

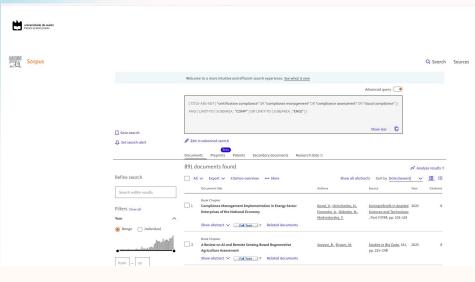
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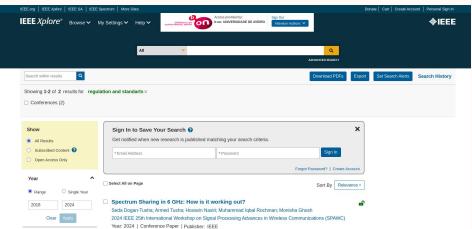
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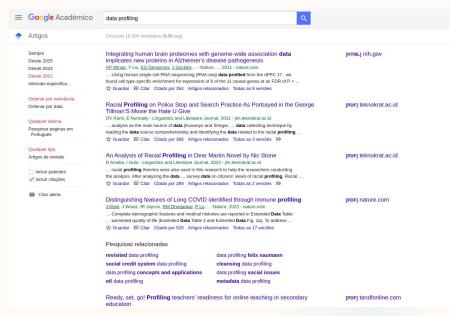
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# 01 Motivation







### **Features Proposal**



#### File Upload

Allow the upload of files working as a personal library



#### Document Visualisation

Scrapping of files to allow better readability using markdown notation



#### **Better Search**

Search for keyword combinations and highlighting in the correct place



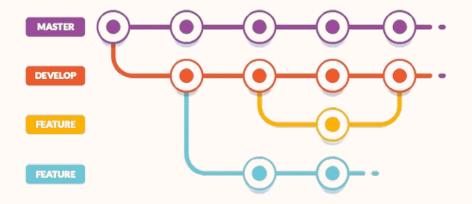
#### Chat

Search information using natural language to simplify the research

# 02 Methodology

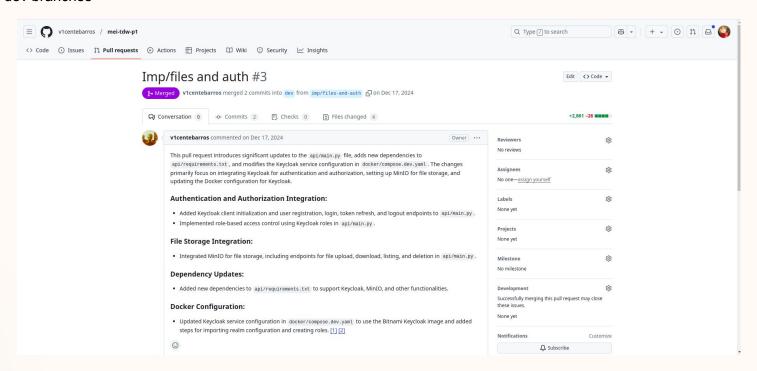
#### **Git Workflow**

- Main Branch: Reserved for production-ready code
- Dev-Branch: Used for integrating and testing features before merging them into the main branch.
- Feature Branches: Each new feature or enhancement was developed in its dedicated branch



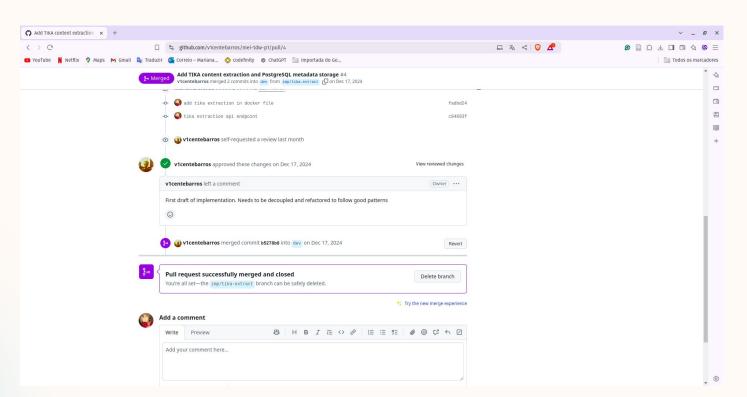
### **Pull Request**

Changes from feature branches were **merged** into the **dev branch** through **pull requests** not allowing direct pushes to both the main and dev branches



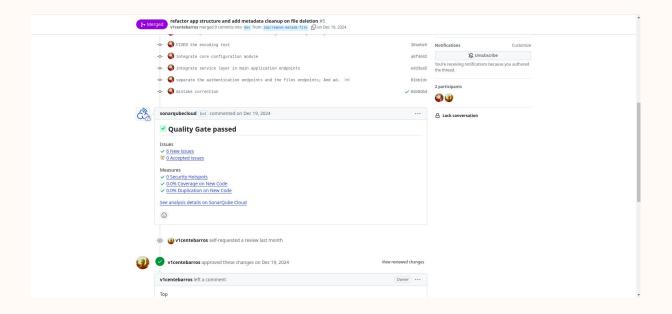
#### **Peer Reviews**

Each pull request underwent **peer review** process, where team members evaluated the code for functionality and readability.

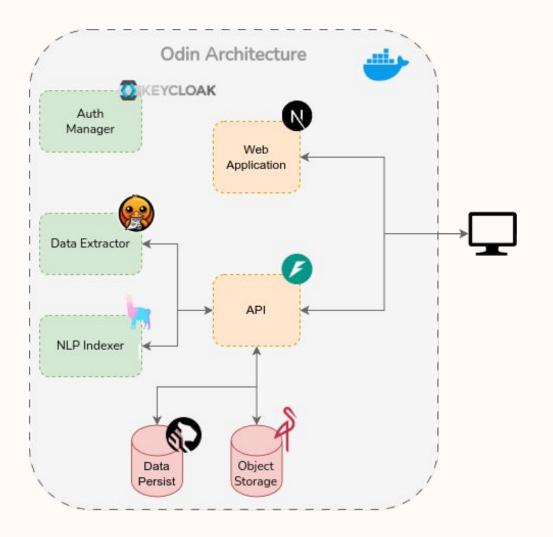


### **SonarCloud Analysis**

The code was analysed using SonarCloud as part of the **pull request review process**. This tool provided **automated feedback** on **code quality**, **highlighting potential issues** such as bugs, security vulnerabilities, and code smells. Only pull requests that passed the SonarCloud checks were approved for merging.

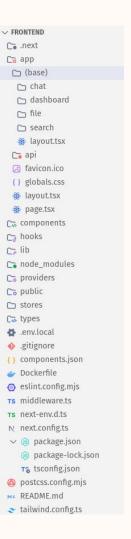


# 03 Architecture



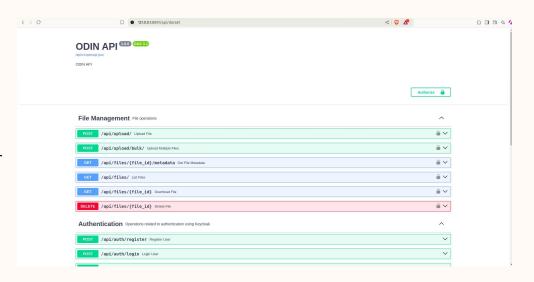
#### Frontend

- Framework & Tools: Built with Next.js for SSR, SSG, and file-based routing, using TailwindCSS and shadcn/ui for customizable, utility-first styling.
- State Management: Tanstack Query for API data fetching and Zustand for managing local state like user settings and chat history.
- Organized Structure: Next.js app folder manages routes and API logic; reusable components and hooks keep the codebase modular and clean.
- Security: Middleware in the lib folder blocks unauthenticated access, ensuring only logged-in users access key features.



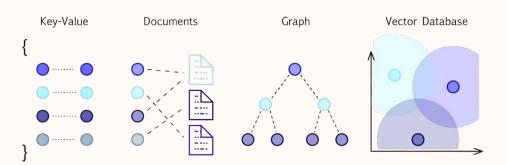
# FastAPI

- High Performance & Modern: Built with Python, using type hints and Pydantic for robust data validation and serialization.
- Automated Documentation: Automatically generates interactive API docs, simplifying development and debugging.
- Structured Backend: Organized with routers for HTTP requests, services for business logic, and CRUD operations for data persistence.
- Reliable Foundation: Chosen for its speed, Python integration, and suitability as the backbone of our backend.





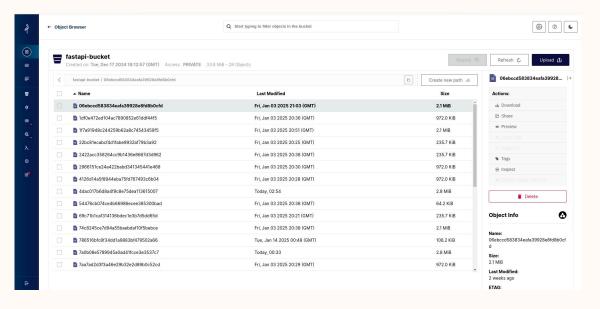
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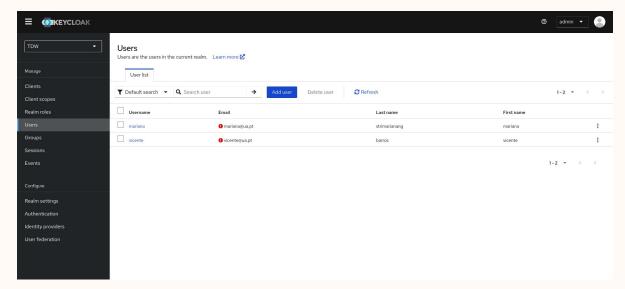
- Open-Source Storage:
   High-performance object storage
   system compatible with the Amazon S3

   API.
- Unstructured Data Support: Handles large files like photos, videos, log files, and container images (up to 50TB).
- Seamless Integration: Works
   effortlessly with existing S3 clients for
   scalability and reliability.
- Project Role: Stores all user-uploaded files in their original form, ensuring secure and efficient data management.





- Open-Source IAM: Provides authentication, user federation, and fine-grained authorization with minimal effort.
- User Management: Enables private workspaces and handles all authentication and authorization processes.
- Integration: Combined with Auth.js to simplify managing credentials and authentication flows.
- Development Focus: Offloaded security complexities, allowing the team to concentrate on core application features.



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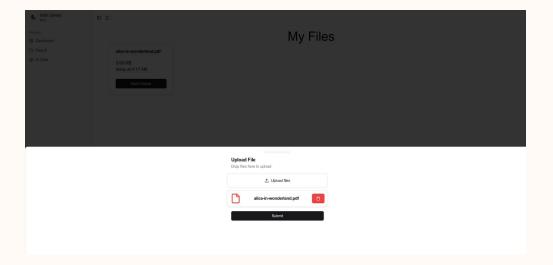
- LlamaIndex: Framework for ingesting, structuring, and querying data using large language models (LLMs), optimized for natural language interactions.
- Data Integration: Supports diverse data sources like APIs, PDFs, and SQL databases, creating indices tailored for LLM consumption.
- **LlamaCPP:** Efficient **C++ implementation** for LLM integration with **vector storage solutions**, ensuring flexibility and performance.
- Project Role: Enabled advanced querying and conversation by structuring and indexing documents, enhancing NLP capabilities.



# 04 Features

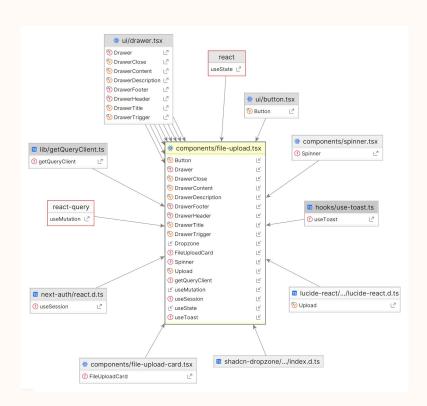


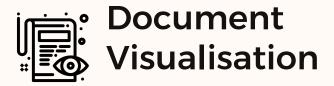
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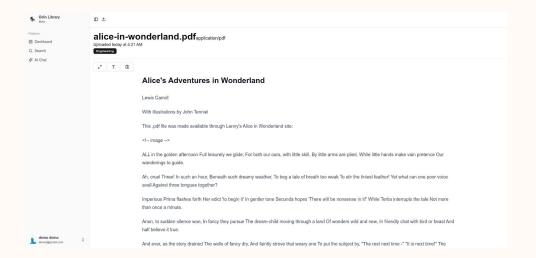


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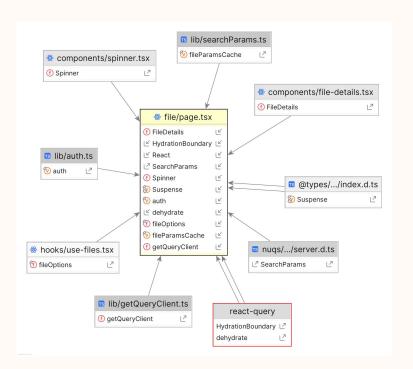


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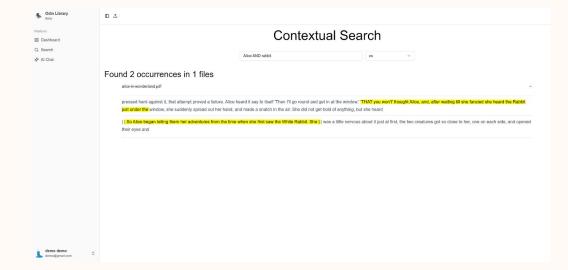
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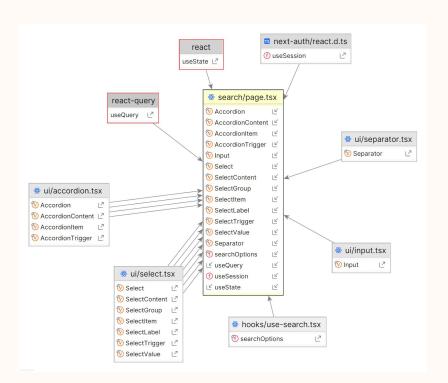
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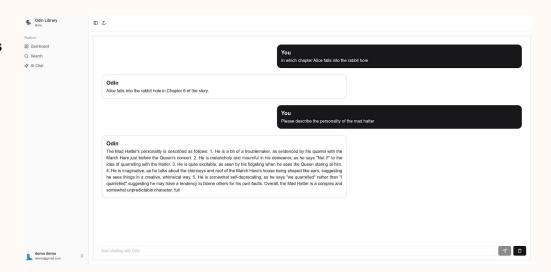
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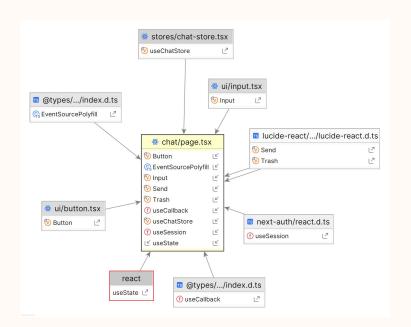


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#### **Search Optimisation**

The **better search feature** requires improvements to reduce false positives and enhance accuracy.

#### **Performance Constraints**

The reliance on **large language models** and **resource-intensive** technologies makes processing slower on lower-spec machines.

#### **API Coupling**

Grouping all processing in the API layer caused slower performance due to a lack of **distributed processing.** 

#### **Parsing Challenges**

**Docling** may occasionally misinterpret certain **document** structures, impacting the **visualization** and search results.

# Future Work

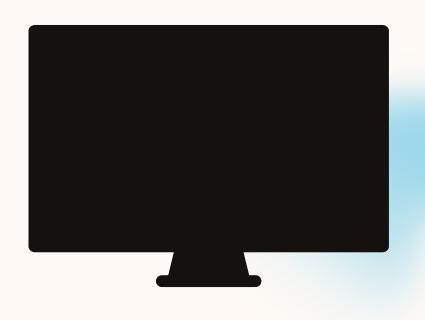
#### **Future Work**

- Project Achievements: Successfully developed a functional and user-friendly application that integrates machine learning and large language models to assist with document analysis and research.
- Skill Development: Enhanced our ability to deliver a real-world solution by balancing presentation and backend layers effectively.

#### **Future Improvements:**

- Decoupling the API layer by introducing process workers for tasks like document processing, using tools like Apache Kafka or RabbitMQ.
- Developing a more robust model to improve search and analysis accuracy.
- Adding new features like file collections to improve file organization and user experience.

# O7 DEMO





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