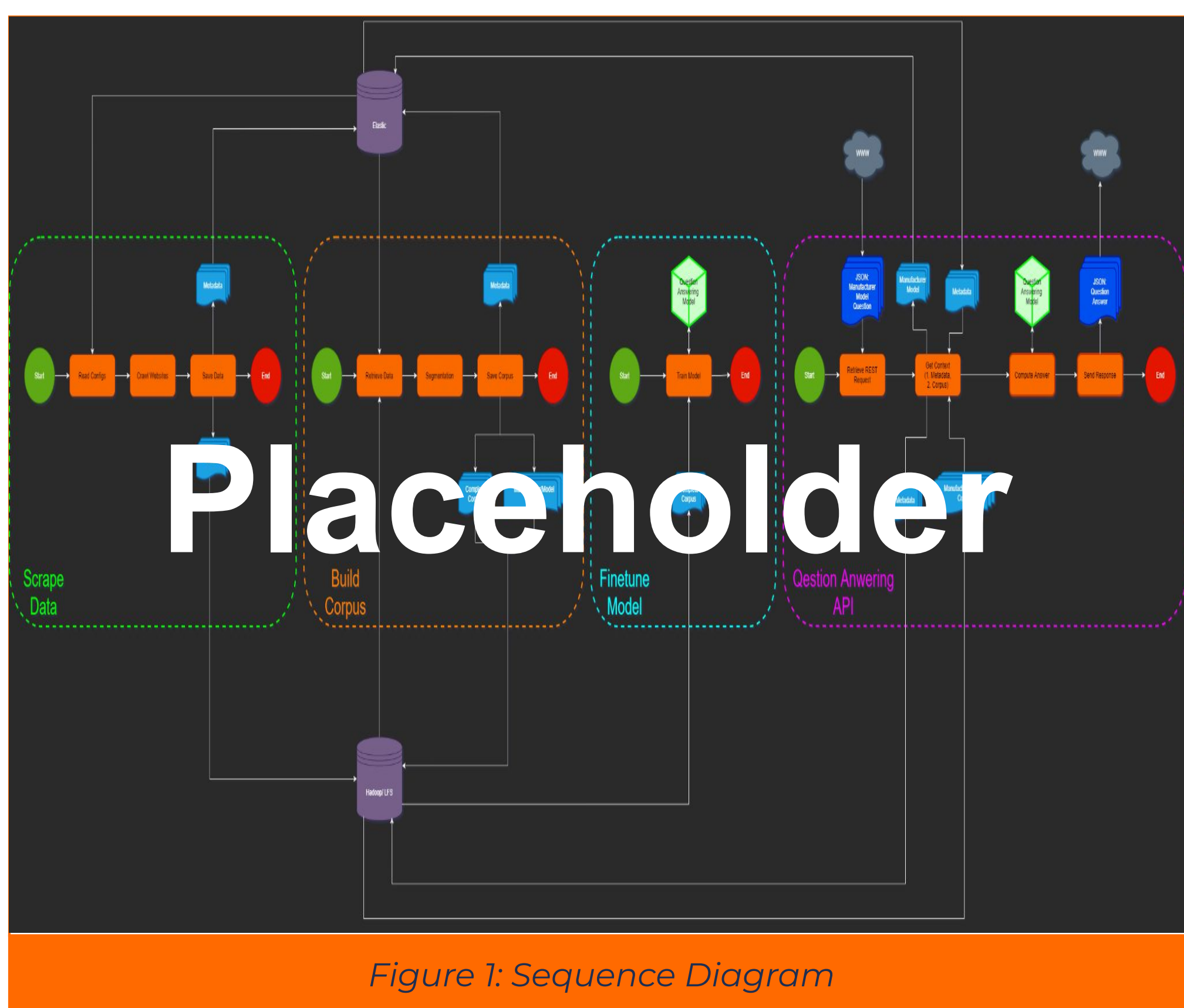


Coffee Machine Q&A System

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Ask Questions about your **coffee machine** to our Q&A System and get the answers you are looking for!



• Motivation

Problem:

Searching for an answer within technical documents such as Coffee Machines can be tiresome and time consuming.

Solution:

We've built a system that is able to answer technical questions for a user provided question.

• Web Scraping

- Defined 10 manufacturers as our sources
- Automatically query web pages with BeautifulSoup and Selenium for documents and metadata
- Store documents and metadata to the data warehouse

• Data Warehouse

- Hadoop serves as data storage for the manuals
- As a distributed file system this ensures availability
- The metadata to each manual are stored in Elasticsearch (ES)
- ES serves as a search and management tool and helps finding the relevant documents for each question

• Corpus

- Separation of every manufacturer and their products
- Segmentation of individual manuals into Header, Subheader and Paragraphs
- Segmented corpus stored in Elasticsearch for fast retrieval

• Question Answering

- Created training Q&A Dataset from our Corpus
- Trained NLP-Models via Huggingface
- Integrated Sentence Similarity Search to get relevant Documents to the Question
- Query the deployed model to retrieve answers for your questions from the relevant Documents

Model	With Fine-Tuning		Without Fine-Tuning	
	F1	Exact-Match	F1	Exact-Match
bert-base-uncased	61.7	54.6	10.4	0.3
distilbert-base-uncased-squad	66.4	57.0	49.9	21.1
bert-base-cased-squad2	67.6	55.8	52.3	22.0
roberta-base	66.7	57.2	14.6	0.15
roberta-base-squad2	68.3	59.8	58.3	27.5

Figure 2: Table comparing Models

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