🧩 Data Types

1. **Text Data**
   * User queries and questions (e.g., “Why won’t my thermostat connect?”)
   * Troubleshooting documentation (from device manuals, support pages)
   * Automation scripts (YAML or JSON)
   * Error messages and logs from smart home hubs/devices
2. **Structured Data**
   * Device metadata (brand, model, firmware version, connection type)
   * User preferences or settings (opt-in/opt-out for privacy features)
3. **Semi-Structured Data**
   * Config files (e.g., .yaml for Home Assistant)
   * Privacy policies (often HTML, PDF, or scraped markdown)
4. **Optional: Visual or Image Data**

* Screenshots of smart home dashboards or error pop-ups (for OCR, if your team explores that route)

🌐 Data Sources

1. **Public Documentation & FAQs**
   * Smart home brand websites: Google Nest, Philips Hue, Amazon Alexa, etc.
   * Community wikis or forums (e.g., Home Assistant, Reddit threads)
2. **Open Repositories**
   * GitHub repos for smart home automations (search: “home-assistant automation yaml”)
   * Sample logs, config files, and test scenarios from open-source smart home environments
3. **Synthetic Data (Generated by Your Team)**
   * Simulated device logs for common failure scenarios
   * Variations of user queries phrased differently
   * Sample privacy policies or automation rules
4. **Optional APIs or Tools**

* Home Assistant API (to simulate device state)
* OpenAI/nomic embedding tools (for testing retrieval if connected to docs)

📊 **Data Requirements Analysis – SmartHome Assist**

1. **Data Types**

| **Category** | **Description** |
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| **Text Data** | User queries (natural language), device manuals, troubleshooting docs, error logs |
| **Structured Data** | Device metadata (brand, model, firmware version), user settings/preferences |
| **Semi-Structured** | YAML/JSON smart home configs, privacy policy excerpts, usage templates |
| **Optional Visual** | Screenshots of app dashboards or error messages for optional OCR and visual debugging |

2. **Data Sources**

| **Source Type** | **Examples** |
| --- | --- |
| **Public Documentation** | Smart home FAQs and manuals (Google Home, Alexa, Philips Hue, etc.) |
| **Open Repositories** | GitHub datasets with automation examples and sample configurations (Home Assistant projects) |
| **User Simulations** | Manually crafted logs, scripts, and queries for controlled testing scenarios |
| **Privacy Policy Extracts** | Policies scraped from official smart device pages or collected via Common Crawl subsets |

3. **Data Volume and Velocity**

* **Initial dataset size**: ~500–1000 entries per functionality (queries, logs, YAML automations)
* **Update frequency**: Low for documentation; moderate for simulated logs and user sessions
* **Scalability**: Modular architecture allows for dataset expansion via synthetic generation or crowdsourced interactions

4. **Data Quality Requirements**

* **Completeness**: Logs should include full context (timestamps, status codes, device ID)
* **Clarity**: User queries must retain colloquial phrasing for real-world generalization
* **Schema Compliance**: YAML/JSON configs must validate against smart home schema or include comment annotations when malformed
* **Relevance**: Support docs must be device-specific with minimal noise or outdated instructions

5. **Potential Data Challenges**

* Variability in log structure between device manufacturers
* Lack of consistent terminology across brands (e.g., “routine,” “automation,” “scene”)
* Incomplete automation scripts sourced from GitHub
* Difficulty simulating multilingual queries without adding complexity

6. **Data Schema (Conceptual Layout)**

Here’s a sketch of your core schema—this can also be used in a diagram later:

{ user\_query: "Why won't my lights turn off at sunset?", device\_metadata: { brand: "Philips Hue", model: "Hue Bridge v2", firmware\_version: "1.93.7", connection: "Zigbee" }, config\_file: "automation.yaml", log\_excerpt: "No response from bridge. Timeout occurred.", support\_doc\_reference: "hue-troubleshooting.md", privacy\_policy\_snippet: "This device collects usage analytics..." }

This format should hit all the professor’s criteria: realistic scope, domain-specific accuracy, and alignment with your assistant’s core functionality. Up next, I can:

* Add this section to your PDF-style documentation
* Generate a data schema *visual* for your diagram section
* Help flesh out the **Processing Pipeline Design** to follow this smoothl