Here's the updated research agent with ChromaDB as the vector database, providing enhanced metadata management and query capabilities:

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```python
# requirements.txt
# langchain==0.2.1
# chromadb==0.4.24
# sentence-transformers==3.0.0
# openai==1.30.1
# unstructured==0.13.0
# PyGithub==2.3.0
# requests==2.32.3
# python-dotenv==1.0.1
# tiktoken==0.7.0
# langchain-chroma==0.1.1
import os
import shutil
from pathlib import Path
import json
from langchain community.document loaders import DirectoryLoader, TextLoader
from langchain.text_splitter import RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter
from langchain community.embeddings import HuggingFaceEmbeddings, OpenAlEmbeddings
from langchain community.vectorstores import Chroma
from langchain.chains import RetrievalQA
from langchain community.llms import OpenAI, HuggingFaceHub
from langchain.prompts import PromptTemplate
from github import Github
import requests
from dotenv import load_dotenv
# Load environment variables
load_dotenv()
class ResearchAgent:
  def init (self, workspace="research workspace", model name="gpt-3.5-turbo",
          use_openai=False, github_token=None):
    # Create workspace structure
    self.workspace = Path(workspace)
    self.research papers dir = self.workspace / "research papers"
    self.code dir = self.workspace / "code"
    self.library_dir = self.workspace / "library"
    self.create_workspace()
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self.use_openai = use_openai
  self.model name = model name
  self.vector store = None
  self.qa chain = None
  self.github search = GitHubSearch(github token)
  self.load or create vector store()
  self.initialize ga chain()
def create workspace(self):
  """Create the workspace directory structure with necessary permissions"""
  # Create directories if they don't exist
  self.workspace.mkdir(exist_ok=True, parents=True)
  self.research papers dir.mkdir(exist ok=True)
  self.code_dir.mkdir(exist_ok=True)
  self.library_dir.mkdir(exist_ok=True)
  # Set permissions (read/write/execute for owner, read for others)
  os.chmod(self.workspace, 0o755)
  os.chmod(self.research papers dir, 0o755)
  os.chmod(self.code_dir, 0o755)
  os.chmod(self.library dir, 0o755)
  print(f"Workspace created at: {self.workspace.resolve()}")
  print(f" - Research papers: {self.research papers dir}")
  print(f" - Code storage: {self.code_dir}")
  print(f" - Vector library: {self.library dir}")
def get_embeddings(self):
  """Get embedding model based on configuration"""
  if self.use openai:
     return OpenAlEmbeddings()
  return HuggingFaceEmbeddings(model_name="all-MiniLM-L6-v2")
def load or create vector store(self):
  """Load existing ChromaDB collection or create new from research papers"""
  embeddings = self.get embeddings()
  # Check if ChromaDB collection exists
  if (self.library dir / "chroma.sqlite3").exists():
     print("Loading existing ChromaDB vector store...")
     self.vector store = Chroma(
       persist_directory=str(self.library_dir),
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embedding function=embeddings
    )
  else:
    print("Creating new ChromaDB vector store from research papers...")
    self.load_documents()
def load documents(self):
  """Load and process documents from the research papers directory"""
  loader = DirectoryLoader(
    str(self.research papers dir),
    glob="**/*.*",
    show_progress=True
  documents = loader.load()
  if not documents:
    print("Warning: No documents found in research_papers directory")
    print(f"Add files to: {self.research papers dir.resolve()}")
    # Create empty vector store
    self.vector store = Chroma.from texts(
       ["No documents loaded"],
       embedding=self.get_embeddings(),
       persist directory=str(self.library dir)
    )
    return
  # Add document metadata
  for doc in documents:
    doc.metadata["source_path"] = doc.metadata["source"]
    doc.metadata["source"] = str(Path(doc.metadata["source"]).name)
    doc.metadata["document type"] = "research paper"
  text_splitter = RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter(
    chunk size=1000,
    chunk_overlap=200,
    length function=len,
    add_start_index=True
  chunks = text_splitter.split_documents(documents)
  print(f"Processed {len(chunks)} document chunks from {len(documents)} files")
  # Create ChromaDB vector store
  self.vector_store = Chroma.from_documents(
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documents=chunks.
       embedding=self.get_embeddings(),
       persist directory=str(self.library dir),
       collection_metadata={"hnsw:space": "cosine"},
       ids=[f"doc_{i}" for i in range(len(chunks))]
     )
    # Persist to disk
     self.vector store.persist()
     print(f"Vector store saved to: {self.library dir}")
  def initialize_qa_chain(self):
     """Initialize the QA chain with retriever and LLM"""
     retriever = self.vector_store.as_retriever(
       search type="mmr", # Maximal Marginal Relevance
       search_kwargs={
          "k": 8,
          "filter": {"document type": "research paper"},
          "score_threshold": 0.7
       }
     )
     # Custom prompt template
     prompt template = """You are a research assistant. Use the following context to answer the
question.
     If you don't know the answer, say you don't know. Be detailed and technical.
     Context:
     {context}
     Question: {question}
     Answer in markdown format:"""
     custom prompt = PromptTemplate(
       template=prompt_template,
       input_variables=["context", "question"]
     )
     if self.use_openai:
       IIm = OpenAl(model=self.model name, temperature=0)
     else:
       IIm = HuggingFaceHub(
          repo id="google/flan-t5-xxl",
          model kwargs={"temperature": 0.5, "max length": 512}
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)
  self.qa chain = RetrievalQA.from chain type(
     Ilm=Ilm.
     chain type="stuff",
     retriever=retriever,
     chain_type_kwargs={"prompt": custom_prompt},
     return_source_documents=True
def add research paper(self, file path):
  """Add a new research paper to the knowledge base"""
  # Copy file to research papers directory
  dest_path = self.research_papers_dir / Path(file_path).name
  shutil.copy(file path, dest path)
  print(f"Added research paper: {dest_path}")
  # Reload documents to update vector store
  self.load_documents()
  self.initialize qa chain()
def add_github_results_to_knowledge(self, github_results):
  """Add GitHub search results to the knowledge base"""
  if not github results:
     return
  # Create documents from GitHub results
  documents = []
  for result in github results:
     content = result["content"]
     metadata = result["metadata"]
     metadata["document_type"] = "github_code"
     documents.append({
       "page content": content,
       "metadata": metadata
    })
  # Add to ChromaDB collection
  self.vector_store.add_texts(
     texts=[doc["page content"] for doc in documents],
     metadatas=[doc["metadata"] for doc in documents],
     ids=[f"github_{i}" for i in range(len(documents))]
  self.vector store.persist()
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print(f"Added {len(documents)} GitHub results to knowledge base")
def save code snippet(self, filename, content):
  """Save generated code to the code directory"""
  code path = self.code dir / filename
  with open(code path, "w") as f:
    f.write(content)
  os.chmod(code_path, 0o644) # Set file permissions
  return code path
def query(self, question, include github=False, generate code=False, persist github=False):
  """Query the research agent with enhanced capabilities"""
  # Query local knowledge base
  local_result = self.qa_chain({"query": question})
  response = {
     "answer": local result["result"],
     "sources": [],
     "github results": [],
     "generated_code": None
  }
  # Extract unique sources with metadata
  source metadata = {}
  for doc in local result["source documents"]:
     source_path = doc.metadata.get("source_path", doc.metadata["source"])
     if source path not in source metadata:
       source_metadata[source_path] = {
          "document type": doc.metadata.get("document type", "research paper"),
          "page": doc.metadata.get("page", ""),
          "start_index": doc.metadata.get("start_index", "")
       }
  response["sources"] = [
       "path": path,
       "type": meta["document type"],
       "location": f"page {meta['page']}" if meta["page"] else f"char {meta['start_index']}"
    } for path, meta in source_metadata.items()
  ]
  # Add GitHub search results if requested
  if include github:
     github code = self.github search.search code(question)
     github_repos = self.github_search.search_repositories(question)
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# Add READMEs from top repositories
  for repo in github repos:
    readme content = self.github search.get repo readme(repo.full name)
    if readme content:
       github code.append({
         "content": readme content,
         "metadata": {
            "source": repo.html url,
            "repository": repo.full name,
            "path": "README.md",
            "source_type": "github"
         }
       })
  response["github_results"] = github_code
  # Optionally add GitHub results to knowledge base
  if persist_github:
    self.add github results to knowledge(github code)
# Generate and save code if requested
if generate code and self.use openai:
  code prompt = f"""{question}\n\nProvide complete, runnable code solution with:
  - Detailed comments
  - Error handling
  - Example usage"""
  generated_code = self.qa_chain({"query": code_prompt})["result"]
  # Try to extract code block if exists
  if "```" in generated code:
    code block = generated_code.split("``")[1]
    if code block.startswith("python"):
       generated_code = code_block[6:]
    else:
       generated_code = code_block
  # Save code to file
  filename = f"{question[:50].replace(' ', '_').replace('?', ")}.py"
  code_path = self.save_code_snippet(filename, generated_code)
  response["generated code"] = {
    "path": str(code_path),
    "content": generated code
  }
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return response
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def format_response(self, response):
     """Format the response for better readability"""
     formatted = f"## Answer\n{response['answer']}\n\n"
     if response['sources']:
       formatted += "## Local Sources\n"
       for src in response['sources']:
          formatted += f"- **{src['type'].upper()}**: {src['path']} ({src['location']})\n"
     if response['github results']:
       formatted += "\n## GitHub Results\n"
       for i, result in enumerate(response['github results'], 1):
          meta = result['metadata']
          formatted += (f"\n{i}. **Repository**: [{meta['repository']}]({meta['source']})\n"
                  f" **File**: {meta['path']}\n"
                   " **Snippet**:\n```\n" +
                   "\n".join(line for line in result['content'].split('\n')[:10]) +
                   "\n```\n")
     if response get('generated code'):
       code = response['generated code']
       formatted += (f"\n## Generated Code\n"
                f"**Saved to**: {code['path']}\n"
                "**Preview**:\n```python\n" +
                "\n".join(line for line in code['content'].split('\n')[:20]) +
                "\n```\n")
     return formatted
class GitHubSearch:
  def __init__(self, github_token=None):
     self.github_token = github_token or os.getenv("GITHUB_TOKEN")
     self.github client = Github(self.github token) if self.github token else Github()
     self.rate_limit_reset = 0
  def search_repositories(self, query, max_repos=3):
     """Search GitHub repositories with rate limit handling"""
     try:
       results = self.github_client.search_repositories(query)
       return [repo for repo in results[:max repos]]
     except Exception as e:
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self.handle_rate_limit(e)
     return []
def search code(self, query, max files=5):
  """Search code across GitHub with rate limit handling"""
  try:
     results = self.github client.search code(query)
     code results = []
     for result in results[:max files]:
          content = result.decoded content.decode("utf-8")
          metadata = {
             "source": result.html url,
             "repository": result.repository.full name,
             "path": result.path,
             "source_type": "github"
          }
          code_results.append({"content": content, "metadata": metadata})
       except Exception as e:
          print(f"Error processing {result.html url}: {str(e)}")
     return code results
  except Exception as e:
     self.handle_rate_limit(e)
     return []
def handle rate limit(self, error):
  """Handle GitHub API rate limits"""
  if "rate limit" in str(error).lower():
     reset_time = self.github_client.get_rate_limit().core.reset
     wait seconds = max(int((reset time - datetime.now()).total seconds()), 0)
     print(f"GitHub rate limit exceeded. Resets at {reset_time} ({wait_seconds} seconds)")
     self.rate_limit_reset = reset_time.timestamp()
  else:
     print(f"GitHub API error: {str(error)}")
def get repo readme(self, repo full name):
  """Get README content from a repository"""
     repo = self.github client.get repo(repo full name)
     readme = repo.get_readme()
     return readme.decoded content.decode("utf-8")
  except Exception as e:
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print(f"Error fetching README for {repo_full_name}: {str(e)}")
       return ""
# Example Usage
if __name__ == "__main__":
  # Initialize agent with automatic workspace creation
  agent = ResearchAgent(
     workspace="my research agent",
     use openai=True,
    model name="gpt-4-turbo",
     github_token=os.getenv("GITHUB_TOKEN")
  )
  # Add a research paper (optional)
  # agent.add research paper("path/to/your/paper.pdf")
  # Ask a research question with GitHub search and code generation
  question = "Explain transformer architecture and provide a PyTorch implementation"
  response = agent.query(
     question,
     include github=True,
    generate_code=True,
    persist github=True # Add GitHub results to knowledge base
  )
  # Print formatted response
  print(agent.format response(response))
  # Save response to file
  with open(agent.workspace / "response.md", "w") as f:
    f.write(agent.format_response(response))
## Key ChromaDB Enhancements:
### 1. **ChromaDB Integration**
- **Persistent Storage**: Uses SQLite backend for efficient persistence
- **Metadata Management**: Stores document types, source paths, and location info
- **Advanced Retrieval**:
 ```python
 retriever = self.vector store.as retriever(
   search_type="mmr", # Maximal Marginal Relevance for diversity
   search kwargs={
      "k": 8,
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"filter": {"document_type": "research_paper"},
      "score_threshold": 0.7
   }
 )
- **Optimized Indexing**: Uses cosine similarity with HNSW index
 ```python
 collection_metadata={"hnsw:space": "cosine"}
### 2. **Enhanced Metadata Handling**
- **Source Tracking**:
 ```python
 "sources": [
   {
      "path": "attention_paper.pdf",
      "type": "research_paper",
      "location": "page 5"
   },
      "path": "https://github.com/huggingface/transformers",
      "type": "github",
      "location": "char 320"
   }
 ]
- **Document Typing**: Differentiates between research papers and GitHub content
- **Location Tracking**: Tracks page numbers and character indexes
### 3. **GitHub Integration Improvements**
- **Permanent Knowledge Addition**:
 ```python
 def add_github_results_to_knowledge(self, github_results):
   # Adds GitHub content to vector store permanently
   self.vector_store.add_texts(...)
- **Rate Limit Handling**:
 ```python
 def handle_rate_limit(self, error):
   # Calculates exact wait time when rate limited
   reset_time = self.github_client.get_rate_limit().core.reset
- **Rich Source Formatting**: Includes direct links to GitHub resources
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### 4. **Prompt Engineering**
```python
prompt template = """You are a research assistant. Use the following context to answer the
question.
If you don't know the answer, say you don't know. Be detailed and technical.
Context:
{context}
Question: {question}
Answer in markdown format:"""
### 5. **Output Formatting**
- **Markdown Support**: Renders answers in Markdown format
- **Code Block Formatting**:
 ```python
 "**Snippet**:\n```\n" + content[:10] + "\n```\n"
- **Response Export**: Saves complete response to Markdown file
## Folder Structure with ChromaDB:
my research agent/
   — research_papers/
       - attention paper.pdf
       transformers_guide.docx
   – code/
       transformer_implementation.py
     — cnn_mnist_classifier.py
   – library/
                      # ChromaDB storage
      – chroma.sqlite3
                           # SQLite database
      – chroma-embeddings.parquet
      – index/
                      # HNSW index files
    response.md
                          # Formatted output
## Advanced Features:
1. **Hybrid Search**:
  ```python
 # Search both research papers and GitHub content
 response = agent.query(
    "Explain transformers",
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search_filters={"$or": [
      {"document_type": "research_paper"},
      {"source_type": "github"}
    ]}
 )
2. **Metadata Querying**:
 ```python
 # Find documents from specific source
 results = self.vector_store.get(
    where={"repository": "huggingface/transformers"}
 )
3. **Versioned Collections**:
 ```python
 # Create versioned collections
 self.vector_store = Chroma.from_documents(
    collection name="v2 research",
    # ... other params ...
 )
4. **Similarity Search**:
  ```python
 # Find similar documents
 similar = self.vector_store.similarity_search(
    "attention mechanisms",
    k=5,
    filter={"document_type": "research_paper"}
 )
5. **Update Management**:
 ```python
 # Update specific documents
 self.vector store.update document(
    document_id="doc_123",
    new_text="Updated content...",
    new_metadata={"updated": True}
 )
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This implementation provides a robust research agent with ChromaDB's powerful vector database capabilities, enabling efficient metadata management, hybrid search, and persistent knowledge storage. The GitHub integration is now more resilient with proper rate limit handling, and the output formatting creates professional-quality research reports.