



Coding With AI: Vector Search and RAG

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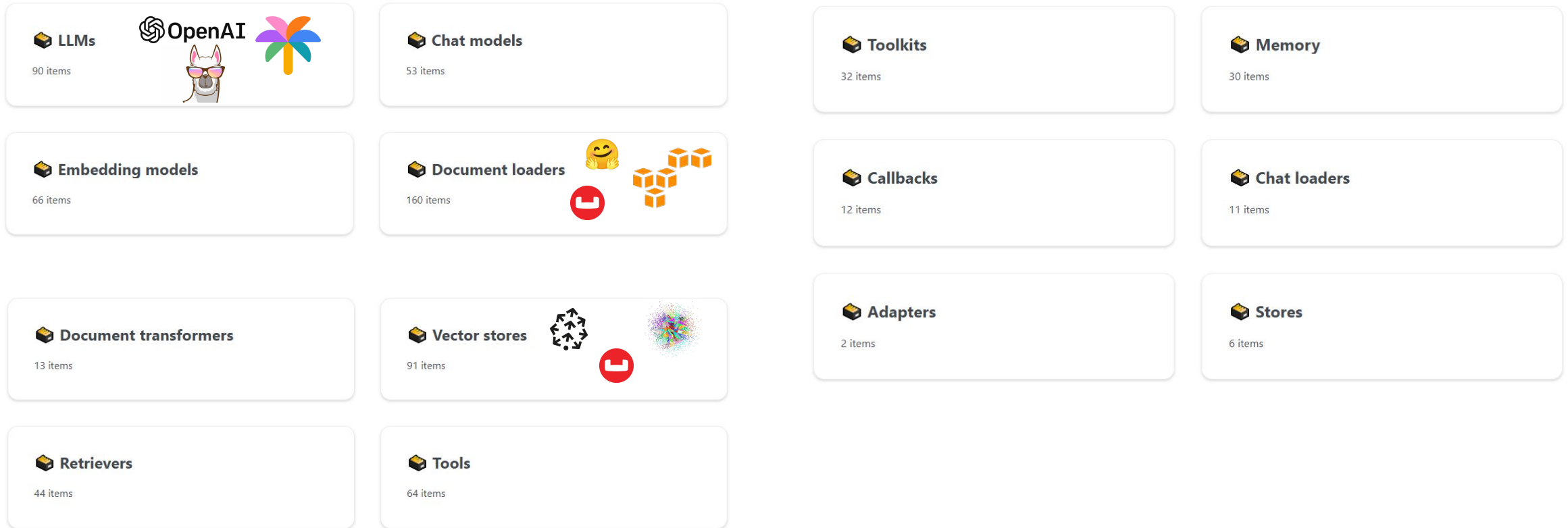
Introduction to AI in Development

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AI Landscape for Developers

Explosion of tools, models, frameworks



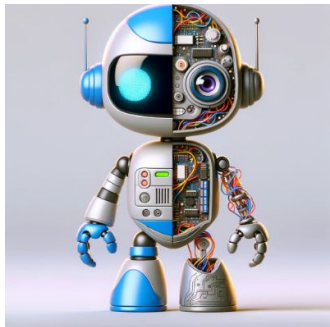
Common Development Challenges

What challenges are involved with AI?



Training LLMs

- Expensive, time-consuming, requires expertise, results not guaranteed



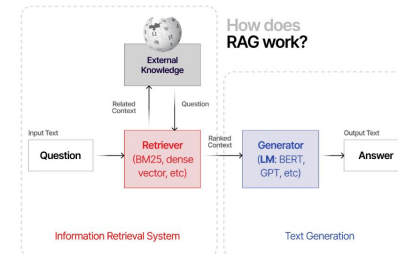
Content Generation

- Summaries, rewording, images, audio, video, code



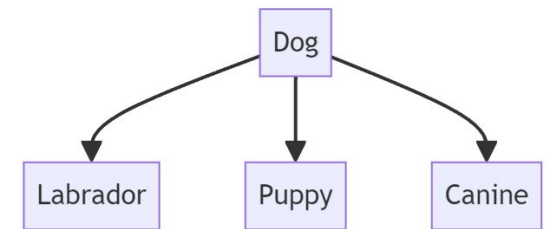
Chat

- How do I build in my own data into an LLM chat bot?



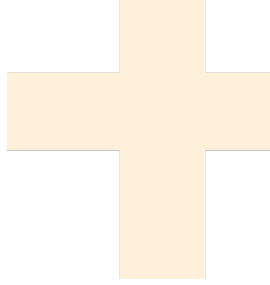
Semantic Search

- Find relevant results by meaning, not just matching letters



How can AI help?

Solutions and techniques



Vector Search

"Nearest neighbor" or "knn"

- Vector search can find the closest vectors to a given vector
- Your data gets embeddings
- Search text gets an embedding
- The nearest data to the search term is semantically similar

RAG

Retrieval-Augmented Generation

- Retrieve useful contextual data from your own enterprise
- Instead of building an LLM, use an existing one.
- Supply context along with question/command to an LLM to get more accurate, up-to-date results

LangChain + Couchbase

Chain together AI components

- Marshall data from multiple sources
- Store vectors in Couchbase, load documents from Couchbase
- Use LangChain as a central integration point for all AI components



Vector Embeddings & Vector Search

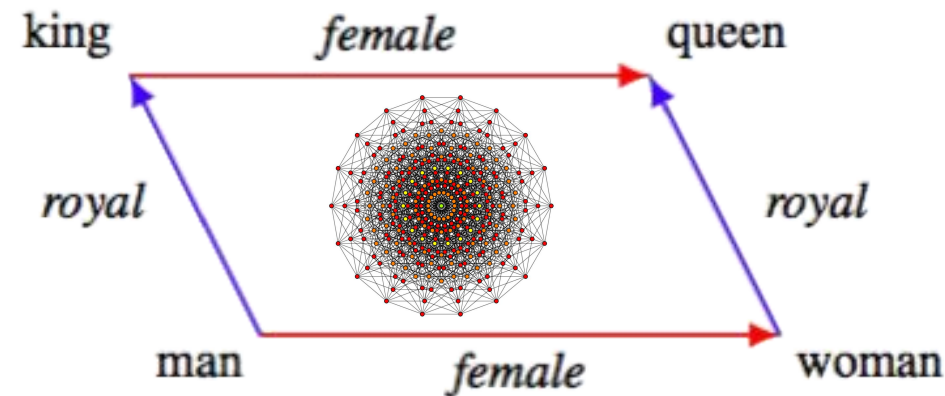
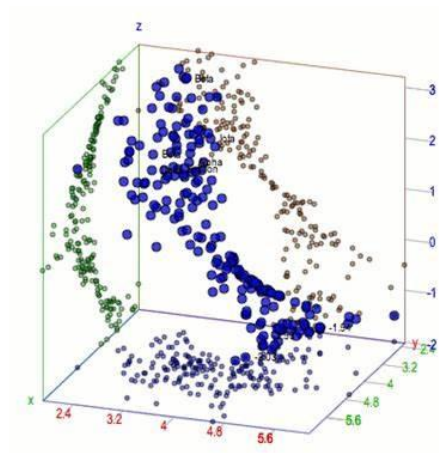
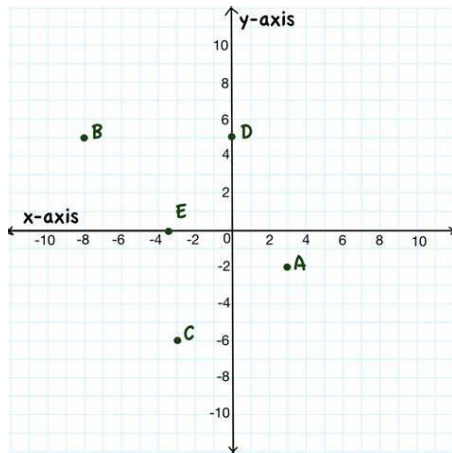
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What is a Vector?

It's numbers correspond to data for which other nearby numbers can be located

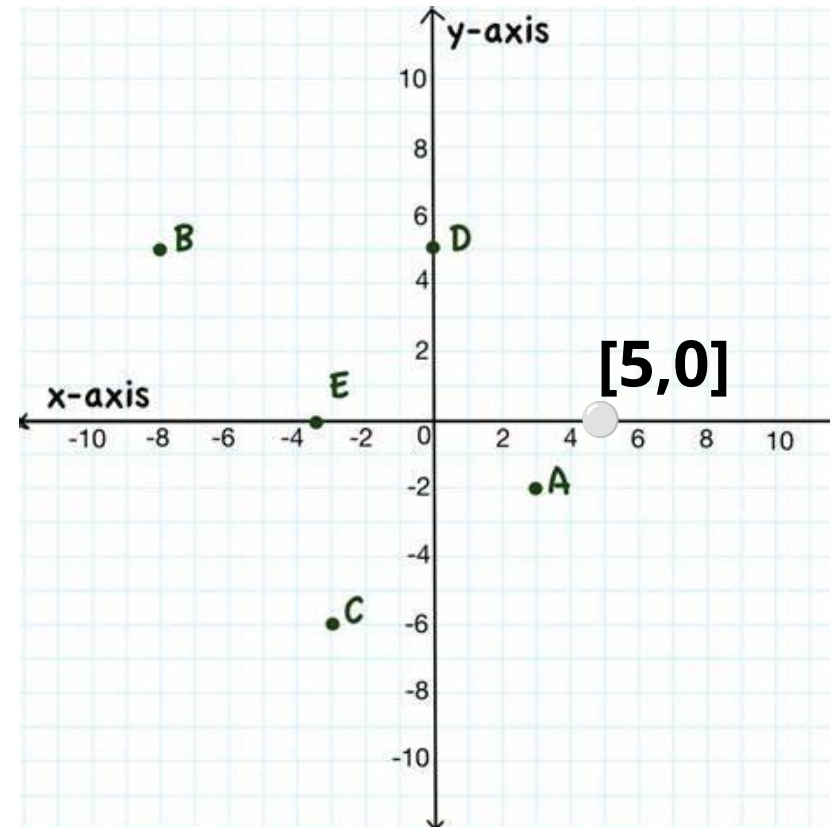
- $[48.51, 2.21]$ is a lat/long vector for Paris
- $[124, 237, 246]$ is a RGB value for light blue
- $[0.4532313, -1.243144345, 0.6781252319, 0.81234912, -0.33412356, \dots]$ is a GPT value for "Luke Skywalker joins forces with a Jedi Knight, a cocky pilot, a Wookiee and..."



Vector Search: Nearest Neighbor

Sometimes called "knn"

- If we have a whole bunch of vectors in a database, and a vector generated from a user input, how do we find the most relevant data to their input?
- Answer: Nearest Neighbor



Vectors in your database

Couchbase JSON example

```
{  
  "movie": "Star Wars",  
  "synopsis": "Luke Skywalker joins forces with a Jedi Knight, a cocky pilot, a  
Wookiee and two droids to save the galaxy from the Empire's world-destroying battle  
station, while also attempting to rescue Princess Leia from the mysterious Darth  
Vader.",  
  "synopsis_vector": [0.4532313, -1.243144345, 0.6781252319, 0.81234912, . . .]  
}
```

Find a movie:

RAG

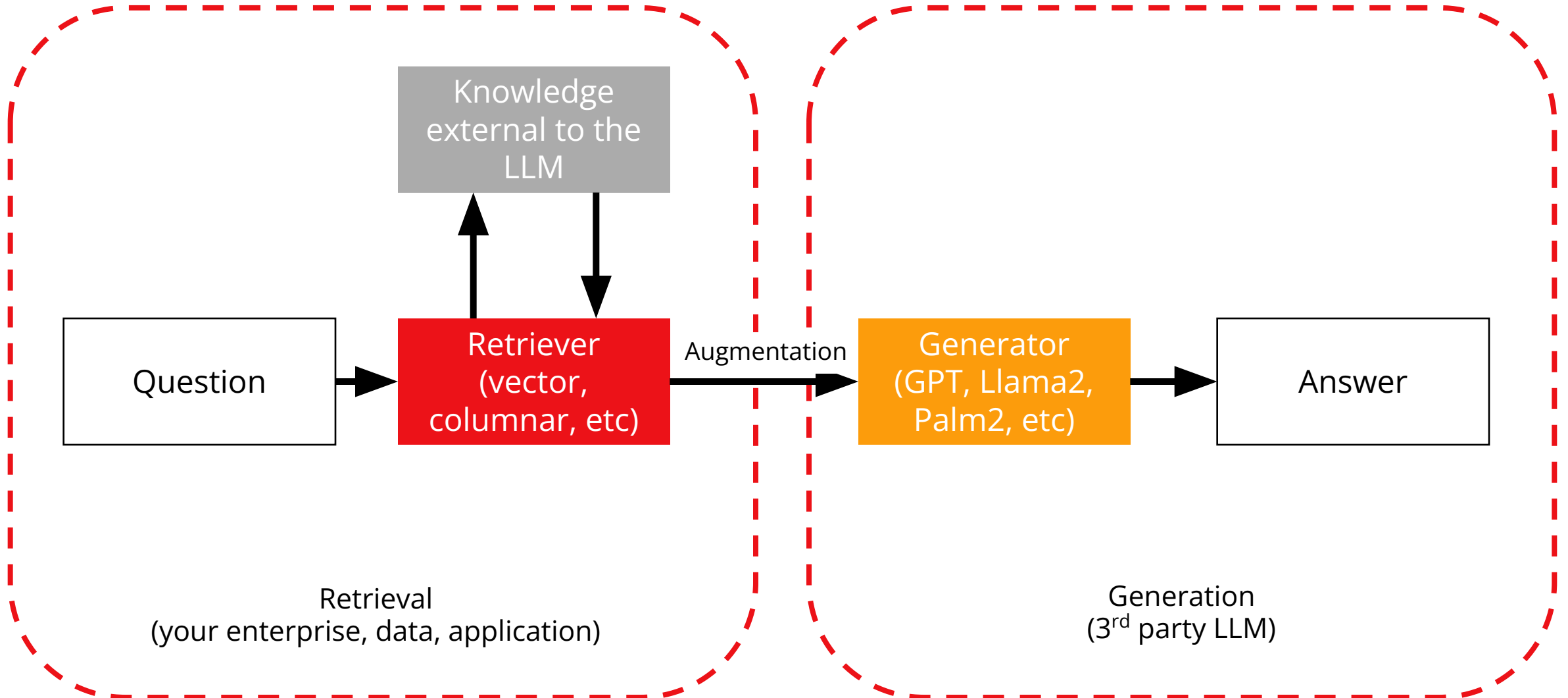
Retrieval-Augmented Generation

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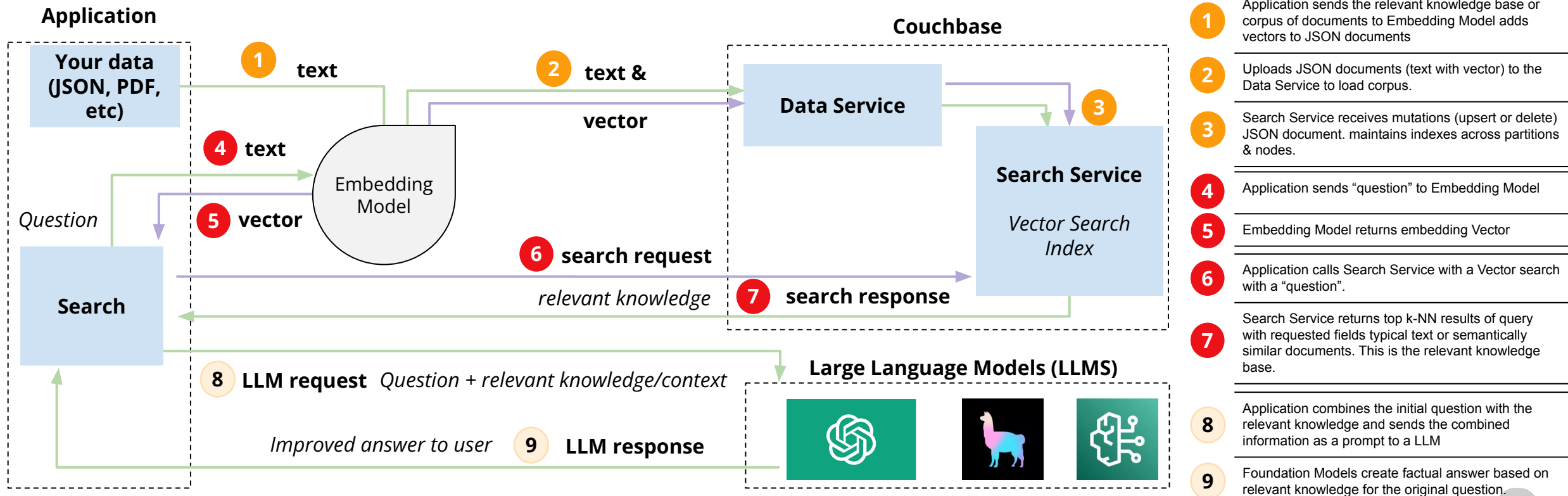
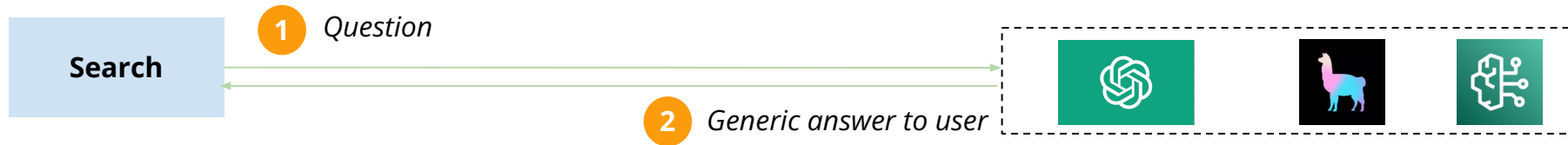
What is Retrieval-Augmented Generation?

Supplying an existing LLM with relevant context



RAG Application: Chatbot for Auto Parts Supplier Chain

Question: What is the best way to reduce muffler noise on my 1967 Ford Bronco?



Demo: RAG

Implementing RAG with Couchbase vector search and LangChain

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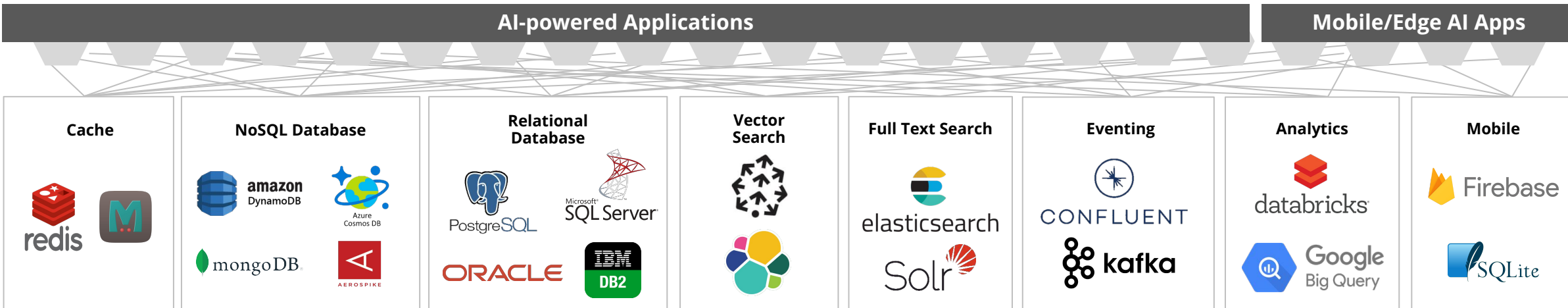
Hybrid Search

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Data Sprawl and Vectors

Architectures built on purpose-built databases: Complexity & data sprawl



Separate platforms with multiple interfaces

1. Introducing latency and AI confusion
2. Independent deployment and management
3. Different data model and programming interfaces
4. Integration between multiple products
5. Debugging and data redundancy challenges

Per product factors (Financial, time, & effort)

1. License & agreement
 - Sourcing for renewals
 - Legal for agreements
2. Training
 - Developers
 - Operations
3. Support
4. Build API or connector to database
5. Security
6. Purchase infrastructure

COST



- Infrastructure
- Licenses
- Integration
- Training
- Operational
- Support costs

Reducing Data Sprawl with Couchbase

Innovate Faster with Couchbase

AI-powered Applications

Mobile/Edge AI Apps

Data Access Services



JSON Docs



Key-Value Access



SQL query with AI assist



Full-Text & Vector Search



Real-time Analytics



Graph Traversal



Time Series



Eventing & Streaming



Mobile Database

Performance Foundation



Integrated Cache



Active-Active Clustering



Cluster Map



Magma Storage



ACID Transactions



Workload Tuning (MDS)



Columnar Storage



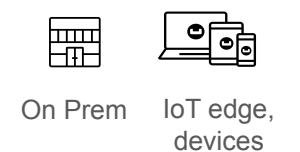
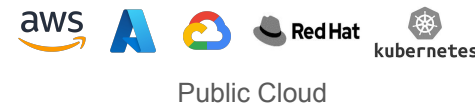
Geo-Replication & Sync

Enterprise-grade Security

Enterprise Deployments

Couchbase Managed

Customer-Managed



Hybrid Search with SQL++

```
SELECT *  
FROM product  
WHERE LOWER(product.type) = 'shoes'  
AND product.size = 11  
AND product.price between 50 and 80
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Hybrid Search with SQL++

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SELECT *
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WHERE LOWER(product.type) = 'shoes'
AND product.size = 11
AND product.price between 50 and 80
AND SEARCH(desc_embedding, {
  "query": {
    "match_all": {}
  },
  "knn": [{
    "field": "desc_embedding",
    "vector": [0.1, 0.334, -9.54, 12.9845, . . .],
    "k": 4
  }]
})
```

Beyond Vector Search: Hybrid Search

Building real-world use cases

Customer wants new shoes

- Match color and style of an object (semantic/vector)
- Description to mention “casual” (text/fuzzy)
- Price between \$100 and \$200 (range)
- With rating over 4.5 stars (range)
- Within 15 miles (geospatial)
- Available today in stores (inventory)

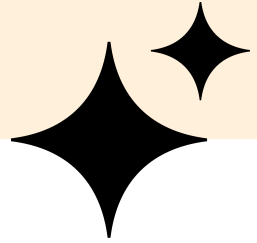


Your next steps

- Sign up for Couchbase Capella
 - <https://www.couchbase.com/products/capella>
 - [test drive CTA](#)
- Check out demos
 - Chat with PDF
 - Python: <https://github.com/couchbase-examples/rag-demo>
 - Node.JS: <https://github.com/couchbase-examples/vector-search-nodejs>
 - Hybrid Movies Search: <https://github.com/couchbase-examples/hybrid-search-demo>
 - Q&A Chatbot: <https://github.com/couchbase-examples/qa-bot-demo>
- Vector Search for mobile
 - <https://www.couchbase.com/blog/vector-search-at-the-edge-with-couchbase-mobile/>

Q&A

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