



# Universal Semantic Search Project

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# Objective

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- Input Query is typed into a task bar.
- Top 5 related universal documents will appear. These documents are of types PDF, Text, Image, and Video. They will appear in results based on cosine similarity distance of vector embeddings.



# How Site Works

Enter Query into Search Bar & Apply Filter, Click “Submit”

Most Similar Documents Show Up: Document Link, Text Summary, Cosine Distance Presented

**Universal Sematic Search**

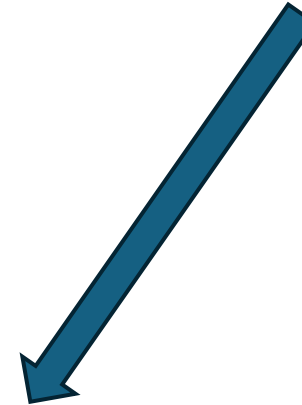
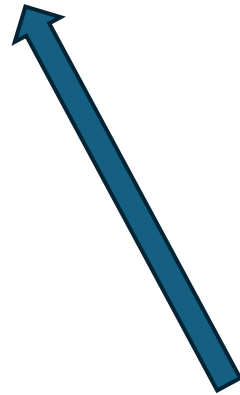
Search for stuff in videos, images, PDF and text

Enter text to search for:

Choose a file format for search:



- [ClayMoldMaking.pdf](#)  
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# Folder Structure

- + Flask
- Server.jpynb
- + Data Processing // your data processing files go here
  - + GeneratingTextSummaries.ipnyb
  - + projectdatatable\_script.ipnyb
  - + project\_querySearch.ipnyb
- + Static
- Style.css
- + Images // your image files go here
- + PDF // your PDF files go here
- + Images // your image files go here
- + videos // your video files go here
- + Templates // all the html files go here
  - Main.html
  - Results.html
  - Image.html
  - Video.html
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# Steps

- 1) Build Collection Table (Milvus Database) for File Information using Milvus Client
- 2) Generate Text Summaries of Every File Using Gemini Client
- 3) Compute Vector Embeddings using pymilvus Default Embedding Function
- 4) Load Key information into Collection Table (Milvus Database)
- 5) Write a Flask App, Include Query Functions, Serve Up Site Pages.



# Build Collection Table

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- Collection table was named “project\_collection”
- **Fields included:**
  - ID
  - Text: Text Summary of Files
  - Embedding: Vector Embeddings of Files
  - FilePath: Path of File
  - FileExtension: Extension of File

```
[ ] from pymilvus import connections, Collection, FieldSchema, CollectionSchema, DataType

#below are all of the fields that we want in the project_collection table!
#FileName is probably going to be the path of the file or name of the file?
#FileExtension is the file type; ex .pdf is pdf, .mp4 is video, .jpg is photo

fields = [
    FieldSchema(name="id", dtype=DataType.INT64, is_primary=True, auto_id=True), #automatically fills in the id field
    FieldSchema(name="text", dtype=DataType.VARCHAR, max_length=2048),
    FieldSchema(name="embedding", dtype=DataType.FLOAT_VECTOR, dim=768),
    FieldSchema(name="FilePath", dtype=DataType.VARCHAR, max_length=80),
    FieldSchema(name="FileExtension", dtype=DataType.VARCHAR, max_length=80)
]

#exclude line below from fields for now, ask and figure this out

schema = CollectionSchema(fields=fields)

[ ] # Create the collection called project_collection with the schema created in the previous code block
client.create_collection(
    collection_name="project_collection",
    schema=schema,
)
```

# File Summarization Helper Functions

```
def getTextSummary(txtFilePath, client):  
    """  
    Generates a short summary of a text file.  
    """  
  
    with open(txtFilePath, 'r') as f:  
        text = f.read()  
    prompt = "Summarize the Document"  
  
    response = client.models.generate_content(  
        model="gemini-2.5-flash",  
        contents=[  
            types.Part(text=text),  
            prompt  
        ]  
    )  
  
    return response.text
```

```
[ ] def getImageSummary(ImageFilePath, client, max_words=30):  
    """  
    Generates a short caption for an image.  
    max_words = the maximum number of words in the returned caption.  
    """  
  
    # Read image bytes  
    with open(ImageFilePath, 'rb') as f:  
        image_bytes = f.read()  
  
    prompt = f"Caption this image in under {max_words} words, concise and vivid."  
  
    # Send request with a prompt that explicitly asks for brevity  
    response = client.models.generate_content(  
        model="gemini-2.5-flash",  
        contents=[  
            types.Part.from_bytes(  
                data=image_bytes,  
                mime_type="image/jpeg"  
            ),  
            prompt  
        ],  
        prompt=f"Caption this image in under {max_words} words, concise and vivid."  
    )  
  
    return response.text.strip()
```

```
#Function for getPDFSummary for PDF Files  
  
def getPDFSummary(PDFFilePath, client):  
  
    #Retrieve and encode the PDF byte  
    file_path = pathlib.Path(PDFFilePath)  
  
    #Upload the pdf using the File API  
    sample_file = client.files.upload(  
        file = file_path,  
    )  
  
    prompt = "Summarize the Document"  
  
    #client is sending a request to the REST API server and wants to use the generate_content function on the REST API SERVER  
    #parameters: model (gemini-2.5-flash), contents has the pdf file to pass in and prompt of what we want to do  
    response = client.models.generate_content(  
        model = "gemini-2.5-flash",  
        contents = [sample_file, "Summarize the Document"]  
    )  
  
    #response CONTAINS THE SUMMARY and by saying 'return response.text' we are saying to only return the text portion of the response  
    return response.text
```

```
#Function for getVideoSummary for Video Files  
  
def getVideoSummary(VideoFilePath, client):  
    # Only for videos of size <20MB  
  
    #We are passing in the video file path, reading the contents of the file into video bytes  
    video_file_path = VideoFilePath  
    video_bytes = open(video_file_path, 'rb').read()  
  
    #client: has gemini api key to access gemini api server and is a client for the GEMINI REST API where it can access gemini functions from the REST API  
    #client is sending a request to the server (the REST API) calling the generate_content function (a function in the Gemini API)  
    #generate_content parameters: specifies model as gemini-2.5-flash,  
    #inside of contents parameter, specifies type of file and send data via video bytes, and gives a prompt on what to do  
    #inside the response parameter, it gets back the 3 sentence summary  
    response = client.models.generate_content(  
        model="models/gemini-2.5-flash",  
        contents=[  
            types.Part(text="Please summarize the video in 3 sentences.")  
        ],  
    )  
  
    return response.text
```

# Collecting Data for Each File

- Shown here is the `getInformationForEachFile()` function:
- A for loop is used to iterate through the Folder Path that was passed in,
- The File Extension of each file in the folder path is collected.
- Appropriate helper functions summarize the files based on file type using Gemini Client
- Embeddings are generated for each file.
- Item path information is collected.
- Each file's information is stored in a dictionary.
- As a result, an array with dictionaries pertaining to each file is returned!

```
import os
import time
def getInformationForEachFile(folderPath,gemini_client,milvus_client):

    folderPathArray = []

    for item_name in os.listdir(folderPath):
        item_path = os.path.join(folderPath, item_name)
        print("Processing: " + item_path)
        #item_path: full path to item (file or folder), combines folder and item_name

        if os.path.isfile(item_path):

            #print(f"File: {item_name}")
            _, extension = os.path.splitext(item_name)
            ext = extension.lower()
            #summary = getFileSummary(extension,item_path,gemini_client)

            if ext in [".jpeg", ".webp", ".jpg"]:
                summary = getImageSummary(item_path,gemini_client)
            elif ext in [".pdf"]:
                summary = getPDFSummary(item_path,gemini_client)
            elif ext in [".mp4", ".mov"]:
                summary = getVideoSummary(item_path,gemini_client)
            elif ext in [".txt"]:
                summary = getTextSummary(item_path,gemini_client)
            else:
                summary = "Invalid File Type"

            embedding_fn = model.DefaultEmbeddingFunction()
            vectors = embedding_fn.encode_documents([summary])

            item_path = item_path.split("Static/",1)[1]

            folderPathArray.append({"text":summary,"embedding":vectors[0], "FilePath":item_
```



# Load Data Into Collection Table

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- **Shown here is the insertDataIntoCollection Function:**
- The insertDataIntoCollection function calls the getInformationForEachFileFunction to get appropriate information for each file. Information for each file is stored in an array called “data”
- Milvus Client is used to insert data into project\_collection table

```
#function to insert summaries into the client collection
def insertDataIntoCollection(folderpath, gemini_client, milvus_client, collection_name):

    data = getInformationForEachFile(folderpath,gemini_client,milvus_client)

    print(data)

    #uses milvus client to insert data into the appropriate collection for the project (project_collection)
    res = milvus_client.insert(collection_name=collection_name,data=data)
    print(res)
```

# Flask App Creation

Used the Static and Template folders to create a flask app

```
#writing a simple flask app that will return the main.html page using render_template function (not JSON)
#main.html is stored in the Templates folder under Flask folder in google drive

from flask import Flask, jsonify, request
from flask import render_template
import os

#specifying the folder paths for static and template folders & using those folders to make the flask app
static_folder_path = 'drive/My Drive/Flask/Static'
template_folder_path = 'drive/My Drive/Flask/Templates'
print(os.listdir("/content/drive/My Drive/Flask/Templates"))
app = Flask(__name__, static_folder=static_folder_path, template_folder=template_folder_path)
```

# Serve Up Site Pages and Query

- Serves up the pages for the different files by rendering their html templates:
  - Main Page
  - Image Files
  - Video Files
  - PDF Files
  - Text Files

```
#the message 'howdy' is passed in a message from flask app to HTML
@app.route("/")
def main():
    return render_template("main.html",message="howdy")

@app.route("/page1")
def serve_page1():
    return render_template('page1.html')

@app.route("/page2")
def serve_page2():
    return render_template('page2.html')

@app.route("/image/<fileName>")
def serve_image(fileName):
    message = fileName
    img = '/Static/Images/Samples/' + fileName
    return render_template('Images.html', message=message, img=img)

@app.route("/video/<fileName>")
def serve_video(fileName):
    #message = "Video Route"
    message = fileName
    vid = '/Static/Videos/Samples/' + fileName
    return render_template('Video.html', message=message, vid=vid)

@app.route("/pdf/<fileName>")
def serve_pdf(fileName):
    #message = "Video Route"
    message = fileName
    pdf = '/Static/PDF/Samples/' + fileName
    return render_template('PDF.html', message=message, pdf=pdf)

@app.route("/text/<fileName>")
def serve_text(fileName):
    #message = "Video Route"
    message = fileName
    txt = '/Static/Text/Samples/' + fileName
    return render_template('Text.html', message=message, txt=txt)
```

# Serve Up Site Pages and Query

- This search function is responsible for querying and rendering the template of the resulting list.
- The querying according to the specified filter is shown here.
- The milvus client was used to query the project\_collection data base.

```
@app.route('/search', methods=['POST'])
def search():
    json = request.get_json()
    searchStr = json['searchText']
    fileType = json['fileType']
    print(fileType)
    query_vector= embedding_fn.encode_queries([searchStr])
    if fileType == "all":
        res1 = milvus_client.search(
            collection_name="project_collection",
            data=query_vector,
            anns_field="embedding",
            search_params = search_params,
            limit=5, #returns top 5 similar results
            output_fields=["text", "FilePath", "FileExtension"],

        )
    else:
        filter = 'FileExtension in ["'+fileType+'"]'
        res1 = milvus_client.search(
            collection_name="project_collection",
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```

# Links of Documents Displayed

- Iterates through the resulting array of dictionaries representing each file after the query
- Calls the appropriate serve function based on the File Extension
- Renders the index template to display the links of the resulting documents after querying.

```
links = []
innerRes1 = res1[0]
for dict in innerRes1:
    distance = dict.distance
    entityDict = dict.entity
    fileSummary = entityDict.text
    FilePath = entityDict.FilePath
    FileExtension = entityDict.FileExtension
    FileName = os.path.basename(FilePath)
    if FileExtension == ".jpg" or FileExtension == ".jpeg" or FileExtension == ".webp":
        links.append({'summary':fileSummary, 'endpoint':'serve_image', 'fileName': FileName, 'distance':distance})
    elif FileExtension == ".pdf":
        links.append({'summary':fileSummary, 'endpoint':'serve_pdf', 'fileName': FileName, 'distance':distance})
    elif FileExtension == ".mp4" or FileExtension == ".mov":
        links.append({'summary':fileSummary, 'endpoint':'serve_video', 'fileName': FileName, 'distance':distance})
    elif FileExtension == ".txt":
        links.append({'summary':fileSummary, 'endpoint':'serve_text', 'fileName': FileName, 'distance':distance})
print(links)
return render_template('index.html', links=links)
```



# Results

- [ClayMoldMaking.pdf](#)

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- [dance.mp4](#)

The video features a young woman dancing outdoors, dressed in a black crop top with red stripes and black pants. She performs a series of fluid movements, turning and extending her arms. Her dance appears to be a blend of contemporary and hip-hop styles, set against the backdrop of a modern building and green trees.

Score:1.9009466171264648



# Clicking on Links Directs You to Another Page!

- [gymnast.jpeg](#)

A gymnast in a dazzling blue leotard gracefully performs her routine on the mat, showcasing strength and poise before a captivated arena audience.

Score:1.9538261890411377

When you click on a link, it will direct you to that document in another browser. For example, when you click on “gymnast.jpeg” link, it directs you to the image of the gymnast in another browser.

**gymnast.jpeg**

