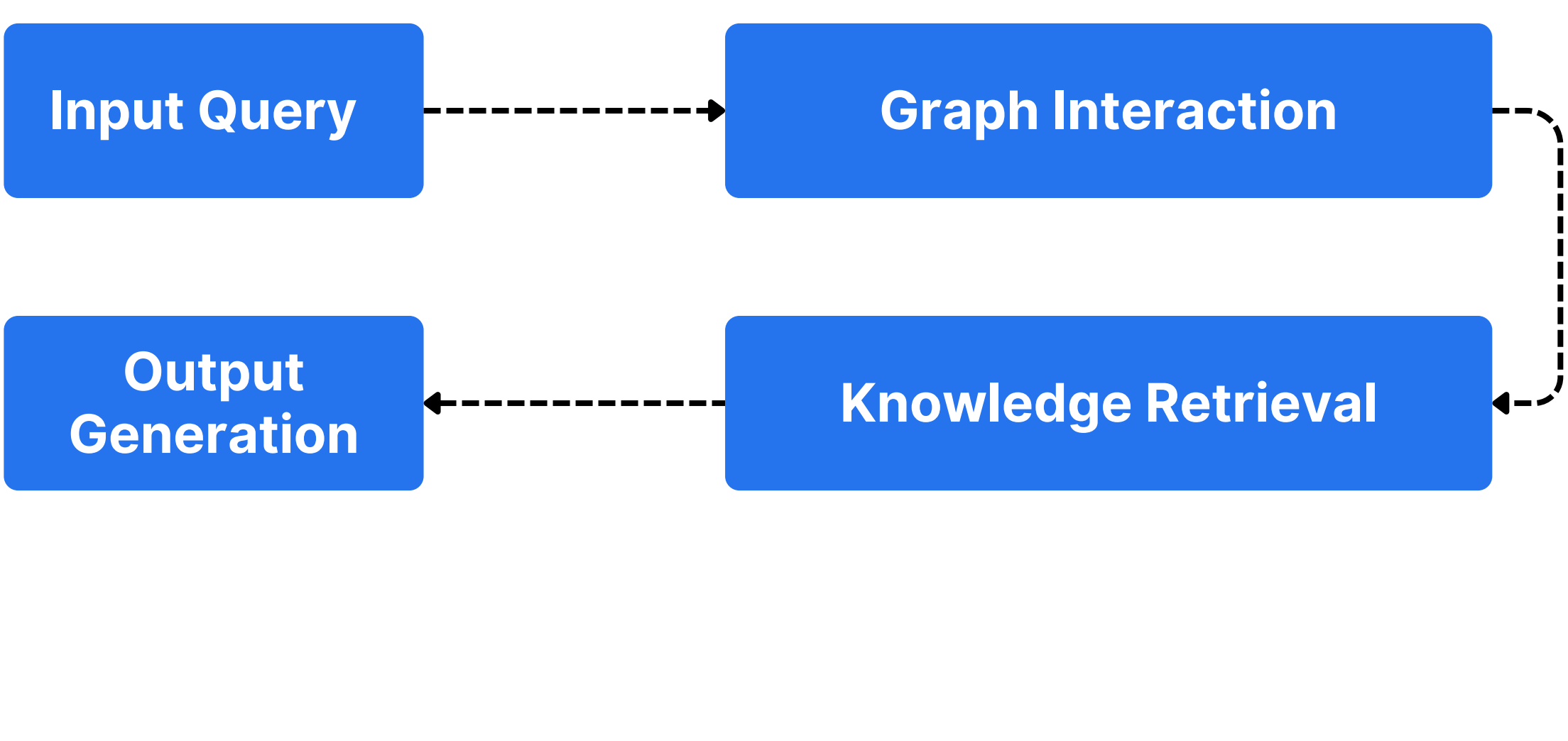

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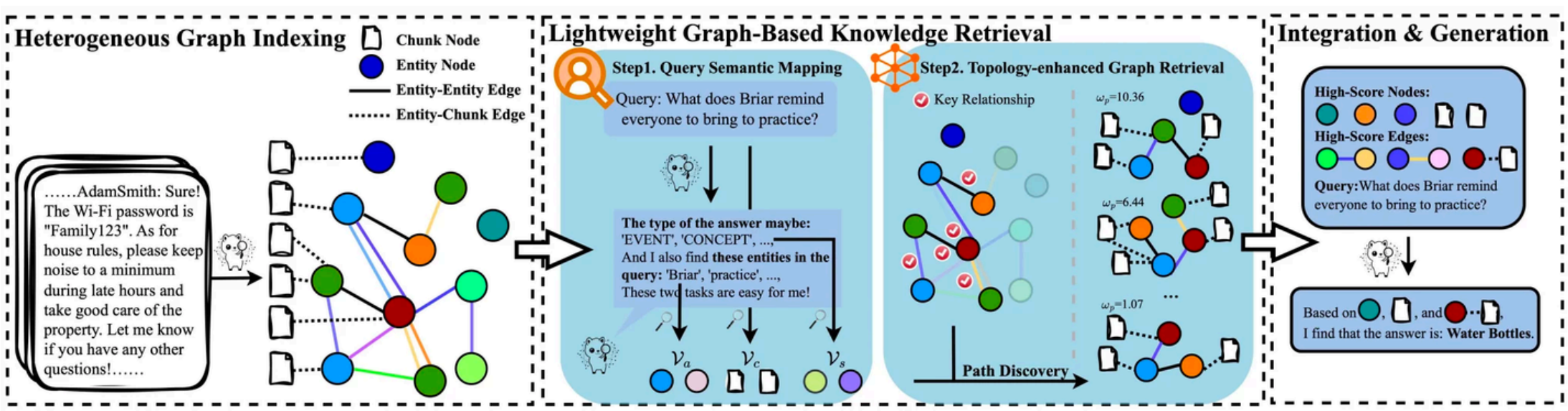


## Heterogeneous Graph Indexing

At the heart of MiniRAG is its innovative Heterogeneous Graph Indexing mechanism, which simplifies knowledge representation while addressing SLMs' limitations in semantic understanding.

# Key Features

### Dual-Node Design

- Text Chunk Nodes: Segments of the source text that retain context and coherence, ensuring relevant information is preserved.
- Entity Nodes: Key semantic element extracted from text chunks, such as events, locations, or concepts, that anchor retrieval efforts.

### Edge Connections

- Entity-Entity Edges: Capture relationships, hierarchies, and dependencies between entities.
- Entity-Chunk Edges: Links entities to their originating text chunks, preserving contextual relevance.

# How It Works?

- **Entity and Chunk Extraction**: Text is segmented into chunks, and entities are identified within these chunks.
- **Graph Construction**: Nodes (chunks and entities) are connected via edges that represent relationships or contextual links.
- **Semantic Enrichment**: Edges are annotated with semantic descriptions, providing additional context to enhance retrieval accuracy.

# MiniRAG Workflow

The overall process integrates the above components into a streamlined pipeline:

- **Input Query**: The system receives a query and predicts relevant entities and answer types.

- **Graph Interaction**: The query is mapped onto the heterogeneous graph to identify relevant nodes, edges, and paths.

- **Knowledge Retrieval**: The system retrieves text chunks and relationships most relevant to the query.

- **Output Generation**: Using the retrieved information, MiniRAG generates a response tailored to the input query.

# Significance of the MiniRAG

The MiniRAG framework's innovative design ensures:

- **Scalability**: Operates efficiently with resource-constrained SLMs.

- **Robustness**: Maintains performance across various data types and scenarios.

- **Privacy**: Suitable for on-device deployment without reliance on external servers.

By prioritizing simplicity and efficiency, MiniRAG sets a new benchmark for RAG systems in low-resource environments.

# For more information, read this article

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## MiniRAG: Retrieval-Augmented Generation for Small Language Models

Discover MiniRAG, a lightweight RAG framework optimized for Small Language Models in resource-constrained environments.

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