



# The Doctor's Copilot

*Applying LLMs to fortify healthcare*

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# Understanding the challenges



## Data is ubiquitous, yet disparate and non-standard

- The healthcare industry grapples with data fragmentation stemming from diverse sources, formats, and quality standards, hindering seamless integration and comprehensive analysis.
- Lack of standardized data formats and inconsistent quality impede efficient data utilization and downstream analytics



## Traditional LLM systems may fall prey to unreliability

- Although LLM adoption is desired, concerns persist regarding their accuracy and the uncertainty of their output, potentially impacting reliable clinical decision-making.
- Despite advances in context-enhancement techniques, such as RAG, the criticality of clinical decision making requires more robust methodologies to evaluate even the context that is generated



## Data privacy dictates the adoption of tech in healthcare

- Healthcare organizations face stringent regulatory requirements, such as PIPEDA and HIPAA, to safeguard patient data
- Balancing the imperative of data access for medical innovation with stringent privacy regulations poses a delicate challenge, necessitating policies and safeguards to mitigate exposure

[Kruse et. al.](#)

[Ahmad et. al.](#)

[HIPAA Guidelines](#)



# Solution overview – how Cohere aims to address the 3 core challenges

Data is ubiquitous, yet disparate and non-standard



Leverage Knowledge Graphs as the core structure to consolidate, correlate and index disparate data

- Knowledge graphs structure data into interconnected nodes and edges and allow more nuanced information retrieval than linear semantic/lexical searches.
- LLMs can easily synthesize “entity-relationship-entity” chains that succinctly convey the context with minimal added tokens.
- Graph-RAG shows strong potential in the medical sector based on emerging research

[Jiang et. al. \(HyKGE\)](#)

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Use corrective-RAG through a well-defined state-machine flow to ensure a robust and methodical pipeline

- Corrective-RAG is a methodology used for evaluating the confidence and reliability of context before response generation
- By incorporating a well-defined state-machine flow, the solution ensures a systematic evaluation of retrieved context.
- CRAG also amends inadequate context with additional documents from vetted external sources (PubMed)

[Yan et. al. \(CRAG\)](#)

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Build a self-contained solution using Cohere's private deployment offering and apply PHI guardrails

- Cohere's private deployment offering allows for the creation of self-contained solutions hosted within the healthcare organization's infrastructure, providing greater control over data privacy and security
- PHI guardrailing mitigates the risk of data exposure and LLM tracing provides the auditability for complex black-box systems

[Cohere](#)



# Solution overview – privacy considerations

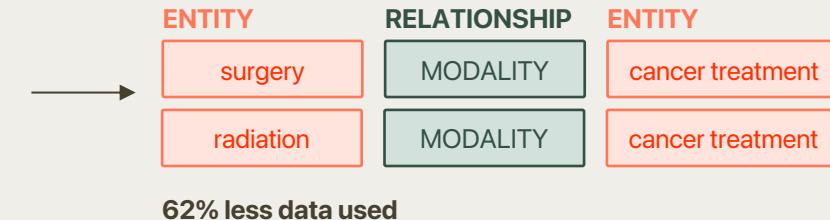


## Data

- ◆ While data anonymization is a key aspect of complying to privacy standards, **data minimization** is also an important mitigation approach [HIPAA 164.502\(a\)\(1\)](#)
- ◆ Condensing large chunks of unstructured data into chains of essential information in the KG builds onto this concept
- ◆ The sensitivity of the data that HealthCare wants to leverage impacts the disclosure, retention and usage policies [PPIEDA P5](#)

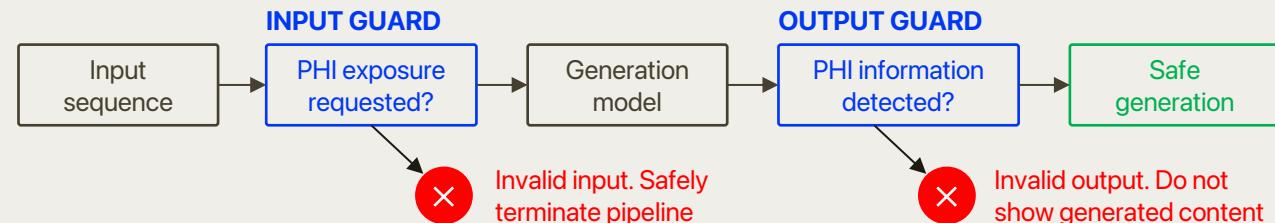
## RAW DATA PACKET

*Traditional cancer treatment modalities, including surgery and radiation, have made significant strides in improving patient outcomes.*



## Model

- ◆ We apply input and output guardrailing to the main generation model to mitigate data penetration and exposure
- ◆ Apply Cohere Classify to terminate generation if **an input sequence** asks for PHI or irrelevant information
- ◆ Train/prompt Command to mask any PHI in **output** for **18 classes** defined by HIPAA to comply with the Safe Harbor standard [HIPAA 164.514 & PPIEDA P7](#)



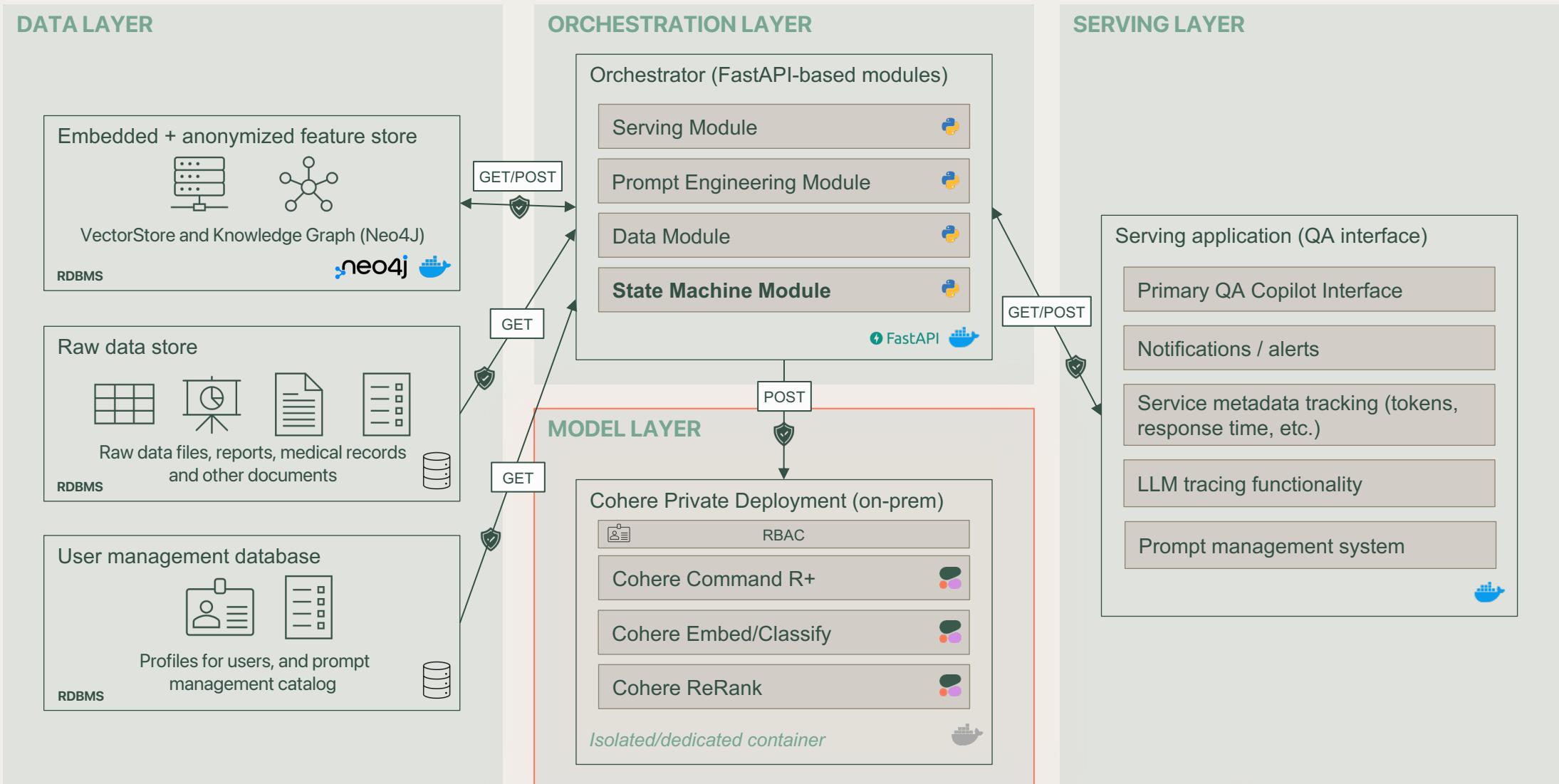
## Technology

- ◆ Cohere has 3 model deployment offerings that will cater to the needs of their clients. The key dimensions are **data privacy and integration**
- ◆ Depending on the nature HealthFirst's data, the Cloud VOC or Private Deployment options are lucrative
- ◆ Our preliminary recommendation is the Private Deployment offering, given that PHI data may be leveraged

SaaS	Integration w/ Cloud VOC	Private Deployment
Quick and easy	Integration into existing cloud environment	For customization and control. Can be deployed on-cloud or on-prem
<b>Best for:</b> low-scale experimentation and pilot dev	<b>Best for:</b> tech stacks that actively leverage cloud services	<b>Best for:</b> highly sensitive data that needs control

Preliminary recommendation

# Target-state solution architecture\*



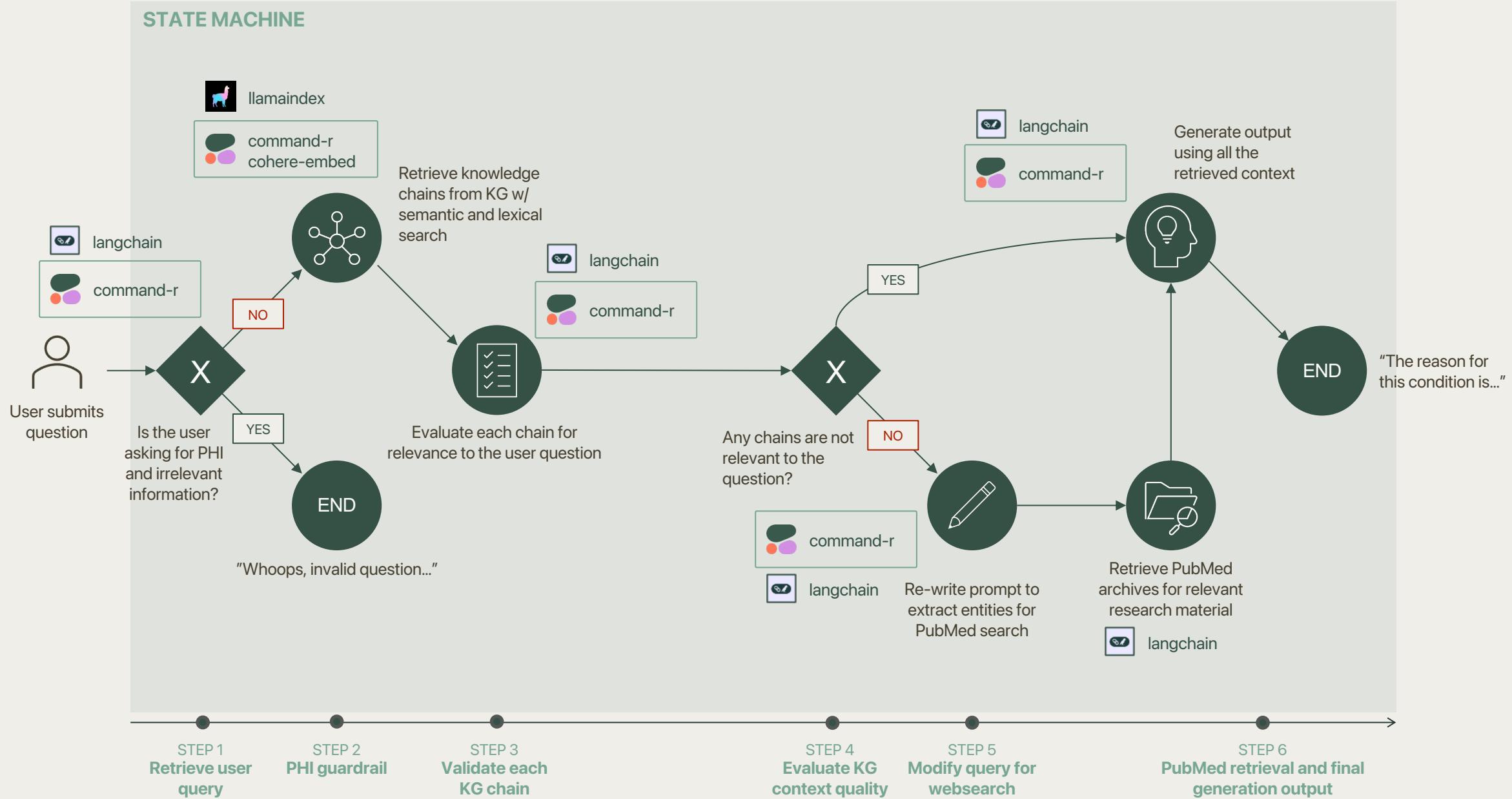
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- New components we would bring
- Components built into existing infra.



## POC state machine – high-level flow (@ inference time)

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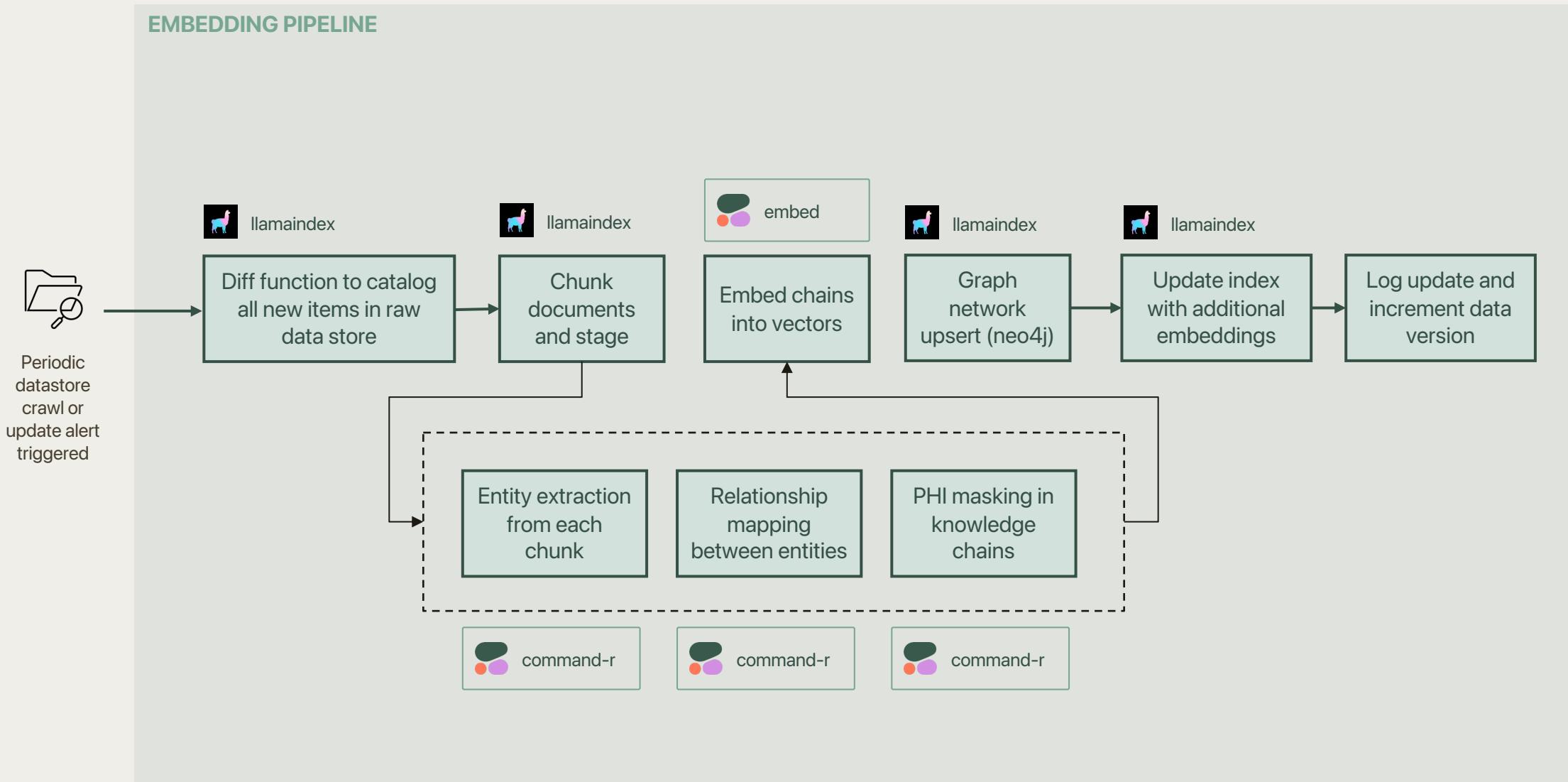




# Demo



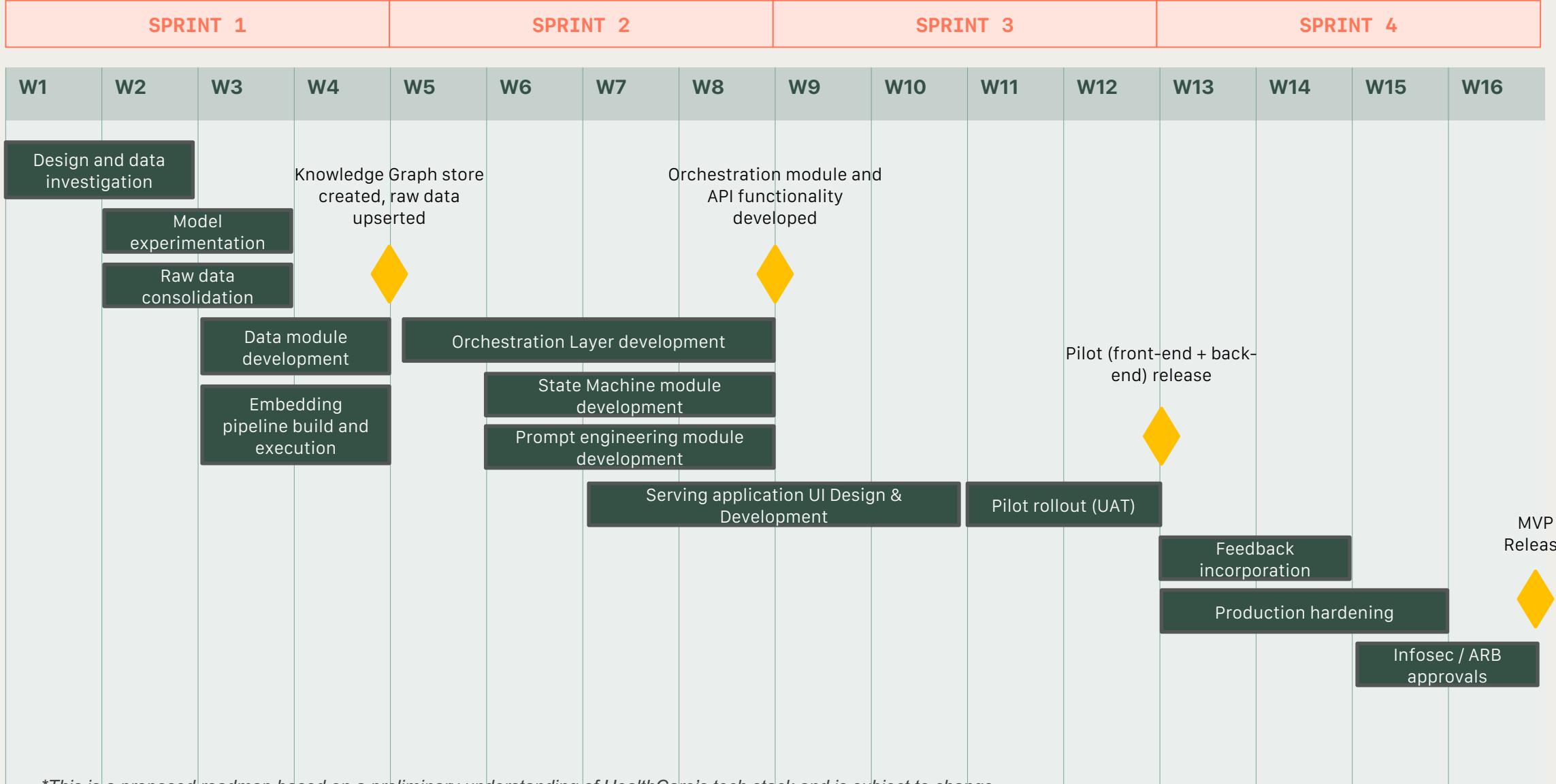
# Embedding pipeline – high-level flow (periodic staged process)





# Proposed delivery roadmap

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# HITL approach for vetting privacy-enhancement guardrails

