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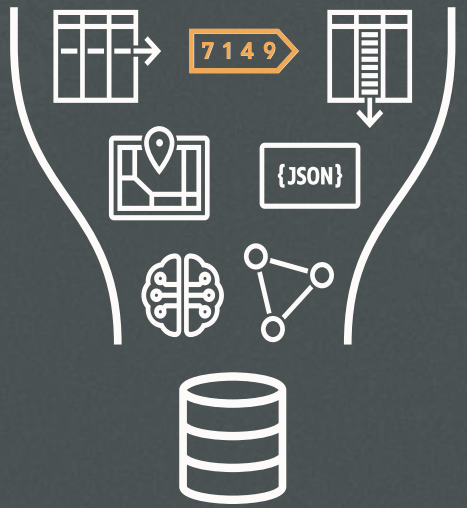
Enabling Generative AI with Oracle AI Vector Search

Better Together: Business Data and Business Vectors



Converged Database

The best solution is to add vector search to your business database

- There is no need to move and synchronize data, manage multiple products, etc.

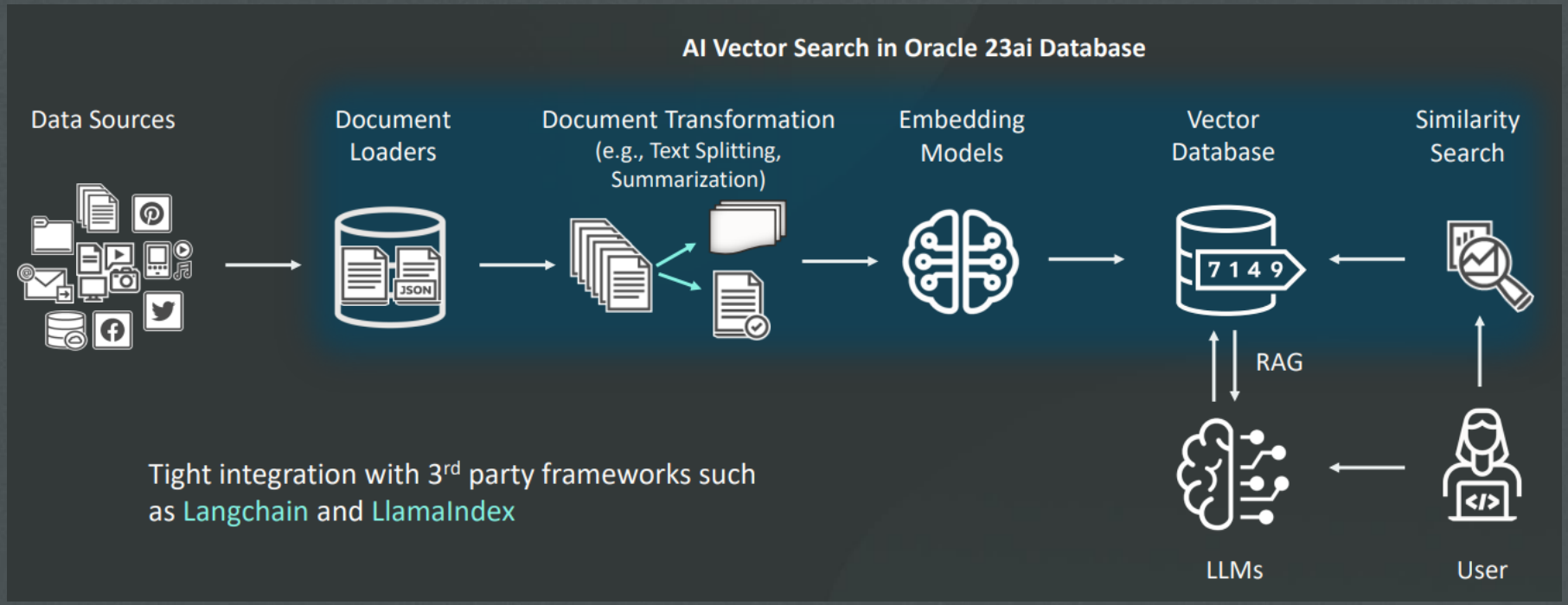
Vectors are used in AI to capture the semantics of data: Images, documents, videos, or even structured data

A vector is a sequence of numbers, called dimensions, used to capture the important "features" of the data

Produced by AI Deep Learning Models

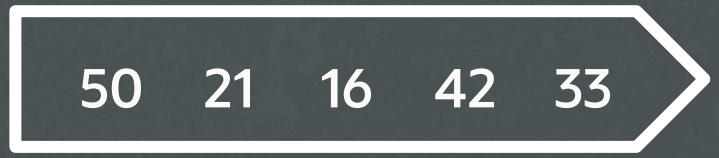
Represent the semantic content of data, not the actual words in a document or pixels in an image

AI Vector Search powers Gen AI pipelines

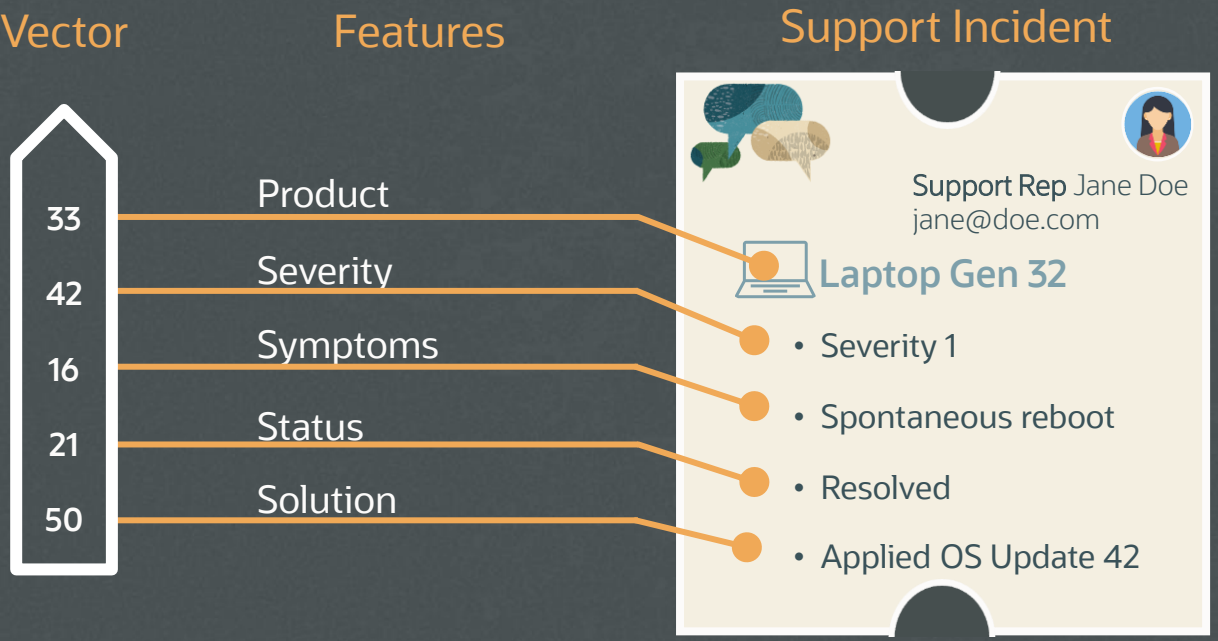


What are Vectors?

Vectors are a fundamental data structure in AI applications



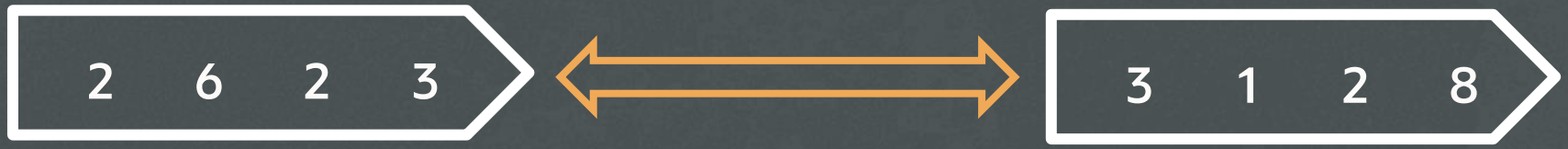
Example: The Vector for a Support Incident could be …



Each dimension (number), represents a different feature of the support incident

Note: Features determined by actual AI models are much more complex

The main operation on vectors is the Mathematical Distance between them



Distance (Euclidean Squared)
= $((3-2)^2+(1-6)^2+(2-2)^2+(8-3)^2)$

There are many mathematical distance formulas

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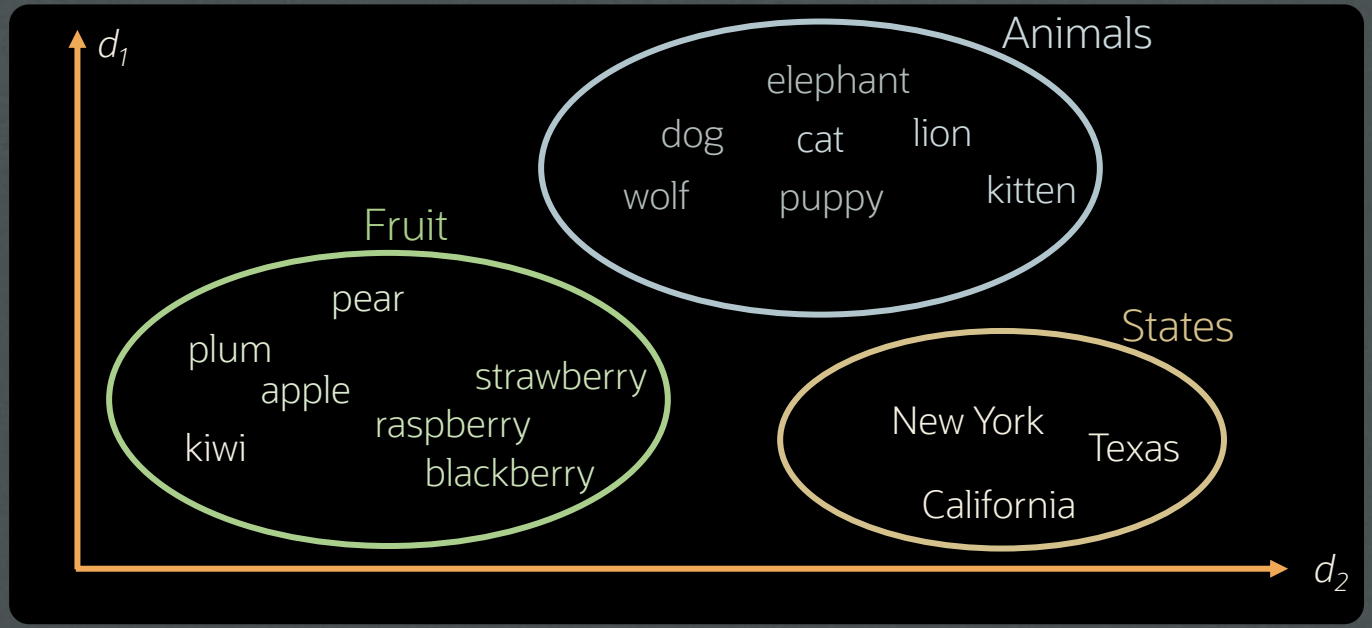

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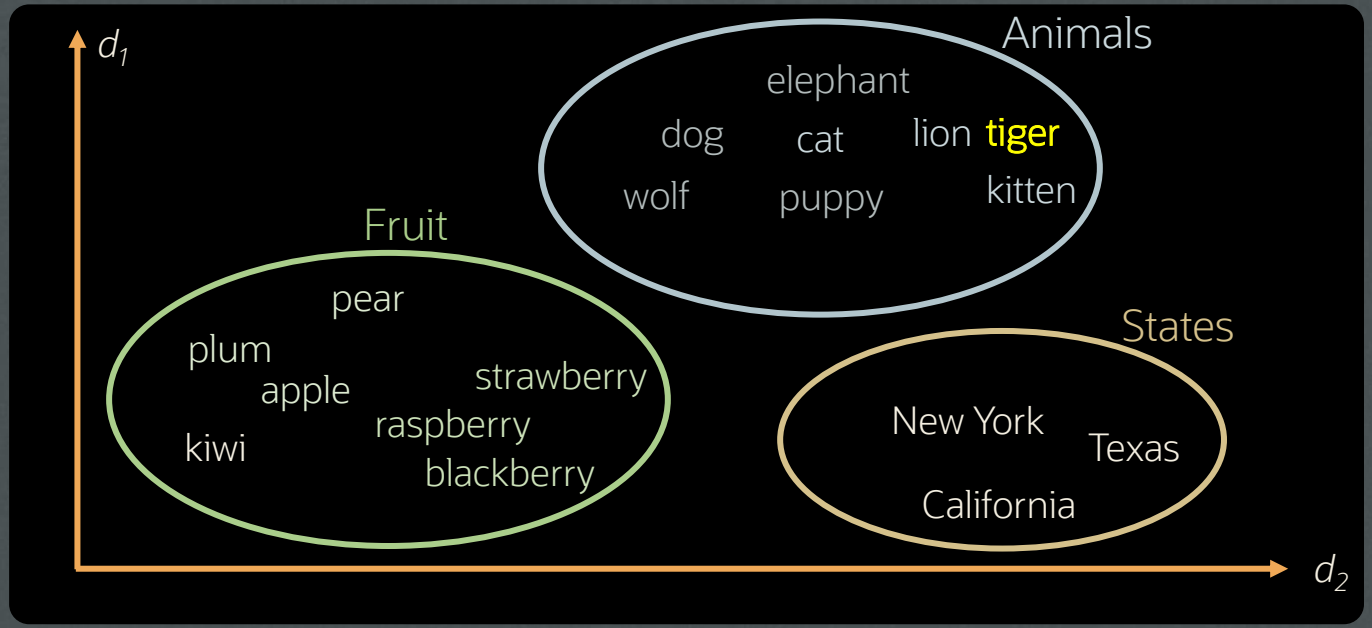

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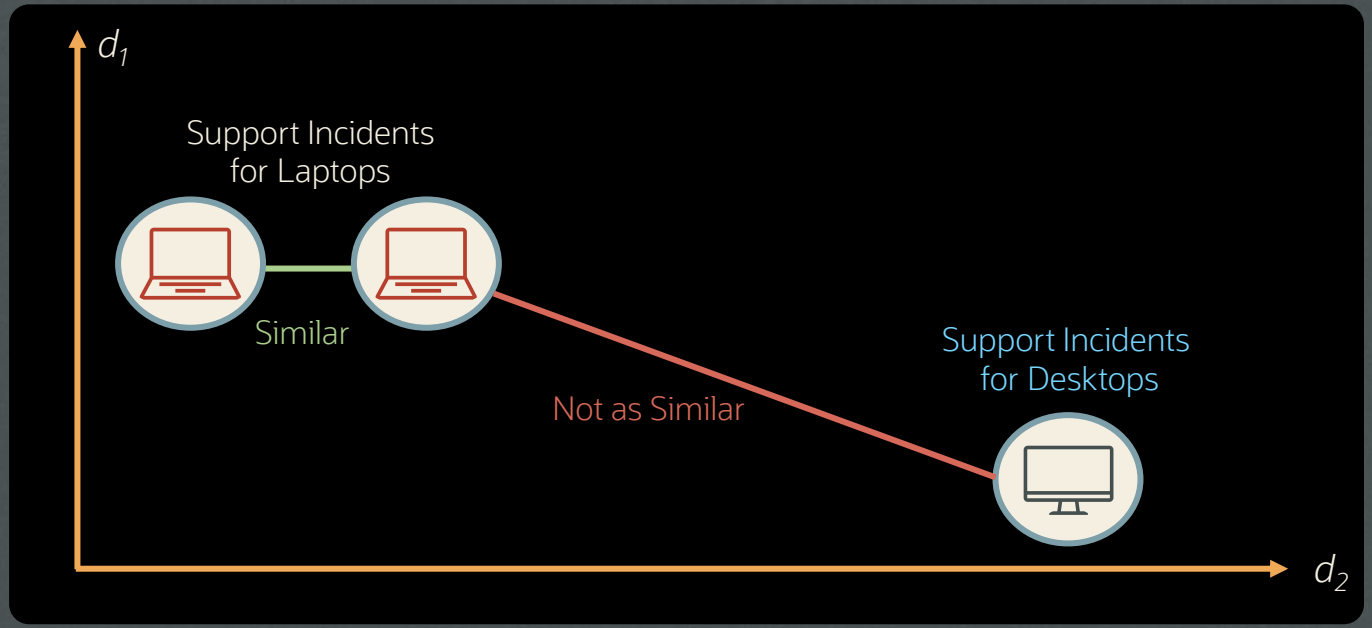
Support Incidents that are more similar also produce vectors that are closer together



The Similarity Property enables AI Vector Search

Search by Semantic Similarity rather than by Values

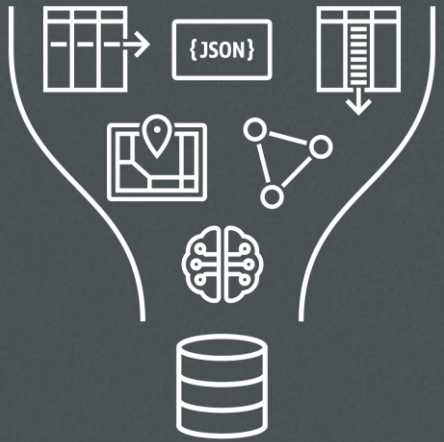
- Encode stored data as vectors using your chosen embedding model
- Encode search data as a vector using the same model
- Find the K nearest stored vectors by distance
- Return the data corresponding to the vectors

Why is Oracle adding AI Vector Search?

Aren't there dozens of Vector Databases out there already?

Goal: Extend business applications with semantic search for powerful new use cases

Searches on a combination of business data and semantic data requires both types of data to be queried together



Business Database

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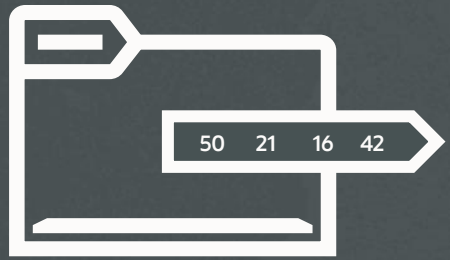

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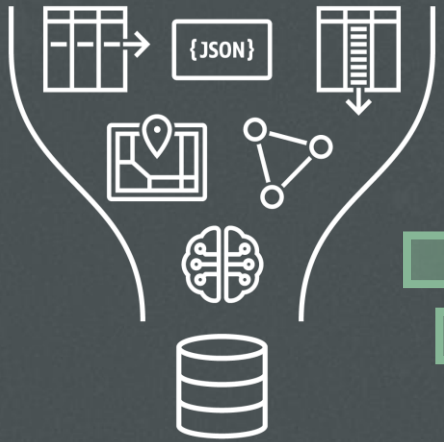

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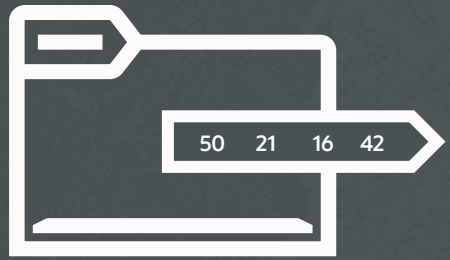

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You need to send a lot of data since you can't predict the question that might be asked

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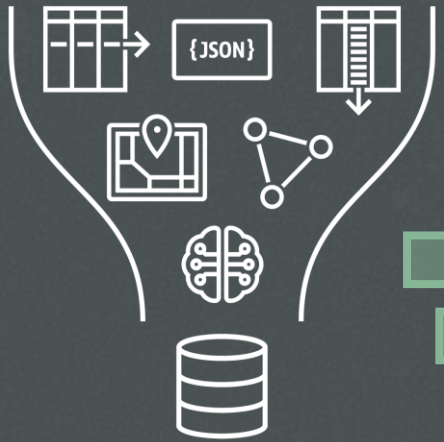

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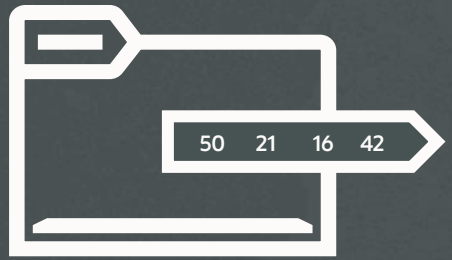

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Causes data staleness, adds complexity, compromises security

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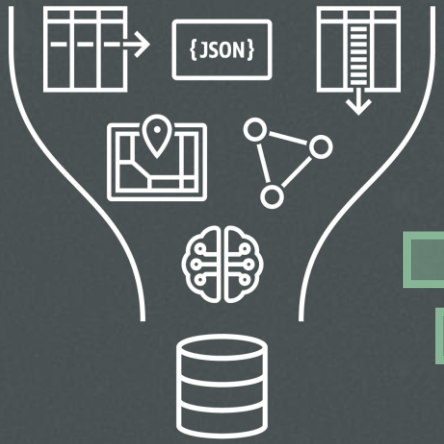

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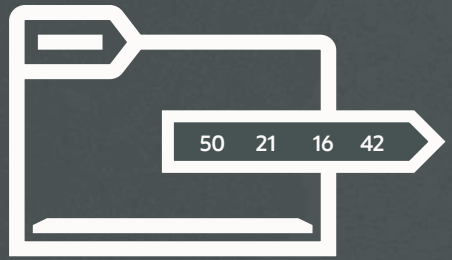

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Enterprise DBs typically have an order of magnitude more sophisticated query capabilities, fault-tolerance, security, etc., than Vector DBs

Oracle AI Vector Search enables searches on business data to be combined with semantic searches

Enables combining AI vector search with search on business data about Customers and Products

Support Incident Search Example

Find the top 10 matching incidents for a laptop reported by customers in Amsterdam


```
SELECT …
FROM   Support_Incidents
WHERE (SELECT Type ... FROM Products ...) = 'Laptop'
 AND  (SELECT City ...FROM Customers ...)= 'Amsterdam'
ORDER BY VECTOR_DISTANCE(incident_vector, :search_vector)
FETCH FIRST 10 ROWS ONLY;
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Combines customer and product data, and AI search in a few lines of SQL!

A single integrated solution, all data fully consistent

Any developer can learn to use it in 5-minutes

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What do Enterprise Customers want from an Enterprise-Grade AI Vector Search solution?

Key Requirements for Enterprise AI Vector Search

- Completeness of solution
- Simplicity of solution
- Sophisticated query support
- Massive scale
- Enterprise-Grade Fault Tolerance

Oracle AI Vector Search | Summary

- **Generate** — Generate vector embeddings from unstructured data
- **Store** — Store vectors in table columns using new VECTOR type
- **Index** — Build approximate vector indexes on VECTOR columns
- **Search** — Perform AI Vector Search on VECTOR columns using SQL
- **Integrate** — Integrate with Mission-Critical Enterprise Capabilities

Generate Vectors

New VECTOR_EMBEDDING() function to generate vectors

Completeness: Many customers want to be able to generate vectors within the database

Oracle Database supports the Open Neural Net Exchange (ONNX) framework to import models

The VECTOR_EMBEDDING() function can then generate vectors for unstructured data using the imported model

```
// import text model for documents
DBMS_DATA_MINING.import_onnx_model(
    model_name => "All-MiniLM-L6-v2",
    model_data => "All-MiniLM-L6-v2.onnx
    ...
);
```

```
// generate vectors from support incidents
SELECT
VECTOR_EMBEDDING(All-MiniLM-L6-v2 USING incident_text)
FROM Support_incidents;
```

Store (& Process) Vectors

VECTOR Datatype to store and process vectors

New VECTOR datatype

```
CREATE TABLE Support_Incidents(
      id number,
      incident_text CLOB,
      incident_vector VECTOR(768, FLOAT32));
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Optional
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Additional formats coming …

Alternatively, you can simply specify the column as a VECTOR

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Why is this needed? Flexibility:

- Embedding models are changing constantly but the schema can stay the same
- Support vectors from multiple embedding models in the same column

Vector Processing Operators

The main operation on vectors is to find how similar they are

```
VECTOR_DISTANCE(VECTOR1, VECTOR2, <distance metric>)
```

Different embedding models can use different distance metrics like Euclidean, cosine similarity, dot product, etc

All embedding models must obey the same similarity property

E.g. `VECTOR_DISTANCE(<Tiger Vec>, <Lion Vec>) < VECTOR_DISTANCE(<Tiger Vec>, <Apple Vec>)`

Vectors Indexes

Approximate Vector Indexes

Exact search for top-K matches will be 100% accurate but very slow

New vector indexes trade-off some search accuracy for 100x speed

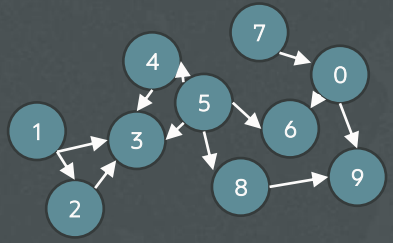
Neighbor Graph Vector Index – Graph-based index where vertices represent vectors and edges between vertices represent *similarity*

- In-Memory only index - highly efficient for both accuracy and speed

Neighbor Partition Vector Index – Partition-based index with vectors clustered into table partitions based on *similarity*

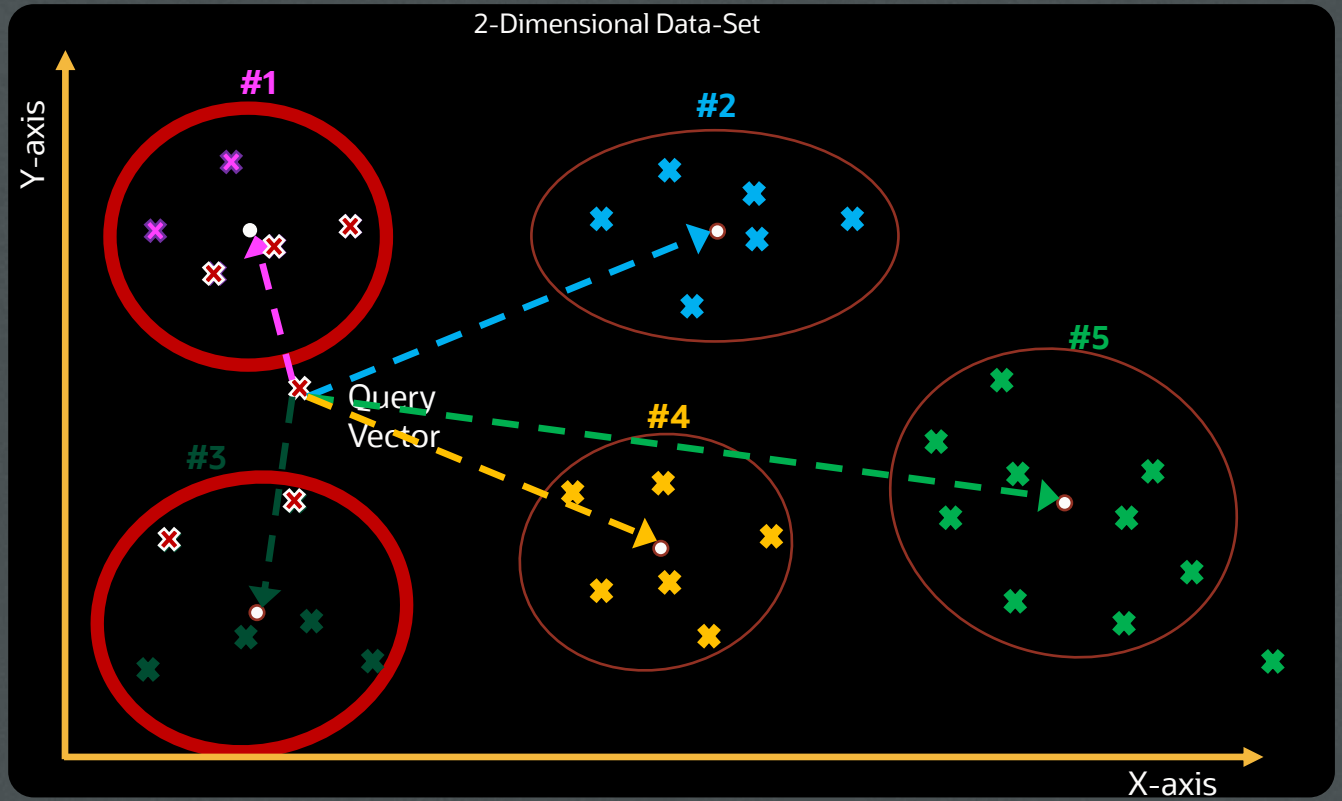
- Efficient scale-out index for unlimited data size

Graph Vector Index
(e.g. HNSW Index)



Partition Vector Index
(e.g. IVF_FLAT index)

Neighbor Partition Vector Index – Search



1. Group vectors into partitions using OML's K-means clustering algo (K = 5)
2. Compute distance from query vector to each partition's centroids
3. Identify the 2 nearest partitions
4. Compute distance from query vector to all points in Cluster #1 and #3 to find Top 5 closest matches (shown in red)

Graph Vector Index

Multi-layer in-memory graph index

In-memory index designed for speed and accuracy

Considered the “B+ tree index for Vectors”

Construction

The lowest layer of the graph has all the vectors

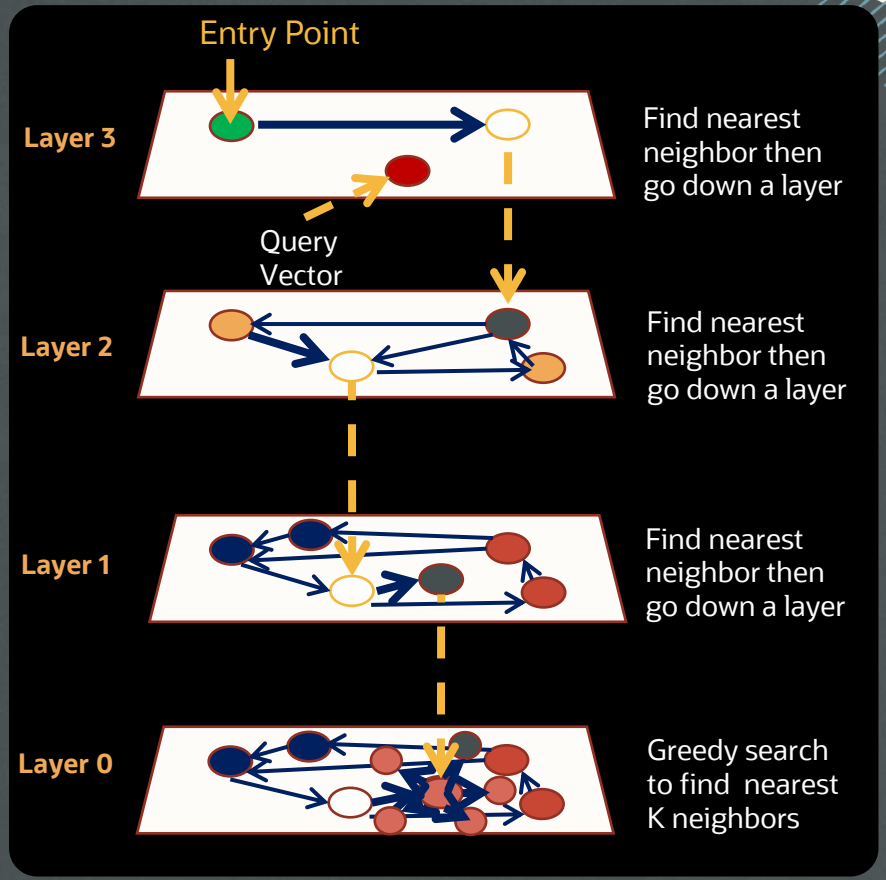
Higher layers have a decaying fraction of vectors

Vectors are connected based on similarity

Search

Search begins from the top layer
When the nearest vector is found, the search continues in the layer below

The search completes in the lowest layer when the Top K nearest vectors to the query vector are found



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TARGET ACCURACY: Specify the default accuracy (recall) when the index is used

- Simplicity: Easiest for users to specify accuracy as a percent instead of index algorithm parameters
- Continuous calibration used to map target accuracy to low level parameter values
- Specialists can still specify low-level parameters if they want (Some customers want this

Querying Vectors

Vector Query

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Optimizer chooses the best strategy based on filter selectivity:

- PREFILTER: For high selectivity, apply the filter first, construct a bloom filter, and apply it during the index search
- INFILTER: For medium selectivity, apply the filter as index is being searched
- POST FILTER: For low selectivity, first determine top n*K matches, then apply filter and return top K

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Find the top 5 Customers by similarity with a search photo vector who live in San Francisco and who have credit limits greater than $10k based on their tier status:

```
SELECT id, name, photo
        FROM   Customers c JOIN Tiers t ON (c.tier_id = t.id)
        WHERE  c.city = 'San Francisco’ AND t.spending_limit > 10000;
        ORDER BY VECTOR_DISTANCE(c.photo_vec, :QUERY_VEC)
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```

Most enterprise data is normalized, so this is an essential capability

Vector Query – Joins with Multi-Vector Grouping

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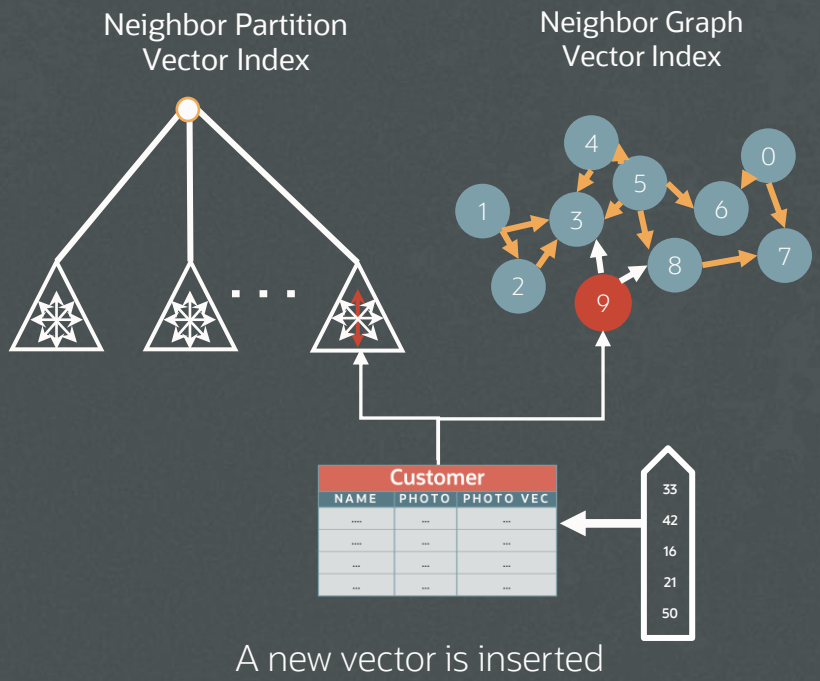
Within each partition find the 2 closest photos

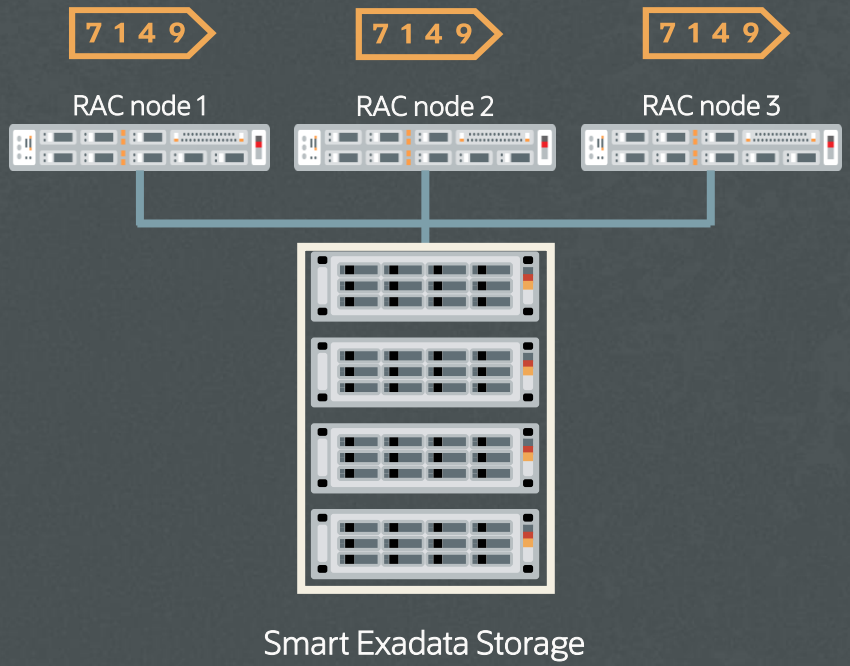
Integrate with Mission-Critical Enterprise Capabilities

AI Vector Search | Transactions



Oracle's AI Vector Search Indexes maintain transactional consistency with DML activity

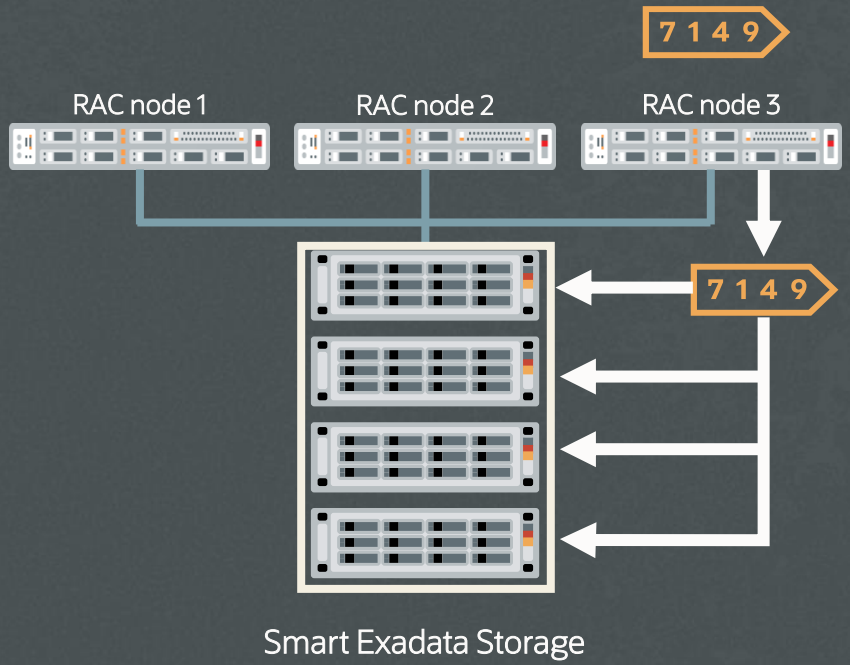
AI Vector Search | Scale-Out with Real Application Clusters



AI Vector search transparently scales vector processing across the compute nodes in a RAC cluster

With full data consistency

AI Vector Search | Scale-Out with Exadata Smart Storage



Oracle AI Vector search can be transparently offloaded to smart Exadata storage for faster search

AI Vector Search | Scale-Out with Partitioning

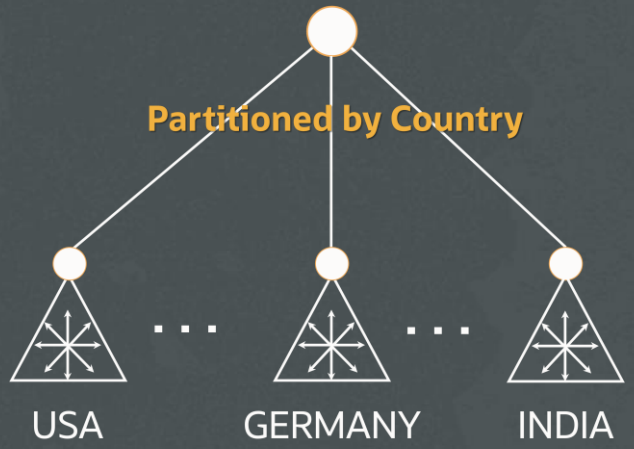
Partition or Sub-Partition by Relational Attributes

Build Vector index on each Partition

Filter by Partition key, perform Vector Search on qualifying partitions only

Can be 1000x faster

Vector index of customer photos



"Find top 10 matching customers in USA"

AI Vector Search | Scale-Out with Sharding

Database native sharding enables planet scale vector search

Sharding can be used both for unlimited scale or data sovereignty

Build Vector index on each independent shard database

Oracle AI Vector Search also allows you to interact with business data using Natural Language

Role of Vector Databases in Generative AI

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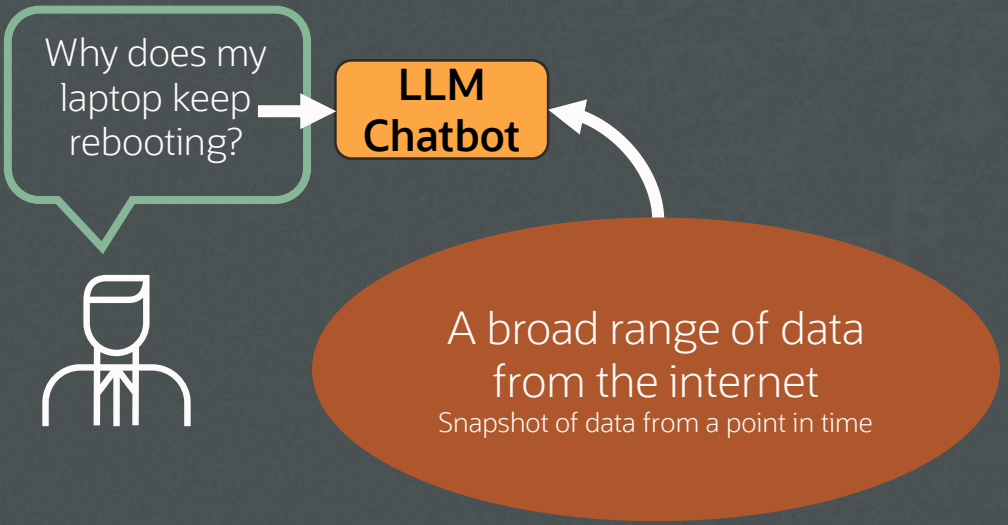

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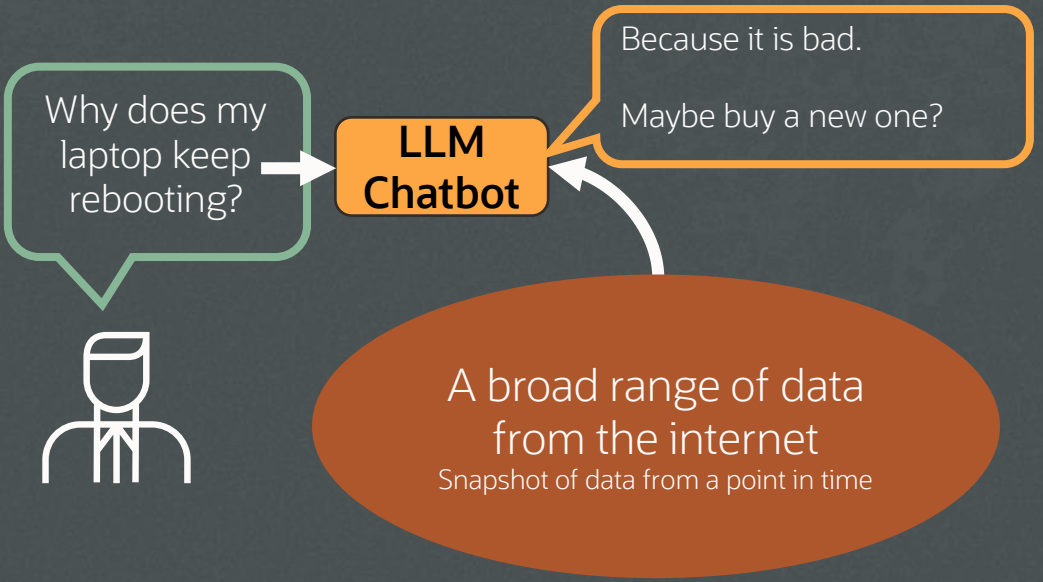
LLMs by themselves therefore often provide poor-quality responses to support questions



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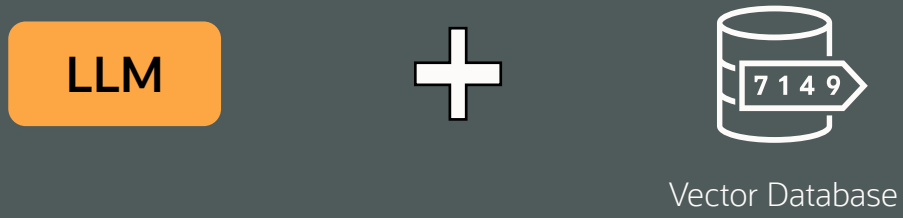
Provide enterprise content to enhance LLM interactions (retrieval augmentation)

Avoid having to train LLMs on sensitive enterprise data (not secure, expensive)

Better business outcomes



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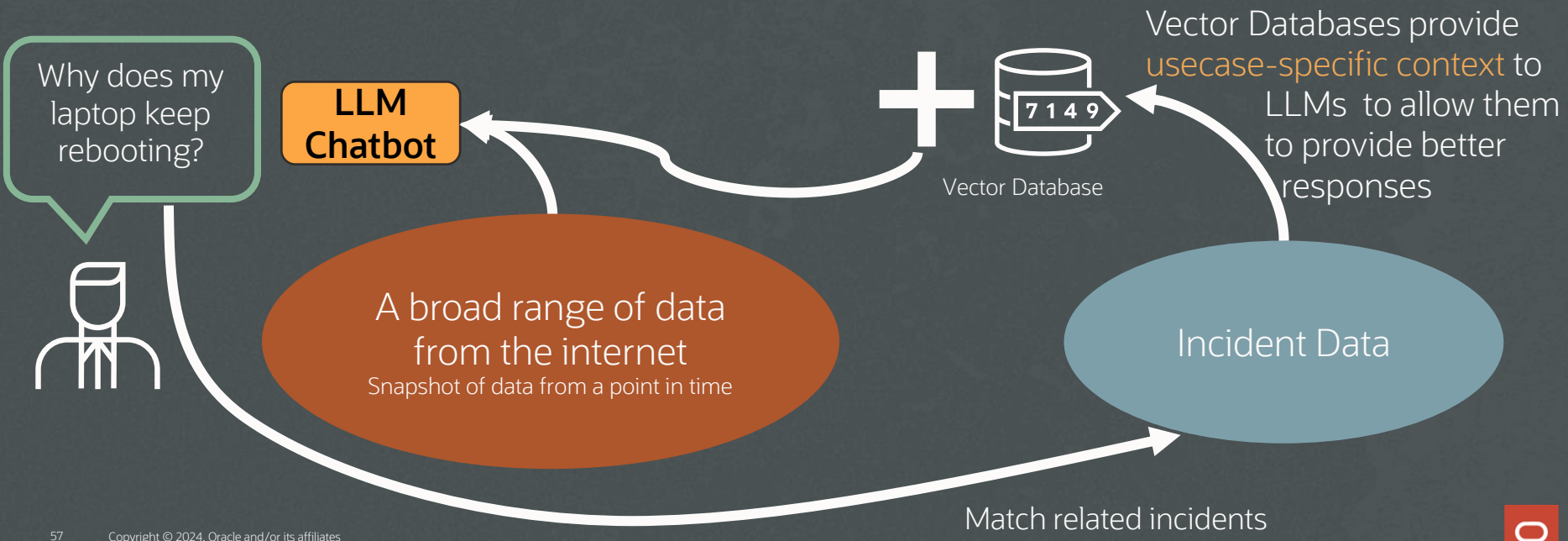

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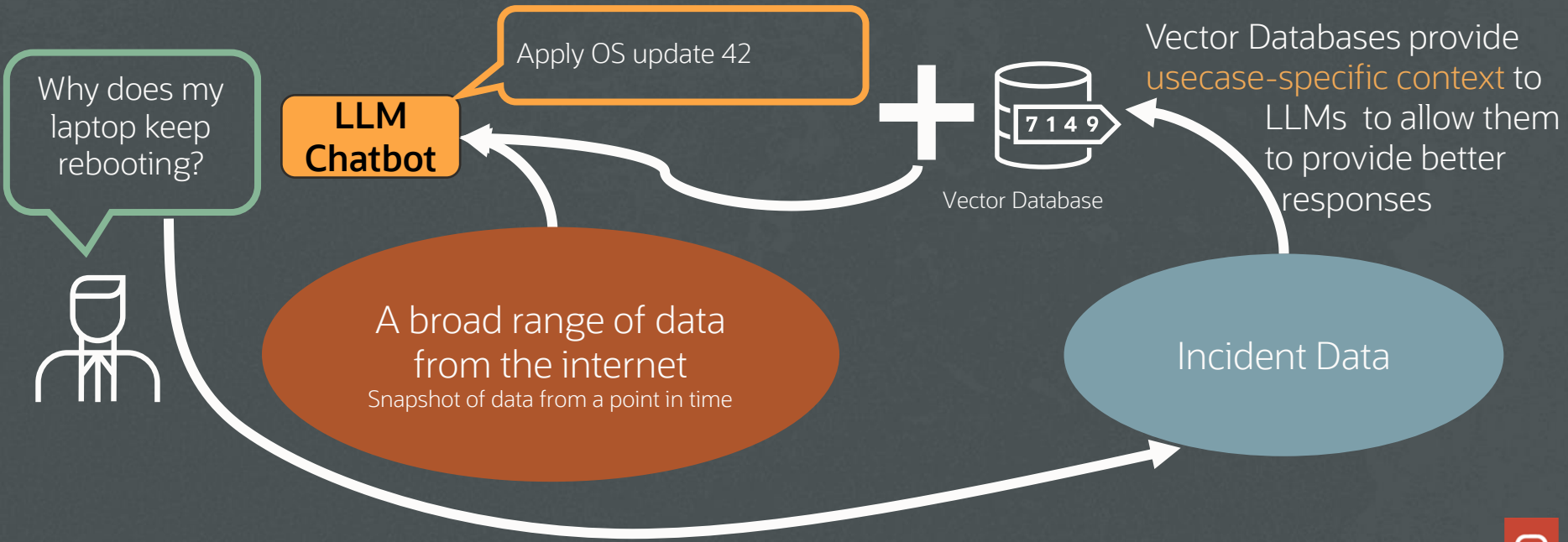

Role of Converged Oracle Database in Generative AI

Oracle is a Converged Database: Support for vectors in addition to Relational, JSON, Text, etc.

No need for data movement, avoids the cost, complexity, and security risk of multiple systems

Easily combine business data and vector data for ultra-sophisticated interactions with LLMs

Ideal business outcomes

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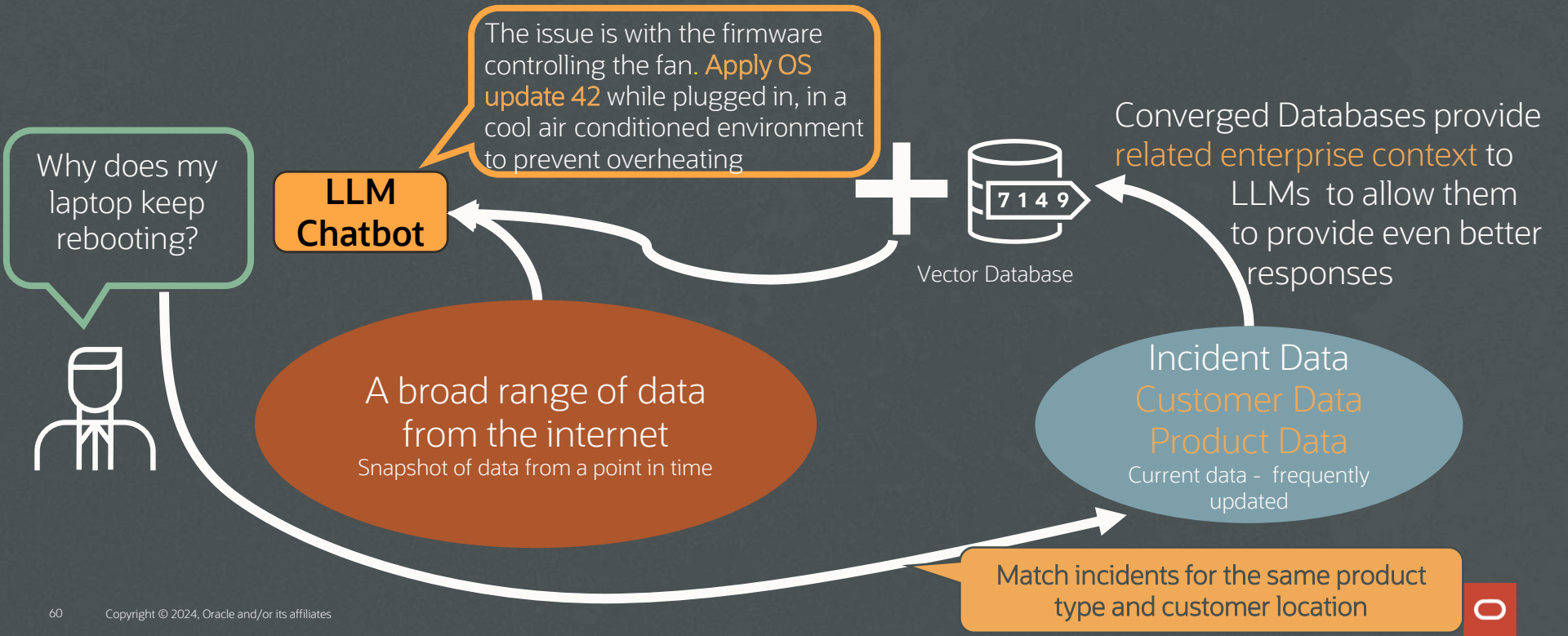
Converged Business Databases allow business rules, filters, security policies to be applied to RAG



Why Oracle is the Ideal AI Vector Platform?

Oracle Powers Mission-Critical Extreme-Scale OLTP for the World

- Unlike classic AI search, AI Vector Search use cases are highly response-time critical
- AI Vector Search therefore is like Real-Time OLTP with many use cases, such as:

  Real-time detection of fraudulent financial transactions or cellular phone call

  Real-time match of an image with person(s) of interest

  Real-time match of a customer profile with prior customers for risk and creditworthiness
- Since mission-critical OLTP is Oracle's key differentiator, AI Vector Search plays directly into Oracle's greatest strength: 24 x 7 x 365, Secure, Petabyte Scale, Millions of Transactions / Sec

Many of Oracle's existing mission-critical OLTP use cases may be augmented with AI Vector Search in the future

Over 45 Years of Development
Powers AI Vector Search in Oracle

AI Vector Search is being added to Oracle Database 23ai without any major re-architecture, due to:

Advanced SQL Functionality: AI Vector Search is a simple extension

Advanced Data Engine: AI Vector Search is a simple extension

Industry-Leading Scalability: AI vector data seamlessly benefits from existing scalability mechanisms

Key Takeaways

Oracle AI Vector Search powers the Modern Enterprise

AI Vector Search is seamlessly integrated with Oracle Database 23ai database features for enterprise-grade performance and reliability

Converged SQL Processing

- Perform AI-vector powered similarity searches directly on your business data
- Simple to combine Relational, Document, Spatial, Graph, ML, and AI Vector Search in a single query – no need for multiple single-purpose databases

Advanced Data Engine

- Benefit from Approximate Indexing, In-Memory, Partitioning, Compression

Industry-Leading Scalability

- Transparent scale-out via RAC and Sharding
- Exadata Offload for efficient scale-out processing and capacity in storage tier

Efficient orchestration of Gen-AI pipelines

- Natively in the database or through integrated 3rd party frameworks

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