

Vector Embeddings and RAG Demystified

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A brief conversation with about generative Al

The capital of France is ...



Generative AI – Base models

The capital of France is Paris.

User

Al



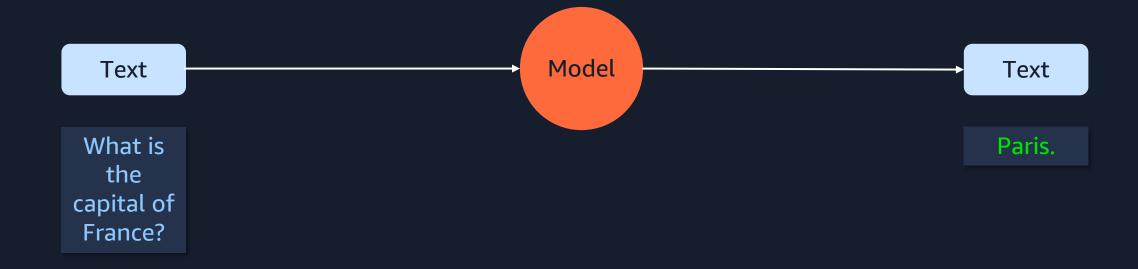
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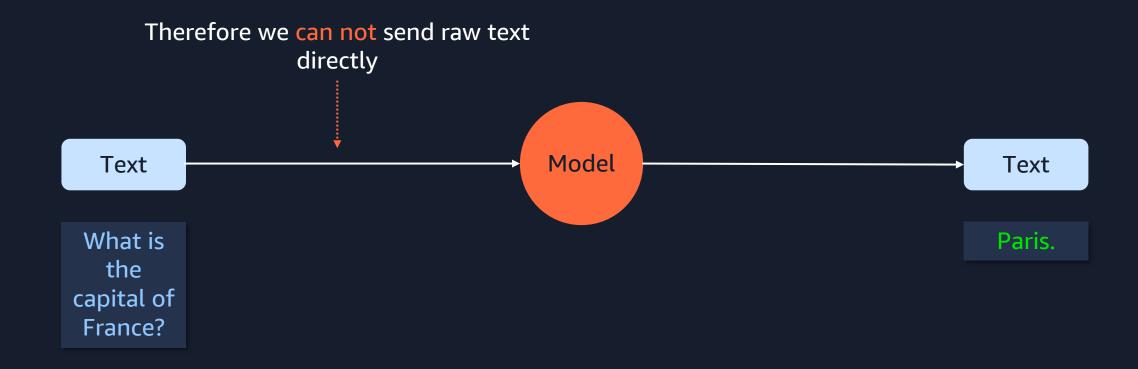
At the end of the day, LLM simply generates <u>one token</u> at a time

But how it does that?

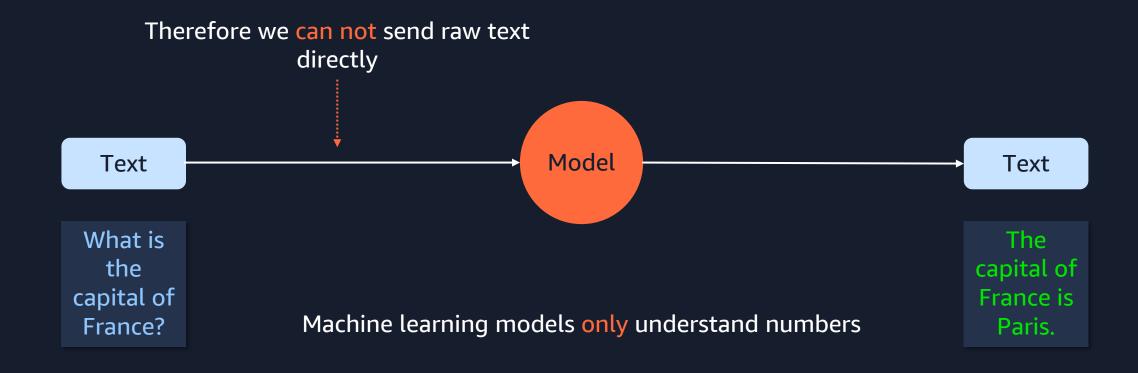






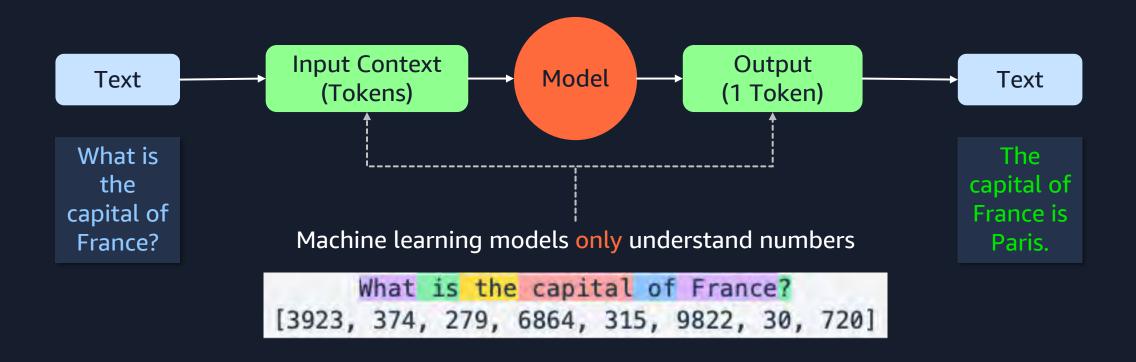






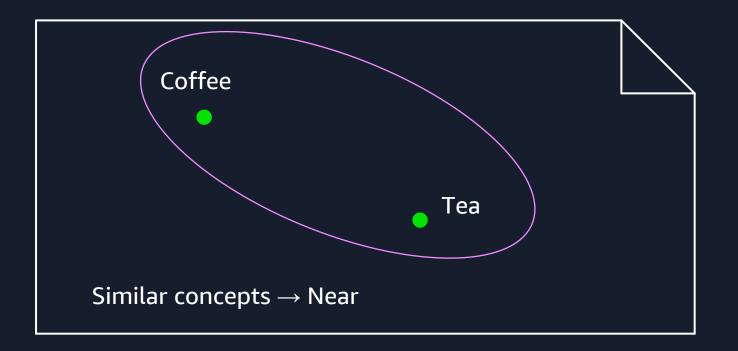


And that's why we first tokenize the text



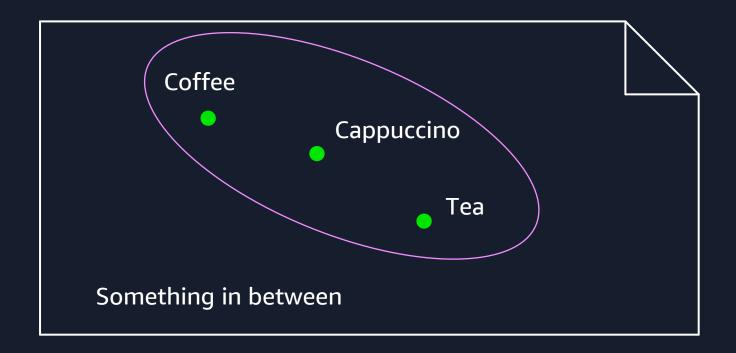






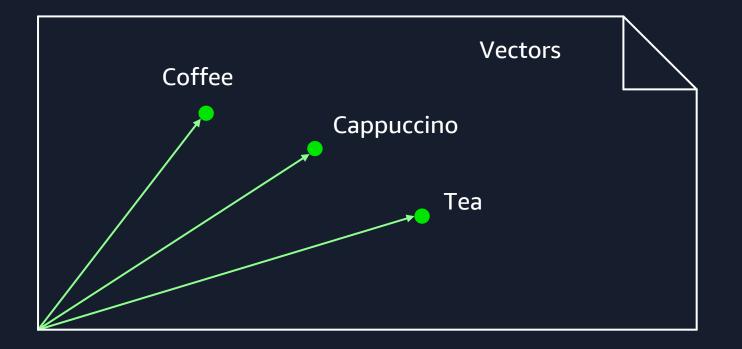






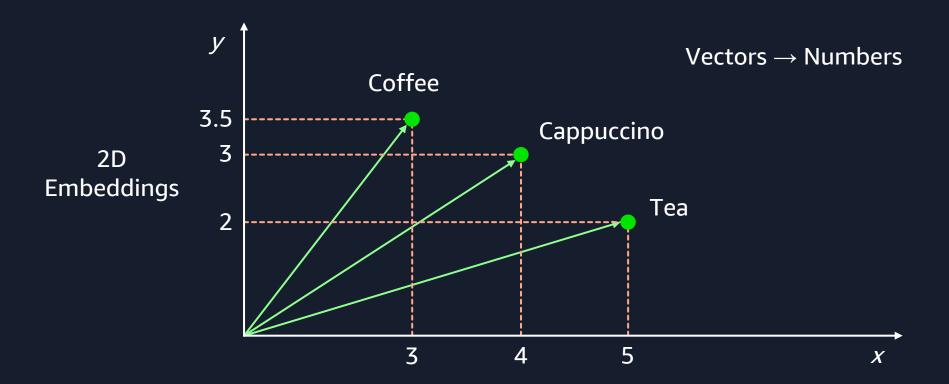






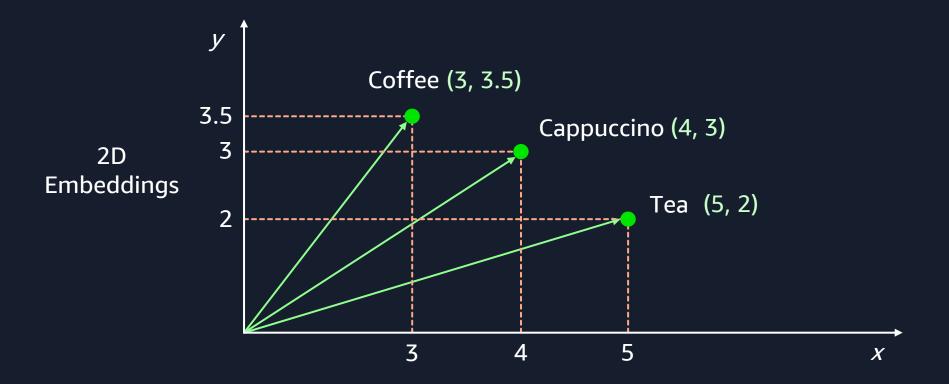
















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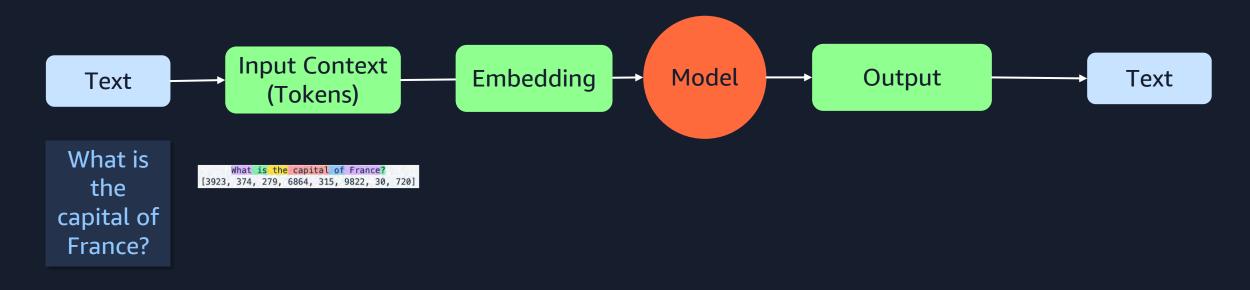
Coffee (3, 3.5, 5, 1.2, ...)

Cappuccino (4, 3, 2.7, 5, ...)

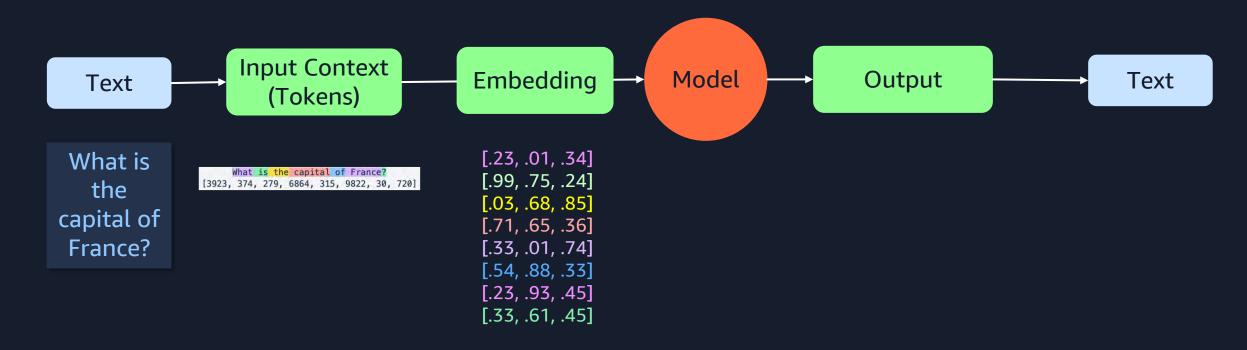
Milk (5, 2, 1.6, 4, ...)

N-Dimensional
Embeddings

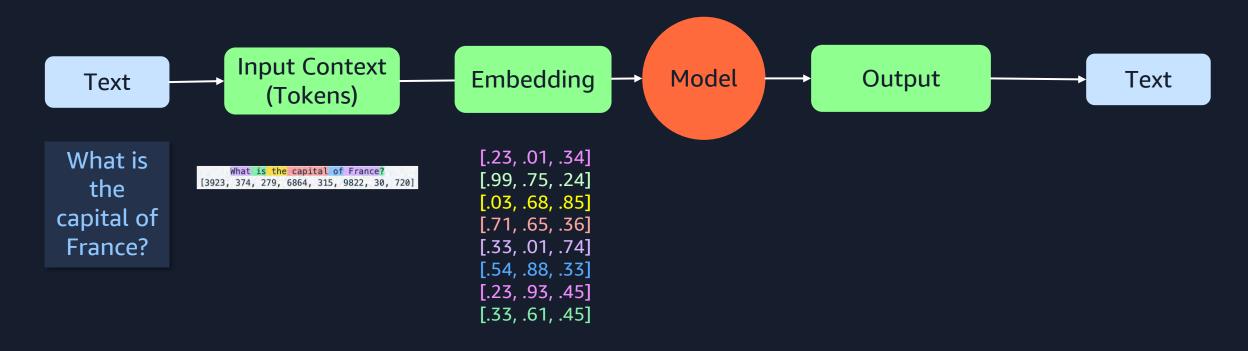






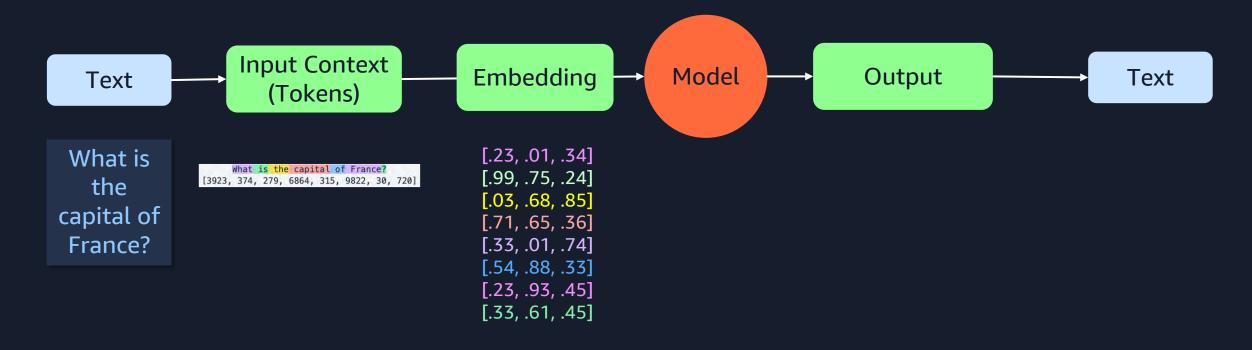






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Now, let's think about this: can an LLM answer all of our questions?



Vector embeddings

Documents



Vector Embedding Space Dev ready and Operationalized

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Images



Amazon Bedrock

Machine Learning Model

(Embedding)

Dense Vector Encodings

0.3, 2.1, 0, 0.9, 1.0,...

1.3, 8.1, 0, 4.6, 3.6,..

7.3, 1.1, 0, 2.9, 1.0,...



Vector Database

Audio





RAW Data

Vector embeddings



Dev ready and Operationalized



Response

Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)

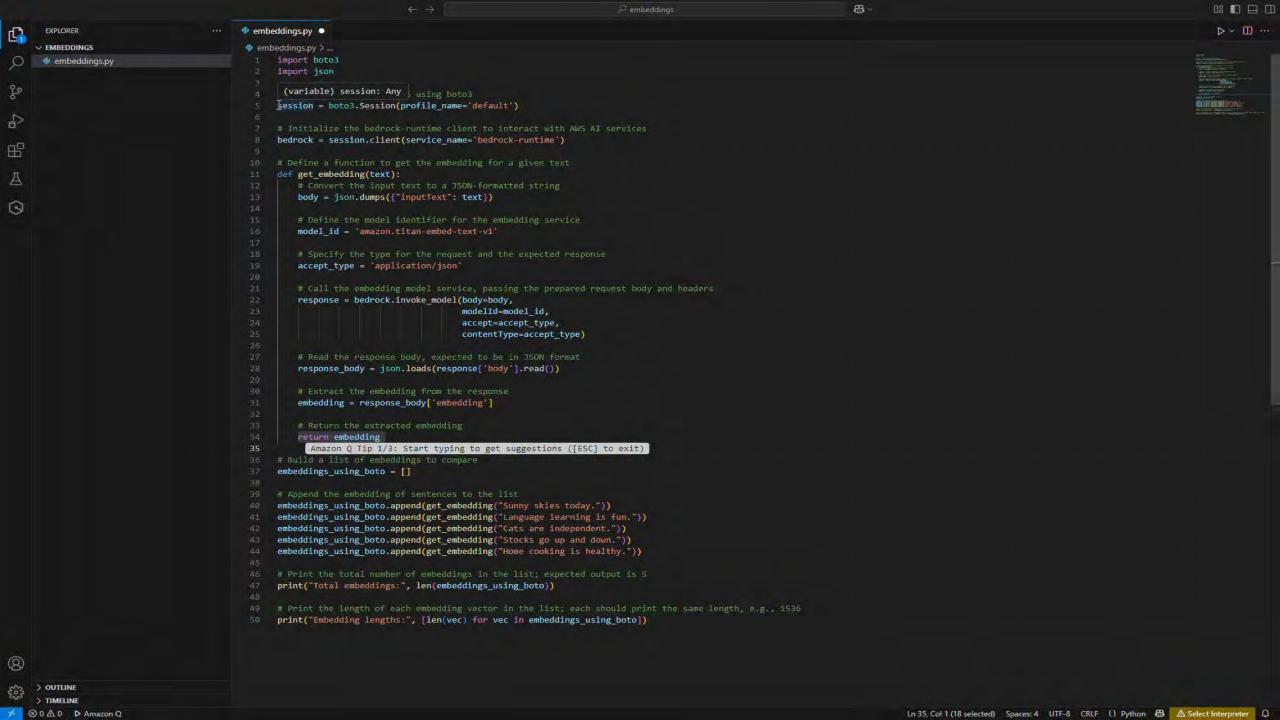
LangChain



Demo







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Which course is most popular?
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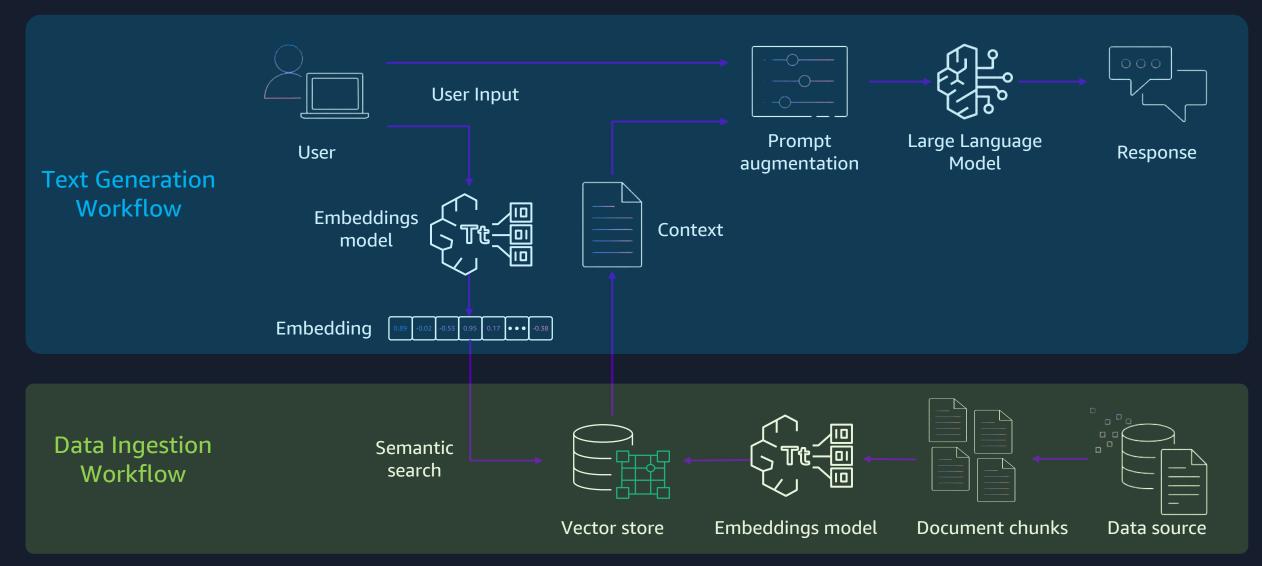
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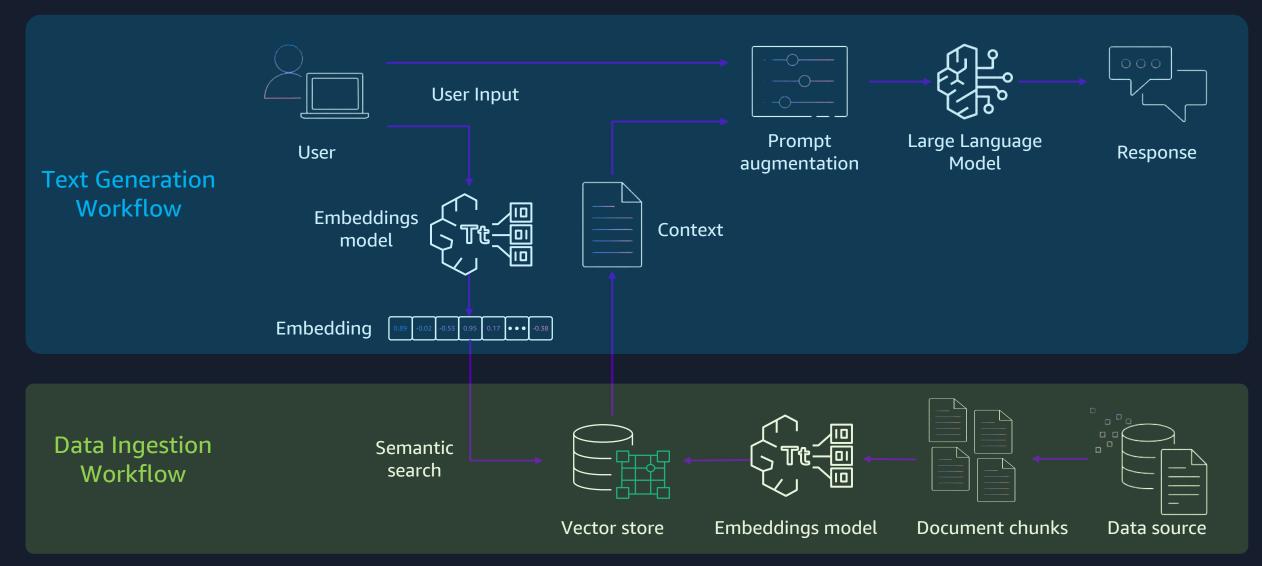


Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)





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Ok, so you might feel its too much of task...



Managing multiple data sources



Creating vector embeddings for large volumes of data



Incremental updates to vector store



Coding effort



Scaling retrieval mechanism



Orchestration





Fully managed support for end-to-end RAG workflow

Amazon Bedrock Knowledge Bases

Gives **FMs** and **agents** contextual information from your private data sources for RAG



Securely connect FMs and agents to data sources



Easily retrieve relevant data and augment prompts

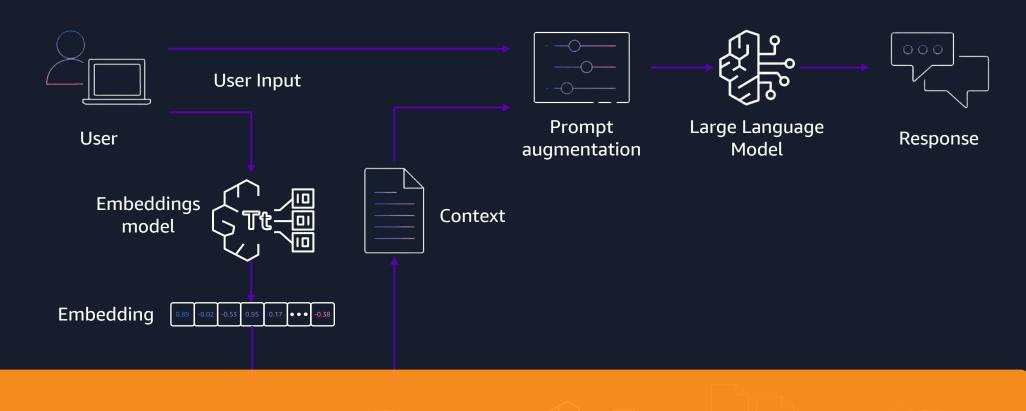


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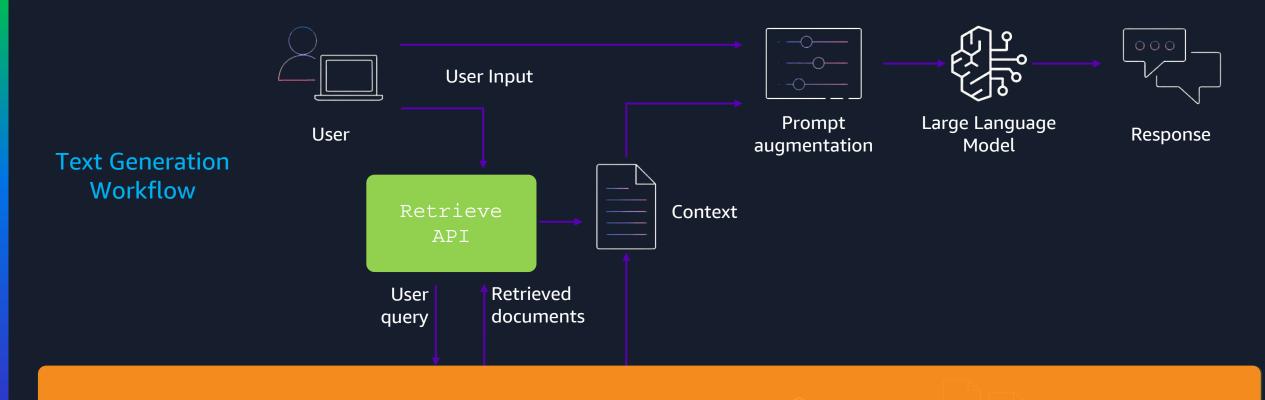
Text Generation
Workflow



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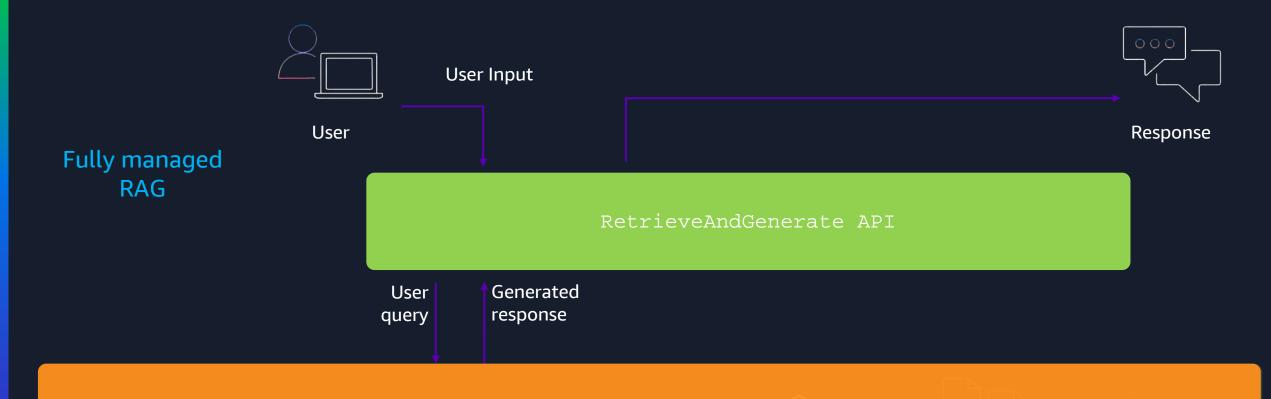
Amazon Bedrock Knowledge Bases (Retrieve API)



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Amazon Bedrock Knowledge Bases (RetrieveAndGenerate API)



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What are Large Language Models



Multimodal RAG & Embeddings with Amazon Nova & Bedrock



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